



## Report on the Western Canada Conference

RWBro Peter Dunlop, Senior Grand Warden



I'm pleased to be able to report on the Western Canada Conference, which took place in Canmore on Wednesday 14 October through Friday 16 October 2009.

This year's Conference was ably chaired and emceed by the Conference President for 2009, MWBro John Hart.

The Conference started on Wednesday with a "meet and greet" social hour, and later a buffet dinner was enjoyed by all of the Conference attendees. The guest speaker for the evening was MWBro Hugh Young who was, as usual, both entertaining and informative. MWBro Young's topic was "Freemasonry — Unchanging and Unchangeable."

Thursday morning began with the Conference's first paper, presented by the Senior Grand Warden of British Columbia & Yukon, RWBro Bill Cave, entitled "Lessons to be Learned from Hiram the Builder." Discussion was moderated by the JGW of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The second paper was presented by the Grand Senior Warden of Saskatchewan, RWBro Dennis Skuce. This paper was entitled "Leadership: A Bridge to the Future." Discussion was moderated by the JGW of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Thursday afternoon combined photographs, a short business meeting of the Conference delegates and a short talk by the Grand Secretary of Alberta, RWBro Jerry Kopp, who spoke of the need to "Guard the West Gate." Jerry stated that we must exercise extreme care when interviewing new candidates, and that we should be very comfortable

that we have adequately investigated our applicant's background. The image of Freemasonry in this province and in this country depends on the conduct of all of our members. The social and dinner on Thursday evening is traditionally a formal event. The evening was enjoyed by all and included a bit of laughter and frivolity.

Friday morning began with a paper presented by the Senior Grand Warden of Manitoba, RWBro Chibu Uson. The paper was entitled "Lean Thinking and Freemasonry — Ways of Life." Discussion was moderated by the SGW of the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon. The final paper was presented by the Senior Grand Warden of Alberta, RWBro Peter Dunlop. This paper was entitled "A Traveller's Path." Discussion was moderated by the Grand JW of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Friday's wrap-up was the election of the President and Vice-President for 2010. The President, MWBro Brian

Tuckey, and the Vice-President, RWBro Khris Goodmanson, were then installed in their respective offices.

A number of Observers were present for the three-day Conference, including four Grand Secretaries, five Past Grand Masters, one Past DDGM, and a very special guest, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada's Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill Bro Matthew F. Todd, 33°.

The social aspects of this Conference are a very special and rewarding part of the time we spend together. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the men who will lead the Craft in the coming years. As always in our Fraternity, it seems to be the people we meet and the relationships we develop that keep us coming back.

You are invited to join us next year, 13 to 15 October, in Canmore. I would encourage DDGMs and enthusiastic Masonic Education Chairmen to attend.

You will find all the papers that were presented in the Proceedings of the Western Canada Conference, which may be obtained from the Grand Secretary.

## How Freemasonry Came to China

*Excerpt from a leaflet published by The Zetland Hall Trustees (Hong Kong)*

*Provided by VWBro Jaime Wong, PSGD*

...The society spread rapidly throughout Europe and America and out East to India. The expanding seaborne empires of Britain and France had large numbers of Masons amongst their administrators and in their armies, and many merchants trading in Asia also enjoyed Lodge membership. It was with a ship of the Swedish East India Company that Freemasonry first reached China. The Masons on board had a document giving them permission to hold meetings whenever they entered a port, and they did so in Canton (Guangzhou) in late 1759. A few years later a permanent English Lodge was started there, however by the end of the century it had ceased meeting.

Two Lodges were established in Hong Kong soon after the British acquired the Territory. The older one, Royal Sussex Lodge, named after the Duke of

Sussex who was then the Grand Master in London, later moved to Guangzhou, then on to Shanghai and returned to



*Zetland Hall, on Zetland Street in Hong Kong, was the home of Zetland Lodge No. 525, EC. Built in 1865, it was destroyed by a bomb during WWII. (1cy1846HU)*

Hong Kong in 1952. The second Lodge, Zetland Lodge named after the Marquis of Zetland, the next Grand Master, claims seniority as it has remained in Hong Kong since its formation. Other Lodges were established over the following years. Zetland Lodge built a hall for its meetings on the upper part of Zetland Street, where New World Tower now stands, and in time was used by all the Hong Kong Lodges.

