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Our Masonic Public Identity

The matter of "Public Relations" is taken seriously in this Grand Jurisdiction. Hence it is deemed of service to the Craft in Alberta to reprint the following, taken from **Focus**, a communication of the Masonic Service Association of North America, Vol. 13, Issue 3, September 2006:

It's About Time!

Freemasonry, the world's oldest, and most highly respected fraternal organization, has the responsibility for insuring that its values and purposes are correctly defined and properly expressed to the public. To meet this challenge the Masonic Information Center was asked by the Conference of Grand Masters, in February 2004, to address the question of Masonic Public Identity. The MIC is currently addressing Masonic Public Identity in three major ways:

It's About Time!

Moving Masonry into the 21st Century — The first major step taken by the MIC was to ask ourselves the very difficult question: **Who are we as a fraternal organization within the context of the 21st century?** This question began the discussion that, ultimately, led to the report **It's About Time!** which was published in December 2005. **It's About Time!** examines the historical context of the Masonic fraternity; where we are today; and how we can move into the

21st Century. This report is available in printed form simply by requesting it from the Masonic Information Center. There is no charge for the report itself although if multiple copies are requested we do ask reimbursement for shipping costs. This report is also available for downloading from the MSANA website — www.msana.com

The Twain Award

As a direct result of the report **It's About Time!** the MIC concluded that one of the major steps in the process of developing Masonic Public Identity was to involve Lodges. To stimulate Lodge thought and creativity we developed an award called the **Twain Award**, named in honour of a Brother Mason and world famous author, innovator and performer, *Mark Twain*. Participation in the Twain Award competition will be a journey enhanced through learning, doing and networking. Information has been sent to all Lodges and Grand Lodges through the *Short Talk Bulletin*. Any Lodge whose Grand Lodge is a member of the North

American Conference of Grand Masters is eligible to enter the program. Full information and details may be found by going to the website <www.msana.com>. From the home page click on *Twain Award*. MIC welcomes communication about the Twain Award at the email address <twain@msana.com>.

Website Enhancement

Websites are a major source of Masonic information — fast becoming **the** major source. Each succeeding generation is turning more and more to the internet for information. It is imperative that Grand Lodges, Lodges, and other Masonic bodies have the most attractive, informative, and easily accessible websites that can be developed. MSA/MIC is no exception. We have just completed a major review of our site which resulted in making it more accessible and far simpler to browse. We invite you to go to <www.msana.com>. Please share your thoughts and comments by emailing us at <msana@ix.netcom.com>.

"I Didn't Plan It, It Just Happened!"



For the first, and possibly the only, time in the history of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, the Grand Master presided (on 28 October 2006) over the ceremony to confirm the Consecration of **his own Lodge** on the occasion of its centenary. Shown (centre front) are the Grand Master, MWBro Malcolm Berry, and WBro Jaime Wong, WM of Calgary Lodge No. 23. With them are just the Officers of the Lodge and the Grand Lodge Officers (including seven DDGMS) who accompanied the Grand Master. Following the ceremony, the Brethren took their ladies to the Glencoe Club (where the Lodge's fiftieth anniversary was also celebrated) for a combination banquet and ladies night. Calgary Lodge was Instituted in 1906 and was the third Lodge in the City of Calgary.

Editorial

On Spreading The Light

We have, in Alberta, a *Public Relations Committee*, at the Grand Lodge level, concerned with carrying the Masonic message to the public, and individuals in Lodges do their share in letting the ignorant know what Masonry and Masons are, and what they are not. Their endeavours are commendable.

Our front page article in this edition deals with the subject, as the Masonic Information Center, at Silver Spring, MD, sees it. It contains valuable leads for our Lodges and Grand Lodges. Many other articles and pronouncements have been written on the subject and it behooves us to check them out for their applicability to our situation. The article also stresses the

importance of the website as a medium for communication, particularly to the younger generation.

Several, not all, of our Lodges have designed their own web pages, and we have that of Grand Lodge. Are any of those, as suggested in the article, due for an overhaul? If so, let's do it. Can we find advice on designing a new website, for the benefit of the Lodge that does not have one yet? Would it not be useful, not just interesting, to see a complete list of all Lodge URLs published, and updated from time to time? A compiler is invited to assume that task, and the editorial committee of this publication will be pleased to print such a listing and to update it from time to time.

