

In Memoriam



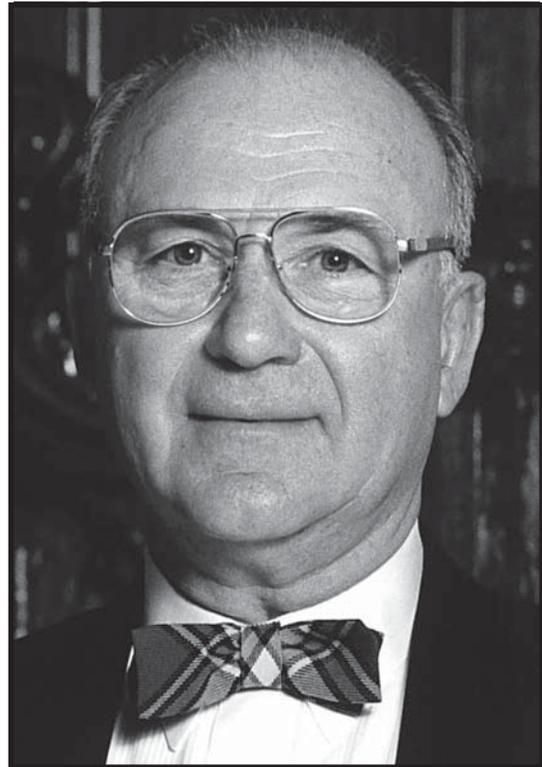
MWBro James Sutherland Woods Grand Master 1971-72

MWBro James Sutherland Woods passed peacefully to the Grand Lodge Above in Calgary on January 26, 2001, at the age of 80 years with his family at his side.

Jim was born January 2, 1921, in Edmonton. He received his early education in the Edmonton public and high school system, and in 1939 enrolled at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Arts. His studies were interrupted by World War II. He joined the Canadian Army and served with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in the United Kingdom and the Mediterranean theatre. There he was wounded at Rimini Ridge in Italy and returned to England where he became Captain Quartermaster of the Transit Depot. On his discharge from military service in 1946, he returned to the University of Alberta where he completed his BA and then studied law, obtaining his LLB in 1950. He was married to Jennie Kathleen Salamandick of Vegreville in 1948, and the couple had four children, daughters Elizabeth and d'Arcy, and sons William and Cameron. At the time of his death there were seven grandchildren. Jim was predeceased by his wife Jennie in 1998, and also by his five brothers.

Following his graduation from law school, Jim articulated

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MWBro Myron Lusk Grand Master 1993-1994

MWBro Myron Lusk passed to the Grand Lodge Above in Edmonton on January 30, 2001, at the age of 71 years.

Born Myron Luchkovich in Edmonton on November 3, 1929, he took his schooling in the same city. He played on many championship football teams, won both boxing and wrestling championships of city high school tournaments and played hockey in the Edmonton Maple Leaf organization. Myron had served as President of the Sherwood Home and School Association, and has coached both hockey and baseball teams for the Sherwood Park and Meadowlark Community Leagues. Among his hobbies were playing racquetball, windsurfing, collecting and growing Alberta wildflowers and also playing drums with dance bands. As a member of Central United Church he sang in the choir.

On March 17, 1951, Myron married Audrey Atkinson. They were blessed with five children — sons Gregory, Desmond and Jack, and daughters Brenda and Cynthia, as well as nine grandchildren. Myron was a respected member of the business community. Together with his wife Audrey he operated Myron Lusk Sales Ltd., Manufacturer's Agents in the fashion industry. Myron served as President of the Alberta Fashion Market

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Editorial “No Regalia”

Eventually we are all called to “higher labour” in the Grand Lodge Above, and our Masonic teachings have prepared us well for the event, when the time comes. All too often beloved Brethren begin their last journey and in most cases their fellow Freemasons come to pay their respects when the last rites are performed. It is also quite common to find an appropriate announcement in the obituary columns of the daily newspaper of the deceased Brother’s place of residence, accompanied by the Square and Compasses which draw immediate attention to it. His Lodge may also insert a summons to inform the Brethren and ask them to attend. It is there where, all too often, we read “No Regalia.” That is sad. It prompts us to ask ourselves why we are failing the memory of our departed Brother.

