



## The Warrant has Travelled

VWBro Stuart Krause  
Griesbach Lodge No. 191

One honoured tradition in English Freemasonry is that of the Travelling Warrant — in most respects identical to the Warrant of any Lodge, but in one respect very different in that it allows the holder of such a document to hold Lodge meetings anywhere in the world, so long as they are held within the guidelines of the issuing Grand Lodge. Historically, these special Warrants were issued to Military Lodges, whose members generally lived much of their lives within specific Units of the Army. In truth, we owe the spread of Freemasonry throughout much of the world to the British Army and the desire for Empire that characterized much of the past few centuries.

In early 2007, Canadian Masonic history was made when our then Grand Master, MWBro Malcolm Berry, issued a similar Travelling Warrant to Griesbach Lodge No. 191, GRA, for our IPM, WBro Chris Chodan, to carry when he deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the Canadian Forces. Mindful of the traditional significance, members of Griesbach Lodge contributed time and labour to create a compact set of accoutrements to accompany the Warrant. Although this remains a “work in progress,” we have the necessary tools to open Lodge, conduct routine business, enjoy Masonic fellowship and close, although no Initiations or Degree work may be performed. Unfortunately the security situation in Afghanistan prevented WBro Chodan from using the Travelling Warrant while he was deployed; it was just not possible to put enough Masons together in the same time and place.

For those unfamiliar

with the history of Griesbach Lodge, we are not strictly a “Military Lodge,” although we began that way, formed in 1964 by members of the Ashlar Club which met at the Griesbach army base. Our Charter members were all serving or past members of the Canadian Forces, many with friendships forged during the Second World War. In our first few decades, Griesbach Lodge thrived. Then, as many others have experienced, we entered a period of decline into the mid-nineties, at which time our ability to continue was in serious doubt. Membership dropped and attendance dropped still further; darkness was only a few years away. During these dark days, a few core members of Griesbach Lodge worked tirelessly to keep the Lodge alive. None were more devoted to this cause than the late RWBro Sam Moore, Senior Grand Warden at the time of his death. I became a member of Griesbach Lodge during those days, and remember very clearly one of my Degrees during



which it seemed that the only face I saw during the ceremony was that of RWBro Moore, who presented nearly all of the lectures!

In the ten years that have passed since my initiation we have seen Griesbach Lodge not only survive, but thrive. Our membership is now at an all time high, and participation by the membership is active and vibrant. Those of us who now enjoy belonging to a Lodge with such an amazing spirit and energy owe that opportunity in large measure to those few Masons who, like Sam Moore, believed so strongly in our Fraternity and in our Lodge but who, more than that, chose to translate that belief into action, and by their efforts kept our Lodge alive through that challenging time. Beyond their own work, however, stands their example, even more powerful. This is their legacy to our members, a pointed reminder that the Lodge is more important than any one member, that we must always believe in that philosophy, and commit to the future of our Craft.

Most of you know that RWBro Sam Moore had been battling cancer for more than a year as he had done in all things, with courage, good humour and grace. Unfortunately, his illness had prevented

his active participation, or even his attendance in Lodge. We were saddened at our last [March] meeting to receive his message that he would likely not be able to return to our company. With his 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday just passed, his absence was sorely felt. We had hoped to recognize his birthday in Lodge, which led to an idea: if Sam could not come to Lodge, why not use our Travelling Warrant and take the Lodge to Sam? The idea immediately captured the collective imagination, and with a few phone calls the arrangements were made, See **Warrant**, page 2.



*The Brethren of Griesbach Lodge at a meeting held under their travelling warrant at the home of the late RWBro Sam Moore. Standing (l to r): WBro Ken Elashuk, WBro Colin Reichle, Bro James Morrow, Bro Malcolm Haines, Bro David Buffel, WBro Bruce Zawalsky. Seated (l to r): RWBro Sam Moore, Senior Grand Warden, WBro Chris Chodan, WBro LeRoi LaFleche (front), and WBro Mark Denney, WM Griesbach Lodge.*

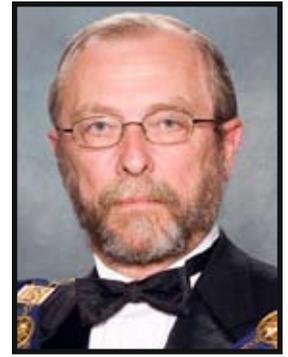
## From the Editor

One of the realities of putting together a publication each month consisting of only six pages is some lack of flexibility in laying out the available material. Combining this with uncertainty about how much material will actually come through the door each month (or arrive by email) and the juggling act of mixing long and short pieces, time sensitive pieces and pieces that must be scheduled for specific months sometimes results in material being left over, perhaps for several months. The June issue often becomes a “catch up” issue, and this month goes back as far as the wrap-up of Medicine Hat’s Burns celebrations, and “mushing” in BC.

