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97th Annual Communication

The Ninety-Seventh Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., will be held in the Radisson Hotel, in Calgary, 2120 – 16 Avenue NE, Calgary, T2E 1L4 Alberta commencing on Friday, June 14th, 2002 at 10:00 AM and continuing on Saturday, June 15th, 2001.

- 1) **Agenda:** The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations R1.1.4, will be conducted by MWBro Douglas N. Troock 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 commence at 8:00 AM Friday, June 14th, 2002 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 15th, 2002 at 8:00 AM 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. Voting members include all Past Masters, elected and appointed officers. Master Masons not holding office are also encouraged to attend. All business of this Jurisdiction will be discussed. Any decisions of this Grand Lodge are made by **You**. We recommend you read through this issue of *The Alberta Freemason*, familiarize yourself with the nominees and the notices of motion. Your attendance is encouraged and most welcomed. See you there!

ELECTIONS

Grand Master 2002–2003

Automatic as per section C7.2.2
RWBro Terrence A. Drolet
Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master-Elect

Elected by Acclamation (C7.2.2)
RWBro Norman R. Thomas
Griesbach Lodge No. 191

Senior Grand Warden

Elected by Acclamation (C7.2.2)
RWBro Rodney Ponech
Acacia Lodge No. 11

Junior Grand Warden

(One to be elected)

RWBro Donald Buck, Calgary Lodge No. 23



RWBro Buck has been a Mason since 1960 when he was initiated into Uranium City Lodge No. 210 of Saskatchewan. He was an active member of this Lodge until 1963 when Gunnar Mines of which he was employed blasted out the last body of ore. Don then moved to Calgary with his wife Joan and their family where Don found employment constructing pressure vessels and process piping until 1979 when he founded Don Buck Fabrication Ltd.

manufacturing various commodities for the oil and gas
See **Don Buck**, page 2.

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 Assoc. 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).

See **Ken Manly**, page 4.

Editorial

Familiarity breeds... knowledge!

In the interest of providing sufficient space for all the important items concerning the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the editor will restrict his remarks to one piece of advice: READ IT! To come well prepared to participate in the decision-making process, it is essential to familiarize oneself with the biographies of Brethren seeking office,

and to study the Notices of Motion elsewhere in this issue. Particularly, this year, the proposed changes to *Masonic Offences and Trials*, in the Constitution and in the Regulations, should be carefully scrutinized. A great amount of work — and thought — has gone into this new proposal; it merits all our understanding and well-informed

discussion. Become knowledgeable, become familiar.

Grand Master's Itinerary

May

- 2 Airdrie Wild Rose Lodge, Airdrie
- 4 Royal Order of Scotland, Freemasons' Hall — Edmonton
- 9 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 16 Innisfail Lodge
- 22 Onoway Lodge

Joint District Church Parade

Alpha District, Calgary-Highwood District and Phoenix District held a Joint District Church Parade on Sunday, February 10th, 2002 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Calgary. In excess of 80 Masons, including the MW the Grand Master, attended the service. The Rector, the Reverend Brian Pearson, led the Brethren, in full regalia, accompanied by their wives and family, in

procession into the church. Together with the regular parishioners, the Masonic gathering filled the church to capacity.

Reverend Pearson welcomed the Masonic gathering to his church and, as the service included a baptism, he drew the analogy between the ceremony of holy baptism and the various degrees in Freemasonry. The Grand Master was

requested to deliver the Second Reading. Following the service, RWBro Buck's wife Joan served the congregation with coffee and treats that she had prepared.

All who attended enjoyed the event and it was unanimously felt that the Masonic order was well represented and a very positive image conveyed to the public.

RWBro J.R. Malcolm Berry
DDGM Calgary-Highwood District.



Don Buck, from page 1.

industry until his retirement in 1997.

RWBro Buck's involvement with Masonry was in Calgary when he affiliated with Calgary Lodge No. 23 of which he became WM in 1988. He was also DDGM of District No. 6 (now

Calgary-Highwood) in 1991-92. Don also served on the Board of General Purposes for 7 years and on the Finance Committee for 6 years, was also the President of the Calgary Board of Masonic Relief for 4 years. Don is currently Immediate Past First Principal (IPZ) of Golden West

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in High River.

Don and his wife Joan have one son and two daughters, three granddaughters and one grandson.

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Program For the Ninety-Seventh Annual Communication

June 13th, 14th and 15th, 2002

Radisson Hotel, 2120 – 16 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta

Agenda

Thursday, June 13th, 2002

- 4:30 PM Vesper Service
6:30 PM Grand Master's Banquet
(by invitation)
8:00 PM Social Gathering, No Host Bar
(for all attendees)

Friday, June 14th, 2002

- 8:00 AM Registration Opens in the Foyer under the direction of Grand Registrar, VWBro Norman J. Ingram
8:00 AM Board of General Purposes Meeting (members only and invited observers)
9:00 AM Balloting shall open in the Foyer
9:30 AM Formation of Grand Procession
10:00 AM Opening of the Ninety-Seventh 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 & Masonic Concordant Groups)

Presentation of the Colours

Excuse non-Masonic guests

- Motion of Loyalty — MWBro Phil Kendal
- Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 96th Annual Communication
- Roll Call and recognition of Grand Representatives
- Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving VWBro Earl Sharam, the VW Grand Chaplain
- Correspondence and regrets
- Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
- Rules of Order

