



106th Annual Communication

The 106th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., will be held in the the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 9816 – 107 Street, Grande Prairie, AB, commencing on Friday, 10 June 2011 at 09 30 h and continuing on Saturday, 11 June 2011. Brethren are encouraged to be in place at **09 00 h** in order to receive Special Dignitaries, Representatives of Concordant and non-Masonic groups, etc.

AGENDA: The Annual Communication under provision of the Constitution and Regulations C12.1 & R1.1.4 will be conducted by **MWBro Gerald Waldern**, from the agenda (see page 3), governed by the Rules of Order as per the Constitution and/or those listed in the Preliminary Report. The Grand Master reserves the right to revise the Agenda.

REGISTRATION & BALLOTING shall begin at **08 00 h, Friday 10 June 2011 and continue until 18 00 h.** Registration and Balloting resumes at **08 00 h, Saturday, 11 June 2011** and closes at **10 00 h**, as per Section R1.2.9.

ACCOMMODATIONS: All reservations are on a first come basis: **Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 1-780-402-6886.** Quote "Freemasons' Annual Communication." **The cost of a room is \$109.00. Prices in effect until 10 May 2011.**

FUNCTION TICKETS: Can be ordered through the Grand Lodge Office (form on page 6). Ticket orders (with payment) **must** be placed before 27 May 2011. Tickets after 27 May 2011 will be increased by \$5.00/ticket. **Only tickets ordered by the Lodge Secretary will be mailed out.** Any individuals ordering tickets will retrieve them at the Book Store (GL Office) at the Annual Communication. Payment will be expected at the time of pick up if not previously paid for.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS: Immediately following the business before Grand Lodge, MWBro Brian Shimmons will be the Installing Grand Master with the assistance of Past Grand Masters.

DRESS: Grand Lodge Communication — Business Suit/Regalia. Grand Lodge Banquet — Dark Business Suit, Semi-Formal, except Grand Lodge Officers to wear Tuxedos at Grand Master's Banquet, Grand Lodge Banquet and at the Installation of Officers.

Regalia must be worn at all sessions

Master Masons are very welcome to attend the Annual Communication.

Elections for 2011–2012

Grand Master

Automatic as per section C7.2.2

RWBro Peter J. Dunlop
Sherwood Lodge No. 183

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

By acclamation

RWBro David A. Roth
Commercial Lodge No. 81

Senior Grand Warden

By acclamation

RWBro John G. Cameron
Crescent Lodge No. 87

Grand Treasurer

By acclamation

MWBro John D. Hart
Perfection Lodge No. 9

Junior Grand Warden

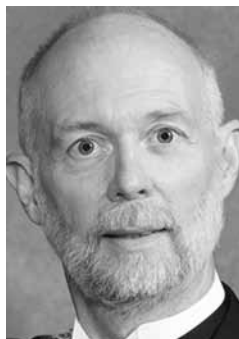
One to be elected

RWBro Chris E. Batty

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

Chris E. Batty was born 6 April 1945 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, UK, to George Hoskins and Marie Therese Marguerite Batty (nee Legueulier). Chris grew up in post-war England, with memories of rationing and the babyboom, when school class sizes were typically 40+ students. In February 1965 he immigrated to Canada, passing through Pier 21 in Halifax on 18 February 1965.

Chris' engineering career commenced with his graduating from the University of Guelph in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science
See **Batty**, page 2.



RWBro John Slade

Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167

RWBro Slade was born in Amersham, England (35 miles North of London England), on 17 February 1949. He served in the British Army and was awarded the General Service Medal (1962) Northern Ireland Clasp. Prior to completing his engagement in the British Military, he qualified with his degree in Chiropody (the study and treatment of disorders of the foot). He was in private practice in England and Canada and is now semi-retired.



John and his wife Barbara live in
See **Slade**, page 2.

Batty, from page 1.

Degree in Engineering, concentrating in Water Resources. This was followed with a move to Alberta and working in various engineering consulting companies and organizations, such as Stantec Inc., Associated Engineering, Daltam Consulting, the City of Edmonton, the Canadian International Development Agency and NAIT. During the course of this work he travelled to the Caribbean and Swaziland, where he designed rural water systems and taught at the Swaziland College of Technology. In 1990 Chris started work with Strathcona County in their transportation branch and in 1993 graduated from the University of Alberta with a Masters in Civil Engineering, concentrating in Transportation.

