



Bro Sgt Shawn Allen Eades – 1975–2008

Bro Sgt Shawn Allen Eades was born 26 March 1975 in Hamilton, Ontario, and grew up in Ontario and Manitoba. He was very interested in the family's history in the Canadian Forces, and knew from a young age that he wanted a career in the military. He joined the Hamilton 87 Eagle Squadron Air Cadets in Welland at age 12, later was a member of 575 Terriers Air Cadet Squadron in Portage la Prairie, served in the Reserves, and finally joined the Regular Forces when he turned 18.

Bro Eades was Initiated in Balmoral Lodge No. 185 in Edmonton 15 September 2004, Passed 17 November 2004, Raised 16 January 2005, and appointed Junior Deacon of the Lodge in 2007. He was a valued member of the Lodge, always eager and very willing to get involved in Lodge activities. Prior to his final deployment to Afghanistan he volunteered to learn the First Degree Charge on short notice. With only two week's preparation time, his presentation of the Charge was flawless.

During the course of a 15-year career, he had become a combat engineer with 12 Field Squadron, 1 Combat Engineer Regiment from Edmonton, attached to the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's



Lest We Forget

Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group, and had served on missions to Bosnia and Kosovo and two rotations to Afghanistan. On the morning of 20 August 2008 he, along with two other combat engineers, was killed after an improvised explosive device detonated close to his armoured vehicle on a dangerous

stretch of highway about 40 kilometres west of Kandahar in Zhari District, Afghanistan. This brought the number of Canadian soldiers killed while serving in Afghanistan to 93.

Bro Eades left behind his wife, Lisa Schamehorn, and two daughters,

Breanna, 7, and Niya, 4.

Brigadier-General Denis Thompson, at a news conference in Kandahar, said Bro Eades was respected by his subordinates, his peers and his superiors for his outstanding professionalism and his operational experience and competence. At the all-too-familiar ramp ceremony at Kandahar Airfield, Battle Group Chaplain Captain Darren Persaud described Bro Eades as being well loved by the Engineer Corps and the entire Battle Group. "His dedication to his soldiers and his mission was second to none... his reputation for succeeding at any task, no matter how difficult, was well known."

On Thursday 28 August a military funeral service was held at Beechwood National Memorial Centre in Ottawa with interment on the National Military Cemetery grounds at Beechwood Cemetery, as Bro Eades had requested.

Colonel Andre Corbould, his former commanding officer, praised Bro Eades at the service. "Only good men like him volunteer to serve and defend their country. Only good men like him are willing to die for us," he said.

The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and MWBro Don Mumby, one of its Past Grand Masters, arranged for about 50 Masons from the area, including one of their DDGMs, to attend the funeral. Many were in regimental blazers and wore their military medals and Masonic regalia. Three Brethren from Balmoral Lodge also attended: two who travelled from Edmonton and one who had recently been posted to Kingston. At the end of the ceremony, the Brethren were invited to pay their respects to their departed Brother.

The presence of the large number of Masons was also noted by one of the local radio stations.



Brethren from Ontario and Alberta joined the military, friends and family at the funeral ceremony for Bro Sgt Shawn Eades at the National Military Cemetery in Ottawa, 28 August 2008.

Editorial

Another Loss

The November 2007 issue of *The Alberta Freemason* reported on the death of Bro Cpl Jordan Anderson, a member of Balmoral Lodge No. 185. The Editorial in that issue (also written, it happens, by the current Editor) pointed out that the death of a Brother under these circumstances has a deep impact on both the Lodge and the Masonic community. And now it has happened again.

Balmoral Lodge has attracted a number of military members, perhaps because it is close to the base, perhaps because the examples set by the Brethren in their dealings with life in the

military are seen by their comrades. In any case there are more than 20 active members of the Forces in the Lodge, and until the beginning of October 2008 the Lodge still had five members serving in Afghanistan. Bro Eades had taken the first steps in becoming an officer of the Lodge. His contributions, both in the past and in an unrealized future, will be missed.