NOON Lunch

- 1:30 PM Reconvene the Ninety-Seventh Annual Communication
Presentation of the following reports. Each report & recommendation requires motion:
a) Board of General Purposes -
*confirmation of appointment of Grand Secretary, year 2002–2003
*appointment of Auditor for year 2003
*approval of year 2003 Capital and Operating Budget
b) Committee on Fraternal Relations (Summary & 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 (exclude statistics)

- Presentation and Adoption of the following reports printed in the Preliminary Proceedings (one motion covers all):
a) Grand Treasurer's Report
b) Auditor's Report & 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 Planning Committee Report
k) Masonic Foundation of Alberta Report
3:30 PM Grand Master's Address — MWBro D.N. Troock
- Motion to refer the Grand Master's Address to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.
4:00 PM Adjournment
6:00 PM Balloting and Registration suspended.
6:00 PM GRAND LODGE BANQUET (Ladies Welcome)
Reception & 6:30 Seating — 6:45 Dinner
Toastmaster
RWBro Rod Ponech, JGW
- Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award
- Entertainment

Saturday, June 15th, 2002

- 8:00 AM Balloting and Registration resumed in the Foyer
9:00 AM Ninety-Seventh Annual Communication reconvenes
- Reports not completed from Friday's session
- Report on the Grand Master's Address
- Notices of Motion to amend Constitution & Regulations
- Masonic Foundation of Alberta
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
11:30 Sharp - Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled
- Grand Master's Comments
NOON Lunch
1:30 PM Ninety-Seventh Annual Communication Reconvenes (Tuxedos Requested)
- Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2002/2003, under the direction of MWBro Gerald Webber.
3:30 PM Grand Lodge Closes
3:45 PM 2002/2003 Officers' Pictures
5:30 PM Incoming Grand Master's evening (TBA)

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

Ken Manly, page 4.

President of the Tuscan Benevolent Society, 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

Grand Treasurer

(by acclamation)

RWBro G. R. (Rex) Dawson

Westlock Lodge No. 114

The Board of General Purposes

(8 to be elected)

RWBro J.R. Malcolm Berry

Calgary Lodge No. 23

Initiated, passed and raised in Calgary Lodge No. 23, 1976. WM Calgary Lodge No. 23, 1982, past Secretary/Treasurer of Calgary Lodge No. 23. DDGM Calgary-Highwood District 2001–2002, 32° member of A&ASR, Valley of Calgary. Currently holds office of Prelate in Rose Croix. Active member of Tin Lizzie Corps, Al Azhar Shrine.

President of Berry Consultants Inc. — providing geological and management consulting to the Oil & Gas Industry.

WBro A.E. (Ted) Cripps

King George Lodge No. 59

Initiated, February 26, 1988. WM King George Lodge No. 59 in 1996. Member Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee since 1998. Board of General Purposes 1999–2001, and Finance Committee 1999–2001.

VWBro Norm Downs

Bow River Lodge No. 1

Retired from 32 years of service with Telus Communications. Acquired business management skills through numerous supervisory positions.

Initiated in 1970 with Unity Lodge No. 51. WM in 1982. Affiliated with Bow River Lodge in 1998. Member of North Star and Alberta RAM and Calgary Valley A&ASR. Junior Grand Deacon 2001.

WBro Richard W. Hopkins, Canada Lodge No. 165

WM Transcona Lodge No. 123, GRM, 1983. WM William Douglas Lodge No. 176, GRM, 1990. WM William Douglas Lodge No. 176, GRM, 1991. Secretary William Douglas Lodge No. 176, GRM 1985–1996. Secretary Fidelity Lodge No. 176, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 173, GRM 1988–1996. Member Board of

in Delta Chapter, Rose Croix, also actively participates in the 10th, 23rd & 26th 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 salesman, seven years as a management consultant to small business, four years as a contract auctioneer, twenty-nine years an investment adviser/stock-

General Purposes, GRA, 2000–2002. WM Canada Lodge No. 165, 2002.

RWBro Lorne R. Langman

Acacia Lodge No. 11

Initiated Acacia Lodge No. 11, April 1970, passed May 1970 and raised June 1970. WM of Acacia Lodge No. 11, 1981. DDGM Lakeland District, 1997–1998. Member of the Edmonton Valley Scottish Rite. Member of Board of General Purposes 1998–2002.

Retired.

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 Charles (Chuck) G. Stuart

Calgary Lodge No. 23

Native Calgarian, born November 16, 1927. Raised and educated in Calgary, married to Faith. Retired from City of Calgary Fire Service as Fire Marshal January 16, 1986 after 36 years service. Initiated into Craft April 17, 1953, Master of Calgary Lodge No. 23 in 1976 and 1996.

DDGM Calgary/Highwood District 1989–90. Past Captain Al Azhar Marching Patrol 1983, Past President Al Azhar Patrol Arabs 1992 and 1993 Past Assoc. Guardian Job's Daughters Bethel No. 14. Actively involved in concordant bodies. Volunteer driver for Canadian Cancer Society. Present member of Jurisprudence Committee.

RWBro G.W. Wayne Trann, Empire Lodge No. 63

Wayne was born in Crystal City, Manitoba on June 29th, 1951. On June 25th, 1977 he married Gayle Marie Sheard. Wayne and Gayle are the proud parents of David, Keri-Lynne and Brian.

broker.

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, 30 years a Calgary Stampede Volunteer.

