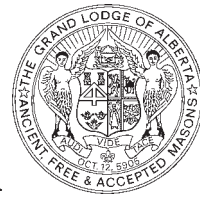


# THE ALBERTA FreeMason



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## 96th Annual Communication

The Ninety-Sixth Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., will be held in the Fantasyland Hotel, in Edmonton, 17700 – 87 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta commencing on Friday, June 8, 2001 at 10:00 AM and continuing on Saturday, June 9, 2001.

1) **Agenda:** The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations R1.1.4, will be conducted by MWBro Gerald T. Webber from the Agenda (printed on page 3), 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 Motions to amend the Constitution and Regulations are to be found elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

3) **Registration/Balloting:** shall com-

mence at 8:00 AM Friday, June 8, 2001 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 09, 2001 and continue until 10:00 AM (R.1.2.9). **Note:** on the Friday evening, there will be no balloting after 6:00 PM.

### Remember your obligation!

We encourage your Lodge to have a full slate of officers at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. All Past Masters, elected and appointed officers are voting members. 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!

## Grand Master's Message

Now that spring has finally arrived, what better time to assess our progress during the past year. I believe the Masonic recession is history, and the turn around is here — especially when most of the Lodges in the jurisdiction are initiating candidates. However, one anxious question keeps intruding: “*Can we maintain the momentum?*” Of course we can, but the trick will be for the Lodges and the Brethren, behind them, to put aside their short-term agendas and reach for a common goal. When survival is at stake, the impossible becomes the imperative. Freemasons are accustomed to adopting that kind of attitude in time of crisis. The greatest risk is not taking one. They do not write the stories of those who played it safe. Yet that is what most of us do. It is inherent in our nature to avoid risk.

From the earliest age there is something that tells us to sidestep danger. Perhaps, because of that, there is something in us that admires the risk taker, the adventurer, the person with the courage to step up to the edge of the precipice and believe that he can make

it to the other side. But it doesn't mean leaping blindly. Lodges can go after their dream with fiery determination armed with the confidence of knowing they have chosen their candidates wisely. Most people, at some time in their lives, find the need of an anchor, or something solid to hang on to. Many young men prefer to dismiss the matter from their minds rather than attempt to fill their emptiness. Our job is to figure out what they need and every Masons should be challenged to attract, teach and hold these energetic men. Men with a vision for the future, and men who will support our fraternity.

Your 2001 Planning Committee has chosen the Fantasyland Hotel for the 96th Annual Communication in Edmonton. Not to be overlooked will be your participation during the sessions as the Grand Lodge Officers and Committees present their reports and recommendations so important to developing a spirit of “harmony and good order within the Craft in Alberta and the North West Territories.” The Jurisprudence Committee will present an important amend-

ment to the Constitution and Regulations dealing with the revision to the *Masonic Offences and Trials*. Brethren, please make every effort to attend and participate at your Grand Lodge. The Annual Communication is interesting and full of meaning. And, at Grand Lodge, you will have the opportunity to meet Brethren from every part of the jurisdiction.

There's no doubt about it. Now is the time for progressive change. The *Doric Plan* is the key to solving the old problems in your Lodge. So, take advantage of the *Doric Plan's* flexibility to custom-tailor Lodge programs to your membership. **Let's Do it!!**

### Grand Master's Itinerary

#### May

- 5 Camrose Lodge, Cornerstone Laying
- 8 Red Deer Lodge, Kenilworth Lodge and Beacon Lodge, Tri-Meeting, Red Deer
- 10 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 11 Grand Chapter, Royal Arch, Camrose
- 17 Innisfail Lodge
- 26 Canada Lodge, King George Masonic Hall, Calgary

## Editorial

# A Perennial Annual

The heading above does not seem to make sense, it appears rather contradictory, but so it is also with the subject matter of this editorial. The observant reader of this monthly bulletin may recall that for the last several years the editorials in the May issues dealt with the desired representation of all Lodges at our Grand Communications, though from different perspectives — to little avail. So why try again? Oh well, maybe the editor is running out of better ideas, so here it is, just one more time.

Article C13.1.2 of our Constitution stipulates that a Quorum at an Annual Communication is reached when “at least one representative from each of fifty Constituent Lodges is in attendance” — indicating that, at present, the other 85 Lodges need not bother to be represented. What a relief! Then, article C6.1 defines the composition of Grand Lodge which goes all the way to the inclusion of Master Masons holding an elected or appointed office, yet official recognition of a Lodge as being “represented” has been dependent on the attendance of at least one of its Principal Officers, regardless of any others men-

tioned in the article and being present. For many years now this has resulted in inordinate numbers of Lodges being classified as “Not Represented,” undoubtedly a stigma attached to the “offending” Lodge.

