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From Darkness to Light

*Excerpts from the Grand Master's Address, June 12th, 2004
(cont'd)*

The light that each one of us carries constantly into the world must be recognized as the light of Freemasonry. To this end I have charged each one of the Grand Lodge Officers to be particularly diligent in his observations of our Craft, his observations of each Mason, and in his own conduct. What does Masonry look like to the general public? Take a careful look in the mirror each morning and fully understand that the face you see reflected there is the face of Masonry that the world sees. This was true yesterday, is true today, and it will remain true for as long as you tread this earth.

My Brethren, if yours is the face of Freemasonry — please put a smile on that face; let the world observe that ours is a harmonious and fraternal Order. Let everyone you encounter know that the celebration you exhibit is the celebration of 100 years of the Order that you are proud to be a member of.

I am further charging each Lodge in this Jurisdiction to assume its most handsome face. Let us make this the year when our Lodge buildings and Temples look their very best. Spruce up the paint, tidy up the grounds, brighten up the signs and symbols on your Masonic homes. In your community, if there is a sign at the entrance of the town or village announcing the existence of a service club or a restaurant, ensure that there is an even more impressive sign identifying your community which is blessed with a Masonic Lodge. If the sign on Main Street identifies the fact that there is a church of a given denomination three blocks west, be sure that there is a sign also indicating that there is a Masonic Lodge Hall one block east.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta has the expectation that each of our Masonic Districts will be leaving its mark on the province this year. In at least fifteen different locations, the District Deputies have been encouraged to leave a tangible message by way of a plaque or marker saying that Freemasonry is present. Some will be on community buildings which have been refurbished, some in the flower gardens of nursing homes which Masons have tended and, no doubt, some in places we might never have envisioned. The creativity of our members never ceases to amaze us.

Lodges are already undertaking a myriad of Centennial projects to honour and mark the first 100 years of Freemasonry in Alberta. Much is being done to celebrate our ten decades of existence (as a Grand Lodge), and much more is yet to be planned and completed. The spirit of accomplishment and the determination to move forward, rather than look back, is strong among your leaders this year. I hope it will soon infect each one of you.

I am excited about the prospects of this Masonic year; I am
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IN REMEMBRANCE

Our Pledge

We shall not flag nor fail,
Though terror-riven hearts around us quail
As evil monsters shake the iron tread.
Our ancient landmarks shelter honoured dead
Whose very trust commands us to defend.
We shall go on to the end.

We shall not flag or fail.
Let those who follow after tell the tale
Of how for all men's freedom free men fought,
Setting their lives and liberties at naught,
Deeming that freedom all else must transcend.
We shall go on to the end.

Royal Canadian Air Force



War Cemetery, Hannover, Germany: RWBro Doug Simmonds and wife Lorna at the grave of her brother, Charles Wright, killed in action in 1943. Also present were twenty Alberta Masons and 16 ladies when the Grand Chaplain (then VVBro) RWBro Donal Stewart conducted a memorial service. Picture taken during the Grand Master's tour, by MWBro Robert Juthner, 3 December 1987.

Editorial

What Do You Know?

It's November. This is the time of year when, year after year, the printed "Proceedings" of the recent Grand Lodge Communication arrive on the Lodge Secretaries' desks. What about them, and what are they really? Well, they're usually 230 to 280 pages, chock-full of information on matters affecting this Grand Lodge — meaning, of course, each and every Brother of the Craft. Granted, a goodly portion is of a statistical nature, and the financial and some other reports may appear rather mundane to the casual reader, but there is so much valuable content which not only makes interesting reading but holds the key to differentiating between making one a well-informed and knowledgeable Mason and an ignorant one.

Needless to say that there is more material between its covers apt to provide a Lodge with topics for presentation and discussion than can be handled during a year of Masonic meetings. One would think that Masters are only too eager to make use of selected items from the Proceedings. What does it always say in front of the book? Quote the directive:

The Proceedings should be handed to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge as soon as received and the Worshipful Master should arrange for all portions of the address of the Grand Master, relating to the procedure or conduct of the Brethren, to be read in open Lodge at an early date. He should delegate a member of the Lodge to study the reports of the various committees and other reports and have bring in a detailed study for discussion in open Lodge.