Brooks Lodge's discovery of their long-forgotten gavel and associated material from the same era reminds us of the magnitude of that first World War (the Great War, the war to end all wars). As many as 10 million men lost their lives on the battlefield, including some 57,000 Canadians. At least 103 Alberta Brethren

made the ultimate sacrifice, although there are few complete records of how many Masons were actually enlisted.

Many of the questions and challenges faced by other Masonic Jurisdictions around the world are familiar to us in Alberta. Their answers, solutions, and decisions (or non-decisions) are often interesting, and sometimes quite thought provoking. *From Other Jurisdictions* will, from time to time, highlight what is happening elsewhere in the Craft. This month the focus is on the recent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

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We Stand On Guard for Thee



(Above) Maintenance compound at a Canadian Base in Afghanistan just before the approaching dust storm hit.

(Right) Work continues despite an Afghanistan dust storm.

Photos courtesy of RW-Bro Capt Kim Greenizan, CJ9 Chief Ops with Regional Command South Headquarters in Afghanistan (Airdrie Wildrose 2001, ILoR).



Grand Master's Ininerary November

- 1 Battle River District Meeting; Masonic Hall, Irma; Reg 13 00 h
- 4 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer, 10 00 h
- 4 Vulcan Lodge No. 74, Game Supper; Masonic Hall, Vulcan; 16 30 h
- 6-22 Grand Master's Tour of China

Masonic Speaker Coming to Edmonton

Jasper, Highlands-Unity, West Edmonton and Fiat Lux Lodges are joining to bring a Masonic speaker to Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton, on 29 November 2008. VWBro Adam Kendall, Curator of Collections at the Henry Wilson Coil Library & Museum of Freemasonry in California, will give two talks. The first, during the Lodge meeting tying at 13 30 h, is *The Aesthetic of Freemasonry — A Consideration of the Relationship Between Art and the Craft*.

The second is a banquet address — *Antimasonry and Its Effects* (illustrated) — open to wives and guests. The evening starts with Cocktails at 18 00 h, Banquet (includes wine) at 19 00 h and the talk to follow. Tickets cost \$60 each, \$110 per couple. For information and tickets, contact WBro John Hayes — 780-483-0104.

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The Anderson Gavel

Lost Lodge History Discovered

VWBro Gerald M. Girolodi, Registrar, Brooks Lodge No. 73

During a recent house-cleaning of the storage areas of Brooks Lodge No. 73, an old gavel was found tucked away at the back of a seldom-used shelf. The Lodge's senior members were unable to shed any light on its history. A subsequent search of the Lodge's historical records, however, revealed that the gavel had originally been presented to Brooks Lodge on 19 December 1916 by RWBro Dr Charles E. Anderson. The piece of oak from which the gavel was fashioned had been personally recovered by Dr Anderson from the ruins of Cloth Hall, Ypres, Belgium, where he was then serving as a Captain in the Canadian Army Medical Corps. The Lodge "put themselves on record as thanking Capt Anderson for this gavel, and assured him



that it would be treasured in the archives of the Lodge." [RWBro Anderson had been invested as DDGM of District No. 7 in 1915, and enlisted shortly thereafter.]

Having survived two complete relocations of the Lodge premises, and in spite of the foregoing assurances, it somehow became relegated to obscurity on a dark shelf. Now known as "The Anderson Gavel," it has been lovingly refurbished by VWBro Lewis Heyler and placed in a glass

display case that it might truly "be treasured in the archives of the Lodge."

RWBro Anderson sent a Christmas card to the Lodge in 1917. He was at the time an Officer in No. 8 Canadian Field Ambulance in France. This unit had been raised in Calgary in 1915, and several of

its officers were Calgary Masons.

The Lodge also has in its records a Grand Lodge certificate issued to Alberta Freemasons serving in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. Printed in English, French, and German, it presented and vouched for the bearer as a "worthy Master Mason" and a member of Brooks Lodge,

...and so commends him for brotherly care and lawful aid to any Mason who may find him in distress or need — incident to his service as British Soldier — with the assurance that all courtesies extended will be deeply appreciated. A notification in case of death or distressed circumstances of the bearer of this certificate, with particulars, to the Secretary of the above Lodge, will be appreciated by the Lodge.