What can we do about this? How about calling the Worshipful Master on the carpet, demote him, fine him, lock him up? Sorry, cannot do that — we’re not a military institution. Then why not fire him and black-list him, so no other Lodge will employ him in the future? Gee, that won’t work neither, we’re not a business organization. So, what are we? Freemasonry, like some other fraternities, is a VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION. What’s that? Sociologists, George A. Lundberg, Clarence C. Schrag and Otto N. Larsen, of the University of Washington, offer us this definition: *A voluntary association may be defined as a relatively lasting collectivity, somewhat formally organized, whose members belong by their own choice.* Interestingly, in their textbook “Sociology” they show a picture of two Shriners right next to the printed definition. They go on to say that such are *fraternal organizations, civic associa-*

*tions, social clubs, businessmen’s organizations, trade-unions, athletic clubs, scientific societies, and many other types of organizations.*

Voluntary associations, like any others, adopt rules and regulations — otherwise there would be chaos, wherefore the “volunteer” member has to accept these and act accordingly, or else he would be in violation of his own voluntary submission which, in Freemasonry, we usually call “Obligation.” We also pride ourselves of submitting to the responsibilities expected of us on our own “Free Will and Accord.” Viewed in this light, doing one’s duty is not in conflict with voluntarism. Nevertheless, the call to attend Grand Lodge in June, printed on the front page of this bulletin, contains the words *We encourage your Lodge to have a full slate of Officers at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication* rather than a “you must or else” order. The rest is left to the individual’s conscience and sense of responsibility.

## The St. John’s Lodge Bible — Again

Further to the article in the April issue of *The Alberta Freemason*, the Emessay Notes (2-2001) inform us that the bible used by George Washington at the first inaugural, and which was requested to be used by President George W. Bush in his inauguration ceremony, though present, was **not used** because of the inclement weather. Another bible was substituted at the last minute. This was a decision by the Lodge committee responsible for the “Washington Bible.”

## Correction

In the April 2001 issue of *The Alberta Freemason*, page 6, Bro J.H. Spooner was listed among the recipients of a 50-Year Jewel while in fact he had received his **60-year Bar**. We apologize.

## From the Grand Chaplain

In today’s modern “cell-phoned, e-mailed, dot-com(med)” society, we believe it to be a modern-day miracle to have and use these means of communication. Looking beyond this “miracle,” we find that the real miracle is the Great Architect’s grace of His love which He has given so freely to each of us. This gift has no strings attached, no warranty cards to be filled out and, best of all, a lifetime guarantee of satisfaction!

How do we know we have received this love? The miracle of life is part of that gift. Our Masonic teachings are another part of this gift. It is up to each of us to use these miracles for the better-

ment of our own lives and our loved ones. — A short prayer in closing:

*Supreme Architect of the Universe, we thank You for the miracles You have given to each of us and for Your love that comes with no strings attached. Sometimes we are more concerned with our own comforts and forget those relationships which have been shattered by our looking inward to ourselves. Please forgive us. Help us to follow Your spirit of peace and human relationships. Please be with our Brothers who are ill and we pray for their full recovery to wellness. — Amen.*

Bro Roger Anderson  
The VW Grand Chaplain

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# Program For the Ninety-Sixth Annual Communication

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta

## Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001

5:30 PM Grand Master's Banquet  
(by invitation)

8:00 PM Wine and Cheese Reception  
(for all attendees)

## Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001

8:00 AM Registration Opens in the Foyer under the  
direction of Grand Registrar — VWBro Tom  
Davies

8:00 AM Board of General Purposes Meeting  
(members and invited observers only)

9:00 AM Balloting shall open in the Foyer

9:00 AM Formation of Grand Procession

### 9:30 AM Opening of the Ninety-Sixth Annual

**Communication** (Tyled)

- Grand Lodge Procession
- Reception of Past Grand Masters
- Reception of Distinguished Visitors
- Representatives of visiting Grand Lodges
- Representatives of Concordant Bodies
- **Reception of Special Guests**  
(Civic and Masonic concordant groups)
- Presentation of the Colours — RCMP
- **Excuse non-Masonic guests**
- Motion of Loyalty — MWBro Phil Kendal
- Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 95<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Communication
- Roll Call and recognition of Grand  
Representatives — Presentation of Certificates
- Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving  
Bro Roger Anderson, the VW Grand Chaplain
- Correspondence and regrets
- Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
- Rules of Order

