

# THE ALBERTA Freemason



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## 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication

The 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F.&A.M. will be held at the Mayfield Inn & Suites, 16615 – 109 Avenue, Edmonton, AB commencing on Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 10:00 AM and continuing on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

- 1 **Agenda:** The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations R1.1.4, will be conducted by MWBro J.R. Malcolm Berry from the Agenda (printed on page 3), governed by the rules of order as per the Regulations and/or those listed in the Preliminary Report. The Grand Master may revise the Agenda.
- 2 **Notices of Motion:** The Notices of Motions to amend the Constitution and Regulations are to be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.
- 3 **Registration/Balloting:** shall commence at 8:00 AM Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and will continue until 6:00 PM on the first day of the Annual Communication. Registration and Balloting will resume on the second day, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 8:00 AM and continue until 10:00 AM (R.1.2.9.). **Note:** on the Friday evening, there will be no balloting after 6:00 PM.

### Remember Your Commitments!

We encourage your Lodge to be fully represented at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Any decisions of this Grand Lodge are made by **you**. We recommend you read through this issue of *The Alberta Freemason* and familiarize yourselves with the nominees and the notices of motion. Your attendance is encouraged and most welcomed. **See you there!**

### Elections

#### Grand Master 2007–08

Automatic as per section C7.2.2  
**RWBro Robert A. Drury**  
Exemplar Lodge No. 175

#### Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

By Acclamation:  
**RWBro John D. Hart**  
Perfection Lodge No. 9

#### Senior Grand Warden

By Acclamation:  
**RWBro Brian Shimmons**  
Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195/  
Millennium Lodge No. 2000

#### Grand Treasurer

By Acclamation:  
**RWBro Donald G. MacWilliam**  
Perfection Lodge No. 9

### Junior Grand Warden

(One to be elected)

#### VWBro Cyril R. Abbott

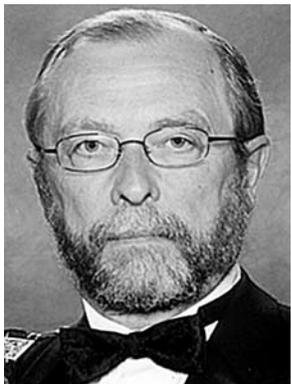
Cornerstone Lodge No. 19  
Cyril Abbott was born April 22, 1955 in Bonavista, Newfoundland. He moved to Calgary in 1981 where he met Michelle, whom he married in 1983. They have three children: Jared (22, graduated from the University of Alberta and a member of Cornerstone Lodge No. 19), Matthew (21, a student at University of Alberta) and Mikala (18, also attending University of Alberta).



See **Cyril Abbott**, page 2

#### RWBro Samuel Wylie Moore

Griesbach Lodge No. 191  
RWBro Sam Moore was born March 27, 1946 in Inverness, Scotland and received his early education in Northern Ireland and England. He emigrated to Canada in 1959 and completed his high school education in Elmira, Ontario. He joined the Canadian Army in 1966 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. After



See **Sam Moore**, page 2

## Editorial

# Sharing the Words

In his address to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1935, MWBro Victor A. Bowes recommended that Grand Lodge issue a two or three page monthly bulletin, and that "the main portion be devoted to quotation of interesting and instructive articles or papers of more or less general Masonic interest, to be obtained from Masonic periodicals published throughout the world..." At the same Communication, the Committee on Research and Education reported that during the previous year, 541 addresses of Masonic interest had been delivered in 112 Lodges across the Jurisdiction. The size of the *Bulletin*, now *The Alberta Freemason*, has increased over the intervening years, and it now includes more material originating in this jurisdiction. Meanwhile the tide of Masonic Education has continued to ebb and flow.

MWBro J.R. Malcolm Berry, in his Inaugural Address, called for a revitalization of education, exhorting us to

"...**Raise the Bar** in educating our candidates and, through an ongoing process, the members of our fraternity, not simply in the Q & A and Obligation sections, but in the true teachings of the Craft. Let us always remember, as the General Charge says, *to draw aside the veil, or more properly speaking, to penetrate through it, and become acquainted with all the mysteries of Masonry.*"

Many Lodges have taken this charge to heart, and are making an effort to embed education in the structure of their Lodges and in their Lodge meetings. Rumours abound of fine papers written, of interesting talks given, of sustainable education programs initiated.