World War I was probably the last war in which Freemasons served in opposing forces, and certainly the last war where such a petition for "brotherly care and lawful aid" had a reasonable expectation of being fulfilled.

The Expression of Freemasonry

On 27 and 28 November 2008, a conference on "The Expression Of Freemasonry: Its Ritual, Oratory, Poetry, Music, Literature, Art, and Architecture" will be held in The Netherlands, organized by the Chair for Freemasonry as an Intellectual Current and Socio-cultural European Phenomenon, the Leiden Institute of Religious Studies (Faculty of Humanities), Leiden University.

The rationale for the Conference provides a good summary of why the Fraternity has held a special place in society and culture over the centuries.

For centuries Freemasons have led a separate creative existence behind closed doors. The rituals, orations and poetry used in the Lodge use words to express the society's hopes, aspirations, philosophy and approach to religion and society. The music of the Lodge includes songs and larger scale cantatas. Many Lodges had an orchestra or at least an organist and a choir. Orchestral and piano pieces without words but incorporating Masonic symbolism have also been composed for Lodge use. As well as musicians, actors have always found a home in the Lodge and some Masonic plays even found their way onto the public stage as did some operas. These songs, poems, musical works and dramas range

from the amusing to the serious, from the occasional to the esoteric, from bawdy to deeply religious.

Freemasonry and esoteric themes have been widely used by authors in the 19th century in Germany and elsewhere for literary works as well as in our own time in e.g. [sic] The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown. Masonic and esoteric influences are also to be seen in the visual arts, for example paintings and theatre scenery. Freemasonry has exerted an important influence on architecture in general and in the design of Lodge buildings in particular. A perhaps unexpected influence is to be seen in garden design where some

gardens take the visitor on a journey past Masonic or esoteric symbols.

All of these various aspects of Masonic culture need to be recorded and interpreted. And when this vast creative effort by members of a closed brotherhood is set in the wider context of the time, place and the society in which Masons wrote and created it sheds light on the evolving place of Freemasonry in society as a whole. This causes us to ask questions such as "Did Freemasonry influence social development directly or indirectly or was it itself led by the great upheavals of the Enlightenment, revolutions and wars that have beset the last centuries?"

(See <http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=162587>)

Workshop Contestants Wanted

There are two opportunities for skilled Craftsmen to compete at the 2009 Masonic Spring Workshop. The first is the **Masonic Idol** competition. Brethren should prepare three, two-minute pieces of ritual suitable for an Entered Apprentice from the First Degree or Installation. They will face judges who will eventually pick four finalists. After a final performance, the Brethren will vote for their choice of Masonic Idol.

The second is the **Iron Mike** chef's competition. A "Chef and two Sous-Chefs" (representing the JW, SS & JS) will prepare, cook and present a "Festive Board" for the Brethren attending. Each team will receive a box of goodies from the kitchen to use and will decorate their area to promote their festive board. The meals will be tasted by a panel of judges. The Brethren will be asked their opinions to aid the judges in determining the team to earn the title of **Masonic Iron Chef**.

Application forms may be found on the workshop website: www.masonicspringworkshop.ab.ca

From Other Jurisdictions

As reported in the Summer 2009 edition of *The Empire State Mason Magazine*

At the 228th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York in May 2008 first reading was given of a proposed amendment to the Constitutions to "Revert to the 'One Black Cube' Rule":

The ballot on a petition for initiation, or for affiliation, can be taken only at a Stated Communication, and if the ballot shall contain ~~three or more~~ a black ~~cubes~~ cube, the petitioner shall be declared rejected...

[Old text in strikeout; proposed text in bold italics.]

The Committee on Constitutions recommended and the Grand Lodge concurred that this proposal be referred to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for further study and analysis.

A proposal previously referred to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic

Jurisprudence was brought forward, that

No petition shall be received from a candidate less than eighteen (18) years of age.

While the Committee did not endorse or recommend the proposal, it did approve for consideration that men on active duty in the Armed Services over the age of 18 years be eligible for membership, if they meet the other necessary qualifications. After much discussion from the floor, the latter proposal was referred back to the Committee to be placed in proper form for the next Annual Communication.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, "for financial considerations of the future," also recommended for consideration that the office of Grand Secretary be made ceremonial and a professional office manager superintend the administrative offices.

