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## "The Vacant Chair"

*A Commemorative ceremony in honour of Veterans of all wars.*

(From The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 264 Bulletin, April/May 1997)

The Colour Party of Branch No. 264 was invited to participate in "A Vacant Chair" memorial service held by Glenbow Masonic Lodge No. 184 on Sunday, November 10, 1996 at the Freemasons' Hall on 12 Avenue SW, Calgary.

The ceremony was a new experience for the Branch members and was an exceptionally moving ritual.

The symbolism of "The Vacant Chair" represents all those who cannot be with us. The ceremony was first started in Australia by a group of returned servicemen from the First World War who were Masons. They joined together in August 1922 to form a lodge and named it Lodge A.I.F. (Australian Imperial Forces) Memorial Lodge, for the specific purpose of remembering those of the Australian and New Zealand Imperial Forces who suffered unprecedented losses at the Battle of Gallipoli, a peninsula of Eastern Turkey. The ceremony has been continuously performed on Anzac Day since then. The ceremony of the Vacant Chair is used throughout Australia and New Zealand in various forms with the central focus being the Vacant Chair representing those who did not return. Masonic member Eric Astell lived in Australia for many years and when he returned to Calgary, one of his goals was to get the ceremony started here. 1996 was the fourth annual presentation and it is hoped it will become entrenched as an annual

occurrence at Masonic Lodges.

The ceremony was in two parts, a welcome and memorial service and the commemorative service itself. The opening was very colourful with Masonic members parading into the hall in full regalia. The chair was brought in and placed to the right of the speaker's rostrum. In the centre of the hall burned "a perpetual flame." Following prayers and a hymn, Barry Ashton, Major General Retired, gave a moving address in recollection and remembrance.

For the commemorative service itself, Branch 264 colour party (under the direction of WBro Andy Bogle, St. Mark's Lodge No. 118) marched in and took their position as the vigil party around the eternal flame. The Vacant Chair was then perambulated around the perimeter of the hall and placed in close proximity of the flame.

Wreaths were placed around the flame, followed by the Last Post, the Silence and the Reveille. After the closing prayer the colour party retired. As the years go by the veterans and all who remember the tragedies and horror of the conflicts — and the 144,000 plus Canadians who gave their lives, it's going to have to be the Remembrance Day services that will be the main perpetuation of our wartime sac-

rifices, were they military or civilian. Programs such as The Vacant Chair will play a large part in keeping those memories fresh. Thank you, Masonic Lodges.

*Margaret Smith, Public Relations*

## In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The Torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders' fields.

## Editorial

### Remembrance & Commitment

On November 11th, or a date close to it, Canadians will pay tribute, silently or with well justified fanfare, to those who, in the wars of the century which is now drawing to a close, have made the supreme sacrifice. Many Lodges in our jurisdiction, as well as in sister jurisdictions, have traditionally conducted impressive services of remembrance of all who laid down their lives and in particular of those of them who had been our Brethren in Freemasonry. These Lodges are certainly encouraged to continue this practice, as this is the least we can do to honour their memory.

We, in Alberta, may be doing this in a subdued way, yet it is not less dignified if, as in the case of our Brethren in

Australia, who commemorate Anzac Day, they express their feelings clad in Masonic regalia and wearing military decorations in a special, public street parade. They do so, not celebrating but commemorating their involvement at Anzac Beach on the Aegean Sea, during the 1915 Dardanelles Campaign. They commemorate, they do not celebrate! Herein lies the vast difference between glorifying war and, sadly or proudly, remembering the war dead. Freemasons understand this: just as we do not glorify Jephtha's slaughter of the "forty and two thousand", we seek in that bible story a more profound lesson, a lesson we can apply to our own lives for the betterment of ourselves and those who come after us.

