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## New Year's Message

I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he said to me: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way."

How many can recall that Christmas broadcast of the late King George VI during the early dark years of the Second World War? Although I was only five or six years old, I can still recall the



words of that quotation. Those words meant little to me at the time: as I grew older, those words have come to mean much to me.

The significance and importance of those words are just as timely now as they were during that dark period. Throughout human history, there always seems to be some major threat to give mankind much anxiety. Man seems to refuse to learn from history: this is perhaps part of our human nature.

We recall that Herod, to protect his own interest, committed a horrible act of terrorism by ordering all male children under the age of two years killed. Over the centuries, there have been numerous acts of terrorism, some even

committed in the name of God. This past September the world was shaken by the terrible and senseless loss of life in New York and Washington.

As Masons, we were asked at our initiation: "in whom do you put your trust?" We are reminded of this again at the time of our raising. As we enter the new year with all its uncertainties and fears, let us remember to place our trust in the Supreme Creator, and go forth into the world with assurance that He will be our guide.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will make it pass."

May the New Year bring all of you and your families Peace, Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Faternally,

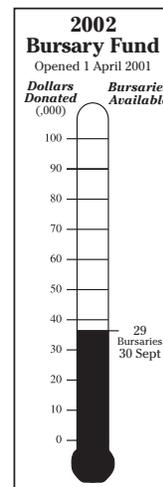
Terry Drolet, DGM

## Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund

### Did you know?

1. Since the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund was founded in 1956 by Grand Master Ross Sheppard and the first bursaries awarded in 1959, 1948 bursaries have been awarded to needy Alberta students, and \$1,650,011 were expended.
2. The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund is one of the largest privately funded bursaries in Alberta.
3. Application forms for these bursaries are available from: (a) one's Lodge Secretary; (b) the Grand Lodge Office; (c) the Grand Lodge web page ([www.freemasons.ab.ca](http://www.freemasons.ab.ca)) Masonic Higher Education Bursary link (from which the form can be downloaded); and (d) from most High School guidance offices.
4. Application deadline is **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. The bursaries will be available in early May and will be distributed by the DDGM of the District, who will arrange for their presentation.
5. No bursary will be awarded without the applicant having been interviewed and approved by a DDGM or his designate.

6. The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee is a subcommittee of the Board of General Purposes and the Chairman is required to report to the Board at each meeting.
7. The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund is audited by the Grand Lodge auditors in a separate section and the audit is published in the Grand Lodge Proceedings of which each Lodge receives two copies.
8. The Bursary **Challenge Plaque** is the property of the District and is retained by the DDGM or his Bursary Secretary for use in promoting the Bursary Fund. A **Recognition Certificate** is provided to the DDGM for presentation to the winning Lodge each year.
9. The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund is a **Registered Charity (No. 07447153 RR0001)** and receipts are issued for all donations or bequests. If not receiving a receipt call Grand Lodge, 403-262-1149.
10. Because the fund is a registered charity, federal law requires that absolutely no special consideration can be given to anyone and the application and inter-



view forms **do not** seek information about Masonic connections, religion or race.

11. The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund gets its money from donations, gifts and bequests mainly from Masons, but in some cases from the public. Without this continuous support, the Fund could not function.

12. Grand Lodge is pleased to accept bequests, money gifts and

insurance policies as part of **Estate Plans**, naming the Bursary Fund as the beneficiary. Bequests are invested and interest is used to support the Fund. Scotia McLeod manages Bursary Fund investments.

13. Grand Lodge has always supplied the staff to run the Bursary fund; this makes it possible to pass all donations through to bursaries.

14. The Bursary Committee has several  
See **Bursaries**, page 3.

## Editorial Let the World See...

There was a time when very little was made known by Masons about Masonry, and in some Masonic jurisdictions Freemasonry is still shrouded in secrecy and one's affiliation with the Order is there strictly kept under wraps. In our own region, however, for years now there has been a concerted effort to lift the veil and to impress the public with "The Good" which Freemasonry strives to share with the world. This policy of "outreach" does, however, place further responsibility on the individual Freemason, that is, to lead a moral life in all aspects of interaction with others, in personal relations, in business, in everyday living. A Brother wearing a Masonic ring or lapel pin is tacitly proclaiming: "Look at me, I'm clean, do emulate me and my actions!" What a responsibility!