This brings us back to the thoughts of a previous Grand Master. MWBro Rod Ponech's theme for 2004-2005 was

**From Darkness to Light.** Based on the passage (Matthew 5:16):

"Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

His theme reflected his desire for all Masons to stand up and be proud of their membership, and to communicate this pride to the world. But this theme could also apply to our actions amongst the Craft, and especially to our educational efforts.

Don't hide your Lodge's Masonic light under a bushel. Share those papers, those talks, the resource materials your members have found, so that the whole Fraternity may benefit from your efforts.

We can help you spread that word. We are always happy to receive submissions, and will endeavour to publish them in future issues, either in full or in summary, as long as there is room.

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### Cyril Abbott, from Page 1.

Cyril attended the University of Calgary receiving his BA degree in Classical and Early Christian Studies and continued in the MA program in Religious Studies. For many years he and Michelle owned and operated a giftware manufacturing/wholesale business and he now works with Canadian Phone Directories.

Bro Abbott has been an active part of the High River community since moving there in 1988. He has served as chair of many volunteer organizations including the Museum of the Highwood, the Economic Development Committee and the Subdivision and Appeal Board. He was also president of the Chamber of Commerce for two years and a Director for eight years. He currently is serving his second term as Councillor for the Town.

Bro Abbott was initiated, passed and raised as a member of Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, High River in 1998, and served as Worshipful Master 2002-2003. He has been an avid promoter of Masonic education and currently sits as the co-chair for the Grand Lodge Education sub-committee. He is also currently serving Grand Lodge as the Grand Chaplain. Bro Abbott is a member and Past First Principal of Golden West No. 5 RAM, Past Presiding Preceptor of Cyprus No. 31 KT, member of Zadok Council No. 3 R&SM, Pompilius York Rite College No. 79 and Enoch Council No. 127 AMD.

### Sam Moore, from Page 1.

30 years of service in Canada, Europe and the Middle East, RWBro Moore retired from the Regular force in 1996. He then served with the Reserve Forces as Deputy Commanding Officer of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and subsequently commanded 15 (Edmonton) Service Battalion.

RWBro Sam Moore was initiated in Griesbach Lodge No. 191 in 1992 and served as WM of the Lodge in 1997. He was Secretary of his Lodge from 2000 to 2005. He was the Grand Registrar in 2002-2003 and served as DDGM for Athabasca District in 2005-2006. A Member of Edmonton Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. RWBro Moore served as the commander in Chief of the Alberta Consistory from 2003-2005.

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### May

- 8 Mount Lebanon No. 54, 50-Yr Jewel; Calgary Freemason's Hall; 19 30 h
- 11-12 Royal Arch Masons Annual Communication; Norseman Inn, Camrose
- 23 Onoway No. 138, British Night; Onoway Legion Hall; Banquet 17 30 h
- 26 Especial Communication to Reconfirm the Consecration of Mizpah No. 35; Masonic Hall, Medicine Hat.
- 30-3 June Grand Lodge of Manitoba Annual Communication; Winnipeg, MB

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Junior Grand Warden	RWBro Brian Shimmons
Grand Secretary	RWBro Jerry W. Kopp

  
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# Program for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication

## June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 — Mayfield Inn & Suites, Edmonton, Alberta

### Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

- 5:00 PM Grand Master's Banquet (by invitation, formal)
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 8:00 PM Social Gathering, No Host Bar (all attendees)  
- Casual Dress

### Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

- 8:00 AM Registration/Balloting Opens in the Courtyard under the direction of Grand Registrar, VWBro Jim Forbes
- 8:00 AM Board of General Purposes Meeting (members only and invited observers)
- 9:00 AM Formation of Grand Procession
- 9:30 AM **Opening of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication** (Tyled)  
Grand Lodge Procession  
*Reception of:*  
Past Grand Masters  
Visitors  
Grand Lodges  
Concordant Bodies  
Special guests  
Presentation of the Colours  
*Excuse non-Masonic guests*  
Motion of Loyalty — MWBro Sandy Milligan  
Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication  
Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving — VWBro Cyril Abbott, Grand Chaplain  
Rules of Order  
Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
- 11:30 AM **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM Reconvene the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication  
Presentation of the following reports. Each report and recommendation requires a motion:
  - a Board of General Purposes  
\*confirmation of appointment of the Grand Secretary, year 2007–2008  
\*appointment of External Auditor for 2007 year  
\*approval of year 2008 Capital and Operating Budget
  - b Committee on the Work
  - c DGM Implementation Report
  - d Committee on the Condition of Masonry
  - e Fraternal Relations Committee
  - f Board of Benevolence
  - g Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
  - h Grand Secretary's Report (excluding stats)
 Presentation and Adoption of the Following Reports printed in the Preliminary Proceedings
  - a Grand Treasurer's Report
  - b Auditor's Report and Financial Statements
  - c Finance Committee Report
  - d Grand Librarian's Report
  - e Grand Historian's Report