While working on a project in Uranium City, Chris met Wendy Yonkers and they were married 5 May 1978. They have two sons, WBro Aaron Batty and Bro Andrew Batty (Junior Warden), both of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92.

Chris' interest in Freemasonry stems from his father, who was a member of Bostall Health Lodge No. 4492, EC. Chris was initiated into Saskatchewan Lodge 23 October 1975, passed 27 November 1975 and raised 8 January 1976. On 10 December 1981 he was installed as Master of Saskatchewan Lodge for the Masonic Year 1982. MWBro Doug Troock appointed Chris the Grand Pursuivant for the Masonic Year 2001–2002. In 2003 RWBro Albert Vickery asked Chris to be the District Research and Education Coordinator for his year as District Deputy Grand Master, 2003–2004. This was followed by a similar request by RWBro Peter Griston for the 2004–2005, which again was happily accepted. Chris was the District Deputy Grand Master for the Northern Lights District for the year 2005–2006.

Through Chris' life he has been aware that education and travel experiences result in a better standard of living for us

all. This prompted Chris to become involved and volunteer his time with MWBro Ross Sheppard's Masonic Higher Education Bursary, so that Alberta's greatest resource — its young men and women — can become better educated.

Slade, from page 1.

Edmonton and have 6 grandchildren and a great grandson. They are members of The Alberta St. George of England Society; John served as treasurer for 15 years, and president for two years. He is a member and treasurer of the Royal Commonwealth Society. Barbara and John volunteer with the Symphony under the Sky and Shakespeare in the Park. For his volunteer involvement he was an honoured recipient of the Alberta Centenary Medal in 2005.

Bro Slade began his Masonic career in London when he joined Unity Lodge No. 183; his degrees were completed in 1982. On immigrating to Canada in 1990 he affiliated with Baseline Lodge No. 198 in Spruce Grove and served as Worshipful Master in 1994–1995. He was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1998 and elected as DDGM for the Yellowhead District for 2007–2008.

He is a member of Stony Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch Masons, a Noble of Al Shamal Shrine Temple, a member of the Legion of Honour, a member of the Northern Alberta Veterans Degree Team, a retired member of the Emblems of Mortality Degree Team and a member of Areme Chapter No. 11, Order of the Eastern Star. Bro Slade worked for 15 years with Edmonton Chapter, Order of DeMolay, has been Chapter Advisor, Chairman of the Advisory Council and Northern Deputy and currently is the Executive Officer for Alberta, President of DeMolay Canada and an active member of The International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay. He was awarded Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honour in May 2003.

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

RWBro Frederick R. Bowker

Acacia Lodge No. 11

RWBro Bowker was born 12 February 1950 in Granby, Quebec. He was initiated 27 February 1986, passed 27 March 1986 and raised 24 April 1986 in Acacia Lodge. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1997 and 2006 and as DDGM for Lakeland District 2009–2010.

RWBro Charlie Miner

Drayton Valley Lodge No. 182

RWBro Miner was born 22 January 1933 in Pickardville, Alberta. He worked in the oilfield industry for 42 years,

Two to be elected for a three-year term spending the last 21 years as Office/Administrative Manager for a large crude oil pipeline and gathering system company working out of Drayton Valley.

He has been married to Jeanette for 47 years and they have two sons, one daughter, one inherited granddaughter and two inherited great granddaughters.

Bro Miner was initiated 22 October 1987, passed 14 January 1988 and raised 10 March 1988, all in Drayton Valley Lodge. He was Worshipful Master of the Lodge for 2001–2002 and Yellowhead District Deputy Grand Master for 2009–2010.

WBro Ronald H. O'Neil

Zetland Lodge No. 83

WBro O'Neil was born 23 January 1934 in Gainsborough, Saskatchewan. He took his elementary and secondary schooling in Gainsborough, followed by a BA and LLB from the University of Saskatchewan in 1958 and 1959. He practiced law in Calgary from 1965–1995 and was a Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta from 1995–2007. He is married with two adult children.

