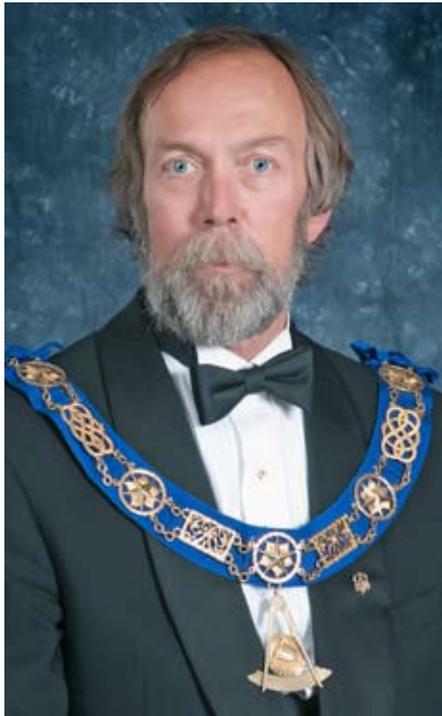




## Grand Master's Inaugural Address Strengthening our Foundation

MWBro Brian Shimmons

Brethren, I sit before you in the Grand East both humbled and excited. Humbled by the honour you have bestowed on me. Excited by the opportunity to



### MWBro Brian Shimmons Biography

Brian was born in Stratford, Ontario on 10 March 1951 and raised in Southern Ontario. He attained Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Engineering from the University of Western Ontario, and toiled with Atomic Energy of Canada at the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories and the Port Hawkesbury Nova Scotia Heavy Water Plant until the lure of the Alberta oilsands attracted him to Alberta in 1978. He moved to Fort McMurray and toiled for Syncrude Canada for 29 years in a variety of supervisory and senior management positions until retiring in June 2007.

Brian has been married to Victoria for 38 years and they have three children and two grandchildren. Brian

serve you in this office for the next 12 months.

I have a dream for Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction that I must share with you. I see a Fraternity that has inspired members — members who are **so** inspired that they make Lodge meetings a priority, and would never contemplate demitting. I see an organization that “cultivates and improves the mind” of its members in everything we do, causing more freethinking men to knock at our doors seeking admission. I see an organization that does tremendous good for its communities. This good is well known, and acts as a magnet to attract many community leaders to our Lodges. I see an organization that is highly regarded, in a Jurisdiction where the vast majority of its citizens know the good work the square and compasses stand for.

I hope you share this dream. I know it is in stark contrast to the reality of the past 50 years. Did you know that in the 1950s, one in every 70 men of mature age was an Alberta Mason? Today, that market share has dropped to less than one in every 350 men. We need to turn

and Victoria moved to Bragg Creek in August 2007.

Brian was initiated into Fort McMurray No. 195 in 1989 and served as their Worshipful Master in 1995. He is Past Master and an Honorary Member of Millennium Lodge No. 2000 and a Charter Member of Aurora Borealis Lodge No. 201. He is also an Honorary Member of Lodges in Montana and Washington.

He served the Craft as DDGM for the Athabasca District and President of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes before being elected to the Grand Line in 2006.

Brian is also a member of the Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, Cryptic Rite, York Rite College, Scottish Rite, DeMolay, the Shrine and the Widow's Sons.

the page and start a new chapter — a new chapter filled with hope and excitement. That hope and excitement must burn brightly in every Lodge in this jurisdiction: from Yellowknife in the North to Cowley in the South, from Cold Lake in the East to Wembley in the West.

The strength of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction is directly proportional to the strength of all our Lodges. Now is the time for the “movers and shakers” of this Grand Jurisdiction to pull together with determination to help strengthen our Lodges — our foundation — so Freemasonry can guarantee a bright future, both for its members and society in general.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta now has a long term or Strategic Plan that is focused on strengthening our Lodges over the coming years. It speaks of improved Lodge leadership, improved Lodge management and operation, and improved membership management. All these things are necessary to improve Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction. Your Grand Line officers are committed to the execution of this plan, and as their leader I intend to take the first steps in its execution with my action plan entitled *Strengthening our Foundation*.