At the highway entrances of some Alberta communities, there are signs with the emblems and meeting dates of organizations such as service clubs, and over the last several years the Square and Compasses have appeared among them. That is commendable as it lets everyone know of the existence of a Masonic Lodge in that place, and advises the Masonic sojourner when and where he may find a brotherly welcome. In Wainwright even a standard street sign points to the location of the Lodge. It's a step in the right direction, which should be taken where there is no such signage yet.

The Masons of Drumheller went a step farther. They have established a Masonic display in the Duncan Room of the Badlands Historical Centre, shown in the accompanying picture. It has pictures of Past Masters, Masonic memorabilia of the Craft, but also of appendant bodies, and a three-dimensional model of a Lodge room. It may not be professionally done (such as by a museum curator), but it's a start, it sends a mes-



sage to the viewer. One could add a picture and write-up on Joseph Burr Tyrrell (1858-1956), a member of University Lodge No. 496 GRC and certainly an outstanding figure where Drumheller and science are concerned. What could and should be added to such displays, also elsewhere, would include a much enlarged reproduction of Grand Lodge publication No. 101, "Declaration of Principles", as well as imaginatively prepared exhibits informing the public about our Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund (and local students who benefitted), the Masonic Foundation of Alberta (and who was aided by it), and any local, charitable endeavours. Also, it would not only be just, but also wise, to include our two Masonic youth organizations in such a display. Whatever is being done in such a case, it has to be visually appealing, calling it to the attention of even the

casual browser, and be informative (but brief!) in its explanations. In this sense, even our existing displays in Calgary's Heritage Park and in Fort Edmonton Park could be made more effective.

We are all agreed that we have nothing to hide, so "Let the World see" and let's do it right.

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### January

- 1 Saskatchewan Lodge, New Year's Levee, Edmonton
- 9 Tawatinaw Lodge, Athabasca
- 10 Acacia Lodge, Edmonton
- 25 King George Lodge, Calgary
- 26 Alpha District Meeting, Bowmont Hall, Calgary
- 28 Beacon Lodge, Red Deer

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# Splinters from the Board

A few items of interest from the Board of General Purposes' meeting of November 8, 2001:

- The President of the Board of Benevolence informed the meeting that the sum of \$10,000 was donated to the Disaster Relief Fund of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, channelled through the Masonic Service Association, with 75% earmarked for victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> assault in New York City and 25% in Washington, DC.
- Subject to ratification by Grand Lodge in June 2002, and the consent of the Committee on the Work, the Board was in favour of a proposal by Norwood

Lodge No. 90 to permit the wearing of Masonic regalia

at Masonic Funerals, without the necessity of opening and closing Lodge (prior to and after the ceremony).

- Consideration was given to the purchase of moulds for the casting of the capitals of the pillars in the West of a Lodge, created by RWBro Lloyd Elston for Meridian Lodge No. 129. These moulds will be inspected by RWBro John Pelletier, and our readers will be informed about their future availability.
- RWBro Norman Senn (176) was elected President, RWBro Daniel Chow (96/192) Vice President of the Board, and RWBro John Pelletier (197) Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Last Call – All Aboard!

# Lodge at Sea 2002

Anyone still contemplating to join the future Grand Master, RWBro Terry Drolet and his wife Marilyn on the Alaska Cruise, September 5–14, 2002, has only until **January 15, 2002** to register for this unique event (deposit deadline).

