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Will the Masonic Family Survive?

By MWBro Douglas N. Troock, Grand Master

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Yogi Berra once said: "If you come to the fork in the road, take it!" Masonry today is standing at a fork in the road. There appears to be a choice between two paths; one will allow the Craft and the Masonic Family to quietly fade into insignificance, the other can be the road to revitalizing the Masonic way of life.



that which they do not understand, or who label as corrupt anything that is different from themselves or their beliefs. There are those who say that Freemasonry no longer has a place in society, because its teachings are antiquated, outmoded and no longer appeal to the common man.

Freemasonry is the largest fraternal organization in the world and has survived for centuries, but what about its future? We find ourselves in a very precarious time in our existence. The conditions in which Freemasonry once flourished have become ever changing, and the social mores and values are constantly being eroded and redefined.

There have been, and always will be, those who, out of their ignorance and fear of the unknown, set out to destroy

Our worst critics have been and always will be ourselves. I'm frustrated by disgruntled members who prefer to tear down, rather than build up. I'm also disheartened by those who continue to be part of the problem by judging and criticizing, rather than becoming part of the solution by suggesting and trying new ideas — and then there's that vocal minority that questions our future. I want no part of this!

Someone once told me that what you

see often depends on what you are looking for. Recognizing the threat to the survival and continued success of our Masonic Family will not be found by looking without, it comes from looking within ourselves. I believe that our success and survival depend on the way we walk the paths of life each day, that it's in the little things we do and in the things we say. It's being big of heart, and clean and broad of mind. It's being faithful to our friends, and kind to the stranger. It's in the children whom we love and who may learn from us. Success and survival depend on character and on everything we do. The future of the Craft and of our Masonic Family rests in our capable hands.

I submit that if the conglomerate known as our Masonic Family is good — and I believe that to be so — then there must be something praiseworthy in the basic unit, the Craft Lodge, which makes

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The 2001 "Medal of Merit" Awards

It was again a highlight of the Grand Lodge Communication, when on June 9th MWBro Calvin Shaver presented three Brother Master Masons to the Grand Master and the Brethren in session, to be awarded the Medal of Merit for outstanding service to the Craft and community. We are pleased to introduce them to our readers:

Bro Max Carl Ginther

had received the degrees of Freemasonry in Apollo Lodge No. 27 in 1959. He has served in many appointed offices, helped with degree work or with maintenance work on the Lodge hall, and has provided lunches for the festive board, never accepting remuneration. His enjoyment of the Craft, pride in his Lodge and belief in Brotherhood have led him to encourage his family to become members of the Craft. He has also been instrumental in encouraging many younger men to join the fraternity. This has been so because he lives by the precepts we teach, thereby garnering the respect of all he meets.

Bro Ginther is a member of the Royal Arch, Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine, where he serves as Club President. Being retired from business, he is very active

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Masonic Medal of Merit recipients: left, Bro Donald Sawatsky (54/20); middle, Bro Siegfried Klotsche (81); right, Bro Max Carl Ginther (27). Photo courtesy of RWBro Vic Ramsbottom.

Editorial

On Intellectual Curiosity

Someone had coined the phrase that **“One of the secrets of life is to keep our intellectual curiosity acute.”** Why the word **“secrets”**? Would it not be more appropriate if we would replace this word by the word **“mandates,”** suggesting a requirement rather than something left shrouded in mystery. A necessity, a must, something that is very essential. The Freemason, at least, should understand the sentence thus amended. But, why so?

We are given a set of Working Tools. Many tools require repeated honing to keep them sharp (or “acute”), wherefore it does not suffice, once presented with them, to keep them stashed away in a remote tool box, leaving them to a fate of becoming dull and unserviceable. This, however, happens when a Brother Mason feels satisfied with having

received the lessons of the ritual when he was a candidate for the degrees, or even committed portions of it to memory without ever endeavouring to “read between the lines.” Surely, the degrees of advancement are not meant to be ends in themselves, they are only designed as a framework, to set us on the road to further enquiry. Yes, enquiry, that is what is meant by “curiosity” in the phrase quoted. To find out more about the many facets of Freemasonry, to learn, to become knowledgeable, to really enjoy the multitude of so good to know ideas, concepts and facts of Masonic import.

