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Grand Master's Message

As I approach my fifth month in office, I cannot help but reflect on "Where does the time go?" These are indeed busy times for my wife Patricia and me, meeting so many great Masons and their families as we visit around Alberta and other jurisdictions.

It's fall, and a time for us to remind ourselves about fulfilling the promises we have made to ourselves and our Fraternity. These promises include doing what we can to increase our knowledge of the principles of Freemasonry, to support the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund and the Masonic Foundation of Alberta.

Today, most of the Lodges have elected or will be electing and installing new officers, and since we are at the beginning of a new century, it is time to plan programs that will "put to

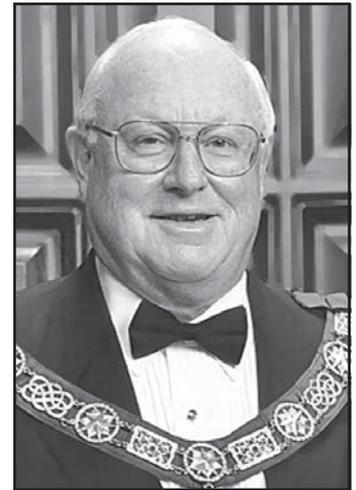
bed" those old complaints that our Lodge doesn't do anything, but just open, pay bills and close. We encourage Lodges to engage actively in projects that can benefit each Lodge and increase visibility in its community.

Your Grand Lodge has developed the *Foundation For the Future — Doric Plan* and we hope every Lodge — especially your Lodge — will implement the program in this Masonic year. This is a Lodge program and it must start with you, so attend one of the Foundation for the Future seminars to learn how your Lodge can benefit from this program.

In August, your Grand Lodge hosted a dinner meeting for members of the Masonic Family. We had strong leadership representation from the Al Azhar and Al Shamal Shrine Temples, Royal Arch Masons, Cryptic Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, York Rite and The Royal Order of Scotland. Today, every leader in the Masonic Family is challenged with the issue of membership, our lifeblood and singular strength. As a result of this forum, we can "make it happen" by working together to grasp the many opportunities available to our Fraternity. (The March 2001 follow-up meeting hosted by Al Azhar Shrine will be in Red Deer).

Brethren, we are the first generation of Masons who will serve and/or lead our Craft in the 21st Century. We can provide leadership with vision, but we can't do it alone. Together, we can make that difference! We can provide hope! Our Ancient Landmarks and tenets are revered, respected and are at the very heart of our identity and existence. This is our greatness. We will conquer the winds of disillusion. We can make a difference, with a positive attitude together. So, "Let's Do It!"

MWBro Gerald T. Webber, Grand Master



November 11th, — Lest We Forget!

OUR HERITAGE

They tell us the twilight is falling,
Falling on heads turning grey,
That soon there will be no remembrance
Of warriors long gone away.

They say we romanticize killing,
That war is a curse and a blight,
Dear Father in Heaven, they knew it,
They knew it but still went to fight.

Perhaps it is twilight for vet'rans,
It comes to us all with the years,
At least we have rich hallowed memories
And poppies, and crosses, and tears.



Houses of Ypres

Painted in 1917 by A.Y. Jackson (1882–1974) CWM 8207.

Grand Master's Itinerary

November

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- 5 Glenbow Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Calgary
- 7 Vulcan Lodge, Gleichen Lodge, Masonic Hall Vulcan
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Editorial

About Editors

Now this is an unusual topic to be tackled in an editorial. Usually editors, of any publication, talk about everything under the sun except themselves or their peers. Also, an editorial worth reading is expected to deal with a current issue, something on everyone's mind, trying to superimpose the editor's opinion on the reader's bias (or is it the other way around?). Now that is an editorial! No such luck here today. Don't expect any great revelations of spirit and soul. Instead, let us look back at what has gone on before, and just hazard a brief glimpse at the future.

