

# THE ALBERTA Freemason



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## 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication

The Ninety-Eighth Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., will be held at the Capri Centre, 3310 Gaetz Avenue, in Red Deer, commencing on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 10:00 AM and continuing on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

- 1) **Agenda:** The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations R1.1.4, will be conducted by MWBro Terrence A. Drolet 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003 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 2003–2004

Automatic as per section C7.2.2

**RWBro Norman R. Thomas**  
Griesbach Lodge No. 191

### Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

Elected by Acclamation (C7.2.2)

**RWBro Rodney Ponech**  
Acacia Lodge No. 11

### Senior Grand Warden

(One to be elected)

**RWBro G. Rex Dawson**  
Westlock Lodge No. 114



See **Dawson**, page 4.

**RWBro Robert A. Drury**  
Exemplar Lodge No. 175



See **Drury**, page 4.

**RWBro Neil Angus Gordon**  
Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2



See **Gordon**, page 4.

**RWBro John D. Hart**  
Perfection Lodge No. 9



See **Hart**, page 4.

## Guest Editorial When in Rome...

By **WBro Stephen Dafoe\***

In 1995, when I was working as a professional entertainer, I had the wonderful opportunity to travel around the world to South Korea, where I performed my act some 357 times in a span of three months. During this time I had the opportunity to meet many fellow entertainers from around the globe and to learn a bit about their customs. While this was an interesting international exchange of ideas, we were all guests in the city of Tagu and were trying to learn their customs. Inasmuch as was possible, I tried to learn the language, accent, and common gestures of civility. I think I was successful in this and the Koreans were truly appreciative of the effort, for it showed a foreigner's respect for their traditions and history.

Now the reader must ask, what has any of this to do with Freemasonry? I wish I could say that I had attended Lodge while in the country. Unfortunately, I cannot. No, the connection between my South Korean experience and the present Masonic topic boils down to the often quoted phrase, "**When in Rome, do as the Roman do.**"

I was initiated, passed and raised in a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. It was in my native Ontario that I sat in the East, and it is Ontario that shall always be home sweet home, or at least the "home sweet home" of past memories, for as the poet says: "you can never go home again."

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### May

- 3 Royal Order of Scotland, Edmonton
- 6 Jordan Lodge, Calgary
- 8 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 9 Grand Chapter, RAM, Camrose
- 15 Zetland Lodge, Calgary
- 27 Crescent Lodge, Calgary

Time and circumstances have now brought me across the country to the Province of Alberta. I remember my first visit to an Alberta Lodge. The fellowship was familiar. The regalia the Brethren wore were familiar. The words of the ritual were identical to what I knew, but there were subtle things that seemed as foreign to me as the customs of the South Koreans, of which I have such fond recollections through retrospective eyes.

As a visiting Worshipful Master, in those early days, I held steadfast to my Mother Lodge's traditions, but at that time I was a member of but one Lodge. As I write this, I am a dues paying member both in the east and here in the west. The time has now come to adopt the subtle nuances of difference that are contained in the work of my new Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Alberta. In fact, Alberta is unique in that there are Lodges that work the Canadian Rite and Lodges that work the York Ritual. These two Lodges work in perfect harmony to one another, albeit with subtle jokes of rivalry between the two. In my Mother Lodge and my new Lodge there is no "due guard," but on any given night I can find myself in a Lodge where there is a "due guard." Although that Lodge may be in Edmonton, rather than Rome, I will "do as the Edmontonians do" and, to the best of my ability, recreate their traditions.

My adoption of the rituals of my new home does not detract from the traditions I was taught and hold in great

regard, any more than my adopting the customs of South Korea detracted from my status as a proud Canadian. Then as now, it only adds to the experience of life and I feel my life has been made all the richer for such a diversity of experience. So henceforth my Grand Honours will include a stamp of the foot as well as the prerequisite clapping of the hands. I will perform the due guard when it is required, for at the end of the day, my experience in South Korea taught me that people are just people, no matter where they are found; my experience here in Alberta has taught me that Freemasons are just Freemasons, no matter where they are found.

Right glad can we be for both revelations.

*\* Bro Dafoe is a Past Master of Moira Lodge No. 11, AF&AM, GRC at Belleville, ON, and has recently affiliated with Hinton Lodge No. 178, AF&AM, GRA. He operates the Masonic website [www.thelodgeroom.com](http://www.thelodgeroom.com) and has indicated his acceptance of an invitation to join the Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin, responsible for publishing The Alberta Freemason, in the near future.*

## Correction

Re: "Celebrating Next Door", April 2003, page 4 - We have been informed that **Columbia Lodge No. 38, GRBC&Y** will tyle their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting in Invermere, BC on **May 10, 2003 at 14 00 h (2 PM)**, rather than one hour later as previously advertised.

## Fiat Lux Lodge of Research in High River

The May 24th meeting of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 will be hosted by Cornerstone Lodge No. 19. Brethren attending will be treated to a performance of the 1765 Degree which has gained the Cornerstone Team international acclaim.