Is there any question as to where to find the sources of enlightenment? *“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you”* (St. Matthew & Luke). Clearly,

the onus rests with the individual. Logically, the first persons to ask are the sponsors, then the Lodge officers and members, particularly the ones looking after Masonic education. Grand Lodge and many Lodges have Masonic libraries offering a wealth of information, and there is the Grand Lodge bookstore with contemporary titles galore. Nowadays one can also “surf the net” with ever expanding Masonic web pages worldwide. (Caution is advised.) One can also subscribe to Masonic magazines and other publications, to our own *Vox Lucis* of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research or contact Internet Lodge of Research, but never underestimate the value of informal discussion with fellow Freemasons, regardless of how knowledgeable they may be. Even if one does not immediately find the “authoritative answer,” the search for it in itself means keeping one’s intellectual curiosity acute.

The seeker after knowledge will find himself richly rewarded.

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it all possible. Surely the Craft Lodge has a greater mission than being just a field which produces crops, endlessly and without nurture. If our Masonic Family is to survive well into the twenty-first century, and the fraternity is to have a more meaningful future, then this generation must encourage better attendance, encourage the members (whether or not they are active in one of the appendant bodies) to go back to their Craft Lodges and assist in any way they can. The family that works together will survive together!

We must encourage our Lodge leaders and leaders of our Concordant Bodies to get involved with the family, within the community, and in the schools, as an important step in attracting and retaining our membership. We must recognize that by not becoming involved, we are fighting an uphill, losing battle from which we may never return. It’s the citizens of our communities who decide whether our Masonic Family is an

integral part of the community and worth joining, and when they do we can consider ourselves relevant and capable of making the difference today and in the twenty-first century.

The challenge of this millennium, “Will the Masonic Family survive?” is best summed up by saying “we have three goals” which we must strive for and to

which we must dedicate our lives:

- to seek improvement;
- to set examples; and
- to realize that the responsibility rests upon **our** shoulders.

Our Masonic Family, in accepting these goals, will move ahead and we will build for the future and we will survive!

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in his Church and local service clubs. As an organizer and contestant in community sports activities, he has a good rapport with the youth, helping with high school football teams and coaching wrestling, but also serving on the Youth Justice Committee. He is a regular volunteer to canvas for organizations such as Stars Ambulance, the Heart Fund and Cancer Society.

His service to mankind was shown when he helped Vietnamese refugees to get established in Canada and offering them employment. He is a Mason who goes quietly about his business, doing

what is needed, not for himself but because it needs to be done. Bro Ginther exemplifies the ideal of a Freemason in all respects.

Bro Ewald Siegfried Klotsche

was initiated into Commercial Lodge No. 81 in 1982 and passed and raised in 1983. He is a Mason held in high esteem by his Brethren and fellows. A veteran of the Second World War, he had suffered a head injury in combat which left him unable to drive, however, he has not let this affliction get the best of him. He goes to Lodge regularly, by bus, by cab or with friends and Brethren. He regularly

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visits sister Lodges and community events. His passion is to serve others, both within the Lodge and without.

Having immigrated from Germany nearly fifty years ago, most of his community support is understandably directed to such organizations as the German-Canadian Cultural Association, the German-Canadian Businessmen's Association, the Blaue Funken Mardi-gras Group, Victoria Soccer Club and, most importantly, Schlaraffia, a German language fraternity whose motto is "Friendship, Art, Humour", with chapters on all five continents, seven of those in Canada.

Bro Siegfried has been a regular attendee and supporter of his Lodge, presently serving his 7th term as Tyler. Having spent his early career as a cabinetmaker, he combined his skill at woodworking with an artistic talent to work full time creating works of marquetry, the art of making inlaid wood pictures. He is a member of the Marquetry Societies of both England and the United States and he is possibly one of the few remaining expert practitioners of that in North America. This is significant as throughout his years of membership he has created and donated numerous pieces of his work, in form of plaques, to the Past Masters of his Lodge, guest speakers of Masonic Workshops and as gifts to be carried by travelling Grand Masters to jurisdictions elsewhere in Canada and abroad. He has accompanied Grand Masters on extended visits to sister

jurisdictions on several occasions, including Austria, Germany, Greece, Scotland, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Bro Klotsche is an active member of the A&ASR Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix HRDM and Alberta Consistory; of North Star Chapter No. 2, RAM; Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, KT, Zohar Council No. 4, R&SM; Alberta York Rite College No. 52; and Al Shamal Temple, AAONMS Legion of Honour. He is a Mason and a man of many talents which he shares with his Brethren, the Lodge and the province freely and without reserve. He is a Mason who walks quietly in his sphere of life, doing good for others and bringing a smile and light heart to all around.