11:30 AM **Masonic Family Parade — West Edmonton Mall**

### 13:30 PM Lunch

- 1:45 PM Reconvene the Ninety-Sixth Annual  
Communication  
Reading of the following, each report and  
recommendation requires a motion
- a Board of General Purposes
    - \*confirmation of appointment of Grand  
Secretary, year 2001–2002
    - \*appointment of Auditor for 2002 year
    - \*approval of 2002 Capital and Operating  
Budget
  - b Committee on Fraternal Relations (summary)  
and recommendations
  - c Committee on the Work
  - d Committee on the Condition of Masonry
  - e Board of Benevolence
  - f Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
  - g Grand Secretary's Report (excluding statistics)

Presentation and Adoption of the Following  
Reports printed in the Preliminary  
Proceedings

- a Grand Treasurer's Report
  - b Auditor's Report and Financial Statements
  - c Finance Committee Report
  - d Grand Librarian's Report
  - e Grand Historian's Report
  - f Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin Report
  - g Foundation for the Future Committee Report
  - h Publications and Forms Committee Report
  - i Public Awareness and Communication  
Strategy Planning Committee Report
  - j Masonic Spring Workshop Report
  - k Masonic Foundation of Alberta Report
- 3:30 PM Grand Master's Address — MWBro G.T. Webber  
- 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.

### 6:00 PM Grand Lodge Banquet

Reception; 6:30 Seating; 6:45 Dinner

#### Toastmaster

RWBro Norman Thomas, JGW

- Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award
- Entertainment

## Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001

8:00 AM Balloting and Registration resumed in the Foyer

9:00 AM Ninety-Sixth Annual Communication reconvenes

- Any Reports not completed from Friday
- Report on the Grand Master's Address
- Notices of Motion to amend Constitution

10:00 AM Balloting and Registration Close

- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Report of the Scrutineers Committee
- Committee on Charters and New Lodges
- Masonic Medal of Merit presentations
- Other Masonic Awards

11:00 AM General and Unfinished Business

- Election of Grand Tyler

**Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled  
to next Communication**

- Grand Master's Comments

11:30 AM 2000–2001 Officers' Picture

### NOON Break for Lunch

1:30 PM Ninety-Sixth Annual Communication Reconvenes  
(Tuxedos Requested)

Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of  
the Grand Lodge Officers for 2001–2002, under  
the direction of MWBro Art Jones

3:30 PM Grand Lodge Closes

3:45 PM 2001–2002 Officers' Pictures

5:30 PM Incoming Grand Master's evening  
(hosted by Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92)

**Note: There will be an enjoyable Ladies' Program** (details to be forwarded to Lodge Secretaries)

# Elections

## Grand Master 2001–2002

*Automatic as per section C7.2.2*

**RWBro Douglas N. Troock**

Patricia Lodge No 92

## Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master Elect

*Elected by Acclamation (C7.2.2)*

**RWBro Terrence A. Drolet**

Wetaskiwin Lodge No 15

## Senior Grand Warden

*Elected by Acclamation*

**RWBro Norman R. Thomas**

Griesbach Lodge No 191

## Junior Grand Warden *(one to be elected)*

**RWBro Kenneth C. Manly**

Bow River Lodge No. 1



**Craft History:** Initiated, Passed and Raised in King George Lodge No. 59, 1964, (Demitted March, 1981). Affiliated Hussar Lodge No. 130, September 1980 (Demitted 1989). WM, Bow River Lodge No. 1, 1991 and again in 1999. DDGM Alpha District, 1998, Grand Director of Ceremonies, 2000. Revived and reorganized Masters, Wardens & Deacons Assn of Calgary in 1988 (served as President for two years, instituting the Masonic Hot Line and organized the manning of the Heritage Park Lodge Project). President of the Tuscan Benevolent, 1991 to the present. District Representative to Masonic Foundation of Alberta 1993–1995. District Rep, Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund, 1996–1997. appointed member, Board of General Purposes, 2000–2001, member at large, Masonic Foundation of Alberta 2000–2001.

**Concordant Bodies:** A&ASR member since January 1966, currently an officer in Delta Chapter, Rose Croix, also actively participates in the 10<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> degrees. AAONMS, Mounted Patrol since 1968 (currently inactive), Royal Arch since 1967 (currently inactive).

**Business History:** Served in Royal Canadian Artillery (Cdn Forces Decoration), six years as a professional sales-  
See **Manley**, page 5.

**RWBro Rodney Bowman Ponech**

Acacia Lodge No. 11



RWBro Rod Ponech has been a Mason for 34 years (petitioning on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday). He joined Acacia Lodge No. 11 and has held office there for 30 consecutive years including Worshipful Master in 1980. He served as DDGM of Lakeland District in 1994 and is completing his sixth year on the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes. He sits on the Jurisprudence Committee and the Finance Committee, which he chairs, as well as being the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia near the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Rod is active in concordant bodies having served as Commander in Chief of the Alberta Consistory A&ASR of Freemasonry and continues to fill the office of Grand Treasurer for all of the Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Edmonton. He is also a Past Master Councillor of the Order of DeMolay. Rod is the author of *The Winding Staircase*, a play depicting Freemasonry in a manner suitable for the public (it was written for and performed at Edmonton's Fringe Festival in 1997) and will be featured at the Masonic Spring Workshop this year. He is active in St. John's Anglican Church where he has served on the Vestry and is a Lay Administrator. His volunteer service to the community was recently  
See **Ponech**, page 5.