In China, Lodges were formed in Shanghai, then in Ningbo and Tianjin, and, eventually, in most of the ports of China open to foreigners and in the inland cities of Nanjing, Beijing, Harbin and Chengdu. These operated under charters granted in many countries, those with most Lodges being from England, Massachusetts, Scotland and later the Philippines.

Because of restrictions imposed by the Imperial Government, it was almost impossible for a Chinese to become a Freemason during the Qing Dynasty, although in 1873 the leader of a Chinese educational mission in Massachusetts did so, as did others in France and Australia. The first known Chinese to become a Mason in China was a lieutenant in the Imperial Navy who was initiated into an English Lodge in Guangzhou in 1889. In Hong Kong, early Chinese Freemasons included Sir Kai Ho Kai and the Honourable Wei Yuk. By the beginning of the Sino-Japanese War, many Lodges in China had a majority of Chinese members, especially those meeting under the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

During the war, the Japanese, because of the irrational antagonism of the Nazis, persecuted Freemasons in the occupied areas of China. Lodges however continued to meet. One temporarily transferred to Zhongqing, another was specially established there, and one met for several years on the University campus in Chengdu. A Lodge in Fuzhou met for the greater part of the war. Several of the Hong Kong Lodges met informally and under very dangerous

conditions in prisoner of war camps. One, meeting in Stanley Prison, even kept a minute book.

With the end of the war, the Lodges in China and Hong Kong revived rapidly, although some moved from the provinces into Shanghai, Tianjin and Hong Kong. Enthusiasm was so great that the six Philippine Lodges meeting in China, which had an almost entirely Chinese membership, formed the Grand Lodge of China in 1949.

With the establishment of the People's Republic of China all the Lodges continued to meet, but those which met in the American Masonic Temple in Shanghai — including the Grand Lodge of China — closed down in 1952. The English District Grand Master of Northern China offered to close if the Central Peoples' Government requested it, affirming that regular Freemasons always give obedience to the lawful government of whichever country they are in. No request was made and the British Lodges meeting at the Masonic Hall in Beijing Road West in Shanghai continued to meet without difficulty. The last Lodge

meeting there did so until 1962, when it transferred to Hong Kong. This was because its largely foreign membership had by then left China and not because of any conflict with the authorities. The British Masonic Hall then became the Shanghai headquarters of the five Chinese medical associations.

Freemasons' Hall on Zetland Street in Hong Kong Island had been damaged by Allied bombing at the end of the war and a new building, Zetland Hall at No. 1 Kennedy Road, was constructed in 1950. This enabled Lodges from Xiamen, Fuzhou, Guangzhou, Shantou and Shanghai to be revived, and also permitted expansion.

There are now twenty-six Lodges, with over 1,500 members, meeting there. There are also a number of bodies conferring higher degrees. The Lodges still meet under the three Masonic Grand Lodges of the British Isles, but have considerable local independence. Some Lodges are mostly Chinese in membership, others are still mostly non-Chinese, but all members treat one another as Brothers.

## Workshop for Lodge Officers

VWBro Glenn McConnell, PGS

The Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Calgary and Alpha District jointly sponsored a one-day workshop for Lodge officers. It was held on Saturday 31 October 2009 at Freemasons' Hall, Calgary, with 55 officers from four Districts in attendance. RWBros Peter Dunlop and David Roth attended as observers.

Presentations focused on improving attendance and member retention through investigations, mentoring, education and planning — four important best Lodge practices advocated by MWBro Brian Shimmons. Workshop leaders were Bros Bill Kirk and David Mapplebeck, WBro James Free, VWBros Glenn McConnell and Andy Pokolinski. Feedback from attendees was very positive with requests for more train-

ing and education. It is expected that follow-up seminars will be held in the Spring of 2010.