Among the events planned for the program is a paper on "Mormons and Masons" by Cyril Abbott and a paper by

Victor Popow, the keynote speaker at the recent Masonic Spring Workshop.

The meeting tyles at 2 PM with the Banquet and 1765 Degree at 6 PM. Cost \$15.

For further information, contact Garth Cochran at 403-274-2163, e-mail [sgarthc@shaw.ca](mailto:sgarthc@shaw.ca).



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# Program For the Ninety-Eighth Annual Communication

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
Capri Hotel, Red Deer, Alberta  
Agenda

## Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 5:30 PM Grand Master's Banquet (by invitation)  
8:00 PM **Social Gathering, No Host Bar (all attendees)**

## Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 2003

- 8:00 AM Registration Opens in the Foyer under the direction of Grand Registrar, VWBro Ken Madden  
8:00 AM Board of General Purposes Meeting (members only and invited observers)  
9:30 AM Formation of Grand Procession  
10:00AM Opening of the Ninety-Eighth 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 Sandy Milligan  
- Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 97th Annual Communication  
- Roll Call and recognition of Grand Representatives  
- Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving  
VWBro Stephan Haughland, Grand Chaplain  
- Correspondence and regrets  
- Report of the Jurisprudence Committee  
- Rules of Order

## NOON Break for Lunch

- 1:30 PM Reconvene the Ninety-Eighth Annual Communication  
Presentation of the following reports. Each report & recommendation requires motion:  
a) Board of General Purposes —  
\*confirmation of appointment of Grand Secretary, year 2003-2004  
\*appointment of Auditor for 2004 year  
\*approval of year 2004 Capital and Operating Budget  
b) Committee on Fraternal Relations (Summary) and recommendations  
c) Committee on the Work  
d) Committee on the Condition of Masonry  
e) Board of Benevolence  
f) Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee  
g) Grand Secretary's Report (excluding statistics)  
Presentation and Adoption of the Following Reports printed in the Preliminary Proceedings  
a) Grand Treasurer's Report  
b) Auditor's Report and Financial Statements  
c) Finance Committee Report  
d) Grand Librarian's Report

- e) Grand Historian's Report  
f) Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin Report  
g) Foundation for the Future Committee Report  
h) Publications and Forms Committee Report  
i) Public Awareness and Communication  
j) Strategy Planning Committee Report  
K) Masonic Spring Workshop Report  
l) Masonic Foundation of Alberta Report  
3:30 PM Grand Master's Address – MWBro T.A. Drolet  
- 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**  
Reception & 6:30 Seating  
6:45 Dinner  
Toastmaster:  
RWBro Rod Ponech, SGW  
- Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award  
- Entertainment

## Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 8:00 AM Balloting and Registration resumed in the Foyer  
9:00 AM Ninety-Eighth Annual Communication reconvenes  
Any Reports not completed from Friday's session  
- Report on the Grand Master's Address  
- Notices of Motion to amend Constitution & Regulations  
10:00 AM Balloting and Registration Close  
- Report of the Credentials Committee  
- Report on the Elections  
- Committee on Charters and New Lodges  
- Masonic Medal of Merit Presentations  
- Other Masonic Awards  
11:00 AM General and Unfinished Business  
- Election of Grand Tyler  
**Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled to next Communication**  
- Grand Master's Comments

## Noon Break for Lunch

- 1:30 PM Ninety-Eighth Annual Communication reconvenes (Tuxedos Requested)  
Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2003-2004, under the direction of MWBro Doug Troock  
3:30 PM Grand Lodge Closes  
3:45 PM 2003-2004 Officers' Pictures  
5:30 PM Incoming Grand Master's evening  
Red Deer Royal Canadian Legion

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

## **Dawson**, from page 1.

Born December 2, 1926, Rex is a native Albertan who hails from the hamlet of Sunnyslope (east of Didsbury). In 1948, married Marjory Bruce, a farmer's daughter from Didsbury. The family now consists of four daughters and seven grandchildren. After four years employment with the Mountain View County in Didsbury, changed employment in 1952 to become a General Motors employee with Motors Insurance Corporation. This lasted until 1969 at which time he ventured into his own business as a fran-

chised auto dealer for 33 years.

He is currently residing on farmland on the edge of Westlock.

During the course of years, he has always been active in volunteer work with community leagues, church civic affairs (councilor), dealer affairs, service clubs (Rotary).

Initiated, passed and raised 1970 in Westlock Lodge No. 114. WM 1979; DDGM 1989-90, Junior Grand Deacon 1986, Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee Chairman 1990, Grand Treasurer 1991-2003.

Rex feels that basically he considers life as an adventure, an adventure to create

waves on the sea of life that hopefully will affect distant shores.

