



Masonic Medal of Merit Awards

MWBro Calvin D. Shaver, Committee Chairman

It is my genuine pleasure to present this report for the 2010–2011 Masonic year. During the past year we had an enquiry from an individual who was researching information to assist in the preparation of a paper for his Lodge and District. Our other activities centered on the annual review of nominations and the selection of recipients to receive this prestigious award at this Communication. We remain willing to attend Lodge or District meetings to make presentations and answer questions regarding the Masonic Medal of Merit.

This is our 19th year since the initial presentations, and there have now been 66 recipients from 41 Lodges, with at least one recipient from each District.

Remember, Brethren, that when completing the nomination form the requirement for Masonic involvement

goes without saying. However, it is important to include information on his activities outside the Fraternity (i.e., in the community), along with an outline of his personal life (marriage and family) and brief details of his vocation. Pending the next revision to the nomination form, I request that an e-mail address for at least one nominator be provided. This is the preferred mode of communication when corresponding following the selection process and when obtaining clarification for completing the summary for the write-up.

Brethren, when you see a member who is known as someone a Lodge can always count on; who may or may not be a ritualist; who attends regularly; who coaches candidates; who assists where able; who is favourably acknowledged as a positive role model within his family/community/vocation; who completes

the task not for himself, but for the cause of good towards the Lodge and all mankind; but who has not been installed into the chair of King Solomon, THINK about the Masonic Medal of Merit and take the time to consider completing a nomination for this award. There are many other worthy members in this jurisdiction who qualify for the prestigious Masonic Medal of Merit. All it takes is for someone to take the time and effort to submit a nomination form for consideration by this Committee next year.

As always, I cannot thank all the Committee members enough for their hard work, their continued dedication and the wise council they provide. I welcome Bros Brian Shimmons, Ray Olson and Doug Wade, who have agreed to serve on the committee this past year. We continue to be ready in any way we can to assist in these very rewarding and satisfying undertakings.

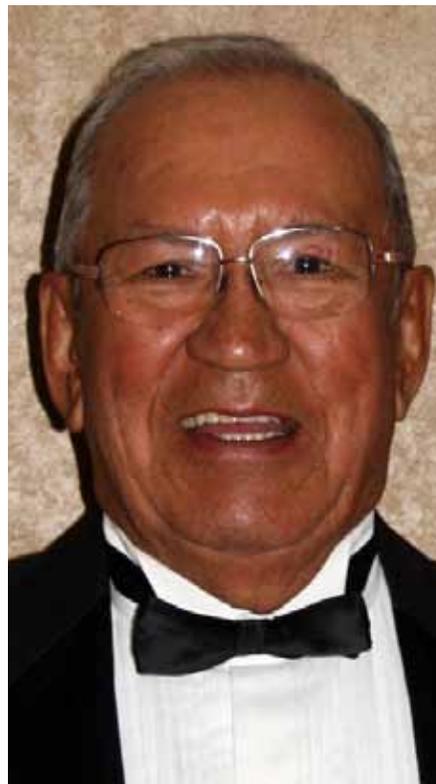
Bro Kenneth Edgar Carlin...



...was initiated into Freemasonry in King George Lodge No. 59 on 22 February 1985, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on 26 April 1985 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on 24 May 1985.

He has been elected Tyler on many occasions and willingly fills in as Inner Guard or Steward when requested. Bro Carlin is faithful in his attendance at Lodge and was the Lodge representative on the Calgary Masonic Board of

Bro William (Bill) L'Hirondelle...



...was initiated into Freemasonry in Gateway Lodge No. 164 on 11 November 1992, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on 8 December 1992 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on 12 January 1993. He subsequently affiliated with Balmoral Lodge No. 185.

While he has held a variety of appointed offices in both his Mother Lodge and Balmoral Lodge, due to work commitments he had to step aside prior to taking the

Bro Kenneth Edgar Carlin, continued

Relief for many years. For the past five years he has contributed hundreds of hours bringing together the various aspects of the Lodge's Centennial Ladies' Night dinner and dance held in 2011.

Bro Carlin and Edith were married in 1959. They have a son and grandson who reside in Austria and a daughter and two grandchildren in Calgary.