Please see all pertinent information on page 4 of the December issue of *The Alberta Freemason*, and contact Bro Murray Pay, M.V.P. Travel Services, 266 Dalhurst Way NW, Calgary, AB T3A 1P5. Phone 403-286-8506, Fax 403-247-0774, e-mail: [parade@cadvision.com](mailto:parade@cadvision.com)

## Bursaries, from page 1.

promotional implements available:

- A. A Bursary Fund **Logo Pin** for sale @ \$5.00
- B. A Bursary Fund **Logo Windshield Sticker** @ \$1.00
- C. The Bursary Fund **Challenge Plaque** and winning **Lodge Recognition** certificate.
- D. The Bursary Fund **Generous Donor Plaque** given to any individual or company for a donation of \$1,000.00 or more.
- E. A **Promotional Film** named "Let There Be Light" @ \$20.00
- F. ADDGM **Challenge Plaque** awarded to the District with the highest per capita donations each year.
- G. A **Planned Giving Program** (brochure) for estate plans to include the Fund.

15. The Grand Master has graciously granted permission for a Bursary Pre-



sender to wear Masonic regalia if the situation (school, etc.) permits it.

The reader's attention is drawn to the "thermometer" which shows the amount of donations to the Fund between April 1 and September 30, 2001: \$36,359.99. It is anticipated that by the end of the Bursary Year, March 31, 2002, again a six-digit figure will be reached or surpassed. It is also of interest to note that, in view of the increased tuition costs in our post-secondary institutions,

the Bursary value of \$1,000 heretofore will be increased to \$1,250 for each recipient.

The picture is typical of bursary presentations during the last term, and shows Miss Michelle Rau, accompanied by her mother, being presented with the MHEBF certificate by RWBro John Fedun, DDGM of Athabasca District and WBro Clayton Elliott, Secretary of

Balmoral Lodge No. 185. Miss Rau resides in St. Albert and is attending Grant MacEwan Community College in the Bio-Mechanical Engineering program. She had this to say:

"...When I received the message telling me that I had won, I burst into tears. That was the only moment in my entire life that I have ever cried as a result of overwhelming joy, and it was a great feeling! I do not think I could ever fully express how much this means to me."

My Donation To

## The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund

(Charitable Registration No. 07447153RR0001)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$10  \$20  \$25  \$36.50  \$50  \$100  Other  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ P Code \_\_\_\_\_

Visa  / MasterCard

Enclosed cheque  or

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and return with donation to Lodge Secretary or mail directly to The Grand Lodge of Alberta, 330 – 12 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0H2. A tax receipt will be sent to your Lodge Secretary for distribution, unless a stamped, addressed envelope is included. Your name and address are essential for a tax receipt.

**Make cheque payable to the MHE Bursary Fund.**

Just 10¢ a day would give a donation of \$36.50 per year. Please "Give to Our Future."

## Centenarian

On September 26, 2001, the Brethren of Norwood Lodge No. 90 joined with **Bro Charles Lund** at Edmonton's Freemasons' Hall in celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bro Lund was born on September 26, 1901 on a farm near Leduc, Alberta. Over the years he had been a farmer, hotel owner, sawmill and lumberyard operator and a merchant.

He joined Norwood Lodge in 1950 and received his 50-Year Jewel from MWBro Webber in September 2000. The Brethren of Norwood Lodge presented Bro Lund with an engraved pewter stein in recognition of the occasion.

The picture shows, left to right, WBro Dave Allan, JW;

Bro. Lund; WBro Jerry Siemens, WM; and Bro George Christensen Jr., SW.



## Alberta Miscellany

**Griesbach Lodge No. 191** — I note that New Zealand is setting up a school to teach soldiers how to make peace. The peacekeeping school would complement the army's fighting capabilities with skills such as diplomacy, language skills, and the study of various cultures. In the present world climate one might as well ask — is war a means to peace, does the path of militarism and politicism pose ever greater dangers to humanity? Once we are able to move beyond the tears, grief and anger of September 11, 2001, let us hope the current military resolve will be used to identify with the victims of injustice by analyzing the dominant attitudes and structures that cause human suffering, and by supporting the poor and oppressed in their efforts to transform society.

"Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding." (Albert Einstein) Bill Kobluk, WM

**Redwood Lodge No. 193** — As I watched our Canadian naval vessels sail from Halifax, I had to admit to a sense of pride... The men and women who serve aboard those vessels... were ready to go, to do the duty for which they had trained, they were not reluctant to go nor were they eager — they were professional about what they were going to do. I

know that to be a good sailor aboard ship you need to have "sea legs" under you. When you can walk across a rolling, pitching deck without falling down, then you can raise your eyes to the horizon...

I think that we need to have our "Masonic legs" under us as well. If we can walk across the pavement of our Lodges in good times and bad, then we can raise our eyes to the horizon, learn and practice the lessons of the Craft. Lawful support for every Brother, the practice of every moral and social value, the pondering and practice of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Freemasonry is a very personal journey.

See **Miscellany**, page 6.

## Bro Tom Jackson

### *Is Charity Really a Core of Our Craft?*



Bro Tom Jackson has spoken all over the world on what Freemasonry really is, and on how we might address some of its current problems. But he differs with many other modern Masonic thinkers that the Craft has developed a 'numbers' problem. Not so, he argues. It's our focus that is going astray.



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

As an example, he explains that we are converting our fraternity from a philosophical society into a charitable organization. But charity really isn't the purpose of Freemasonry — making good men better is! Charity happens as a 'collateral good' — but it should not be the engine

that drives us. Perhaps the question should be: "Is our growing emphasis on Charity hurting our Craft?"

Bro Jackson is the first Secretary of the World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Academy of [Masonis} Knowledge, and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (1979-1999). He has received honours from all over the world, including 24 Grand Lodges, and has been named one of the top Freemasons of the past quarter century. Come and find out why he is considered one of the most challenging speakers of our time.

## In Memoriam

**Allen Fredric AYLESWORTH, PGSec**, passed away quietly on Thursday, October 25, 2001 in the Calgary home he shared with his beloved wife Wendy. Born September 24, 1948, Allen spent his entire life in Calgary, save for a treasured five years he and Wendy spent living in their special place, beautiful Invermere, BC. He was deeply loved, and will be sadly missed by his children Timothy, Angela (Kevin), and Donald; his brothers and sisters Bob (Arlene), Sam (Diane), Tom, Carol (Al), Sigrid (Glen), Arthur (Debbie) and Frank (Mary Ann); all his nieces and nephews and the jewels of his life, his grandchildren Michaela, Matthew and Meghan.

Curious and intelligent, Allen was always up for a challenge, and had many successful careers. He was active in the Masonic Lodge, joining [Calgary 23] in 1972 and serving as Grand Secretary from 1984 to 1991. A man of strong principles, Allen believed in doing what was right before what was easy. He never backed down from a good debate or a good cause. Allen's sense of justice and kind heart will never be forgotten. He was a loyal and faithful friend.

(Taken from the death notice published in the Calgary Herald.)

A Memorial Service for our Past Grand Secretary was held at the Heritage Funeral Home in Calgary on Tuesday, October 30, 2001.

# Our DDGMs

## Three Rivers District

**RWBro Earl H. Welton** was born in Coburg, ON, on March 31, 1937. He received his primary and high school education in Castleton, ON and graduated from the Radio College of Canada in 1956. Our Brother completed a 35-year career with Transport Canada in Aviation Safety. Throughout his long career he spent ten years in the Canadian Arctic and a 4-year secondment with the Canadian Coast Guard in Victoria, BC. He is presently a member of the Fort McLeod Municipal Police Commission, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 46, and acts as Marriage Commissioner in and for the Province of Alberta.



Brother Welton is married to Bettyann, a former Nursing Administrator and they presently reside in Fort McLeod. Together they have five adult children, four daughters and one son, four of whom reside in Edmonton and one in Calgary, all pursuing their own successful careers.

Our Brother received the three degrees of Masonry in Acacia Lodge No. 11 in 1985, which Lodge he served as Worshipful Master in 1995. Coincidentally, he moved to Fort McLeod that same year, and after one year of visiting affiliated with Alberta Lodge No.3, where he has served as Secretary-Treasurer for the last five years. He is also a member of Alberta Consistory, Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix HRDM and Edmonton Lodge of Perfection of the A&ASR.