## **Drury**, from page 1.

Born September 28, 1929. Initiated April 20, 1978, advanced to Fellowcraft May 18, 1978 and raised June 15, 1978. Royal Arch Chapter 18, Norwood March 27, 1979. Edmonton Preceptory June 1979. Edmonton Shrine (Al Azhar) 1979; Oriental Band 1979-1984; Pipes and Drums, Al Shamal 1984 to present. DDGM Athabasca District 1996-97. WM Exemplar Lodge No. 175, 1985.

## **Gordon**, from page 1.

Received Master Mason Certificate 1986. PDDGM of Palliser. PM of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2. Served three terms on the Board of General Purposes and has been on the Finance Committee. One year as Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee. His term expired June 2000. Received 32° Degree in Scottish Rite and is a member Assiniboia Chapter of Royal Arch, currently going through the chairs of Crusader Preceptory No. 54. Member of Al Azhar Shrine. Sat on the Board of Trustees for three years, as well as being involved in the Provost Corps, the Legion of Honour, and President of the Medicine Hat Mounted Patrol.

Family history indicates that one of his ancestors was a founder of Medicine Hat Lodge in 1885. Uncle Ernest Snead was a member of Commercial Lodge in Edmonton and his father's cousin, George Brown, was District Deputy. George is a member of Evergreen Lodge in Edmonton.

Past President of the Saamis Rotary Club

## **Hart**, from page 1.

Born in Regina, SK, on May 31, 1943. He received his primary and secondary education in Saskatchewan's capital city, but moved to Toronto, ON, for his post-secondary education, studying graphic arts at the renowned Ryerson Polytechnical Institute from which he graduated in 1968. Having

and has two Paul Harris fellowships. He has had 18 years of perfect attendance at Rotary.

Senior partner in the Certified General Accounting Office of Evancic Perrault Robertson in Medicine Hat. Spent several years as an auditor with Revenue Canada Taxation, the Provincial Treasurer in Saskatchewan and E&H tax, also in Saskatchewan.

Born in Regina in 1944. Has a beautiful wife and three children, two boys and a girl. Sons and wife work with him and his daughters live in Calgary.

thus been well prepared, he is currently the owner of a printing plant, is a member of the Advisory Board, Graphic Arts, of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and in the year 2000 was president of the Calgary Club of Printing House Craftsmen. His avocations include those of having served as Treasurer of the Parkland Community Association, and having coached fastball and soccer at the Community from 1970-75.

John married Marilyn on May 17, 1969. They have two daughters, Candace and Holly, and two grandsons, Andrew and Cole. Bro Hart received the three degrees of Freemasonry in spring of 1991, in Perfection Lodge No. 9, which Lodge he served as Worshipful Master in 1997. His Masonic career includes having served as Vice Chairman of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee. He is a 32° member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Calgary, a member of Al Azhar Temple, AAONMS, the Foothills Shrine Club, and is a member and past treasurer of the Oriental Band of Al Azhar.

## **Junior Grand Warden**

(One to be elected)

### **RWBro J.R. Malcolm Berry**

Calgary Lodge No. 23.

Born in Bury, Lancashire, England, July 26, 1942. Married to Dawn and they have one son, Jonathan.

Malcolm attended Bury Grammar School for Boys 1950-1960; was appointed Deputy Head Boy and was captain of 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team. Attended Swansea University in South Wales, graduating with a BSc in Geography and a BSc (Hons.) in Geology. He was Chairman of the University Geological Society and Head Student of the Men's Hall of Residence. In 1965 he immigrated to Canada to take up post-graduate studies at McGill University, Montreal receiving his Master's Degree in Geology.

Pursuing a career in the "oil patch," he ultimately became Vice President of Exploration with a Junior Oil and Gas Company, following which he formed his own consulting company in 1982.

Malcolm is now semi-retired but continues to consult to oil and

See **Berry**, page 5.



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

Lethbridge Lodge No. 39

Born May 7, 1958. Most of his career was in raising Pedigreed Seed Grain — 23 years as a Select Grower. Co-owner of a Greenhouse operation in Barons named Suzie's South Country with his wife Susan. Has been involved in several volunteer organizations. Past Chairman of both Barons and Claresholm UGG Local Boards. Past Chairman of the Barons and District Agriculture Society. Past Chairman and founding Director of the Picture Butte and District Rural Crime Watch.

Past Secretary/Treasurer of the Blackspring Water Co-op. Current Chairman of the Southern Alberta Bingo Association. On the Committee for the Lethbridge Air Show.

Married to Susan for 14 years this July and has five wonderful children, Ethan, Harrison, Mikayln, Catherine and Hannah.



See **Irwin**, page 5.

## **Berry**, from page 4.

gas corporations, as well as "making sawdust" in his basement woodshop.