I have already taken a small step by revising the DDGMs' checklist to help them, and this Grand Lodge, understand what needs to be done at the Lodge level to achieve the Plan's goals and to measure progress. We will be able to gauge how many Lodges have leader development plans, education programs, mentorship programs, COMELY programs, visitation programs, widows' programs and Lodge long term plans. For those Lodges that do not have some of those programs, it will provide the DDGMs with the opportunity to ask, “Why not?” and to offer assistance in establishing them.

Membership attraction must remain an important function in all our Lodges, and to this end I have asked the Public Relations Committee to develop an information package that all Alberta  
See **Address**, page 2.

## From the Editor

Much of this issue is a “catch-up” of the many events that have occurred around this Jurisdiction since the last issue (June) was prepared in mid-April.

The pleasure of seeing the new generation of Grand Lodge officers installed and invested was tempered by the passing to the Grand Lodge above of another of our Past Grand Masters, MWBro Murdo Norman MacIver, on 3 May. A Memorial Service celebrating his life was held on 1 June, at which RWBro Jim Forbes delivered the description of MWBro MacIver’s life that you see later in this issue.

### Address, from page 1.

Freemasons can use to properly explain Freemasonry to interested non-Masons, and that Lodges can use to engage in “proper solicitation” of new members. Brethren, we need to return to the days of attracting community and business leaders to our Craft.

Lodge meetings in this Jurisdiction must improve in order to keep the newer Masons coming back and to entice the absent Masons back. We need to ask, “Would my son or grandson enjoy this meeting?” and “What would it take to get old ‘what’s his name’ back to Lodge?” In this regard, I will work through the DDGMS to ensure District Meetings are exciting and interesting and thereby set the standard for Lodge meetings in the Districts. Masons should come to District Meetings because they want to — not because they have to. The same can be said for Lodge meetings and, hopefully, District Meetings will set a standard for enlightening and enjoyable meetings.

Our Strategic Plan makes reference to training that needs to be delivered to our Lodge leaders and Secretaries. The responsibility for developing and delivering that training will be with the new Grand Lodge Training Committee that I will set to work over the summer months under the leadership of MWBro Malcolm Berry. Their task will be challenging, because I envision pilot train-

Please make a note of the two Masonic speakers scheduled for September: MWBro Stephen Godfrey at the end of the month in Calgary, and the Prestonian Lecturer, WBro John Wade, in Red Deer on 21 September. Both should provide entertaining and informative events.

The Board of General Purposes has asked me to re-iterate to the Brethren two motions concerning the process and procedures for Masonic funerals that were adopted by the Board and subsequently ratified at the Grand Lodge Communication as part of the review of the publications dealing with Masonic funerals:

ing sessions conducted this fall. In the meantime, I intend to prepare a monthly newsletter called *Masonic Mentorship* that will be sent to all DDGMS, Masters, Wardens and Secretaries and contain thoughts and ideas on leadership and Lodge management.

The Strategic Plan also makes reference to improvements to our Investigating Committees. The best place to start is by revamping the forms that our Investigating Committees use to perform their duties and I have asked the Publications and Forms Committee to execute this work quickly.

There have been numerous significant amendments and revisions to our Constitution and Regulations and the lack of a revised Constitution and Regulations might be creating some confusion at the Lodge level. I will work with our Grand Secretary to ensure this work is completed this year.

I am aware that there are some Lodges today that are already well advanced in operating in accordance with our Strategic Plan. They need to be identified as role models for other Lodges and recognized for their initiative and energy. Therefore I intend to present “Lodge of Excellence Awards” next June to the “cream of the crop.” I hope my successors will continue the practice.