(Note the symbolism of the inverted isosceles triangle!) This writer is an (almost) regular attendee of his own Lodge's meetings, and does a fair amount of visiting sister Lodges, but he is yet to experience such a report or presentation, not to mention an inspirational discussion period resulting from the same. What a waste, what a loss! In future, will the Worshipful Master heed the directive quoted? Will the Brother on the sidelines ask for it?

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encouraged by the pockets of high energy activity and the influx of young men into a number of our Lodges; and I am confident that our successes and growth patterns can be replicated in many more Lodges in the Jurisdiction. The enthusiasm is there, it is just below the surface in many cases, and together we can accomplish much this year.

On a cautionary note, while we are encouraged by the number of younger men who are petitioning and are being initiated into our Lodges, we must also recognize the challenges which these members represent. They are young, they are enthusiastic, they are well educated and very knowledgeable about their place in an ever-expanding world of technology and information. They must be encouraged and involved in our Lodges. It is imperative that they be led into active roles in our Craft, as they are our future and therefore must play an expanded role of influence and participation in the shaping of Freemasonry for the decades ahead.

I believe that we have moved towards this goal with the selection of this year's Grand Lodge Officers. The men chosen represent a balance between those with an outstanding Masonic history and dedication to our principles, sitting alongside younger men who have a great Masonic future.

The pockets of vital enthusiasm and growth which we see in our Jurisdiction must be encouraged and emulated as models for other sectors. However, we must also be realistic and recognize that there are also areas where Lodges are barely hanging on. Efforts must continue in the various Districts to ensure that amalgamations and the accommodation of members are undertaken in an orderly fashion to avoid a Lodge suddenly going dark and its members effectively being orphaned.

Freemasonry is not a static institution. It grows and declines in predictable cycles. Changes occur, Lodges come into being, and Lodges depart into our history. Masonry, however, does not change; it remains as the messenger of goodness, kindness, morality and

generosity. Its place in our society remains vital and society's need for Freemasonry remains constant.

MWBro R. B. Ponech, Grand Master
Concluded in December 2004 issue

Grand Master's Itinerary

November

- 2 Vulcan Lodge, Gleichen Lodge — Game Supper
- 8 DeMolay, Edmonton
- 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony, U of A
- 18 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 18 Grand Line Officers meeting, Red Deer
- 19 Calgary Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 25 Acacia Lodge, Acacia Masonic Hall, Edmonton
- 27 Lakeland District, Acacia Masonic Hall, Edmonton

District Meetings

November

- 6 Battle River, Camrose Legion
- 13 Phoenix, King George Masonic Hall, Calgary
- 27 Dinosaurs, Irricana Masonic Hall
- 27 Lakeland, Acacia Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton

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Education: The Road to Enlightenment

The theme of the 2005 Masonic Spring Workshop is *Education: The Road to Enlightenment*. Dwight L. Smith, noted Mason and author of *Whither Are We Traveling?* asks “What has become of that ‘course of moral instruction...’ that Freemasonry is supposed to be?”

Unfortunately, many consider Masonic Education to be a dose of bitter medicine — to be endured only when absolutely necessary. Too often the topic deals at length (ad nauseam) with protocol, Masonic customs or the latest rage in pseudo-history. Although some of this material is useful, it should come under officer training or member mentoring and is of limited interest to the general membership, and the length of the paper, and even its delivery, is often such that there is no time, nor

inclination for interaction!

The teaching of a Master Mason begins after he is raised. However, most will avoid, like the plague, the dry, sermonizing lectures — the kind of thing that makes Masonic Education anathema! People learn best when they follow their own interests. It is time to shed the old shibboleths about what Masonic Education is and relearn the excitement that **learning** gave us when we were preschoolers discovering a new world. Masons, like children, also have a “new world” to explore.

The mission of the 2005 Workshop is to give participants an opportunity to experience ways of learning and how to share that by creating an interactive, on-going, exciting education process in Lodge.