### Masonic History

- Malcolm's father was a member of the Craft in England;
- Malcolm was initiated, passed and raised in Calgary Lodge No. 23 in 1977;
- WM of Calgary Lodge in 1982;
- Secretary/Treasurer of Calgary Lodge for 2 years prior to being elected DDGM of Calgary-Highwood District;
- Served as DDGM for Calgary-Highwood District 2001-2002;
- Elected to the Board of General Purposes in June 2002 and elected President of the Board of General Purposes for the year 2002-2003;
- Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska;
- Coordinator of volunteers for the manning of the Lodge Hall at Heritage Park;
- Member of A&ASR (Scottish Rite), Val-

## **Irwin**, from page 4.

### Masonic History

- Initiated into Freemasonry on November 2, 1981 in Cresset Lodge No. 136 in Barons. Advanced to the Fellowcraft on December 7, 1981, raised to the Master Mason Degree on January 4, 1982.
  - WM of Cresset Lodge No. 136 1986-1988;
  - WM Robert Burns Cresset Lodge No. 49 1989-1990.;
  - WM Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, 2000;
  - DDGM of Chinookarch District in 1996-97;
- ley of Calgary, since 1979 and currently holds the office of Second General in the Delta Chapter of Rose Croix;
- Member of Alberta Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons;
  - Member Cyprus Preceptory No. 33;
  - An active Shriner and member of the Tin Lizzie Corp. of the Al Azhar Temple;
  - Member of Bow Valley Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

- PTPGM of Lethbridge Lodge of Perfection Valley of Lethbridge A&ASR;
- PMWS of Chinook Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Lethbridge A&ASR;
- Holds elected office in Southalta Consistory, Valley of Calgary A&ASR;
- Holds elected office in Shekinah Chapter No. 4 RAM;
- Holds elected office in Acre Preceptory;
- Holds office in Alberta Council No. 5 Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada;
- Member of Al Azhar Shrine Temple, AAONMS, Calgary;
- Past President of Lethbridge Shrine Club 2000-2001;
- Past President of the Temple Pep Band;
- Past Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee 2001.

## **Grand Treasurer**

(by acclamation)

**RWBro Donald G. MacWilliam**  
Perfection Lodge No. 9

## **The Board of General Purposes**

(Eight to be elected)

### **RWBro Stan Bembridge**

Patricia Lodge No. 91.

Born December 23, 1926. Joined Evergreen Lodge No. 166 (EA November 17, 1958, Fellowcraft Degree, February 16, 1959, raised March 16, 1959). WM 1980. DDGM Northern Lights District 2001-2002. Scottish Rite 32°. Al Shamal Shrine. Past President, Greeters 1997.

Owned business — Livestock Equipment and Vacuum Equipment. Served RCNVR 1944-46 Married 56 years, wife Margaret. 2 children and 4 grandchildren

### **RWBro Ross H. Cawley**

West Edmonton Lodge No. 101.

Born in Edmonton, May 5, 1927. Schooling at Westmount and Westglen Schools. Five years in Royal Canadian Navy, 1945-1950. Graduated from University of British Columbia as Mechanical Engineer in 1957. Worked as Consulting Engineer for 37 years. Initiated in West Edmonton Lodge in November 1968. WM in 1978-79. Secretary-Treasurer from 1994 to present. Board of General Purposes from 1996 to 2002. Grand Registrar in 1999-2000.

Married to Ivy for 47 years, no children.

### **RWBro John E. Forsdick**

Norwood Lodge No. 90.

Born July 11, 1925. Joined the Craft at Moosomin Lodge No. 7, GRS in 1959. He affiliated with Norwood Lodge No. 90 in Edmonton in 1974, served as WM in 1983-84; WM Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 1997-98; was DDGM of District 10, now Lakeland District 1988-89. He served on the Board of Benevolence for 10 years. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Columbia (Barranquilla) near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

RWBro Forsdick served in Canadian Navy. In 1946 he joined the RCM Police, serving 26 years. On retirement he joined the Alberta Securities Commission as Senior Investigator for Northern Alberta retiring from the Commission in 1988. He is a member of the AASR, Royal Order of Scotland and the AAONMS, Al Shamal Temple.

### **RWBro John R. Fraser**

Patricia Lodge No. 91.

Born August 4, 1939. Initiated Patricia Lodge No. 91, February 27, 1976. WM Patricia Lodge 1985-86 and 1994-95. Secretary Patricia Lodge, 1995 to present. DDGM Northern Lights District 1997-98.

BGP 1998-2001. Finance Committee 1998-2003.

Retired after 35 years with NAR/CNR. Married, 2 adult children. Edmonton Chapter Order of DeMolay, Advisory Council 1986-91, DeMolay Cross of Honour, 1991. Member Al Shamal Shriners and Past President of Clown Unit. Received I.S.C.A. Gold Nose Award 2001. Member of AASR Member of McClure United Church, Edmonton and a Past Chairman of the Board and Worship Committee.

### **RWBro Donald F. Hart**

Dominion Lodge No. 117.