The other unfortunate reality is the long lead times necessary to assemble an issue, have it printed and distributed in

time to reach members of Lodges meeting the first week of the month. Parts of this June issue are being (re)written on April 20<sup>th</sup>, having received the sad news of the passing of RWBro Sam Moore to the Grand Lodge Above after losing his long battle with cancer. His last meeting with his Brethren of Griesbach Lodge is described elsewhere in this issue — a fitting tribute to a worthy Brother.

*His work was not finished, but his column is broken...  
His death was untimely and his Brethren mourn.*



## Warrant, from page 1.

and ten of our members arrived at the Moore residence on the evening of Friday, 27 March.

The family had just finished their dinner and, as planned, left us to our “secret” business. Within a few moments, our portable jewels were appropriately arranged, and we were dressed in our regalia for this historic and special occasion. Under the guidance of WBro Chris Chodan, to whom our Travelling Warrant is presently assigned, Griesbach Lodge was opened in the First Degree. Birthday greetings were brought and cards signed by many of our active members presented to RWBro Moore. Those of us privileged to attend had the opportunity to express to RWBro Moore at least a small portion of the respect which is felt for him, and offer to him some recognition that, for many of us, his devotion to Freemasonry in general, and to Griesbach Lodge in particular, is an example that we should all choose to emulate.

Given the gavel by WBro Chodan, RWBro Moore began by thanking us for taking the time to make this emergent meeting happen, and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to once again sit with us in Masonic brotherhood. He noted that Freemasonry, if you let it, will truly change your life in ways you can scarcely imagine at the beginning of your personal Masonic journey,

and that it had changed his. With that, our special business was concluded, and the Lodge was closed in harmony and fellowship.

Although by “normal” standards for the conduct of Masonic meetings this night was very informal, it was for me one of the most “Masonic” meetings I have ever been part of. Although somewhat historic in nature, the meaning of this

## New Year’s Levee



*WM Vern Yonkers of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, host Lodge of the annual New Year’s Levee in Edmonton, joins MWBro John Hart at the podium... and, yes, John is standing!*

meeting was for us much more personal than that, because we once again had the chance to sit in Lodge with a true and respected friend and Brother.

## Grand Master’s Itinerary

### June

- 11–13 Grand Lodge of Alberta 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication, Norsemen Inn, Camrose, AB
- 18–21 Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan Annual Communication, Lloydminster, SK
- 27 Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, Masonic Hall, Cochrane, AB; Re-consecration of King Solomon Lodge No. 41; 14 00 h

### July

- 5–9 Imperial Shrine Annual Council Session; San Antonio, TX
- 15–17 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario Annual Communication; Toronto, ON
- 25 Astra Lodge No. 179, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Masonic Hall, Cold Lake, AB; 18 00 h
- 27 Beacon Lodge No. 190; sailing at Sylvan Lake

### August

- 22 Especial Communication of Grand Lodge; Elks Hall, Lac La Biche, AB; Constitution and Consecration of Portage Lodge UD; 14 00 h
- 29 Especial Communication of Grand Lodge; Golden Years Seniors’ Activity Centre, Fort McMurray, AB; Constitution and Consecration of Aurora Borealis Lodge UD; 14 00 h

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# Notes From Around the Craft

## Dog Sled Mail Run

Jasper Park Lodge No. 143

Over the weekend of 23–25 January 2009 WBro Richard C. Trippel, Worshipful Master of Jasper Park Lodge No. 143, had the unique experience of delivering his Lodge Notices by dog sled when he participated in the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gold Rush Trail Dog Sled Mail Run.

The Mail Run was started in 1993 as a demonstration sport in the Northern British Columbia Winter Games. Since then the Mail Run has evolved from being a competitive 235 mile long qualifier for the Iditarod Sled Dog Race to the non-

competitive participation event that it is today. Dog teams as small as three dogs and as large as 14 dogs are comfortable travelling over the Mail Run route.

The goals of event organizers are to celebrate sled dogs as wonderful working animals and to honour sled dog history and traditions, to encourage family fun and participation, to enjoy all that the Cariboo area of British Columbia has to offer in the winter and to encourage participation of children and youth.