It has been a time-honoured privilege for Master Masons to be escorted to the grave by their peers, clad in white leather aprons, and to receive from them a sprig of evergreen together with the final salute “Farewell, my Brother!” If we do not do so, we are in fact denying him this last honour. In some jurisdictions three roses, white, pink and red, take the place of the evergreen, but no matter what the rite, this custom is universal. So why, we must ask, is it so seldom practised here? To claim that certain clergy voice objections is not quite valid, as many more times clergymen have readily approved of the dignified, and brief ceremony for which rituals have been devised in our jurisdiction for the full service at the grave, an abbreviated version for the use in the funeral home, in a church or at the house of the deceased, the crematorium and the Lodge room (each Lodge should be in possession of Grand Lodge publication No. 324 which contains all that and instructions for draping the Charter).

Again we must ask why “No Regalia”?

The answer just may lie in the fact that nobody asked for it. The General Regulations printed in the publication quoted explain: *No Mason can be interred with the formalities of the Order, unless it be at his own prior request, or that of some member of his family, communicated to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of which he died a member; foreigners and transient Brethren excepted.*

Where such a ceremony has been conducted in the past, in most cases the family, knowing just how much Freemasonry had meant to the dead Brother, have indeed made the request, but it is actually up to each one of us to make the decision in the days of “youth, while the evil days come not, nor the

years draw nigh...” and inform the Worshipful Master accordingly, who would instruct the Secretary to enter the Brother’s wish in a permanent record. Needless to say, Grand Lodge is not likely to come up with an official form to be filled in for that purpose, as we are here dealing with a highly personal preference. Certainly, no one should ever feel compelled to make such a request, but we may agree that the subject of making known how one feels about his own last Masonic rites, the **Yes** or **No** options, constitutes a worthwhile topic for discussion in Lodge.

Maybe, in the future, there will be fewer instances when we will read “No Regalia.” Just maybe...

Letter to the Editor

Dear Brother Juthner:

A friend has sent me a copy of your excellent leaflet [sic] *The Alberta Freemason*. I must comment on one of your articles on *Freemasonry Today* (Vol. 66, No. 2 Feb. 2001, Ed). You say this is a quarterly magazine for the U.K. ? Masons. This is a magazine primarily for English Freemasons. We have a magazine in Scotland called *The Ashlar* — the latest copy I enclose. This magazine, older than *Freemasonry Today*, is for the Masons of Scotland although, like *Freemasonry Today*, (supported and publicised by The Grand Lodge of Scotland) it is read by a much wider readership, although sadly our magazine has not the same support from The United Grand Lodge of England.

Sadly, England keeps trying to portray to the world that they control U.K. Masonry. The Masonry of Scotland is St. John’s Masonry and we have the oldest written records in the world, having Minutes from 1598. We may be a small country but, like the spread of engineering, which came from Scotland, our Masonry has spread across the world. You even have some in Canada.

We have a saying in Scotland “Guid Gear comes in Sma’ Bulk.” With every good wish,

A.N. MacInnes, Managing Editor
The Ashlar, Circle Publications
Helensburgh, Scotland

Hey, Brother... Yes, You!

In the past few years, have you ever said to yourself, on the way home from Lodge; “Why the heck did I go tonight?” If you have, then we may be able to help — just ask your Worshipful Master to look into the **Foundation for the Future — Doric Plan** or ask your District Deputy Grand Master for more information, or check it out at the Masonic Spring Workshop!

Watch for more information in next month’s issue of *The Alberta Freemason*.

Airdrie

This is to advise all concerned that the date of Constitution and Consecration of Airdrie Wild Rose Lodge has been changed from May 12, 2001 to **May 19, 2001**, at 2:30 PM. It will be held at the Airdrie Community Hall, followed by refreshments at 5:30 PM and supper at 6:30 PM. The program after the ceremony will include Ladies.

Please adjust your calendars.