The cynic has said, "the victor is always right", and he is confirmed in his view by some historians who, writing soon after the ceasing of hostilities portray events in black and

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white, to the credit of the victorious and to the condemnation of the loser. Such is human nature, however, a mellowing process sets in over time and, eventually, black and white merge into grey, and a more objective view of history is the result. Again, as Freemasons who rightly understand and value the great teachings of the Craft, in the light of the "Brotherhood of Men under the Fatherhood of God", we feel committed to disregard previous feelings of hostility and extend the hand of friendship and brotherly love to the former foe.

The Mason is a champion of peace, not a proponent of war. Although he feels morally obligated, in times of crisis to draw the sword in defence of truth and justice, he will stop right there. Ours is a world-wide fraternity and it necessarily follows that in time of conflict some of our Brethren may, by the accident of birth, have been on the other side of the fence. We can forgive them and they can forgive us. Freemasonry unites us. Our "Remembrance" of the war dead is clear and leaves no doubt in our minds; our "Commitment", based on that remembrance and on the lessons we learned in the Craft, is to prevent future fratricide, to the best of our individual power and ability.

"Lest We Forget!"

## An International Flavour...

...will be lent to the conferral of the Master Mason Degree in Perfection Lodge No. 9, Calgary, on Tuesday, November 4, 1997 (at 19:30 h), when these three Brethren will be raised: Azar-Nejad Faramarz, a native of Teheran, Iran; Keng Wel Chlew who hails from Malaysia; and Dee Jay Schiller, born in Ocean Fall, BC. A hearty welcome is extended to them.

## Manitoba Mason Honoured ➔

The Brethren of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 had the privilege of acting on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, when RWBro Donald C. Maskell presented Bro W. Howard Wilson of Ionic Lodge No. 25, GRM (Winnipeg) with his 50-year jewel. During his 44-year residence in Edmonton, Bro Wilson had been a frequent visitor to Ivanhoe Lodge, while keeping up his good standing with his Lodge, a fact which was recognized by the Worshipful Master, WBro John Pratt, when he presented Bro Wilson with an Ivanhoe pin together with a standing invitation to his Lodge's meetings.

Shown are WBro Pratt (l) and Bro Wilson (r).

## Welcome Newfoundland!

Masonic history, in Newfoundland, has for a very long time been made by their Lodges under the jurisdictions of the two District Grand Lodges of the English Constitution (EC) and the Scottish Constitution (SC). Friendship, brotherly love and a co-operative spirit have now led to the formation of an autonomous Grand Lodge, the tenth in Canada, to be styled The GRAND LODGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR. The Brethren there proudly state, *1997 is a year of historic significance for Canada's newest province. First, it marks the 500th Anniversary of our province's discovery by John Cabot. Secondly, the Canadian Family of Grand Lodges will be completed.*

The consecration ceremony will take place on November 1, 1997 at St. John's and will be performed by a delegation from the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, led by MWBro Lord Farnham, Pro Grand Master, UGLE. Receptions by the Lieutenant Governor and the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Mayor of St. John's, as well as the Grand Master Designate, banquets, ladies' programmes and more will be part of a three day celebration. Our Alberta delegation to this festive event will, on their return, have much to report to the readers of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin*.

## Like Father Like Son

On March 21, 1997, the Worshipful Master of King George Lodge No. 59, WBro Brian Prosser, had the rare pleasure of raising his son, Bro Paul Prosser, to the Master Mason Degree. Seeing the perpetuation of membership in the Craft, from one generation to the next, is always a welcome occurrence.

The picture shows (l to r) sponsor VWBro Turner, Bro Paul Prosser, WBro Brian Prosser and sponsor Bro. McCullagh.



## Computers and Freemasonry

(Anonymous, *The NSW Freemason*, Vol. 29, No. 3, June 1997)

Ours is an ancient Craft, founded on ancient techniques and using ancient tools to instruct members. Unfortunately, many lodges also rely on age-old procedures in running their internal affairs.

With the abundance of personal computers, it is now proper for lodges to consider their options in this area. One reason is to reduce, or share, the workload that we consistently seem to allot to a few members year after year. Another is to present a better or more professional image. This is of vital importance if we are to attract younger members.

There is nothing mystical about computers.