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[See also "Letter to the Editor" on page 4.]

Aims and Relationships of the Craft

[Reprinted from United Grand Lodge of England — Masonic Year Book 2006–2007]

Accepted in Grand Lodge, 7 September 1949

In August 1938, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland each agreed upon and issued a statement identical in terms except that the name of the issuing Grand Lodge appeared throughout. This statement, which was entitled "**Aims and Relationships of the Craft,**" was in the following terms:

1. From time to time the United Grand Lodge of England has deemed it desirable to set forth in precise form the aims of Freemasonry as consistently practised under its jurisdiction since it came into being as an organized body in 1717, and also to define the principles governing its relations with those other Grand Lodges with which it is in fraternal accord.
2. In view of presentations which have been received, and of statements recently issued which have distorted or obscured the true objects of Freemasonry, it is once again considered necessary to emphasize certain fundamental principles of the Order.
3. The first condition of admission into, and membership of, the Order is a belief in the Supreme Being. This is essential and admits of no compromise.
4. The Bible, referred to by Freemasons as the Volume of the Sacred Law, is always open in the Lodges. Every Candidate is required to take his Obligation on that book or on the volume which is held by his particular creed to impart sanctity to an oath or promise taken upon it.
5. Everyone who enters Freemasonry is, at the outset, strictly forbidden to countenance any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; he must pay due obedience to the law of any state in which he resides or which may afford him protection, and he must never be remiss in the allegiance due to the Sovereign of his native land.
6. While English Freemasonry thus inculcates in each of its members the duties of loyalty and citizenship, it reserves to the individual the right to hold his own opinion with regard to public affairs. But neither in any Lodge, nor at any time in his capacity as a Freemason, is he permitted to discuss or to advance his views on theological or political questions.
7. The Grand Lodge has always consistently refused to express any opinion on questions of foreign or domestic state policy either at home or abroad, and it will not allow its name to be associated with any action, however humanitarian it may appear to be, which infringes its unalterable policy of standing aloof from every question affecting the relations be-

tween one government and another, or between political parties, or questions as to rival theories of government.

8. The Grand Lodge is aware that there do exist Bodies, styling themselves Freemasons, which do not adhere to these principles, and while that attitude exists the Grand Lodge of England refuses absolutely to have any relations with such Bodies, or to regard them as Freemasons.

9. The Grand Lodge of England is a Sovereign and independent Body practising Freemasonry only within the three Degrees and only within the limits defined in its Constitution as '**pure Ancient Masonry**'. It does not recognize or admit the existence of any superior Masonic authority, however styled.

10. On more than one occasion the Grand Lodge has refused, and will continue to refuse, to participate in Conferences with so-called International Associations claiming to represent Freemasonry, which admit to membership Bodies failing to conform strictly to the principles upon which the Grand Lodge of England is founded. The Grand Lodge does not admit any such claim, nor can its views be represented by any such Association.

11. There is no secret with regard to any of the basic principles of Freemasonry, some of which have been stated above. The Grand Lodge will always consider the recognition of those Grand Lodges which profess and practise, and can

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Sentinel's Brethren in Sets

In June 2006 Sentinel Lodge No. 26 raised three Brethren to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. What made this event special was that they were all grandsons of RWBro Roy Lazzarotto Sr. Shown in the picture are (left to right) RWBro Lazzarotto, Bro Jason French, Bro Trevor French, Bro Colt Lazzarotto, and his father, Bro Roy Lazzarotto Jr. Missing from the picture is Bro Glen French, the father of Jason and Trevor. All six Brethren are members of Sentinel Lodge.

It should also be noted that the three Principal Officers of the Lodge for 2006 were Brothers in both meanings of the word. VWBro Don Pagnucco was WM, VWBro Rudy Pagnucco was SW and WBro Ken Pagnucco was JW. That's two interesting sets of Masons.



show that they have consistently professed and practised those established and unaltered principles, but in no circumstances will it enter into discussion with a view to any new or varied interpretation of them. They must be accepted and practised wholeheartedly and in their entirety by those who desire to be recognized as Freemasons by the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Lodge of England has been asked if it still stands by this declaration, particularly in regard to paragraphs 6 and 7. The Grand Lodge of England replied that it stood by every word of the declaration, and has since asked for the opinion of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland. A conference has been held between the three Grand Lodges, and all unhesitatingly reaffirm the statement that was pronounced in 1938: nothing in present-day affairs has been found that could cause them to recede from that attitude.

