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99th Annual Communication

The Ninety-Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. will be held at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre, 11834 Kingsway, Edmonton, AB, commencing on Friday, June 11th, 2004 at 10:00 AM and continuing on Saturday, June 12th, 2004.

- 1 **Agenda:** The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations R1.1.4, will be conducted by MWBro Norman R. Thomas from the Agenda (printed on page 4), 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 11th, 2004 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 12th, 2004 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 Commitments!

We encourage your Lodge to have a full slate of officers at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Voting members include all Past Masters, and 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 2004–05

Automatic as per section C7.2.2

RWBro Rodney B. Ponech

Acacia Lodge No. 11

Elected by Acclamation

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

RWBro G. Rex Dawson

Westlock Lodge No. 114

Senior Grand Warden

RWBro J.R. Malcolm Berry

Calgary Lodge No. 23

Grand Treasurer

RWBro Donald G. MacWilliam

Perfection Lodge No. 9

Junior Grand Warden

RWBro Robert A. Drury

Exemplar Lodge No. 175

Born September 28, 1929, raised and attended college in Toronto, Ontario. Worked in the construction industry as foreman in the roofing and sheet metal trade for 13 years.

Married in 1952 and raised two sons. Lost one son in 1986 and widowed in 2002.

Started in the transportation industry and has managed several transport companies in Ontario and Alberta. Still active as a traffic con-



See RWBro Bob Drury, page 2.

RWBro N. Angus Gordon

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2

Born August 11, 1944 in Regina, Saskatchewan

Graduated from high school and college in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and obtained gratified general accountant post graduate degree.

Worked as an accountant and auditor for the Provincial Government of Saskatchewan and the federal tax department before starting his own accounting practise which he operated



See RWBro Angus Gordon, page 2.

Editorial

Share in the Work of Alberta Masonry

In the interest of yielding space to the important announcements regarding the upcoming Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, this month's editorial shall be brief and to the point. It's all about being aware of the fact that every Brother in any Lodge of this jurisdiction is part of Grand Lodge. Although the voting right is vested in the Mas-

ters, Wardens, Past Masters and Master Masons who hold office in a Lodge, other Master Masons are made equally welcome to a participation in that once a year opportunity to voice an opinion in the common interest of the Fraternity.

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication, quite aside from its decision-making function, offers a degree of fra-

ternal togetherness, the meeting of kindred spirits and the free interchange of ideas on a scale unequalled by any other Masonic function in our region during the rest of the year.

If there is any purpose to these musings, it is to challenge our Brethren from throughout Alberta and the Northwest Territories (west of the 4th Meridian!) to make a determined effort to travel to Edmonton this second weekend in June. Let us shake hands there!

Elections

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

(Two to be elected)

WBro Martin Bumstead

King George Lodge No. 59

Born May 20, 1945 in England. Initiated King George Lodge No. 59, 25 February 1977, WM in 1986. Appointed to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee 2004. Associate Guardian Bethel No. 1, Job's Daughters. Grand Bethel Senior Custodian.

RWBro Clifford G. Edwards

Griesbach Lodge No. 191

Born August 6, 1939. Entered the University of Alberta in 1957, from

RWBro Bob Drury, cont'd.

sultant and analyst. Transferred to Edmonton in 1976 to manage a transport company.

Joined Exemplar Lodge No. 175 GRA and raised in 1978; Royal Arch Mason, Norwood Chapter in 1979; Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, 1979; Edmonton Shrine, Club Al Azhar Temple, 1979 (now Al Shamal); President Edmonton Oriental Band 1982; joined Edmonton Pipes and Drums 1985, President of Edmonton Pipes and Drums 1988 and still active member of the band.

Interests include motorcycling, aviation, playing in several bands and orchestras in and around the province.

Goals, to contribute to our fraternity where required.

which he received a BA and MA in History and a Professional Teaching Certificate. Between 1962 and 1999 he taught in Medicine Hat and Edmonton High Schools as well as two years with the Department of National Defence in Germany. The last 28 years of his teaching career were at Ross Sheppard High School in Edmonton.