Bro O'Neil was initiated in Zetland Lodge No. 83 on 19 September 1968,

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Program for the 106th Annual Communication

9, 10, and 11 June 2011

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites — Grande Prairie, Alberta

Thursday, 9 June 2011

Grand Master's Banquet (by invitation)

- 17 00 h Social
- 18 00 h Dinner (Salon "A")
- 20 00 h Social Gathering, No Host Bar (all attendees)
Salon "A" or "B" — Casual Dress

Friday, 10 June 2011

- 08 00 h Registration/Balloting Opens under the direction of the Grand Registrar
Meeting Room Foyer — near Salon "A" & "C"
- 08 00 h Board of General Purposes Meeting (members only and invited observers) — Salon "A"
- 09 15 h Formation of Grand Procession
- 09 30 h Grand Lodge Procession
Reception of:
 - Past Grand Masters
 - Visiting Grand Lodges
 - Concordant Bodies
 - Special GuestsPresentation of the Colours
Excuse non-Masonic guests
Opening of the 106th Annual Communication (Tyled)
Motion of Loyalty
Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 105th Annual Communication
Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving — Grand Chaplain
Rules of Order

11 30 h Lunch

- 13 00 h Reconvene the 106th Annual Communication
Presentation of the following reports:

Block A — Operations

- a) Jurisprudence
- b) DGM's Implementation
- c) Committee on the Condition of Masonry
- d) Masonic Higher Education Bursary

Block B — Information

- e) Grand Librarian
- f) Grand Historian
- g) Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin
- h) Public Awareness & Communication
- i) Masonic Spring Workshop

Block C — Financial

- j) Grand Treasurer
- k) Finance Committee
- l) Auditor and Financial Statements
- m) Board of Benevolence

Block D — Administration

- n) Fraternal Relations
- o) Publication and Forms Committee
- p) Grand Secretary's Report

- 14 30 h Grand Secretary's Announcements
Correspondence and Regrets
Recognition of Grand Representatives
- 15 00 h Adjournment

- 15 30 h Cornerstone Laying Ceremony — Wembley (Dinosaur Museum — Pipestone Creek)

- 18 00 h Balloting and Registration suspended

Evening Program

Grand Lodge Banquet (Salon "A" & "B")

- 17 30 h Reception
- 18 45 h Seating
- 19 00 h Dinner
Toastmaster: Junior Grand Warden
- 20 00 h Entertainment
- 20 45 h Presentation of Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary

Saturday, 11 June 2011

- 08 00 h **Balloting and Registration resumes**

- 09 00 h **106th Annual Communication reconvenes**
Any reports not completed from Friday's session

Block E — Legislation

- q) Committee on the Work
- r) Board of General Purposes
 - 1. Appointment of Auditor 2011
 - 2. Approve 2012 Capital & Operating Budget
 - 3. Confirm Grand Secretary Appointment

- 10 00 h **Balloting and Registration Close**

- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Report on the Elections
- Other Masonic Awards

- 10 30 h Grand Master's Address

- 11 00 h General and Unfinished Business

- Election of Grand Tyler
- Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled to next Communication
- Grand Master's Comments

- 12 00 h **Lunch**

- 13 30 h 106th Annual Communication Reconvenes
Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2011–2012, under the direction of MWBro Brian Shimmons

- 15 30 h Grand Lodge Closes

- 15 45 h 2011–2012 Officers' Pictures

- 17 30 h Incoming Grand Master's evening — BBQ

Ladies' Hospitality Room (Salon "C")

09 00 h – 17 00 h Friday and Saturday

NOTE: Tuxedos to be worn by Grand Lodge Officers at the Grand Master's Banquet, Grand Lodge Banquet and Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers.

Grand Master's Itinerary

May

- 7 Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, Edm Freemasons' Hall: Re-consecration of Empire Lodge No. 93; 15 00 h
- 13 Annual Convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta; Camrose
- 15 Grand Master's Steam Train Excursion; Stettler
- 21 Commercial Lodge No. 81, Annual Mixed Table Lodge; Edm Freemasons' Hall; Tyle 13 00 h
- 27 Alberta Lodge No. 3, 125th Anniversary, Fort MacLeod

Nominations, from page 2. passed 17 October 1968 and raised 30 January 1969. He was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1975 and has held various Lodge offices, the most recent being Director of Ceremonies in 2005. He became a member of Canada Lodge No. 165 in 2008 and was Master of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 in 2004–2005, of which Lodge he is now a subscribing member. He has also been a member of AASR since 1973.

RWBro Andy Pokolinski

Crescent Lodge No. 87

RWBro Pokolinski was born 29 August 1942 in Winnipeg. He is married to Verna, and they have two adult children.