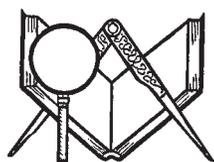
Bro Donald Abraham Sawatsky

first became a member of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54 in 1973 and affiliated with Carstairs Lodge No. 20 in 1997. He was born in Calgary 16 July 1933 and attended Crescent Heights High School where he met his wife Lois. They were married in 1954 and have two sons, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is a charter member of McDougall United Church and chairman of the board. He was awarded the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Canadian Confederation for making a significant contribution to Canada, the Community and his Fellow Canadians.

As an employee of the Calgary Fire Department since 1953, he implemented

a disaster plan for the city and coordinated the development of the Bow River Emergency Response Plan. He retired in 1989 after thirty-six years of service but continues on as chairman of the Calgary Firefighters Credit Union Scholarship Committee and the Firefighters Pensioners Banquet Committee, which positions he has held for over twenty years. Through the Fire Department he has had a long association with the Boy Scouts and worked in the Christmas Project, repairing toys for needy children, and as Santa Claus, now dubbed as "the Santa of Calgary", for the last forty-seven years.

In 1949 Bro Sawatsky joined the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and in 1974 was admitted into the Venerable Order of St. John as a Serving Brother, being promoted to Officer in 1978, and Knight in 1994. On May 14, 2001 he was presented with a special award for service of over fifty years. He is an active Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Al Azhar Clown Unit whose president he was in 1983. He currently serves as treasurer. Our Brother has always been very supportive of his Lodge. He never wished to aspire to the East, but rather assist in floor work and acting as Tyler for many years. In Carstairs Lodge he established himself as the stalwart Steward, assisting wherever and whenever asked to help. He was honoured by the Worshipful Master with an award of appreciation in February of 2001.



Book Review

Will of the Lodge

R.L. Ashby

Ashby Publishing, Grande Prairie, AB

This book is one of Alberta's and indeed the Craft's hidden treasures. Every incoming Master feels the pressure to not only learn how to open and close his Lodge smoothly but also to run the business meeting flawlessly as well. When looking for assistance the nervous Worshipful Master-elect is often referred to *Robert's Rules of Order*. While there is no doubt that that particular reference is an authority, we have our own reference. Bro Ashby, a registered Procedural Parliamentarian, has compiled all the necessary information with the Craft in mind. The nature of the material in the book makes it difficult to review in the traditional manner. There is no matter that is likely to be brought to the floor of a Lodge meeting that is not discussed in the *Will of the Lodge*. The proposing of a motion, how to amend a motion, the types of amendments that are acceptable, tabling a motion and how to take it off the table, and many other procedures are clearly discussed. At the back of the book are quick reference guides.

The first is entitled "Eight Steps in Handling a Motion." At first glance the eight steps seem very straight forward: however, I am sure that we can all remember a time when that procedure "fell of the rails." The quick reference guide should be on a card for easy reference for every Master. Another section that could prove to be very useful is the "List of Debatable Motions, Undebatable Motions, Debatable But Not Amendable Motions, Undebatable But Amendable Motions, etc." This two-page list is also a very useful guide to any Master wishing to maintain proper order in a Lodge discussion. Another list, "Specific Motions Not Permitted in Masonic Lodges," is another handy reference.

The *Will of the Lodge* is a reference that every Senior Warden should read well in advance of his being Master-elect. If every Master-elect was conversant with the contents of this book, the number of complaints about confused or muddled business meetings would drop significantly. As for availability, your reviewer has seen the book for sale at the "Spring Workshop" and at the Grand Lodge Communication, I am sure the Grand Lodge Office could assist in obtaining a copy.