Wayne has been employed for the past 29 years at Telus Communications Limited as a Telecommunications Electrician.

He served his community on the Executive of the Northmount Community league for five years and was Membership Chairman for four years. He also coached or assisted the coaching of various community sports teams through the years.

Wayne was initiated, passed and raised in Empire Lodge No. 63, AF&AM, GRA in 1976, and served as the Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1984 and 1992.

He was initiated into North Star Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in 1982 and the AASR of Freemasonry, Valley of Edmonton in 1985.

Wayne served as Worthy Patron Allenby Chapter No. 38, Order of the Eastern Star in 1987.

He was the Chapter Dad of Jubilee Chapter, Order of DeMolay in 1979, 1995 and 1997, and Chairman of the Advisory Council of Jubilee Chapter, Order of DeMolay in 1997 and 1998.

At the District level, he served District No. 20 as Research & Education Co-chairman in 1985–86, and Higher Education Bursary Fund Chairman 1991–92. In 1998 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Beaverhills District and carried out the duties of that office in the Masonic year 1999–2000.

In his leisure hours Wayne enjoys spending time with his family, travelling, and pursuing his many Masonic interests.

WBro Christopher A.J. Williams

Patricia Lodge No. 91

Initiated January 1994, WM 1997–1998. TPGM Valley of Edmonton 2002–2003. Noble of Al Shamal Shrine Arab Patrol Unit.

Board of Benevolence

(Three — elected by acclamation)

RWBro Russel M. Fisher

Beacon Lodge No. 190

Served as a member of the Board of Benevolence for the past four years and is currently the vice-chairman. Was initiated, passed and raised in Apollo Lodge No. 27 in 1954. Affiliated with Beacon Lodge No. 190 as a Charter Member in 1964 and has served as its WM twice. Served as DDGM of Central District in 1995–96.

WBro Vernon W. Osbaldeston

Beacon Lodge No. 190

Has been a member of Northlands Lodge No. 147 since August 1953. Affiliated with Beacon Lodge No. 190 in November 27, 1976. Has been the Secretary/Treasurer of Beacon Lodge since 1979 to 1989 and has been Registrar, and then Secretary/Treasurer for the past two years. Has only missed meetings when on vacation. Enjoyed visiting other Lodges and meeting new members. Is Past Master of Northland Lodge No. 147 and is presently a volunteer on the Float Committee of the Westerner Association.

RWBro Ed Whitenett

Kenilworth Lodge No. 29

WM three times; once Peace River No. 89, twice Coronation Lodge No. 72. DDGM 1989-90. President Board of Benevolence

last 4 years. Retired Education Administration 24 years.

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

(Two — elected by acclamation)

VWBro Hugh Kent

Palestine Lodge No. 46

Initiated, passed and raised at Carlyle, Saskatchewan January-March 1957. Joined Palestine Lodge at Tofield in 1981 when Carlyle Lodge surrendered its Charter. Served as Worshipful Master of Palestine Lodge in 1991 and 1995. Served on the Higher Education Bursary Committee from 1994 to the present. Hugh married Shirley in 1952. They have four children and nine grandchildren, all resident in Alberta.

VWBro Kent graduated from University of Alberta, Bachelor of Education 1962 and taught for the Edmonton Public School Board for twenty-six years.

WBro Richard D. Odland

Lodge Renfrew No. 134

PM of Lodge Renfrew No. 134, subscribing member of Fiat Lux 1980, member Royal Order of Scotland, member Bursary Committee 1996 – present, coordinator of New Planned Giving Program — currently.

WBro Odland is retired from Dentistry. He is a long time Calgary resident. As a university graduate, with a daughter a present PhD graduate, he can appreciate the need for our funding. He has enjoyed the opportunity to publicize and coordinate the fund and select the recipients. He is looking forward to continuing our success.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92: proposes to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, that the Constitution & Regulations of Grand Lodge be amended to allow **the option of open installations** at both the Craft Lodge Installations and Grand Lodge Installations, in accordance with such ceremonies as prescribed by the Committee on the Work, and at the discretion of the Grand Master of the day.

It is moved by the **Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee** that Regulation R1.7.7.14.19 be amended to read:

“Contributions to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund and such other Bursary Funds, established pursuant to these regulations will be accepted in the form of contributions from members of the Fraternity, concordant Masonic Bodies, as well as from the public at large. It shall be within the power and authority of the Committee to accept or reject contributions, if such contributions have terms attached to them that are not consistent with or conflict with these Regulations, policies and guidelines established by the Committee from time to time, the Income Tax Act, the Department of Revenue Regulations and the overall objectives and purposes for which the fund was established. That the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee draft any necessary requirements as a result of this amendment.”

RWBro Dan Chow moved that regulation 1.7.17.1 be amended by adding the words:

“that all elected Chairmen and Presidents shall continue in office until the time that the new election is held, the Past Chairman or President may remain during this first meeting.”

Jurisprudence Committee has ruled that after paragraph C11.1.5 add:
C11.1.5.1 All Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen or Board Presidents shall hold office until a successor is elected or appointed in their stead.
C11.1.5.2 A vacating Grand Lodge Committee Chairman or Board President may remain at the first meeting of his successor.

Camrose Lodge No. 37: Regulation 3.11.5.6 shall have a new subheading to read:

“Notwithstanding the generality of R3.11.5.6 where an Honorary Life member of a Lodge:

- .1 has been appointed or elected an officer of that Lodge; and
- .2 has faithfully performed the duties of that Office, he shall therefore be entitled to full voting privileges.

