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Far North Lodge Consecrated

By Editor, with files from Bro Chris Garven (199) and WBro Stuart Krause (191)



MWBro Rod Ponech signs the Charter of Far North Lodge No. 199 flanked by (l to r) RWBros Jerry Kopp, GSec; Rex Dawson, DGM; Bob Drury, JGW and Malcolm Berry, SGW.

What started as a labour of love has finally come to fruition: Far North Lodge No. 199, AF&AM GRA was duly constituted and consecrated, the ceremony taking place at Inuvik on Saturday, July 3rd, 2004. Thus the most northerly Lodge on the North American continent and the British Commonwealth has been added to our jurisdiction. Inuvik, at 68°20' North Latitude, is situated south of the homes of only four Lodges in Norway: Narvik 68°30', Tromsø 69°36', Alta 69°58' and Hammerfest 70°40'11" — no other Lodge in the world is farther north! Similarly, Inuvik at 133°43' West Longitude welcomes its Lodge as the fourth farthest west in Canada, surpassed only by those in Dawson and Whitehorse (2 Lodges) in the Yukon, but still makes it farther west than Port Clements in the Queen Charlottes. The Arctic Ocean is only 97 km north, and the Arctic Circle is 200 km to the south.

So much for geography, but it bears mentioning that this town of about of now about 3,450 inhabitants, composed of almost equal thirds of Inuvialuit (Eskimo), Gwich'in (Indian) and "palefaces"

had been conceived by the Canadian Government in 1953, and soon after promoted by our late Brother, the Rt.Hon. John G. Diefenbaker — so is only a little over fifty years old. Even the name was invented only then: Inuvik, in Inuvialuktun, meaning "place of people." Incidentally, they insist on placing the stress on the second syllable in pronouncing the name, therefore it's In-U'-vik.

The event brought together 102 Brethren, literally from Coast to Coast to Coast. The Lodge, which is composed of 14 resident and 21 non-resident members for a total of 35 at present, welcomed at least 28 current and former Grand Lodge Officers and many other Brethren from five different jurisdictions. With approximately 75 spouses and friends accompanying them, the visitors took tours of Tuktoyaktuk and the Beaufort Delta Region of the Mackenzie River, visited the newly opened Lodge building, spent some time shopping and touring Inuvik, sampling some local food choices at a special "Taste of the Arctic" afternoon such as

caribou, musk ox and arctic char, as well as "muktuk" (whale blubber), and two separate pig roasts.

Many of the visitors had journeyed by *Canadian North* airline from Edmonton and Calgary, with landings in Yellowknife and Norman Wells, to reach their destination. Others travelled north along the Dempster Highway. One who arrived by air reports: "We were met at the airport by members of Far North Lodge, picked up our luggage, which was immediately loaded into trucks for delivery to the appropriate hotel, while we were loaded into vans and driven to our hotels, free to check in, get settled, and take in the 'meet and greet' planned for the Legion Hall that afternoon. [Not surprisingly, McInnes Branch No. 220 is also the most northerly of all Canadian Legion branches.] It was during our walk to the Legion that we first began to notice some of the more obvious unique features of Inuvik. The houses, on stilts to provide stability and to keep from melting the permafrost; the satellite dishes, angled down to pick up signals from satellites orbiting the equator; the 'utilidors', long, slender structures which house the above ground utility



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Members at Consecration (l to r by the order of heads): Ken Bibby; Angus Stewart; Al Allison; Al Smith; Mark Bleakney; Truman Kingsler; Derek Lindsay; Wally Wolfe (WM); Robin McConnville; Howard Townsend (IPM); Jay Wolfe; David Patrick; Chris Garven; Earle Sharam; and Don Hart. (Photos courtesy of Chris Garven, 199.)

Editorial Anniversary Issue

The Alberta Freemason, the monthly bulletin of our Grand Lodge, was authorized by the Board of General Purposes to publish a special, multi-page issue in magazine style to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Grand Lodge in 2005. Our readers have already been advised about this coming commemorative magazine in the April 2004 issue, and were then asked to preserve the announcement for future reference. However, just in case the April copy has been mislaid, here we repeat what we are looking for, to be contributed by our Brethren from throughout the jurisdiction:

Visuals:

- Art work by local Masonic artists, and others.
- Pictures of selected Alberta Lodge hall interiors and exteriors.
- Pictures of selected Masonic events and personages.
- Pictures of authors of articles submitted (head and shoulder).
- Other pictures or graphics.