Initiated into Griesbach Lodge No. 191 in January of 1967, he served as Master of Griesbach Lodge in 1978. His interest in education led to him serving as District 19 Higher Education Bursary Chairman in 1987-88 and has been a member of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee since 1998. DDGM, Athabasca District 2002-03.

RWBro Angus Gordon, cont'd.

in Medicine Hat, Alberta for twenty five years before selling it to his son, WBro Scott A. Gordon, in November 2003.

He is married to Lyn and they have two sons, Scott and Neil, both Past Masters of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, and a daughter Traci in Calgary.

He joined Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 in 1981, became Master the first time in 1991 and then again in 2002 and 2003. He was a District Deputy Grand Master in 1993 and served on the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge for three terms. He is also a member of

RWBro James P. Ellis

Hussar Lodge No. 130

Born April 18, 1935, Brockville, ON. Member of Masonic Order since 1958. Served as Worshipful Master two years and DDGM of Dinosaur District 2003-04.

Lifetime employment in financial service industry in most principal cities in Canada.

Retired since 1990.

Grand Master's Itinerary

May

- 2 Masonic Spring Workshop, Kananaskis (April 30, to May 2)
- 6-8 Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Camrose, Annual Communication
- 13 Board of General Purposes Meeting, Red Deer, AB
- 14 Strathcona Lodge, Acacia Masonic Hall, Edmonton, AB
- 16 Alpha, Calgary-Highwood & Phoenix District Church Parade
- 26 Onoway Lodge No. 138, Onoway, AB
- 29 King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane, AB

Medicine Hat Valley of Scottish Rite, Rose Croix and Southalta Consistory; Assiniboia Chapter of Royal Arch and Preceptory; as well as several units in Al Azhar Shrine. He tries to be as active in all bodies as time permits.

His goal is to encourage every Lodge to have as much fun and fellowship as Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2.

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Grand Secretary	RWBro Jerry W. Kopp


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Letters

• Having just read the March issue of *The Alberta Freemason*, I would like to congratulate and thank you for putting out an excellent paper. *The Alberta Freemason*, in my mind, has evolved from a “report” on Grand Lodge to something which focuses on Alberta/NWT Masons. I look forward to receiving and reading it each month.

I would like to suggest that this type of article [Wop May] be put up on the Grand Lodge Web Site, so that access to this type of article is not lost — perhaps they could set up some kind of Famous Alberta Masons, or Tales From Our History page. We could encourage other Masons to submit articles on individuals they have known. Some could be reprinted in *The Alberta Freemason*, while the others would be freely available via the Web. As a sidebar, from a

Elections

Board of Benevolence

(Three to be Elected)

Elected by Acclamation

RWBro Russell M. Fisher

Beacon Lodge No. 190

Born July 18, 1926, Winnipeg, MB. Initiated June 1954 in Apollo Lodge No. 27. Charter member of Beacon Lodge No. 190. Served as DDGM for Central District 1995–96. Served on Board of Benevolence for seven years. Currently VP.

RWBro Russell G. Phillips

Mountain View Lodge No. 16

Born August 12, 1931 in Olds, AB. 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.

RWBro Ed Whitenett

Kenilworth Lodge No. 29

Born 28 June 1935, Halifax, NS. Initiated in Peace River Lodge No. 89 16 February 1978. WM of Peace River Lodge No. 89 in 1983. Affiliated to Coronation Lodge No. 72 and served as WM in 1988–89. DDGM, District 4 (Central District) 1989–90.

President of Board of Benevolence, Past Patron the Order of the Eastern Star and 2nd VP — International Shrine Clowns.

historical perspective, potential Masons could see what kind of people the fraternity is made up of — the people behind the Grand Officers.

Bro Clark Johnston

Beacon Lodge No. 190, Red Deer

Editor's Note: At present these articles are already available on our Grand Lodge web site and are found by going to www.freemasons.ab.ca, following the link to The Alberta Freemason. Bro Johnston's suggestion to create a separate link “Famous Alberta Masons,” however, is worthy of consideration by our Webmaster, who will make the final decision.