- f Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin Report
- g Foundation for the Future Committee Report
- h Publications and Forms Committee Report
- i Public Awareness and Communication
- j Masonic Spring Workshop Report
- k Masonic Foundation of Alberta Report
- 2:30 PM Grand Master's Address — MWBro Malcolm Berry  
Correspondence and regrets  
Roll Call and recognition of Grand Representatives
- 3:30 PM **Adjournment**
- 5:30 PM **GRAND LODGE BANQUET** — Reception
- 6:00 PM *Balloting and Registration suspended*
- 6:45 PM Seating
- 7:00 PM Dinner  
Toastmaster: RWBro Brian Shimmons, JGW
- 8:30 PM Entertainment
- 9:00 PM Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award

### Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

- 8:00 AM *Balloting and Registration resumed in the Courtyard*
- 9:00 AM 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication reconvenes  
Any Reports not completed from Friday's session  
Notices of Motion to amend Constitution & Regulations
- 10:00 AM *Balloting and Registration Close*  
Report of the Credentials Committee  
Report on the Elections  
Other Masonic Awards
- 11:00 AM General and Unfinished Business  
Election of Grand Tyler  
Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled to next Communication  
Grand Master's Comments
- Noon Break for Lunch**
- 1:30 PM **One Hundred & Second Annual Communication Reconvenes**  
Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2007–2008, under the direction of MWBro Rex Dawson
- 3:30 PM Grand Lodge Closes
- 3:45 PM 2007–2008 Officers' Pictures
- 5:30 PM Incoming Grand Master's evening — BBQ  
Al Shamal Temple  
14150 – 142 Street, Edmonton

NOTE: Tuxedos to be worn by Grand Lodge Officers at the Grand Master's Banquet, Grand Lodge Banquet and Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers.

NOTE: There will be an enjoyable Ladies' Program

## Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

(Elect Two for a Three-Year Term)

### **RWBro Chris E. Batty**

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

Born April 6, 1945, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, U.K. Chris is a professional engineer with a BSc (Eng) in Water Resources and a M.Eng. — Transportation.

He was initiated in 1975 in Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92. He was Worshipful Master in 1982, Grand Pursuivant in 2001–2002 and DDGM of Northern Lights District 2005–2006.

Chris believes that the education of the next generation is one of the country's greatest resources.

### **RWBro Martin G. Bumstead**

King George Lodge No. 59

RWBro Martin G. Bumstead was born in Whitstable, Kent, England on May 20, 1945. A teacher and private contractor specializing in wood, he received an Institute of Education Teaching Certificate from the University of London in 1966, and a Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Calgary in 1975. He lives in Calgary with his wife Darlene, and they have two children, Stephanie and Eric.

RWBro Bumstead was initiated, passed and raised in King George Lodge No. 59 in 1977, was its Worshipful Master in 1986, and has been its Secretary since 2001. He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of

Alberta for 2004–2005, and has also been a member of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee since 2004. He is currently DDGM for Phoenix District. He has taken an active role in Job's Daughters International, serving in several local and provincial offices.

### **RWBro Kyle D. Burns**

North Star Lodge No. 4

RWBro Kyle Burns was born July 15, 1976 in Lethbridge, Alberta. He was initiated into York Lodge No. 119 (amalgamated with North Star Lodge No. 4) April 24, 1998, passed May 19, 1998 and raised June 23, 1998. He served as WM 2002–2004 and was elected DDGM of Chinookarch District 2005–2006.

### **RWBro Clifford G. Edwards**

Griesbach Lodge No. 191

Born August 6, 1939 in Islay, AB. Entered the University of Alberta in 1957, from which he received a BA and MA in History and a Professional Teaching Certificate. Between 1962 and 1999 he taught in Medicine Hat and Edmonton High Schools as well as two years with the Department of National Defense in Germany. The last 28 years of his teaching career were at Ross Sheppard High School in Edmonton.

Initiated into Griesbach Lodge No. 191 in January of 1957, he served as

Master of Griesbach Lodge in 1978. His interest in education led to him serving as District 19 Higher Education Bursary Chairman in 1987–88 and he has been a member of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee since 1998 serving as its Secretary and as Vice Chairman.