From the inception of something like a newsletter, our *Grand Lodge Bulletin* has been put together by (so far) eight editors. They were the following Brethren: 1935–45, MWBro Alexander Mitchell; 1945–57, MWBro Sam Harris; 1957–67, MWBro Carl Heckbert; 1967–84, MWBro Jack Collett; 1984–85, MWBro Bob Costigan; 1985–90, RWBro Norman Senn; 1990–91, WBro Kingsley Dean; 1991–1996, again RWBro Norman Senn; and since 1996, MWBro Robert Juthner. Most of these Brethren served for a good number of years and thus gave continuity to this official publication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Different editors used different journalistic approaches but all kept one thing foremost in mind: to serve their readers, their Brethren, with interesting material, to the best of their abilities.

Looking to the future, these past practices shall be continued by the present editor and his successors. This also means not to operate in isolation but to exchange ideas with other editors of Masonic print media for the benefit of our own readership. Thus your editor enjoyed a "meeting of the minds" last July, with his counterpart of the Grand Lodge of Austria, in Vienna. Bro **Rudi Pohl** single-handedly produces "Blaue Blätter" (Blue Pages), brimful of articles on Masonry of the highest calibre. Inserted are glossy colour reproductions of Masonic artwork, suitable for framing.

It is not the custom to have a picture accompany an editorial (at best we can find a cartoon doing this in most papers), but here we will make an exception, so as to introduce this worthy Brother from Vienna to our Alberta Brethren. He is, of course, the one on the right.

The Year 2000 "Medal of Merit" Awards

One of the highlights of the Grand Lodge Communication, on June 9th and 10th, 2000, held at Camrose, was the presentation of the "Medal of Merit" to three Brethren who had never (according to the mandate governing this award) filled the office of Worshipful Master of a Lodge, but who had served their respective Lodges, their communities and mankind in other, very significant ways. They were introduced in these words:

Bro William Roy Douglas MacLean was initiated into Masonry in Temple Lodge No. 167, GRA. He was initiated on October 22, 1949, received his Second degree on November 21, 1949 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on January 16, 1950.

Prior to his initiation Bro MacLean served his King and Country overseas during the Second World War. Since that time he has remained active with his regiment. Because of his Military duties, he has led the annual Memorial Service in the Lodge each year, commemorating the sacrifice our members made for their country.

Bro MacLean is widowed and has one son. He is active in his Church and in community activities: so much so that he served as a Cub and Scout leader while his son was in his formative years. He regularly visits his sister in Eastern Canada and takes her on vacation when he visits.

Bro. MacLean worked for and retired from the Edmonton Transit Service and is active in the Transit Employee Association.

Bro MacLean has been Tyler of his Lodge for sixteen years, seldom missing a meeting. He telephones some of the elderly members and brings them to Lodge regardless of the distance he has to travel. He visits all of his Masonic Friends when they are sick, making certain that their families are able to cope.

He is the major greeter in his Lodge, making certain that all who sign the register are made to feel welcome. He always has a supply of peppermints to give out and has donated a sword and wheeled cart to hold the Installation collars of his Lodge.

Bro MacLean is active in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite where he was awarded his 33rd Degree. He is a member of the Shrine and active in the units.

Bro. MacLean keeps track of his elderly neighbours, keeping the snow cleaned from their walks and grass cut in the summer. He visits the neighbours regularly and when they are ill he will do their shopping for them.





Medal of Merit Honorees (l to r): Bros Ronald Stroud; Bill Maclean; and George Christensen

Bro MacLean is indeed that Mason talked of in our Installation Charge, a man who goes quietly about his business, doing the good act not for himself but for the cause of good.

Bro Ronald Stroud was initiated into Masonry in Victory Lodge No. 144 GRS, Saskatoon, SK, on November 30, 1963. There he received his second degree on January 27, 1964 and was raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 25, 1964. He later affiliated with Norwood Lodge No. 90, GRA.

Bro Stroud fosters a very close family life consisting of his wife Marion, his daughter and two grandchildren. He acts as a father figure for his two grandsons, taking family outings and holidays together. This even extends to acting as a scout leader for his grandson's troop.