RWBro Hart was born in Edmonton, August 18, 1918. He entered the work force in a junior position with the City of Edmonton Telephones and later with the City of Edmonton Assessors Office. He took advantage of an opportunity to join Canadian National Railways, Express Department, Western Division. When the CN Railway's Mountain Region was being formed, RWBro Hart spent a short time in Winnipeg and Montreal. He later became permanently located with the Regional Comptrollers Office, Mountain Region in Edmonton, as senior accounting clerk, Treasurers Section. Subsequently, he took a position with the Federal Taxation Department as Auditor, where he remained until he retired.

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

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

### **RWBro Edward Hunter**

Ashlar Lodge No. 28.

Born May 20, 1919. Joined the Craft in 1955. Served as WM, Canadian Rite 4 times, once as WM York Rite. Served as Grand Secretary Pro Tempore.

### **VWBro Kenneth J. Madden**

Jubilee Lodge No. 173.

Born February 16, 1963. Initiated, passed and raised in Kamloops Lodge No. 10, GLBC&Y, 1993. Charter member Internet Lodge of Research of Alberta (various offices) currently Chaplain. WM Jubilee Lodge No. 137 2001-2002. Secretary-Treasurer, Jubilee Lodge in 2003. Grand Registrar of Alberta 2002-03.

Computer systems administrator for an Engineering Firm, VECCO Canada Ltd. Married with 2 lovely teenage daughters.

### **WBro M. Glenn McConnell**

Jordan Lodge No. 177.

Born July 15, 1943. Initiated 1965, Hatherly Lodge No. 625, GRC. Affiliated with Jordan Lodge No. 177 in 1995. WM of Jordan Lodge No. 177, 2002. Affiliated with Bow River Lodge No. 1, 1998. Chairman, Scrutineer Committee, 2002–2003. Education Coordinator, Masters, Wardens & Deacons Association, Calgary, 2002–2003. Developed “Craft Lodge Self-Assessment” instrument and “Investigation Committee Guidelines” 2001. Co-author, “Masonic Renewal Guidelines” 2002–2003 which have been issued to all Lodge officers by the MWD Assoc. of Calgary. Contributed several articles to *The Alberta Freemason* re Lodge development, 2002. Retired university teaching hospital executive and international health systems consultant. President, Southside Maintenance and Construction.

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

Britannia Lodge No. 18

Born March 27, 1929. Initiated into Britannia Lodge, 1969, WM, 1979, and DDGM of Central District 1997–98.

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

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

Mosaic Lodge No. 176

Born March 18, 1932. Head, Medical Science Dept. SAIT, 1970–88, retired 1988, Microbiologist. Initiated in 1965 in Eastgate Lodge 192; Affiliated 1968 to Mosaic Lodge 176; Worshipful Master Mosaic

Lodge 1975–76; Charter Member, 1979 of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research 1980; DDGM District 18 (Phoenix District) 1984–85; Worshipful Master Fiat Lux 1992–93; Chairman, Masonic Spring Workshop, 1974 and Theme Speaker twice; Member of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin 1969–74; Editor, *Bulletin* 1985–90 and 1991–1995; Member Masonic Research & Education Committee 1974–80; Member Board of Benevolence, 1978–79; Co-Chairman, Special Committee on Forms and Publications 1992 to present; Member, Board of General Purposes 1979–85, 1987–1993, 1994–1995, 1996–2000, President, 1996–2000; Member, Committee on the Work, 1998–present; Member, Special Committee on Leadership Training, 1998–present.

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

### **WBro Christos G. Tsaros**

Star of the West Lodge No. 34

Born March 15, 1950. Initiated Star of the West Lodge No. 34 June 16, 1993, passed September 21, 1993 and raised October 19, 1993. WM 2001–2002.

North Star Chapter No. 2, 1996, Edmonton Preceptory 1996. Fezzed, Al Shamal Temple, 1996, member of the Arab Patrol Unit as a drummer. Affiliated to Mosaic Lodge No. 176, Calgary, 2000. Member of Al Azhar, Calgary, 2001, member of the Oriental Band. Member of the Order of the Eastern Star 2001. Calgary Lodge of Perfection 14°, 2001, Delta Chapter of Rose Croix 18°, 2002, Southalta Consistory 32°, 3003.

Delta Chapter Rose Croix HRDM, and Southalta Consistory, all of the Valley of Calgary, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. In Capitular Masonry belongs to Golden West Chapter No. 5, RAM, Cypress Preceptory, KT, and Zadoc Council No. 5, R&SM. He is also a Noble of Al Azhar Temple, AAONMS, in Calgary. As a Past Associate Guardian of Bethel No. 19, IOJD, he is now Grand Inner Guard of the Grand Bethel of Alberta and Director of Fraternal Relations.

### **RWBro Russell G. Phillips**

Mountain View Lodge No. 16

Born August 12, 1931. Initiated October 1, 1956, Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds, AB. WM 1967 Mountain View Lodge. Grand Steward, 1975, General Chairman Masonic Spring Workshop 1976, DDGM Central District 1994–95. Present Office, Junior Deacon Mountain View Lodge No. 16.

