

# THE ALBERTA Freemason



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## GOING PUBLIC!

RWBro Ken Montgomery, DDGM, Palliser District

Since 2010 is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, we decided to put together a last minute entry in the 2010 Medicine Hat Stampede Parade. The first problem we faced was that it appeared we were too late to enter. With a little help from our Brothers in the Shrine (Eldon Wells, Potentate, Past DDGM and current Worshipful Master of Mizpah Lodge No. 35 and Ted Flemmer, Noble, 2010 Parade Marshal and Past Master, Mizpah Lodge No. 35) that problem was quickly solved. We next learned that every suitable convertible within 100 miles of Medicine Hat (including horses and buggies) had been booked to transport dignitaries. Fortunately we were able to arrange a last minute loan of a rare H1 Hummer convertible.

As many people are unaware that, although not all Masons are Shriners, all Shriners are Masons, we decided that since we were travelling with the Shrine contingent we should clarify that point

and use a "We are Family" theme as well as the 2B1 ASK1 slogan.

Since we were on a roll, at the last minute we also decided to see if we could get the Grand Master involved. We learned that MWBro Waldern had an engagement in Forestburg the night before, but in the true spirit of the occasion he agreed to participate. Hitting the road when his event there concluded, he and his wife, aide and partner Pamela arrived in the Hat at 01 15 h. After a brief sleep (nap) it was a quick shower, back into the tux and off to the parade marshalling area where we had to meet at 07 00 h.

It was a little hectic but on Thursday, 29 July 2010 we pulled it off. The Masonic contingent was very well received and the event was something I would strongly recommend other Lodges and districts to consider in the future, especially as this is a very cost effective promotion that can generate significant positive results.



Top: RWBro Ken Montgomery and WBro Mike Duffy, WM Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2  
Bottom: MWBro Gerald Waldern, Grand Master and MWBro Bill Graves, Grand Master 1985 and a member of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2.

## Retention, Revitalization and Renewal MWBro Gerald Waldren's Inaugural Address

Continued from the October issue

My theme for the year is **Retention, Revitalization and Renewal**. Our Strategic Plan was developed to help strengthen our Lodges. These three "Rs": **Retention, Revitalization and Renewal** are closely intertwined and are the next steps in our Strategic Plan. Many will know well that old adage, "look after the pennies and the dollars will look after themselves." This adage could very easily be adapted to the issue of membership: "look after our members and our membership numbers will be looked after." For a number of years now our initiation numbers have exceeded the numbers that we lose due to deaths. Lodges have generally been challenged to retain members, with the result that demits and suspensions for non-payment of dues are directly responsible for our continuing declining numbers.

Now there are some who may believe that the answer to the problem is just to get a whole bunch of new members in. I have a problem with that.

We are not going to see the days of the late 1940s, 50s and early 60s, when there were high numbers of members not only in our Craft but also in a number of similar organizations. If you will recall, what was happening to cause this growth was a direct result of the catastrophic experiences from a world-wide depression and World War II. These major world events caused men to seek out organizations that provided a brotherhood experience for them. Hopefully we will not see events of that magnitude ever again. Therefore, instead of being focussed on numbers, we should be focussed on the quality

See **Retention**, page 3.

## Lest We Forget!



The Australian War Memorial at Canberra where visitors place poppies next to the names of the fallen. See **Flanders Poppies**, page 2.

# Flanders Poppies

Ian Colvin

[Written sometime between 1918 and 1927]

Poppies, ye flaming blushes of July,  
Why do ye bloom again in dark November?  
Dream-laden poppies, flowers of sleep, ah, why  
Must ye now bid oblivion to remember?  
Long months and months ago  
You shed your careless petals in the corn,  
Or fell when reeking horses to and fro  
Dragged the great reaper till the fields were shorn;  
And now, ah, now ye blow,  
As in a dying fire a glowing ember,  
To make our chilly winter more forlorn.