Think of them simply as a calculator with a weight problem. A digital watch is a computer - the buttons on the side are the keyboard, the face is the screen and the watch itself the "black box". It's simply a matter of the computer being able to do more than tell you the time. Similarly, your calculator is a computer, it just has less buttons (and can't tell the time).

### Desktop Publishing (DTP)

Once upon a time we only had basic word processors. Desktop publishing programs are little more than word processors, that let you include pictures and artistic fonts (or typefaces) in documents. We have all seen documents that have been photocopied many times. Eventually they end up little more than a fuzzy copy only vaguely resembling what they originally were. DTPs allow you to overcome this problem by producing an original each time at little cost. When coupled with the new technologies of modern photocopiers, these allow for fresh documents of excellent grade that don't show the abasement of a copy duplicated many times. An obvious use for these products is for preparing notice papers, however, you could also use them to produce newsletters and make media releases a little more professional.

Simple word processors, such as that found in MS-Works for Windows, usually possess all the features that a lodge would require. Whatever you use, it is important that it contains a spelling checker to catch those typographic errors or misspelt words. It is also important that the spell checker has a "user dictionary" facility which allows you to add frequently used words and abbreviations, of your own that are not supplied with the program's dictionary. I have not seen a spell program yet that does not think that "DGIW" is a misspelt word.

If your program has a spell checker, it will also usually have a thesaurus. Don't be afraid of using it to find the right words and add a little spice to your writings. A grammar checker, such as Grammatik, will also help in composing a document that is pleasing to read. Even if poor grammar does not irritate you, there are plenty of people whom it does. Why turn someone off your hard work just because you don't understand the basic rules of grammar?

If you want to get swish, some DTPs even let you include photos that have been previously scanned onto your computer disk. Don't just tell your absent brethren about your south, show it to them.

### Databases

Databases are basically blank programs that allow you to specify what details you wish to store — in this case, about members. Apart from obvious biographical particulars you

might also wish to include details of charges each member can deliver, Grand Lodge ranks, committee details, or charity awards received.

It is entirely up to you how much, or little, detail you store. The sorting and reporting feature then allows you to produce many and varied reports.

For example, a list of members sorted by length of membership (for inclusion in your newsletter), or grouped by charges they are able to perform (for the WM to allocate work). A reasonable database program will also allow you to print mailing labels on stickers, saving the secretary the arduous task of hand writing envelopes each month.

Again, the MS-Works database is a satisfactory start.

The latest version of MS-Works for Windows contains a quick-start membership database. While not applicable to Masonic activities, it does provide a useful starting point.

Try changing it to suit your needs.

If you don't want to bother learning about databases, there are also a few membership programs available as share-ware including DAYO Membership. These, however, have the problem that you may not be able to define the details (or "fields", for those who understand computer-speak) you wish to store and may not support the information required of a Masonic lodge.

DAYO is available in the PG-SIG shareware library. Its disk number is 2807.

### Finance Programs

Basically, these allow you to keep track of all lodge accounts. Most will also have a debtors component that you can use for tracking dues. Many are also able to hold budgets (each lodge should have one!). This not only saves time in producing annual accounts, but lets the finance committee analyse the financial health of the lodge. A variety of programs are available with many costing less than \$100 (Australian).

To argue for a lodge to buy a computer would be hard to justify. A quick survey of members, however, might surprise you how many now have access to computers with the type of programs outlined. It is then a simple case of allocating tasks among members — one might be responsible for the newsletter, another for the notice paper and another for printing mailing labels. Several members who have access to the same program might even be able to share the assignments on a monthly or quarterly basis. Such an approach will require members to work closely together. For example, we charge the secretary with the dispatch of notice papers. The members assigned to prepare them on his computer will have to work closely with him.

What sort of computer do you need? This is like asking what sort of car do I need — it depends on what you want to do. If you would like to do DTP with a variety of fonts and pictures, you're looking at a "standard" set-up — an IBM compatible 486 running at about 60 Mhz with four or more Mb of RAM.