Jurisprudence Committee: Section C8.8 of the Constitution be amended to read:

C8.8 – Where the Grand Secretary:

- .1 dies
- .2 takes residency outside the jurisdiction, or
- .3 in the decision of the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, confirmed by the Board of General Purposes, becomes incompetent by reason of physical or mental handicap, or
- .4 becomes incapable by reason of willful incapacitation, or
- .5 becomes incapable by reason of deficiencies in skill, knowledge or attitude to perform the duties of his office, or

- .6 where the Grand Secretary resigns his office upon reasonable notice, or
- .7 is terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of any employment contract, should one arise in the future.

Present sub-sections 5,6, & 7, shall remain as written, but to be re-numbered 8, 9 & 10.

Whereas the Grand Lodge has instructed the Jurisprudence Committee to establish regulations for the government of the Public Awareness and Strategic Communications Committee:

Moved by RWBro C. Stuart and seconded by RWBro D. Chow, that the following provisions drafted by the Jurisprudence Committee be ratified. R1.7.17 Public Awareness and Strategic Communications Committee

- .1 There shall be a subcommittee of the Board of General Purposes named The Public Awareness and Strategic Communications Committee comprised of:
 - .1 A Chairman chosen from the Board of General Purposes;
 - .2 Five Members chosen from the Constituent Lodges by the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes.
 - .3 The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary shall be ex officio members.
- .2 Members appointed shall serve a term of three (3) years, with the following exceptions:
 - .1 in the first year, the Grand Master will set terms of one (1) two (2) and three (3) years for each two (2) of its members;
 - .2 when necessary the Grand Master and President of the Board can appoint replacement members to complete the term of any member.
- .3 Three members of the Committee constitute a quorum
- .4 The Committee shall be responsible:
 - .1 to develop a Public Awareness and Strategic Communications Program for approval by the Board from time to time;
 - .2 to develop Public Awareness and Media Communication Guidelines for Constituent Lodges;
 - .3 to appoint, train, and guide not less than two Constituent members in all aspects of press and media relations in order that they can effectively communicate a consistent positive message to the Press and Media;
 - .4 to prepare and make periodic reviews and revisions of all Public Awareness and Communications materials;
 - .5 to edit all Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodge materials which are intended to be released to the Press or Media
 - .6 to establish liaison, through the District Deputy Grand Master, with each District of Grand Lodge;
 - .7 to prepare an annual expense budget projection for approval by the Finance Committee.

WHEREAS it is desirous that the provisions relating to Masonic Offences and Trials be revised to ensure that they reflect the values of the modern Masonic Community

MOVED by VWBro Cameron MacKay and seconded by RWBro Chuck Stuart, on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee, that the existing provisions of Article 21 of the Constitution be deleted and replaced with the following provisions:

ARTICLE 21
MASONIC OFFENCES AND TRIALS

C21.1 Masonic offences are as follows:

- .1 The promotion of or adherence to atheism;
- .2 Contempt for religious beliefs;
- .3 The willful disobedience of a written Notice to Cease and Desist in relation to the following matters:
 - .1 The violation of the secrecy of the ballot;
 - .2 The improper solicitation of candidates;
 - .3 Knowingly engaging in Masonic communion with an impostor, clandestine mason, or irregular Lodge;
 - .4 Contemptuous expressions in relation to Freemasonry;
 - .5 The intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several Masonic obligations;
 - .6 The intentional violation of the injunctions contained in the Work, the Constitution, Regulations, or the By-laws of Constituent Lodges.
- .4 All willful offences which violate the moral standards of Masonic Law and Custom including:
 - .1 Wronging a Mason or member of society by fraud or theft;
 - .2 Alcohol or substance abuse which degrades or is injurious to the individual Mason, his family, Freemasonry, or a member of Society;
 - .3 Cruelty to spouse or child;
 - .4 Sexual conduct which degrades, exploits, or is injurious to the Mason's family, Freemasonry, or a member of Society;
 - .5 Assaults which are injurious to another person.
 - .6 Conviction for a Criminal Offence involving conduct which is shocking to the accepted morality of the Masonic Community because it is inherently base, vile, depraved, reprehensible and intrinsically wrong.
- .5 Where the Grand Master and a majority of the Executive Committee agree that an offence has been committed under Article C21.1.3 a Notice to Cease and Desist may be served upon the member alleged to have breached Masonic Law or Custom.
- .6 Any Member served with a Notice to Cease and Desist may upon written application to the Grand Secretary have that Notice reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee who may make such recommendations to the Grand Master as it considers necessary or advisable.
- .7 For any Masonic offence, a Mason shall be tried by three members of the Trial Commission selected by the Grand Master.
- .8 The procedure for the administration of Masonic Trials shall be as prescribed by the Regulations.
- .9 A Member convicted and sentenced for a Masonic offence by a Trial Commission may appeal his conviction and/or his sentence by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Grand Lodge Office within thirty (30) days of such conviction or sentencing.
- .10 A Lodge cannot deprive a member of his rights and privileges for having committed a Masonic Offence until after due trial which results in a conviction.

WHEREAS it is desirous to modify the existing trial procedures in order to provide a more effective method for conducting Masonic Trials it is moved by VWBro Cameron MacKay and seconded by RWBro Chuck Stuart, on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee, that the provisions of Division 5 of the Regulations be deleted and replaced with the following provisions.