'Tis not of English autumns that ye tell,  
Poppies of Flanders! No, your beauty brings  
Memories of other golden heads that fell  
In other fields to other harvestings;  
When the dark horseman reaped  
Sheaves not of corn, fields not with poppies red,  
Soil not in your oblivious juices steeped,  
When English lives like falling leaves were shed,  
And youth and valour heaped  
Like shocks of corn upon the harvest wain,  
That from his fork the sunburnt reaper flings—  
Countless as the innumerable grain.

O dread and terrible harvesting of war!  
Harrow and plow and sickle all in one,  
Untimely waste that husbandmen abhor,  
Green crops uprooted ere they feel the sun,  
Untimely scythes that tear  
And rend the unripened growth of tender spring,  
Fields rent asunder by the cleaving share,  
And harrowed with a dreadful harrowing,  
Until the rock lies bare;  
A generation ended ere begun,  
Corn cut before the larks have time to sing!

Poppies of Flanders, banners of the grain,  
That ye are coloured red I do not wonder,  
Since English blood hath watered all your plain,  
And layer on layer of English dust lies under—  
Soldiers of English Harry,  
Longbowmen of the proud Plantagenet—  
But seldom did their clothyard shafts miscarry—  
English in armour in close battle set,  
Of clashing thrust and parry;  
Soldiers of Cromwell, when we fell asunder,  
And soldiers of five Georges there are met.

The endless generations of the brave,  
With English jests and laughter setting out,  
With fife and drum and bugle to their grave  
In Flanders, England's outermost redoubt,  
The field beyond her sea,  
The glaxis of her moat, her first defence,  
The starting place of every enemy,  
Her warning beacon, where her wars commence,  
Her soldiers' cemetery.  
Saint George for Merrie England! Hear the shout  
Of many setting out but few returning thence!

They died for England; did they die in vain?  
Them undefeated must herself defeat?  
Tears fell!—Ah, no, a dash of wintry rain!  
How those red poppies warm the shivering street!  
The day is fading fast;  
A bitter wind blows dead leaves here and there,  
And homing passengers go hurrying past,  
All wearing poppies—poppies everywhere.  
The skies are overcast—  
Red poppies and the ghostly shadows fleet  
Of dead leaves flying in the darkening air.

## New Year's Eve Celebration Calgary Freemasons' Hall

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Dinner — 19 30 h

Dance — 21 00 h

(Entertainment by Disc Jockey)

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## Retention, from page 1.

of the prospective member coming to our door. That starts with the investigation process to ensure that the applicant is a man who should be worthy of our consideration as a member of our Craft.

I believe that some of our Lodges are in too much of a hurry to get that applicant balloted on and into our ranks. Indeed, I regret to say there are probably some Lodges who are suffering, where they look at the applicant more as a warm pulse and at the opportunity to have him sit as an officer rather than taking the time to make sure that he is a proper candidate fit for our ranks. We truly need to take the time to get to know these prospective applicants well and for them to get to know us. Let me therefore suggest that we should be prepared to slow the process down so that we truly get to know our prospective candidates. Mentoring of a candidate does not begin on the night of his initiation as an Entered Apprentice. Rather, the true mentoring of him begins the first time you meet with that man and explain to him what Freemasonry is and what is going to be expected of him, therefore making sure that he and Freemasonry are a proper fit.

Responsibility for membership is clearly a Lodge responsibility. Proper management of our members should result in a significant reduction in demits and suspensions for non-payment of dues. One of the Goals of the Strategic Plan is: **Significant reduction in Demits and Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues from 328 per year to 25-50 per year (80 to 90 per cent reduction)**. Without data to explain why these demits and suspensions are occurring, we can only speculate on the reasons. Therefore, I have asked the Board of General Purposes for approval this year to have Lodge Secretaries complete a form explaining the reasons for each demit and suspension for non-payment of dues and what actions were taken. This questionnaire asks questions such as: Who is making the request for demit, the Brother or a family member?; reasons for the request; if the Brother has been contacted; and if the Lodge has considered carrying the Brother.

Now, as Grand Master, I can personally tell you what I really don't want to see happening. If you are getting a demit request from a Brother who is now in a nursing home or the request is being made by a family member as Dad is no longer able to get out to Lodge, I believe that as Lodges, you have a responsibility to step up to the plate and to take care of that Brother and carry him without the issuance of a demit. This is one area that Lodges clearly can control and I remind you that we all have an obligation to our Brothers.