He was DDGM, Athabasca District 2002–2003.

### **WBro John G. Pullan**

Mosaic Lodge No. 176

Born in Ponoka, AB June 24, 1957.

Raised in the Craft in December 1991 and was Worshipful Master of Mosaic Lodge No. 176, June 2000–2001. He spent many years as Chapter Dad, Stampede Chapter, Order of DeMolay and Bethel Guardian of Bethel 12, Job's Daughters.

He owns and has operated a Delivery Company in Calgary since 1989.

### **WBro Frank H. Wilkinson**

Mayerthorpe Lodge No. 148

Born January 29, 1929. Initiated Barrhead Lodge No. 171, November 18, 1955, passed January 10, 1956 and raised February 16, 1957. Affiliated to Pembina Lodge No. 126 February 2, 1991. Served as WM 1994–1997. Affiliated to Mayerthorpe March 12, 1998 and served as WM 2002–2003.

## Board of General Purposes

(Five elected for three years)

### **RWBro Eldon W. Wells**

Mizpah Lodge No. 35

Born April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1948, Cardston, Alberta. Raised in Medicine Hat. Married to Marlene, 24 years. Two sons, Travis and Murray, and one daughter, Kimberly.

Served with South Alberta Light Horse, Primary Reserve, 1965 to 1968. Employed with CP Rail as Train Conductor, 1968 to 1983. Owned the All-Niter Shell Gas Bar, 1983 to 2006 and Trackside Liquor Store, 2003 to 2006. Retired at age 58.

Level 2 boxing and trainer coach at Medicine Hat Boxing and Fitness Club. Associate Director with the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Board. WM 2 years, 1996–1997, Mizpah Lodge No. 35. First Principal, Assiniboia Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, 2 years 1997–1998. Appointed to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch, 1999. Companion of Crusader Preceptory No. 54. 14<sup>th</sup> De-

gree Scottish Rite, Lodge of Perfection, Medicine Hat Valley. DDGM, Palliser District 2000–2001. Circus Chairman 4 years, Cash Draw Chairman, President Medicine Hat Shrine Club 1999. Trustee with Al Azhar Calgary, 4 years.

### **VWBro James T. Forbes**

Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196/Griesbach Lodge No. 191

Born in Edmonton on April 2, 1957. Initiated, passed and raised in Edmonton Lodge No. 7 in 1985. Affiliated with Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196 in October 1996. Served as WM 2002–2004, served as Secretary then Secretary/Treasurer from 2004 to present, served as District Secretary for Lakeland District from 2004–2006. Became a member of The Tyrian Youth Lodge No. 45, GRNS in Glace Bay Nova Scotia in 2004, the Lodge of his Father and Grandfather. Member of all three bodies of the AASR, Valley of Ed-

monton. Affiliated with Griesbach Lodge No. 191 in 2006 when his son Stephen became a member of the Lodge, carrying on a family tradition dating back to the 1850s. The highlight of VWBro Forbes journey in Masonry was raising his son in Lodge last year.

He is currently finishing his term as Grand Registrar, a position he has thoroughly enjoyed.

VWBro Forbes has been happily married to Carol for 29 years and together has three grown children; both he and his wife operate Day's Engraving Service in Edmonton.

### **RWBro Richard Hopkins**

Canada Lodge No. 165/Crescent Lodge No. 87

Born July 9, 1933, Liverpool, England. Initiated GRM September 15, 1973, passed October 18, 1973 and raised November 27, 1973. Affiliated Canada Lodge No. 165 GRA October 14, 1998 and affiliated Crescent Lodge No. 87

GRA September 12, 2006. WM of three Lodges in Winnipeg, MB. WM Canada Lodge No. 165, GRA 2002–2003. Senior Grand Deacon 2004–2005 and DDGM 2005–2006. Member of Media Awareness Committee.

**Bro Don Kellner**

Redwood Lodge No. 193

Born October 16, 1943, Edmonton, AB. Initiated September 24, 1993 in Strathcona Lodge No. 77, passed September 20, 1995 and raised October 18, 1995. Secretary Treasurer of Redwood Lodge No. 193 since 1997, appointed to Board of General Purposes — representing Beaverhills District August 2006 to June 2007.

Member Royal Arch Masons, North Star Chapter No. 2 Scribe E, 2000–2002, Knights Templar, Edmonton Preceptory No. 46 and Cyptic Rite Masons, Zohar Council No. 4.