Also, WBro Stephen Dafoe of the Editorial Committee, has just assumed the task of generating more articles on noteworthy Masons of this Jurisdiction. He can be contacted with suggestions at Dafoe@templarbooks.com

• I have been directed by the Worshipful Master of Bow River Lodge No. 1 to point out what we think is a serious error in the lead article of the February 2004 edition of *The Alberta Freemason*. In the article describing preparations for the Centennial celebrations of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, it says, “an Historical Book covering the first 100 years of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and 110 years of Masonry in what was to become the Province of Alberta.”

Bow River Lodge No. 1, AF&AM was instituted on January 28, 1884 in Calgary in what was to become the Province of Alberta. We are now entering our 121st year as a Masonic Lodge. In fact it was, as I understand, the efforts of our first W. Master that lead to the creation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

WBro H. M. Woetowich
Secretary-Treasurer

Bow River Lodge No. 1, Calgary

Editor's Note: It may have been a typographical error in the manuscript, 110 instead of 120. However, we can go

even farther back in history. Prior to 1905, Lodges in the District of Alberta, the Northwest Territories, were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and Bow River Lodge was assigned the number 28 on the Register of that Grand Lodge, and RWBro N. J. Lindsay became the first Worshipful Master. It was, however, two years earlier, i.e., on February 13, 1882 (with the dispensation dated January 13, 1882) that Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17 GRM in Edmonton had been instituted. It was consecrated on April 21, 1883, and was, therefore, the first regular Lodge in Alberta. It voluntarily surrendered its charter in 1889. Read the fascinating story about the first Saskatchewan Lodge, on page 2, of W. J. Collett, History of the Grand Lodge of Alberta 1905–1980.

• I have just finished reading RWBro David Roth's article on Memory Work (March 2004), and it was very interesting until I came to the last three paragraphs concerning a “rush through degrees to the Shrine.” If a man's only interest in acquiring membership in the Craft is to proceed to the Shrine, then I would suggest that we have lost all semblance of what Masonry is all about! Those who continually favour one-day classes are making a complete mockery of the finest Fraternity in the world...

The value of Masonry can only be obtained by direct involvement by a Brother, by dedication and attendance. Lodges in England and Scotland take time to put a Brother through his degrees, some of them take a year and perhaps more, because they want each Brother to be fully aware of what each degree offers... I would suggest that those who propose a “rush” to the Shrine and “one-day classes” should take time to reflect...

RWBro Clyde H. Elford
Glenbow Lodge No. 184, Calgary

Open Air Lodge in Jasper

Meridian Lodge No. 129 and **Jasper Park Lodge No. 143** jointly extend an invitation to attend their **10th Annual Open Air Lodge** at the Jasper Park Airport, on **Saturday, May 15th 2004, tiling at 13 00 h.**

The Second Degree of Freemasonry will be conferred by the Meridian Lodge Past Masters Degree Team. A festive board, immediately following the meeting, will be held at the Pyramid Riding Stables. During the time of the meeting, wives and families can tour the resort town.

For further information and assistance, or just to let them know you're coming, phone: Meridian — 780 962-1066 (Bro Goodwin); Jasper Park — 780 852-7243 (Bro Robinson); DDGM — 780 865-7498 (Bro Wood).

Program for the Ninety-Ninth Annual Communication

June 10th, 11th and 12th, 2004

Ramada Hotel & Conference Centre, Edmonton, Alberta

11834 Kingsway, Edmonton, AB

Thursday, June 10th, 2004

Grand Master's Banquet (by invitation)

- 5:00 PM Cocktails
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 8:00 PM **Social Gathering, No Host Bar** (all attendees)

Friday, June 11th 2004

- 8:00 AM Registration/Balloting opens in Foyer under the direction of the Grand Registrar — VWBro Samuel Moore
- 8:00 AM Board of General Purposes Meeting (members only and invited observers)
- 9:30 AM Formation of Grand Procession
- 10:00 AM Opening of the Ninety-Ninth 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 98th Annual Communication
 - Roll Call and recognition of Grand Representatives
 - Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving — RWBro Joshua Phillpotts, Grand Chaplain
 - Correspondence and regrets
 - Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
 - Rules of Order