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Woods, from page 1.

with the firm of Nolan, Chambers, Might and Saucier in Edmonton, and became a partner in its successor firm, Saucier, Jones and Associates. Shortly after, he moved to Calgary, eventually to become a partner in the firm now known as Bennett Jones. During his tenure there he was Chairman of the Commercial Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association. After twenty-five years with the firm he was appointed a Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta where he became an Assistant Chief Judge charged with establishing the Civil Division of the Court. Among honours bestowed on him was a life membership in the 49th Battalion, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Association, RAUSI, and that of Chancellor for the Calgary Diocese of the Anglican Church.

MWBro Woods was initiated into Freemasonry in Zetland Lodge No. 83, GRA, on September 20, 1956. He became the Worshipful Master of this Lodge in 1962. In 1968 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, and on June 10, 1971, he was installed as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. As a Past Grand Master he was a near regular attendee of the meetings of the Board of General Purposes and until recently had served as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee of that Board. His wise counsel, along with his wit and humour, will long be remembered by his peers and Masonic associates. In concordant bodies our Brother held membership in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (PTPGM Calgary Lodge of Perfection and Hon Grand Inspector 33°), the Royal Order of Scotland and Al Azhar Temple, AAONMS.

At his installation as Grand Master in 1971, MWBro Woods challenged the Craft **To Plan for Progress**, a worthy theme that many of his successors in office have taken to heart and have acted on in spirit, if not in the same words. When delivering his Grand Master's Address to the assembled Grand Lodge in 1972, he said, among other things:

The preamble to our Constitution states that it was established for the purpose of forming perfect tranquillity and providing for and promoting the general welfare of the Craft, as well as securing for the fraternity in this Jurisdiction all the blessings of Masonic privileges. The tranquillity we seek is Masonic harmony and it is not to be found by a meticulous

interpretation of constitutional provisions or by strict adherence to ritual in ceremony. It is to be found by a general forbearance — the one for the other amongst us — and understanding of the other's point of view — a willingness to listen — and, having listened, to comprehend and having comprehended, to understand with the heart, not only the mind.

The last sentence of this quotation shows us Jim Woods as he was, as a man and as a Freemason. He shall be remembered.

A memorial service was held at Holy Cross Anglican Church in Calgary on January 31, 2001, attended by family, and numerous friends and Brethren. *Requiescat in Pace.*

REJ

Lusk, from page 1.

(AFM) for many years and was a founding member of the Canadian Association of Wholesale Salesmen (CAWS).

MWBro Lusk was initiated, passed and raised in Evergreen Lodge No. 166, GRA, in 1966 and served this Lodge as Worshipful Master during the 1973-1974 term. He was an affiliated Past Master of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 and a demitted Charter Member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980, to which he contributed several research papers. Bro Lusk had been elected to three two-year terms on the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, to the office of Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 1981-82, and District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 12 (now Northern Lights District) for the 1983-84 term. He was elected Junior Grand Warden for 1990-91 and served as Chairman of the (Alberta) Masonic Renewal Committee from 1991 to 1993, and at the same time as a member of the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America. On June 12, 1993, MWBro Myron Lusk was installed as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Myron had been a regular participant at Masonic Spring Workshops, both in Banff and in Kananaskis, as a theme speaker and in conducting schools of instruction. In concordant bodies he was a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Edmonton where he served as TPGM of the Edmonton Lodge of Perfection in 1977-78, MWS of Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix HRDM in 1983-84, and Master of the Work for several years. In 1984 he was coronetted an Hon Inspector

General 33°. He was a member of North Star Chapter No. 2, RAM, Zohar Council No. 4, R&SM, Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, KT, the Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine, Taylor Conclave, and Al Shamal Temple, AAONMS.

In his Grand Master's Address of 1994, our Brother left us this legacy:

My theme "Vision 2000" was born from... my own convictions and participation in the evolution of the Masonic Renewal movement. When analysed, everything I have learned and set forth to accomplish is the activation of latent desire held by Masons of Alberta to make Freemasonry relevant to the 21st Century. With that goal in mind you have shown a spirit of confidence in the future of our Craft that has started us well on the road to accomplish every objective we set. We begin from a solid base, from which we will not move — the bedrock of moral principles that are unchanging and unchangeable. This is what will keep Masonry strong and attractive to men of quality. It is in the dissemination of Masonic information to the men of quality we yearn to attract that we are lacking... We need not fear our enemies from without, only our failure to improve from within... We are on the right track, momentum is with us, we will succeed.