Bro Pokolinski was initiated, passed and raised in 1998 in Jordan Lodge No. 177 and was its Worshipful Master in 2003–2004. He affiliated with Crescent Lodge No. 87 in 2004 and was its Worshipful Master in 2009. He was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 2008 and elected DDGM of Phoenix District for 2010–2011. He is also a member of Al Azhar Shrine Patrol, and was Captain in 2007.

Board of Benevolence

By acclamation

WBro Stanley J. Clayton

King George Lodge No. 59

WBro James Innes

Beacon Lodge No. 190

RWBro Ed Whitenett

Kenilworth Lodge No. 29

Board of General Purposes

Five to be elected for a three-year term

WBro David N. Blue

Avon Glen Lodge No. 170

WBro Blue was born 18 February 1962 in Edmonton, where he is an Accountant. Bro Blue was initiated in Avon Glen Lodge in September 1985, passed in October 1985 and raised in November 1985. He was the Lodge's Worshipful Master in 1997. He is also a Senior DeMolay, Edmonton Chapter and a member of AASR, Edmonton Valley 32°.

RWBro Martin G. Bumstead

King George Lodge No. 59

RWBro Bumstead was born 20 May 1945. He was initiated in King George

Lodge 25 February 1977, passed 22 April 1977 and raised 27 May 1977. He was the Lodge's Worshipful Master in 1986, was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 2004–2005 and elected DDGM of Phoenix District for 2006–2007.

WBro Kenn Frank Culbertson

Evergreen Lodge No. 166

WBro Culbertson was born 13 September 1951. He was initiated 20 June 2005, passed 19 September 2005 and raised 17 October 2005 in Evergreen Lodge, and was its Worshipful Master in 2010. He was District Masonic Bursary Fund Representative in 2009–2010. Kenn was a locomotive engineer for CPRail and ViaRail 1971–2008. He is a lifetime member of the Edmonton Rugby Union.

RWBro David Hochman

Ashlar Lodge No. 28

RWBro Hochman was born in Regina 20 December 1958. He has been co-owner of a family-operated gas station/car and truck wash since May 1958.

Bro Hochman was initiated into Ashlar Lodge on 11 June 1998, passed 28 October 1998 and raised 14 January 1999. He was its Worshipful Master in 2003 and 2004 and is now its Secretary-Treasurer. He was DDGM of Alpha District for 2007–2008, served a three-year term on the Board of General Purposes beginning in 2008 and was appointed to the Grand Lodge Finance Committee. Bro Hochman is also the coordinator for the Masonic lodge room exhibit at Heritage Park, Vice President of the Calgary Masonic Board of Relief and Secretary of the Calgary Masonic Temple Board. In other bodies, he was Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Lodge of Perfection, AASR Valley of Calgary in 2009; editor of the *Rite Way*, the AASR Valley of Calgary Summons and a member of the Al Azhar Shriners Patrol Unit.

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WBro David A. Pollock

Balmoral Lodge No. 185

WBro Pollock was born in 21 September 1959 in Newmarket, Ontario. A Professional Geologist who has lived in Alberta since 1978, he has been married to Linda for forty years and they have four adult children and five grandchildren. He has a background in coaching and works as a player scout for a Western Hockey League team.

Bro Pollock was initiated into Balmoral Lodge in September 2005 and sat as Master of that Lodge for the year 2010. He is also a member of Al Shamal Shrine Temple.

WBro Carlos Alberto Rondanelli

Balmoral Lodge No. 185

WBro Rondanelli was born 27 October 1945 in Santiago, Chile. He was initiated 18 February 2004, passed 17 March 2004 and raised 21 April 2004 in Balmoral Lodge, and was its Worshipful Master in 2008.

RWBro Charles G. (Chuck) Stuart

Calgary Lodge No. 23

RWBro Stuart is a native Calgarian, born 16 November 1927, who was raised and educated in Calgary and is married to Faith. He retired from the City of Calgary Fire Service as Fire Marshal on 16 January 1986 after 36 years service.

Bro Stuart was initiated into the Craft in Calgary Lodge on 17 April 1953, passed 15 May 1953 and raised 19 June 1953. He was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1976 and 1996 and DDGM of District No. 6 (Calgary-Highwood) in 1989–1990. He was Captain of the Al Azhar Marching Patrol in 1983, President of Al Azhar Patrol Arabs in 1992 and 1993 and is a Past Associate Guardian of Bethel No. 14 Job's Daughters. He is actively involved in concordant bodies and presently a member of Grand Lodge's Jurisprudence Committee.