For many years he acted as an accounts officer in the finance branch of the military from which he is retired.

He acts as a trustee of his church and is co-chair of the men's club. Due to his skill with financial matters he served on the finance committee giving unswervingly of his knowledge and ability.

Since 1988 Bro Stroud has served his Lodge as Treasurer. He has kept the Lodge in excellent financial condition. As part of his duties, in that office, he has prepared yearly budgets and kept the books and records of the Lodge in excellent condition. During all these years Bro Stroud has had nearly perfect attendance and a keen interest in the well-being of his Lodge.

He is deeply involved in the Norwood School Program, a

partnership between the Lodge and the local School District. He ably assists in the Lodge visitation program to the sick and shut in, as well as visitation to the widows of past members.

Bro Stroud is a member of the Edmonton Valley of the Scottish Rite and serves in the 26th degree team. As a member of the Al Shamal Shriners, and enrolled in the Legion of Honour, he serves as the current Treasurer.

Bro Stroud is a Mason whom we are all justly proud to call a Brother.

Bro George Christensen received the three degrees of Freemasonry in Edmonton Lodge No. 7 in 1959. He served as Grand Tyler of this jurisdiction in 1996-97 and has been a valued member of the Edmonton-based bodies of Royal Arch Masonry, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Shrine and the Eastern Star, and has served on the Advisory Council of the Order of DeMolay. A native of Edinburgh, Scotland, he married in 1950 and has three children, one of whom, George Christensen Jr. is also a member of the Craft.

Bro Christensen has been the volunteer photographer for the Good Samaritan Southgate Care Centre for fifteen years and, as such, has gained the gratitude and appreciation of the residents, staff, management and other volunteers for the joy and sunshine he brings into the lives of so many. He provides permanent photo identifications, which are fixed on the doors of all residents. He also covers their in-house appreciation banquets on a regular basis. The consistency with which he offers this labour of love makes him a paragon among volunteers. He is a ready ad hoc participant in many endeavours undertaken for the benefit of fellow citizens, thus demonstrating that he is indeed "His Brothers' Keeper."

Our Brother is truly a lover of the Craft and gives of himself unsparingly, promoting its best interests. Among his many attributes as a booster of the Fraternity is his love of visiting other Lodges and concordant bodies, where he again acts as a volunteer photographer and where his presence conveys an aura of dignity, goodwill and peace. His exemplary conduct, humility and affable disposition make him a Brother whose company is enjoyed by his Brethren and their ladies. He is the embodiment of those positive traits to which all Masons profess to aspire.

The Place of Music in a Masonic Lodge

Bro Trevor B.J. Bennett

Abridged from the papers of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980

The subject of Masonic music is a large topic but there is not a great deal of information about it in the literature. In spite of this, the available information is very interesting—especially in relation to the Organist.

The Office of Organist is not one of the regular offices of the Lodge. It has a special status because it is one to which the Master "may" appoint a Brother. According to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, the Organist is not required to be a member of the Lodge he serves.

Many rituals for investing officers state the following as the duties of the Organist. (The form approved by the Grand Lodge of Alberta is not as extensive.)



"Bro _____, I appoint you Organist of this Lodge, and I invest you with the Jewel of your office. The Lyre is the emblem of music—one of the seven liberal Arts and Sciences, the study of which is inculcated in the Fellowcraft Degree. The records of ancient history, both sacred and secular, testify that, from the earliest times, music has borne a more or less important part in the celebration of religious rites and ceremonies; that pagans and monotheists, the ancient Hebrews and the more comparatively modern Christians, have in all ages made full and free use of music, as an aid to devotion and in expression of praise and thanksgiving in the services of their several systems of religion. In like manner, Freemasonry, from the earliest period of its history, has availed itself of the aid of music in the performance of its rites and ceremonies; and we must all feel how much of the impressiveness and solemnity is derived from the judicious introduction of instrumental music into these ceremonies. Music has been defined as "the concord of sweet sounds." In this aspect it typifies the concord

and harmony, which have always been among the foremost characteristics of our Order. Your jewel, therefore, the emblem of concord, should stimulate us to promote and maintain concord, goodwill and affection not only among the members of our own Lodge, but with all Brethren of the Craft."