Loren W. Kline

Should Your Lodge Have A Web Site?

By Phillip G. Elam

From *The Short Talk Bulletin*, Vol 79, No 3, March 2001

Bro Elam is a Past Master of Algabil-Freedom Lodge No. 636, Mehlville, MO, and Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. He has developed over 150 Masonic web sites and manages over 1500 corporate web sites for Southwestern Bell.

Editor

Cyberspace is a reality as is the New Millennium. While traditional methods of communication will continue to be used, there is an entirely new, more cost-effective, and considerably faster way to disseminate important information to our Masonic Brethren – the Internet. Many Masonic Lodges and other Masonic bodies around the world already realize this, and are beginning to take full advantage of today's hyper-speed technology (you can send a message half-way around the world in 1/7th of a second). How? They have developed web sites for their Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Bethels, Grand Bodies, and just about everything else you can think of. Freemasons are, of course, builders and, as such, we have launched into the cyber world and are building Masonic web sites with an unprecedented fervor.

Should your Lodge have its own web site? That, of course, is a question only your own members can answer. However, in making such a decision, consider the following important reasons for building a Lodge web site (and there are many others that are not listed here):

- It provides excellent world-wide exposure for your Lodge (or other Masonic body).
- It is a highly cost-effective way to make information available to your members and anyone else that might be interested. This can be especially important for Lodges that cannot afford to send out monthly Trestleboards or bulletins.
- It can be used not only to promote your Lodge, but your jurisdiction and Freemasonry as well.
- It allows you to maintain ongoing contact with members no longer living in your geographic area or with your Lodge's shut-ins.
- It is an excellent way to establish contacts and friendships with Brother Freemasons from all around the world.
- A Lodge project that is new, different,

exciting and informative – and something that will make a positive difference for the future.

- A source of pride for your Lodge or other Masonic organization. (Note: Be sure to include your web site address and appropriate e-mail addresses on your Trestleboard and other correspondence in order to promote your new Lodge web site.)

Who Is Your Target Audience?

One of the first issues to be resolved before building a web site is to try to determine exactly who will be using or visiting your web site. At a minimum, you should consider the following:

- Your own Lodge's members.
- Members of other Lodges in your area and jurisdiction.
- Prospective candidates seeking information.
- The community at large (including casual visitors).

Based on who you think your Lodge's web site visitors will be, what can you communicate via the web site that will be of interest and value to them? If they were physically visiting your Lodge, what would you do? In one very real sense, they are visiting your Lodge – at least, virtually. Put the same level of thought and effort into constructing various sections of your web site as you would if you were planning a real meeting.

What Web Site Visitors Like

In a highly unscientific canvas of Brethren that frequently visit Masonic web sites all around the world, the following points were mentioned most often as "likes".

- A Trestleboard or list of important activities for your Lodge and any other Masonic bodies meeting in your Masonic Temple (including meeting dates and times).
- A list of all special events being held at your Masonic Temple.
- Directions and a map showing how to get to your Lodge.
- A "guestbook" so that web site visitors can sign as well as read previous entries from all over the world.
- A way to contact someone at the Lodge (i.e., e-mail as well as "snail mail" addresses).

- Interesting and unique information about your Lodge, e.g., oldest Lodge, largest Lodge, smallest Lodge, largest Masonic Library, home Lodge of some important or historical member, home of the jurisdiction's only "annual raccoon dinner," etc. Every Lodge has "boasting rights" for something. If your Lodge truly does not have any, then get busy and make some history, Brethren!
- Information about the Masonic Fraternity, Masonic articles, who and what we are, what we stand for, what we believe in, why we are an asset to any community, and so forth.
- Links to other important or fascinating Masonic web sites.

What Web Site Visitors Dislike

If you want your members and other visitors to continue to access your Lodge's web site, try to avoid the following. When they encounter one or more of these conditions, they will most probably stop using your web site simply because it is too slow and cumbersome to work with.