Candidate Essays

At the Grand Lodge of Alberta Annual Communication held in Medicine Hat in 2005, a resolution was passed to amend Regulation 1.2 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta Constitution and Regulations by adding a subsection that would read: Candidates for the position of Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden shall be required to publish, in a regularly published and distributed Grand Lodge of Alberta communication, when their nominations are published, an unedited article of approximately 1000 words, but not less than 500 words, outlining their vision for Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. This article shall focus at least, but not exclusively, on (a) the candidate's description of current issues in Alberta Freemasonry, (b) his proposals for dealing with such issues during the ensuing four years should he progress to the office of Grand Master and (c) his ideas for leading the Craft in Alberta in the future. This year's essays are presented here in an **unedited** form

RWBro Chris Batty

The history of Freemasonry has demonstrated that it is one of the greatest volunteer leadership training organizations that have ever existed. History has recorded many Brethren, from all walks of life, who have been successful in their chosen field of endeavour.

When a member understands that being active within a Lodge can be a great personal benefit to his self-improvement, he usually becomes an avid and enthusiastic participant of the Lodge.

For some members it takes time for them to understand what Freemasonry can do for them. Time sitting in a Lodge listening to the lectures to the new members, time learning various lectures, and time to present the lectures in the most meaningful way they possibly can. Confucius is attributed to writing "I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand". It is this truth that is fundamental to learning and the basis of Freemasonry, as well as the apprenticeship system that is still in use today for training all of the Craft trades.

Today with all our technology, telephones, computers, email, text messaging, we are an instant society, expecting instant gratification. Learning, however, is not and never will be an instant human process. Humans need the right environment and time to learn anything

RWBro John Slade

Brethren, in today's hectic and narcissistic world our Masonic Lodges and the excellent work performed by Freemasons is of paramount importance. The traditions, tenacity and wisdom which our forefathers set down for us, and that we enjoy today, must be vigorously protected and maintained. It, therefore, falls to us to ensure that we continue to leave such a legacy for the Freemasons of the future.

Freemasonry affords us lessons in ethics, morality, and the vital importance of individual freedoms,

that is useful and meaningful.

A Freemason's Lodge generally consists of active likeminded men, who work well together, in a safe and charitable environment for their self-improvement, and to better acquaint themselves to the duties they should extend to their family and their community.

This self-improvement is manifested by the member becoming actively involved in the regular running and operation of the Lodge.

The positions in a Lodge facilitate an individual's personal development in personal communications, public speaking, the formalities of organizing, holding, and running both, informal and formal meetings, bookkeeping, understanding and developing financial statements, etc. By sequentially holding each position in a Lodge and fulfilling all of its requirements, an individual member becomes more proficient at personal communications, public speaking, and thereby becomes more comfortable and confident at work and in society in general.

The formal degrees, not only point out the duties we owe ourselves, our families, and our communities, they allow individual members to practice their oratory, verbal, and auditory skills in a quiet, safe and secure environment. While business meetings allow the individual to become better skilled at

choice and responsibility. To some a Masonic Lodge is a social club, to others it is a temple and to others it is a place of solitude, peace and harmony. We have sought the opportunity to become a Freemason, and have chosen to follow a path in our lives of the highest Masonic standards and behaviour. Providing we have the right moral attitude and ethical spirit we can be a valuable and active supporter of our craft no matter what our age or background. Masonry, if we allow it, will guide us in choosing wisely and carefully, once selected, we should follow the designated path faithfully.

responding to questions, or presenting opinions without the aid of formal notes. Further, the presentation of research papers allows the member to become more polished in public speaking.

It is the full understanding of charity or men being charitable to others in society that societies develop and grow. We all prosper in a peaceful and civil society. or a peaceful and civil society to exist, we must be generous, giving, helpful, considerate, understanding, accepting, sympathetic, tolerant, gracious, and lenient. For without these there can be no happy families, no harmonious strong communities, no integrity in business, no successful trade or commerce, and no prosperity, profit, or pleasure.

No other fraternal institution can claim such historic roots as Freemasonry. Because of the philosophy of Freemasonry, it will continue to exist through the ages. For it to thrive and flourish, we the members, must be in tune with the attributes of meeting in a Lodge, ensuring that each member is happy to attend, enjoys the presence of the other members, is encouraged to develop to their full potential, and feels good that he attended the meeting when going home after the meeting.