So far as printers are concerned, a black and white ink jet is sufficient. Don't get too worried about the colour printers unless you intend using a colour photocopier. If you have something less than this, fear not. Your "old" set-up can still be very useful.

286/16Mhz machines and 24 pin dot matrix printers can still be useful for maintaining a membership database or any

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## Bursary Recipients — 1997-98

Ainsworth, Carma D.	Stettler	Fong, Jennifer K.	Calgary	Marriott, Robert A.	Lethbridge
Ball, Lindsey D.	Fort Macleod	Fournier, Robert	Grand Centre	Massey, Andrea C.	Red Deer
Beck, Ryan R.	Calgary	Gangji, Yasmin	Calgary	McAulay, Shannon D.	Rainier
Bodnar, Shannon F.	St. Paul	Grams, Cherie-Ann D.	Wembley	Menjivar, Maria A.	Wainwright
Bradshaw, Lora D.	Rimbey	Halasz, Selena M.	Calgary	Michalsky, Charlene J.	Bellevue
Bryan, Jonathan L.	Calgary	Hankel, Tammy L.	Medicine Hat	Ogston, Ryan J.A.	Medicine Hat
Bryan, Kelley J.	Calgary	Hansen, Robin F.	Calgary	Phan, Chau Van	Medicine Hat
Bryan, Tracey L.	Calgary	Hardstaff, Kimberly A.M.	Edmonton	Prodor, Brian J.R.	Edmonton
Burback, Lisa Marie	High Prairie	Harris, Murray A.	Calgary	Quan, Edmund G.	Edmonton
Cameron-Friel, Kimberlee J.	Beaumont	Hillestad, Cara J.	Bow Island	Reinhart, Jeffrey J.	Innisfail
Carey, Jenetta L.	Sherwood Park	Holt, Erica D.	Camrose	Riley, Timothy E.	Calgary
Cheng, Raymond	Calgary	Irwin, Patrick G.	Calgary	Rust, Jaime L.	Airdrie
Ciezar, Sylwia D.	Calgary	Jennings, Tara J.	Barrhead	Savard, Jesse	Grovedale
Clark, Connie J.	Edmonton	Johnson, Stacie M.	Stettler	Servold, Shelena	Lloydminster
Culver, Randy W.	Vauxhall	Kang, Maria	Calgary	Seymour, Rosalie G.	Innisfail
Dempsey, Lisa Dawn	Irma	Kostiuk, Carmen L.	Mayerthorpe	Shackleton, Owen T.	Clive
Dimsdale, Kathleen G.	McLennan	L'Abbe, Rachel T.M.	McLennan	Springer, Cynthia K.	Breton
Driscoll, Sally Ann	Lacombe	L'Hirondelle, Lisa L.	Innisfree	Surber, John D.	Lethbridge
Duncan, Keith R.F.	Calgary	Labrosse, Marcel Q.	Calgary	Vanden Dangen, Tracy S.	Silver Valley
Eerkes, Deborah K.	Edmonton	Lang, Donna	Edmonton	Weatherburn, Noella M.	Wetaskiwin
Falk, Sharie L.	Red Deer	Lewis, David J.	Edmonton	Windjack, Elisabeth M.K.	Edmonton
Faragalla, Michael	Calgary	Livermore, Samuel K.	Calgary	Yee, Selena	Calgary
Fatica, Clara	Calgary	Machan, Myndy L.	Bowden	Young, Darren A.	Calgary
Fayant, Eileen D.	Edmonton	Malko, Deana M.	Calgary	Zaseybida, Deniene G.R.	Vegreville
Fleury, Janell L.	Wainwright	Mansour, Jamal K.	Lethbridge		

For many years now, the presentation of bursary cheques has been made on a personal level, throughout Alberta, by the DDGMs or their designates, in a variety of ways. This year more formal presentations were made to the recipients from the two major cities and their surrounding areas.