VWBro Andy Pokolinski, DDGM elect for Phoenix District, is shown in the photograph presenting the planning session.

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# The Grand East of the Netherlands

RWBro Bert G. T. van Helden, PDDGM

Representative of the Grand East of the Netherlands to the Grand Lodge of Alberta

In 2006 the Freemasons under the Grand East of the Netherlands celebrated their 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with activities for the public at large, including a one-day Open House held by all Lodges in the Netherlands and several public lectures and symposia on Freemasonry, religion and social aspects presented by members of the Craft.

The Annual Communication of this Jurisdiction was held in one of the stately cathedrals in the city of Rotterdam on 24 June 2006 with a special Ritual, including organ music and a tenor solo, to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Approximately 500 Masons attended, including representatives from jurisdictions all over the world. This was followed by a reception and banquet in the cathedral. A crew from the national television network filmed the first part of the meeting, when dignitaries from other jurisdictions were received in form, before the Grand Master opened the three Great Lights and proceeded with the installation of new Grand Lodge officers. The Dutch Government issued a commemorative stamp to honour the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Craft in the Netherlands, and the Grand East issued a DVD with the symposia and an excerpt of the Grand Lodge Communication.

With about 145 Lodges in Holland, and a membership of 5,800 in a population of 13 million it seems that Freemasonry in the Netherlands is not as widespread as it is in Alberta. The Craft in the Netherlands has certainly seen a decline over the last 25 years or so, but there has been a slight increase in membership in the last few years. In 2007, 434 applications for membership were received. However it is particularly interesting to note that of these applications 20 per cent were rejected (or the application withdrawn).

Several Lodges are experiencing a steady growth and some have difficulty in accommodating their new members. Lodges of more than 80 members are often regarded as being too large, resulting in the formation of a new ("Daughter") Lodge. Membership of 30 to 40 Brethren is regarded as ideal. The Brethren know each other well and form a strong bond.

Most Lodges meet once a week.

Lodge is not opened, but the Brethren gather in the ante-room where one of them presents a paper on a theme of his choosing. This may include history or other aspects of Freemasonry, his own interests or hobbies, his view on social or economic problems, a musical presentation (piano, violin, etc.) or his moral obligations in his duties at work. A Brother who was a professor in nuclear physics, for instance, presented a paper on mankind's moral obligations in their approach to atomic energy. These presentations often result in profound discussions between the Brethren and in doing so they get to know each other intimately. The evening ends with a more or less elaborate banquet. Even the Lodge business is conducted outside the Temple. Instruction evenings for Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts and new Master Masons are high on the list of Lodge priorities.

Lodge meetings in the Temple (Open Lodge) are restricted to Degree work, Installations and the celebration of the Winter and Summer Sts John festivals. White tie, black vest and tails are the traditional dress code in Open Lodge. Aprons are less decorative and there are no tassels. The Apron trim can be in the colour of the Lodge, as each Lodge has its own colour.

The Rituals for the Degrees are open for personal adaption by the WM and other participants. Such personal an approach makes visiting very interesting. The ritual is often read by the participating Brethren, except for the Opening and Closing Ritual. Music is a very important part of the meeting. Classical music (on records, tapes, or CDs) is played at the end of the Degree for the Brethren to enjoy in deep silence and contemplation.

The Grand East of the Netherlands is in the process of creating a Central Masonic Centre, which will include Grand Lodge Offices, a library, a documentation centre and a museum of Masonic treasures. This centre will also host several lodge rooms and meeting facilities. Lodges from several cities are currently submitting plans for such centre.

A teaching position in Freemasonry is held by Professor Malcolm Davies at the University of Leiden. This position is, in part, funded by the Grand East of

the Netherlands. The Grand East of the Netherlands issues a monthly magazine called *Know Thyself*. This magazine includes articles on art, religion and Masonic history submitted by Brethren. A regular column in every issue is an interview with a Brother on his experience and view of his Lodge. The magazine is well written and contains many beautiful photographs in colour. It is financially supported by two pages of business advertisements and "wanted" or "for sale" ads of Masonic regalia, books and clothing.