Consequently, we need to be happy ourselves, ensure others are enjoying themselves, and ensure that our Lodges are well organized and harmonious.

We must also realise that we are not a Mason on one evening per month but in all our waking hours. We have accepted the challenge to carry out a self-assessment and have the ability to improve in ourselves those things that may offend us in others. The beauty of a lodge is that it can be exactly what each individual requires it to be, and still be part of the collective body. Each of us has, within us, wisdom, strength and perseverance all of which is nurtured, fed and encouraged to flourish in our lives by the lessons available at our lodges. Freemasonry is, after all, an approach to life and the fraternity of

our choice.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta implemented the "Strategic Plan"; which was presented by MWBro Shimmons in 2009, the grand line continues to build on its foundation by laying down guidelines for the individual lodges to implement, thereby strengthening our foundation for the future. Each lodge operates as an independent body with their own bylaws, however, the

governance of the collective lodges is through Grand Lodge and it in turn is part of the connection to other Grand Lodges. This structure allows us the opportunity to travel throughout the world and still be connected to our fraternity, just as our ancient brethren were able to move freely across the country practicing their craft.

In order to meet the goals of the strategic plan my suggestion is that

Grand Lodge implement an ongoing training program for the officers and members who aspire to an elected and appointed position and who are willing to take on the responsibility of the various offices within the lodge. This would ensure that our lodge meetings are expedited in a proficient manner. Thereby allowing sufficient time for the lodge members to have education within the lodge and ensure our ritualistic work is presented in a manner that will impress new candidates, therefore encouraging them to be enthusiastic members and return to lodge on a regular basis. Individual lodges need to be aware of the benefits of implementing a vigorous education program which will, hopefully, allow us to present our beautiful Masonic Light to a larger audience of men and offer them the same opportunity that we have been blessed with. Ours is to search and discern all of the exciting avenues that Freemasonry offers us, as with each door that closes another will open; we just have to be ready to seize the opportunity.

Our responsibility is to inform our sons, grandsons, nephews, neighbours and co-workers about what Freemasonry offers, the good works we perform show them that we are proud to be part of this fraternity, and by working within our Masonic family will allow the fraternity to flourish as it has throughout history.

Freemasonry is a moral order created by virtuous men and reminds us of sublime truths along with social pleasures; by continuing to work in harmony we can all be part of the futurology of Freemasonry today, to plan for a better world tomorrow and eventually overcome the narcissism that is rapidly taking over our world.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, AF&AM 106th Annual Communication Ticket Order Form

Mail to: Grand Lodge of Alberta, 330 – 12 Avenue SW, Calgary AB, T2R 0H2

Will you please determine your Ticket needs for the Grand Lodge functions at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites**, 9816 – 107 Street, Grande Prairie, AB, and other venues, as outlined below.

Once you have determined the number, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return to the Grand Lodge office by **27 May 2011, enclosing your cheque in payment**. No refunds will be given on tickets returned later than 27 May 2011. **Lodge orders will be mailed to the Secretary, but individual orders will be retrievable only at the Book Store (Grand Lodge Office) at the Annual Communication.**

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Name: _____ Office held: _____

Address: _____

Event	Number	Total Cost
Thursday, 9 June 2011		
Grand Master's Banquet		
Cost — \$45.00/person	_____	_____
After 27 May, cost — \$50.00/person		
Friday, 10 June 2011		
Grand Lodge Banquet Officers: Formal		
Cost \$45.00/person	_____	_____
After 27 May, cost — \$50.00/person		
Ladies' Program		
Friday, 10 June 2011		
Cooking Show (Limit of 60)		
Cost \$48.50/person	_____	_____
After 27 May, cost — \$53.50/person		
Saturday, 11 June 2011		
Bus & Walking Tour, Cultural Centre		
Cost \$34.50/person	_____	_____
After 27 May, cost — \$39.50/person		
Saturday, 11 June 2011		
Pitch Fork Fondue, Grande Prairie Masonic Hall		
Cost \$30.00/person	_____	_____
After 27 May, cost — \$35.00/person		
Total Payment Enclosed:	_____	_____

Ladies' Program

Ladies' Hospitality Room Salon "C"

09 00 h – 17 00 h

Friday and Saturday

Friday 10 June

Cooking Show With International

Award Winning Chef Paul Pynn

Grande Prairie Regional College

Bus departs from the Holiday Inn

Lunch at the Cooking Show

Dress: Casual.