Bro Carlin is active in the Al Azhar Arab Patrol Marching Band as an organizer of charitable functions, numerous breakfasts and at the Shrine Circus. During the 1990s he was co-editor of the bi-monthly Shrine Newsletter *The Koran* and can be counted on to lend a hand at any time to the various functions and activities. Accompanied by his wife, they regularly travel throughout Canada and the USA with the various Shrine bodies to take part in parades and competitions.

He has been involved with the 767 Calgary Centennial Wing RCAF

Association from its inception in 1967 and in subsequent organizations until 1980. This covered periods when they sponsored the 781 (Calgary) Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets, and he served on the Parents Sponsoring Committee for several years. Bro Carlin is an Honorary Life Member of 785 (Calgary) Wing and holder of the "Side Hill Gouger Award" for meritorious service from the Alberta Group — RCAFA.

His nominators state "They cannot commend Bro Carlin highly enough for all his hard work and dedication."

Bro William (Bill) L'Hirondelle, continued

Junior Warden station. Since retiring from the petroleum industry, he has remained a part-time farmer and makes it his renewed commitment to attend Lodge. He assists with mentoring and with filling vacant chairs when the incumbent is absent. He regularly attends Lodge practices and arranges for officers to meet and talk with

potential candidates.

Bro L'Hirondelle attends Grand Lodge as often as possible, is active with the Shrine and offers the farm facilities for Lodge BBQs and other social functions. As an attendee at the Masonic Spring Workshop, he willingly shares the experience upon his return and encourages others to attend. He is a faithful traveller, who accompanies the DDGM on his visits.

He has been married to Elsie for 59 years, and they have one son, three daughters, 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

A long time active member of his church, he is always assisting neighbours and family with snow plowing, maintenance, etc., and he is also a member of the Neighborhood Watch. Following more than ten years of involvement with the Quarter Horse Association and years of travelling as a consultant in the oil industry, he retains a wide network of friends and visits relatives on yearly trips in and out of Canada.

The First Degree in Freemasonry — The Dutch Ritual

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

Introduction

Although the tenets and principles of Freemasonry all over the world remain the same, the rituals used to convey our messages and symbols vary, sometimes considerably, in the different Jurisdictions.

Freemasonry in the Netherlands has a long history. The Grand East of the Netherlands was constituted in 1756, and in 2006 the Dutch Freemasons celebrated 250 years of Freemasonry in Holland. In the early 1800s Holland was part of the French empire under Napoleon, and Freemasonry in the Netherlands (Holland) was strongly influenced by French Freemasonry. This influence remains clear even today. Many Lodges have French names, such as *La Vertu* (the oldest Lodge in Holland), *La Bien Aimée*, *La Force*, *l'Union Royale*

and *La Paix* to name a few. The French influence is equally noticeable in the Dutch rituals, including the three Degrees, and to some extent in the opening and closing of the Lodge.

Although these rituals are recognized by the Grand East of the Netherlands, there is a great deal of flexibility in their performance. Lodges are at liberty to extemporize on certain aspects of the ritual and may abbreviate other parts as they see fit. One of the recognized rituals is that of 1928, which is used in many Lodges. Bro van Loo published an English translation of these rituals in 1967. In this publication some of the explanation of the ritual is left to the discretion of the WM ("The WM explains the Working tools as he deems fit..." etc.). Some of the ritual may be read from a script — our Dutch Brethren

reason that it is sometimes better to read the text rather than stumble over a piece of work given by a Brother with poor memory skills. This is not to say that the ceremonies and rituals are vastly different between the Lodges, but each Lodge has its own traditions and ceremonies, which makes visiting often very exciting and interesting.

The purpose of this article is to summarize the layout of the Temple, the ritual of opening and closing of a Lodge in the Netherlands and to provide some comments on the ceremony of Initiation.

The Layout of the Temple

Both Wardens have their stations in the West of the Temple, with the JW in the Southwest, the SW in the Northwest. Their seats are in front of the pillars J and B. The entrance to the Temple is between the pillars, which are actually

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labeled with the letters B and J and are decorated with network and pomegranates. Above the Temple entrance are the words "Know thyself" (after the inscription at the entrance of Greek Temples).