Text:

- Message from the Premier of Alberta.
- Message from the Grand Master for 2004–2005.
- Message from the Grand Master for 2005–2006.
- Message from the Grand Secretary.
- *Editorial*.
- Feature article: *Freemasonry — a Way of Life*.
- Articles “*From the Past*.”
- Articles “*Alberta Masonry of the Present*.”
- Articles “*How we see (and plan for) the future*.”
- Greetings from and/or exposés on our Concordant Bodies and members of the Masonic Family of Alberta, including our youth organizations.
- Contributions from the *Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee*; the *Masonic Foundation of Alberta*; the *We Can Help Program*; the *Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee*; and others.
- Listing of Lodges, their addresses and meeting days and times.
- Appropriate humour in written form or as cartoons.

- YOUR ADDITIONS TO THIS MENU.

It is requested that all of the above be sent directly to the EDITOR (see address, etc., in masthead).

Deadline for receiving copy is **January 31, 2005**, with preference given to manuscripts received earlier.

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It is the intention of all of us to make this centenary issue of *The Alberta Freemason* a 2005 souvenir publication, a keepsake every Brother Mason in Alberta and sister jurisdictions throughout the world will wish to preserve. Your co-operation will make this possible.

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cables and pipes; the large thermal exchange units added to large public buildings, to remove heat and to cool the permafrost; and finally the sun, visible twenty-four hours a day at this time of year.”

Another account reminds us that the 14 local members of the Lodge had worked for over a year to bring this event to fruition, spending untold hours planning, arranging, phoning, emailing, faxing, writing and cajoling. They have been rewarded, one such reward being the founding member’s medallion, presented at the banquet on Saturday evening, made of Mammoth Ivory, acquired in Dawson City. It is enclosed in a silver bezel and worn suspended from an “Arctic Explorer” ribbon — one each

for the charter members and the Grand Master.

The highlight of the event occurred on Saturday morning, July 3rd: the ceremony of Constitution and Consecration, which includes the presentation of the Charter and the ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Officers for the first term as a Constituent Lodge, both ably performed by the Grand Lodge Officers under the direction of the Grand Master, MWBro Rod Ponech. This took place at the Midnight Sun Recreational Complex, which was also the venue for the “Taste of the Arctic” experience and the festive banquet the same evening.

We heard the remark that Inuvik had never before seen a congregation of so many “tuxes” openly displayed; the presence of so many Masons certainly did

not go unnoticed. The event had a significant economic impact on the Inuvik area, with close to a quarter-million dollars spent on travel, accommodations, food, tours and souvenirs over the four days. Weather for the weekend festivities was as close to ideal as could be arranged, with temperatures in the mid to high 20s, and as high as 33°C, and no rain to speak of. The mosquitoes and other flying nasties even cooperated, with the assistance of well-placed mechanical devices and some mosquito spray.

The Lodge’s former Secretary and new Junior Warden says: “Overall, a lot of work, but a great success and an event that will stay on our memories for a long, long time.” Surely, the visitors feel the same way.

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From Darkness to Light

Excerpts from the Grand Master's Address, June 12th, 2004

For one year from now, the Grand Lodge of Alberta's Public Relations Committee has a very ambitious plan to report to the citizens of our province something of the contributions which Freemasons have made to the development of Alberta during its first 100 years. This report is designed not to portray us as a service club, but rather as an integral part of the complex society which has evolved in this region of Canada.

The story of Freemasonry would be incomplete without including the stories of the Order of DeMolay, the International Order of Job's Daughters, the various York Rite bodies, the Scottish Rite bodies, the two Shrine Temples, their associated clubs, as well as the Ladies' and Auxiliary groups.

What story do we want to tell? Not one of secrecy and suspicion! We want to report to Albertans, our friends, neighbours and co-workers the contributions which our Fraternity, in its many forms, has made and is continuing to make to Alberta. This is not meant to be an annual process but rather one unique to the current year when both Alberta and the Grand Lodge of Alberta celebrate their Centenaries. Perhaps this will some day become a regular event. We could plan on doing it again in 2105.

Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is a unique and diverse organization. The geographical differences, not to mention the distance between Medicine Hat in the southeast and Inuvik in the northwest, dictate that that Masonry will vary in form, though not in substance. Rural, urban, and even isolated community factors also affect the operations and the possibilities for many of our Lodges. Economic differences on a regional basis bring certain sectors of our Jurisdiction into prominence and diminish the prosperity in others. Population and economic activity is constantly shifting in Alberta and the Northwest Territories. As westerners and as Masons we have observed and adapted to the ebbs and flows of our region. Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction remains optimistic and will continue to carry that positive "**western attitude**" forward into the next century of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The history of our Craft for the last 122 years in this Jurisdiction has been

one of facing, then conquering, frontiers. Our first Lodges arrived in this region with the early Northwest Mounted Police detachments as they brought law and order, civilization and moral truths to a previously lawless area of the Dominion of Canada. As the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways brought settlers, agricultural market penetration, and small settlements to the west, they also brought the spread of Freemasonry across vast regions of previously isolated landscape.

Masonry grew and prospered in our urban centres and continued to spread west, then north, as the Peace River region was opened to development and settlement. Most recently we have seen rapid and significant developments in the North, and our Lodges have followed and provided leadership in communities such as Fort McMurray and now, north of the Arctic Circle, in Inuvik, Northwest Territories. Our history is one of reaching into the uncharted frontiers of our nation and assisting, if not leading, communities and peoples in the spread of goodwill and brotherhood, as the need arises. We, in today's Masonic Lodges, must ever remain cognizant of our rich history. We must constantly recall the contributions of those who have gone before us and must work diligently to carry the lessons and teachings of our venerable science into each corner of our ever-widening realm of influence. Freemasons have seen the

October District Meetings

- 2 Athabasca, St. Albert; Regis 11 00 h; Lunch Noon; Meeting 13 30 h; Banquet 18 00 h; GSec
- 2 Mighty Peace, Grande Prairie; Regis 13 00 h; Informal meeting 15 00 h; Dinner 17 30 h; meeting 20 00 h; GM
- 16 Northern Lights, Whitecourt; Regis 11 00; Lunch Noon; Meeting 13 00; GM
- 23 Calgary-Highwood, High River; Regis 11 00 h; Lunch Noon; Meeting 13 30 h; JGW
- 23 Palliser, Brooks; Regis 11 00 h; Lunch Noon; Meeting 13 00 h; GSec
- 28 Chinookarch, Lethbridge; Reg 17 30; Banquet 18 30; Meeting 17 30; GM
- 30 Beaverhills, Leduc; Regis 11 00 h; Lunch Noon; Meeting 13 00 h; JGW
- 30 Central, Red Deer; Regis 13 00 h; Meeting 14 00 h; Banquet 17 00 h; GSec

needs in the past and have performed their "**good works**" to the benefit of all mankind. Opportunities for service and moral influence exist today as they have existed in the past, and it is incumbent on every Mason to continue the historic tradition of leadership and service, making the future as bright and promising as our past.

Yes, we want to let our light shine before men, that they may see our good works. And no, we do not want to stay in the limelight and become known only for our good works. We are not and must never become "just another service club." Our fraternity is based on personal development, morality, truth, cooperation, and goodwill among all mankind. This has been our purpose throughout the ages and must remain the focus into the future. I will, however, suggest this. We have often been told that the way to increase our profile or expand our membership is to live our individual lives in such an exemplary fashion that others will observe us and attempt to emulate what we do and whom we are. The flaw in this premise is that it does not necessarily lead to the relationship of us as individuals and the order of Freemasonry to which we belong.

It is imperative that others know and recognize us as Freemasons if they are to realize that the individual whom they observe, the one whom they admire or strive to emulate, is a better person for his membership in the Craft.

MWBro R. B. Ponech, Grand Master

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Grand Master's Itinerary

October 2004

- 1 Allenby No. 38, OES, Freemasons' Hall, Edm; 17 00 h
- 2 Mighty Peace District Meeting, Grande Prairie; dinner 17 30 h
- 5 Kenilworth No. 29, Red Deer; 17 30 h; Curly Foster Night
- 13 Western Canada Conference, Canmore
- 16 Northern Lights District Meeting, Whitecourt; 11 00 h
- 16 Whitecourt No. 153; 75th Anniversary
- 19 Baseline No. 198 Installation, Pioneer Centre, Spruce Grove; 13 00 h
- 27 North Star No. 4, Lethbridge; Centennial Banquet; 18 00 h
- 28 Chinookarch District Meeting, Lethbridge; 17 30 h
- 30 Exemplar No. 175, Edmonton; Hallowe'en Party; 20 00 h

Our 2004 “Medal of Merit” Awards



2005 Masonic Medal of Merit recipients (l to r): Bros Bob Edward Disler; Bruce R. Harris ; Roderick Murray Hood; and Johannes Kuenzel. Missing: Bro Harry Wilson Newby.