Member Board of Directors, Highlands Masonic Hall Ltd.

Retired Public Servant — worked 21 years for Government of Alberta. Experienced in business operations planning and accountability, project management, contract management and statistical gathering.

**RWBro John C. Pelletier**

Loyalty Lodge No. 197/Mosaic Lodge No. 176

Born February 15, 1934, Ottawa, Ontario. Initiated in Mosaic Lodge No. 176, December 6, 1977, passed January 3, 1978 and raised February 21, 1978. Affiliated Loyalty Lodge No. 197, September 19, 1988. Honorary Life Member of King George Lodge No. 59, November 10, 2006. WM King George Lodge 1984 and WM Loyalty 1989–90. Grand Steward, 1986–87, DDGM 1988–89.

**RWBro Gerald D.R. Waldern**

North Star Lodge No. 4

Born September 14, 1955, Lethbridge, Alberta. Initiated North Star Lodge No. 4 September 26, 1977, passed October 24, 1977 and raised November 28, 1977. WM of North Star Lodge No. 4, 1981–82, 1983–84, 1995–96, 2000–01 and 2001–2002. DDGM Chinookarch District 2004–2005. Appointed to the Board of General Purposes for 1 year 2006–2007. Elected as Chairman of the Finance Committee for 2 years 2006–2008.

Owner of a tax preparation business operating as Lethbridge Tax Time Centre.

# The Grand Lodge of Alberta, AF&AM

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### Ticket Order Form

Mail to “Grand Lodge”, 330 – 12 Avenue SW, Calgary AB, T2R 0H2

Will you please determine your Ticket needs for the Grand Lodge functions at the **Mayfield Inn & Suites**, Edmonton, AB, and other venues, as outlined below.

Once you have determined the number, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return to the Grand Lodge office by **May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007**, enclosing **your cheque in payment**. No refunds will be given on tickets returned later than May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.

**Lodge orders will be mailed to the Secretary, but individual orders will be retrievable at the registration desk at the Communication.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office held: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Event</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007</b>			
<b>Men's Luncheon</b>			
Cost — \$25.00/person	_____		_____
(100 tickets available)			
After May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , cost — \$30.00/person			
<b>Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007</b>			
<b>Men's Luncheon</b>			
Cost — \$25.00/person	_____		_____
(100 tickets available)			
After May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , cost — \$30.00/person			
<b>Special price for both Luncheons — \$45.00 until May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007</b>			
<b>Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007</b>			
<b>Grand Lodge Banquet and Entertainment</b>			
Officers: Formal			
Cost \$45.00/person	_____		_____
(After May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2007, \$50.00/person)			
<b>Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007</b>			
<b>Ladies' Program</b>			
<b>Cruise &amp; Luncheon on Edmonton Queen Riverboat</b>			
Cost \$40.00/person	_____		_____
(After May 22 <sup>nd</sup> \$45.00/person)			
<b>Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007</b>			
<b>Ladies' Program</b>			
<b>Luncheon at Mayfield Inn</b>			
Cost \$30.00/person	_____		_____
(After May 22 <sup>nd</sup> \$35.00/person)			
<b>Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007</b>			
<b>Grand Master's BBQ at Al Shamal Temple</b>			
Cost \$25.00/person	_____		_____
<b>Total Payment Enclosed:</b>	=====		=====

## Board of Benevolence

(Elect Two for a Two-Year Term)

### WBro Stanley J. Clayton

King George Lodge No. 59

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

### WBro Hugh J. Robinson

Mountain View Lodge No. 16

WBro Robinson was born November

10, 1929. He is a retired teacher who specialized in Special Education for children with severe learning difficulties. He is married to Kathryn and has three adult sons.

WBro Robinson was raised in Cascade Lodge No. 5 in 1962, affiliated to Mountain View Lodge No. 16 in 1968. He was WM in 1978 and 1987. He was treasurer 1988–2002 and Secretary/Treasurer 2003 to present. He served two terms on the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee. He is active in community activities, having served as Chairman of the Olds Public Library Board, Coordinator of the Olds Music

Festival, President of the Olds Golf Club. Secretary of Community Lottery Board No. 69 and an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Olds.

### RWBro Ed Whitenett

Kenilworth Lodge No. 29

Born 1935, Halifax, NS. Initiated 1978, Peace River Lodge No. 89. Affiliated to Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, 1992. WM 1983, 1988–89. DDGM, Central District 1989–90. Member of the Board of Benevolence, (President). Member of RAM, Preceptory No. 46, A&ASR Valley of Edmonton, Al Azhar Shrine.