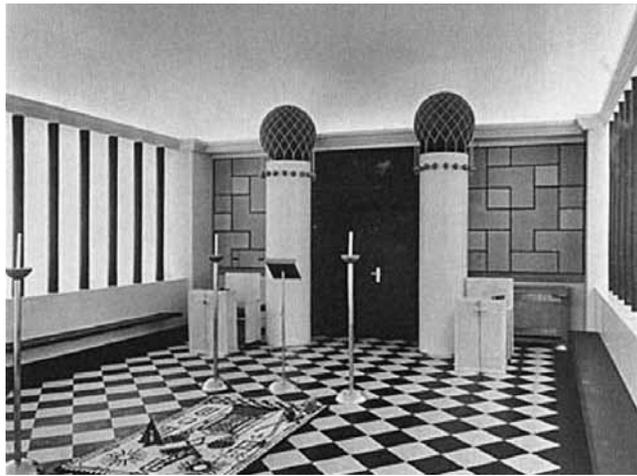
The East is decorated with the sun, the moon and the all-seeing eye (above the Master's chair). The Altar (or "Pure cubic") is placed in the East, in front of the WM. Between the Altar and the West lie the Ashlars and the "Tableau" which depicts the Lodge, the sun, the moon, the stars and the Working Tools, surrounded by tassels. The three LL (invariably fitted with genuine candles) are placed around this Tableau.

The Opening and Closing of the Lodge

Our Dutch Brethren use the Temple only to confer Degrees, for the solemn celebration of the Festivals of St. John the Evangelist (the Winter St. John) and St. John the Baptist (the Summer St. John) and for funeral ceremonies (Mourning Lodges). The dress code on these occasions is white tie and tails with a black vest and white gloves. All regular business and Masonic education is conducted outside the Temple, with business suit or casual as the dress code. No aprons are worn at those meetings, but certain Masonic customs and traditions are observed. The Brethren usually meet once a week.

Before the Lodge is opened, the WM and the Wardens are already in their chairs in the Temple, which at that time is darkened. All other Brethren remain outside, and the D of C instructs them to put on their aprons and follow him into the Temple, observing total silence. When the Brethren are inside, the ceremony of opening the Lodge begins with a question and answer ceremony between the Master and his Wardens, not unlike our ceremonies. The D of C lights the three LL with the words "Wisdom," "Strength" and "Beauty." At each word the light in the Temple is brightened. The VSL is opened by the WM at the 1st Chapter of John with the words "And the Light shineth in darkness and darkness comprehended it not." The Temple is now fully lit.

Before the Lodge is closed, the WM asks the Wardens to "inspect their columns to see whether there is any Brother who wishes to speak," to which



Masonic Temple in Eindhoven in the Netherlands. Note the entry between the pillars and the two Warden's stations and the placement of the TLL around the floorcloth

the Wardens invariably answer in the negative. At the closing of the Lodge there is again a question and answer ceremony between the WM and the Wardens, similar to our ceremony. Masonic applause is given, and the WM closes the Lodge and charges the Brethren to "Go in peace and make yourselves known as Freemasons in the West."

The Ceremony of Initiation

The Candidate is dressed in white tie and tails during the ceremony. He is brought into the Preparation Room, where he is asked to divest himself of his metals, which is explained to him by the Bro Preparer as his first symbolic action in Freemasonry. He is then led into the Dark Room where he sits down at a table which contains a skull, a Holy book, a plate with a piece of bread and some salt and an hourglass. A single candle lights the room, where he is left by himself for a while to reflect on the symbols that lie in front of him.

He is then asked to put on two blindfolds — an inner white one and an outer black — whereupon his guide asks him to knock at the Temple door. Questions and answers are then exchanged between the WM and the IG.

The Candidate then undertakes three journeys or perambulations. On the first journey he nearly stumbles over a block, but his guide prevents him from falling. He is stopped in the midst of the second journey, and after the third journey his hands are washed and he has to drink of a cup of bitterness. His outer blindfold is now taken off to show him a glimpse of light.

The Brethren then position themselves around the Candidate and the WM asks him if it is still his desire

to become a Freemason. When the Candidate answers in the affirmative, his blindfold is taken off for a moment and, at a token from the WM, the Brethren point their fingers at the heart of the Candidate, whereupon the WM says, "It all depends on... YOU!"