Noon Break for Lunch

- 1:30 PM Reconvene the Ninety-Ninth Annual Communication
- Presentation of the following reports. Each report & recommendation requires motion:
 - a) Board of General Purposes —
 - *confirmation of appointment of Grand Secretary, year 2004–2005
 - *appointment of Auditor for 2004 year
 - *approval of year 2005 Capital and Operating Budget
 - b) Committee on Fraternal Relations (Summary) and recommendations
 - c) Committee on the Condition of Masonry
 - d) Board of Benevolence
 - e) Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
 - f) 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 N.R. Thomas

- 4:00 PM Adjournment
- 6:00 PM Balloting and Registration suspended

GRAND LODGE BANQUET

- 6:00 PM Reception
- 6:30 PM Seating
- 6:45 PM Dinner
 - Toastmaster — RWBro Malcolm Berry, JGW
 - Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award
 - Entertainment

Saturday, June 12th, 2004

- 8:00 AM Balloting and Registration resumed in the Foyer
- 9:00 AM Ninety-Ninth Annual Communication reconvenes
 - Any Reports not completed from Friday's session
 - Committee on the Work
 - Notices of Motion to amend Constitution & Regulations
- 10:00 AM Balloting and Registration Close
 - Report of the Credentials Committee
 - Report on the Elections
 - 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-Ninth Annual Communication Reconvenes (Tuxedos Requested)
 - Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2004–2005, under the direction of MWBro Terry Drolet
- 3:30 PM Grand Lodge Closes
- 3:45 PM 2004–2005 Officers' Pictures
- 5:30 PM **Incoming Grand Master's evening**
 - BBQ — Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

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

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and Regulations

Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Notice of Motion re: One-Day Classes.

"That the Grand Lodge of Alberta authorize the Grand Master to grant a dispensation for a one-day Masonic field day where candidates have the three (3) degrees of Masonry conferred, provided the degree work and all the procedures are pre-approved by the Grand Master and the Committee on the Work."

“Freemasonry: The Cornerstone of Freedom”

By MWBro Norman R. Thomas, Grand Master

This slogan, chosen by the organizers of the 2004 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, held February 14th to 17th in Washington, DC, should leave no doubt in anyone’s mind that the thrust of the Conference was to remind the world at large that the American Revolution was led by Freemasons, and that while the New Order has achieved undoubted success, it is intended that the move for change be now directed inwards, towards the Fraternity itself.

The Alberta Grand Master’s Masonic Tour of the British Isles (17 September to 1 October 2003) introduced the Alberta Mason to the cradle of Freemasonry with all its hopes, aspirations and beliefs in the value of the democratic process. For those who doubt this, read *The Invisible College* by Robert Lomas that gives an account of the contributions of God-fearing Freemasons to the birth of Modern Science and the Royal Society. With the support of the restored Charles II, twelve men, including Sir Christopher Wren and Sir Robert Moray, imbued with the Masonic ideal for a brave new world, demonstrated that reason, intellect and research could resolve the problems facing mankind, wherein armies and despots had previously failed.

As a graduate student at the Medical College of Virginia and at the Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, I had often taken my wife and children, all of us now members of the Masonic Order, to see the sights of Washington and especially to visit the Smithsonian, but never before this Conference had I realized the depth of the Masonic influence on the development of the city of Washington. On the afternoon of St. Valentine’s Day, the delegates and their wives were privileged to tour the District of Columbia under the auspices of Paul Bessell, Junior Grand Warden of the FAAM of DC. We learned that the monuments and buildings at the centre of the ten square mile region were laid along the four cardinal points of the compass, arranged around the centrally placed Washington Memorial. George Washington, regaled in his Masonic accoutrements, had laid the Cornerstone of the Capitol on September 18th, 1793. The Capitol itself became the focal point of the broad avenues which

radiate out to form the compasses, crossed by a right-angled square.