There is considerable scope in what is considered appropriate music for a Lodge Degree. This should not, however, be interpreted as license for the incumbent in office to play whatever he wishes. Instead he should bear in mind the following points:

1. members belong to many different faiths;
2. all Masons acknowledge a Supreme Governor of the Universe;
3. Masonry is universal in scope;
4. some songs and odes contain words which can offend those of other faiths or beliefs;
5. music should support the ritualistic work and not have connotations which have other meanings; and
6. music in Lodge is meant to support a solemn occasion and not be noticeable in itself.

The office of Organist is easier to fill when the person appointed has an appreciation for the historical music which has been used in the jurisdiction. This sense of appreciation comes from consulting old ceremonial ode sheets. These ceremonial ode sheets have one feature in common — the words, or a close version of them, can be found in *Masonic Musical Ritual*, first published in 1915 by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. All the tunes in the book are from hymn books in common use at the turn of the century. An Organist should play accompaniment to the odes using tunes which fit the metre but which may come from more current hymn books. This avoids members being confronted with melodies, which have ceased to be familiar.

Historically, Masonry in Canada traces its beginnings to the United Grand Lodge of England. It is interesting to note that their "first Book of Constitution, 1723, contained the words and music for songs for Masonic occasions." It has also been recorded that by 1786, Freemasons' Hall in London possessed a very good pipe organ. By 1812, the first appointed Grand Organist was Samuel Wesley. He was known to history as the first organ soloist of his time, a very excellent composer and a friend of Mendelssohn.

A Thank You from Chile

Some of our readers may recall the item "The Northeast Angle" in the *Grand Lodge Bulletin*, Vol. 62, No. 7, September, 1997, which reported on the plight of our Chilean Brethren who had lost their building in Valdivia in a fire. The request was then made of our Brethren in Alberta, willing to help, to send their cheques to WBro Jose Antonio de la Vega. That was the last that at least this donor (your editor) heard, and most likely the other donors too, until now.

We are indebted to WBro George Fitzsimmons (142) for informing us about a message received from Bro Luigi Ciampi, dated May 16, 2000, edited hereunder:

Dear Bro George:

I have the pleasure to inform you that since May 13, 2000, the local Freemasons have a new building and Temple. It was an awesome ceremony, in the presence of our Grand Master, many W.Masters and Brethren from other cities; about 300 Masons gathered.

The new facilities mean this: a two-story office building also housing women's clubs, a library, a small bar and offices for each of our four local Lodges. The new structure has a basement with several small rooms for Lodges of Instruction. On the second floor is a huge dining room and the kitchen, and on the third floor are three Temples: one large and one smaller for Craft Lodge meetings, and one for the use of the Scottish Rite.

The Temple is sober and elegant, the result of a huge investment. Money came from the insurance on the lost building, personal donations [editor's emphasis] and the Grand Lodge of Chile. So you may tell all Brethren from Ivanhoe that whoever sent some support to us, either gift in money or words, they may see this facility standing for the struggle against intolerance and ignorance, for a better world and everlasting mankind embraced in a long lasting brotherhood.

A big Masonic hug,

Brother Luigi Ciampi, 3rd Degree, Orator

The 2001 Masonic Spring Workshop "The Moral and Ethical Core of the Craft"

Delta Lodge at Kananaskis

April 20, 21 & 22, 2001

Keynote address:

"Where the Rubber Meets the Road — the Daily Reality of Masonic Morals and Ethics"

by Bro Jim Tresner

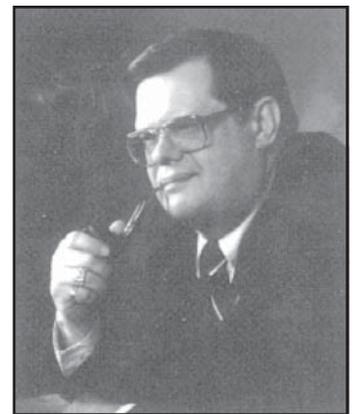
Bro Tresner will focus on what Albert Pike and other writers have had to say about ethics and morality as a matter of practical choices.