The Passwords and Words in the Dutch Ritual differ from those used in our Jurisdiction. Other than that, the Craft in the Netherlands represents the same beautiful universal science we call Freemasonry.

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## Calling All Speakers!

RWBro David Roth,  
Junior Grand Warden

In support of the Strategic Plan adopted by Grand Lodge, a Speakers' Bureau is being formed so that Lodges can more readily find speakers for the Masonic Education portions of their programs. To start the process, a call is going out to obtain the names of speakers who are willing to visit Lodges and make presentations when invited. The first step is to identify the speakers and the topics they are able to present and put that information on the Grand Lodge website.

If you are able and willing to give a talk in Lodge on a Masonic subject, or if you know of someone who has given a talk that you think would be a good candidate to put on the list, please provide the following information to David Roth, Junior Grand Warden at [droth@cable-lynx.net](mailto:droth@cable-lynx.net)

- Name of presenter.
- Title of presentation (if known).
- Topic (general, esoteric, ritual, regalia, symbolism, history, or whatever).
- Brief description (if possible).

Each of the presenters will be contacted and the information verified before any contacts are put on the website. It is hoped the list will include whether the presentation is suitable for Lodge or festive board as well as information on how long the presentation takes, and the type of presentation (talk, PowerPoint, discussion, etc.).

## Book Review

# Committed to the Flames: The History and Rituals of a Secret Masonic Rite

Arturo De Hoyos and S. Brent Morris, Lewis Masonic, Surrey, UK, 2008, 290 pages, \$36.95 (US)

This book is authored by two well-known and distinguished Masonic historians and authors. Arturo De Hoyos is the Grand Archivist and Grand Historian of the Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup>, A&ASR of Freemasonry, S.J., and S. Brent Morris is the Worshipful Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, UGLE and Managing Editor, *The Scottish Rite Journal*. The book is very well-written and a pleasure to read.

In 1826 Robert B. Folger, M.D. and a new Master Mason, filled a notebook with the enciphered Craft rituals of the Rectified Scottish Rite (Knights Beneficent of the Holy City or CBCS). This was a high grade revision of the Rite of Strict Observance — a group that was well-known in Europe but unknown in the United States. In the introduction of his notebook, the author left the instruction that when he died the rituals were to be “committed to the flames”; hence the title of the book. Fortunately for Masonic historians, these instructions were not followed.

The book opens with a discussion of the state of Freemasonry in New York in the early 1800s. It was a rather confused time, with competing Supreme Councils and the anti-Masonic movement. The authors then discuss the Masonic careers of Dr. Folger and some of his contemporaries, which were as complex as the state of the Masonic movement of the day.

## Masons in Afghanistan

RWBro Kim Greenizan, PDDGM



Seated in the Dutch coffee house in Kandahar Airfield are four Masons having a quiet coffee. From left to right are Bros Drako Zdravko from Slovakia, Kim Greenizan from Alberta, Andrae Evans from the USA and Jeroen van Kleef from the Netherlands. Over the period of their deployment they attempted to meet weekly and discuss general issues about home and family. At times there were several others, including Bro Dustin Heywood from Airdrie-Wildrose Lodge, who was there supporting the soldiers' communications back home to their families. Several times we met with more than the minimum of seven required to tyle a Lodge. On occasion Chris Chodan from Griesbach Lodge No. 191 would be in the camp, however circumstances did not permit him to bring the Travelling Charter from his post in Kabul. Although many other Masons have served, and are still serving, in Afghanistan, most often it is just a few at a time who can slip away for a friendly chat and a coffee during the hectic activities that prevail in such active operations.

The authors also discuss from whom Folger received the dictated rituals, and the special cipher Folger used to record these rituals. These chapters are very interesting as they put us in the time and circumstance in which Folger lived.