The memorial service for MWBro Lusk was held on February 5, 2001, at the Foster & McGarvey Funeral Chapel, with a large overflow audience of mourners in the adjacent Freemasons' Hall in Edmonton, with family, friends and Brethren in attendance. Our Brother will be sadly missed and long remembered.

REJ

Grand Master's Itinerary

April

- 3 Eastgate Lodge, Freemasons' Hall — Edmonton
- 4 Redwood Lodge, Edmonton
- 6 Hands Across the Border, Camrose
- 11 Oyen Lodge
- 17 Cairo Lodge, Claresholm
- 18 Alberta Lodge, Fort Macleod
- 22 Masonic Spring Workshop, Kananaskis
- 29 Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

Erratum

A typographical error in a headline on page 5, Vol. 66, No. 3 of *The Alberta Freemason* has unfortunately defeated a play on words. It should have read "**Giving us a Lift**" rather than "a Life." We apologize.

Grand Chaplain's Message

I recently attended a Grand Lodge Communication and one of the speakers, in his talk, asked, "Why am I a Mason?" This is a loaded question. We can reply with the standard answers, "We take a good man and make him a better man," etc. I find, when asking myself the question "Why am I a Mason?", I have a different answer each time. One answer is "My Great-Grandfather, Grandfather, Uncles are/were Masons, and it was expected that I should be one." My all-time favourite: "Fred W., with whom I shared an office many years ago, is one and he is a pretty nice guy." Fred's friendship and help was one of the reasons why I became a Mason. I could list "The Top Ten Reasons" why I became a Mason. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master came to my rescue. When making a Fraternal Visit to a Lodge he will deliver a very informative message which is always germane and pertinent to our Fraternity. In one of his messages he has answered my question with one word. He talks about why he is a Mason and one word covers the whole spectrum of answers, and that one word says it all: **"Brotherhood."**

Moonstruck?

Most Masons know (if not, shame on you) that Buzz Aldrin, pilot of the lunar module when the first landing was made on the Moon, was a Mason — Clear Lake Lodge 1417, Grand Lodge of Texas, to be precise. What you probably did not know, was that Buzz carried with him a deputation from his Grand Lodge, authorising him to claim the Moon as being under the Masonic territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas. On his return, Aldrin certified that he had done just that. Since then it has been decided to set up a "Lodge" called Tranquility Lodge, designed to raise funds for charity. It is understood that Tranquility Lodge will meet on earth, until such time as it could secure a temple on the Moon. You can find out all about it on the Internet at <http://www.tranquilitylodge2000.org> — an interesting site — you can even fly the surface of the Moon to sounds of the *Flight of the Bumblebee*.

From the Southern California Lodge of Research newsletter. Reprinted in Montana Masonic News, 56: 451, Dec. 2000.

There are many valid reasons why we are Masons, and it is a very personal answer only each Mason can give with his heart and mind. I know that the word "Brotherhood" encompasses all the reasons why I am a Mason. The Supreme Architect teaches us to keep faith in Him, to have the hope of the Resurrection and to practise Masonic Charity. Charity, to some people means throwing a few dollars at a problem and hope it will go away, never to surface again and interfere with our enjoyment of the good life. If only it were that simple. Masonic Charity is the act of being a Mason. It is the giving of our

talents, time and treasures every day. It is not a part time "feel good" project. Being a Mason is a full-time avocation to practise and live the teachings we have learned from our Masonic journey. Masonic Charity is the living and practising those teachings daily.

A short prayer in closing. *Supreme Architect of the Universe, we thank You for the grace of Your love that You have given to each of us. We give You thanks for this love that enables us as Masons to practise and live as You teach us the true meaning of Brotherhood. Please be with our Brothers who are physically ailing and help them to a speedy and full recovery to wellness. Amen*

Bro Roger Anderson
The VW Grand Chaplain

Charity Lodge Past Masters

The January meeting of Charity Lodge No. 67, Lethbridge, witnessed RWBro Norman Noss, now at age 81, returning to the Chair of King Solomon for the first time in fifty years. As this was Past Masters' Night, Bro Norm guided over nine hundred years of Masonic experience through the conferring of the Entered Apprentice Degree, initiating three new Brethren.