His blindfold is put back on and he now takes his Obligation, which is recited by the WM. The WM asks him if he is prepared to repeat this Obligation. At the affirmative answer the WM says that this answer suffices and continues by confirming that, by the powers vested in him as WM,

he now officially accepts the Candidate as an EA into the Order. The Candidate is then taken up into the Chain of Union, formed by the Brethren with joined hands, whereupon he is asked what the desire of his heart is at this time. After he has answered, the WM pronounces, "Let there be light" and his blindfold is taken off.

The WM informs the Candidate that he is now three years old and his name is TC. He orders all Brethren to recognize him as such. He presents the Candidate with his apron (much smaller than ours and not adorned with tassels or rosettes). He also gives him a pair of white gloves and a second pair of gloves to present to the one who is nearest and dearest to him to commemorate the important event of this evening.

The JW gives him the G or T and the W (which is the name on our R hand pillar) and informs him that the W can never be given in full but only by spelling or syllabing it, because it can only be given to him who knows it already. The JW now takes the Candidate to the RA for his first work as a Freemason. The Candidate kneels in front of the RA and gives it three knocks with a gavel and chisel. At that time the WM is at liberty to instruct the Candidate on the origin of the PS and an explanation of the TB.

That completes the ceremony of Initiation, whereupon the Brethren listen in deep silence to a piece of music (CD or LP) selected by Bro Organist for this occasion.

This ceremony, including the opening and closing of the Lodge, has been performed by a cast of Zetland Brethren on several occasions in Lodge, during a period of Refreshment, to demonstrate the universality of our beloved science.

The Masonic Higher Education Bursary

RWBro Chris E. Batty, Chairman, MHEB



Kimberley Anne Watson is presented a certificate by MWBro Peter Dunlop, Grand Master, on 21 June 2011, to commemorate her receiving a Lauraine Douchet Masonic Bursary for Pharmacy and Medicine.

Over the past twelve months I have been continually impressed by the generosity of the Brethren with the time and resources that they make available to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary.

In the fall of 2010 we had the initial contact that resulted in the exciting new Lauraine Douchet Masonic Bursary for Pharmacy and Medicine. The dedication of the Brethren involved in this initiative eventually resulted in the award of two \$5,000 bursaries in 2011, to Kimberley Anne Watson and Ahn Bui. The study of pharmacy and medicine are worthwhile, rewarding, but expensive areas of study for students. We are very proud to be able to assist in identifying deserving students for this Bursary. The work involved in being able to provide this Bursary included developing forms, reviewing applications, interviews, reviewing interview forms, etc., and involved many individuals. It is expected that there will be more Lauraine Douchet Bursaries in the future.

About the same time, Bro Don Stannard, of Empire Lodge No. 63, was working on the excellent Masonic Higher Education Bursary presentation that he made to the Brethren at the Beaverhills District Meeting in November and to the Grand Lodge Officer Orientation in April. What a wonderful presentation.

In the spring of the year there are many application forms to be sorted and entered into the Grand Lodge's computer program. This is followed by extensive interviews and more forms to be completed and submitted to Grand Lodge office by the District Deputy Grand Masters-elect and their representatives. These forms are all reviewed again prior to a final Bursary list being selected. Significant time is spent by many Brethren and the Grand Lodge office staff in doing all this work.

No sooner had the list of Bursary recipients been developed than arrangements had to be made by RWBro Doug Wade and the Brethren of Symbol Lodge No. 93 for nine of them (and their families) to travel on the Stettler to Big Valley steam train tour with MWBro Gerald Waldern. As part of the railroad experience, the train was held up and "robbed" by some uncivilized and uncouth Alberta individuals who, one must assume, had read too much into the stories of the Jesse James gang. This activity resulted in some \$565 being provided to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund. What a great event from a bygone era!

During all this, another District Deputy Grand Master-elect, WBro Gordon Harris, came knocking on my door early one Sunday morning with a lot of documentation and a request to have a particular young lady (Kristie Pearl McMullan) be the Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary recipient at the Grand Lodge Communication in Grand Prairie. The Brethren of Fort McMurray would fund the airfare and hotel for her. Not only did the Brethren fly her to Grand Prairie (that's Fort McMurray to Calgary and Calgary to Grand Prairie and return), they put her up in the Best Western and then paid to have her photograph taken for the event. These Brethren included

VWBro Timothy Mayner, RWBro Wayne Grainger, RWBro David Allan and WBro Wally Watts, as well as the Brethren from Fort McMurray. What a gallant way to treat a very special young lady, who spoke so eloquently at the Grand Lodge banquet.