The remainder of the book (over half) is devoted to presenting the deciphered rituals. Explanations are given and some context as well. The authors also discuss the effect these rituals had on future Masonic development. The book is a must read for anyone interested in the development of Masonic ritual.

VWBro Loren Kline, PGP

## A Pleasant Surprise

MWBro Brian Shimmons, Grand Master

Towards the end of the Mighty Peace District Meeting, the Grand Master was caught by surprise when RWBro Ted Umbach, PDDGM and Peace River Lodge No. 89 Secretary, presented him with a cheque for \$12,500 for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund on behalf of the Mighty Peace Lodges. RWBro Umbach explained that it was from the proceeds of casinos granted to the Peace River Freemasons but “manned”



*RWBro Ted Umbach has a pleasant surprise for the Grand Master*

by Brethren from all Mighty Peace Lodges. It was a pleasant surprise and a great way to kick-off Bursary Month in our Jurisdiction. The Mighty Peace District has contributed over \$30,000 in the past three years to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund. Thank you and congratulations to the Brethren of the Mighty Peace!

## Grand Master's Itinerary

January 2010

- 1 Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 Annual New Year's Levee; Edm Freemasons' Hall; 11 00 h
- 5 Baseline Lodge No. 198 Burns Night; Pioneer Centre, Spruce Grove; Guest Speaker RWBro John Alexander; Tyle 19 30 h; Banquet to follow meeting
- 9 Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 Installation of Officers; Yellowknife Masonic Hall, NWT; 14 00 h
- 18 Discovery Lodge No. 149, BC&Y, Burns Night; Campbell River, BC; 18 00 h
- 22 North Star Lodge No. 4 Burns Night; Lethbridge Masonic Hall; TBA
- 23 Medicine Hat Masons Burns Night; Cyprus Centre; 18 00 h
- 25 Beacon Lodge No. 190 Burns Night; Red Deer Masonic Hall; 18 00 h
- 27 Canada Lodge No. 165 Burns Night; King George Masonic Hall, Calgary; 18 00 h

# 2010 Masonic Spring Workshop

## Enlightenment: The Soul of Freemasonry



Professor Margaret C. Jacob, one of the world's leading historians on early Freemasonry and its place in society.

Ed Jakubowski, the 2010 Workshop Chairman, believes that the main purpose of a Freemason is enlightenment, both of himself and of others. The lessons of our rituals and symbols speak to us at the deepest, most fundamental levels. Hence, enlightenment is more than the heart of the Craft, it is its soul.

UCLA's Distinguished Historian,

Professor Margaret Jacob, is revered for shedding light on how the scientific and theoretical advancements of the Enlightenment worked their way into the mainstream of 17<sup>th</sup>- and 18<sup>th</sup>-century life—an intellectual adventure that takes her from Europe's most humble factories to its most bustling stock exchanges.

She's particularly well-known for uncovering the role played by the Masonic fraternal organization in spreading secularist concepts first promoted by such 17<sup>th</sup>-century giants as Sir Isaac Newton. She is also a pioneer in establishing a clear link between Newton's scientific advancements and the birth of the Industrial Revolution.

Professor Jacob will bring her analysis to the Masonic Spring Workshop in April. She will make two presentations. The first, at 16 00 h on Friday is open to the public and is an opportunity to hear her, to ask questions, and sign books.

The second is the Keynote address on Friday evening for the Brethren.

Nor is she the only exciting session at the Workshop. Author Stephen Dafoe will discuss the conclusions of his new book *Morgan: The Scandal That Shook Freemasonry*, as well as the Templar myths. Check out the Agenda below.

Register for the Workshop before March first and be eligible for the early-bird draw. You can find registration forms on the Workshop website [www.masonic-springworkshop.ab.ca](http://www.masonic-springworkshop.ab.ca) or by contacting Garth Cochran at 403-274-0563.



WBro Stephen Dafoe, author of books on the Templars and the Morgan scandal.