Bro Bob Edward Disler was initiated into Freemasonry in 1959, in Patricia Lodge No. 91. This had been preceded by his initiation and investiture as the first Senior Steward of Edmonton Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in 1952. There he was Master Councillor in 1957, received the majority degree and joined the Advisory Council as Chapter Dad before starting the Cavaliers. He later served the DeMolay Canadian Grand Council as an Active Member and held the position of Northern Deputy for Alberta for five years. He remained active in DeMolay until the 1990s and in 2003 helped to organize the 50th anniversary of Edmonton Chapter.

Bro Disler has been Tyler of his Lodge for the last five years, greeting members and visitors alike with a friendly and cheerful welcome. He produces and proudly displays at the Tyler's register a list of members with birthdays of the month, and frequently has a display of his balloon creations on hand.

In 1976 he joined the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, taking part in several of the degree teams. In 1992 he joined the Al Shamal Shrine and became a member of the clown unit, serving as its president in 1999. With the 2nd Degree Team of that unit, he has taken active parts on their visits to Craft Lodges.

He and his wife of over forty years, together with their son, have been actively involved in community league and church activities. His love for anything mechanical in nature is a natural for him, as he is a licensed mechanic by

Society, the Make a Wish Foundation and Grant MacEwan College.

Bro Bruce R. Harris received the three degrees of Craft Masonry in Crossfield Lodge No. 48 in 1972. In his Lodge he has delivered the Entered Apprentice Lecture, 2nd Section, Part 1, of the Ancient York Rite, since the early 1970s, flawlessly and with clarity, which is well remembered by the members who had benefited from his recitation.

Bruce Harris was born and raised on a farm near Landis in western Saskatchewan and after a few years of farming and a session of engineering at the Saskatoon university he worked as a telegraph operator for the CNR in Unity, SK, Cold Lake, Ryley and Edson, AB, terminals. He married Joyce Cornelson in 1958, and on the demise of telegraphy Bruce enrolled at SAIT for a 2-year term in Electrical Technology. He won a scholarship for achieving the highest marks of the SAIT student body, which selected him as the valedictorian of their graduating class. By that time Bruce and Joyce had become the parents of two daughters. Bruce was then employed by Calgary Power, in 1961, and moved to Lacombe where he worked on the Distribution Crew. In 1962 he was transferred to the district of Wetaskiwin. In 1969 he was appointed Assistant District Manager for the Airdrie District, where he remained for the rest of his working life.

Bro Harris has been active in the United Church all his life, singing in the choir and just helping out whenever needed, as well as serving on the Church

trade. In 1992 he was diagnosed with a medical condition that made it painful and impossible for him to continue his trade. Being placed on long-term disability, he still remains as the neighbourhood “Mister Fix-It.”

Bro Disler volunteers for the Pilgrims Hospice Society, the Good Samaritan

Board for many years. He was an Air Cadet leader for many years, a member of the Lions Club, volunteered in schools presenting lessons on the hazards associated with electrical power, and opened his basement to the 4-H Club so that the children would have a place to meet and work. Of late he volunteers at the local Seniors' Centre where he organizes events and activities. In addition to these public activities, Bruce always follows his heart in caring for friends, neighbours and relatives, by driving them to the doctor when needed or to cancer treatments, as well as by delivering meals-on-wheels. He loves people and continues to quietly support those in need. His integrity is something we could all emulate to make this world a little better place for all.

Bro Roderick Murray Hood

was initiated into Freemasonry in Bassano Lodge No. 55 in 1976. Since then he has been a regular attendee of the Lodge meetings and activities, and an active supporter of the Worshipful Master in office, within and without the Lodge. He has taken it upon himself to help guide new Initiates during degree work. To such high degree does he hold his Freemasonry and his Lodge that he spends countless hours showing and explaining the values of Masonry to non-members, thereby producing very worthy candidates for initiation. The spin-off from this one activity alone creates a very favourable impression of the Craft within and around his community.

Over the years Bro Hood and his wife graciously host the annual Ladies' Picnic held each summer. As a regular church attendee he sits on his Church Board, offering assistance and advice. Again, he and his wife host the annual Outdoor Church Service and picnic, an event looked forward to by many parishioners. In the community he has been a hockey coach and 4-H leader, and still supports and helps youth groups when needed. He helps to set up and run the local rodeo each summer, and is a director of the Agricultural Society. For many years he has been a member of the local Rural Fire Department.

