



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication

The Ninety-Fifth Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., will be held in the Norsemen Inn in Camrose, 6505 – 48 Avenue, Camrose, Alberta commencing on Friday, June 9, 2000 at 10:00 AM and continuing on Saturday, June 10, 2000.

- 1) **Agenda:** The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations R1.1.4, will be conducted by MWBro J. Arthur Jones from the following Agenda (see page 6), governed by the rules of order as per the Regulations and/or those listed in the Preliminary Report. The Grand Master may revise the Agenda.
- 2) **Notices of Motion:** The Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution and Regulations are to be found elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.
- 3) **Registration/Balloting:** shall commence at 8:00 AM Friday, June 9, 2000 and will continue until 6:00 PM on the first

day of the Annual Communication. Registration and Balloting will resume on the second day, June 10, 2000, and continue until 10:00 AM (R.1.2.9). **Note:** on the Friday evening, there will be no balloting after 6:00 PM.

## We'll See You There!

We look forward to your Lodge having your full slate of officers at Grand Lodge. All Past Masters, elected and appointed officers are voting members and are encouraged to attend. Also Master Masons are welcome to attend. All business of this Jurisdiction will be discussed. You make the decisions. We recommend you read through this *Bulletin*, familiarize yourself with the nominees and the notices of motion. Your attendance is encouraged and most welcomed. See you there!

## The Conference of Grand Masters of North America

by MWBro J. Arthur Jones, Grand Master

*Held at Savannah, Georgia, February 20 – 22, 2000*

Historic Savannah was the venue for the annual Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Consisting of 64 Grand Lodges, the conference played host to 58 of the member Grand Lodges. Alberta was represented by MWBro Art Jones and RWBro Gerry Webber. Notice was given that the Grand Lodge of Alberta would be submitting a formal bid next year to host the Conference in Calgary in the year 2005, our centennial year. RWBro Webber was elected as Vice Chairman of the conference in 2001.

In addition to the regular annual meetings of the various Masonic related organizations, the conference reintroduced a workshop format. Four individual sessions were presented four times which enabled all in attendance to take part. Subjects covered this year included Public Relations, Conducting business in the First Degree, Membership, and Internet opportunities. Sessions were professionally presented and well-attended. Alberta representatives were able to share their experience and the results from the Foundation for the Future program. Regional conference reports provided an insight into the concerns and priorities of the various regions.

Tuesday morning, as usual, featured the annual Frank S. Land DeMolay Breakfast, which is sponsored by the Imperial Shrine. We were informed that the Order of DeMolay in North America has launched a campaign to initiate 3,000 members during March. We wish them well in this worthy undertaking.

During his speech to the delegates, the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine recorded his concern with the continual loss of members which the Shrine is experiencing. In his opinion, if they are unable to bolster their ranks through the advancement of Master Masons, they might be obliged to go directly to "the street" to recruit members. Needless to say, this possibility startled the majority of the audience but it was agreed in

subsequent discussion that the matter would be monitored and no action was appropriate at this time.

While in Savannah, visitors were able to visit the Lodge room of King Solomon Lodge No. 1, reported to be the oldest, continually operating Masonic Lodge in North America. Their Lodge building was at one time part of the original Georgia Cotton Exchange. Tours of old Savannah helped us to appreciate the historic nature of the area and to appreciate the careful and serious thought which went into the planning of the city. Captain James Oglethorpe, who came from England to oversee the establishment of the settlement, became the first Worshipful Master of King Solomon Lodge No. 1. Southern hospitality was evident everywhere, old friendships were renewed and new relationships established. The conference theme, "Masonry, A Link to the 21st Century," was timely and caused those in attendance to rethink their own individual roles in forging those links.



*At the request of 18 Brethren, the Grand Master, MWBro Art Jones, signed a dispensation for Airdrie Lodge UD on 4 March 2000.*

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## Editorial

### Wherever The Twain Shall Meet

"The Twain" alluded to here are North and South: North and South in the geographical sense, applied to our fair province of Alberta. Far too often this means a division into opposing factions — surely this should never be allowed to enter into consideration by the members of our gentle Craft. In Freemasonry we have so much which unites us, and so little, if anything, that could be divisive. Yet, to please everyone, it had been decided, from the beginning, that the annual communications of the Grand Lodge of Alberta be held alternately in the cities of Calgary and Edmonton. This was soon expanded to admit other urban centres into the picture, albeit strictly observing an imaginary dividing line, something akin to our neighbours' "Mason-Dixon Line" (we wouldn't want to hurt anybody's locally-patriotic feelings, now, would we?).