Saturday 11 June

Ladies' Bus and Walking Tour Grande

Prairie Facilities — Centre 2000, Pio-

neer Museum, GP Cultural Centre

Bus departs from the Holiday Inn

Lunch will be available

1st Annual “Give A Kid A Lift” Concert and Fundraiser at the Ironwood Stage & Grill.

Bro Mike Jennings, the Junior Warden of Mosaic Lodge No. 176, wants Masons to join his Lodge in support of the Easter Seals’ *Give a Kid a Lift Program*, which is the first of its kind in Alberta. Partnering with local businesses, this program provides accessibility equipment such as an elevator, or lift, depending on availability and need.

In 2010, Easter Seals partnered with Canwest Elevator & Lifts (Mike’s company), Beattie Homes, Rona Home Centre, Ogden Road and Garaventa Lifts, to provide an accessibility elevator into the home of a local 18-year old paraplegic living in Calgary. Lorinda Bye became a paraplegic when a tree fell on her tent during a wind storm while she was camping. Mosaic Lodge assisted the effort with a donation of \$650.

This year, Mike’s goal is to raise enough funds to provide two lifts to deserving recipients. Mosaic Lodge has again made a \$650 donation, and challenges other Lodges to assist. To help raise the necessary funds, a gala fundraiser is being held at the **Ironwood Stage and Grill**, 15 May 2011 from 13 00 h to 18 00 h. This event will include a silent auction, a 50/50 draw and tons of fun and games. Tickets are \$20 each.

Artists performing include:

Tom Phillips: Calgary’s No. 1 Country Music Singer

Scott Macleod: Prince Edward Island wishes they never left this guy go. Their loss, your gain!

Jory Kinjo: Jory has been bringing the funk to Calgary for many years now. You can catch him playing at the Ironwood Stage & Grill on the last Monday of every month, that is if he isn’t touring the world with his brother.

Claymore: Claymore is a Calgary-based, World Celtic band. It is comprised of three Calgary area musicians, who share a passion for Canadian and World Celtic music. Coming from varied backgrounds and experiences, Claymore



Lorinda Bye’s new lift, shown here, provides her with much needed access throughout her home.

blends and shapes songs, to produce high-tempo dance songs and emotion stirring ballads.

Mike says: “With your help, we can raise the funds needed to bring independence to a deserving family.”

Those wishing to support the Easter Seals initiative can do so on their website:

<http://www.easterseals.ab.ca/Site/index.aspx>

Go to the “Make an Online Donation” page, click on “Donate Now” and where it asks “How would you like your gift to help Alberta Easter Seals?” select “Give a Kid a Lift.”

3rd International Conference on the History of Freemasonry 27–29 May 2011

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Alexandria, Virginia, USA

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, USA, 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, the conference will be held outside Europe.

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 organisers 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 under-estimated social phenomenon.

Plenary Speakers will be

- **Steven Bullock**, Professor of History, Humanities & Arts Department Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA.
- **Robert L. D. Cooper**, Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland Museum and Library, UK. [Incidentally, he will also be the Keynote Speaker at the 47th Masonic Spring Workshop in Kananaskis, AB, 20–22 April, 2012.]
- **Arturo de Hoyos**, Grand Archivist and Grand Historian, VA.
- **Andreas Önnersfors**, General editor of the Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism,



Sweden.

- **Chernoh Momodu Sesay, Jr.**, Department of Religious Studies DePaul University, IL.

For Speaker Biographies, the Second Announcement, the Preliminary Programme and Registration and Accommodation forms go to http://www.northernnetworking.co.uk/event_management.htm

Collin McAllister — A Century of Service

Collin McAllister was born on 16 March 1911 in Quesnel Forks, BC, to George and Agnes, and has two sisters, Emma and Aileen. The family moved to Calgary when Collin was three, and he has resided here ever since. He attended school in Ramsey and Sunnyside where his favourite subjects were drawing, painting and drafting. His favourite hobbies were skiing and skating on the Bow and Elbow Rivers, and caring for his sister's horse, Dolly.