There are times when demits are valid, such as when a member moves out of Alberta for employment or retirement. These types of requests are beyond the control of the Lodge. However, there are things Lodges should do to ensure the member remains in the Craft. If you get a request such as this, write a letter to Grand Lodge requesting that the Grand Lodge jurisdiction where the Brother is moving to be advised and request a contact be made with him. If the move is within our jurisdiction, I would expect the Lodge to write a letter to the Lodge Secretary wherever that individual is moving to or at least to contact the District Deputy Grand Master in that location to have a contact made with your member. These simple actions can ensure that we don't lose these Brothers as members in the Craft. Where demits and suspensions are

the result of financial difficulties, again I would remind you of the obligations we have all taken to these Brothers and ask that our Lodges indicate what actions they have taken in this regard before issuing such a demit or suspension.

I came across a short bit of prose the other day that I believe explains so well the importance of looking after our members. I have changed it slightly to be applicable to us and it follows:

*It amuses me to think that Lodge spends so much time and effort looking for new members, while I was there all the time. Don't you remember me? I am the one who came to every meeting but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have their own friends to talk and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times but nobody paid much attention to me. I hoped that someone would ask me to join a committee or somehow participate, but no-one did. Finally, because of illness I missed a meeting. No one asked where I had been, and I guess it did not matter whether I was there. Who am I? I am the member who never came back.*

## Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2

### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Banquet

20 November 2010

South Side Event Centre,  
4 Strachan Court SE, Medicine Hat

#### Formal Evening

This year we will be celebrating 125 years of Masonry in Medicine Hat and area. Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 is hosting a Celebration Banquet to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Lodge, originally chartered in 1885. At that time there was no Grand Lodge of Alberta, so the Lodge was chartered as Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31 under the Grand Registry of Manitoba in the District of Assiniboia, one of four districts in the Northwest Territories.

We will Tyle at 14 00 h for a brief meeting  
and welcome at the Lodge,  
42 Bannon Ave SW, Medicine Hat.

We will then adjourn for fellowship at the  
South Side Event Centre.

Cocktails at 17 30 h  
Banquet at 19 00 h

Anecdotal stories, historical and otherwise, skits and sketches and some surprises.

Cost to be finalized, but will range between \$25.00 and \$35.00 per person for the meal.

To register, or for further information contact:

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There is a profound thought in this bit of prose for us to contemplate.

This year we did away with the COMELY program and in its place we are suggesting to Lodges to find creative ways to keep in contact with their members. The average number of members of a Lodge in this jurisdiction is approximately fifty-five members. Now you can't tell me that part way through the year, say at about the six-month mark, the officers of the Lodge can't look at their Lodge register to see which members have not been out and make some type of a personal contact with those members to find out why and how they are doing. I would hazard to guess that an average size Lodge may have thirty-five members at most to contact. Divide the list up between five or seven Brethren and make personal contacts. It doesn't take long and it is part of membership management. Roll Call nights are another way of contacting members. Make sure you know how your Brothers are doing and try to keep them

involved within the Lodge.

You may find that some members don't show up because they haven't attended a Lodge for years and feel slightly embarrassed at not remembering the signs should they attend. Again Lodges need to make these personal contacts to help bring these members back so they don't feel embarrassed. Consider holding the Rusty Nail/Trowel degree as a way of making these Brothers comfortable, as we don't want to embarrass them. Degrees such as these can easily be found on the Internet if you are interested.

With a new generation of men joining our Craft, we certainly must look at what we are doing to keep them interested and what interests them. What may have interested a man forty years ago is not necessarily the same interest to the man walking in our door today. Interests do change and so too must Lodges by revitalizing their meetings and activities. The Lodge that only offers its members the reading of minutes, paying bills and a

cup of coffee is doing a great disservice and presents no value for the member to attend. Lodges need to provide enlightenment of what Freemasonry is, through education, presentations and involving the member in direct participation within the Lodge. If in doubt, ask—in particular ask new Masons—what interests them. We must provide value and the food of enlightenment to our members or suffer the consequences.