Individual Lodges can also take their own steps to strengthen their Lodges by adopting the “Best Practices for Al-

- Deletion from the publications of the requirement to cover metallic parts of aprons and collars when attending a service for a departed Brother;
- Deletion of the statement(s) that make reference to “only Master Masons” being entitled to a Masonic burial.

And finally, an apology. The article and photograph in the June issue about Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 meeting at King Solomon Lodge No. 41 referred to the history of King Solomon Lodge being presented by RWBro Curly Foster. It actually was RWBro Curly Elliott, a Past DDGM and a long-time member of the Lodge.

berta Lodges” appended to the DGM’s Implementation Report. Learn how to properly solicit good men. Plan enjoyable meetings where members leave feeling enlightened. Make sure all new members are properly mentored so they can discover the real secrets of Freemasonry. Encourage support for local charities so their members and communities will know that Masons care. Embrace the value of visiting nearby Lodges to learn from each other and share in the fellowship. And, finally, recognize that all organizations must have a long term or strategic plan for continuous improvement to stay strong and successful.

Brethren, I hope I can have your support in executing my *Strengthening our Foundation* plan over the coming 12 months. I know it might sound like I am “putting a fire under people’s butts” but maybe we need that, because I am convinced that the sooner we have better Lodge leadership, better Lodge management and operation, and better membership management the sooner we will significantly reduce the number of demits and suspensions. We might also have more men attracted to the Craft.

I also extend an invitation to all our beloved concordant bodies to find ways to align with the focus of my *Strengthening our Foundation* objectives, because if we want strong Chapters, strong Val-

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leys, strong Councils, strong Shrines we must have strong Lodges. We will thrive together or dive together.

Brethren, now is the time to begin the important work of returning Freemasonry in this jurisdiction to its rightful place as the most respected and recognized fraternity. We will all benefit from it personally, as will society in general. I implore every one of you to begin the work of *Strengthening our Foundation* now. I know you are up for it.

## Grand Master's Edict

Issued 17 June 2009

I, Brian Shimmons, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, grant permission for all Freemasons in this jurisdiction to wear regalia in public under the following circumstances:

- While attending Job's Daughters and DeMolay meetings
- While participating in Church Parades
- While attending at the Fort Edmonton and Heritage Park Lodge Rooms
- While attending at a Masonic Cornerstone Laying
- While attending Remembrance Day ceremonies
- While making a charitable donation presentation on behalf of the fraternity
- While participating in a community event as a Masonic group

## Election Results

104<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication

### Senior Grand Warden

RWBro Peter J. Dunlop  
Sherwood Lodge No. 183

### Junior Grand Warden

RWBro David A. Roth  
Commercial Lodge No. 81

### Grand Treasurer

MWBro John D. Hart  
Perfection Lodge No. 9

### Board of General Purposes

WBro John G. Cameron  
Crescent Lodge No. 87

RWBro Ken Cheel

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

RWBro Donald A. Gillies

St. Mark's Lodge No. 118

RWBro Donald G. MacWilliam

Perfection Lodge No. 9

RWBro George Tapley

Calgary Lodge No. 23

### Masonic Higher Education

#### Bursary Committee

RWBro Chris E. Batty

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

RWBro John R. (Jack) Johnson

Palestine Lodge No. 46

## Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

RWBro Ed Mitchell

A Re-Consecration of Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44 was held on Saturday 30 May 2009. The Grand Master [at that time], MWBro John Hart, and many Grand Lodge officers from around the province joined Masons from Wainwright and the surrounding district to celebrate 100 years of Masonry in the Town of Wainwright. Some 50 members of the Ancient Craft met in the Lodge Hall to witness the ceremony. MWBro Hart brought greetings on behalf of all Masons throughout the Province. In his address to those gathered he stated, "We were brought from the dark to the light of human fellowship and the gift of brotherhood — may the love that we share be the judge of our worth, for our heart is our one true home." He then presented the Lodge with a Re-Consecration certificate. Vermilion Lodge No. 24 also presented Buffalo Park Lodge with a ceremonial plaque indicating their sponsorship of the Lodge in Wainwright in April of 1909.