## Phoenix District

**RWBro Ian Ross**, a native of Didsbury, was born on June 16, 1965. He and his wife of twelve years, Alison, are residing in Airdrie. A Landman by profession, he has been in the oil and gas industry for eighteen years and is currently employed by True Energy Inc. He, together with his family, enjoys participating in the activities of the purebred Charolais cattle industry.



A third-generation Mason, Brother Ross joined Crossfield Lodge No. 48 during a period of resurgence of younger men entering Freemasonry. He received the three degrees of Craft Masonry in 1991 and served in the office of Worshipful Mater in 1998. He continues to support the position of his Lodge to work to attract younger members to the Craft.

## Masonic Spring Workshop Registration Form

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

▲Last Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Second Name \_\_\_\_\_

▲First name for your Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

▲Address \_\_\_\_\_

▲City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No  Attended before?

▲Lodge Name & No. (One Lodge only) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: MM  WM  PM  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Smoking  Non-Smoking  Special requirements: diet, elevator, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

No assurance that room or special requests can be filled after 1 March 2002.

Do you require transportation? Yes  No

Must apply before 1 March 2002 in order for us to arrange

I wish to room with: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

Cards should be received together to ensure request filled.

- Double/Triple = \$289;  Single = \$389;  Day User = \$35
- 1 Payment; **OR** 3 Installments\*:  \$100/100/89 or  \$130/130/129
- \*Include three post-dated cheques dated 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb, Mar, Apr
- Cheque Or  Visa  MasterCard

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature ▲ \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date ▲ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail cheque(s) or credit data for a total of \$289 Double /\$389 Single /\$35 Day User — or fax or email credit data to:

Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee  
1131 Trafford Dr NW, Calgary, AB T2K 2T9  
403-274-0563 Fax: 275-2163 email: mswpc@cochran.ab.ca

## Yellowhead District

**RWBro Ray Max Ellis Nyroos** was born on December 31, 1937 and came to Edmonton from Sweden in 1956. He worked as an urban forester for the City of Edmonton for thirty-eight years and retired as Director of Forestry in 1995. He was married to Doreen in 1961 and has three children: Kristina, Trevor and Kjell, and two grandchildren: Doryn and Kyla.



Ray is a longtime member of the Swedish Club North Star and an honorary life member of Skandia Lodge No. 549 in Edmonton, Vasa Order of America, Continued on next page.

## A Valid Question

Our "Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin" member, Bro Trevor Morris, who every month peruses the Lodge summonses received from all Alberta Lodges, came across a note from a Lodge Secretary, reading: *Grand Lodge has granted permission to distribute Lodge Notices via e-mail. To conform to the regulation, the recipient must grant permission. If you would like to receive your Notice via e-mail, thereby helping the Lodge save money, please send your permission and e-mail address to...*

No reference is made to the fact that a hard copy must also be produced and preserved, and as "saving money" probably means the cost of envelopes and postage, Bro Morris justifiably asks:

**"How will the members then receive *The Alberta Freemason*?"**

## Our DDGMs continued.

a Swedish-American fraternal organization where he is a past chairman, past district master and currently Grand Lodge Deputy and member of the Grand Lodge executive board representing Canada. He is also a member and past officer of several other organizations.

Brother Nyroos was initiated, passed and raised in Edmonton Lodge No. 7 in 1973. He served in the office of Worshipful Master of Edmonton Lodge No. 7 in 1981 and became a Scottish Rite 32° Mason in October 1984. He is a Charter Member of Al Shamal Shriners and joined the Edmonton Shrine Motor Corps in 1985, serving as its President in 1992. RWBro Nyroos was invested as DDGM in June, 2001.

## Battle River District

**RWBro Allen Oberg** was born in Galahad, Alberta, on February 8, 1957. He is married to Judy and the couple has two children, Anna and Anders. Together with his brother John, he farms, running a cattle and grain operation. His hobbies include golf, baseball, reading and politics. Brother Oberg has served on the board of directors for Alberta Wheat Pool, now Agricore, since 1990. He is a board member of the Canadian Cooperative Association since 1992 and has served as chairman of the Western Grain Research Foundation for the past five years.