DIVISION 5
MASONIC OFFENCES AND TRIALS

5.1 MASONIC OFFENCES (see C21.1)

5.2 MASONIC COMPLAINTS

- .1 Where a person has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that:
 - .1 a Mason resident within the jurisdiction has committed a Masonic offence;
 - .2 the complaint cannot be settled amicably;
- .2 the complainant may file a written complaint:
 - .1 with the Secretary of the Lodge of the alleged offender; or
 - .2 where the alleged offender is not a Member of a Constituent Lodge, with the Grand Secretary.
- .3 A Masonic complaint shall:
 - .1 state the Masonic offence or offences believed to have been committed by the Brother or Brethren;
 - .2 state all material facts necessary to support the complaint in chronological order;
 - .3 be as brief as the nature of the case permits.
- .4 Upon receipt of a complaint, the Secretary of the Lodge shall forthwith:
 - .1 provide a true copy of that complaint to the Worshipful Master and the Grand Secretary;
 - .2 provide written acknowledgment of receipt of the complaint to the complainant;
- .5 When the Grand Secretary receives a Masonic Complaint he shall forthwith notify the Grand Master of the details and particulars of that complaint.

5.3 THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

- .1 When the Grand Master receives notification of a Masonic Complaint he shall appoint an Investigating Committee consisting of three impartial Past Masters who have held such rank for a period of not less than five years.

- .2 Upon the appointment of the Investigating Committee, the Grand Lodge Office shall inform the accused:
 - .1 of the details and particulars of the complaint which has been received;
 - .2 that the matter is being investigated by an Investigating Committee;
 - .3 that the accused may elect voluntarily to submit any information, evidence, or explanations or answers to the Committee but that he is not required so to do and his silence will not be considered a factor for or against the complaint.
- .3 Within 30 days of their appointment, the Investigating Committee shall determine whether:
 - .1 there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a Masonic Offence has been committed, and;
 - .2 the matter is before a Court of Law for adjudication.
- .4 The Investigating Committee may conduct such investigations, interview such witnesses, and examine such documents, instruments, or exhibits, as they deem necessary or advisable to complete their investigation.
- .5 The Investigating Committee may, through the Grand Lodge Office, summons any resident Mason except the accused to:
 - .1 attend upon the Committee;
 - .2 report all matters of any nature or kind which may relate to the alleged offence;
 - .3 produce all books, documents, or other instruments which may relate to the alleged offence.
- .6 Upon completion of their investigation, the Investigating Committee shall report their findings to the Grand Secretary forthwith.
- .7 Where the Investigating Committee reports:
 - .1 that the matter is before a Court of Law for adjudication, the Grand Secretary shall forthwith suspend these Masonic Trial proceedings pending determination of that matter by the Court of Law;
 - .2 that there are not reasonable or probable grounds to lay a Masonic charge, the Grand Secretary shall forthwith terminate these Masonic Trial proceedings and notify all parties involved in the matter;
 - .3 that there are reasonable and probable grounds to lay a Masonic charge and that the matter is not before the Courts of Law; the Grand Secretary, forthwith, shall cause:
 - .1 the charge or charges to be laid, and;
 - .2 the charge or charges to be served upon the accused ;
 - .3 notify the charged Member's Lodge of the foregoing.
- .8 A Masonic charge shall specify:
 - .1 the Masonic offence or offences alleged to have been committed;
 - .2 the date, time, and place that the offence or offences are alleged to have been committed;
 - .3 that the accused is entitled to be represented by a Master Mason who is in good standing;
 - .4 that the accused is entitled to obtain a copy of the charges as laid under R5.3.7.4; of the complaint and documents intended to be produced at trial; of his own statement, if any, but the trial shall not be postponed to enable the accused to secure copies unless the Trial Commission is satisfied that the failure of the accused to secure them before the trial is not attributable to lack of diligence on the part of the accused;
 - .5 the date, time and place of the Trial;
 - .6 that under the Masonic Trial process the accused is deemed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt based on the evidence adduced before the Trial Commission;
 - .7 that information respecting Masonic Offences and Trial Procedures is found in the Constitution and Regulations and is obtainable through the Grand Lodge Office.

5.4 SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

- .1 When service of any papers on any Brother in connection with a Masonic Trial or Appeal is required, such service shall be effected in the following manner:
 - .1 If the residence of the Brother is known and he resides within the Jurisdiction, he shall be served personally if practicable;
 - .2 If his residence is known and he resides out of the Jurisdiction, he shall be served either personally or by registered mail addressed to him at his last known post office address;
 - .3 Where personal service is shown to be impractical, the documents will be served substitutionally or otherwise as directed by the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee;
 - .4 Where service is permitted by registered mail, service shall be deemed to have been effected seven (7) days after mailing to his last known address.

5.5 MEMBERS ELECTION

- .1 Where a Member:
 - .1 is charged with a Masonic offence;
 - .2 verifies to the Clerk of the Commission that he has obtained independent legal advice or waives his right to do so, and;
 - .3 notifies the Clerk of the Commission in writing that he pleads guilty to the charge of his own free will and accord;he may elect :
 - .1 to accept a sentence imposed by the Grand Master without hearing; or
 - .2 to be sentenced by a Trial Commission after due submissions by the Prosecutor and the Defence.