Very recently another revision has been made, this time to meet two years in a row in the area identified by the telephone area code 403, and then two years in the 780 domain. But that's not all, because now the idea is to branch out into smaller "urbs," not for any reasons of pacifying otherwise neglected localities, but for the more mundane reason that, apparently, much more favourable conditions (in dollars and cents) can be negotiated there, as opposed to the escalating prices charged by big city hotels. This, it is hoped, will attract more Brethren, and their entourage, to attend Grand Lodge.

"The proof's in the pudding" as the saying goes, and we will get our first taste of it this coming June when we will ALL (?) congregate in the city of Camrose. It is still a fair distance to travel from the more remote localities, both in the North and in the South, but will the lower hotel bill do the trick? Will we see the principal officers of all Lodges "attended by a numerous retinue" of Past Masters and Master Masons holding office? Will all Lodges be officially represented? Oh well, one can dream, can't one?

## Morality

Two things fill my mind with ever-increasing wonder and awe:... the starry skies above me and the moral law within me.  
*Emmanuel Kant, Critique of Practical Reason, 1788*

## Masproquette's Sign-Off

*Conclusion of articles on Masonic Protocol and Etiquette.*

The preceding seven issues of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* have carried essays on such topics as "Titles and Forms of Address" in Freemasonry, "On Dress or Clothing" in Lodge, "Behaviour in Lodge" while at work, "At the Banquet" or at "Table Lodge," and "Flag Protocol" as ordained by the Department of Canadian Heritage. The discussion focused primarily on the events which occur during a typical Lodge meeting, that is, in Lodge assembled and at refreshment, but dealt also with special events on the Constituent Lodge level as well as in Grand Lodge.

All pronouncements made in these essays were based on authoritative sources, mostly of Masonic, and some of non-Masonic, origin. The reader interested in these is welcome to request the bibliography from the author. It is recognized that not all "Dos and Don'ts" mentioned will be palatable to all. At the same time, however, such as are cited from the *Constitution and Regulations* or are taken from the Rulings of the *Committee on the Work* are not subject to debate. The same applies to quotations taken from a Canadian Government source.

The subject of good manners, or social grace, should not be viewed as one composed of so many "No-Nos," "Don'ts" and "Taboos," all designed to curtail one's enjoyment and the feeling at ease which is so essential for a successful Masonic meeting. Quite the contrary, because pleasant formalities are apt to leave us with positive memories whereas thoughtless, if not rude, informality is more likely to achieve the opposite effect. It has been said that we should not by our awkwardness embarrass, offend or annoy our Brethren. By the same token, those who become aware of these "Dos" and "don'ts" and incorporate the former in their manners and avoid the latter will more fully enjoy their Masonic functions, both in Lodge and at the festive board.

One might say that by the observance of Masonic Protocol and Etiquette we will contribute to the attainment of "*the chief point in Freemasonry, namely, to endeavour to be happy ourselves and to communicate that happiness to others.*"

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## The 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta Ladies Program

### Friday, 9 June 2000

9:00 AM Bus Tour of the Area (Meet at Norseman Inn)  
 Tour includes:  
 • Lunch  
 • Entertainment  
 Cost: \$25.00 per person

### Saturday, 10 June 2000

11:00 AM Luncheon at the Seniors' Centre, Camrose (car pooling available)  
 Entertainment  
 Walk in urban park, if weather suitable  
 Cost: \$15.00 per person

Note: Both Friday and Saturday events may be booked for a single fee of \$40.00 per person.

Program arranged by Lorraine Mingo, 780-672-3816

## Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations

The following Amendments have been received in the Grand Lodge Office and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for approval as to form and, if in order, referred to the Board to General Purposes. The Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations as approved by the Board of General Purposes will be brought before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The existing Constitution and/or Regulations are indicated in regular type: ***Bold and italicized letters*** indicate proposed new material to be added to the existing Constitution and/or Regulations.

