



RWBro Jerry Werner Kopp

Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Alberta

RWBro Jerry W. Kopp hails from Loon Lake, Saskatchewan, and was born on 15 March 1948 to immigrant parents from Czechoslovakia. He grew up and was educated at Loon Lake. He was very active in sports: hockey, football, curling, softball, hunting, fishing and water sports. Jerry was also active in the Boy Scouts of Canada movement, and received his Queen's Scout Award, presented to him by Her Highness Princess Alexandra of Kent in the Legislative Assembly Chambers, Legislative Building, Regina. Besides sports, Jerry had several jobs while attending school, including working in a grocery store, as a gas station attendant and farm hand, in the meat market industry as an animal slaughterer and meat cutter, and gaining experience as a carpenter.

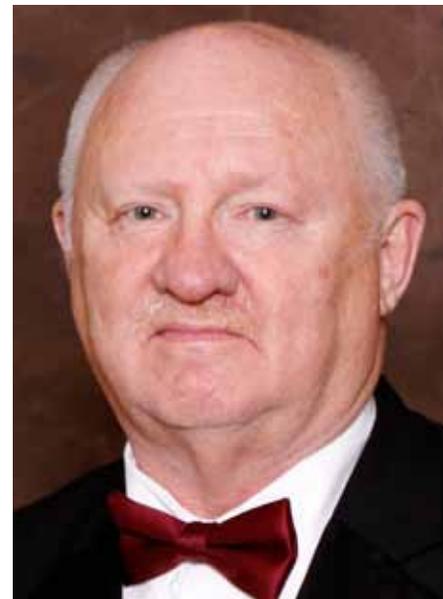
In May 1970 Brother Kopp joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and took his training at "Depot Division" of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Training Centre in Regina. His first posting took him to Drumheller, and he was then posted in various locations around the province, including Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, a return to Banff, then on to Gleichen, Milk River, "K" Division Headquarters in Edmonton (Security Systems Section, Emergency Planning, Explosive Disposal Unit/Bomb Squad and the Protection of Very Important Persons Section), Calgary Protective Policing and Calgary International Airport. His final posting returned him to Gleichen Detachment as Detachment Commander. Brother Kopp attained the rank of Sergeant and retired from the RCMP on 31 October 2000 with almost 31 years of service.

Brother Kopp petitioned Gleichen Lodge No. 36 in the winter of 1977 and was initiated in April 1977, passed May 1977 and raised June 1977. He was transferred to Milk River in January 1978 and affiliated with Century Lodge No. 100 at Milk River. During a 10-year posting in Edmonton, Brother Kopp became active

in Freemasonry by visiting many of the Edmonton and area Masonic Lodges. While in Edmonton, he was a member of the joint RCMP/Edmonton Police Service Master Masons Degree Team. In 1989 Brother Kopp was transferred back to Calgary and it was at this point of his Masonic career he became much more active in Freemasonry by taking offices in Gleichen Lodge, presenting education papers and eventually becoming Worshipful Master in 1993, 1994, 1999–2000 and again in 2006–07. Brother Kopp affiliated with Strathmore Lodge in 1991 and was Worshipful Master in 1995, 2003 and in 2011. He was the first Worshipful Master to serve a second term in the history of the Strathmore Lodge.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Ray Burton appointed him to the position of Senior Grand Deacon for the year 1994–95. In the fall of 1995 Brother Kopp was elected as District Deputy Grand Master for the Dinosaur District. He served this office in 1996–97 under Most Worshipful Brother Basile Costouros as Grand Master. He was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1997 for a two-year term. Brother Kopp also affiliated with Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 and served as Worshipful Master in 2000–01. He has served on the Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee for several years, was Chairman in 2003 and served several years as Chairman of the Bookstore Committee. On 1 November 2000, he was hired by the Grand Lodge of Alberta as Assistant Grand Secretary and was invested as Grand Secretary in June 2001. Brother Kopp continues to be a very active ritualist in his Lodge and in other Lodges that may require assistance. He has been very active as guest speaker and inspires Freemasons with a better understanding of the lessons Freemasonry teaches.