Local photographer Carrie Pangracs set up a studio in the hotel in Grande Prairie and anyone who wished could have a formal portrait taken, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Fund. Mrs Pangracs rounded up the donation to a total of \$500. At the Grand Lodge banquet RWBro Richard Ashby and his Taekwondo School put on a martial arts demonstration, with a "break-a-brick" collection. They put on a magnificent show and entertained us all. This was topped off by donations from MWBro Peter Dunlop and the Widows' Sons, resulting in a total of more than \$3,000 being raised.

On 1 July, in celebration of Canada's birthday, RWBro Fred Bowker again organized the annual Masonic baseball spectator event at Telus Field. We all watched Fred throw the opening pitch and saw the Edmonton Capitals win over the Maui Na Koa Ikaika 14 to 4. This was followed by Edmonton's fantastic River Valley firework show. The weather was great for this excellent event and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. Through this initiative some 200 Freemasons, families, and friends were in attendance, raising \$200 for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary.

The statement:

Individual commitment to a group effort — it is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilisation work.

Vince Lombardi 1913–1970 can be rewritten as:

Individual commitment to a group effort — it is what makes a Lodge work, a Masonic District work, the Masonic Higher Education Bursary work, and Grand Lodge work.

I can only reiterate my opening comments of being impressed by what the Brethren have done for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary over the past twelve months. It is the individual commitments by Freemasons, such as those cited, that make Freemasonry work.

I wonder what the Brethren will do in the coming twelve months to exceed these initiatives. Congratulations, and thank you all for a job well done.

Happiness

RWBro Chris E. Batty, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

It isn't what you have, or who you are, or where you are, or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy. It is what you think about. — Dale Carnegie

Introduction

What is happiness? How does one become happy? What is it that enables one to be happy as opposed to being sad? These thoughts often occurred and stayed with me until I became a Freemason. Happiness, the state of being happy, and how one becomes happy, is a recurring theme in the philosophy of Freemasonry and the work clearly articulates those essential steps and courses of action for one to become happy and to be happy.

First Degree

In the First Degree* we find the reference to happiness in the concluding paragraph of the Working Tools. "From the whole we deuce this moral: that knowledge, grounded on accuracy, aided by labour, and promoted by perseverance, will finally overcome all difficulties, raise ignorance from despair and establish happiness in the paths of science."

The three key points are accurate knowledge, labour and perseverance. In short, the consistent and continued application of learning and working is necessary to become happy and be happy. This is the message of the First Degree Working Tools.

Second Degree

In the [CR] Second Degree the reference to happiness is found in the Junior Warden's lecture regarding the Exodus. "King Solomon ordered the pillars to be placed at the East of the Temple as the most proper and conspicuous situation for the children of Israel to have the happy deliverance continually before their eyes while going to and returning from Devine worship."

This passage contains several messages. First, the pillars of fire and cloud which led the children of Israel out of Egypt, the first guiding lights for men, provide the message of happiness in following your destiny. Second is the message of happiness in being free from bondage and being able to determine your own fate. We, as Canadians, should be ever thankful, happy and continually safeguard our democratic form of government and be ever watchful of

*References are to the Canadian Rite. In the York Rite, "happiness" is mentioned in the Opening Charge; the EA "about to approach" lecture; EA Degree Lecture, Part 2; SD's Lecture in the FC Degree; and in the redacted part of the MM Lecture (which may again be delivered).

those who would try to reduce our freedoms.

Third Degree

With the subject of the [CR] Third Degree one may initially think that there could be no reference at all regarding happiness, but on the contrary there is, and it is contained in the Retrospect and refers to the lessons of the Second Degree. "You learned to form a just estimate of those wondrous facilities with which God has endowed the being created after His own image, and to feel the duty which He has thereby impose upon you — of cultivating those Divine attributes with the most diligent care and attention — that you may be enabled to show forth His glory and contribute to the happiness of mankind."

The messages of this passage are to keep your physical and mental faculties ever tuned by daily exercise, by learning something new every day, and by helping others.