*The following proposed Amendment to Section 2.2.12 is submitted by RWBro Gary Timmons, District Deputy Grand Master, Calgary Highwood District.*

12. "Those persons entitled to vote at the Annual District meeting shall be members of the Lodges in the District who are Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters and Master Masons who hold an elected or appointed Office in their Lodge as registered with Grand Lodge R1.4.8.2. Past Masters who hold an elected or appointed Office will be entitled to one (1) vote only (except as under R2.2.13)".

Motion: *A Master Mason shall be allowed to vote at District meetings.*

*The following proposed Amendment to Section 2.2.9 of the Regulations to allow for the election of a District Deputy Grand Master by acclamation is submitted by Astra Lodge No. 179.*

2.2.9 Following the close of nominations, as specified in the District Nominating Notice, the District Nomination Committee in the prescribed form with necessary variations:  
 .1 may nominate additional qualified members of the Craft for the Office of District Deputy Grand Master for such District,  
 .2 shall nominate at least one (1) qualified member of the Craft if there is only one (1) valid nomination received,

Motion: *Whereas* the deadline for nominations for the position of District Deputy Grand Master established in Regulations 2.2.8. is made void by Regulations 2.2.9.1 and 2.2.9.2.; and

*Whereas* Regulation 2.2.9.1 empowers a non-elected committee to appoint additional candidates after the established deadline without explanation; and

*Whereas* Regulation 2.2.9.2 removes from the voting membership of the District the democratic right to elect a candidate by acclamation; and

*Whereas* each of Regulations 2.2.9.1 and 2.2.9.2 permit interference with the normal democratic election process;

*Be it resolved* that Regulation 2.2.9.1 and Regulation 2.2.9.2 be deleted.

## Elections

### Grand Master 2000-2001

*Automatic as per Section C7.2.2*

**RWBro Gerald T. Webber**

Crossfield Lodge No 48

### Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master Elect

*Elected by Acclamation*

**RWBro Douglas N. Troock**

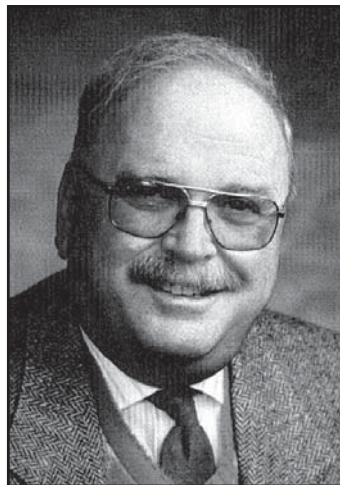
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

### Senior Grand Warden — *One to be elected*

#### **RWBro Terrence A. Drolet**

Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15

Born Wetaskiwin, AB, February 26, 1936. After completing schooling in Wetaskiwin, entered University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine, receiving M.D. in 1960. While at university he was a member of Royal Canadian Navy Reserve University Naval Training Division. After returning to Wetaskiwin, he became medical officer, and subsequently commanding officer of RCSCC. Wetaskiwin Sea Cadet Corps. Served two terms as Chief of Medical Staff, Wetaskiwin General Hospital. Presently a medical examiner with the Department of Justice, Province of Alberta.



See **Drolet**, page 8.  
**More Elections on Page 4.**

#### **RWBro N. Angus Gordon**

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2

Angus Gordon received his Master Mason certificate in 1986. He is a Past Master of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of Palliser District.

Bro Gordon has served three terms on the Board of General Purposes, and has been on the Finance Committee, one year as vice-chairman. His term expires in June 2000.

Bro Gordon and his two sons are currently serving as officers of Medicine Hat — he is Junior Warden for his youngest son who is Master while his older son, also a Past Master, is serving as Senior Steward.



Bro Gordon is also a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and a member  
 See **Gordon**, page 8.

## Junior Grand Warden — *One to be elected*

### RWBro Donald Buck

Calgary Lodge No. 23

Born September 7, 1931 in Worcester, England. He served with the British Army from 1949 to 1951 as a craftsman with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME). He immigrated to Canada in May of 1956. He was raised in Uranium City Lodge No. 210 GRS, 1960. Affiliated with Calgary Lodge No. 23, 1979. Served as WM of Calgary Lodge No. 23 in 1988. Was DDGM of District No. 6 (Calgary-Highwood) in 1991/92, President of the Calgary Board of Relief for four years, member of the BGP for seven years and served on the Finance Committee for five years. Also a member of Golden West No. 5 Chapter of RAM at High River currently holding the Office of Second Principal and a member of the Chinook City Conclave No. 29 Red Cross of Constantine.