I recognize that within our jurisdiction we do have some Lodges that due to reduced numbers are finding it more and more difficult to meet to open Lodge and operate. These Lodges are faced with some difficult decisions to make and they need to address this issue sooner rather than later. I have asked the District Deputy Grand Masters to identify Lodges within their districts that are having such difficulty and work with them to find solutions—to look at temporary solutions such as having joint meetings with a neighbouring Lodge, or Brethren from other Lodges within the district joining the Lodge in distress to help them through this hurdle. Whatever temporary solutions may be found, let us ever remember that long-term solutions must be worked towards. And while no one likes to see a Lodge close, the reality is that sometimes the time has run out to fix the problems and closure is the only answer. Personally, I do not like to see surrenders, because I think members and their widows fall through the cracks, as often the member does not follow up by joining a new Lodge. Amalgamations that are done correctly provide not only an answer but, as strange as it may seem, also provide for Masonic renewal by those Lodges coming together to form a stronger Lodge and a continued Masonic presence rather than darkness.

In closing I want to address the importance of Masonic Renewal. To do so, I want to share with you a true story from when I was a young boy. I was on holidays visiting my aunt and uncle. My uncle was a painter by trade and an artist. In his semi-retirement, he had become a finisher of fine furniture. In the late 1960s, early 70s, it was quite fashionable for people to buy furniture they liked and then have it refinished to match their decor or to give new furniture an antique finish. My uncle was a true craftsman who took his trade seriously. I can remember standing in his garage watching him take a piece of beautiful furniture, strip it all down

## YeeHaw! Stampedin' in Calgary

Once again, the Grand Lodge of Alberta, the Calgary Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and Calgary's Masonic Temple Board sponsored a traditional Stampede Breakfast in the parking lot at Freemasons' Hall during Stampede



week last July. The top photo shows WBro Kim Parkyn and MBro Gerald Waldern at the back of the chuckwagon cooking the flapjacks while Bro David Oyen samples their wares. Also served were plenty of sausages, beans and beverages. The bottom photo shows part of the crowd that enjoyed their cuisine. Several hundred Masons, friends and family attended during the morning.



and then refinish it. I would watch him take hours restoring a piece of furniture until my eyes thought it was finished and beautiful. And then, to my horror, he would begin to strip it all down and start over and begin to refinish the furniture once more. I would say to my uncle, "Why did you do that, it was beautiful? All that work you have done is destroyed!" He would lean down and point out to me the slight imperfections that he could see. I had not seen what he saw as the craftsman. He was a true

craftsman in the practice of his trade. We are all members of this beloved Craft and the question I would ask of us all is, "What kind of Craftsman are we within our Lodges?" The whole process of Masonic Renewal starts from the newest Master Mason and goes all the way up to the Grand Master. It is a Masonic Renewal that has to start within ourselves. Are we committed to the goals and values of our organization and committed to the renewing and re-structuring of our individual Lodges? We must all share in

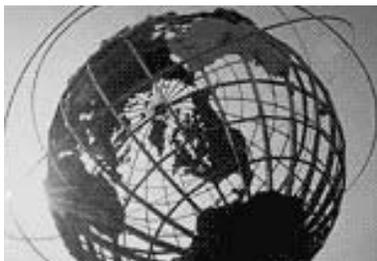
the stewardship of our Craft, but those who have been elected to our highest offices are ultimately responsible and accountable to ensure that they do no harm to the Craft and leave it in a better state. I would take from the ritual of one of our concordant Masonic bodies the following quote: "Therefore, have I come to love this Craft full well, and have resolved to strengthen and prosper it in every way possible."

This is my desire and I trust my brothers that it is your desire too.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on the History of Freemasonry

27–29 May 2011: The George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia

From the beginning the ICHF was always a truly open "International" conference, due to the diversity of countries represented at each of the conferences in 2007 and 2009. The 2011 conference to be held in Alexandria,



Virginia marks a milestone in the growth of the International Conference by not only attracting participants from across the world but also, for the first time, it will be held outside Europe.

The 2011 conference will be held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia over the weekend of 27-29 May 2011 with optional social activities on 26 and 30 May.