- Large, slow-loading graphics and/or music files that take forever to load before visitors can view the entire web site.
- Frames (a technical approach). Many browsers (the program you use to access a web site) still do not handle "frames" effectively so that certain groups of users may not even be able to view your web site.
- Out of date or obsolete information. If you establish a web site, one of the biggest complaints is that the information presented is not current.
- Information that is not Masonic in nature or that is a "cyber-monument" to the person building or maintaining the web site (i.e., web master). We all belong to lots of organizations and generally have lots of pontifical-sounding titles. So what? Stick to the business at hand and tell your web site visitor about your Lodge.

How Much Will It Cost My Lodge?

If you or one of your Lodge members has access to the Internet, then there is no cost to build and host a Masonic web site. There are literally scores of free services that will gladly host your web site, provide you with unique e-mail address, free guest books for your visitors to sign, counters to track the number of visitors and so on. In fact, you should not have to pay for anything

at all. Many of these services are excellent and easy to work with for the novice, while others would try the patience of a highly-skilled expert. Ask the members in your Lodge or Grand Lodge. The number of Brethren that are "computer savvy," and who will point you in the right direction might just surprise you.

How To Get Started

You should check with your Grand Lodge first. Almost all Grand Lodge jurisdictions now have a presence on the Internet. A few GLs have set forth rules and regulations as to what can and cannot be on the Lodge's Masonic web site. Other jurisdictions do not have such guidelines. Regardless, your Grand Lodge can certainly provide useful information on getting started. Also, you can contact the web master of another Lodge web site and seek his advice. The beauty of Freemasonry is that when you have a problem or need help, other Freemasons will "come running" to help - even on the Internet.

Some Final Thoughts

If we, as a Fraternity, hope to attract the worthy young men that will fill our ranks in the future, we have to learn to communicate at their level and using their media. Virtually every young man graduating from high school, in this day and age, is more or less "computer literate." They are familiar with and know how to use the Internet for both entertainment as well as seeking information. If we want to make ourselves easier to find, then we need to have as many of our Masonic organizations on the Internet as possible. If we "are out there", then they will find us.

To restate the original question at the beginning of this Short Talk Bulletin: Should your Lodge have a web site? ABSOLUTELY!

Author's Note: For those Masonic Lodges desiring a web site in order to spread Masonic Light across the Internet and through Cyberspace, but that do not currently have one, the Missouri Lodge of Research has created a Masonic Lodge Web Site Shell that can be downloaded at no cost. It is a fully functional web site, and requires only that the user customize the shell to suit his own particular needs and unique information (i.e., Lodge name, location, officers' names, etc.).

To obtain this free Masonic Lodge Web Site Shell, simply go to the following URL, and click on the icon, "Build A Masonic Lodge Web Site."

www.geocities.com/lormo.geo/

The Vacant Chair



WBro Cam Hamilton, Worshipful Master of Glenbow Lodge No. 184, invites all Freemasons, family and friends to attend the annual, very special ceremony of the Vacant Chair, at 19 30 h (7:30 PM) on Sunday, November 4, 2001 at Freemasons' Hall, 330 - 12th Avenue SW, Calgary. This very touching cere-

mony is held to commemorate Armistice Day. Masons may wear their regalia and veterans their medals. Light refreshments will be served following the presentation. If readers wish further information, please call VWBro Norman Ingram at 1-403-280-9342.

The *Grand Lodge Bulletin*, Vol. 62, No. 9 of November 1997 carried an informative article and associated editorial about the Vacant Chair Ceremony's history. Following is a brief explanation:

The symbolism of "The Vacant Chair" represents all those who cannot be with us. The ceremony was first started in Australia by a group of returned servicemen from the First World War who were Masons. They joined together in August 1922 to form a Lodge and named it "AIF (Australian Imperial Forces) Memorial Lodge" for the specific purpose of remembering those of the Australian and New Zealand Imperial Forces who suffered unprecedented losses at the Battle of Gallipoli (now Gelibolu) on a peninsula of Western Turkey. The ceremony has been continuously performed on Anzac Day since then and is used throughout Australia and New Zealand in various forms with the central focus being the Vacant Chair, representing those who did not return.