Bro Buck has been married to his wife Joan since September, 1960. They have two daughters, a son and four grandchildren. Bro Buck is a qualified tradesman by profession, having founded a successful steel fabrication company in Calgary, serving the Oil and Gas Industry. Retired in 1997.



### RWBro Rodney B. Ponech

Acacia Lodge No. 11

Born in Edmonton, February 1, 1946, Rod commenced his Masonic journey 40 years ago when he was initiated into Jubilee Chapter, Order of DeMolay in 1960. He served as Master Councillor of that Chapter, held several Provincial Offices and eventually served as Chapter Dad of Templar Chapter. During the past year, Rod undertook a special task for the Grand Master of DeMolay in Canada and served on an Alberta Review Committee.

On his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday Rod petitioned for membership in Acacia Lodge No. 11 and was elected and installed as its Worshipful Master in 1980. He has held office in his Lodge for nearly 30 consecutive years having served as Secretary-Treasurer for each Worshipful Master who had served him as an officer during his term, he then continued as Lodge Treasurer, an office which he continues to hold. He also serves Acacia and Edmonton's south side Masonic family of organizations as a member of the Board of Directors for the Acacia Building



See **Ponech**, page 5.

### RWBro Charles William Scott

Zetland Lodge No. 83

Born July 25, 1947 — East York, Ontario. Married to Kathy, children Christopher and Jennifer.

Member of Zetland Lodge No. 83, GRA; initiated September, 1982; Worshipful Master 1989; DDGM, Calgary-Highwood 1993-1994; Member of Board of General Purposes 1993-1995; Vice Chairman Finance Committee 1994-1995; Director Masonic Foundation of Alberta 1990-1998; and General Chairman Masonic Spring Workshop 2000.

General Sales Manager at Western Canada, AluminArt Products Limited — 20 years.



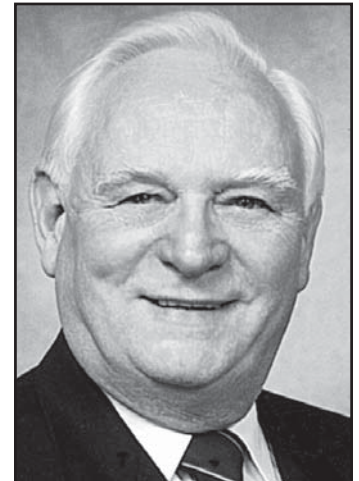
### RWBro Norman Randall Thomas

Griesbach Lodge No. 191

Norman Thomas emigrated to Canada from Wales in 1968 with his wife Jean and 5 children to take up a professorial appointment in Physiology (Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry) at the University of Alberta.

He holds the degrees of D.D.S., Ph.D., M.Sc., F.R.C.D., he was elected Professor Emeritus 1990 and presently serves as Chancellor of the International College of Craniomandibular Orthopædics. As a specialist in Oral Pathology and Medicine he continues in practice with his three sons, Martyn, Richard and Christopher, and his wife Jean as Practice Manager. A daughter Stephanie is a lawyer and his fourth son, Timothy, is now retired as a United Church minister. Formerly Chairperson of the Official Board of Knox Metropolitan United Church, Norman also served on Edmonton Presbytery and conducts the Gymanfa Ganu Singing Festivals at Ponoka and Edmonton.

Bro Thomas' Masonic career began in 1972 at Griesbach Lodge No. 191 where he was WM in 1981. He has also affiliated with Dynamic Lodge No. 96 and was WM 1998-1999. He was elected DDGM of Athabasca District 1997-1998. He holds membership in several concordant bodies: as Past Most Wise Sovereign of Mizpah Chapter and 32° of A&ASR; 2<sup>nd</sup> Principal of North Star Chapter No. 2, RAM; Knights Templar No. 46; Zohar Council Member Cryptic Rite; member of AAONMS (Al Shamal); Red Cross of Constantine; High Priest HRAKTP; Past Celebrant SRIA and speaker at the Spring Workshop and "Hands Across the Border" Wainwright, 1999.



**Ponech, from page 4.**

Association Limited where he has been the Secretary-Treasurer for over 25 years.