A banquet was held that evening in the Legion Hall. Greetings were brought and memorial plaques presented by



*The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, MWBro John Hart, presents Right Worshipful Brother Edgar Mitchell with a 100<sup>th</sup> year Re-Consecration certificate for Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44 on 30 May 2009.*

Mayor Norm Coleman and M.D. representative Phil Valleau. Guest speaker Jennifer Ford, of the Buffalo Historical Society, spoke to the group of Masons and their wives about the trials and difficulties of securing the then nearly extinct buffalo back into Alberta in the year 1909 at the newly created National Wainwright Buffalo Park. It was a most enjoyable and memorable day for the Masonic Order in Wainwright.

## Two Milestones in Avon Glen Lodge

Bro David Stokes

On 9 November 2008, Bro Bill Jones of Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 reached the milestone of attaining 70 years as a member of the Craft. He reached a second milestone on 12 February of this year when he turned 100 years of age.

In a special ceremony held at a seniors' lodge in Edmonton's west end, several members of Avon Glen Lodge witnessed WBro Andrew Brown, the Worshipful Master of Avon Glen Lodge, present Bro Bill with his 70-year certificate and bar. Bro Bill's son, daughter and daughter-in-law were also present, and even though Bill has been unable to attend lodge for quite a few years he was still very aware of the meaning of the presentation and seemed extremely pleased to receive the certificate and bar. His 50-year jewel and attached 60-year bar were brought out to be shown off, and the 70-year bar proudly added to them.

Bro Bill was initiated into Masonry on 9 November 1938 and affiliated with Avon Glen Lodge in May 1953 — the 17<sup>th</sup> member of the newly constituted Lodge!



WBro Andrew Brown, WBro Louis Fradette, Bro Bill Jones, with members of his family (standing, left to right, daughter Enid, son Mike and Mike's wife Elva)

## Alberta Miscellany

Thoughts from the summonses, selected by Bro Trevor Morris

### Exemplar Lodge No. 175

The enigmatic nature of Freemasonry is bound to attract the curious. We have all dealt with our share of questions about the brotherhood and usually do so with some degree of pleasure. After all, who doesn't like sharing with others those things that are important to us? To impart the attributes of Freemasonry from a personal perspective can be a tricky business, but to accept a challenge to debate on behalf of the entire institution without having a thorough understanding of the subject can be reckless.

To demonstrate, I present one example where we tend to venture forth without proper consideration of the consequences. We are often asked to describe the purpose of the Fraternity—a simple question that calls for a simple answer—or so you might think. “To make good men better” is our standard response. It has a worthy ring to it, but I recommend that we remain cautious about using such sweeping statements unless we are prepared to explain what we really mean by them. This question is more complex than it appears, and likewise is our answer. When conjoined, they have the potential to confuse anyone within earshot.

Our answer should lead a reasonable person to conclude that we accept only good men. Without fail the discussion will shift to the meaning of “good” and how it is assessed. We have the means at our disposal to make that determination and, for the most part, we are

content that they work. However, it is the word “better” that attracts the greater scrutiny. What do we mean by it? What constitutes “better”? How does Freemasonry actually make a man better? Is it not presumptuous to assume that good men can be made better simply through membership in a dusty, old Fraternity? As Freemasons we believe it to be true, but can we actually account for how it happens?

Good men approach the Order for personal reasons that can be very difficult to explain. It is hard for them to understand the benefit until a solid bond has developed between the Brother and the Brotherhood, and even then, he may be the only one who notices the subtle transformation that comes with this rite of passage. I believe that the institution provides an ideal environment for a man to change himself, and that might be a more accurate description of the purpose of Freemasonry.