On the evening of that first day, the delegation royally dined at the Grand Lodge of DC’s gala at the Reagan Center, followed by a scintillating musical interlude of Masonic music, including excerpts from Mozart’s *Magic Flute*. The whole evening was magical and allowed opportunity to visit with Masons from all over the world. The Grand Masters’ Conference was opened on the following morning by MWBro Carl Fitje, GM of New York, who exhibited the gavel of George Washington before the GMs of sixty-four jurisdictions, including dignitaries from A&ASR and Royal Arch concordances, among whom was our own Sovereign Grand Commander of Canada, Orlan Weber. The Conference reconvened in the afternoon at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia. In the newly decorated George Washington Memorial Museum, the *Holy Bible* on which Washington and several subsequent presidents were sworn into office was on loan from St. John’s Lodge in New York. The Grand Masters from Massachusetts and Alberta were privileged to stand together while photographs were taken. That’s one I will keep! Putting all things into perspective, a large stone cut from the quarry of King Solomon’s Temple, was placed in the south corner, as one entered the Temple.

On the second and third days, twenty-five excellent break-out sessions were mounted, dealing with a wide range of Masonic topics of concern, including membership revival, making Masons on sight, mentoring, and One-Day Classes. One outstanding session even dealt with the statistics of the effect of rote learning versus education and research as a motivator of Masonic membership retention.

Consistent with the theme of the Conference, the latter was entitled “A Quiet Revolution in Candidate Advancement Requirements: Memorization or Education and other Alternatives.” I recommend the Brethren to read this document which was well presented and debated and left no doubt that rote learning is a thing of the past for the more enlightened Mason who adopts a scientific approach to the new research.

The statistical analysis is overwhelmingly in favour of non-rote education as a superior approach to candidate advancement. Revolution is the rule of the day and each of us owes it to our Order to be suitably informed, no matter what one’s prejudice may be.

On the final day, Brother Dr. David B. Harte, DDS, explained the successful CHIP program, aimed at precise identification of missing, lost and murdered children. It consists of an every child canvas of recognition, based on dental impressions and bites. It has proved more useful than DNA assessment and fingerprinting that often loses its efficacy due to deterioration of the sample from chemical breakdown and sloughing of the skin, in contrast to the unchanging calcified tooth structures. It is expected that this programme will be inaugurated promptly in Alberta with the assistance of the Alberta Dental Association, so as to reduce delay in identification and recovery of missing children.

Alberta Miscellany

Zetland Lodge No. 83 — I would like to talk about Masonic Charity. I am not referring to financial charity or “giving” in the conventional sense. If you truly believe that it is better to give than to receive, then by not asking a fellow Mason to help you out you are depriving your Masonic Brother of an opportunity to be a better Mason.

What I am suggesting is, as a Mason we should be asking a fellow Mason to help us because then you are helping him. We are all overwhelmed by requests for our time and money, and naturally become reluctant to ask for help from others for fear of bothering someone, but I believe we all would have time for, and would feel good about, helping a Brother.

Maybe you could ask for something as small as to pick up the mail, visit us in hospital, join us for a cup of tea, or pick us up for a Lodge meeting. So, in summation, “Help a Brother by asking him to give you a hand!”

Bro David Cronkhite, SW

Vermilion Lodge No. 24 — A whole evening might be given to describing the various sources of our beloved Or-

der. It is a fascinating story, ending in the gradual decline of building, the languishing of the operative lodges, their transition into speculative bodies and the formation, between 1717 and 1736, of the three Grand Lodges in the British Isles from which every regular Grand Lodge in the world today derives its origin, directly or indirectly.

We have come a long way. Inspirations have come from many sources and a close study of the fascinating story discloses a number of things:

- The fraternal idea, comradeship and fellowship among the builders has always existed and persisted.
- The idea of building guilds has always existed.
- The close identification of the Craft with religion, the ancient mysteries and later Christianity.
- The continuity of these ideas from very ancient times, because building and religion have always been factors in civilization.
- Lastly, there was a gradual evolution — a flowing together. The many streams from many sources have come together and now flow on in one mighty stream or river.

We must realize, too, that this Order of ours is still flowing. Instead of one Grand Lodge, there are now a hundred. Instead of four Lodges, there are now more than 40,000. Instead of the 100 members who formed the first Grand Lodge, there are nearly four million.

There are many degrees and branches and orders of Masonry. New influences, social, economic, philosophical and religious, have come in. The Royal Arch blossomed about 1740; the Knights Templar about 1760; the Scottish Rite about 1785 (Chapter of Clermont 1754, Ed.). Benevolence funds were first engrafted on the Order about 1800 and charitable institutions were established about the same time.