Rod served as District Deputy Grand Master of Lakeland District in 1994, served two terms as District Secretary and has been elected to the Grand Lodge of Alberta's Board of General Purposes for three consecutive terms. Rod has contributed to Grand Lodge as a member of the Finance Committee for eight years, the Jurisprudence Committee for five years and is also a member of the Strategic Planning group. During the past several years he also served on a Grand Master's Special Investigation and most recently on the Grand Secretary Search Committee. Currently RWBro Ponech chairs the Grand Lodge of Alberta Finance Committee.

He is member of the Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix and Alberta Consistory where he is a Past Commander-in-Chief. He served the Edmonton Valley of the A & ASR for a decade as Auditor and several years ago was elected as Grand Treasurer in all three Edmonton bodies. He also serves the A & ASR, and all Masons in Edmonton, as an elected member of the Board of Directors of Freemasons' Hall. Rod further assisted as a member of the planning/organizing committees for the 125<sup>th</sup> (Jasper-1999) Celebration in the Rockies as well as currently being an executive member of the committee planning the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scottish Rite Masonry in Alberta when Supreme Council meets here in 2004.

RWBro Ponech has been married to Marilyn, a pharmacist, for 30 years and they have three daughters: Nancy, a teacher with the Edmonton Public School Board working with "special needs" children; Sue a B.Sc. Nurse at the University of Alberta Hospital in Nephrology; and Cathy who graduated from High School last June and is presently attending NAIT.

Rod is currently the Chair of the Accounting Program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. He has been with NAIT for 29 years and holds a B.Comm. and an MBA. from the University of Alberta. RWBro Ponech has represented NAIT on numerous Provincial Task Forces and Ministerial Advisory Committees in the areas of Technical, Vocational and Business Education. Rod also has served as a member of the Board of Governors for NAIT.

Within his community RWBro Ponech has been an executive member or presiding officer of various Parent Advisory Groups, Home & School Associations, and School Councils for the past 19 years. He recently completed a second term as Chair of the Strathcona Composite High School — School Council. Marilyn and Rod were honoured by a special award of distinction last fall as the Edmonton Public School Board gave special recognition to them for nearly 20 years of faithful volunteer service to Public Education.

RWBro Ponech has presented workshops on parliamentary procedure and been a cast member for dramatic presentations at the Masonic Spring Workshop. He is the author of "The Winding Staircase," a presentation used around the Province at Open Houses or Family and Friends Nights and which was originally presented at "The Fringe" in Edmonton during Acacia's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Rod has also authored numerous Masonic papers and is often called on to act as Master of Ceremonies or be Guest Speaker at functions both within and outside of Masonry.

**Grand Treasurer**

*Elected by Acclamation*

**RWBro G. R. (Rex) Dawson**

Westlock Lodge No. 114

**The Board of General Purposes**

*Elected by Acclamation:*

**RWBro Edward Balleine**, Glenbow Lodge No. 184

**RWBro Ross Howard Cawley**, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101

**RWBro Ted Cripps**, King George Lodge No. 59

**RWBro John Robert Fraser**, Patricia Lodge No. 91

**RWBro Richard W. Hopkins**, Canada Lodge No. 165

**RWBro Lorne Ralph Langman**, Acacia Lodge No. 11

**RWBro Joshua Phillipotts**, St. John's Lodge No. 25

**Board of Benevolence**

*Three to be Elected*

**RWBro Ed Whitenett**, Kenilworth Lodge No. 29.

WM three times — once Peace River No. 89 and twice Coronation No. 72. DDGM 1989/90. Chairman Board of Benevolence last 4 years. Retired Education Administration 22 years.

**RWBro Stan Clayton**, King George Lodge No. 59.

EA — September 21, 1956; WM — 1970.

**RWBro Russell M. Fisher**, Beacon Lodge No. 190.

Initiated, passed and raised at Apollo No. 27. Stettler, Alberta — 1954. Affiliated as a Charter Member of Beacon No. 190, Red Deer, Alberta — 1964. WM 1971/72 and 1991/92. DDGM of Central District, 1995/96. Worked as a professional Photographer from 1952 to present.

**RWBro Peter Lewko**, — Lethbridge Lodge No. 39.

Initiated, passed and raised — 1951. WM — 1960/1982. Secretary/Treasurer 1986/2000, DGP — 1983/94 and 1999.

**Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee**

*Two to be Elected*

**RWBro John David Hart**, Perfection Lodge No. 9.

Initiated 1991. WM 1997. Elected Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund 1998. Member Scottish Rite, Al Azhar Oriental Band, Foothills Shrine Club.

Married 33 years — 2 Children, 2 Grandchildren.

Member of Advisory Board to SAIT Applied Sciences Department. President Calgary Club of Printing House Craftsmen — 2000. Manages own printing business.

**RWBro Hugh Samuel Kent**, Palestine Lodge No. 46 .

Professionally, a teacher (B Ed. Alberta) 26 years with the Edmonton Public School Board and 16 with the Alberta Correspondence School. Joined the Craft in January 1957 at Carlyle, Saskatchewan. Affiliated with Palestine Lodge No. 46 at Tofield in 1981. Master of Palestine Lodge 1991/92 and 1995/96. Joined, Capital City Chapter No. 13 of the Royal Arch 1993,

See **Elections Continued**, page 8.

# Program For the Ninety-Fifth Annual Communication

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2000

Norsemen Inn, 6505 – 48 Avenue, Camrose, Alberta

## Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000

- 6:30 PM Grand Master's Banquet  
(by invitation)  
8:00 PM Wine and Cheese Reception  
(for all attendees)

## Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000

- 8:00 AM Registration Opens in the Foyer under the direction of VWBro Ross Cawley (Grand Registrar)  
8:00 AM Board of General Purposes Meeting (members only and invited observers)  
9:00 AM Balloting shall open in the Foyer  
9:00 AM Reception of special guests (non-Masonic concordant groups)  
9:45 AM Excuse non-Masonic guests  
9:55 AM Formation of Grand Procession  
10:00 AM Opening of the Ninety-Fifth Annual Communication (Tyled)  
- Grand Lodge Procession  
- Reception of Past Grand Masters  
- Reception of Distinguished Visitors (Representatives of visiting Grand Lodges) (Representatives of concordant bodies)  
- Presentation of the Colours — RCMP  
- Motion of Loyalty — MWBro Phil Kendal  
- Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication  
- Roll Call and recognition of Grand Representatives  
- Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving Bro Earl Sharam, the VW Grand Chaplain  
- Correspondence and regrets  
- Report of the Jurisprudence Committee  
- Rules of Order

### NOON Break for lunch

- 1:30 PM Reconvene the Ninety-Fifth Annual Communication  
Reading of the following, each report & recommendation requires motion:  
a) Board of General Purposes -  
\*confirmation of appointment of Grand Secretary  
\*appointment of Auditor for 2001  
\*approval of 2001 Capital and Operating Budget  
b) Committee on Fraternal Relations (Summary)  
c) Committee on the Work  
d) Committee on the Condition of Masonry  
e) Board of Benevolence  
f) Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund  
Adoption of the Following Reports printed in the Preliminary Proceedings (one motion covers all)  
a) Grand Treasurer's Report  
b) Grand Secretary's Report  
c) Auditor's Report & Financial Statements  
d) Finance Committee Report

- e) Grand Librarian's Report  
f) Grand Historian's Report  
g) Grand Lodge Bulletin Committee Report  
h) Foundation for the Future Committee Report  
i) Publications and Forms Committee Report

- 3:30 PM Grand Master's Address  
- Motion to refer the Grand Master's Address to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

- 4:30 PM Adjournment  
6:00 PM Balloting and Registration suspended.

## 6:05 PM GRAND LODGE BANQUET

- (Ladies Welcome)  
Toastmaster  
RWBro Terry Drolet, JGW  
- Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award  
- Entertainment

## Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2000

- 8:00 AM Balloting and Registration resumed in the Foyer  
9:00 AM Ninety-Fifth Annual Communication reconvenes  
- Any Reports not completed from Friday's session  
- Report on the Grand Master's Address  
- Notices of Motion to amend Regulations  
- Masonic Foundation of Alberta  
10:00 AM Balloting and Registration Close  
- Report of the Credentials Committee  
- Report of the Scrutineers Committee  
- Committee on Charters and New Lodges  
11:00 AM General and Unfinished Business  
- Election of Grand Tyler  
11:30 Sharp - Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled  
- Masonic Medal of Merit Presentation  
- Other Masonic Awards  
- Grand Master's Comments