WBro Joe Green, who had been initiated by Bro Noss in 1951, was present to witness this event. The Brethren present broke with Masonic protocol and applauded RWBro Noss for near perfect ritualistic work. Bro Lorne Vaughan, Secretary, reports that it was "a night to behold" and that the bar has been set at a new high for the Brethren of Charity Lodge.

The picture shows WBro Joe Green and RWBro Norman Noss on the occasion.



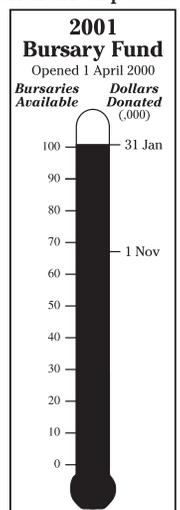
Relief

The "Association of Masonic Boards of Relief [formerly Masonic Relief Association] of the United States and Canada" will be holding its 2001 Biennial Conference September 6, 7 and 8, 2001, in New Orleans, Louisiana's French Quarter. It will be hosted by the Grand Lodge of New York and the Louisiana Relief Lodge of New Orleans. The association and its 144 member agencies (including Alberta) have a long history of aiding Masons, their family members and others in distress.

A Proud Achievement

At the meeting of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, on February 8, 2001, VWBro Hugh Kent, Chairman of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee, reported that, as of January 31, 2001, the donations to the Fund since April 2000 had reached the amount of \$100,535.73. He also predicted that because of this unprecedented show of generosity of our members throughout the jurisdiction, the "short list" of applicants may be set at 130, with a view of awarding one hundred \$1,000 bursaries this year!

Masons do care, indeed.



Grand Master's Message

We have been told that these are watershed years, particularly for the Craft. It is true that we are into something that is changing society radically and, like most points in history, we won't know the effects until later. We are in the age of communication, information and technology, like E-mail and the Internet, which are changing the way in which young adults communicate, as well as their values. No one factor spells doom and gloom but, collectively, they are having a devastating effect on many of our Lodges. We want younger men to know that if they are looking for something that is missing in their lives, the Masons can fill that void. So, Brethren, meet the challenge, reach out and talk to more and more young men about the Craft. The entire philosophy of Freemasonry is built around the individual. A young man who is made a Mason is not the same man as he was before the experience.

There are thousands upon thousands of quality individuals in our communities — young professionals,

emerging community leaders, current and former DeMolay, young parents and children of the Masonic Family, who are looking for a way to give back to their community. Today's young adults are just as interested in brotherhood as older adults, but prefer to participate in a fraternity in non-traditional ways.

So, we ask why we can't attract these young men to our fraternity or, if they join, why they don't come to our meetings. Is it because we give them nothing to see and nothing to do? Or do we fail the candidate with his instruction, or has the Lodge done its work poorly and, in doing so, have we, in a sense, abandoned the young man? To address these concerns, Freemasonry must seek to create new formats which embrace choice and flexibility. **Choice and flexibility** are the important elements to attract the young and ignite their spirit. I believe young men will attend Lodge providing young men with the flexibility to choose activities that are relevant to their

interest, with flexible meeting schedules and fewer administrative requirements.

It is the duty of each leader to have the commitment to communicate with his Brethren, so that by attending Lodge they will receive just that — value for their time. The only way a Lodge can give value for a young man's time is with a well thought out and delivered Masonic program, a program that will reflect Brotherhood and the spirit of the fraternity.

It has been said many times that the Worshipful Master must take the lead in his Lodge, by being in command. If good leadership is present, the Lodge program will be challenging and in the best Masonic traditions. If the Lodge program is challenging and thoroughly Masonic, there will be interest among the members. If there is interest among the members, they will be in attendance.

Brethren, **feel the winds of change.** We have the tools, the knowledge and the enthusiasm to adjust and respond to change. **Let's Do It! Let's make it happen!**

MWBro Gerald T. Webber,
Grand Master

Benefitting and Being Benefitted

Bro James Free, Junior Warden of Bow River Lodge No. 1, has a good idea which, when adopted, would benefit our young people as well as potential employers. As summer is fast approaching and many Job's Daughters and members of DeMolay will be seeking temporary employment to earn the much needed funds to enter the fall session in post-secondary education, or to return to high school, Brethren in the world of business and industry would do well by offering them summer employment.