## **Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee**

(Two to be elected)

### **WBro Martin G. Bumstead**

King George Lodge No. 59

Born May 20, 1945. University of London Teaching Certificate 1966. University of Calgary Bachelor of Education Degree 1975. Taught for CBE for 13 years. Operated a Custom Manufacturing and Renovation Business. Semi Retired.

Initiated into King George Lodge No. 59, February 25, 1977. WM 1986. Lodge Secretary since 2001. Charter Member of Loyalty Lodge No. 197. Associate Bethel Guardian Bethel No. 1.

### **RWBro T. James Dickey**

Bow River Lodge No. 1

Born May 22, 1928. Initiated into Northern Light Lodge No. 266, GRC in the Province of Ontario, January 11, 1954. Charter Member Wyndham Lodge No. 688 GRC, Guelph, ON, March 2, 1957. Affiliated Bow River Lodge No.1, June 6, 1990. Served 4 terms as District Bursary Coordinator.

Installed WM, February 12, 1994. Appointed and invested Grand See **MHEB**, page 8.

## **Board of Benevolence**

(Three to be elected)

### **RWBro Gordon Astle**

Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106

Born October 23, 1933, Edmonton. Residing in Grande Prairie. Work life was small business proprietor, now retired to community service. Past President and Board member of Alberta Easter Seals, Board member, Camp Tamarack. Assoc. Executive member Royal Canadian Legion No. 54.

The Craft — raised in Lake Saskatoon Lodge January 1972, WM 1978. DDGM, Mighty Peace District 1998.

Previous service to Grand Lodge, MHEB Committee member, COMELY Committee, Board of General Purposes 1996–98, 99–01. Past Grand Patron, OES. Active in Church Courts.

### **WBro Stan J. Clayton**

King George Lodge No. 59

Born November 10, 1929. Initiated King George Lodge No. 59, 1956, WM 1970. Is a director and past Chairman of King George Temple Board (a charitable foundation). Has served on the Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge for the past three years. Worked for 50 years in the printing industry. Retired 1997.

### **RWBro William L. Kostenuk**

Corinthian Lodge No. 22

Born April 18, 1952 at Edmonton. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta, and is active in food service sales. He has been married to Lynn for twenty-five years and they have two daughters who are both officers in Bethel 19, Order of Job's Daughters. Residing in the city of Calgary, he is a volunteer at Father Lacombe Nursing Home and is active at St. Patrick's Parish.

In 1991, Bro Kostenuk received the degrees of Freemasonry in Saskatoon-Central Lodge No. 217, GRS, in Saskatoon, SK. Following his return to Alberta, he affiliated with Internet Lodge of Research, GRA, is a Subscribing Member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980, GRA, and a member of Bannack Historic Lodge No. 3-7-77 of the Grand Lodge of Montana. In addition, he is a Past President of the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Calgary.

Bro Kostenuk has shown considerable interest in the work of concordant bodies. He is a member of Calgary Lodge of Perfection,

# Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations

## Fraternal Relations Committee Resolution

**Whereas:** At the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication, MWBro Don Millar moved and seconded by MWBro William Graves that bestowing Past Honorary Status on visitors where the constitution calls for three visits before this is usually done, that the Grand Master may have the prerogative to bestow this honorary title on visitors who come great distances.

**Whereas:** The Honorary Grand Lodge Appointments was tabled at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for resolution.

**Whereas:** The Jurisprudence Committee gives Notice of Motion that Article 7 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge be amended by the addition of a new Article 7.8.

**Resolution:** It is moved by the Jurisprudence Committee that Article 7 of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the under-noted and numbered Article 7.8.

1. 7.8 "Notwithstanding the Provisions of Article 7.7, the Grand Master may, under special circumstances and in his discretion, grant Honorary membership in Grand Lodge to a Brother of a sister jurisdiction of such rank and distinction, as is merited, on the first visit of the Brother to our Annual Communication."
2. The rest of Article 7 shall be renumbered accordingly.

## Jurisprudence Committee Resolutions

**Whereas:** The Jurisprudence Committee recommends that the Board of General Purposes be reduced from 16 to 15 elected members and each member to be elected for a three year term instead of a two year term;

**Whereas:** Appointments by the Grand Master to the Jurisprudence Committee from the elected members of the Board of General Purposes (R1.7.6.2) would synchronize with the three appointments to the Committee;

**Whereas:** The proposed three year term avoids two year appointments to the Finance Committee from the elected Board, who have only one year remaining on the Board. Appointments are generally based on a member's expertise or desire: e.g., lawyers are not generally interested in serving on the Finance Committee;

**Whereas:** Two year appointments from the elected members of the Board to the Finance Committee results in a pool of 10 Board members with two years plus term remaining on the Board, as opposed to the current situation whereby the Grand Master has only eight members to select from;

**Whereas:** Election of members to the Board of General Purposes based on District representation provides for all areas of the Grand Jurisdiction to be equally represented;

**Resolution:** It is moved by the Jurisprudence Committee;

**That:** Article C11.1 is amended to fifteen (15) elected members, not sixteen.

**That:** Article C11.1.3 of the Constitution be amended to read "Elected members of the Board of General Purposes shall be elected at the regular Annual District Meeting of each Masonic District. Elected members shall serve a term of three years and no elected member of the Board shall serve more than three consecutive terms. Any elected member of the Board, who absents himself from two consecutive regular meetings of the Board without good and sufficient cause as determined by the presiding officer of the Board, shall be deemed to be no longer a member of the Board.