Finally, "in consideration of the recent trend of incurred expenses and after a review of the expenditures of Grand Lodge over the past several years," the Committee urged and requested that the future officers of Grand Lodge and all Grand Lodge Committees show more fiscal restraint.

Second International Conference on the History of Freemasonry

The first International Conference on the History of Freemasonry was held in May 2007 in Edinburgh. The Conference proved to be an outstanding success, with more than seventy papers on a wide range of topics, and delegates (including RWBro Brian Shimmons, now the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta) and presenters (including MWBro Hugh Young, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta) attending from around the world. It has now been decided to make this Conference a biennial event, under the patronage of the Grand Masters of The Grand Lodge of Scotland, The United Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and with the support of academic institutions in England and across Europe.

Since 2009 is the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the well-known Mason, the Conference will again be held in Edinburgh, and it is anticipated that some papers will focus on his Masonic life and work. The Conference will be held at Freemasons' Hall 29-31 May 2009. By the time the call for papers closed in mid-June, more than 100 proposals had been received. For details on the Conference go to their Web site at <http://www.ichfonline.org>.

In 2011 the conference will move from Edinburgh to Alexandria, Virginia, where the George Washington Masonic National Memorial will host the conference 27-29 May.

Mark Tabbert, Director of Collections at the GWMNM, is delighted to see the third biennial conference come to North America and is already at work on the preparations. This is a perfect opportunity for North American scholars who find Edinburgh out of reach to get involved. Besides, the memorial itself is well worth the trip.

Jasper Park Lodge No. 143 Fundraising

WBro Robert W. Dowling, PM
Jasper Park Lodge No. 143

Jasper is a community of just over 4,000 people and Jasper Park Lodge No. 143 is an integral and effective part of that community. A fundraising campaign to enhance the facilities in the 36-unit Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge, under construction in Jasper, offered the Lodge, its officers, and its members the opportunity to play a significant role in the support of what became an abundantly successful campaign. On 23 May 2008, officers of the Lodge, on behalf of its members, presented a cheque for \$20,000 for upgrading of furnishings for a dining lounge in the Seniors Lodge, which is located next to the Seton Healthcare Centre.



(l to r) WBro Harry Home, Senior Warden; Bro Frank Leong, Junior Warden; Joyce Butler, Seniors Lodge fundraising committee member; RWBro John Slade DDGM; WBro Richard Trippel, Worshipful Master. (Photo courtesy of the Jasper Booster)

Builders of Empire: Freemasonry and British Imperialism 1717–1927

Jessica L. Harland-Jacobs

ISBN13-978-0-8078-3088-8, 2007, 384 pages

The author is an assistant professor of history at the University of Florida. This book, therefore, is a scholarly and fascinating look at the early development of Freemasonry and its spread throughout the British Empire. Since it is obvious that the author is not a member of the Craft, her examination of the topic is free of sentimental attachments to the organization

The book makes it clear that a symbiotic relationship existed between Freemasonry and governmental policy. As military men became members of the Craft and were stationed throughout the Empire, the Grand Lodges (Scotland, Ireland, and England) had to invent ways of allowing their members to maintain their membership, form new Lodges, and recruit new members.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland was the first to develop systems to perform this function. The Grand Lodge of Ireland soon followed suit, which forced the Grand Lodge of England to develop its own systems. In addition the Craft provided a means for men stationed in distant places to have some common ground to meet socially and exchange news of home.

Was Freemasonry always so focused on patriotism? The author suggests this was not the case. The political situation in Europe in the 18th century made the Crown nervous about secret societies becoming avenues for “fifth column” agents to disrupt British society. Many secret societies were banned. The author suggests that Freemasonry adapted quickly. The Craft was able to recruit

members of the Royal Family and other pillars of society into leadership positions. This, coupled with small changes to the Ritual to promote loyalty to the Crown, saved Freemasonry from being banned.