Currently the President of the Board of Benevolence.

## Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations

### Resolution of Rockyford Lodge No. 123 that:

#### Article C 11 Boards & Committees.

Article C 11.1 be changed to read "There shall be a Board of General Purposes comprised of not more than twenty-five members and shall include the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Secretary and the elected members from within the Jurisdiction"

**Jurisprudence Committee** recommends that "not more than twenty one (21) members" comprise the Board of General Purposes, which is to also include the Grand Treasurer. Jurisprudence will introduce this as a motion to amend the initial motion of Rockyford Lodge No. 123

### Resolution of Acacia Lodge No. 11 that:

#### The Lewis Jewel

1. The Lewis Jewel be permitted to be worn by a Mason, if at the time of his Initiation, his father was a Mason in good standing (the initiate of a deceased father — in good standing at the time of his demise — would also qualify to receive the jewel.)

2. The Lewis Jewel be suspended from two chains, with two bars; the upper bar containing the name of the father and the date of his initiation and the lower bar containing the name of the Lewis, (the son) and his date of initiation.

3. That the Regulations and, if necessary, the Constitution of Grand Lodge be amended to permit the wearing of the Lewis Jewel in Grand Lodge and in any Constituent Lodge.

### Resolution of Mizpah Lodge No. 35 that:

"The Members of Mizpah Lodge No. 35 petition the 2007 Grand Lodge of Alberta Annual Communication for permission to conduct a one-time only, One-Day Field Day to exemplify the three degrees of Masonry and to replace the usual proving up requirements of all the degrees with proving up questions and the obligation of the third degree only."

Please note that this motion is not intended to change the existing Constitution or Regulations of Grand Lodge in anyway. This is a request that all existing Articles of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Alberta preventing a One-Day Field Day be waived for this one time only.

## Essays of Candidates for Junior Grand Warden

*In accordance with the resolution passed at the 2005 Annual Communication requiring candidates for Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master "to publish, in a regularly published an distributed Grand Lodge of Alberta communication... an unedited article of approximately 1000 words..." The following were submitted.*

### VWBro Cyril Abbott

I am both excited and humbled by the proposition of letting my name stand as Junior Grand Warden. I am very mindful of a number of things as I consider this step in my life. First, I am grateful to those good and honest Freemasons who have taken this step before me. We exist and thrive today because of the commitments of time and energy they gave so unselfishly. Second, I am mindful of the many Masons throughout our jurisdiction who love and gain from being part of this wonderful fraternal organization. They deserve only the best.

And, third, I am even more mindful of those who will join our ranks in the coming years. It is incumbent upon all of us to provide as strong and healthy an organization as we can for these men. As such, to serve Grand Lodge in this capacity at this time is truly an honor tempered by a strong sense of responsibility. For those who know me — you know my heart

### RWBro Sam Moore

A Motion at the Grand Lodge of Alberta held in Medicine Hat in 2005 called for a candidate for the office of Junior Grand Warden to produce a paper of between 500 and 1000 words outlining his vision of Freemasonry in the Grand Jurisdiction. In response to that regulation, the following is respectfully submitted:

In order to respond to such an all encompassing topic as 'My Vision of Freemasonry in Alberta', one is forced to be a little introspective and ask himself first "who am I and where am I?" He must then look at the Fraternity and ask "what are we and where are we?"

We all know that we are a fraternal organization, the aims of which are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These, I believe, we may express as, and expand into, public and private morality, the knowledge and fear of God and, following on from that, respect for, and love of, our neighbour and

## VWBro Cyril Abbott continued...

and abilities. For those who do not know me — this essay is one small way to let you know that I have thought long and hard about Freemasonry and am committed to building on what we now have.

Since joining the Craft in 1998 I have carefully watched and listened to those who have led us. I have also listened carefully to brethren in the many lodges I have visited. I have seen over the past decade a marked shift in the way we are proposing to do business in Freemasonry. To be sure, we still have those concerns that will always be there for our organization, issues surrounding the role of the Grand Lodge to the constituent Lodges, the broader role of how we relate to society in general, asking questions of and ensuring that we do business according to the Constitution and the never-ending questions of being financially responsible, to name just a few.

These are important governance issues that our past and current leadership have addressed and continue to deal with. My commitment is to use my skills in these areas to continue on the path that has been set. However, while these are important issues, there is something far more critical facing us as an organization, something that for me is the most fundamental thing that I have to offer the Craft if I were to be elected as Junior Grand Warden.