If Freemasonry once deviated from its course by expressing an opinion on political or theological questions, it would be called upon not only publicly to approve or denounce any movement which might arise in the future, but would sow the seeds of discord among its own members.

The three Grand Lodges are convinced that it is only by this rigid adherence to this policy that Freemasonry has survived the constantly changing doctrines of the outside world, and are compelled to place on record their complete disapproval of any action which may tend to permit the slightest departure from the basic principles of Freemasonry. They are strongly of opinion that if any of the three Grand Lodges does so, it cannot maintain a claim to be following the Antient Landmarks of the Order, and must ultimately face disintegration.

Alberta Miscellany

Selected by Bro Trevor Morris

Avon Glen Lodge No. 170

I can't help but think back to when I was asked if I was going to go through the chairs. I was a little nervous at first, but once in as Junior Steward it was amazing how much more attention I paid to what was going on while the Lodge was at work.

I urge all Brethren to try it out! If you are feeling it is not for you, then it would certainly help out if you would take on some ritual work. There is much you can do to assist your Brethren, such as committee work, ritual, social events, etc. I ask you because there are members getting on in life and memory work is not getting easier, or they are retiring or are not able to get to Lodge as much as before. There are many ways to stay active in the Craft.

WBro Bob MacDermott, WM

Ashlar Lodge No. 28

We are faced with the recurring problem of absent Brethren. What can we do about it? We can either accept it, or we can try and determine the reasons why. I think the latter is the best choice. We all admit that once in a while we have the desire to sway from the meetings for one reason or another. We may feel the meeting does not give us enough, or we may have other interests and commitments. Maybe we are in conflict with one or several Brethren and start to doubt the value of brotherhood. Under such circumstances it is easy to stay away and once a meeting has been missed it is easier to miss the next. What can we do about this problem?

I believe, first it is important that all Brethren, and especially the new initiates, be aware of the importance to be

in Lodge. You do not have to be an officer to attend Lodge. Without a doubt, there is a vacant place in the Lodge when a Brother is absent. It must be emphasized that we have certain duty towards our Lodge to attend, and if we cannot attend then **at least the Master is informed.**

Many will say it must be completely voluntary to attend, but I am convinced that this is not so. We are obliged by our membership to attend, as we were aware of this commitment at the time of our initiation. Brotherhood cannot be complete when there are links missing. Think about the old saying "*a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.*" Even before a Brother is initiated, attendance and commitment must be emphasized—it is better to lose a candidate at this time than lose a Brother soon after. A Lodge does not function without all its members pulling in a common direction.

It is not appropriate to hide behind "a lack of time" or "other commitments" as a reason for not attending Lodge, because **Freemasonry in itself is a commitment.**

WBro Poul Theilgaard, Sec-Treas

Empire Lodge No. 63

Beauty and harmony can be conveyed through all the senses. Through the ear alone we can appreciate the pure pleasure of music, or unite it with our visual sense in the enjoyment of opera, ballet and the other performing arts. We can also experience the intellectual and imaginative pleasures of the written word. In all these expressions of beauty the Craft has played its part.

In the field of music many Masons have risen to prominence and have openly acknowledged the role played by the Craft in their lives. The roll call of Masonic musicians is a long one. Mozart

saw Freemasonry as an essential part of his life in Vienna. Thomas Augustine Arne, another Mason, who composed *Rule Britannia* and arranged the *British National Anthem* and Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle who composed the *Marseillaise*, as well as William "Count" Basie, Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington and Lionel Hampton deserve mention.

But to me the greatest musical Masons I know are those who join me at the close of the Lodge in the singing of *God Save the Queen*. I cannot think of anywhere else where the beauty and harmony of our Craft shines more brightly.