Installation

At the celebrated occasion of the Installation the theme of happiness occurs throughout the evening and is referred to in the Charge to the newly installed Master and twice in the Charge to the Brethren.

The Charge to the WM from the NE Angle

In the Charge to the Newly Installed Master he is told, "...while the happiness of the Brethren will be generally promoted in proportion to the zeal and assiduity with which you promulgate the genuine tenets and principals of the Fraternity." I must be honest with the Brethren, I had to look up the words "assiduity" and "promulgate" to get a good and clear understanding of their meaning.

Assiduity is a close and continuous application or effort, or diligence. Promulgate is to make known or announce officially and formally or put into effect by public proclamation, as a law or dogma.

Consequently, the WM is charged with the responsibility of the happiness of the Brethren by a zealous, continuous application and effort in putting into effect the genuine principals of Freemasonry.

The General Charge

The first, third, and fifth paragraphs

of the General Charge...

- *I therefore shall trust that we have but one aim, to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness";*

- *...it widens the sphere of human happiness"; and*

- *Therefore, the utmost extension of fraternal feelings and affection which can exist between man and man is expected to be displayed amongst the Brethren in a Freemason's Lodge, and then will be attained the chief point in Freemasonry, namely, to endeavour to be happy ourselves and to communicate that happiness to others.*

...summarize the work which we undertake through the year and remind us that we, each of us, should continually work towards being happy, by being physically and mentally fit, by continually working and studying, keeping a happy disposition and by being friendly towards our fellowmen.

By endeavouring and striving to do all these things, we will be happy, our families will be happy and our Lodges will be happy.

In closing, let us remember the closing remarks of the [CR] Junior Warden as he closes the Lodge, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

District Meetings

October

- 1 Central District; Red Deer Masonic Hall; Regis 10 00 h; Lunch Noon; Mtg 13 00 h; GM
- 1 Mighty Peace District; Grande Prairie Masonic Hall; Regis 14 00 h; Meet 'n Greet 15 00 h; Dinner 18 00 h; Mtg 19 30 h; DGM
- 1 Yellowhead District; Meridian Freemasons' Hall, Stony Plain; Regis 11 00 h; Lunch 11 30 h; Mtg 13 00 h; SGW
- 2 Palliser District; Bassano Masonic Hall; Regis Noon; Mtg 13 00 h; Festive Board to follow; GM
- 15 Calgary-Highwood District; Nanton Freemason's Hall; Regis 11 30 h; Lunch Noon; Mtg 13 30 h; GSec
- 22 Northern Lights District; Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton; Regis 10 00 h; Education 11 00 h; Lunch Noon; Mtg 13 00 h; JGW
- 27 Chinookarch District; Freemasons' Hall, Lethbridge; Regis 17 30 h; Dinner 18 00 h; Mtg 19 00 h; DGM
- 28 Dinosaur District; Drumheller Masonic Hall; Regis 16 00 h; Dinner 16 45 h; Mtg 18 00 h; GSW
- 29 Athabasca District; Acacia Masonic Hall, Edm; Regis 10 30 h; Lunch Noon; Mtg 13 00 h; PGM Rex Dawson

Book Review

The Music of Pythagoras

Kitty Ferguson, New York: Walker and Company, 2008, 366 pp, ISBN:0-8027-1631-8

Pythagoras was born on the Aegean island of Samos around 570 BCE. Little is known of his early years. Most of what is known about Pythagoras comes from students from his school, which he founded at Croton in southern Italy — southern Italy was settled by large numbers of Greeks in his time.

Pythagoras and his followers attempted to unravel the truths concealed behind such ordinary tasks as tuning a lyre. While considering why some string lengths produced beautiful sounds and others discordant ones,

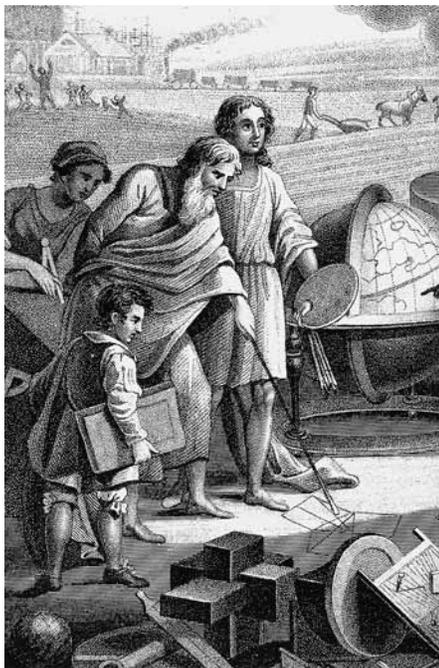
they uncovered the ratios of musical harmony, and recognized that hidden behind the complexity of nature are patterns of orderly relationships. Thus, they discovered that there was order in nature.