29 April to 1 May 2004

Delta Lodge at Kananaskis

In addition, the mechanics of the process will not be ignored. There will be an opportunity to learn ways to memorize lectures, to speak effectively and to learn rudimentary Robert's Rules to conduct effective business in Lodge and at the workplace.

Expect to be challenged, stimulated and entertained once again at North America's most talked about Masonic weekend.

Masonic Labour

By WBro Michel Bourassa,
WM Yellowknife Lodge No. 162, AF&AM
GRA

Bill and Dave, long time Masons and dear friends, were enjoying their weekly golf game. As they talked of life and death, Bill said, “Dave, you have to promise me that should you be called away first, you will try and communicate with me and describe those wonderful mansions in the sky and tell me if there is a lodge in heaven.” Dave agreed and Bill in his turn similarly agreed. Off they went to the 19th hole.

Alas, a few weeks later Dave was in fact called away by the GAOTU. Time went by and Bill missed his friend deeply. One afternoon he was alone on the golf course and feeling a bit dizzy in the sun when he thought he heard Dave's voice calling to him. “Billllll Billllll.”

“Dave, is that really you?”

“Yes” answered Dave, “It's me, and I've come to fulfill my pledge to you.”

“Wonderful,” said Bill, “So tell me, is there a Lodge in heaven? What news do you have for me, my friend?”

Dave replied, “Bill, I have good news and bad news. The good news is that there is a wonderful Lodge here and you'll love it. The edifice is magnificent, all our Brothers are here and the ritual is simply perfect. The bad news is that you will be joining me in the heavenly Lodge tomorrow night and you have to deliver the Junior Warden's lecture an hour later.”

Such is memory work: often dreaded, avoided or held in despair as an onerous burden. But as an element comprised in the term “Masonic Labour,” it cannot be ignored and must be confronted. To “labour” means to work hard and to exert one's self physically or mentally. In the Masonic context it means endeavouring to “know one's self,” to improve oneself, to build a better person and this is not an easy task.

In Lodge ritual and procedures there are references to “labour” as well as “business.” They are, of course, not the same. “Business” is precisely that, the business of the Lodge: accounts, fees and dues, regalia issues, correspondence and the like. This is the mundane day-to-day business that everyone must attend to in his or her life.

Freemasonry, as we know it today, arose in a time when literacy was not the norm; when the ancients, philosophers and thinkers believed that memorization was the key to access spirituality, and that spirituality was a study of how to live. Being true to our historical traditions and cultural roots, we re-enact this concept in Lodge ritual, not simply for the sake of keeping in touch with the past and being true to our roots, but to better learn and understand the lessons Freemasonry has to teach.

At its most fundamental level, learning involves memorization. In contrast, understanding and applying concepts involve higher intellectual processes. But basic knowledge must be learned (memorized) before one can understand

and apply concepts. A newborn memorizes her mother's facial features, voice, smell, and touch. Infants first learn words through memorization and later combine words to communicate concepts. Children learn to write words after learning the shapes of the letters and how these letters may be combined to form words and, eventually, sentences. Learning a foreign language similarly requires a student to memorize the meanings of new words before these words can be assembled into sentences.

We must meditate deeply on Masonic principles in order to understand them better and apply them effortlessly in our lives, so that our hearts may be changed. There is no more useful discipline to this careful process of meditation than memorization. Memorization is not the same as meditation, but it is almost impossible for someone to memorize a passage of the ritual without somewhat deepening his understanding of those principles. Plus, once the passage is memorized, a lifetime of reflection and meditation is now available through ongoing review... while driving on long trips, while walking on beaches, while conversing with friends — memorized ritual can flow from you and cause a deepening of understanding.

Professor A. Astin, a well-known educational scholar and university professor said:

The “spiritual domain” involves human consciousness – what we experience privately in our subjective awareness. - Spirituality has more to

do with affective experience than with reason or logic. Spirituality has to do with the values we hold most dear, our sense of who we are and where we come from, our beliefs about why we are here and the meaning and purpose of our lives and work, and our sense of connectiveness. Moreover, spirituality involves aspects of experience that are not easy to define or talk about, like intuition, inspiration, the mysterious and the mystical.