Over the years the participants have used many of the same trails, with the dog teams always carrying the mail. The 60-mile route from Quesnel to Barkerville to Wells, British Columbia, follows much of the original historic Cariboo Wagon Road.

The mushers are sworn in as Canada Post mail carriers and are in charge of, and responsible for, their bags of mail. The mail is turned over at the end of the three days to a representative of



Canada Post. The mail is then placed in the regular mail system for final delivery to its destination. This is the last place in the world that you can mail a regular letter and have it delivered by dog team.

The mushers take their responsibility very seriously. Many sleep out on the trail over the three days and take their mail bags into their tents with them. One musher was adamant that he had to see the Postal Inspector's official identification before he turned over his mail!

## Honouring a Brother

St. George's Lodge No. 169

The presentation of 60-Year Bars to worthy Brethren in commemoration of their years of service to their Lodges and to the Craft is not the uncommon event it once was. It is still particularly gratifying to see the Brethren of the recipient's Mother Lodge make an extra effort to turn out for the occasion, making it more than just another meeting.

When VWBro Ray Reiersen received his 60-Year Bar and an Honourary Life Membership on 14 February 2009, his Brethren from St. George's Lodge No. 169 in Elk Point made the three hour drive to Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196 in Edmonton to make the presentation. They were joined there by St. George's Brethren from various parts of Alberta. VVWBro Reiersen was Worshipful Master of St. Albans Lodge No. 125 in St. Paul, which later amalgamated with St. George's Lodge, and served as Grand Pursuivant in 1954.



Brethren travelled three hours to honour their Brother: (l to r): WBro Martin Langshaw, Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196; VVWBro Reiersen; WBro Bob McRae, St. George's Lodge No. 169.

## Consuelo Lodge No. 325, California

VWBro Andy Pokolinski

Grand Director of Ceremonies

On 23 March I had the pleasure of visiting Consuelo Lodge No. 325 in Escondido, California. During the visit the Lodge put on a Master Mason Degree which was not only informative but also educational as to the differences in the way degrees are performed in different jurisdictions.

Although the work was very similar to the Ancient York Rite used here in Alberta, the signs of the Degree were presented in a different way and some of the lectures were quite different from our York Rite (and also very well done). In conducting the candidate through the Degree the Lodge was never "squared," and the perambulation seemed to flow everywhere throughout the Lodge. The charge at the end of the Degree was approximately 25 minutes long, and was presented flawlessly by one of the senior Brethren, a Past Master.

The candidate was 19 years old and just out of

DeMolay; the Senior Deacon was also 19 years old and also just out of DeMolay (the Grand Lodge of California permits the initiation of candidates who are 18 years old).

The hospitality and friendship provided by Consuelo Lodge was superb. Since visiting is a learning experience, everyone, when possible, should take advantage of the hospitality of our sister Lodges whether locally or internationally.



Visiting in California (l to r): WBro Brian Jay, Worshipful Master, Consuelo Lodge No. 325; VVWBro Pokolinski; Bro Brian Natwick, Senior Warden, Consuelo Lodge. Note the different design and darker colour of the aprons. They are often tied in front, although the tassels should not cover the emblem on the apron.

# Burns Celebration in Medicine Hat

WBro Ken Montgomery, Worshipful Master, Mizpah Lodge No. 35; President, Freemasons of Medicine Hat Burns Club

The celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns organized by the Freemasons of Medicine Hat Burns Club had something for everyone, and also generated much coverage in the local newspaper. The ten-day event began on 16 January with the “storming” of City Hall. With kilts swirling and with pipes, drums and song, the Club presented itself — and haggis — before His Worship Mayor Norm Boucher and City Council. After sampling the haggis and a “wee dram,” the Mayor officially proclaimed the week of 25–31 January as Robert Burns Week. To further commemorate the event the flags of Scotland (the Saltire and the Lion Rampant) were raised, to be flown at City Hall until 30 January.

On 24 January the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Inter-provincial Third Degree was held, in cooperation with Swift Current Lodge No. 26, GRS, and in the presence of MWBro John Hart and MWBro Pat Hutchison, Grand Master of Saskatchewan. Mizpah Lodge No. 35 had three candidates for

the degree and Swift Current Lodge had two candidates.