On Wednesday, August 27, the five DDGMs of Yellowhead District (RWBro Allan Paterson), Lakeland District (RWBro Lorne Langman), Northern Lights District (RWBro John Fraser), Athabasca District (RWBro Norman Thomas) and Beaverhills District (RWBro Ron Smith) joined together in a ceremony of presenting \$1,000 bursary cheques, together with framed certificates (which were especially appreciated) to sixteen of the nineteen students selected from the region. These, together with their family members, friends and attending Masons and wives made for more than sixty in attendance. RWBro Rod Ponech, PDDGM of Lakeland District, delivered an informative address on Freemasonry and our interest in the development of the youth of our country. The ceremonial part was followed by light refreshments and mingling of all present, and it was interesting to note that eight persons asked for further information on Freemasonry.

On Friday, August 29, twenty-three young people were thrilled to receive their Masonic Higher Education Bursaries at Freemasons' Hall in Calgary, as a joint effort of the three local Districts. Their DDGMs, RWBro Ken Manly (Alpha District), RWBro John Blake (Calgary-Highwood District) and RWBro Paul Rabel (Phoenix District) shared in the presentation. MWBro David Bruce addressed the recipients, their families, friends and the Brethren present with a background to Freemasonry, leading up to the significance of the evening's presentation. RWBro Gerry Webber also spoke to those assembled, describing the difficulties in selection when there are so many applicants and emphasizing the quality of those finally



chosen. Over light refreshments afterwards, there were many expressions of gratitude, giving the general impression that these worthy young people felt that they were truly special and everyone present concurred.

Since these presentations took place, the following representative response was received:

Dear Freemasons of Alberta:

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the Grand Lodge of Alberta for the wonderful gift of \$1,000 from the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund. Your incredible generosity will go towards my tuition at the University of Alberta.

I am honoured to have been accepted for this bursary and consider it a privilege to have attended the ceremony on August 27, 1997. I find it truly inspiring that a brotherhood such as yours is strong and well in today's society. A brotherhood where truth, justice and honour are not only encouraged, but expected from each member.

In a society where giving is often forgotten in the fury of acquiring, the Freemasons have truly shined in their devotion to the well-being of others. I am simply awed by the charitable yet humble code of the Freemasons and once again wish to extend my deepest thanks for your outstanding gift to me personally and to society as a whole.

Sincerely yours, Connie J. Clarke, Edmonton, AB

other jobs that do not place a high priority on memory and speed. If you are going to buy a computer, give a lot of thought to with whom you will deal. The best indicator is to ask them how they will treat you if something goes wrong. Department or hobby electronics stores simply require that you send your computer back (at your cost) to the supplier. After all, the person who sold it to you is only a salesperson. You are far better dealing with a computer store who employs specialists.

Are viruses a problem? To answer quite simply — if you stay within the legal copyright restrictions of programs and be careful with whom you share your data disks, then the answer is "No".

Next time you receive your notice paper and think it looks a bit ho-hum or the secretary gets lost when reading the minutes and accounts, think of how you could solve the problem by using your computer.

## Grand Master's November Itinerary

- 1-3 Grand Lodge of Newfoundland & Labrador, Consecration of Grand Lodge  
 4 Vulcan Lodge, Game Supper  
 15 IOJD, King George Hall, Calgary  
 17 Griesbach Lodge, Edmonton  
 20 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer  
 22 Phoenix District Meeting, Crossfield Masonic Hall  
 29 R&E Meeting, Lethbridge Masonic Hall

## November District Meetings

- 1 Three Rivers District, Cowley Masonic Hall  
 7 Battle River District, Edgerton Masonic Hall  
 8 Lakeland District, Acacia Hall, Edmonton  
 15 Northern Lights District, Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton  
 22 Phoenix District, Crossfield Masonic Hall

## More on Acacia's 100th



July 19, 1997 saw yet another major Centennial celebration of Acacia Lodge No. 11 when "their" two Grand Masters, holding office in 1997, unveiled a commemorative plaque at the entrance to Acacia Hall in Edmonton. This was followed by a banquet at Convention Inn South where MWBro Dave Bruce was the guest speaker.