While we've made crucial advances in the fields of science, medicine, technology and commerce, we've come to neglect the "inner" world of values, beliefs, emotions, maturity, spirituality and self-understanding

It's ironic that while the great literal and philosophical traditions that continue to constitute the core of a liberal education are grounded in the maxim of "Know Thyself". Development of self-awareness receives very little attention in schools and colleges, and almost no attention in public discourse in general and in the media in particular.

Mackey's *Encyclopædia of Freemasonry* states: "Ritual. The mode of opening and closing a Lodge, of conferring the Degrees, of installation, and other duties, constitute a system of ceremonies which are called the *Ritual*. Much of

this Ritual is esoteric, and, not being permitted to be committed to writing, **is communicated only by oral instruction.**" (Emphasis mine.)

Memorization — meditation — spirituality: a good Mason. It's a natural process, one flows into the other and the result is a deeper understanding of oneself and the perfection of one's place in society. The ancients were right: Freemasonry is right.

Memory work is the beginning of Masonic Labour. This labour is not an onerous burden to be grudgingly accepted but a golden key to the immeasurable gifts Masonry has to offer and an opportunity to be welcomed and treasured. Start with the shortest passage you think you can handle, apply the twenty-four inch gauge, the mallet and the chisel, and you are on your way!

Fall 2005 Grand Master's Tour

RWBro Rex Dawson, DGM, and his lady Marj announce *The Fall Splendour New England and Canada Grand Master's Tour*, September 7 to September 17, 2005.

Join Rex and Marj when we begin a new century of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, on a journey back through time to colonial Boston, the "Birthplace of American Freemasonry," an on to a spectacular foliage cruise from Boston to Montreal.

Fly Calgary or Edmonton to Boston on September 7th and enjoy three nights and two full days touring historic Boston and area. Highlights will be a pass for the Old Town Trolley and the Freedom Trail; a tour of the historic Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, including a fraternal visit for the Brethren; a day

tour to Plymouth and Cape Cod; and dinner at the famous *Cheers Bar*; as well as lobster dinner at the *Legal Seafood Restaurant*.

Blockspace has been assured on the Holland America Cruise Line *MS Maasdam*, sailing September 10th, disembarking in Montreal September 17th. The tour package will include all above tours and attractions, return airfare to Boston and from Montreal, from and to your gateway cities of Calgary or Edmonton, all transfers, luggage handling, all meals, taxes and gratuities.

Prices and all details will be available on the Grand Lodge web site, www.freemasons.ab.ca in November, or by contacting Murray Pay, MVP Travel Services, phone 403-286-8506, fax 403-247-0774, email mvptravel@shaw.ca

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, j davidwatkins@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.

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Our DDGMs

We are pleased to introduce to our readers the District Deputy Grand Masters serving the Craft during the 2004–2005 term. This will be continued in the next two issues of The Alberta Freemason.

Yellowhead District

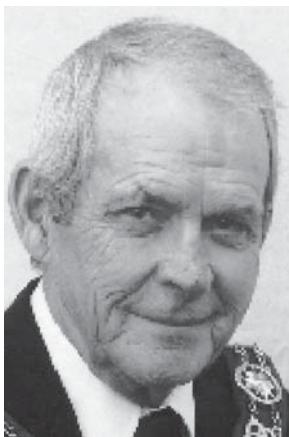
RWBro Robert E. Barker was born in Spruce Lake, SK, on September 4, 1939. He is a business owner/manager, residing in Drayton Valley. He married May in 1961, and they have two daughters and four grandchildren. He completed his Education as an Engineering Technician and is a member of the Alberta Society of Engineering Technicians and Technologists. Robert Barker has worked as an Operator/Technician in gas plants for 20 years, followed by 24 years in private business, the last twelve as Owner/Manager of an instrumentation company from which he retired in 2002. He has also been much involved in the community as a volunteer: director of the Youth Justice Committee; board member with the Family Community Support Services; member of Toastmasters International; and active in the United Church.



Bro Barker was initiated, passed and raised in Drayton Valley Lodge No. 182 in 1969, which is his Lodge to this day, and served it as Worshipful Master in 1978–79. He is a member of the three bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Edmonton Valley, and of AlShamal Temple, AAONMS.