To so high a degree is he held in estimation by his fellow citizens, that he was honoured as Sportsman of the Year 2002, and was chosen Honorary Parade Marshal for 2003.

Bro Johannes Kuenzel received the three degrees of Craft Masonry in Lodge Renfrew No. 134 in 1990. He is a Mason who will work tirelessly in the background, never bringing attention to himself or to the contributions he makes to his Lodge or to the community in which he lives. If strict observations were not made, his work would not be noticed easily. Yet, like many modest men, Bro Kuenzel prefers to do his work in the background and does not approach centre stage. Without him, and men of his stature, our Lodges would be all the poorer.

Bro Kuenzel's work within the Lodge has been exemplary, never missing a meeting except when out of the country. He has taken ritual parts and shown his perfection and dedication to our teachings. Without prompting he has taken upon himself the responsibility of ensuring that the Lodge is properly prepared, and is left as it should be for those using the room next. He willingly looks after every small detail, both at labour and at refreshment.

Within the Scottish Rite, Bro Kuenzel has accepted, without hesitation, responsibility for the wardrobe and regalia. On a volunteer basis he applied his trade as a cabinet-maker to great advantage, in kitchen and Festive Board room renovations at Calgary's Freemasons'

Hall, as well as his fine cabinetwork and finishing work demonstrated in the new library and other building renovations recently completed.

In like manner, Bro Kuenzel has contributed to the betterment of his community, making sure that it does become a better place in which to live and to raise a family. It can be said that "he does the good act — not for himself — but for the cause of good," the good of others. Bro Johannes Kuenzel is an example to all dedicated Masons.

Bro Harry Wilson Newby was initiated into Freemasonry in Sioux Lookout Lodge No. 518, GRC, in 1960, and affiliated with Griesbach Lodge No. 191 of Edmonton in 1975. He rose through the chairs of his Mother Lodge to the position of Senior Warden, until his transfer from that location. When he affiliated in Alberta, he became Secretary-Treasurer of his new Lodge, a position he held for eight years until his health forced him to resign. He did an admirable job, contributing greatly to the well being of the Lodge and set a high standard for that office. He enjoyed the challenge, keeping the books in impeccable condition. During this period he also served as District Secretary in 1987/88.

Harry Newby was born on a farm south of Camrose. Later the family moved to Wetaskiwin where he attended school and afterward gained employment with the Canadian Imperial Bank. In 1942 he enlisted in the RCAF. In May of 1943 the plane was shot down, crashing into the Zuider Zee (= IJsselmeer) in Holland. He was taken prisoner by the Germans and held in Stalag Luft Three until near the end of the war, when he was freed by Scottish troops. Upon his return to Canada he moved back to Wetaskiwin, rejoining the bank. He and his wife have had a happy long marriage, with three children, and can count many long time friends.

Bro Newby has been a very active member of the community at large, serving in several organizations in positions of responsibility. While still working in Ontario, he remained active in the Royal Canadian Legion, the Rotary Club, Scouts and the community. In Edmonton and Wetaskiwin he was very active in the United Way in the organization of its annual campaign, the Boy Scouts, the Anglican Church, the Royal Canadian Legion, the RCAF Veterans and the Prisoner of War Veterans where he served as Secretary-Treasurer and Vice President. He also assisted in many other organizations and city activities.

Space Available in Anniversary Issue of *Alberta Freemason*

The Alberta Freemason is publishing one "Special Issue" to commemorate the centenary of The Grand Lodge of Alberta. The multi-page, four-colour magazine will be dated 12 October 2005, but will be released for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in June 2005. A print run of 12,000 or more copies is planned. This souvenir issue is expected to be valued as a keepsake by recipients — all members of the Fraternity in Alberta as well as numerous addressees in sister jurisdictions throughout the world, the media and Alberta public places such as libraries, places of learning, hospital reading rooms, etc. To cover production costs, commercial advertising in this special issue is being solicited.

Advertising space is now available. Rates quoted are net of any agency fees. Assistance with design and layout of ads is available through *The Alberta Freemason* at additional cost. Ads range in size from full page to card ads (2 in. by 3.5 in.) Back and inside covers are available in 4-colour only. Bleeds available on full-page ads and covers only. The rate card is shown below.

Copy deadline for camera-ready material is 1 April 2005. Electronic files accepted for placement in PageMaker on a Macintosh system (can convert most PC materials) — Photoshop, Freehand, Illustrator (**not** MS Publisher). Digital photos must be hi-res (300 dpi at finished size), preferably in TIF format.