### 45<sup>th</sup> Masonic Spring Workshop — 23 to 25 April 2010

#### Tentative Agenda



#### Friday, 23 April 2010

15 30 h	<b>Coffee Break — Convention Foyer</b>			
Location	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Sinclair</b>
16 00 h	<b>Bookstore Hours</b> (Closed during keynote sessions) 14 00 – 22 00 h Friday, 08 00 – 15 15 h Saturday		Meet the Author (Ladies Welcome!) <b>Margaret Jacob</b> Ask questions of the historian & author * Booksigning *	Mentorship & Officer Training <b>Lodge Training Programs</b> Ideas for Lodge programs and manuals <b>Garth Cochran</b>
20 00 h	<b>Margaret Jacob — Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Enlightenment: The Soul of Freemasonry</b>		<b>Ladies Reception and Mixer — Room 3075</b> Meet other ladies present. Meet old and make new friends. Make plans for the weekend! 20 00 to 22 00 h	
22 00 h	<b>Feature Movie: TBA — Free Popcorn</b>			

#### Saturday, 24 April 2010

09 00 h to 10 15 h	<b>Controversy</b> <b>Assessing the Purple</b> Does the Grand Lodge model still work? <b>Eric Anderson, PGM Montana</b>	<b>Enlightenment</b> <b>An Operative Mason Builds a Speculative Wall</b> Bringing ritual to life <b>Cameron MacKay</b>	<b>Enlightenment</b> <b>Architecture, Metaphysics and Freemasonry:</b> A personal journey to a Sacred Realm <b>David Roth</b>	<b>Video Theatre: European Enlightenment</b> <b>A Mighty Good Man: Elias Ashmole &amp; The Initiation</b> <b>A Film by Tobias Churton</b>
<b>Coffee Break — Convention Foyer</b>				
10 45 h to 12 00 h	<b>Controversy</b> <b>Living the Deception: Masonic Myths in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> Templar links/Morgan affair <b>Stephen Dafoe</b>	<b>Controversial</b> <b>The Geometry of the Lodge</b> "The Real Secrets of Freemasonry?" <b>Bruce Zawalsky</b>	<b>Competition</b> <b>Masonic Idol —</b> Ritual for Entered Apprentice <b>Moderator — Ken McComb</b>	<b>Mentorship &amp; Officer Training</b> <b>Secretary's Clinic</b> <b>Jerry Kopp</b>
<b>Lunch in The Rockies</b>				
13 30 h to 14 45 h	<b>Enlightenment</b> <b>Nurturing the Soul of the Craft</b> Panel on the future of Freemasonry <b>Moderator — John Hayes</b> <b>Panel — Eric Anderson, Barry Gogal, Stephen Dafoe, Hugh Young</b>	<b>Controversy</b> <b>The Raven and the Stone</b> Alchemical connections to Freemasonry <b>Jelle Spijker</b>	<b>Competition</b> <b>Masonic Idol — Finals</b> Ritual for Entered Apprentice <b>Moderator — Ken McComb</b>	<b>Mentorship &amp; Officer Training</b> <b>School for Junior and Senior Wardens</b> And those who aspire! <b>Hugh Young</b>
<b>Coffee Break — Convention Foyer</b>				
15 15 h to 16 30 h	<b>Wrap-Up</b> <b>Enlightenment: The Soul of Freemasonry</b> <b>Ed Jakubowsky, Margaret Jacob &amp; Stephen Dafoe</b>	<b>Raffle &amp; Silent Auction Closed at 15 15 h Sharp</b> Winners must pick up prize at appointed time Saturday evening or it will be raffled again next year		
18 00 h	<b>Cash Bar &amp; Annual Banquet</b>			

#### Sunday, 25 April 2010

08 30 h	<b>Interfaith Devotional Service — Rev Dr Earle Sharam — Music — Jamie Beckstead — Gold Room</b> Followed by a Buffet Breakfast in the Silver and Bronze Rooms			
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# Your DDGMs 2009-2010

We are pleased to introduce to our readers the final group of District Deputy Grand Masters serving the Craft in Alberta during the 2009-2010 term.