**RWBro Charles William Scott**

Zetland Lodge No. 83



Born in East York, ON, on July 25, 1947, Bro Scott's formal education included attending Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, ON, where in 1971 he received an Honours Bachelor of Business Administration and Economics degree.

Bro Scott's private avocation began in earnest when in 1974 he accepted a fortuitous opportunity to move West. Settling in Calgary, he proceeded to build a successful and rewarding selling and administrative career in the building materials industry. He holds a 21-year tenure with AluminArt Products Limited and is currently its General Sales Manager, Western Canada.

Bro Scott is an active volunteer. Among his varied community-based contributions he counts as highlights, being a founding Director and current President of the Rocky Ridge Community Association and his appointment to the City of Calgary's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Bro Scott owes his enthusiasm and respect for the Craft to his parents. His father, a Past Master of Minerva Lodge No. 304, GRC and his mother, a member of Innisfail Chapter No. 162 OES, contributed greatly to his understanding and appreciation for the moral and so-  
See **Scott**, page 5.

## ***Elections cont'd*** **Grand Treasurer**

*(by acclamation)*

**RWBro G. R. (Rex) Dawson**  
Westlock Lodge No. 114

**Manley**, from page 4.

man, seven years as a management consultant to small business, four years as a contract auctioneer, twenty eight years an investment adviser/stockbroker.

Family, Community & Recreation: Born, Saskatoon, SK, December 11, 1929. Married to Barbara — 8 children, 7 grandchildren. Past President of Kiwanis, PTA, Community Association, 18 years Anglican Vestryman, 2 years Rector's Warden, Director and Chairman, Metropolitan Calgary Foundation. Dedicated outdoorsman and sportsman, 29 years a Calgary Stampede Volunteer

**Ponech**, from page 4.

recognized by the Edmonton Public School Board with a special award and last fall RWBro Ponech was appointed to the Senate of the University of Alberta. Rod is the Chair of the Accounting Degree and Diploma Programs at NAIT and holds an MBA from the U of A. He and his wife Marilyn have been married for over 30 years and have three daughters.

**Scott**, from page 4.

cial opportunities presented by Freemasonry. Bro Scott embarked on his Masonic journey in September of 1982 by being initiated into Zetland Lodge No. 83, GRA. In 1989 he was bestowed the Lodge's highest honour by being installed as its WM. Bro Scott was again recognized by the Craft when he was elected and invested as DDGM, Calgary-

Highwood District in 1993.

Bro Scott's ongoing service to the Craft includes being a Director of the Masonic Foundation of Alberta, 1990 to 1998; member of the Board of General Purposes, 1993 to 1995; member and Vice Chairman of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee, 1994-95; a member of the Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee since 1995 and its General Chairman in 2000. Bro Scott is currently a Director of the Calgary Freemasons' Hall; its Vice-President of Finance and is actively involved in the building's ongoing restoration initiatives. Bro Scott continues his involvement in the Craft through an active participation in his Lodge, and the A&ASR.

Bro Scott is married to Kathy; has two children — Christopher and Jennifer and three Shelties — Carly, Chanel and Shelby.

## **The Board of General Purposes** *(8 to be elected)*

**RWBro Gordon Astle**

Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106

Born October 23, 1933, Edmonton. Residing in Grande Prairie.

Work life was small business proprietor, now retired to community service. Past President and Board member of Alberta Easter Seals, Board member, Camp Tamarack. Assn. Executive member Royal Canadian Legion No. 54.

Raised in Lake Saskatoon Lodge January 1972, WM 1978. DDGM, Mighty Peace District 1998. Previous service to Grand Lodge: MHEB Committee member, COMELY Committee, Board of General Purposes 1996-98, 99-01. Past Grand Patron, OES. Active in Church Courts.

**RWBro Thomas Campbell**

Commercial Lodge No. 81

Born February 13, 1949, RWBro Campbell was initiated in Commercial Lodge No. 81 May 10, 1980, served as WM in 1989 and DDGM of Beaverhills District in 1992-93. He was elected to three two-year terms on the Board of General Purposes, 1993-1999, serving three years on its Finance Committee and two years as President of the Board. He is currently the Chairman of the Foundation for the Future Committee.