Bro Tresner is author of *Albert Pike: The Man Beyond the Monument* and of *Vested in Glory: The Regalia of the Scottish Rite*.

Bro Tresner is currently Publications Editor of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and Book Review Editor and contributing author of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, S.J. He is also Director of the Masonic Leadership Institute (Oklahoma) and member of the Steering Committee of the Masonic Information Center.

Make your plans — mark your calendars now!

See you in 2001!



District Meetings

November

- 3 Battle River, Castor Masonic Hall, Regis 17:00, SGW
- 4 Beaverhills, Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton, Regis Noon, SGW
- 4 Dinosaur, Hussar Masonic Lodge Hall, Regis Noon, DGM
- 4 Lakeland, Vegreville Masonic Hall, Regis 13:00, GM
- 18 Athabasca, Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton, Regis 11:00, GM
- 18 Yellowhead, Jasper Masonic Lodge Hall, Regis 11:00, DGM

In the (Public) News

Once more we are pleased to reprint an article from the news media paying tribute to "one of ours," albeit not mentioning the Masonic connection. However, what is important is that a much beloved and esteemed Brother of the Craft, RWBro Clarence Comrie (Patricia Lodge No. 91), is introduced to the public for his outstanding service to his fellow men, of whom so many are his Brother Masons. It is also particularly pleasing to us that the "patient" featured is no other than Past Grand Master, MWBro Ken Crockett. Read on:

Visiting the elderly a vocation for 93-year-old Clarence Comrie

By Liane Faulder

Edmonton Journal, August 8, 2000

To some, visiting is a casual pleasure infused with no particular meaning. To Clarence Comrie, visiting is a vocation.

In 1999, the 93-year-old Edmonton resident made 2,562 visits to friends and strangers living in seniors' homes, long-term facilities and hospitals. He treats his visits with a brisk professionalism, keeping a daily journal of his contacts. The names and locations of his "patients", as he calls them, are recorded neatly in a small address book tucked into the breast pocket of his golf shirt. He leaves calling cards with his name and number if visitees are asleep or out of the building. Some people Clarence visits are sick. Others merely reside in an institution where the time between meals stretches long and television proves a poor companion.

Clarence began visiting sick friends of his mother when he was just a boy, increasing the frequency of his commitment after he retired from a 45-year career with Northern Alberta Railways. Since his wife died in 1999, there is even more time for his calling. A courteous gentleman, Clarence extends a warm handshake to all he meets. Sometimes that's all he gets back; several people Clarence visits are crippled by strokes and unable to say much. "But you can tell a lot by a person's handshake," says Clarence, who picks up new patients through referrals from family members or other people he visits.

Others enjoy a nice chat. Muriel, who lives at one of the city's Good Samaritan facilities, talks about her late husband, who was a friend of Clarence's brother. The conversation inevitably moves to Muriel's grandchildren, who are stunningly clever and beautiful. Clarence reaches over and softly strokes Muriel's arm as he says goodbye.

Clarence doesn't stay very long. "For some people," he says, "five minutes is as good as half an hour." Such is the case with Clarence's older folks: ladies with flowered polyester dresses and wispy memories; and stubble-faced men who move with help or not at all. Others, such as Lloyd, are bright and lively, at least when Clarence is in the room. "You know who I saw the other day?" Clarence tells Lloyd, who is wheelchair bound and in pain. "Hammie. Hammie McGregor. Still smoking, the old rascal." Lloyd and Clarence spend a few minutes reminiscing about common ties — Lloyd used to sell cars, Packards, and has a wide circle of acquaintances — and then Clarence moves on. "Thanks for stopping by," says Lloyd, and you can tell he means it.