Further studies in mathematics demonstrated something darker, both in numbers and nature — irrationality. This disturbing revelation may have contributed to the destruction of their brotherhood. Thus, Pythagoras was one of the first to see patterns in the world. While studying these patterns, his famous theorem was developed. This theorem is one of the pillars of mathematics and geometry. His school developed the belief that the universe is rational, that there is unity in all things, and that numbers and mathematics were a powerful guide to truth about nature and the cosmos. Pythagoras and his followers laid much of the foundations of modern science.

While Pythagoras and his followers had such an impact, there is little material available directly from the man himself. Most of what we know of Pythagoras and his school comes from the writings of other Greek scholars, such as Euclid and Aristotle. These writings were lost to Western Europe throughout the Dark Ages. Pythagoras was rediscovered by Western society when Arabic writings were translated back into the original Greek or into Latin, the languages of scholars of post-Medieval times. This rediscovery had a major impact on starting the Renaissance.

This is a fascinating book. However, it is not an easy read. One should not expect to “breeze through” the book in an afternoon or evening. Anyone interested in learning more of the influence of this rather shadowy (in that we know so little about him from direct sources) character from history to whom we make reference during installation ceremonies will find this an interesting book.

VWBro Loren W. Kline, PGP



Pythagoras demonstrating his theorem in the sand with a stick. (britannica.com)

Grand Master's Itinerary October

- 1 Central District Meeting, Red Deer Masonic Hall; Regis 10 00 h; Lunch Noon; Mtg 13 00 h
- 2 Palliser District Meeting, Bassano Masonic Hall; Regis Noon; Mtg 13 00 h
- 2 Beacon Lodge No. 190, Family BBQ
- 12–14 Western Canada Conference, Banff
- 22 Avon Glen No. 170, End of Summer Gala; Muttart Conservatory, Edm
- 29 Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall; Re-consecration of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54; Tyle 14 00 h; Celebration of its 100th Anniversary at Radisson Hotel: 18 00 h; Cost \$50

Unusual Presentation in Calgary 23



Although *The Alberta Freemason* does not usually carry 50-year jewel stories, this one is unusual. On 20 May 2011, MWBro Gerald Waldern presented a recycled fifty-year Jewel to RWBro Chuck Stuart that carried special significance to its recipient. It had belonged to the Master who had initiated, passed and raised Chuck in April, May and June 1953 — WBro Stuart Aitkin.

Stu had been initiated in Calgary Lodge on 19 September 1947 and was installed as Master in December 1952. He died in 2008 of Alzheimer's disease. Although his 50-year jewel had been prepared, it was never presented to him because of his condition and there was no other family in the Craft.

Chuck is a native Calgarian, born in 1927, who worked for the City of Calgary for 36 years, retiring as Fire Marshall in 1986. He was initiated in Calgary Lodge in 1953, but was away from Masonry from

December 1960 to May 1969, which is why he didn't receive his jewel earlier. He served as Worshipful Master in 1976 and 1996, and was DDGM of District 6 (now Calgary-Highwood) in 1989–90. He had served on the Board of General Purposes for 20 years, serving as President twice. He has also served on the Jurisprudence Committee for 17 years and is currently in his ninth term as Secretary-Treasurer of his Lodge

When it came time for the presentations (there were a number of twenty-five year pins and a 50-year jewel for Bro Bob Milne accepted by his son), the Lodge went to refreshment and the families of the various recipients were invited in. In the picture are: MWBro Gerald Waldern, RWBro Chuck Stuart and his wife Faith (Fay) on the left and Bro Chris Stuart (Chuck's son) on the far right. Around Chuck and Fay are their family plus WBro Michael Teuling, WM, behind Fay.