### NOON Break for Lunch

- 1:30 PM Ninety-Fifth Annual Communication Reconvenes (Tuxedos Requested)  
- Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2000/2001, under the direction of MWBro Jim Roberts.  
3:30 PM Grand Lodge Closes  
3:45 PM 2000/2001 Officers' Pictures  
5:30 PM Incoming Grand Master's evening (hosted by Crossfield Lodge No. 48)

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### May

- 8 Sherwood Lodge — Highlands Masonic Hall, Edmonton  
10 Benevolence Committee Meeting — Red Deer  
11 Board of General Purposes — Red Deer  
18 Innisfail Lodge — Open Air Lodge

## Internet Lodge of Research UD



On March 4, 2000, the ceremony of Institution of Internet Lodge of Research UD was held in Bowmont Lodge Hall, Calgary, with MWBro J. Arthur Jones, Grand Master, presiding. The first Principal Officers of this Canadian Rite Lodge are MWBro Hugh Young, WM, WBro Garth Cochran, SW, and WBro Kim Greenizan, JW. The hall was filled to near capacity by members and by visitors from near and far. The Worshipful Master had this to say:

"In the earlier days of Freemasonry, Lodges were formed when Brethren with similar interests outside of Masonry came together. Thus Lodges were formed where the majority of members were travelling salesmen, others where they were lawyers, and so forth. So it is with this Internet Lodge of Research. Twenty-seven Brethren who have common interests in technology and Freemasonry have come together to use their interest in technology to increase their knowledge of Freemasonry and to propagate their knowledge of Freemasonry to enhance cyberspace. As with any new venture, it could only happen because there was a will to make it happen — when everyone said 'Let's Do It!'

"A portion of the Lodge website is devoted to Research Papers written by Alberta Brethren. Submissions are earnestly

requested. This can be the Alberta window on the world. An opportunity to show what we can do. Please forward YOUR paper.

"Freemasonry must always live in the present, while protecting the landmarks of the Order, which are timeless. The present is the world at our fingertips through the use of technology. We must embrace this opportunity. The Internet Lodge of Research intends to do so."

Having called off from labour for one hour, the Senior Warden conducted an information session with contributions from other members of the Lodge and live audio messages from like-minded Brethren in Great Britain and Sweden. This proved to be a thorough and instructive treatment of the mechanics of working with the Internet, but did not make any mention of the commitment to and the intricacies of academically sound Masonic Research. An "Alberta Window on the World" cannot rely on papers received from other Brethren in the jurisdiction, or from elsewhere, as the Internet Lodge would have no guarantee that proper research has been conducted. Their own Brethren would have to learn to produce original research, which entails the testing (not proving!) of hypotheses. It is, therefore, important that the further progress of this new Lodge be not rushed, and the Brethren be given the opportunity to prove themselves as serious Researchers.

The Internet Lodge of Research UD can be found online at <http://www.internetlodge.ab.ca/>



*Top: Grand Master signs the dispensation, 6 January 2000. Above: Bros Ken Madden and Dennis Milbrandt, dressed in Internet Lodge uniform (blue golf shirt), hook up to the internet and prepare the computer equipment for the day's program. Below: 21 of 27 Charter members and the Grand Lodge Officers in attendance at Institution, 4 March 2000.*



## Positions Available

### Assistant Librarian

In 1993, MWBro Hugh Young volunteered to take over the day to day operation of the Grand Lodge Library. He developed a cataloguing system and a computer program, and since that time he has managed the Library and made it a valuable resource for the Masons of Alberta. In 1998, after completing his term as Grand Master, MWBro Young was appointed Executive Librarian of the Grand Lodge Library. It is now time to provide him with some assistance to move forward with the Library.

### Are YOU the Brother for this job?

#### Qualifications

Master Mason in good standing residing in Calgary area.

#### Duties

- To assist the Grand Librarian in operating the Grand Lodge Library.
- Cataloguing books.
- Make followup calls to members with books outstanding.
- Man the Library during the evening sessions and assist Brethren in their researches.
- Work with Masonic artifacts.