WBro Daniel Boyco

### Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

In the chaos of everyday life we often forget about the little things that make the world go around. I often wondered if life as we know it and general human interaction can be summarized by a single unifying word, much the same way scientists are trying to unify the universe and all of its laws with a single equation: Gravity, Relativity, Quantum Mechanics unified by one descriptive equation. I did look at it, and it makes no sense to me, as I am not a scientist.

Surely something as simple as human life and

its interactions could be classified by a single word that should be able to define us as humans. From a Masonic perspective I have no doubt this word would be Charity, in the broadest sense of the word. Charity is about helping the poor, the ill and the needy, whether it is with money, goods or simply an act of kindness or a kind word of encouragement; it is about praise of both young and old for a job well done or even an honest try to get it done. Charity is also about understanding and respect. It is about being mindful of other people, their customs and traditions, their way of life, their way of being. Charity is also an act of endearment: any act or expression of affection, an embracing or touching with tenderness. Charity is also about being full of love, benevolence and kindness. It is about being liberal in judging others: to be disposed to look on the best side of people and to avoid harsh judgment; giving the benefit of the doubt. Charity is also about love, or if derived from Christian tradition, *agape*, meaning selfless love. Perhaps Charity then is really just love—unconditional, selfless and timeless. Perhaps a person's simple love of humanity is what Charity is all about.

Charity is a lot of things, and has a lot of different meanings to each and every one of us. However, Charity is perhaps the best word that describes not only us Masons but also all those who simply love humanity and do all that they can to see it succeed. Even though it is called by many different names, such as Love, Respect, Trust or Understanding, could we simply not say that Charity is what really makes the world go around? Could life be really that simple? I think it can and in fact, as we often find out, it is.

WBro Tomek Walla

### Calgary Stampede Celebrations

Freemasons took part in the 2009 Calgary Stampede Parade (above left) and held a well-attended pancake breakfast at Freemasons' Hall (below) where the Grand Secretary, Jerry Kopp (below left), had the right-sized tool to get people fed!



## *In Memoriam*

### MWBro Murdo Norman MacIver

MWBro Murdo Norman MacIver was born in Winnipeg on 14 May 1921. He received his Public and High School education in Winnipeg, followed by a year at the Manitoba Commercial College. In March 1940 Norm joined the Toronto-Dominion Bank, which he served in both urban and rural communities in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, retiring in 1983 after 43 years of distinguished service. During the Second World War our Brother served with the RCNVR from December 1941 until his discharge in March 1946.

MWBro MacIver was initiated into Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, on 23 January 1947. After settling in Edmonton the opportunity arose for him to become a Charter Member of Eastgate Lodge No. 192 when it was instituted on 8 June 1964. He served this Lodge as its third Worshipful Master in 1967–68. On 20 September 1988 Norm was made an Honorary Life Member of this Lodge. Similar honours have been conferred by Forestburg Lodge No. 128, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 and Redwood Lodge No. 193.

In June 1971 MWBro MacIver was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and was elected and subsequently served as District Deputy Grand Master of the then District No. 20, now known as Beaverhills, during 1972–73. After serving Grand Lodge for a number of years on the Board of General Purposes and on various committees MWBro MacIver was elected Junior Grand Warden at the Grand Communication in June of 1978 and subsequently installed as our Grand Master in June of 1981 — a position of responsibility over all Alberta Masons.

Norm was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont near the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1978 and in 1990 was appointed the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. MWBro MacIver served as General Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop held in Banff in 1977 and was its Theme Speaker in 1984 on the topic of “Responsibilities of our Obligations.” Two highlights of Norm’s Masonic career were the presentation of the Keynote Address to the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America held in Calgary in February 1987 — the first meeting of this prestigious group



outside the United States of America — and serving as the Theme Speaker at the Inter-Provincial Conference of the Officers of the four Western Masonic Jurisdictions held in Banff in September 1989. His topic on that occasion was “Now is the Time — Now is the Place.”