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Alaska 2002

Dear Brethren:

Marilyn and I extend to you and your lady a most cordial invitation to join with us on the Grand Master's Alaska Cruise aboard the Holland America MS Zaandam, September 5 to September 14, 2002. We are naming the cruise "Lodge at Sea" as we are planning to hold a tyled Lodge at sea aboard ship. This is an event that has never been done before aboard any of the Holland America ships. Plans are also being made to meet with our Brethren from British Columbia for a fraternal visit prior to embarking on the cruise. I hope that we may be able to have a fraternal visit with our Brethren in Alaska as well.

Marilyn and I have been on previous

cruises with Holland America, and I cannot speak highly enough of the service and hospitality that they provide. You will be treated like royalty. We look forward to enjoying your company on this memorable occasion.

Fraternally,

T.A. (Terry) Drolet
Deputy Grand Master

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Four Times Fifty



The Brethren of Camrose Lodge No. 37 are justly proud of their member, **WBro Thomas Young**, who has received fifty-year recognition in four Masonic orders. He was initiated into Freemasonry at Camrose Lodge No. 37, in Camrose, on November 27, 1947; admitted to Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17, Royal Arch Masons, Camrose, on October 19, 1949; admitted to Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, Knights Templar, Edmonton, on March 8, 1950; and constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Al Azhar Temple, AAONMS, Calgary, on October 21, 1950.

The picture shows WBro Young in the East of his Lodge, wearing the jewels and pins attesting to his accomplishments. Tom Young is a faithful supporter of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund and the Shriners' Hospitals for Children. His Brethren hail him for his contributions and great work.

Grand Master's Itinerary

October

- 3 Avon Glen Lodge, Acacia Hall, Edmonton
- 4 Exemplar Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton
- 6 Evergreen Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton
- 8 Sherwood Lodge, Highlands Hall, Edmonton
- 9 Medicine Hat Lodge
- 11-13 Western Canada Conference, Canmore
- 18 Lethbridge Lodge
- 20 Palliser District Meeting, Brooks
- 27 Northern Lights District Meeting, Mayerthorpe
- 27 Mayerthorpe Lodge

Three Generations



Another family gathering had been held at Canada Lodge No. 165 on May 23, 2001, when Bro Scott Long, son of WBro Gary Long, the Worshipful Master, was initiated. Shown in the picture, left to right, are: Bro Danne Long, MM (Canada Lodge No. 165 — 27 years a Mason); WBro Gary Long, WM (Canada Lodge No. 165 — 24 years); Bro Scott Long, MM (at his initiation); Bro Ken Long, MM (Joppa Lodge No. 112, White Rock, BC and Admiral Lodge No. 170, Salt Spring Island, BC — 43 years); and Bro Allan Long, PM (Canada Lodge No. 165 — 23 years).

2002 Workshop

The Charitable Core of the Craft

19, 20 & 21 April 2002, Delta Lodge at Kananaskis

Keynote Speaker

Bro Tom Jackson

Bro Jackson will challenge your ideas about Masonic Charity — Should we be involved in public charities? Or what?

Bro Jackson is highly respected as a Mason and prized as a speaker. He was named one of the top 25 Freemasons of the last quarter Century. His list of honours is pages long, and every one of them is well-deserved. He served as Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, as first Executive Secretary of the World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges and is a Director of the Masonic Boards

of Relief. He has been published in educational, scientific and Masonic journals, as well as newspapers and other publications throughout the world.

Make your plans — mark your calendars now!

See you in 2002.



Amalgamation

Temple Lodge No. 167 and Centennial Lodge No. 194, both of Edmonton, will amalgamate on Friday, November 9, 2001, to form a new Lodge to be named Temple-Centennial Lodge and numbered 167 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, AF&AM.

The ceremony, to be conducted by MWBro Douglas Troock and Grand Lodge Officers will commence at 1930 h (7:30 PM) on that date at Highlands Masonic Hall, 5526 - 118th Avenue, Edmonton.

All Grand Lodge Officers are requested to attend and the members of all Lodges in the jurisdiction are encouraged to join with them on this occasion.

Internet Lodge

The Constitution and Consecration of Internet Lodge of Research will take place at King George Lodge Hall, Calgary, on Saturday, 17 November 2001 commencing at 1:00 PM. There will be a light lunch at noon and a banquet to follow the meeting.