To place an ad (or to offer to sell ads) contact: David Watkins (Edmonton) — 780-477-8425, jdavidwatkins@shaw.ca; or Garth Cochran (Calgary) — 403-274-0563, sgarthc@shaw.ca. Booked ads will be confirmed by letter from *The Alberta Freemason*. Payment is due 1 May 2005.

Rate Card

Based on single insertion in the commemorative, colour issue of *The Alberta Freemason* designed as a keepsake/souvenir. Price is for 4-colour, spot colour or B&W ads. Guaranteed position, including covers, 10% premium. Inside and back covers available, 4-colour only.

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Card	3½ X 2	300.00

October is Bursary Month

Or so we are prone to say, however, any month, any day of the year is a good time to show our support for the **Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund**. Our generosity cannot be better directed than towards the education of our youth, particularly those among them who without such bursaries would be unable to advance in knowledge and skills. So, how have we done this past year?

VWBro Hugh Kent, Chairman of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee, tells us. Donations this year were \$149,322.35, enough to fund one hundred \$1,500.00 bursaries. We should know, however, that of this amount only \$74,413.80 came from individuals donating through their Lodges, while the remaining \$74,908.55 came from the Masonic Foundation (\$520) and the following Calgary based groups: Freemasons' Hall (\$47,888.55), Tuscan Society (\$14,500) and AlAzhar Tin Lizzies Corps (\$12,000). Would the rest of the province care to do likewise this year?

Bro Kent also reports that eight Generous Donors Plaques, for donations of \$1000 or more, have been sent out this year. The Bursary Committee recognizes the extensive efforts of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the District Bursary Coordinators and the Lodge Representatives who all ensure that our Bursary Program runs smoothly. "Without this generous support, promoting the fund, interviewing candidates and presenting bursaries, the program would not be a success," says Kent. He further reported:

Grand Master's 2005 Caribbean Tour *LAST CALL!*

Come Aboard with Rod and Marilyn Ponech
January 14 to 25, 2005.

10 sun drenched days and 10 balmy nights in the **Southern Caribbean**.

Ports of Call: Half Moon Cay, Bahamas — Willemstad, Curacao — Oranjestad, Aruba — Panama Canal — Puerto Limon — Costa Rica.

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Total package price for 12 days / 11 nights start as low as **C\$3,693**.

Not included: Travel Insurance, Ship Board Tipping (which is still a personal choice).

There are several cabins still available within the Group Space, but all cabin space will be recalled by **November 1, '04**.

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"This year we received 233 applications by the March 1st deadline and sent 127 of the most needy to the DDGMs for interviews. Since we can fund one hundred \$1,500 bursaries, we are meeting about 43 per cent of the requests for assistance. I should also note that the Committee decided that in order to keep our Bursaries relevant in today's world of rapidly rising tuition fees, it was necessary to raise our bursaries from the \$1,250 of the previous few years to \$1,500."

Each year the Bursary Committee receives many cards, letters and pictures from students to express thanks to the Masons for their generous assistance. One student said: "As one of the candidates chosen to receive a Masonic Higher Education Bursary, I would like to express my deep gratitude to all Masons for choosing to support me with this financial assistance. It has given me the opportunity to pursue my post secondary goals in the Legal Assistants Program at SAIT. I am starting the second semester and I find the course exciting and challenging. It is a great relief to have the necessary financial resources so that I can concentrate on this program. I will keep you informed of my progress. My sincere Thank You for your interest and assistance in helping me to achieve my educational goals."

No. 90 at Camp HeHoHa

On July 23, 2004, several Brethren from Norwood Lodge No. 90 visited Camp HeHoHa on Lake Isle, a summer camp for children and adults with physical or mental disabilities, for the purpose of present-



ing a donation from the Lodge of \$500, which had been matched by the Masonic Foundation of Alberta. The \$1,000 were for the continued upkeep of the Chapel (see picture) at the camp which had been built by Edmonton Freemasons and is now under the care of the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Edmonton. The \$500 were raised by members of Norwood Lodge and their wives, working at bingos.

Shown in the second picture are WBro George Christensen Jr. (left) and RWBro John Forsdick (right), representing the Lodge, and RWBro Ray Beatson, DDGM representing the Masonic Foundation (2nd from right) making the presentation to WBro Colin Reichle, President of the Camp HeHoHa Association (2nd from left).