**That:** Article C11.1.2 shall read as follows:

C11.1.2 Where a member is:

- a. a Master Mason,
  - b. in good standing in a Lodge within the District for a period of not less than five (5) consecutive years, and
  - c. a resident of this jurisdiction.
- he is eligible for nomination and election to the Board of General Purposes.

**That:** the Implementation Plan for the proposed changes to follow the under-noted timetable:

During the 2003/2004 Masonic Year: each Masonic District shall elect a member to serve on the Board of General Purposes commencing in the 2004/2005 Masonic Year.

**Group "A" (Five Districts) elects a member for one year**  
**Group "B" (Five Districts) elects a member for two years**  
**Group "C" (Five Districts) elects a member for three years.**

During the 2004/2005 Masonic Year:

Group "A" elects a member for three years.

During the 2005/2006 Masonic Year:

Group "B" elects a member for three years.

During each subsequent Masonic Year, each Group elects a member for three years on a rotating basis.

**The following Districts shall represent GROUP "A".**

**Central District**  
**Chinookarch District**  
**Dinosaur District**  
**Lakeland District**  
**Mighty Peace District**

**The following Districts shall represent GROUP "B"**

**Northern Lights District**  
**Palliser District**  
**Phoenix District**  
**Three Rivers District**  
**Yellowhead District**

**The following Districts shall represent GROUP "C"**

**Alpha District**  
**Athabasca District**  
**Battle River District**  
**Beaverhills District**  
**Calgary Highwood District**

## Board of General Purposes Task Force — Study on Committees

**Whereas:** At the November 21, 2002 meeting of the Board of General Purposes the Jurisprudence Committee reported "Because some committees appear to be redundant, it was recommended to the Board of General Purposes that it review the number of committees, structure and reporting procedures of the same";

**Whereas:** It was recommended by the Board of General Purposes that the President and Vice President select a small task force to review all committees of the Board of General Purposes and recommend restructuring and redefining the responsibilities and duties of committees;

**Whereas:** The Task Force, under the chairmanship of MWBro Art Jones PGM, therefore reviewed the sub-committees of the Board of General Purposes to:

- compile a comprehensive list of existing committees;
- examine the activities of each of these committees and compare same to the duties laid out in the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Alberta;
- where necessary, redefine the responsibilities and duties of the committees;
- eliminate unnecessary areas of overlapping responsibility;
- close gaps in responsibility;
- identify redundant committees;
- identify requirements for new committees; and
- establish procedures for committee reports to the Board of General Purposes;

**Whereas:** Those committees in the Regulations which have been deleted, altered or amended in whole or part and those new committees established and have been presented to the Jurisprudence Committee for review and approval and have received the approval of the Board of General Purposes need only be presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication through the President's Report on the Board of General Purposes for ratification by the Craft as per Article 17.7.3;

**Whereas:** Those committees outlined in the Constitution which the Task Force has recommended for deletion, alterations or amendments in whole or part and those new committees established have been presented to the Jurisprudence Committee for review and approval. Following this review and approval a Notice of Motion to amend/alter the Constitution shall be published in the notice of that Communication and must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote by the members present and voting;

**Resolution:** It is moved by the Task Force on the Review of Committees:

**That:** The wording in C11.1.12 "The following sub-committees" be changed to read, "There shall be the following committees of the Board of General Purposes:"

**That:** Constitution C11.2 (Board of Benevolence) be transferred to Regulation R1.7.3 which deals with that committee.

**That:** The "Board of Benevolence" be renamed as the Committee on Benevolence and listed in C11.1.12 as Committee of the Board of General Purposes.

**That:** a "Chairman" not a "President" chairs The Committee on Benevolence.

**That:** Any reference in the Constitution and Regulations made to the "Board of Benevolence" and/or "President of the Board of Benevolence" is changed to read the Committee on Benevolence and/or Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence.

**That:** Constitution C11.3 (Committee on the Work) be transferred to the Regulations R1.7.9, which deals with that committee.

**That:** with the deletion, renaming and additions of committees to the Board of General Purposes C11.1.12 will read as follows:

C11.1.12 There shall be the following Committees of the Board of General Purposes. The Committees are responsible and answerable to the Board of General Purposes for all administration and regulations.