Our photographs show the unveiling of the plaque by, L to R, WBro Fred Bowker, WM of Acacia Lodge, MWBro Hugh Young, GM 1997-98 and MWBro Basile Costouros, GM 1996-97. The enlargement shows the inscription.



## Our DDGMs

For the third year, we offer brief profiles of the District Deputy Grand Masters in office, spread over three issues of the Grand Lodge Bulletin, randomly selected and beginning with the following:

### Alpha District

**RWBro Kenneth C. Manly** was born in Saskatoon, SK on December 11, 1929 and is a resident of Calgary. He is married to Barbara and counts eight children and seven grandchildren among his offspring. His business history includes being a soldier, a life insurance salesman, a packing house salesman, a contract auctioneer and a stockbroker. In avocation he is listed as past president of Kiwanis, PTA and Community Association, past chairman of the Metropolitan Calgary Foundation, he spent 18 years as a vestryman and 2 years as warden of his Church and for 28 years has been involved with the volunteer system of the Calgary Stampede. Besides he is a horseman, hunter, fisherman and an outdoors man.

Bro Manly received the degrees of Freemasonry in King George Lodge No. 59 in 1964, affiliated with Hussar Lodge No. 130 in 1980, demitted from King George Lodge and affiliated with Bow River Lodge No. 1 in 1981, which Lodge he served as WM in 1991. From 1983 to 1989 he had also been a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 21. He was further engaged in Craft Masonry as President of the Calgary Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association, as President of the Tuscan Benevolent Society, the Masonic Foundation of Alberta, the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund and instituted the Calgary Masonic Hot Line. In concordant bodies, Bro Manly has been active in the A&ASR since 1967 and considers himself an inactive member of the AAONMS (since 1968) and the Royal Arch (since 1969).



### Athabasca District

**RWBro Norman R. Thomas**, was born on December 22, 1931 in Caerphilly, Wales. Prior to his immigration to Canada in 1968 he had received degrees from the University of Bristol in Medical Science (Hons), Dental Surgery (Hons), PhD, from the Royal College of Surgeons in Pathology, and was made a fellow by Nuffield, Oxford.

From 1950-52 he served in the Officer Reserve of the Royal Dental Corps and from 1957-68 on the Faculty of Medicine, University of Bristol. Bro Thomas holds positions in numerous professional organizations connected with medicine, pathology and dentistry. He is now Professor emeritus of Dental Surgery/Physiology at the University of Alberta and currently in practice of oral pathology with three of his sons, while the fourth is a United Church Minister. He and his wife Jean also have a daughter, a Solicitor and Barrister in Alberta.



Bro Thomas is chairman of the official board of Knox Metropolitan United Church and has served on the Edmonton Presbytery of the United Church. In his spare time he acts as musical conductor of "Gymanfa Garu" of Edmonton-Ponoka.

Our Brother's Masonic career began in 1972 in Griesbach Lodge No. 191, Edmonton, which Lodge he served as WM in 1981. He is a Past MWS of Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix and a member of RAM, R&SM, KT, RCC, AAONMS and the Rosicrucians.

### Beaverhills District

**RWBro Ronald L. Smith** was born in Edmonton on November 1, 1943. He held a Technologist's diploma from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta. Married to Linda in 1970, the couple lived with their two sons, Scott and Terry, in Sherwood Park. Bro Smith was Assistant Program Head of the Engineering Design and Drafting Program at NAIT. In his profession, he was appointed by the Executive Committee of the Alberta Society of Engineering Technologists (ASET) as chairman of the Professional Development Committee in 1992 and continued to serve in that capacity.



Bro Smith received the degrees of Craft Masonry in Commercial Lodge No. 81 in 1984 and served the Lodge as WM in 1992. He was chairman of Masonic Renewal for Beaverhills District in 1993 and 1994, was appointed by the Grand Master in 1996 and again in 1997 to serve on the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee, and was a member of the Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee. Within the "Masonic Family", Bro Smith had been a member of the Edmonton Valley, A&ASR since 1987, Al Shamal Temple, AAONMS, since 1995 and was active as chairman of the Advisory Committee of Jubilee Chapter, Order of DeMolay, from 1994 to 1997.