Since becoming Grand Secretary, Brother Kopp has spoken at Lodges and District meetings on a number of issues, as well as at Masonic Conferences:



RWBro Jerry Kopp, Grand Secretary

All Canada Conference

- 2003: *Religious Persecution*
- 2006: *"Them & Us" Syndrome*
- 2007: *A Lodge for Canadian Masonic Troops*

Western Canada Conference

- 2008: Dinner Speaker—*Freemasonry*
- 2009: *Protecting the West Gate*

Grand Secretaries Conference of North America

- 2007: Portland—*Grand Representative System*
- 2011: Denver—*Grand Representative System Update*

Brother Kopp was elected to the position of 2nd Vice President of the Grand Secretaries Conference of North America and installed as Conference President in 2011 in Denver, Colorado. His duty will be to chair the 2012 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

He belongs to a number of Concordant Bodies and is currently the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. He was installed into that position in May 2011 at Camrose, Alberta.

Jerry has two grown children, Colleen (34) and Patrick (26) both married and school teachers. He also has one grandchild, Peiton-Rose Kopp, the 2½ year old daughter of Patrick.

Speakers Bureau Update

RWBro David Roth, Deputy Grand Master

Every regular meeting of a Lodge should have some form of Masonic Education. Sometimes even non-masonic education can make for a great evening. The Speakers Bureau was created to provide Lodges with a source of presentations and speakers on a wide range of topics. After two years, the list of presenters and topics is getting an update. If you are already a presenter, please contact the Deputy Grand Master

through the website to make any changes to your topics or add any new subjects you have developed.

If you would like to make yourself available to make presentations in Lodge, contact RWBro Roth with your offerings. Check out the website, www.freemasons.ab.ca, under "Grand Lodge"



and provide the information in the format as you see it presented there.

To book a talk, go to "Contacts/ Speakers and Degree Teams" and click on the presenter's name, or to volunteer, click on David Roth to send the topic(s) you can address.

Remember this: You learn a lot by putting together a presentation. It is a real joy to be asked to make a presentation in a Lodge, and you never know the benefit a Lodge member may get from some insight you can provide.

Freemasons Hand Out Bursaries

Collin Gallant, *The Medicine Hat News*, 14 July 2011

Jessica Kenzie always knew she wanted to help people, and as it turned out, the Freemasons wanted to help her do it.

Kenzie is one of 100 students in Alberta — including 13 in the southern Alberta Masonic district — who will receive a \$2,000 bursary towards the cost of educational pursuits.

"Their generosity is amazing," said Kenzie, who already holds a bachelor's degree in speech language pathology.

The bursary means that she'll continue in a distance-learning program at the University of Calgary towards a degree in community rehabilitation and disability studies.

That will allow her to work in a number of fields — such as advocacy, government policy creation or guardianship and hands-on work with the disabled — though Kenzie has not chosen a specialty.

"Every month I'm inspired to do something new in the field," she said. "Maybe there's a crisis program to start up, or organization that teaches life skills. I'm maybe leaning towards working with the government, because of how my life experience has guided me."

Kenzie herself is upgrading her education after a car accident left her unable to work, but her original motivation is her sister who became

disabled after a bout of meningitis.

The half dozen members of the area's Masonic Lodges and guest Masons who were present said they were happy to help.

"Our goal is to promote young people, to see they get a better education and to help them do so," said Les Payne, of Brooks, the District Deputy Grand Master of the Palliser Masonic District.

"In doing so we help the student, the country, the community, the province, you name it."

This year 100 students in Alberta will each receive \$2,000. That makes the provincial Masonic Higher Education Bursary program the largest private scholarship outlay in the province and second only to the provincial government's Alexander Rutherford endowments in terms of total dollars.

The awards are distributed by need and performance in interviews conducted by Lodge members.

Since the first bursaries were handed out in 1959 a total of \$3 million has been awarded, said Payne.

Also on hand during Wednesday's presentation were bursary recipients Katrinna Stothmann, of Redcliff, and Medicine Hat college nursing student Ashley Briggs.

"It's an amazing help, because it's expensive," said Briggs, who is a two-time recipient of the Mason Bursary.

She also received the Rutherford Scholarship for academics in her first year at the college and several local scholarships.

For Strothmann, a second-year business administration student at Medicine Hat College, the money will take some of the pressure off applying for a transfer to finish her degree off at an affiliated university in Australia.

"It'll cover [the cost of] my entire first semester and that's a big load off my mind," said Strothmann, 18, who says she is working two jobs throughout the summer to put money towards the endeavour.

Other winners from the immediate area were Reise Durrant, Nichlette Gunter, Whitney Kunz, and Ryan Legare.