Clarence gets to four nursing homes and sees more than a dozen patients this particular afternoon. That's not an uncommon schedule for this visitor, who sets a vigorous pace, even running to catch the elevator. "Not an ache or a pain,"



RWBro Clarence Comrie (r) visits MWBro Ken Crockett.

says Clarence of his own constitution, part of the reason he takes his job so seriously. "I would like to express the importance of visiting," he says sincerely. "You can see what it does for people less fortunate than we are."

Clarence doesn't visit for the accolades, but still, family members rave. "He's really made a difference in my dad's life," says Elizabeth Vetsch, whose father, former judge Ken Crockett, lives at the Mewburn Veterans Centre. "He may forget Clarence was there, but just to have someone to brighten the moment. . . Clarence is a wonderful person."

Ken, 81, had a head injury a few years ago and can't quite keep track of things. Sometimes, Clarence brings him ice cream. He takes Ken's hand when they walk down the long halls at the Mewburn. Ken, safe and content, turns to Clarence as they stroll. "You know, sometimes I find myself wandering," confides Ken, bemused by his own behaviour. "That's OK," says Clarence. "I do that, too."

Elsewhere in Canada

La Loge Jean T. Desaguliers No. 138

This Lodge is chartered by the Grand Lodge of Quebec and meets in Montreal. It is, primarily, a French speaking Lodge. Interestingly, in this era of shortened proficiency, and waiving of memory work, here are the requirements for becoming a member of La Loge Jean T. Desaguliers:

The purpose of our school is to instruct our members. Following initiation, the candidate must follow 7 lectures and then present a paper in open Lodge before he is allowed to proceed to the second degree. The Fellowcraft Mason must follow 5 lectures and then present a paper in open Lodge. The Master Mason must follow 3 lectures and then present a paper in open Lodge before we will give him his 3° certificate.

The reasoning of the Lodge is:

The interest shown by the members confirms that serious training is unquestionably necessary for the survival of Freemasonry. Any business that is short on capital can borrow, any business that has a poor location can move, but any business that is short on leadership will not survive in the long term.

It is also very interesting to note that this Lodge is one of the most active in the jurisdiction with a waiting list to join.

Bro Philippe Decelles, *Emessay Notes*, August 2000

Our DDGMs

It is our pleasure to introduce to our readers the District Deputy Grand Masters for the 2000–2001 Masonic term, by presenting their photographs and brief biographical profiles. (To be continued in the December 2000 and January 2001 issues.)

Alpha District

RWBro T.J. (Jim) Dickey was born on May 22, 1928 in Vespra Township, ON. He is a Civil Engineer, now retired from Bucyrus-Erie Company, who had spent thirty years on the road as a service engineer, then averaging 260 days away from home every year. He can now enjoy a more stationary life, together with his wife Betty, residing in Calgary.

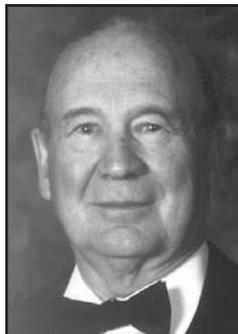


Bro Dickey was initiated, passed and raised in 1954 in Northern Light Lodge No. 266, GRC, in Stayner, ON, later affiliated with Wyndham Lodge No. 688, GRC, of Guelph, ON, and is currently a member of Bow River Lodge No. 1, GRA. He served this Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1994–95 and was appointed Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 1996–97.

Bro Dickey is also a member of the three Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Calgary, and has also been a member of the Advisory Council of Stampede Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Athabasca District

RWBro D.F. (Don) Hart was born on August 18, 1918 in Edmonton, AB, and is a resident of that city. He is married to Doreen and the couple has one daughter and two granddaughters. Now retired, he served as Auditor with Revenue Canada. Prior to that employment, he had spent several years in the Mountain Region, the Comptrollers Office of Canadian National Railways. He has served on the Board of Strathearn United Church in Edmonton, and is an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener.