WBro Leon Comer, WM

Balmoral Lodge No. 185

Our mandate is to "take a good man and make him better." How can this be achieved by mass production? This type of change is negative. Positive change can only be achieved by a desire to improve that which we already have. Maybe a good place to commence with positive change is by thinking more sincerely of what we desire as the sponsor of a candidate. Do we think it is sufficient just to sign our name on a piece of paper or should we be more dedicated and take this candidate on a journey through his Masonic life as if he is truly our Brother?

Maybe we should, as sponsors, get to know his family by socializing with them. Maybe we should invite his family to join ours at Masonic social functions. Maybe by taking a more personal interest in our candidates we can begin to alleviate the apathy that sometimes infiltrates our Craft. Let's just do it and help our new Brethren to truly feel that they have embarked on a new journey in their lives.

WBro Colin Craig, WM

Jasper Park Lodge No. 143

A friend once told me that "Lodge is Lodge and business is business," and while I had to agree that one cannot always determine with whom one has to do business, people always have a choice on how they conduct themselves while doing business, as well as in their everyday lives.

The lessons of Masonry do not start and stop at the temple doors; they are to guide our lives and everything we do during it. Don't do something that you know is not right just because it has become common practice with everyone

else. As Masons we are supposed to be the examples, not followers who just try to fit in. We have the strength that comes with being and doing right.

WBro George Stamp, WM

Calgary Lodge No. 23

I was speaking to Bro Walter Potter (JD) one day about doing a little bit of charity for our fellow Armed Forces personnel who are putting their lives on the line in Afghanistan, about a scenario of "adopting a soldier program." Not in a literal sense but actually communicating with a Canadian soldier, a soldier who needs our support in more ways than honouring him or her on Remembrance Day, or worse, when killed in defence of our freedom.

There is a project already in place, a program whereby the general public can communicate with a soldier by writing letters of support, by sending little items like lip balm, baby wipes, sun screen lotion, magazines and other notions that we back home take for granted. Those interested in practicing a little charity do contact our Bro Walter Potter who is actively participating in this very worthwhile project.

WBro Jaime Wong, WM

[For Bro Potter's phone number call the Sec-Treas at 403-281-5714 or IPM at 403-275-8031 — Ed.]

Meridian Lodge No. 129

We have 95 members on record. From that number approximately 10 will not be attending due to illness, old age or travel. Another 10 will be working or have previous commitments. Of the remaining 75, only 12 to 15 are supporting the JW and the Lodge.

What is happening, and how can we correct the apathy toward the social activities of the Lodge? What is the point of having large membership, if the members don't support the Lodge? Being a Freemason is supposed to be a life-time commitment that requires some sacrifice from us. It is not enough to pay a membership fee and then sit back and not participate in the Lodge's life.

Our JW is the heart of the Lodge, and he has worked hard trying to inject energy into the body of it. However, it looks like it is in a coma and from there, medically speaking, there are only two exits. One, recover to healthy body, or, two, death. We must choose one of them.

WBro Javier Sarango, WM

Letter to the Editor

Re: "How to Get Free Publicity for Your Lodge in Your Home Town." The Alberta Freemason 71(9): p 4, November, 2006. WBro Stephen Dafoe is a noted author and journalist and knows the weekly newspaper industry from the inside.

I'd like to offer some comments to Bro Verboven's points in the hopes of providing additional information that might assist in understanding how things are done on the other side of the desk.

In point one, he suggests that it helps if the spokesperson is an advertiser. This may seem harmless, but there is often a conflict between advertising and editorial departments as it is. Advertisers frequently want a little editorial content because they are spending money. They usually lose because it is a line newspapers must draw in the sand — especially considering that advertising already takes up about 70 per cent or more of the paper.

Our Brother suggests calling and setting up a meeting with the editor and telling him that you have a story you'd like to discuss. In actual fact, newspaper editors — especially in small communities — are often writing editors. Therefore, like most reporters, they do not have a lot of time to waste on *potential* stories. You would need to flat out tell them what the angle or news hook is.

Without a news hook, fresh angle or timely piece of information, there is no story.