In concordant bodies he is a member of the Edmonton Valley of the A&ASR, working in several degrees, and a member of North Star Chapter No. 2, RAM since 1993 and has there served as First Principal in 2000.

**RWBro Daniel Joseph Chow**

Eastgate Lodge No. 192

Born in Banff, AB on August 3, 1961 — youngest of 6 children. Happily married to Channy since 1992. Educated in Edmonton, graduated from the University of Alberta in 1985 with a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1986 and has been partner of law firm, Mintz & Chow since 1987 specializing in Real Estate, and Wills and Estates.

Initiated into Eastgate Lodge in September, 1989, Passed October, 1989 and Raised in November 1989. Affiliated member of Dynamic Lodge No. 96 in Holden, AB.

A member of the Valley of Edmonton, A&ASR, 32° Mason, a Companion of Northstar Chapter No. 2 of Royal Arch Masonry, and a Noble of the Al Shamal Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

Education Committee Chairman for Beaverhills District in 1993-94. Grand Pursuivant 1998-99. DDGM of Beaverhills District 2000-01.

Involved in numerous Community and Professional Organizations — Chinese Benevolent Association, Chinese Multicultural Society, Freenet of Edmonton and Canadian Bar Association.

**WBro Norman Edward Downs**

Bow River Lodge No. 1

Born April 24, 1945, Calgary, AB. Initiated in Unity Lodge No. 51 April 21, 1970, passed May 1970 and raised June 1970. Affiliated with Bow River Lodge

No. 1 in 1998 and amalgamated with Highlands-Unity Lodge No. 168, 1998. Past Master of Unity Lodge No. 51 in 1998. Presently retired after 32 year career with Telus Communication where he managed numerous technical planning and operations areas.

**RWBro Donald Frederick Hart**

Dominion Lodge No. 117

RWBro Hart was born in Edmonton. RWBro Hart entered the work force in a junior position with the City of Edmonton Telephones and later with the City of Edmonton Assessors Office. He took advantage of an opportunity to join Canadian National Railways — Express Department, Western Division. When the CN Railways Mountain Region was being formed, RWBro Hart spent a short time in Winnipeg and Montreal. He later became permanently located with the Regional Comptrollers Office, Mountain Region in Edmonton, as senior accounting clerk, treasurers Section. Subsequently, he took a position with the Federal Taxation Department as Auditor — where he remained until he retired.

RWBro Hart is a member of Dominion Lodge No. 117, Grand Steward 1994-95, Board of General Purposes 1995-97. He is a member of the A&ASR 32°, member of the Royal Arch, member of the Cryptic Rite, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge Mato Grosso of Brazil. DDGM, Athabasca District, 2000-01.

RWBro Hart is active in the United Church, served 12 years on the Board at Strathearn United Church.

#### **RWBro Edward Hunter**

Initiated Edson Lodge No. 68 1955, affiliated to Ashlar Lodge No. 28, 1977, Honorary Life member Bow River Lodge No. 1, affiliated to Loyalty Lodge No. 197, 1988. WM 5 times, 4 Canadian and 1 York Lodge. DDGM, District 1, 1984–85. Served as Southern Superintendent of Benevolence, COMELY Committee 1993 to present, MHEB Committee 1986–87 and Board of Benevolence 1993–96. Grand Secretary *pro tem*, April 2000 to June 2001.

#### **RWBro Brant C. Irwin**

Lethbridge Lodge No. 39

Raised to Master Mason in 1982. WM Cresset Lodge No. 136, 1986–87–88. WM Robert Burns-Cresset Lodge No. 49, 1989–90. WM, Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, 2000. DDGM, Chinookarch District 1996–97. PTPGM Valley of Lethbridge, PMWS, Valley of Lethbridge. Chairman Masonic Spring Workshop Committee 2001.

Owner of Irwin Seeds Ltd., Co-owner of Suzies South Country Greenhouse.

#### **VWBro Cameron D. MacKay**

Empire Lodge No. 63

Cameron MacKay has been a member of the Craft since 1968. He served as WM of Redwood Lodge No. 193 in 1985. Currently he is the SW of Empire Lodge No. 63 and the Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. He is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and has served on the Jurisprudence Committee since 1989, which presently he chairs.

Cameron MacKay is a Barrister & Solicitor and a partner of the Law Firm Fulton and MacKay.

#### **RWBro John C. Pelletier**

Mosaic Lodge No. 176, Loyalty Lodge No. 197

Retired Geophysicist, currently co-owner of Kokopelli Arts, ceramics manufacturing. Retail/Wholesale through Western Canada, also teaching.

Initiated into Mosaic Lodge No. 176, 1977, served as WM in 1984. Affiliated to Loyalty Lodge No. 197, 1988 where he served as WM in 1989–90. PDDGM of District No. 18.