5.6 TRIAL COMMISSION

- .1 There shall be one Trial Commission for the Northern portion of the Province and one for the Southern portion of the Province each consisting of six (6) Members appointed by the Grand Master of which initially two (2) shall be appointed for a one (1) year term; two appointed for a two (2) year term; and two (2) shall be appointed for a three (3) year term and thereafter two (2) shall be appointed each year for a three (3) year term.
- .2 Subject to the provisions of section R5.6; for any Masonic offence a Mason shall be tried by a Trial Commission consisting of three (3) Trial Commissioners to be selected by the Grand Master from the Masonic Trial Commission one of whom shall be appointed Chairman of that Trial Commission
- .3 The Grand Secretary, or such other Master Mason as may be appointed by the Trial Commission, shall act as the Clerk of the Trial Commission.

5.7 THE NOTIFICATION OF TRIAL

- .1 The Clerk of the Trial Commission shall:
 - .1 appoint the time, date and place of trial in the vicinity of the Lodge of which the accused is a Member in the absence of good reason to the contrary;
 - .2 cause the accused to be served with:
 - .1 a true copy of the Charge;
 - .2 particulars relating to the Charge, if any;
 - .3 notice of the time, date, and place of trial;
 - .3 cause the Lodge of which the accused is a Member to be notified of the time, date, and place of trial
 - .4 ensure that all steps in the proceedings occur in a timely manner.
- .2 The Secretary of the Lodge of which the accused is a Member shall cause notification of the Charge, the time, date, and place of Trial to be inserted in its Lodge Summons which precedes the date fixed for trial.
- .3 Subject to any order for postponement or adjournment, of which all parties shall have reasonable notice, the trial shall proceed on the date set by the Clerk of the Commission.

5.8 THE TRIAL

- .1 Once a Charge has been served upon the accused, the Charge shall not be amended before or during Trial unless the accused is given due notice of the amendment and reasonable opportunity to meet the amended Charge.
- .2 The accused is entitled to instruct and be represented at Trial by any Master Mason in good standing.
- .3 Unless the accused has obtained an Order from the Trial Commission to have the trial in camera, any Master Mason is entitled to attend the trial.
- .4 The Clerk of the Commission shall maintain a taped audio transcription of the proceedings and a written summary of the evidence submitted, all objection, rulings, and decisions and shall file the audio transcription and written summary with the Grand Lodge Office.
- .5 The Trial Commission may direct the use of any taped audio transcription recording device.
- .6 Where:
 - .1 the accused is duly served with the Notice of Trial and fails to attend trial;
 - .2 the Trial Commission appoints a Master Mason who, in its opinion, is competent to act as the representative of the accused, and;
 - .3 the Trial Commission declares that the absence of the accused shall not be deemed as an admission of the offences charged;the Trial Commission may proceed with the Trial in the absence of the accused and conduct proceedings to a conclusion.
- .7 It shall be the duty of the Trial Commission:
 - .1 to ensure that the accused has an opportunity to instruct his Representative and be represented at Trial by his Representative;
 - .2 that to ensure that the matter is brought to trial in an expeditious manner;
 - .3 to ensure that a fair trial occurs;
 - .4 to rule on matters of procedure and evidence.

5.9 TRIAL PROCEDURES

- .1 Without derogating from the Commission's power to rule on matters of procedure, the trial shall be conducted in the following manner;
 - .1 The Commission shall:
 - .1 appoint an Inner Guard and Tyler and instruct them to take their stations;
 - .2 confirm that the Prosecution and Defence are ready to proceed to trial;
 - .3 exclude all witnesses from the courtroom.
 - .2 The Clerk of the Commission shall read the Charge to the accused and obtain the plea of the accused if present;
 - .3 Upon receipt of any plea the Chairman of the Trial Commission shall instruct the Inner Guard to inform the Tyler:
 - .1 if the Trial is in camera
 - .1 of the accused's plea, and;
 - .2 that while the Commission is in session he is to admit no one who is not a witness duly summoned before the Commission, or;
 - .2 if the Trial is not in camera;

- .1 of the accused's plea, and;
 - .2 that while the Commission is in session he is to admit no one who is not a Master Mason or a witness duly summoned before the Commission
- .4 If the accused pleads guilty to the charge, such plea shall be accepted as evidence proving the offence and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary.
 - .5 If the accused pleads not guilty to the charge, the Trial Commission shall then allow opening remarks from the Prosecution and the Defence.
 - .6 Upon completion of opening remarks the evidence shall be introduced in the following manner:
 - .1 the evidence in support of the case for the Prosecution;
 - .2 the evidence in support of the case for the Defence;
 - .3 rebuttal evidence (if any) for the Prosecution;
 - .4 response to rebuttal evidence (if any) by the Defence.
 - .7 At the conclusion of the evidence the Prosecutor and the accused or his Counsel may address the Trial Commission on any relevant argument as to guilt or innocence of the accused.
 - .8 Upon completion of argument, the Trial Commission shall recess in camera to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused.