The author is able to integrate other changes in society with changes in the Craft over the 210 years covered by the book. She includes a discussion of the Universality of the Craft and how high ranking Masons from the “colonies,” e.g. India, were treated when in London.

This review is deliberately short. The reason is that this is a very interesting book that most members of the Craft will enjoy. Your reviewer does not wish to detract from the pleasure the reader will derive from the book.

WBro Loren Kline

Alberta Miscellany

Thoughts from the summonses, selected by Bro Trevor Morris

Evergreen Lodge No. 166

As a child I grew up performing many daily chores. I was no different than any other child in a family or in the community. Chores were essential and a necessity in order to live and survive. In addition to chores, school homework was viewed by my parents as an essential and very important aspect of my development. Like every other child that was growing up, I had other interests and many dreams which often got me into trouble. Fishing, hunting, sports, playing games and having fun with my friends were always more interesting and enjoyable.

My list of interests and dreams grew during my adolescent years. Social activities became more and more important while career challenges and opportunities started to draw my attention. Eventually, the workforce and my early adolescent desires for a career had consumed a greater part of my life. Financing university, studying and socializing became a delicate balance.

The long awaited day had finally arrived; I received my degree and first career opportunity. During this period of time, I had learnt how to plan tasks and schedule my time in order to do the things I found interesting and enjoyable. My childhood dreams kept growing into career visions, athletic visions and

many other lifetime visions. Goals were set and goals were met. Unknowingly, I had experienced and developed for myself a universal model that became a foundation for my life.

This model is inherent in business, social organizations, professions, sports, families, communities, teams, and in any organization. A vision sets a dream or idea into motion. A mission provides a purpose and direction. Goals identify and end result or accomplishment. Goals are prioritized, scheduled and resourced. I attribute my lifetime successes to this model and taking the time to plan.

Although this process has served me well, I often reflect on my accomplishments and revisit my visions, dreams, missions and goals, making changes. I believe this change process and change is a vital and powerful element. It allows us to make changes and adjustments to accommodate cultural, technological, environmental, social and global changes. Husbands and wives frequently renew their wedding vows. Families organize family reunions to renew and regenerate family relationships. Professionals are in a constant renewal of skills to be current. As an amateur soccer coach I am required to refresh my athletic and medical certifications. As a Professional Engineer and Information

Systems Professional I must receive education and be current with changes in technology and practices to maintain my professional credentials.

When I was initiated into Freemasonry, the first degree working tools reminded me of the importance of planning and perseverance. Over the past few months I have been able to meet some of the goals I set to increase my Masonic knowledge, thanks to the model I learned early in my life. I continuously reflect on our Lodge and I strive to identify improvement for the Lodge and Brethren. Over the next few months I am hopeful we will all be successful in identifying and implementing changes within ourselves and the Lodge.

WM Timothy Shewchuk

District Meetings

November

- 1 Battle River District; Masonic Hall, Irma; Reg 13 00 h; GM
- 1 Beaverhills District; Acacia Masonic Hall, Edmonton; Reg 11 00 h; Lunch Noon; Meeting 13 00 h; DGM
- 15 Lakeland District; Masonic Hall, Cold Lake; Reg Noon; Mtg 13 00 h; Ban 16 30 h; SGW
- 27 Phoenix District; King George Masonic Hall, Calgary; Reg 17 30 h; Ban 18 30 h; Mtg 19 30; JGW
- 28 Dinosaur District; Masonic Hall, Strathmore (if available); Reg 17 30 h; Din 18 30 h; Mtg 19 30 h; JGW

Your DDGMs 2008–2009

We are pleased to introduce to our readers the District Deputy Grand Masters serving the Craft in Alberta during the 2008–2009 term. This will be continued in the next two issues of The Alberta Freemason.

Palliser District

RWBro Nick Richardson was born 21 October 1946 in Takpuna, Auckland, New Zealand, where his father was a salesman for a sporting goods company and his mother managed a ladies clothing store. He completed all his schooling in Takpuna, and on completing school worked on an uncle's sheep farm. Several years later he became a sheep shearer and pursued a successful career, becoming a competent open class sheep shearer. In 1971 he came on a holiday to British Columbia, where he worked for a relative in Quesnel and met his wife Vicky. They were married in 1977 and have two children. In 1986 he moved to the Calgary area and finally to Brooks, where he works as a heavy duty mechanic for Transco Energy Services.