- The Executive Committee
- The Deputy Grand Master's Implementation Committee
- The Committee on the Condition of Masonry
- The Jurisprudence Committee
- The Finance Committee
- The Fraternal Relations Committee
- The Committee on Benevolence
- The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
- The Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin
- The Committee on the Work
- The Masonic Medal of Merit Committee
- The Publications and Forms Committee

### Grand Standard Bearer Resolution

**Whereas** the celebration of the centenary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, is imminent and worthy of a commemorative addition to the ceremonious and dignified accoutrements of this Grand Lodge; and

**Whereas** sister jurisdictions in Canada and abroad lend special dignity to the office of the Grand Master by displaying, in his presence, a standard bearing the arms appropriate to their Grand Lodge;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that The Grand Lodge of Alberta adopt the following gonfalon to be suspended from a crossbar hung

### Letter

The picture shows me, Irwin Earle, on the left, with RWBro Ken Campbell, DDGM Prince Edward District, on his official visit to Bancroft Lodge No. 482, GRC, along with WBro Dewer Mayhew, WM of Bancroft Lodge. You will note that part of my "regalia" is quite removed from the normal dress. I am wearing a "halo" as a result of a motor vehicle collision in late November. I suffer from a "C2" fracture in the neck. As you can see this does not deter me from attending Lodge.

Fraternally, RWBro Irwin D. Earle, Highlands-Unity Lodge No. 168, GRA and Bancroft Lodge No. 482, GRC.

(For Brethren who would like to write to Brother Earle, his address is: Box 111, Coe Hill, ON, KOL 1P0 —Ed.)



from a vertical pole topped by the square and compasses united in the Fellowcraft position, to be named the Grand Standard, approximately 90 cm in width by 120 cm in height. On the obverse side, at the top there will be a broad "a garter blue" bar with gold lettering: "The Grand Lodge of Alberta — Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons"; alongside both sides there will be garter blue stripes terminating at the bottom in a V-Shape, showing near the bottom on the Dexter side a pink Alberta wild rose with green leaves; and on the sinister side a white, erect polar bear.

The central panel of very pale blue satin will bear the Arms of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, as they appear in the Seal, in gold, silver and coloured metallic thread, and underneath and above its beveled bottom the inscription in gold lettering: Constituted October 12<sup>th</sup>, A.L. 5905. Centered below a red, stylized Maple Leaf, as in the Canadian Flag. The bottom of the central panel ends in an angle of 120 degrees.

The bottoms of the top bar, side and central panels are enhanced by gold fringe.

The reverse of the Standard shall be of 'garter blue" material, on which will be embroidered prominently, in gold, the jewel of the Grand Master, the compasses extended to 45 degrees with the segment of a circle at the points, enclosing the all-seeing eye within a triangle, both irradiated.

The Standard will be borne at the head of a procession, by the Grand Standard Bearer, on occasions when the Grand Master enters to preside over Grand Lodge Communication or orders this to be done on his fraternal visits and other occasions. (When any other Grand Lodge Officer is representing the Grand Master, the Grand Standard may not be displayed.) When the Grand Master has ascended the East, the Standard will be placed in a convenient location in the Northeast of the Lodge (Grand Lodge), and the Grand Standard Bearer will take his seat nearby.

**Furthermore,**

**Whereas** it is the custom among sister jurisdiction that the Standard be borne by an officer of Grand Lodge so designated, **Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Grand Lodge of Alberta create the office by appointment of a Very Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer. It shall be the duty of this officer to have charge of the Standard and to be at the call of the Grand Master. He will take his seat near the Standard in the Northeast.

**Resolution:** It is moved by RWBro Norman Thomas and seconded by MWBro Robert Juthner,

**That:** In accordance with article C17.2, to amend the Constitution by adding to article C6.2 the office of The Very Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer.

**That:** Article 10 — Powers and Duties of Grand Lodge Officers — be amended by adding:

C10.22 The Grand Standard Bearer shall, except where hindered by necessity:

- .1 Attend all Communications;
- ..2 Lead the Grand Lodge procession when the Grand Master is present, except when the Grand Piper is present, at which time shall follow directly behind the Grand Piper;
- .3 Perform such other duties as the Grand Master may direct.

**MHEB**, from page 6.

Registrar June 16, 1996. Invested DDGM, Alpha District, June 10, 2000. Appointed to Higher Education Bursary Committee for two one-year terms.

Initiated into the Calgary Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, January 29, 1990, receiving 32° November 9, 1991. Served as Grand Assistant Expert, Grand Expert and Chaplain.

Served 1 year as Chaplain AAONMS Al Azhar Temple 1998.

**VWBro J. David Hongisto**

Jubilee Lodge No. 173

Born July 8, 1947. Initiated, passed and raised in Jubilee Lodge No. 173 in 1990. WM Jubilee Lodge 1996. affiliated Cornerstone Lodge No. 19 in 1992. WM Cornerstone Lodge 1995 and 1998. Grand Piper 5 times. Grand Representative, Sao Paulo, Brazil.