Our Brother was initiated into Freemasonry in Forestburg Lodge No. 128 in 1983 and was Worshipful Master of (now) Forestburg-Alliance Lodge No. 128 in 1992, which Lodge he has also been serving as Secretary since 1996. In concordant bodies, Brother Oberg has been a member of Bethel Chapter RAM since 1985, and its First Principal in 1990, 1996 and again in 2000. He also holds membership in Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, KT, and the Forestburg Chapter, OES.

## Palliser District

**RWBro Lloyd Burt** was born on June 6, 1956 at Maple Creek, SK, where he also received his schooling. He is an electrical contractor, residing in Brooks, and has been married to Lois Anne for twenty-seven years. They have one daughter, Sarah Anne, age 14, "the apple of his eye." He is past president of Silversage Community Corral, an indoor arena for agricultural events, and a retired associate member of the Brooks Volunteer Fire Department, which he had served for several years.



Brother Burt was initiated, passed and raised in Brooks Lodge No. 73 in 1987, which Lodge he had served as Worshipful Master in 1993 and 2000. He is a Past First Principal of both Assiniboia Chapter No. 3, RAM, of Medicine Hat and Harmony Chapter No. 26, RAM, of Bassano. He is also a member of Crusader Preceptory, KT; Al Azhar Temple, AAONMS; and has served as Worthy Patron of Helen Chapter, OES in 1999 and 2001.

## Miscellany, from page 4.

Each of us will walk a different path to a different place and yet in the end we all seek the same destination: to be a better man, to contribute to the fullest extent of our abilities and to stand for the values which raise all humankind to a finer place. Our ritual is filled with useful advice for the journey...

Andy Michaelson, WM

**Sherwood Lodge No. 183** — A father wished a little relief from answering questions while he read his Sunday paper. The paper contained a full page map of the world. A brilliant idea was born. Dad took the map to the dining room table, cut it into zigzag pieces and told his little bunch of questions that she couldn't ask another question until she had put the map together. He figured on a peaceful two hours, but in a few minutes the little tot called dad to see the completed work. "How did you get it together so quickly?" Dad wished to know. The tot replied "As you started to cut the map I noticed there was a picture of a man on the other side. I turned the map over, put the man together, and when the man was put together right, the whole world was all right."

(From Elbert Bede, 3-5-7 Minute Talks on Freemasonry)

## European Court

*Under this headline, the Grand Lodge News of the UGLE, after 12 September 2001, reported:*

....A case was brought to the European Court by a Grand Lodge with which we are not in amity, the Grand Orient of Italy [Ed's note: the only Grand Lodge in Italy with which the Grand Lodge of Alberta is in amity]. One of the local government authorities in Italy in a region called the Marches has proclaimed that anyone wishing to be employed by them had to declare he was not a Freemason, and this was taken to the European Court after it had gone through the Italian courts. The Italian government objected, claiming that the Grand Orient of Italy had no standing to bring such a case on behalf of its members. The court ruled that not only as an Association registered with the State, the Grand Orient of Italy had standing, but that the law of the Province of the Marches had effectively prevented its employees from being Freemasons, and is therefore in breach of article eleven of the European Convention which guarantees the right of lawful associations. The Court fined the Italian government 10,000,000 lire.

It is an important principle. How it can be applied here [in the UK] we will have to wait and see but a number of local authorities and government departments were awaiting the decision of the European Court.

Under the headline "Victory for Masons at last", the Shrewsbury Chronicle printed that the borough council had decided to withdraw all reference to Freemasonry from its employment documents stating that "Freemasons would now be treated the same as any other club or society members and the existing rules regarding declarations of interests in the normal course of Council business still applied." The report noted that "the decision was made in a secret meeting of the Borough Council's cabinet"!

## Congratulations

**Bro Kenneth Scott**, a member of Baseline Lodge No. 198, who had been active as an alderman for several years, has recently been elected **Mayor** of the City of Spruce Grove. We know the city is in good hands!