5.10 DETERMINATION OF A VERDICT

- .1 In the determination of the case, the Trial Commission shall apply the following principles:
 - .1 the Prosecution must prove each and every element of the offence beyond a reasonable doubt to obtain a conviction;
 - .2 where the Prosecution fails to prove the offence beyond a reasonable doubt, it is the duty of the Trial Commission to acquit;
 - .3 where the Prosecution proved the offence beyond a reasonable doubt, it is the duty of the Trial Commission to convict;
 - .4 each Commissioner shall form his own conclusion on the matter of guilt or innocence based solely on the evidence before the Commission and the application of relevant Masonic jurisprudence;
 - .5 the verdict in the matter shall be determined by a majority opinion of the Trial Commission.
- .2 Upon reaching a verdict the Trial Commission shall reconvene the Commission and deliver its verdict and reasons therefore.
- .3 Each Commissioner is entitled to give his own reasons for judgment whether it be a majority or a dissenting decision.

5.11 SENTENCING

- .1 If the verdict is guilty or if the accused has plead guilty, the Trial Commission shall:
 - .1 hear representation from the Prosecution and Defence in relation to the sentence;
 - .2 recess in camera to determine the appropriate sentence;
 - .3 reconvene the Trial Commission and pronounce sentence.
- .2 The sentences that the Trial Commission may impose are:
 - .1 reprimand;
 - .2 suspension for definite time;
 - .3 indefinite suspension;
 - .4 expulsion.
- .3 A sentence of REPRIMAND shall be administered by the Grand Master at the expiration of the time provided for appeal, or if a notice of appeal is filed, at the conclusion of the proceedings of the Board of Appeal provided that the sentence has been affirmed, or in the case of another sentence reduced to that of reprimand.
- .4 A sentence of EXPULSION shall be carried out by the Grand Master at the expiration of the time provided for appeal, or if a notice of appeal is filed, at the conclusion of the proceedings of the Board of Appeal provided that the sentence has been affirmed or in the case of another sentence increased to expulsion.
- .5 No suspension for a definite time shall be for a term longer than three (3) years nor less than three (3) months.
- .6 The filing of a Notice of Appeal does not operate as a stay of execution and a Mason sentenced to suspension or expulsion shall stand suspended or expelled until that sentence is quashed or reversed by the Board of Appeal.
- .7 Suspension deprives the offender during its continuance of all Masonic rights and privileges.

5.12 CLOSING THE COMMISSION

- .1 When the Trial Commission has completed its duties the Clerk of the Commission shall close the Commission in the following manner:

"Brethren, by command of the Grand Master, it is my duty to inform you that this Commission has now rendered its verdict. It is also my duty to remind you that there is nothing so distressing and calamitous than for one Freemason to be called upon to stand in judgment upon his own Brother. Therefore, my Brethren, whether you agree or disagree with the verdict, it is not within your province to entertain either enthusiasm or displeasure towards the Commissioners. Rather, as Freemasons, we should remember that, when duty called, the Brethren of the Commission stepped forward and did their duty as God gave them the light to see that duty. They have attempted to 'judge with candor, admonish with firmness, and reprehend with mercy' and you, my Brethren 'are of too generous a disposition' to

censure their endeavours. The Inner Guard and Tyler shall vacate their stations. This Trial Commission is now closed.”

5.13 WITNESSES

- .1 Witnesses who are Masons shall give their testimony on their honour as Masons and shall be sworn by the Clerk of the Commission in the following manner:
“You will take the V..S.L. in your right hand. You will state your name and the name of your Lodge.
“Do you swear, on your honour as a Freemason to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?”
- .2 The evidence of any person not a Mason shall be received if such person would be a competent witness in a Court of Law. They shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
- .3 The testimony of any witness or witnesses unable to attend the trial may be taken by deposition before a Master Mason authorized by the Trial Commission to act in the matter, due notice of the time and place fixed for the taking of such disposition having first been given to the Prosecutor and the Accused who shall be entitled to attend in person or by their Masonic representative and ask such questions as are relevant and are deemed necessary.
- .4 It shall be the duty of the Prosecutor and the Accused each to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses.
- .5 The Prosecutor and the Accused each may summons as a witness through the Grand Secretary, any Mason resident in the Jurisdiction, whether or not he is a Member of a constituent Lodge.

5.14 EVIDENCE

- .1 The rules respecting evidence and the admissibility thereof in Courts of Law shall apply as far as the same may reasonably be made applicable to evidence at Masonic Trials.
- .2 The Trial Commission shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings.
- .3 Proof that a Court of Law has pronounced a final judgment against any Mason of an offence which constitutes a Masonic offence, shall be deemed by the Trial Commission to be conclusive evidence of his guilt of such offence.
- .4 A Certificate under Seal certifying that a man is a Member of a Constituent Lodge, purporting to be signed by the Secretary of that Lodge is, on proof of the identity of the Brother therein stipulated, sufficient evidence that he is a Freemason without proof of the signature or of the official character of the person appearing to have signed the Certificate.
- .5 When the original record could be received in evidence, a copy of a document, by-law, regulation, proceedings, instrument, or of an entry in a register or other book of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, purporting to be certified under the Seal of the Grand Lodge and under the hand of the Grand Secretary is receivable in evidence without proof of the Seal of Grand Lodge or of the signature or of the official character of the person or persons appearing to have signed it.
- .6 A Certificate containing the substance and effect only, omitting the formal part, of the charge and of the conviction or finding of guilt, as the case may be, purporting to be signed by:
 - .1 the officer having the custody of the records of the Court in which the offender was convicted or found guilty, or
 - .2 the deputy of the officer ;is, on proof of the identity of a person as the offender, sufficient evidence of the conviction of that person or the finding of guilt against him, without proof of the signature or of the official character of the person appearing to have signed the Certificate.