One of Collin's first jobs was CP Telegraph messenger boy, which took him around Calgary on his bicycle. He graduated from pre-vocational school with honours in 1925 and went to TEC (now SAIT) to take Electrical Engineering. When the depression hit in 1929, jobs were scarce, so Collin started a photography and film finishing business with his friend Jim Lindsay and "made enough to survive." He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1940, posting to Ottawa for trades testing

Masonic Happiness Blog

It's been a year since I closed down "One More Time, Please!" (OMTP) and after taking a breather, I figured it was time to do something different and, hopefully, enjoyable and beneficial to Brethren.

Reading many of the postings of Freemasonry, including those by Masons, I find the vast majority to be negative, or at the very least complaining of that which should be and could be done to improve our Craft, thereby suggesting that the Craft is in trouble and we are all doomed (perhaps a slight exaggeration).

While I do not discount the need for some of this analysis and self-analysis, I think there is a greater need to sit back and actually enjoy what we have. This is the purpose of my small venture into the world of blogging — to present positive and enjoyable items of interest for Freemasons about Freemasons and Freemasonry and about matters in general.

I have called it "Masonic Happiness." It has its own website, which you can find at <http://www.masonichappiness.com/>

The page is now live, so please take a few minutes to go and visit it and to make it a favourite (or bookmark it) in your browser.

MWBro Hugh Young

and to teach survey and mapping. He went overseas during World War II and returned to Calgary in 1946.

After the War, Collin took a job with McCall Frontenac/Texaco Explorations as chief draftsman, starting a long career in the oil industry, much of it ultimately spent with Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas where he worked for 27 years before retiring. His expertise beckoned him back for contract work some years later.

Collin met Mary in 1951 and they married in Calgary in 1954, spending the next 54 years together. They raised two children, Loriss and Blaire, in the family home in Rosemount where they lived for 32 years. He has a son-in-law, Jerry, and two grandsons, Brodie and Dustin. To this day, Collin treats every family gathering with pleasure and enthusiasm.

Collin was initiated, passed and raised in 1953 in Perfection Lodge No. 9 and was its WM in 1986.

In his adult years, Collin's enjoyment was based on his love of the mountains — skiing, hiking, fishing and camping. He loved to take the path less travelled. He and Mary had many wonderful friends with whom they enjoyed all these activities. They also went on many wonderful trips and cruises — some with the Masonic Lodge, which has also been a large part of his life.

When asked what he had learned over his 100-year lifetime that he would like to share with the "younger generation," Collin said:

"Stay positive. Appreciate and respect your name. Recognize God in every aspect of life."

WBro Jack Pigeon
Perfection Lodge No. 9

Two special events in Zetland Lodge

Two rather special events occurred last February at Zetland Lodge No. 83 in Calgary. At the Regular meeting on 3 February 2011, WBro Karl Hansen, WBro Bob Romine and Bro Tom Wilson received their 50 year Jewels, presented by the DDGM of Calgary-Highwood, RWBro Ib Moller. All three Brethren affiliated with Zetland Lodge from outside this jurisdiction many years ago — WBro Hansen from Manitoba, WBro Romine from Nevada and Bro Wilson from Scotland. These Brethren became great pillars of strength in Zetland Lodge and have earned deep respect for their valuable contributions over the years.



150 years in Masonry. Left to right: WBro Romine, Bro Wilson and WBro Hansen.

To demonstrate what 150 years in Masonry represented, the Worshipful Master, WBro Eppo van Weelderden, invited these Brethren to the Altar and invited other Zetland Brethren to the Altar to match their 150 years in Masonry, beginning with newest members of just one year membership. It required about 20 members to make up 150 years in Masonry represented

by these three Brethren! At the festive Board afterwards these Brethren were properly roasted.

Then, at the Emergent meeting on 17 February 2011, Zetland Lodge initiated two candidates who happened to be a father and his son. Now Bro Arkadiy Matviyenko can address his father Igor as "Brother"! Zetland Lodge has had the privilege of having several "father and son" members, but an event whereby both father and son were initiated on the same night had never happened in our Lodge and the Brethren wondered if this has been experienced in any other Lodges.

Needless to say, the members of Zetland Lodge were excited to receive these new Brethren in their midst and the Initiation ceremony was a very emotional one for and all.



Father and son initiated — (l to r) Front row: Bro Stephen Schaff, SW; Bro Arkadiy Matviyenko; WBro Eppo van Weelderden, WM; Bro Igor Matviyenko; Bro Stuart Bentley, JW. Back row: Bro Shawn Englehart, SD; Bro Paul Toman, JD.

RWBro Bert van Helden, PDDGM