## Battle River District

**RWBro Thomas Donald Hawken** was born 23 September 1947 in Provost, Alberta. He and his wife Penny have been married for 40 years and have three children, Bradley, Daryl and Pamela, and nine grandchildren. Together with one of his sons he operates a mixed farm in the Provost area, and in his spare time enjoys curling, family and community events.

RWBro Hawken was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Provost Lodge No. 61 in 1977 and was Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1981, 2002 and 2003. He has also served as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta



## Mighty Peace District

**RWBro William Peter Harris** was born 18 January 1950 in Beaverlodge, Alberta. He is a farmer and business owner and lives in Beaverlodge with his wife, Linda.

RWBro Harris was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 in 1987 and was its Worshipful Master in 1994. He is also a member of Wapiti Chapter No. 34, Royal Arch Masons of Alberta and Edmonton Preceptory No. 46 of the Knights Templar.



## Northern Lights District

**RWBro J.P. (Jack) McBride** was born 14 December 1946 in Stettler. He grew up in rural Alberta, primarily in the Sedgewick area, and moved to Edmonton in the fall of 1966. The oilsands industry was just opening up and he accepted a job with Crane Supply, where he worked for 28 years. Although he held a variety of positions with this company, Jack excelled in sales. He enjoyed nine years selling product for WFFittings, several years with Meridian Specialty and is currently selling for Jubilee ActiveWear, a promotions company.

He married Gwen in 1970 and they have three children, Byron (Colleen), Erin (Chris), and Keely, two of them living in Alberta and one in Saskatchewan.

RWBro McBride spent 17 years with the Cadet Services of Canada, holding the position of Commanding Officer of the 180 Army Cadet Corps for three years. He spent 13 years with the Scouting movement as Beaver Leader, Cub Leader, Scout Leader, and Adult Trainer, was a coach in Archery, Soccer, Track and Field and was also a Rifle Range Officer.



RWBro McBride became a Freemason in the fall of 1993, taking his three degrees in Mystic Tie Lodge No. 188, and was Worshipful Master in 1999-2000. He has been awarded the Mystic Tie Mason of the Year Award three times. In 2001 he was elected to the Secretary-Treasurer's chair, a position he held for five years, and in 2005 was appointed the Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. In 2008 the Secretary's Chair called again, this time at West Edmonton Lodge No. 101. He also sits as a Director at Large for Freemasons' Hall and as President of the Central Bureau of Edmonton and continues to offer his services to lodges in the Alberta area.

## Phoenix District

**RWBro Allan Long** was born 10 July 1956 in Kemano, B.C., one of seven children born in the company town owned by Alcan Company of Canada while the Kemano Power Dam was being built. He finished his education in Calgary, completing a diploma course in Community Recreation at Mount Royal College and a journeyman's ticket in Carpentry at SAIT. After working 29 years in the construction industry in Calgary he started a career as a Building Inspector employed by the City of Calgary. He has been married to Jennifer for 27 years and they have a daughter Brittany, who is now 23.

RWBro Long's Masonic career began when he joined the Order of DeMolay in 1970, becoming the Master Councillor of Calgary Chapter in 1974 and the Provincial Master Councillor in 1977. He is holder of the Chevalier, Cross of Honour and Legion of Honour. He was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Canada Lodge in 1978, following the lead of his two older brothers, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1984 and again in 2003. He was appointed as the Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 2005-2006. He holds the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Calgary, serving as Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 2008, and is a Noble in Al Azhar Shrine in Calgary.



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## District Meeting

**January 2010**

16 Alpha District; Bowmont Masonic Hall, Calgary;  
Registration 11 30 h, Lunch Noon, Meeting 13 30 h

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## Cracking The Freemasons Code

Robert Cooper concludes his book that explores the "secret" code of our Craft with a quote from William Schaw:

*First... that they be true one to another and live charitably together as becomes sworn Brethren and companions of the Craft.*

"This," Cooper writes, "was the first rule that Schaw addressed to all the Lodges in Scotland more than four hundred years ago. If we all followed this simple rule, then the world would be a far happier place."