Another four of the awards were distributed in Brooks last week. The Palliser Masonic District includes Lodges in Bassano, Brooks, Oyen and two Lodges in Medicine Hat.

Grand Master's Itinerary January

- 1 Grand Master's New Year's Levee; Edmonton Freemasons' Hall; Noon
- 2 Baseline No. 198, Fraternal Visit; Spruce Grove
- 7 Al Shamal Shriner's Potentate's Ball
- 9 Sherwood No. 183, Fraternal Visit; Highland Masonic Hall, Edm
- 14 Wetaskiwin No. 15, Installation
- 20 Star of the West No. 34, Robbie Burns Night; Leduc
- 22-6 Feb Grand Master's & Potentate's Cruise

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Who Leads the Leader?

Short Talk Bulletin, March 1983, Masonic Service Association of North America

In 1973, at the 26th Annual Tri-State Conference held in Portland, Oregon, the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Washington presented a paper entitled "How to Promote Effective Leadership in Our Constituent Lodges." This Short Talk Bulletin was adapted from that paper. The author, MWBro Alden H Jones, served as Grand Master of Masons in Washington in 1975-76.

What is effective leadership? Who provides Lodge leadership? What can the Lodge leader be expected reasonably to do? What happens if he doesn't do these things? Why isn't Lodge leadership automatic? How do you promote something that doesn't exist? Who leads the leader? We have leadership problems in some, if not many, of our Lodges. Another way to describe the situation is to say that we have many problems in our Lodges and some of them are the result of ineffective leadership. An evaluation report from one of our District Deputies stated recently that the affairs of a certain Lodge had not been well handled during the year because "The Worshipful Master is not gifted with the qualities of leadership."

What exactly was our Deputy telling us? First, that the constructive activities of the Lodge had not been implemented; second, that this is a one-man Lodge — the members look solely to the Master for Lodge leadership; third, that the one man was not aware of what he is expected to do or of how to do it; and, fourth, that the members were resigned to letting the affairs of the Lodge drift along for another year. Let's examine these points. What are the constructive activities of the Lodge which require implementation? Prompt opening and closing of meetings, proficient opening and closing ceremonies, courteous reception of visitors, considerate attention to candidates, orderly and harmonious disposal of Lodge business, informative special programs, community projects and public ceremonies, Masonic encouragement and inspiration for the Brethren. These are examples of constructive activities of a Lodge. They are the things that we expect to find when we go to a Lodge meeting, for we know that Lodges die if they don't engage in purposeful activities.

Now, what about leadership of the symbolic Lodge? To whom do we look for leadership? Why, to the Master, of course. Then what if he isn't a leader? We

cannot demand it of him. He is chosen democratically by a majority vote and any member is eligible to be chosen Master of his Lodge. This is for a good Masonic reason and it has nothing to do with his gift of leadership. More often than not, the primary qualifying factor for a Master is his willingness to take the office, rather than his gift of leadership.



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Good leaders know where they are going and communicate it!

Our selection of officers sets in motion a situation which, by its own horsepower, isn't likely to provide the effective leadership we desperately need. The Master was originally appointed to the line because of his regular and early attendance at our meetings, plus, perhaps, his ability to make good ham sandwiches or his good companionship as a fishing partner. The new Steward was instructed to assist the Deacons and other officers and he was encouraged to expect advancement through the line. In due course he was elected Master of his Lodge and at his installation he pledged his allegiance to Grand Lodge, promised to observe the Bylaws of his Lodge and to carefully perform "all the duties appertaining to his office." Then he was given fifteen paragraphs of charges and regulations and not once were the words "leader" or "leadership" spoken. We extracted from him a promise to attend Grand Lodge but when we required his pledge to "pay attention to all the duties of Masonry" we immediately gave him an out by adding "on convenient occasions." As a crowning gesture we told him, apparently with tongue in cheek, that

he is now to be installed "Master of Temple Lodge in full confidence of your skill and capacity to govern the same." Then we spent the next twelve months grumbling because he didn't have the gift of leadership.

We have dwelt on this superficial and exaggerated appraisal in a negative, and therefore a non-Masonic manner in order

to emphasize this point. The installation of a Worshipful Master does not automatically assure leadership in a Lodge. Leadership is not a Masonic virtue. We should separate our expectation of Masonic attributes and when leadership qualities are missing, we should be willing to become involved and offer our leadership knowledge to help fill the gap.