Our Brother was initiated in Dominion Lodge No. 117, GRA on September 8, 1943 and has, therefore, received his 50-Year Jewel in 1993. He had served in the Chair of King Solomon of Dominion Lodge in 1951, and in the office of Grand Steward of this jurisdiction in 1994–95. Bro Hart is also a member of the three bodies of the A&ASR in the Valley of Edmonton, and a member of North Star Chapter No. 2, RAM of Alberta.

Battle River District

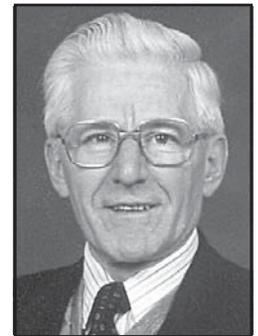
RWBro D.M. (Don) McPhail, a native of Rockglen, SK, was born on September 13, 1932. He had joined the Bank of Montreal in Brandon, MB, in 1950 and then worked for that bank in 18 towns in all three Prairie Provinces for a total of 32 years. He then spent another 24 years as grocery manager of a store in Coronation, AB, and finally retired in 1997. He has two married daughters and two grandchildren, and resides in the town of Castor, where he served on two committees at Knox United Church.

Bro McPhail was initiated, passed and raised in Tonchwood Lodge No. 51, GRS (now Wynyard-Tonchwood Lodge No. 66) in 1957, and in 1984 he affiliated with Beaver Lodge No. 56, GRA at Castor, AB, which Lodge he served as Worshipful Master for three terms, in 1987–88, 1988–89 and 1992–93. He is also a member of Lebanon Chapter No. 38, RAM of Alberta, currently serving as 2nd Principal.



Calgary-Highwood District

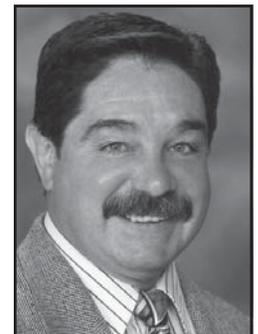
RWBro R.O. (Ron) Beirnes was born on December 24, 1931 in Petrolia, ON. Now a retired businessman who is married to Joan, residing in Calgary where he is active in community service, he spent a total of 25 years in the Canadian Military Service, of which the years 1952–54 were with NATO in England, and 1967–71 in Germany. Other areas of service were with Maritime Command at Comox, BC, Air Defence Command at Bagotville, QC, as well as other posts of duty. He was awarded the CD and MM decorations.



Bro Beirnes received the degrees of Masonry in Black Forest Lodge No. 901, ACGL, in Laar, Germany, in 1969, and affiliated with Jordan Lodge No. 177, GRA and with Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54, GRA, both of which he has served as Worshipful Master: the first mentioned in 1980, the latter in 1998. He is also a member of Calgary Chapter No. 11, RAM, Zadok Council No. 3, R&SM, Cyprus Preceptory No. 33, KT, Chinook Conclave No. 29, Southern Alberta Tabernacle No. 103, Pompilius York Rite College No. 79, and of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, KYCH No. 35.

Palliser District

RWBro Eldon William Wells was born on April 7, 1948 at Cardston, Alberta. He is self-employed, operating the All-Niter Shell Gas Bar in Medicine Hat, a family business in which his wife, Marlene, sons Travis and Murray, and daughter Kimberly take part. He had previously served in the Army with SALH (South Alberta Light Horse) from 1965 to 1968.



Our Brother was initiated, passed and raised in Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Medicine Hat, in 1991, and was Worshipful Master of that Lodge during the 1996 and 1997 terms. He is a member of Assiniboia Chapter No. 3, RAM, where he served as 1st Principal in 1997 and again in 1998. He was President of the Medicine Hat Shrine Club in 1999.