RWBro Pelletier has served several years on the Finance Committee, Chairman of Finance and served on the Board of General Purposes.

#### **RWBro Jorge W. Rojas**

Canada Lodge No. 165

Initiated, September 12, 1964. WM, Canada Lodge No. 165, 1989–90, WM, Fiat Lux Lodge of Research 1994–95. Phoenix District Secretary, 1994–95. Past Vice-Chairman, MHEB Committee, DDGM, Phoenix District 2000–01.

Consultant — Accounting, Finances & Investment.

#### **RWBro Robert E. Ross**

Britannia Lodge No. 18

Initiated into Britannia Lodge, 1969, WM, 1979 and DDGM of Central District 1997–98.

Served as Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop Committee in 1996, Finance Committee 2000 and Board of General Purposes 1997–98.

#### **RWBro Norman J. Senn**

Mosaic Lodge No. 176

Head, Medical Science Dept. SAIT, 1970–88 — Retired 1988, Microbiologist. Initiated in 1965 in Eastgate Lodge 192; Affiliated 1968 to Mosaic Lodge 176; Worshipful Master Mosaic Lodge 1975–76; Charter Member, 1979 of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research 1980; DDGM District 18 (Phoenix District) 1984–85; Worshipful Master Fiat Lux 1992–93; Chairman, Masonic Spring Workshop, 1974 and Theme Speaker twice; Member of Grand Lodge Bulletin Committee 1969–74; Editor, Bulletin 1985–90 and 1991–1995; Member Masonic Research & Education Committee 1974–80; Member Board of Benevolence, 1978–79; Co-Chairman, Special Committee on Forms and Publications 1992 to present; Member, Board of General Purposes 1979–85, 1987–1993, 1994–1995, 1996–2000, President, 1996–2000; Member, Committee on the Work, 1998–present; Member, Special Committee on Leadership Training, 1998–present.

Member, Golden West Chapter, Royal Arch; Member, Cyprus Preceptory, KT; Member, Calgary A&ASR, Past MWS, Past CinC, 33°; Member, Royal Order Scotland, Member, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Associate Grand Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters.

#### **RWBro Charles G. (Chuck) Stuart**

Calgary Lodge No. 23

Native Calgarian, born November 16, 1927. Married to Faith, retired as Fire Marshal, City of Calgary January 16, 1986 with 36 years service.

Initiated into the Craft April 17, 1953, WM, Calgary Lodge 1976 and 1996. Active member of Calgary Valley A&ASR. DDGM Calgary-Highwood 1989–90. Past Captain Al Azhar Marching Patrol 1983, Past President Al Azhar Patrol Arabs 1992 and 1993. Past Assoc. Guardian Bethel No. 14, IOJD. Present President of the Board of General Purposes and member of the Jurisprudence Committee, member of Calgary Masonic Board of Relief, Volunteer driver Cancer Society for 9 years.

#### **WBro Brian Thurgood**

Elbow River Lodge No. 180

Initiated September 17, 1991, passed October 13, 1991 and raised November 19, 1991. WM, Elbow River Lodge No. 180, 1996–97. Jurisprudence Committee since 1997. Co-Chair District R&E 1995–96.

LLB University of Alberta 1976. Admitted to Alberta Bar 1977. Private law practice 1976–1983. In house counsel Oil & Gas Industry 1983–91. Vice President and General Counsel, McDermott Eng. & Constructors 1991–present.

#### **RWBro Larry R. Watson**

Canada Lodge No. 165

His Masonic history began in 1972 when initiated in Brandon Lodge No. 19, GRM. He joined Black Forest Lodge No. 901 in 1973, a member Lodge of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, was WM in 1983–84. Honorary and life member of Lafayette Lodge No. 52, GLNF, Strasbourg, France, and Gleichen Lodge No. 36. Life member of the European Shrine club, DDGM, District 16, 1991–92. Appointed to the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes for the year 2000–2001. President of the Calgary Masonic Board of Relief, 1993–95, Secretary/Treasurer, 2000–01. Member of Strathmore Chapter Royal Arch Masons No. 21.

Larry was born in Gravelbourg, SK, February 2, 1942. Leaving school, joined the Canadian Army in 1961, retired in 1988 and further retired from the Public Service of Canada in 1995.

#### **VWBro Harold Wicke**

Corinthian Lodge No. 22

Initiated Bowmont Lodge No. 181, 1983. Affiliated to Corinthian Lodge No. 22 in 1996. Served as WM of Corinthian Lodge in 2000 and served as Grand Tyler 1999–2000.

## Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

(Two to be elected)

### WBro Clifford G. Edwards

Griesbach Lodge No. 191

Bro Edwards is a retired high school social studies and history teacher. Initiated, passed and raised in Griesbach Lodge No. 191 in 1967. WM of Griesbach Lodge in 1978. District 19 Masonic Higher Education Bursary Co-ordinator 1989–90. Athabasca District Secretary 1997–98. Member of Scottish Rite 32°. Secretary of Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee 1998 to present.

### WBro Keith Ellis

Westlock Lodge No. 114

Born September 15, 1940, Calgary, AB. Left school 1958 returned, 1969 finished High School. UofA 1971–1997 BSc DDS, practice in Westlock 1977 to 1995. A member of MHEB Committee for 5 years, 3 as Vice Chairman.

WM, Westlock Lodge 1998–99. Member of Norwood Chapter No. 18 RAM, member of Edmonton Preceptory No. 46.

WBro Richard D. Odland,  
Renfrew Lodge No. 134

PM Renfrew Lodge No. 134, Member of A&ASR, Past Commander in Chief, member Fiat Lux Lodge of Research. Royal Order of Scotland. Member of MHEB Committee 1996–present.

Retired from Dentistry

## Board of Benevolence

Three to be elected

(elected by acclamation)

### RWBro Russell G. Phillips

Mountain View Lodge No. 16

## Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations

### Victoria Lodge No. 13

Proposed by RWBro Don Edwards, Seconded by RWBro Howard Evans and approved by all the members present that Regulation 3.6.11 should be deleted and replaced by the following:

“All Lodges practicing the Canadian Rite shall conduct the business of the Lodge in the third degree, except for the actual conferring of degrees or ceremonies otherwise provided for. When conferring degrees in the order of business, the Lodge need only be opened in such degree or degrees as are to be conferred, and closed in the same degrees only.”

The concern of the Brethren is that a number of Lodges only infrequently open

beyond the First degree to the detriment of both our ritual and our order.

### Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71

**Regulation 3.14 Dual Members be amended to read PLURAL MEMBERSHIP.**

R3.14.1.1. AND THAT THE WORDS “a Brother shall not be a member of more than two (2) Lodges in this jurisdiction at the same time.” (except as an Honorary Life Member) shall be replaced with the following words: “A Brother may have Plural Membership, which shall not be in more than five (5) Lodges within this jurisdiction, at the same time.” (except as an Honorary Life Member)

### Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71

R.3.7.1.8 be amended by deleting the words “of the Lodge” and inserting in their place “in this Jurisdiction” and immediately following the words “good standing” shall be added the words “one of whom must be a member of the Lodge that is accepting the Petition”.

### Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71

Section 2.2.5 of the Regulations be amended, by adding after. . . “for the Office of District Deputy Grand Master of such District” the words, “provided that his Nomination is endorsed at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge of which the Nominee is a member.”

## The 74<sup>th</sup> Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America

The 74<sup>th</sup> Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America held in Phoenix, Arizona, was attended with RWBro Doug Troock, DGM, RWBro Norman Thomas, JGW, MWBro David Bruce, PGM, RWBro Ed Hunter, GSEC pro tem, and RWBro Jerry Kopp, Assistant GSEC. Fifty-nine of the sixty-five member Grand Lodges from the United States, Canada and Mexico, twelve Appendant Organizations and thirteen Sister (Foreign) Jurisdictions were represented at the three-day conference. The prime purpose of the conference is to promote and cultivate closer cooperation and fraternal relations among the governing bodies of Freemasonry in North America without exercising any jurisdiction over any Grand Lodge and always keeping in mind that no resolution adopted by the Conference shall be regarded as in any way affecting the responsibility or jurisdiction of any member Grand Lodge.

As Vice chairman, 74<sup>th</sup> Conference, I was able to play an important role in the organization and chairing the Conference while in session. The Conference Chairman requested that I represent the Grand Lodges of Canada, and it was an honour to present the Canadian Maple Leaf Flag at the Conference Opening Ceremonies.

Over the three-day conference I attended all the Grand Masters' Sessions, the workshops, and as many of the Grand Secretaries' sessions that would work into my schedule. The conference theme — *New Visions* — had eleven presentations, three breakout sessions and one excellent workshop on the agenda. Joel Barker, the author of *Paradigms*, is known to be one of the best, if not the best motivation speaker in North America. Barker conducted a one day session on Building Bridges to the future and Vision, Finally, the Grand Masters in an “Open Discussion” challenged the

Imperial Potentate. AAONMS of North America and all the Leaders of Appendant Organizations in a spirited debate.

### Keynote Speaker's Address

WBro Robert Davidson, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, a dynamic Freemason brightened our day with a combination of laughter, together with a practical, entertaining and down to earth, hands-on message “*Telling You Like It Is.*”

Brother Davidson's message to the Grand Masters gathered around the tables was to stand proud and tall, ready to tackle today's problems and never fear the unknown future of tomorrow. That the Masonic leaders must never let their vision be blurred by fear of change. Change can sharpen their vision during the search for those concepts that will provide clear guides for our future. Freemasons must think ahead and be prepared for tomorrow.