Alexandria and its environs is a place where Scots played an important part in the early development of the region, as indeed they did in many other areas of America. It has been suggested therefore that one theme of the 2011 conference might be "Early Scottish Freemasons in North America" and proposals for papers on that topic will be especially welcome.

Following the huge success of the first two conferences, this, the third International Conference, will see the conference achieve a level of maturity

that was hoped for by the organizers and is indicative of the tremendous amount of interest in the subject of Freemasonry, in all its aspects. This is the only International Conference

at which academics, members of the public and of course Freemasons, gather together to discuss this much underestimated social phenomenon.

### Missing Travelling Gavel

VWBro Jim Forbes

Brethren, back on 13 July 1991, Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196 in Edmonton sent a gavel on a Masonic Journey. We have since lost track of this gavel and are asking the Lodges of this jurisdiction to check their display cases, lockups, and storage rooms for our gavel. The gavel was made by RWBro Bob Shaw and is hard to miss — it is about three feet long with the inscription "Ye Olde Craft Travelling Gavel."

If anyone knows its whereabouts please contact VWBro Jim Forbes at [jforbes@shaw.ca](mailto:jforbes@shaw.ca) or by phone at 780-462-4943. It would be nice to have it come home in time for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next March.

For more information please visit the Conference website at [www.ichfonline.org](http://www.ichfonline.org)

### Grand Master's Itinerary

- November**
- 2 Vulcan Lodge No. 74, Gleichen Lodge No. 36 and Stavelly Lodge No. 33 Joint Meeting and Vulcan's Wild Game Supper; Vulcan Lodge Hall; Tyle 17 00 h; Supper to follow
  - 7 Vacant Chair Ceremony; Lethbridge Masonic Hall; 19 00 h
  - 20 Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Medicine Hat Lodge Hall; 14 00 h; Banquet 19 00 h
  - 24 Alpha District Meeting; Calgary Freemasons' Hall; 17 00 h

### District Meetings

- November**
- 6 Battle River District; Harmony Lodge Hall, Sedgewick; Reg 13 15 h; Mtg 14 00 h; Din 17 00 h; DGM
  - 13 Beaverhills District; Edmonton Freemasons' Hall; Reg 11 00 h; Lunch noon; Mtg 13 00 h; DGM
  - 20 Lakeland District; Vermilion Masonic Temple; Reg 10 30 h; Masonic Ed 11 00 h; Lunch Noon; Mtg 13 30 h; Dinner 19 00 h; JGW
  - 24 Alpha District; Calgary Freemasons' Hall; Reg 17 00 h; Dinner 17 30 h; Mtg 19 00 h; GM

### Palliser, from page 6.

established their own business, *Power Loney Paralegal* where Ken now works as a paralegal and court agent. Ken has three sons, Alex, Mac and Spencer, all of whom now reside in Edmonton. Alex, the oldest, is also a member of Mizpah Lodge No. 35.

RWBro Montgomery was Initiated into Norwood Lodge No. 90 in Edmonton

in 1983. Ken is also a Lewis, his father Lawrence being a member of Redwood Lodge No. 193. In 1990 Ken was Master of Norwood and a guest speaker at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banff Springs Workshop. While in Edmonton he was also involved with other Masonic interests, including that of being directly involved in establishing the Masonic Museum at Fort Edmonton Park. In Medicine Hat

Ken affiliated with Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, then Mizpah Lodge No. 35 and was Master of Mizpah in 2008–2009. He is a founding member and president of the Freemasons of Medicine Hat Bums Club. Ken is further involved with the Medicine Hat Temple Society, the body that manages the Masonic Hall in Medicine Hat, and serves as their Casino and Renovations Committee Chairman.

# Your DDGMs 2010–2011

*We are pleased to introduce to our readers the District Deputy Grand Masters serving the Craft in Alberta during the 2010–2011 term. This will be continued in the next two issues of The Alberta Freemason.*

## Beaverhill District

**RWBro Richard L. Barkwell** was born 12 January 1939 in Sioux Lookout, ON. He was employed by the City of Edmonton for 31 years, lastly in property sales, retiring in 1995. He has also worked in Civic, Provincial and Federal elections and in various Census offices. RWBro Barkwell and Marg, his wife of 48 years, live in Edmonton. They had three sons, but sadly one died of cancer in 2009. They have three grandchildren.