Three Rivers District

RWBro Lawrence C. (Larry) Mitchell was born September 5, 1933 at Pincher Creek, AB. He is a Supervisor, Natural Gas Distribution, Crowsnest Pass and District, residing in Blairmore, AB. He married Agnes (“Aggie”) in 1956, and they are the proud parents of one son and one daughter. Larry was educated in Claresholm and has been employed by CanWest Natural Gas in Claresholm, Vulcan and Crowsnest Pass until he retired as Agency Supervisor, Crowsnest Pass and District, in 1988.



Larry Mitchell has an impressive record of volunteer work: Past President Kinsmen Club, Claresholm; Past President Lions Club, Blairmore; member of Crowsnest Pass Toast Masters; Past Captain, Claresholm Fire Department; Past Deputy Scout Master, Vulcan; and former member of the Municipal Planning Commission, Crowsnest Pass.

Bro Mitchell received the three degrees of Freemasonry in

Rocky-Summit Lodge No. 30 in 1982. He served two terms as Worshipful Master of that Lodge, in 1996–97 and 2000–01. He is a Noble of AlAzhar Temple AAONMS and is active in the Crowsnest Pass Shrine Unit.

Calgary-Highwood District

RWBro Glen L. Springsteel was born in Edmonton on December 18, 1946. He was raised in Edmonton and moved to High River in 1980. Having earned his CMA designation as an accountant in 1984, he currently works in the Public Accounting field in High River.



Bro Springsteel was initiated, passed and raised in Cornerstone Lodge No. 19 in High River in 1993, and served this Lodge as Worshipful Master in the years 2000 and 2001. He is also a member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 and Internet Lodge of Research, GRA.

Our Brother, along with all Brethren of his Lodge, is looking forward to the celebration of 100 years of Cornerstone Lodge, the first Lodge chartered by the then newly formed Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Beaverhills District

RWBro Raymond Jeffery was born on February 6, 1944 at Winchester, England. He graduated from the Arborfield Army Apprenticeship School in 1962. He served 12 years with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, with postings in Germany and the Middle East. Ray married Valerie in 1964, and they have two daughters, Yvonne and Lorraine. Ray and Valerie enjoy living on an acreage near Devon, participating in the many area activities.



Ray came to Canada with his family in 1974, and they became Canadian citizens in 1977. He is a member of the Provincial Apprenticeship Committee for the Heavy Equipment trade, a member of the NAIT Industrial Heavy Equipment Technology Advisory Board, and holds licenses in both the Heavy Equipment and Automotive Technician trades. He has been awarded the Chairman’s Award of Excellence by the Alberta Learning Apprenticeship Board. Ray Jeffery retired from the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve as a Master Warrant Officer in 1997, having served 11 years with 8 Field Engineers Regiment. Active in the community, he has held positions on the Boards of the United Way, Devon Hospital, and the Bredin Institute. He had served as the United Way Deputy Chairperson for two campaigns.

Our Brother was initiated, passed and raised in Star of the West Lodge No. 34 in 1977, and served as Worshipful Master in 1982. He had previously been honoured by appointment

as Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, for the 2002–2003 term.

Central District

RWBro Clayton H. Ross, born August 25, 1945 in Innisfail, Alberta, is a retired Municipal Engineer living in Innisfail. He graduated from Innisfail High School in 1963 and from the University of Alberta with a BSc degree in Civil Engineering in 1967. After graduation, he worked with consultants on Alberta Resources Railway, New Town of Grand Cache, and other municipal surveying. He started as a public servant as Town Engineer with the Town of Vegreville in 1971, where he served until 1979 when he continued in a similar position with the Municipal District of Bonnyville. There he stayed until 1986 when he returned to his hometown, Innisfail, where he retired in 2001.

Clayton Ross married Diane (Burry) and they have two children, April (Park) and Rhonda (Reid), as well as two

grandchildren, Brady and Bretton Park. Now happily retired, he says he is puttering around his old farm buildings and enjoys gardening, golfing, fishing, curling, travelling, and volunteering with the local Historical Society, church and others, as time and inclination dictate.