The Burns Anniversary Dinner was held the same day — 360 attended, including the Grand Master (the Honorary Patron of the Burns Club); LaVar Payne, the local Member of Parliament; Hon. Rob Renner, MLA for Medicine Hat and Minister of the Environment; His Worship Mayor Boucher; Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Bruce, Base Commander, Canadian Force Base Suffield; Colonel Ben Edwards, Base Commander, British Army Training Unit Suffield; and Dr Ralph Weeks, President and CEO of Medicine Hat College. The dinner featured all the traditional Burns fare, accompanied by offerings from the now-famous Scotch Bar, including the Official Robert Burns Single Malt 250 Years Anniversary Edition.

The presentation and unveiling of a bronze Robert Burns bust, a gift from the Club, took place on 25 January at Medicine Hat College, after which the President of the College presented



*The bust of Brother Robert Burns is now a “Permanent Student” at Medicine Hat College (l to r): Bro Mike Duffy, Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2; WBro Ken Montgomery, Mizpah Lodge No. 35; and Bro Tim Oland, Mizpah Lodge No. 35.*

the Club with a certificate recognizing Robert Burns an “Honorary Permanent Student.”

The official events concluded with a coordinated international attempt at the Guinness Record for the most persons giving a simultaneous toast, on this occasion to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns.

# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual All Canada Conference

RWBro Brian Shimmons, Deputy Grand Master

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual All Canada Conference was held in Winnipeg on 27 and 28 March 2009. This Conference is a gathering of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries representing the ten Canadian Grand Lodges and District Grand Lodges (Scottish Constitution) of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Conference is also open to observers, and this year there were many. The Delegates from the Grand Lodge of Alberta were RWBro Brian Shimmons and RWBro Jerry Kopp, who were joined by observers RWBro Gerald Waldern, RWBro Peter Dunlop and RWBro John Cameron. The President of this year’s Conference was RWBro Rowan Caseley of Prince Edward Island and its theme was “How Do We Make Good Men Better.”

For those who arrived early, a tour of the Winnipeg Royal Canadian Mint was hosted by the Brethren of Manitoba. In addition to the usual Jurisdiction and Conference reports, attendees received an excellent presentation on the “Canadian Human Rights Museum and the Masonic Connection” by MWBro Ted Jones of Manitoba and presentations on “What We Do to Teach Good Men

to be Better” by MWBro Larry Moss (GLNL), MWBro Opkar Sandhu (GLQ), MWBro Alan Petrisor (GLCPO), MWBro Pat Hutchison (GLS) and MWBro Glenn Allen (GLBC&Y).

The presentation on the Human Rights Museum being built in Winnipeg pointed out the importance of educating individuals about, and conducting research on, human rights so that future human rights violations and atrocities can be avoided. It also touched on the human rights violations Freemasons have encountered in the past as an additional incentive to support this worthwhile project with donations.

The presentations on “What We Do to Teach Good Men to be Better” provided all attendees with ideas that might have application in their Jurisdictions as well as reinforcing the usefulness of many programs in place in their own Lodges.

A further highlight was the opportunity to attend Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge UD to witness a “Filipino York Rite” Master Mason Degree with 4 candidates. The portrayal was similar to the “Ancient York Rite” in Alberta, but the many differences made for an enlightening

and entertaining meeting. A feast was provided by the Lodge after the meeting, before everyone headed back “totally stuffed” to their hotels.

On Sunday, following the Conference, RWBros Shimmons, Kopp and Cameron were given a tour of the Masonic Memorial Centre in Winnipeg by their Grand Master, MWBro Jones.

As usual, the All Canada Conference was a wonderful weekend of learning and fellowship. Proceedings will be sent to all Alberta Lodges when they are issued later this year.

# Three Times in a Row



*Terry Baskier, WM of Dominion Lodge No. 117 (l) accepts the prize for the Lodge having the greatest proportion of its membership (23.3%) at the Masonic Spring Workshop from Secretary Garth Cochran. This is their third win in a row.*

## The Masonic Foundation of Alberta

### Alms and Masonic Charity

WBro Robert R. Cantwell,  
Central District Representative, Masonic Foundation of Alberta

When you were first conducted to the North East angle of the Lodge [in the Canadian Rite Work] the lecture you then heard focused on "...calling upon you to exercise that virtue which may justly be denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart: I mean charity." In the Junior Warden's Lecture, the message continued "... that a Mason's charity should know no bounds save those of prudence."

Today some may argue that the old English word "alms" is outdated, as it focuses on meeting the needs of the poor. But even in our affluent world



today alms-giving is necessary, and complicated, because of professional charities' directed commercial focus and the accompanying tax legislation competing for the charitable dollar.