**Contact the Grand Lodge Office and let them know that you are interested.**

### Webmaster

In December 1997, while Grand Master, MWBro Young designed and implemented a website for the Grand Lodge of Alberta. He has maintained it since that time. It is a valuable resource to Masons in the Jurisdiction and has received many accolades from around the world. In 1999, it won an *Outstanding Award* for being one of the top five Masonic sites in the world.

In 1999, the Board of General Purposes approved the qualifications and duties of the Webmaster to the Grand Lodge page and these, and additional details required for the application can be found on the Grand Lodge Site at:

[http://www.fremasons.ab.ca/w\\_pos.pdf](http://www.fremasons.ab.ca/w_pos.pdf)

Applications should be submitted to MWBro Hugh Young by email prior to 30 June 2000 at: [hugh@linshaw.com](mailto:hugh@linshaw.com)

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joined Edmonton Preceptory No. 46 Knights Templar, in 1996. Elected to the Board of General Purposes 1993/94, and Higher Education Bursary Committee 1994/2000. Chairman of the Bursary Committee 1995/2000. Grand Steward 1999/2000.

Family — married to Shirley in 1952. They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren, all residing in Alberta.

### RWBro Lorne D. Schaerer, Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2

Was with Chetwynd, Lodge No. 187 BCR from 1991 to 1999. A member of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 since 1992. Has watched over the Charity of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 GRA since 1994, taking care of those in need. Worked for the BC Railway from 1973 to 1991 as a Train Order Operator and also oversaw CHET Radio from 1980 to 1986.

In 1991 moved to Medicine Hat with his wife Marlyn and two daughters, Angela and Michelle and now works for Inland Concrete in Medicine Hat.

### RWBro Howard R. Townsend, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 188.

Initiated, passed and raised in Freemasonry in 1988 in Mystic Tie Lodge in Edmonton. He served as President of the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Edmonton for three years (1992/94).

Bro Townsend served as District Chairman of Masonic Education on three occasions between (1991/95). Bro Townsend served as Master of his Lodge for two consecutive terms (1993/95). He was elected to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee from 1995 to 1998. He then served as District Deputy Grand Master for Northern Lights District from 1998 to 1999. Bro Townsend was appointed to a one-year term (1999/2000) of the Bursary Committee by the Grand Master. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite (Consistory) and the Royal Arch (Preceptory).

RWBro Townsend works as a Lands and Natural Resources Manager for a First Nation in north central Alberta at Cadotte Lake, east of Peace River.

### Gordon, from page 3.

of the Assiniboia Chapter of the Royal Arch. He is a member of the Al Azhar Shrine, serving on its Board of Trustees, and is involved in the Provost Corps.

The Gordon family history shows several links to the Craft. One of his ancestors was a founder of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 in 1885. His uncle, Ernest Snead was a member of Commercial Lodge No. 81 in Edmonton, his father's cousin, George Brown, is a member of Evergreen Lodge No. 166 and was District Deputy at the same time as Bro Gordon.

Bro Gordon is currently a senior partner in the Certified General Accounting Office of Evancic Perrault Robinson in Medicine Hat. His career includes several years as an auditor with Revenue Canada Taxation, and with the Provincial Treasurer, then E & H Tax in Saskatchewan.

He was born in Regina in 1944 and has a beautiful wife and three children — two boys and one girl. His sons and wife work with him while his daughter lives in Calgary.

### Drolet, from page 3.

He met Marilyn while at university, married in 1958. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. While at university, both were active in music circles. Marilyn is an accomplished pianist; while Terrence studied violin and was a member of the University Symphony for 8 years.

Bro Drolet became a Mason in Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, Wetaskiwin, in 1964. Served as WM in 1970, was DDGM District No. 20 in 1975. Member of BGP 1981 to 1984. Chairman Masonic Spring Workshop 1989. He has been Secretary of Wetaskiwin Lodge for 14 years, and again for the past 3 years. Joined AASR Valley of Edmonton 1968, TPGM. Edmonton Lodge of Perfection 1982/83. Coroneted Honorary Inspector 33 Degree in 1990. Member of Royal Order of Scotland 1983. Exalted in Mt. Olivet Chapter No. 17 RAM Camrose 1981, has served as 1<sup>st</sup> Principal 1985, 1993. Presently Grand District Superintendent District No. 5 RAM. Member of the Order of Red Cross of Constantine. Member of Northern Alberta Veterans' Degree Team.

Bro Drolet is presently serving as the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta (1999-2000).