Bro Ross was initiated and passed in 1987, and raised in 1988, in Innisfail Lodge No. 8, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1992–93. He is also a member of AlAzhar Temple, AAONMS; Past President of the Red Deer Shrine Club; and an active member of the Red Deer Motor Patrol and the BBQ Unit.



Book Review

Warriors of God

James Reston Jr., Anchor Books, 2001, paperback
ISBN 0-385-49561-7, 410 pages

This book centres on Richard the Lionheart and Saladin in the Third Crusade (1187–1192). This conflict shaped world history for centuries and still has repercussions in the Middle East today. The author discusses the two leaders in this clash of cultures. Saladin struggled desperately to unite the Arab world that has suffered in the first two crusades. He succeeded in part because Saladin was a wise and cultured leader who dispensed mercy and justice to his people. His ability to unite the Middle East is still discussed in today's Islamic world. Richard the Lionheart is a much romanticized personification of chivalry. His motives are not as clearly defined as Saladin's. Richard had no qualms in resting in Sicily when he should have been gathering his fleet and moving on to the Holy Land, or conquering Cyprus when he should have been reinforcing the rest of his army already in the Holy Land.

The book discusses the internal conflicts the crusaders had with the Kingdom of Jerusalem. Richard proved to be a successful general. It was the force of his personality that kept the army together after his lover, Philip Augustus of France, departed and returned to France. The book details the political maneuvering between Richard, King Guy, Conrad of Monferrat, and other nobility in the Crusader army. The book also discusses Richard's failure to capture Jerusalem. Richard had the oppor-

tunity; the road was open, and he saw the very gates. Instead, Richard diffused his efforts. He seemed more interested in plunder and riches than fulfilling his vow to capture Jerusalem and return it to Christendom.

Richard left the Holy Land and returned to Europe. Unfortunately his personality was such that he had made several enemies while on Crusade. His capture and being held prisoner are famous. He was ransomed and returned to England. For the next five years Richard preoccupied himself, one way or another, with his endless quarrel with Philip Augustus of France. Richard recaptured his castles at Vemeuil, Loches, and Montmirail. As much as Philip maneuvered, schemed, and plotted, he always lost in battle with Richard. In 1198 the Pope interceded to stop the wars between Philip and Richard. Unfortunately, Richard loved battle. He had settled accounts with Philip and should have retired to England and governed his kingdom. In Limoges, the viscount of a castle, called Chalus, was withholding a portion of treasure that belonged to Richard. Richard was at the castle gates leading the charge, as was his custom. He was wounded by an arrow and died of infection on April 6, 1199.

Saladin, in order to rid his country of Richard, agreed to allow pilgrims to visit the holy sites in Jerusalem unmo- lested. He also agreed to allow Latin priests (as opposed to only Greek Orthodox priests) in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth. After the battles ceased and peace returned to the Holy Land, Saladin seemed to wither away. He died on March 4, 1193.

This book covers well known events.

The library has lots of works on the period, both fictional and historical. I enjoyed this book. It is an easy, relaxing read. There is enough background on Richard, Saladin, and the first two Crusades for the reader to understand the political situation. The book concludes with the death of Richard. Most think the story ends with Richard's return to England. I was unaware of his continued wars with France and of his demise. While the author attempts to show both cultures, Islamic and Crusading Christian, equally, your reviewer must say that the culture and wisdom of Saladin look much better than the greedy, blood-thirsty Europeans. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in this period of history.

Loren W. Kline

Editor's Corrections

With reference to the article *Far North Lodge Consecrated*, in the October 2004 issue of this publication, first paragraph, the statement ". . . no other Lodge in the world is farther north" should be qualified by adding *Northern Brothers Lodge No. 20*, under the Grand Lodge of Russia (founded 1995), which is situated in the city of Murmansk, at 69°10' North Latitude. Thus there are five Lodges at a higher latitude than Far North Lodge, all on the European continent.

It pays to do research.

Edmonton DeMolay Anniversary

In the bio of Medal of Merit recipient Bro Bob Disler, it should say he helped organize the 50th (not 40th) anniversary of Edmonton Chapter, Order of DeMolay.