As you are aware, the Masonic Foundation of Alberta (MFA) is a charitable foundation whose primary objective is to assist young people in our communities and others in need through an arm's length or indirect relationship with The Grand Lodge of Alberta. This relationship ensures those who require assistance actually receive assistance, and the moneys are not lost

in a bureaucratic hinterland. This is precisely where our Lodges can make the greatest difference, by initiating local projects enabling needs to be taken care of locally, assisted by matching grants from the MFA.

But sadly, it is not the alms-giving that is the problem. The problem is in the individual Lodge members supporting the MFA in order to ensure its continued support, whether through our annual MFA fund raising campaign or as memorial gifts in remembrance of a loved one.

While the Higher Education Bursary Fund addresses educational assistance, the MFA is the "Other Charity" which provides direct assistance to projects stressing the support of disabled youth and local support.

Your continuing assistance, and that of your Lodge, will be most appreciated.

### One G on the A Team

Jackie Cutting, Past Grand Guardian of Alberta, Job's Daughters International

Gary Semaniuk of Edmonton Lodge No. 7 and a member of the Al Shamal Clown Unit was recently installed as Associate Grand Guardian for Alberta's Job's Daughters International. During the coming year he expects to be head chauffeur, "gofer," friend and confidant to the female members, now dubbed the A Team.

Annette Findley, Gary's partner for the year, will serve as Grand Guardian. She is a Past Matron of Pioneer Chapter 136, Order of the Eastern Star, in Edmonton and a Past Bethel Guardian. Daughter members of the A Team include Amanda Dixon, Past Honoured Queen of Bethel

No. 23 in Calgary, installed as Grand Bethel Honoured Queen; Aretta Gelineau of Bethel No. 7 in Edmonton, the new Jr. Miss Alberta; and Ana Kryzhanivska, Past Honoured Queen of Bethel No. 1 in Calgary, the new Miss Alberta.

The A Team will be busy visiting Alberta Bethels, attending Masonic family functions and looking for new girls to join this wonderful organization.

If you haven't got a Jobie in the family, maybe this is the year to do it. Girls between the ages of 10-20 with Masonic relationship are eligible for membership. Call the Grand Secretary at 780-464-4038.



Gary and his A Team (l to r): Associate Grand Guardian Gary Semaniuk; Grand Bethel Honoured Queen Amanda Dixon; Miss Alberta Ana Kryzhanivska; Jr. Miss Alberta Aretta Gelineau; Grand Guardian Annette Findlay.

### The Chief Point in Freemasonry

VWBro Cameron D. MacKay, Jasper Lodge No. 14

We are all familiar with that portion of the General Charge which says, "...and then will be attained the chief point in Freemasonry, namely, to endeavour to be happy ourselves, and to communicate that happiness to others."

Viewed superficially, one could argue that being "happy" is rather a modest objective for a great fraternal organization to proclaim as being its "chief point." It raises the question "does walking around with a smile on your face and a pleasant word for your neighbour constitute the culmination of the quest to be a Master Mason?"

The concept of "happiness" would appear to have its origins with the writings of the philosopher John Locke. It was later considered and defined by the United States Supreme Court in the case *Butchers' Union Co. v. Crescent City Co.* III U.S. 746 (1884). In that case, Justice Stephen Johnson Field wrote: "Among these inalienable rights, as proclaimed in that great document, is the right of men to pursue their happiness, by which is meant the right to pursue any lawful business or vocation, in any manner not inconsistent with the equal rights

of others, which may increase their prosperity or develop their faculties, so as to give to them their highest enjoyment." Subsequent case law and political opinion has expanded the scope of "the pursuit of happiness" from merely an economic definition into one which would appear to contemplate the right of each individual to pursue their freedom of action to actualize their human potential.

If the foregoing is correct, it would seem that the chief point in Freemasonry is to instill concepts, virtues, and character traits which enable that individual Mason to maximize and actualize his God-given potentials as a human being.

# Freemasonry and Camelot

RWBro John Glover, Past Senior Grand Warden,  
Grand Superintendent of Membership, United Grand Lodge of Victoria  
*Freemasonry Victoria* 108, May 2006

Many readers will recall with affection the movie *Camelot* with its idyllic scenario, inspirational music and romantic themes. Sadly, the world it depicted was imaginary, the ideals mythical, and the pleasantries of life only fleeting. Whilst a land such as Camelot was imaginary, the concepts of chivalry, honour, righteousness and responsibility depicted there would be very welcome in our community today. In some respects, a land in which the ideals of Freemasonry were the social customs would be equally imaginary today. Concepts such as equality, honour, integrity, wisdom and compassion are espoused by many and practised by few. I believe that if more Freemasons actively practised the principles and tenets of our Craft, then our communities could approach the standards of the mythical Camelot.