Because of the short time left before the summer, Brethren who could hire these young men and women of our Masonic family, are asked to send their job advertisements to *The Alberta Freemason*, c/o The Grand Lodge of Alberta (see masthead) as soon as possible so that the good news can immediately be communicated to the DeMolay Chapters and Job's Daughters Bethels. Your good will is much appreciated and will certainly be of genuine help.

A Unique Evening at Kelvingrove Lodge



On January 10, 2001, Kelvingrove Lodge No. 187, GRA, Calgary, conferred the ceremony of Raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Bro Lyle Green, the son of the late MWBro Rodney Claude Green who had been Grand Master of Alberta in 1984-85, with the participation of his grandfather, MWBro Claude Green, Sr, the most senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, who is 97 years of age and is an Honorary Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge.

Unique to Kelvingrove Lodge, the raising of Bro Lyle Green by his grandfather is in keeping with a tradition of Masonic history in the Green family where grandfathers have raised their

grandsons. MWBro Claude Green, Sr and his father were present when Bro Rodney Claude Green was raised at Manyberries in 1957. There was a large suite of Grand Lodge Officers in attendance to support the Grand Master, MWBro Gerald T. Webber and MWBro Claude Green Sr.

The picture shows, l-r, MWBro Hugh Young wearing the Grand Master's regalia previously worn by MWBro Rodney Claude Green, MWBro Claude Green, Sr, PGM, BCR, his grandson Bro Lyle Green who represented the fourth generation of the Green family of Freemasons, and MWBro Gerald T. Webber, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Honour Roll

Recognition by Long Service Awards — January to December, 2000

The following Brethren were awarded the indicated jewel or bar, and are to be congratulated on their many years of loyalty and their contributions to their Lodges in particular and to Freemasonry in general. Should you see one of these Brethren, be sure to congratulate him.

50-Year Past Master Jewels

Knight, S.E. Concord Lodge No. 124
Spurr, J.V. Calgary Lodge No. 23
Anderson, W.A. Irricana Lodge No. 137
Stewart, J.N. Red Deer Lodge No. 12
Ober, C.C.

Forestburg-Alliance Lodge No. 128
Hart, D. Dominion Lodge No. 117

70-Year Bars

Ramsey, H.S. Mountain View Lodge No. 16
Smith, G.W. Jordan Lodge No. 177
Weidenhamer, T.C.

Mystic Tie Lodge No. 188
Oddie, R.A. Spitzie Lodge No. 6

60-Year Bars

Smith, A.E. Corinthian Lodge No. 22

50-Year Jewels

Allen, J.R. Vermilion Lodge No. 24
Berreth, A.I. Irricana Lodge No. 137
Bible, A.E. Edmonton Lodge No. 7
Blackwood, W.S. King George Lodge No. 59
Boulton, F.N. Waskatenau Lodge No. 154
Boulton, J.F. Waskatenau Lodge No. 154
Brocklesby, J.W. North Star Lodge No. 4
Burton, A.G. Exemplar Lodge No. 175
Bush, J.G. Temple Lodge No. 167
Calder, J.A. Crescent Lodge No. 87
Campbell, G.G. Beaver Lodge No. 56
Cholak, A. Victoria Lodge No. 13
Chynoweth, S.J. Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44
Clarke, Gerald Mosaic Lodge No. 176