5.15 JUDGMENT

- .1 At the conclusion of the Trial, the Clerk of the Commission shall serve the Accused and his Lodge with written notification of the verdict, the sentence if any, and the right of appeal as provided hereinafter...

5.16 BOARD OF APPEAL

- .1 Within thirty (30) days after service of the Judgment in accordance with Section 5.16, the Defendant or the Prosecutor may appeal the verdict or sentence or both by:
 - .1 filing a Notice of appeal with the Grand Secretary;
 - .2 serving the party opposite with a true copy of that Notice of Appeal.
- .2 The Notice of Appeal shall state:
 - .1 the Grounds of Appeal;
 - .2 concisely the arguments or points of Jurisprudence which the Appellant intends to argue on appeal.
- .3 The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee may extend the time for filing a Notice of Appeal for such period as he, in his sole discretion deems just.
- .4 When an appeal has been filed, the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee shall select a Board of Appeal from the Jurisprudence Committee consisting of not less than 3 Members.
- .5 The Grand Secretary shall:
 - .1 act as the Clerk of the Board of Appeal;
 - .2 notify all parties of the date, time, and place of the appeal;
 - .3 ensure all parties have a reasonable opportunity to prepare the appeal or response to the appeal;
 - .4 provide the Board of Appeal, the Grand Prosecutor, and the Defence Counsel or Representative with a transcript of the evidence at trial or

summary thereof together with the objections, rulings, and decisions of the Trial Commission.

- .6 Unless the Accused has obtained an Order from the Board of Appeal to have the appeal heard in camera, any Master Mason is entitled to attend the appeal.
- .7 The appeal shall be on the evidence as submitted to the Trial Commission. No new evidence shall be heard at the appeal except in unusual circumstances and then only by leave of the Board of Appeal.
- .8 The Board of Appeal may:
 - .1 quash the conviction and direct an acquittal;
 - .2 quash the conviction and direct a new trial;
 - .3 affirm the conviction;
 - .4 affirm, reduce, or increase the sentence.
- .9 The verdict of the Board of Appeal shall be final.
- .10 If no appeal is filed and served in the time provided to appeal, the trial records shall be reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee to determine whether:
 - .1 the Accused was afforded a fair trial;
 - .2 any defects in the process occurred which constitute a substantial miscarriage of justice.
- .11 Where the Jurisprudence Committee concludes that the Accused was not afforded a fair trial or that a miscarriage of justice has occurred it may:
 - .1 order a new trial;
 - .2 quash the conviction and sentence.
- .12 In cases reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee, its decision is final.
- .13 Where there is a final adjudication of suspension or expulsion the Grand Secretary shall notify all constituent Lodges of that suspension or expulsion.
- .14 In all cases the Chairman of the Board of Appeal or the Jurisprudence Committee shall notify the Grand Secretary of the decision of that Body and shall return all documents relating to the appeal or review.
- .15 When a case is remanded for a new trial no amendment shall be made to the original charges unless the accused is given thirty days notice thereof.

5.17 GENERAL

- .1 A Masonic trial resulting in conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other Masonic prosecution for the same offence.
- .2 Where a Mason has been expelled or suspended, he shall cease to hold any office in his Lodge or in Grand Lodge, and on restoration shall not regain that office unless re-elected or re-appointed.
- .3 Where a Member is suspended or expelled, the Grand Secretary shall notify all constituent Lodges of that suspension or expulsion.

5.18 RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION

- .1 Definite suspension shall expire at the end of the period ordered, and any Member so suspended shall be entitled to resume Membership and all rights and privileges thereof at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge of which the accused is a Member.
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 - .1 A Mason seeking restoration after having been suspended indefinitely shall petition the Lodge from which he was suspended for his restoration, but no such Petition shall be received until after one (1) year from the time of the suspension or the time when a Petition for Restoration was last presented.
 - .2 The Petition shall be received at a Regular meeting of the Lodge and shall lie over until the next Regular meeting thereafter before final action thereon.
 - .3 Notice of the Application for Restoration shall be inserted in the Lodge summons preceding the Regular meeting at which the application will be voted upon.
- .3 The vote on the Application for Restoration shall be by secret ballot and it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members present for its adoption.
- .4 In all cases of Restoration by a Lodge, the Brother shall be restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including Membership in his Lodge.
- .5 If a Lodge has ceased to exist, the petition for restoration shall be made direct to Grand Lodge. In all cases of restoration by Grand Lodge, the restored Brother shall have the status of a nonaffiliated Brother.

5.19 RESTORATION AFTER EXPULSION

- .1 If five (5) years have elapsed since his expulsion, or since his previous petition, a person desiring to be restored shall file with the Grand Secretary a Petition which must be accompanied by a favourable recommendation of the Lodge of which he was formerly a Member. The Lodge shall follow the procedure set out in R 5.19.2 and R 5.19.3 hereof, relating to the restoration following suspension. The Grand Master is empowered to grant or refuse the Petition.

5.20 OFFENCES BY WORSHIPFUL MASTERS AND LODGES

- .1 All complaints or charges arising between a Lodge and its Worshipful Master or between Lodges shall be filed with the Grand Secretary who shall forward the same to the Grand Master for any necessary action.
- .2 When the Worshipful Master or any other Officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights and privileges of Membership.