In a more recent film, *First Knight*, King Arthur, whenever joining his Knights of the Round Table, offered up a beautiful prayer: "May God grant us the wisdom to discover right, the will to choose it and the strength to make it endure." In many respects Freemasons are like King Arthur and his Knights. When we chose to join Freemasonry there was something about that organisation and what it stood for that made us believe

that joining Freemasonry was the wise choice. If the community still clamours for the same solid standards of conduct and if Freemasonry still represents the same high ideals, why are we failing to attract new members and retain the old? Do we lack the strength to make Freemasonry endure?

Too many men belong to Freemasonry simply by paying their dues; too many men think they are Freemasons because they say they are; too many men believe that they practise Freemasonry because they attend Lodge regularly. May I suggest that too many men fail to be Freemasons because they do not practise Freemasonry beyond the boundaries of the Lodge Room? How does a stranger in the community know you to be a Freemason?

Operative Masonry taught men how to be stonemasons and how to join with like-minded, honourable men to improve their communities. Speculative Masonry teaches us how to become better, more useful citizens in our community and how to help our fellow citizens. Education is the common theme. How well were we educated as Freemasons? How well do we strive personally to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge? If education is the bulwark

of Freemasonry, why does a Lodge programme incorporating lectures seem to be less than ideal? May I suggest that we don't have enough education and that too many lectures and talks are not good enough—they are substandard? If Freemasonry is going to stand or fall on the basis of its educational endeavour, then perhaps we have one answer to explain declining membership, standards, and enthusiasm.

Masonic education is the right of all Freemasons and the responsibility of all Past Masters. The scope of Masonic education is vast, but it need not be complex. In its simplest form it may range from correct ritual and ceremonial to the significance of the emblems displayed in the Lodge. More challenging may be the technical aspects of public speaking, but there is no need to stray into complex educational issues; even the most sophisticated universities are built on modest educational foundations. If we are going to demonstrate the strength to make Freemasonry endure, then let's start with Masonic education. Each of us took that first small step into Freemasonry years ago, so perhaps now is the time to renew our vision by revising our Masonic education. In days of old the apprentices were taught at the hands of the master masons; that method still works. In the words of King Arthur: "...grant us the strength to make it endure."

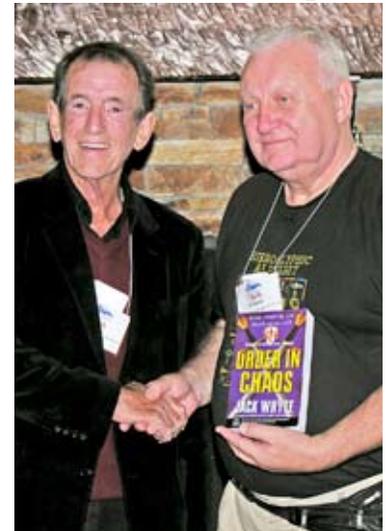
## Fiat Lux at King Solomon Lodge



As part of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, the Brethren of King Solomon Lodge No. 41 hosted a meeting of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 on 4 April 2009. Papers presented at refreshment included a brief history of King Solomon Lodge presented by RWBro Curly Elliott, shown standing above. The next meeting of Fiat Lux Lodge will be the Installation of RWBro Bill Kostenuk as Worshipful Master on Saturday, 26 September 2009 hosted by Corinthian Lodge in Okotoks. The meeting tyles at 13 00 h.

## Jack Whyte a Hit at 2009 Workshop

Jack Whyte, author of several volumes of historical fiction, told the 2009 Masonic Spring Workshop, 17 to 19 April, about his researches into the Knights Templar that formed the basis of his trilogy — *Knights of the Black and White*, *Standard of Honor*, and the forthcoming *Order in Chaos*, which is to be released this summer. A pre-publication, uncorrected proof's copy was provided by Jack's publisher, Penguin Books, and was



put up in a silent auction. The winner of the book was Bro Chris Williams, shown above (r) with the author.

There were 225 Brethren who attended this year's Workshop on the theme: *The Joy of Fellowship*. Chairman Murray Pay thanks the Brethren attending, and especially those who made presentations, for making the weekend a success.