Let me say first that I have noticed a shift in attitude over the past few years. It used to be that all we talked about was the current state of Freemasonry reflected in declining numbers and limited involvement by our members. Now, while there still are membership challenges in many of our Lodges, it seems the greatest challenge we face is how to integrate into our Lodges the many men that are joining us. My firm belief is that we are on the front end of this trend and that it will continue to accelerate. As this happens, it will offer the largest governance concern of all; just how do we train our individual Lodges to be ready for the men who will join us so that they will stay and experience a meaningful membership. One critical focus for me would be to oversee a practical educational format that addresses our current Grand Master's theme of "raising the bar", corporately and individually. This effort is absolutely essential and is one area that I have had the pleasure of working on extensively.

And yet, while I am sensitive to the magnitude of this task, there is another area of focus that for me is even more essential. Anyone who knows me has heard me argue that we need to develop a clear vision of Freemasonry that works for each one of us; it is a message that I have tried to articulate on many occasions. Simply, it is rooted in this understanding; we raise the bar of our lives when we truly internalize why the bar should be raised. Awareness is the first step in the process. If, as Masons, we do not clearly understand our role in the broader scope then we may not have the motivation required to change or "raise the bar" of our selves and our Lodges.

Those who developed the brilliant system of speculative Masonry — a system for understanding personal change like no other — did so with intention. For them there was rhyme and reason for encouraging the betterment of the self. For them, the transformation of the individual using the teachings of our rituals was done with the intention of effecting change in all around us. This, then, for me, is the mission statement of Freemasonry: transform the self for the transformation

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fellow man. This respect includes toleration of his personal viewpoint, his religious beliefs and his political opinions. All these concepts must be protected by the Grand Lodge as fundamental to our very nature.

In the three hundred years from the creation of the first Grand Lodge of England, our fraternity has weathered many changes in the makeup of our society. Nothing however can rival those changes that have occurred in the past fifty years. For one, there have been massive population moves from towns and villages to huge cities inhabited by millions of people. There have been amazing transformations in musical, literary, architectural, and artistic forms, in building materials, as well as changes in political and economic structures.

Our Fraternity itself has experienced massive changes. The phenomenal growth that occurred at the end of the Second World War and which in some way paralleled a similar growth a generation earlier was the result of thousands of men, just out of uniform, and comfortable with male only societies, finding themselves attracted to Freemasonry. Not necessarily for our traditional moral values but rather for the friendship and the sense of belonging that our fraternity naturally offers. Yet this growth had the effect of changing the direction of our Craft from one that had been a social conscience to one that was socially conscious. If we are to offer the Mason of today a meaningful experience we must strive to recapture that spark of social responsibility, that willingness to discuss issues of the day and attempt to do something about it.

This remarkable growth produced a demographic bubble, a cohort that marched through the years. One that as its members passed to the Grand Lodge Above or simply drifted away from Freemasonry created a larger and larger deficit in our population numbers. This in turn caused the whole Craft to become obsessed with our statistical reporting and enrolment. It now appears that we may have turned the corner and for the first time in many years we have seen real growth in this jurisdiction. Nevertheless for several years, we have known that our initiations have outnumbered our deaths; where our difficulty has always rested was not recruitment but retention of the new brethren. This is not new in Freemasonry nor is it new in our jurisdiction but it is essential that in the future we focus our efforts on this situation and attempt to improve our retention record.

It has been identified by American research work into this problem, that there is a very strong inverse relationship between the amount of disposable leisure time that any particular pursuit requires and its popularity with individuals. People nowadays have a very limited amount of free time due, often, to very heavy demands by their profession or occupation, and this leisure time must be rationed out sparingly to avoid competition with family and other priority interests. Any pastime which makes substantial demands on time available, or which is not perceived to give a fair return — however that may be measured subjectively — will not be favoured and, in Masonic terms, this will be evidenced by reduced attendance.

When asked what would entice attendance, Masons in the states of Maryland, Kansas, Missouri and California who participated in a recent survey in the main replied that they would like more Masonic education. They would also like to see regular attendees be more sensitive to the embarrass-

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of the world. My focus will be to encourage all Freemasons to think carefully about this mission of Freemasonry for it provides us with the reason for what we do.