**Brother Smith passed to the Grand Lodge Above on September 19, 1997.** The Grand Master has appointed RWBro Howard Canning, PDDGM, to fill the vacancy.

### Chinookarch District

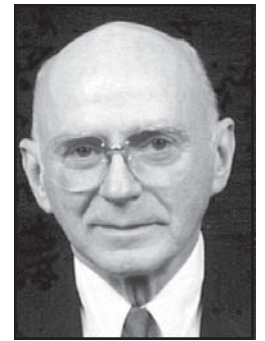
**RWBro Lorne V. Vaughan** was born April 21, 1938 in Port Burwell, ON. With his wife Dorothy, he is residing in Lethbridge, Alberta. Retired after thirty-five years of service with the Royal Canadian Artillery, Bro Vaughan is now working in the field of Property Management.

Our Brother was initiated, passed and raised during the months of January, March and April 1991, in Charity Lodge No. 67, Lethbridge. He rapidly rose to the office of Worshipful Master which he filled in 1994. His zeal for Freemasonry was further recognized by his appointment to the office of Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 1996-97 and now his assumption of the duties of District Deputy Grand Master.



### Central District

**RWBro Robert E. (Bob) Ross** was born on March 27, 1929 in Ponoka, Alberta. He is a farmer and Real Estate Appraiser, living with his wife Doreen at Ponoka. The family includes his son Blake, who now runs the farm, his daughters Mary and Nancy and their spouses, and two granddaughters. Bob counts an old English sheep dog among his family.



Bro Ross was initiated in December 1969, was passed and raised in February and April 1970 in Britannia Lodge No. 18, and was Master of that Lodge in 1979-80. He served on the Masonic Foundation of Alberta from 1990 to 1992, and was Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee 1996-97. Bro Ross was TPGM of the Central Alberta Lodge of Perfection (Scottish Rite) in 1986-87, is a member of Rose Croix Chapter and the Alberta Consistory of Edmonton, and was coronetted a 33° Mason in 1996. He is also a charter member of Al Shamal Temple, AAONMS, a member of the Red Deer Shrine Club and a Past Patron of the Eastern Star. Outside Masonry, he served as President of the Ponoka Kinsmen Club, and was active coaching hockey and gymnastics.

### Letter: Are we all asleep?

There have been a great number of articles written by Brethren who have high standards and love our Fraternity, with thought provoking statements and questions of which we should be acutely aware and which we should act upon.

I have just read an article entitled "Asleep at the West Gate!", by the late MWBro Dwight L. Smith, PGM & PGS of the GL of Indiana, and quote from it: "Rejection of one petitioner in five might, in the long run, be the best thing that could happen to a Lodge.... We cannot escape the fact that men judge Freemasonry by what they see walking down the street wearing Masonic emblems... Thousands of men have become Masons who should never have passed the ballot; the inevitable result then is that the Craft is not looked upon with the same degree of respect it once enjoyed... We have fallen into careless ways in the investigation of petitioners; such an open door policy is not selectivity, it is a come-one come-all... Lodges are not utilizing their most capable members for duty on investigating committees. On how many occasions have we seen evidence of careful thought in the selection of personnel for those committees? We are accepting too many petitioners who can pay the fee, and little else! Too many men who have no conception of what Freemasonry is or what it seeks to do and who care not one whit about increasing their moral stature! There is simply no substitute for quality!"

This article was reprinted in the *Masonic Bulletin* of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and we also have published the views of MWBro Ken Aldridge, late PGM & PGS of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but I have yet to be privileged to hear or read any sage messages locally, that urge us to show caution and good judgment in all of our investigations, whether it be of a petitioner or of a Brother desirous of becoming Worshipful Master. Let us not erode our Fraternity by watering down the very principles which we have maintained for the past two hundred or so years. Let us not sleep, but be acutely aware of what our duties are and be ever vigilant.

RWBro Clyde H. Elford, Calgary, Alberta