Cooke, Jack B. King George Lodge No. 59
Coty, Leo Highlands-Unity Lodge No. 168
Dixon, B.F. Foothills Lodge No. 174
Doherty, A.R. Westlock Lodge No. 114
Dowling, R.W. Jasper Park Lodge No. 143
Down, R.R. Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54
Drynan, J.C. Temple Lodge No. 167
Foote, J. Concord Lodge No. 124
Foster, W.E. Kenilworth Lodge No. 29
Gall, A.K. Jubilee Lodge No. 173
Gunn, J.R. Charity Lodge No. 67
Hambly, H.S. Ashlar Lodge No. 28
Harvey, G. Strathcona Lodge No. 77
Hay, Ross Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105
Herbert, E.M. Calgary Lodge No. 23
Hogarth, A.R. Renfrew Lodge No. 134
Houston, A.W. St. Mark's Lodge No. 118
Jenkyns, A.T. Glenbow Lodge No. 184
Johnson, J.H. Temple Lodge No. 167
Jones, R.C. Jubilee Lodge No. 173
Keeler, F.W. Patricia Lodge No. 91
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Macara, M.H. Yellowknife Lodge No. 162
MacGregor, H.C. Norwood Lodge No. 90
Malacko, Ernest York Lodge No. 119

Martin, A.C. Commercial Lodge No. 81
McCrae, J.S. Lethbridge Lodge No. 39
McKenzie, A.S. Brooks Lodge No. 73
McMillan, R.M. Astra Lodge No. 179
Metzger, G.R. North Star Lodge No. 4
Middleton, A.O. St. Mark's Lodge No. 118
Milne, E. St. Mark's Lodge No. 118
Montgomery, D.C. Concord Lodge No. 124
Mott, S.L. Jubilee Lodge No. 173
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Murdy, D.B. Highlands-Unity Lodge No. 168
Oliver, T. Strathcona Lodge No. 77
Richardson, J.S. Ashlar Lodge No. 28
Roberts, G.S. Edmonton Lodge No. 7
Sawyers, E.A. Mosaic Lodge No. 176
Seale, F.K. Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44
Keys, L.A. Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54
Skinner, F.A. Edmonton Lodge No. 7
Speare, A.J. Balmoral Lodge No. 185
Spooner, J.H. Beaver Lodge No. 56
Stagg, L.S. Stavely Lodge No. 33
Thurber, W.G. Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106
Tomlinson, J.D. Astra Lodge No. 179
Ward, C. Strathcona Lodge No. 77
Wathen, L.R. Strathmore Lodge No. 53
Wedderburn, J.D. Corinthian Lodge No. 22
Weir, H.A. Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142
Wert, L.E. Star of the West Lodge No. 34
Williams, I.W. Patricia Lodge No. 91

The St. John's Lodge Bible

(Taken from Focus, Vol. 7: 4, Dec. 2000, the Emessay Notes, January 2001 and an e-mail transmission from Chris K. Johnson, Rockford, Illinois)

St. John's Lodge No. 1, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, has the bible on which President and Brother George Washington and four other Presidents took their oath of office in their inauguration ceremonies. President George W. Bush had requested that the St. John's Lodge bible be used for his swearing in on January 20, 2001, as it was used by his father, George Bush, Sr, when he took his oath of office.

Three Brethren from St. John's Lodge escorted the bible to the inauguration: WBro Paul Magnotta, WM, WBro Jules Garfunkel, PM and Chairman of the Lodge's Bible Committee, and VWBro John Mountain. The reason for having

three Brethren accompany that historic volume (weighting more than 4.5 kg) was explained on a recent show on this subject on the History Channel (September 20, 2000): the Lodge does not permit this bible to be transported by plane, only by land, and then accompanied by three members of the Lodge, usually in full Masonic regalia. It was also reported that the television show was quite flattering to our fraternity, hinting that many Freemasons participated in the forming of the United States, and that we are not a secret society but rather "just a social organization for men."

The entire program, including the segment on the St. John's Lodge Bible, is available for purchase by calling 1-888-423-1212 and ordering *Histories Lost and Found*, Episode No. 29. Cost is US \$19.95 plus shipping and handling.

Reported Elsewhere

In *The Rhode Island Freemason*, 25: 6, January 2001, we found:

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The Grand Lodge gave support to efforts to create the Intra-Fraternal Masonic Alliance, a group of North American Masonic bodies aimed at building and retaining membership. The idea was forwarded at a meeting of several bodies at Shrine headquarters in Tampa, Florida, after Imperial Potentate Ralph Semb proposed admitting non-Masons to the Shrine as "civic members."

The 35th Spring Workshop examined the core values of Masonry to awaken a deeper understanding of the esoteric meaning of our fraternity. The intent was to enable members to mold the future.