MW Bro MacIver was received in the Royal Order of Scotland in 1973 and acted as General Chairman of the last Inter-Provincial meeting of that Body. This was held in Calgary in 1995 to welcome the Earl of Elgin of Scotland, the Deputy Grand Master and Governor, on his official visit to Western Canada. Ill Bro MacIver had been an active Member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite since 1963, and served as Most Wise Sovereign of Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix in 1974–75. Norm was invested as Grand Almoner of the Valley of Edmonton on 30 April 1982 and served in that capacity until his retirement in early 1997 after 15 years of dedicated service. On 13 September 1984, at the Sessions

of Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada held in Edmonton, Ill Bro MacIver was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector General 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, the highest honour this body can bestow on its membership. For his dedication and untiring support of Scottish Rite Masonry, the Craft, and his Community, the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the Lodge of Perfection held in Edmonton in February 1995 was named in his honour. Our Brother was for many years a member of the Edmonton Shrine Club, a Charter Member of Al Shamal Shriners and a proud member of the Pipes and Drums Unit. In 1975 Norman was initiated into the Royal Order of Jesters and served as Treasurer from 1985 to 1988.

In community life, Norman was active in Service Clubs and the Royal Canadian Legion in various communities in which he resided. He was honoured by the Canadian Progress Club of Edmonton in 1975 as an Honorary Life Member in recognition of his contribution as a Co-Founder of the Uncles at Large program which was established in 1967 for fatherless boys. He was a Past Director of the Family Service Association of Edmonton, a Past Member of the Board of Stewards of Ottewell United Church and a Past President of the Edmonton Burns Club. Norm was a Retired Treasurer of the Strathcona Branch, Royal Canadian Legion.

MWBro MacIver’s devotion to his family, church and community and to this great Masonic fraternity makes all of us extremely proud to have been associated with this distinguished gentleman and Brother. Very few Masons have surpassed Norman’s Masonic and public achievements.

RWBro Jim Forbes  
Eastgate Lodge No. 192

### Cascade Lodge Honours Two Brethren

A very special Emergent meeting of Cascade Lodge No. 5 was held 20 June 2009 to honour two special Brethren. VWBro Tom Brown (r), 100 years old, was to assume the Chair to confer an Honorary Life Membership on MWBro Robert Juthner (l). Unfortunately, a bicycle race in downtown Banff prevented getting Bro Brown to the Lodge hall. So following the meeting, Bro Brown was honoured with a reception in the local high school instead.



# Report of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin

RWBro George Tapley, Chairman and Editor

With the publishing of the September 2008 issue of *The Alberta Freemason* I took over as its Editor, following in the footsteps of the now Editor emeritus, MWBro Robert Juthner. His commitment (and his writings) contributed immensely over the past 12 years to the success and reputation of *The Alberta Freemason*. Beginning with that issue the on-line version of the publication was made available in full colour, and the print version reverted to being printed in black. I have received many favourable comments on both changes.

The November issue traditionally has featured articles related to the military heritage of Freemasons. Unfortunately, and for the second successive year, the front page of the issue was a story on the death in Afghanistan of an Alberta Mason, this time Bro Sgt Shawn Allen Eades. The article was later reprinted in *Philae Shrine News* in Halifax (edited by the Grand Secretary of PEI), and an excerpt printed in *Emessay Notes*. The Grand Chaplain provided his seasonal message for December (as well as a message for the April issue), and I must thank Bro Thomas for faithfully meeting all my deadlines over the last year. The January article on California Masons was interesting not just for its content, but also for its source: a "Style Profile" in the *Los Angeles Times*. The article in February on "Quality vs Quantity" by the Grand Master of Romania, translated into English in *Masonic Forum Magazine*, generated some comments around the quality of the translation. I believe, however, that it was important to see that although the language may be different Masonry faces the same challenges around the world. The magazine is a private publication (although obviously closely aligned with the Grand Lodges in the region). Its editor was happy to let

me print the article, and suggested he "would like to start up a co-operation between our magazines."