Even the ritual has grown in variety and in beauty. Each jurisdiction decides what ritual it shall use, and in many there are several in use. Charges and lectures and floor work are constantly revised and added to. In recent years there have been Lodges for the study of our history, our symbolism and our jurisprudence. Lodges met at one time in taverns and later in rented halls and buildings; nowadays many Lodges and Masonic bodies have fine temples of their own.

WBro John Bourne, WM

Evergreen Lodge No. 166 — Who was it who said “United we stand, divided we fall”? [*John Dickinson, 1732–1808, “The Liberty Song” 1768: “Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all,— By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.” Ed.*] Sounds like something the Texans might have said at the Alamo, or maybe the French Foreign Legion at Dien Bien Phu. But I suspect that this statement was actually made by a Mason, and I

believe it’s appropriate... today. We need each other to make things happen. [The Lodge’s] past accomplishments, as well as our culture and personality, result from the cumulative and collective past efforts of many Brothers.

It requires a minimum number of Masons to open a Lodge, and there is a critical mass of Masons that allows a Lodge to begin functioning creatively as intended. Compared to the results that the group can accomplish, individual members cannot accomplish much. Now is probably a good time to acknowledge the hard work of many long-time Evergreen Lodge members, and to thank all of the senior members for the legacy they have given us newer members.

It’s the senior Brethren who set the example for us new guys and who teach us what Masonry is all about. Their teaching takes place in many subtle ways. Their often unrecognized role is to guard and preserve, not only the ritual of the Lodge, but the attitudes, beliefs, and correct behaviour of a Mason. As a relatively new Mason, I think I speak for others in saying that we respect, value and need the senior Masons in our Lodge. They make the Lodge what it has been and is now, and we appreciate their knowledge, support and the examples they set for us newer Masons.

WBro Paul Carter, WM

Historical Inuvik house to become Masons’ Lodge

WebPosted Mar 11 2004 01:56 PM CST
INUVIK — A vacant house in an Inuvik Park will become the newest Freemasons’ Lodge in North America.

The house once belonged to Jimmy Adams, a trapper who once trapped where a park is now located. The Jimmy Adams Peace Park Society had once planned to make the house into an interpretive centre for the park. But the society hasn’t met for two years. That means the house is now town property. City council agreed to lease it to the Masons Wednesday evening. A former Inuvik mayor wrote a letter urging the town to make the house into an interpretive centre, but the current mayor says the town doesn’t want that responsibility. He says no other community groups want it either. Mayor Peter Clarkson said, “It just hasn’t been part of the town’s program to set up an

interpretive centre there,” the mayor said. “I guess as far as the park goes, we are more into trails and bridges, and having it more of a walking park.” Clarkson adds that the house is run down and that the Freemasons have offered to repair it. Marja van Nieuwenhuyzen is an Inuvik councillor and was Adams’ friend. She says the house is empty and run down and she’s glad someone wants to take care of it. “I think it’s a good idea the Masons are taking it on for five years and that they’re willing to fix it and maintain it,” she said. “We can preserve that particular building as part of the Jimmy Adams Peace Park.” The Freemasons are a men-only philanthropic society with chapters around the world.

<http://north.cbc.ca/regional/servlet/View?filename=11mar04masons>
Courtesy Daniel Stuart Ferguson, BA

Fiat Lux at Historic Fort Edmonton Lodge Hall

Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 will hold its next meeting at the historic Lodge Hall at Fort Edmonton Park on 15 May 2004 tiling at 2:00 PM. Among the papers planned is one on MWBro E.A. Braithwaite, Member of Edmonton Lodge No. 53 and Grand Master of Manitoba 1903–04, who was involved in the building of the original Lodge Hall in Edmonton.



This is a meeting to which Brethren are encouraged to bring their ladies and guests. While the Lodge meets, the ladies and guests will be offered a tour of the park. Following the meeting, a banquet for all will take place. Cost — \$25 per person.

For further information contact Garth Cochran, Secretary, 403-274-0563; e-mail sgarthc@shaw.ca.