A newspaper is simply not going to write a story on the Freemasons for the sake or writing a story on the Freemasons. However, if the Lodge is celebrating a 100th anniversary or a member is appointed to the Grand Lodge, then there is the hook required to make it

Grand Master's Itinerary January

- 1 Saskatchewan No. 92, New Year Levee; Edmonton Freemasons' Hall; 10 30 h
- 6 Al Shamal Shrine, Potentate's Ball, Edmonton
- 10 Tawatinaw No. 71, Burns Dinner; Athabasca; 19 30 h
- 20 Al Azhar Shrine, AGM & Potentate's Ball; Calgary
- 22 Beacon No. 190, Burns Dinner; Masonic Hall, Red Deer; 17 00 h
- 27 Bethel No. 12 IOJD, Installation; Calgary Freemasons' Hall; 19 30 h

newsworthy and timely. From there, the story of the Lodge can be told as background.

In point three, our Brother suggests setting up a further meeting at the initial meeting. Reporters at small papers write up to a dozen stories a week and, in addition, are frequently responsible for layout, proofing and correcting the layout prior to press deadline. As such, they cannot waste time on multiple meetings.

A story on the Freemasons is not "Hard News" — it is a people feature and will not be given two or three sittings. In actual fact, the reporter will prefer to do the interview at the office or, more likely, over the telephone.

Additionally, photographs, or "art" as it is referred to in the trade, are given limited space. Therefore the photo opportunity at the Lodge suggested by Bro

Verboven needs to be solid if an editor is to include the photo with the article. A photo of a lodge building is only of value to a paper if the building is for sale and in the real estate section.

Unfortunately, in today's publishing world the advertising is what is guaranteed space in a publication because it is what pays the bills. The space left is referred to as the "News Hole," which should give fair indication of just how important news actually is to a paper today.

In recent months and years, many American Lodges and some in Ontario have sought to cash in on the Da Vinci Code/National Treasure bandwagon. As a result copious articles with headlines such as "Freemasons open their doors and reveal their secrets" have popped up in the press.

Generally these articles reiterate the

same tired list of famous dead Craftsmen and clichés about giving \$2 million a day to charity and yet offer little substance as to what the Craft stands for.

But one must of necessity ask what all this need for Free Publicity is about?

Is it just to tell the province how great we are? If so, let us show the province how great we are.

Is it to attract new men to our doors? If so then let us talk about our principles rather than hide them.

It is not our history or charity that attracts young men to the Craft — it is our principles and what we profess to stand for. And to that end this Grand Jurisdiction can justifiably be proud and better served by relating that information man to man.

Stephen Dafoe

Hinton Lodge No. 178

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2007 MSW Registration Form

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Who Are We and Where Do We Come From?

This is an age-old question at the back of just about everybody's mind. The answers — there's always more than one — define who we are and why we are that way. The traditional way of learning these answers is through storytelling of one form or another. It's the fairy tales and fables we grew up with as children, the family stories and secrets we heard at our grandfather's knee, the myths and legends learned at school and from books. It's experiential. It's also how Freemasons best learn their Craft.

But our story is much more than what is in the three degrees of Freemasonry or the culture of our Lodges. It's more than a recounting of historical facts. It's a vibrant, living thing. But how many of us can really answer the question if asked?

This question is also the theme of the 2007 Masonic Spring Workshop — to be held 19–21 April 2007 at the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis — and storytelling is the vehicle to some of the answers. Raconteur Nelson King, our keynote speaker, will introduce the weekend. In addition, further sessions will delve into the fables and legends of Masonry. There will even be a session dealing with the story of your own Lodge and how to recover it before it is all lost.

For those who want something else, there will be a session on planning Masonic events from festive boards to major anniversaries, some time management training, and Masonic etiquette — the conventions that make social interaction pleasant and safe. And, of course, there is the video theatre, this year featuring *The Da Vinci Code* starring Tom Hanks.

Alberta's Masonic Spring Workshop — the largest, longest running conference for rank-and-file Masons — has an international reputation for excellence. It's held in a world-class mountain resort with excellent facilities and food.

Make plans now to attend. Register before March 3 and be eligible for the Early Bird Draw. Bring your spouse so she can holiday in the pleasures of the resort. Register on line or use the form here. Check our website often for the latest news and agendas.

Your 2006–2007 DDGMs

We are pleased to introduce to our readers the District Deputy Grand Masters serving the Craft in Alberta during the 2006–2007 term. This concludes the series.