## Presentations

*The Youth Groups: DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow*

The feature presentation for **DeMolay**, was a dramatic video profiling a young man growing into a responsible adult with good moral character despite society's distractions.

**Job's Daughters** provides an opportunity for young Ladies to have a fraternal experience that is fun, educational, challenging, motivational, supportive, inspirational and everlasting in developing their positive leadership skills in the home, at work and in their communities. "**God Bless the Master Masons Who Give Us Heritage.**"

**International Order of Rainbow Girls**, in dedicating themselves to service a young lady builds self-confidence, allowing her to go out into the world and face all of life's challenges and to help make the world a better place to live.

## National Conferences Meetings

The Annual Meetings of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial; The Masonic Service Association of North America; The National Masonic Foundation for Children; and the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America. Since these committees are mandated by the Conference of Grand Masters, the Chairmen of each committee presented their annual report, financial report and held election of officers for the 2001–2002 year. A brief comment regarding each meeting.

**The George Washington Masonic National Memorial** is answerable to the Conference for the operation of the Masonic Building and Historical Museum at Washington, D.C.

**Masonic Service Association** is committed to continue development of new publications, videos, products and programs. Over 1.7 million booklets and brochures were distributed in year 2000. The report included the operations, hospital visitation, education and Publication Membership USA Relief, Foreign Relief, Media contacts, Anti-Masonry, Short Talk Bulletins, Necrology, and Masonic Information Center. The program offers the best hope for the future of the fraternity in North America.

**National Masonic Foundation for Children**, dealt with the programs: Masonic Model Student Assistance; and Teacher Program Advisory for Constructive Criticism.

**Masonic Renewal Committee** provided an overview of the excellent work supporting Freemasonry in North America. New publications and videos were highlighted.

## Successful Programs as presented by Grand Lodges

The **Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge** as a foundation for a system of Masonic education that may assist in leading the way to the future for Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

**Grand Lodge of Vermont** program was a Videoconference Advantage utilizing the services of Vermont Interactive Television. The presenter stated that the operative word is of the greatest significance through the Internet media of "*Being there without going there program.*" This leadership program is designed to provide leadership training at all levels for the Masonic family.

The Beacon Project, supported by the **Grand Lodge of Michigan** will give 200,000 volunteer hours to help school children in Michigan succeed.

**Grand Lodge of Nebraska** Directorate Leadership of Grand Lodge Officers presentation on how the Officers in advancing line manage their "Executive Power(s)" in harmony with Lodges. The second component of their presentation dealt with the Committee on Masonic Education goals and objectives for Lodges.

## Breakout Sessions

**National Masonic Foundation for Children** dealt with the programs — Masonic Model Student Assistance; Teacher Program Advisory for Constructive Criticism — that make a difference in the lives of so many at risk children. The success has been great, so has the demand for Masonic training which is overwhelming.

**Investments:** Many Lodges and some Grand Jurisdictions are facing financial crises. The need to enhance the return on capital resources is common. A number of creative methods to increase the return on investment (properties, equities and investments) were discussed.

**Solicitation:** The moderator worked his audience trying to develop a formula for success in increasing membership. Because of the varied Jurisdictional disparities on the subject, the Brethren kept bringing the debate back full circle to: "What is or is not proper solicitation?"

Gerald T. Webber  
Grand Master

**To be continued next month**

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## Foundation for the Future — *The Doric Plan*

What is this "**Doric Plan**" that a lot of the Brethren are talking about? Well, since most of us missed the session on it at the workshop last month, which explained where it came from, how it got here, what it is intended to do and where the committee would like it to go now, I will try to explain it — *very briefly!*

The "**Doric Plan**" is quite simply the point of evolution to which the more familiar Masonic Renewal programme has travelled thus far. It describes a programme of training for Lodge Officers who are bent on revitalizing their Lodges, in particular, and Freemasonry

in our Jurisdiction. It can and will provide assistance to any Lodge which is willing to make the required commitment to its own longevity. The Brethren who work on this committee do so voluntarily over a significant time period, utilizing materials that are well-developed and proven, as well as currently in use (with success) in sister Jurisdictions.

This "**Doric Plan**" is not a "magic bullet" — it will not put twenty new members in your Lodge for you — but you could, with its help!!

Should you wish further information about the "**Doric Plan**", it is available through your DDGM, the Grand Secretary (or any GL Officer), or by contacting this writer by any of the following means:

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You will receive a response within five days, that is a promise!

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