Having been Initiated in Empire Lodge No. 63 in May of 1991, he became its Worshipful Master in 1999. He is also a member of Avon Glen Lodge No. 170. In other bodies, he was a member of Edmonton Chapter Order of DeMolay from 1955 to 1961 and Grand Treasurer Canadian Supreme Council from 2000 to 2002. In the Scottish Rite he is a member of Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, Mizpah Chapter of Rose Croix and Alberta Consistory.

## Chinookarch District

**RWBro Kevin R. Gano** was born 20 October 1978 in Dawson Creek, BC. He moved to Lethbridge from Rycroft, AB in 1999 and attended Lethbridge College to study Renewable Resource Management. He lives in Lethbridge and currently works for BFI Canada as a sales and marketing representative.



RWBro Gano was Initiated in Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 in 2003 and was its Worshipful Master for 2007–2008. In other bodies, he is a member of Lethbridge Lodge of Perfection, Chinook Chapter of Rose Croix and SouthAlta Consistory in the Scottish Rite; Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star and Al Azhar Shrine.

## Battle River District

**RWBro Manfred A. Jesswein** was born 8 October 1944 in Gromitz, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany and immigrated to Canada in February of 1949. He grew up in Forestburg, completed all his public school education in the Forestburg Consolidated School and earned his Bachelor of Education and Graduate Diploma in Guidance and Counseling at the University of Alberta. He retired in 1999 after a thirty-three year career as a teacher, guidance counselor and high school principal—over the years his teaching career was spent in Forestburg, St. Albert, Olds, Killam and Sedgewick. He was elected to the Sedgewick Town Council for four terms and is presently



Chairman of the Killam Hospital Board and Chairman of the Killam Hospital Foundation (the Killam Hospital is part of the Covenant Health Group). RWBro Jesswein is a widower. His high school sweetheart Janis, whom he married in 1965, passed away in January of 2007, two weeks after their forty-first anniversary and three weeks after her sixtieth birthday. Janis was an elementary school teacher and mother of their two children: son Chris, BEd, LLB and daughter Kari, BA Rec Admin.

RWBro Jesswein was Initiated into Harmony Lodge No. 75 in Sedwick on 14 March 1989, served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1994, 1995 and 2006 and is serving as Lodge Secretary for the twelfth year. He was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 2006–07. In other bodies, he is a Past First Principal of Bethel Chapter No. 36 Royal Arch Masons in Forestburg, serving that Chapter as Scribe E for the past four years, and is an Al Shamal Noble and member of the Battle River Shrine Club.

## Mighty Peace District

**RWBro Brian D. Carreau** was born in Edmonton on 11 July 1956. He received his education at St. Francis Xavier Senior High School and took his automotive apprenticeship at NAIT. He holds a Red Seal in Motor Mechanics and is a Journeyman Parts Technician. He has taken his knowledge to Grande Prairie Regional College — Fairview College Campus where he has been an Instructor for the past nine years.



Brian is married to Paula Fiorini and they have two adult children, Rachel and Pace. Brian is active in his farming community, currently serving as the Club President for the Whitelaw Agricultural Society. He has contributed to his community as a Scout Leader/Akela and has held positions with other service groups.

RWBro Carreau was Initiated into Freemasonry at Northland Lodge No. 147 in Fairview on 19 January 1999. He served as Worshipful Master from 2005–2009

## Palliser District

**RWBro Kenneth Hugh (Ken) Montgomery** was born 25 September 1955 in Edmonton. Ken is a third generation Albertan. The oldest of five boys, Ken grew up in Edmonton's West end (then the town of Jasper Place) where at one time he shot gophers where West Edmonton Mall now stands. In 1976, at the age of 20, Ken signed up with the Edmonton City Police, now called the Edmonton Police Service. Here he spent most of his career as a detective. Retiring in 2000, he and his wife Brenda then relocated to Medicine Hat where they



See **Palliser**, page 5.