Athabasca District

RWBro David Allan was born 27 March 1953 in Paisley, Scotland. His family moved to Montreal in 1957, where David started school. The family later moved to Oakville, then to Burlington, and in 1969 to Fort McMurray, where he finished his education. He worked for the Alberta Liquor Control Board and for the Diversified Bus Company before starting with Great Canadian Oil Sands, now called Suncor Energy, in 1974. He received his heavy duty red seal (Interprovincial) mechanic's ticket in 1979, later becoming a maintenance planner and then maintenance supervisor. In 1996, he moved into the mine as an operations dispatcher, returning in 2001 to the maintenance department where he is currently a planning scheduler in the tracks and auxiliary shop. RWBro Allan lives in Fort McMurray with his wife of 30 years, Theresa. They have two children and three grandchildren.



Our Brother was initiated, passed and raised in Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195 in 1983, and was its Worshipful Master in 1989. In the concordant bodies he is a past First Principal of Hangingstone Chapter No. 40, RAM of Alberta, a 32° Mason of the A&ASR Valley of Edmonton, a member of Al Shamal Temple AAONMS, and past President of the Fort McMurray Shrine Club.

Yellowhead District

RWBro E. John Parry hails from the "Old Parish": Maesteg, Glamorganshire, Wales, UK, where he was born on 19 June 1951. He attended the Bridgend College of Technology and the Polytechnic of Wales, where he obtained a National Certificate in Mining Mechanical Engineering and a City and Guilds Mining Mechanical Technician Certificate (London Institute). He studied Mining Engineering in the Federal Republic of Germany, attended the Outward Bound School in Wales, and was employed by the National Coal Board of Wales. Our Brother emigrated to Canada in the 1970s and received employment in the Petrochemical Industry. He later attended the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and the University of Alberta where he obtained a certificate in Occupational Health and Safety. He is married, with two sons who are pursuing careers in Education and Human Resources, and lives in Spruce Grove.



RWBro Parry was initiated 16 February 1993 as one of the first class of candidates of the newly formed Baseline Lodge No. 198 in Spruce Grove. He was elected Worshipful Master of that Lodge for 2000, and appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 2003–2004. He is a member of the RAM and of the Knights Templar, a 32° Mason of the A&ASR, and a Noble of Al Shamal Temple AAONMS.

Chinookarch District

RWBro Ronald D. Astell was born 25 September 1956 in Kindersley, Saskatchewan. His 30-year work history includes licensed automotive mechanic, shop foreman, service manager, salesman and sales manager. He is now employed as shop foreman/service manager for Headwater Equipment Sales, rebuilding Heavy Equipment. He lives in Lethbridge with Anita, his wife of 24 years, and they have two children. His hobbies include fishing and motorcycle touring, between Masonic meetings.



RWBro Astell was initiated, passed and raised in North Star Lodge No. 4 in 1991 and was its Worshipful Master in 1996–1997 and again in 1997–1998. He was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 2005–2006. In the concordant bodies he is a member of Shekinah Chapter No. 4, RAM of Alberta; Acre Preceptory No. 66, Knights Templar; Wild Rose Conclave No. 37, Red Cross of Constantine; Alberta Council No. 5, Cryptic Rite Masons; and Pompilius York Rite College No. 79.

Beaverhills District

RWBro Peter J. Dunlop was born 24 May 1950 in Petrolia, Ontario. He is by trade a process operator, a 3rd class power engineer, and a steamfitter and gasfitter. He was hired by Dow Chemical Canada in 1970 in Sarnia, Ontario, and retired from that company in Fort Saskatchewan in 2004. He is married to Carmen and has four children and four grandchildren.



RWBro Dunlop was initiated, passed, and raised in Sherwood Lodge No. 183 in 1997–1998, was Master in 2003 and is a member of that Lodge, Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, and St. Clair Lodge No. 425 in Sombra, Ont. He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for its Centennial Year. In the concordant bodies, he is an active member of the Scottish Rite and was Most Wise Sovereign in 2004 and 2005, and is a member of Al Shamal Shriners and a past President of the Director's Staff.

Three Rivers District

RWBro Grant Hoffman

No data available.