RWBro Richardson was initiated into Brooks Lodge No. 73 in 2000 and was its Worshipful Master in 2006.



presently employed in the Red Deer area.

RWBro Clarke is a member of Kenilworth Lodge No. 28 in Red Deer. He was Initiated, Passed and Raised in that Lodge in 1995 and was its Worshipful Master in 1999–2000.

Alpha District

RWBro Stephen J. Rood was born 10 February 1960 in Worcester, England. Having graduated from Grammar School in 1977, he became a journeyman Fabrication Engineer, building oil rigs for seven years. In 1985 he joined the Cheshire Constabulary, becoming a member of the Police Tactical Firearms unit in 1988, a Police Sniper, a Personal Protection Officer (to all the UK Royal family), a Rapid Intervention Team member,



and Firearms team medic. He also served for 16 years in the Royal Army Medical Corps Territorial Army (Reserves) in the UK, Germany and Belize. He emigrated to Canada in 1999, and lives with his wife Jacque in Cochrane. They have one son, Tristan. Our Brother is employed as a Sergeant with the Alberta Sheriff's Branch, and is a Firearms and Rapid Deployment Instructor. In his spare time he also plays the drums in two pipe and drum bands: Cochrane Men of Vision and the Sheriff's Pipe Band.

RWBro Rood was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in Alan Lodge No. 2368 under the United Grand Lodge of England in 1999. He is a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 41 in Cochrane, and was its Worshipful Master in 2005. He is also a member of Alberta Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons of Alberta and Zadok Council No. 3, Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada.

Yellowhead District

RWBro Donald (Don) Fraser was born 10 August 1931 in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. He was employed in Corrections in Manitoba for 23 years, and is now a resident manager for apartments in Edmonton, where he lives with his wife Donna Lyne. He served with Scouts Canada as a Cub Leader for 18 years.

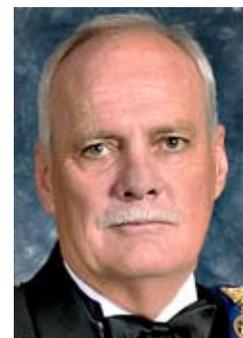
RWBro Fraser was Initiated in 1987 in Ionic Lodge No. 25 under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and received his other Degrees in Edmonton Lodge No. 7 in 1987 and 1988. He later affiliated with Centennial Lodge No. 198 in Edmonton and was its Worshipful Master in 1998. He is now a member of Edson Lodge No. 68. He served the Grand Lodge of Alberta as Grand Steward for 2004–2005.



Battle River District

RWBro Robert James (Bob) Cameron

was born 10 March 1947 in Calgary, lived in Arrowwood, Alberta (a small farming community), and then moved to Burnaby, BC at the age of seven. He joined the RCMP in 1967 and served with them until retiring in 1997. His first posting was Viking, where he joined the Craft. He was a member of the RCMP Degree Team, and is presently a member of the Northern Alberta Veteran's Degree Team. He married his wife Nina in 1977. They live in Sherwood Park, and have three children by a previous marriage and five grandchildren.



RWBro Cameron was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in Connaught Lodge No. 69 in 1969. He is currently a member of Gratton-Connaught Lodge No. 144, and was its Worshipful Master in 2005. He is also a member of the Royal Arch, Knights Templar, and Al Shamal Shrine.

Central District

RWBro Leonard W. J. Clarke was born 15 May 1942 in Limpsfield, Surrey, England. A Radar Technician in the Canadian Armed Forces for over 31 years, he retired in 1991, having on occasion been a Fire Fighter, First Aid Attendant, Drill Instructor, and anything else that the military required. He also attended night school classes and attained a 12th grade equivalency certificate while posted in New Brunswick. He is currently employed as an electrician in Lacombe. He married Sharon Ann (nee Cavanagh) in 1969 while stationed at Baldy Hughes, Prince George, BC, and they have two sons, both