In many ways our sense of mission is not new or unique in philosophical or religious traditions. What is unique with us is the way we define the process. Good men want to become better in their lives. Good men also want to contribute in a meaningful way in what they do. We have the raw material to help "good men become better". What we need to work on now is providing the framework at the Lodge level that will engender this process. With understanding comes necessary action. When we are working at the Lodge level to encourage that understanding then the growth we have started to see will increase exponentially. There just is no other alternative.

It is exciting to be part of this process at this time. My commitment, whether Junior Grand Warden or not, is to continue to encourage this process to move forward. I do thank you for the chance to share some of my thoughts and feelings and ask for your support at our Grand Lodge convocation.

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ment non-attendees may feel upon returning to lodge after prolonged absence. Others wanted more family activities, more involvement in community affairs, more entertainment at meetings, a more relaxed atmosphere, less formal dress at meetings, and more interesting meetings. Many questioned the time spent opening and closing Lodge and in the business part of the evening. These issues must be addressed by the Lodges themselves but perhaps there is a role that Grand Lodge might play.

There is no doubt that Lodges that provide a good educational programme have much more success at attracting and retaining members. For some Lodges, improvement

of their programme is hampered by the lack of resource availability. Grand Lodge could have a role in developing a comprehensive programme of Masonic Education including development of educational and instructive materials that might be disseminated to Lodges.

Planning is essential in a successful Lodge. The Grand Lodge must encourage and provide tools for lodges to establish a planned year's program, develop increased activities, and to have meaningful and interesting agendas for their communications and other programmes

We must help to develop technology resources to make better use of the current technology in the administration of lodges and dissemination of information to our members and to the public. We could, for example, look at our current Web site with a view to determining if there is a way to ensure that each Lodge has a capability to have a site that they could easily maintain.

We must try to demonstrate to the world at large, thereby hopefully making our Order more attractive to all would-be members, that Freemasons carry the message of love, peace, and understanding which prevails in our small society to the greater society of mankind. Therefore, we must continue with and reinforce our public relations program and image.

We must review the district structure of our Grand Lodge with a view to making it more efficient and effective and equal. We should investigate ways to establish a more meaningful program of support for Masonic Youth Organizations

Freemasonry is a fairly stable product in itself — very little can be done to alter the product without changing it entirely in both essence and appearance. Its principles and precepts have stood the test of time and are as valid today as ever. We cannot change the product and remain in the same business; and we must be true to ourselves in this. What we have and what we stand for will always be right, even if its acceptance rises or fails on the scales of time.

RWBro Sam Moore

## **Report on the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America**

Portland, Oregon, 18, 19 & 20 February 2007

The Conference was attended by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, while the Grand Secretary attended the concurrent Conference of Grand Secretaries. A total of 57 of the 64 North American Member Grand Lodges were in attendance as well as numerous representatives of Grand Lodges from South America, Europe and the rest of the world, giving the Conference a truly international flavour while specific issues concentrated on North America.

Of significant interest was that so many of the Grand Jurisdictions reported a resurgence of interest in Freemasonry and were experiencing an influx of members in the 25- to 40-year age bracket. Neither is this phenomenon confined to the North American Continent one might add.

As well as the usual annual meetings of the several committees, breakout discussion sessions were held on such topics as Masonic Responsibilities/Officer Training, Long Range Planning Techniques, Public Awareness, Masonic Mentorship and Education to name but a few.

The Committee on Information for Recognition, a body that examines submissions from Grand Lodges throughout the World requesting recognition by the Member Grand Lodges of North America, was particularly interesting. With the resurgence of interest in Freemasonry a number of new

Grand Lodges are being formed throughout the world, some, unfortunately, in conflict or opposition to existing Grand Lodges. The International Masonic Traveller would be well advised to check with his Grand Lodge Office to ascertain that his Mother Grand Lodge recognizes such Lodges he may be planning to visit.

Altogether the Conference was once again stimulating and enlightening, and one cannot fail to come away without a deeper understanding and appreciation of this great fraternity we call Freemasonry.

MWBro J.R. Malcolm Berry, Grand Master

### **Strathcona Hosts Fiat Lux**

Strathcona Lodge No. 77 will host Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 at Acacia Masonic Hall on Saturday, 26 May 2007 tyling at 14 00 h. A banquet will follow the meeting at 17 30 h — cost \$20. The program will include 3 papers: "The Masonic Art of Stephen McKim" by Stephen Dafoe; "The Chamber of Reflection *The Forgotten Ritual*" by Jelle Spijker; and "Communication and 'Research versus Education'" by John L Belton.

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