The May issue of *The Alberta Freemason* always contains information on the upcoming Annual Communication including, since 2005, essays from the candidates for the position of Warden. There were six of these essays this year, which meant that the usual eight-page issue became a 12-page issue. As a result, the Grand Lodge office received calls from Lodge Secretaries about the size of the issue (the essays averaged just over 800 words, well below the suggested size of 1000 words). Rather than having reports from the Grand Representatives published in the Proceedings, they were forwarded to me for review and publication of significant items I felt might be of interest to the Brethren at large. I received nine reports; with the exception of one report there was little useful material.

MWBro Young has now given me access to the Grand Lodge web page statistics, which will enable me to track how the on-line version of *The Alberta Freemason* is used. Some, but not all, Secretaries include a direct link to the current issue when they send out their Lodge notices by e-mail, but more "marketing" must be done in this area. Indeed the Committee must soon begin looking at the whole question of how *The Alberta Freemason* can best be produced and disseminated in the long term.

Bro Trevor Morris has been diligent in pointing out to me pieces in Lodge summonses that should receive wider distribution. There are some very good writers among the Masters of the Lodges in this Jurisdiction, and I have already extracted promises from several of them to continue writing for *The Alberta Freemason* after their terms end.

As ever, I wish to thank MWBro Juthner, WBro Cochran, WBro Kline, Bro Morris, RWBro Kopp and Mrs Judy Rivers for their assistance, advice and forbearance.

## Prestonian Lecturer in Red Deer

Beacon Lodge No. 190 presents the 2009 Prestonian Lecturer, W Bro John Wade at a Banquet and lecture on Monday, 21 September 2009 at the Red Deer Masonic Hall. Bro Wade's lecture is entitled **'Go and do thou likewise': English Masonic Processions from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries**. The Banquet begins with a no-host bar at 18 00 h. The Lecture follows the banquet at 20 00 h. There will also be a festive board afterwards. Tickets cost \$35 (lecture and festive board only are \$20) and are available from Clark Johnston at 403-347-7099. More information available at [www.mastermason.com/Beacon190/prestonian\\_lecturer\\_2009.htm](http://www.mastermason.com/Beacon190/prestonian_lecturer_2009.htm)



## Calgary Fall Banquet

Stephen Godfrey, Grand Master of BC & Yukon (2007), will speak at the Calgary Mason's Fall Banquet on Wednesday, 30 September 2009 at King George Masonic Hall. Bro Godfrey's talk — **Who's in Charge?** — explores the veracity of information that is available on the internet where most young men now do their research and asks "Do Masons have a responsibility to provide correct information?" Open to Masons, ladies and guests. Cocktails at 18 00 h; Banquet at 19 00 h; lecture to follow. Tickets are available for \$35 each at [godfrey.tickets@telus.net](mailto:godfrey.tickets@telus.net) — more information is at [www.freemasons.ab.ca](http://www.freemasons.ab.ca)



## Fiat Lux Installation

The Installation of RWBro Bill Kostenuk as Worshipful Master of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 will be celebrated on Saturday, 26 September 2009 at Corinthian Masonic Hall in Okotoks, Alberta. The meeting tyles at 13 00 h with a brief Lodge meeting before the installation. A presentation of papers follows and the afternoon ends with a banquet. Cost of the banquet is \$25. The meeting is sponsored by Corinthian Lodge No. 22.

## Grand Master's Itinerary September

- 21 Beacon Lodge 190, 2009 Prestonian Lecture, WBro John Wade; Red Deer Masonic Hall; Cocktails 18 00 h; Banquet 19 00 h; Lecture to follow
- 26 Mighty Peace District Meeting; Grand Prairie Masonic Hall; 11 00 h
- 30 Calgary Masons' Fall Banquet with guest speaker MWBro Stephen Godfrey; King George Masonic Hall; Cocktails 18 00 h; Banquet 19 00 h; Lecture to follow.