Let us turn to our third element and consider the details of the leadership pattern which must prevail if constructive activities are to

be implemented in the Lodge.

1. **The Leader Organizes.** He plans ahead, assigns committees, delegates work, holds officer meetings, gets people involved.

2. **The Leader is Orderly and Regular.** He comes early to the Temple, starts meetings on time, and anticipates problems, acts decisively, avoids late meetings.

3. **The Leader Arranges Interesting Meetings.** He provides instruction, motivation and inspiration, invites guest speakers, recalls great moments in Masonry, holds special nights to generate interest.

4. **The Leader Preserves Landmarks.** He schedules a review and discussion of these to point out their great importance, calls attention when one is involved in Lodge work.

5. **The Leader Enhances Masonry's Image.** He keeps the Temple bright and clean, encourages public ceremonies such as installations, Ladies Nights, School Awards, Church attendance clothed as Masons.

6. **The Leader Follows the Standard Work.** He studies the Ritual regularly and asks other officers to do the

same, encourages corrections, observes work in other Lodges.

7. The Leader Practices Brotherhood. He is considerate, gives credit, shows appreciation, holds honour nights, is responsible and on call when needed.

8. The Leader is Realistic. He faces duties with honesty, withholds praise if it is not due, pulls no punches when hard decisions have to be made.

9. The Leader Adopts a Major Project. He involves the Lodge in something to sustain its interest for several months, or all year, such as a Sojourners Program, a Community Project, a Youth Program, a Bulletin, a Masonic Library.

10. The Leader Sponsors Masonry's High Purpose. He makes meetings a source of inspiration for the spirit, encourages thinking on a high plane, focuses attention on man's potential for excellence and greatness.

Ah, yes, if the Master is gifted with the qualities of leadership, he performs these and similar acts and thus creates opportunity and impetus for an ongoing Lodge program. But if he isn't gifted, how do we help him? How do we give him leadership? The key word is **how**. **How** do we promote leadership when it is missing?

We contend that we are all a part of this drama and that we have a duty to make it work. Some of us may have a personal involvement; each of us has watched the developing picture in our Lodge and has a deep concern for the outcome. We should look in the mirror and say, "You own a piece of this action. Don't give me your old worn out excuse that nobody interferes with the Worshipful Master. What about Brotherhood? What

about Service? What about Unity? What about the Instructive Tongue? What about reminding a Brother in a most friendly manner?"

Obviously, not all who see the need are qualified to lead the leader, but there are those in any group who know at least part of the answer and who can be trusted to provide personal counselling with propriety. This should be encouraged. Practical advice or a discreet suggestion from a respected Brother can often convey a crucial message. Past Masters who have the precious gift of seeing a Lodge problem for its relevance with [2012] and not as a carry-over from [1991] belong in this elite group of private counsellors. District Deputies are uniquely qualified for leadership guidance. Not only were they appointed because of their leadership qualities, but they are charged to assist the Lodges to the best of their ability and they are supported by the authority of the Grand Master. This authority is not used nearly often enough to pry open stubborn doors.

One step beyond private counselling is the action which can be taken within the Lodge by individual officers or Brethren as a means of encouraging decisiveness, thus leadership, on the part of the Master. Proposals can be made for Lodge projects or programs, and discussions can be introduced to bring information into the open and obtain an indication of interest by the Lodge members and set the stage for the Master's decision. Motions for Lodge commitment can be useful in forcing a leadership decision. Such strategy would be utilized for the primary purpose of promoting Lodge activity but

it should be done invariably in a manner to accommodate the Lodge Master and as a step in developing his leadership potential. If he is fully informed of the proposed business before the meeting, then so much the better.

A third type of correction for ineffective leadership is in group study of leadership principles. Lodge officer associations should sponsor such studies through discussion, lecture or seminar programs. Grand Lodge Officers and Committees should be involved in the leadership improvement effort by the offer of instructional programs in Lodges or officer associations. As a last resort, we may look eventually to Grand Lodge for a formal program of leadership training for officers of constituent Lodges. In fact, the time for that may be later than we think.

In summary, although we look to the Worshipful Master for leadership, we often find him with limited ability and we cannot demand more from him; that Lodge leadership is a management function and should not be confused with the philosophical duties of the Master; that when leadership qualities are absent, the welfare of the Lodge is in danger; that the technique of leadership and the pattern of Lodge management can be defined and transmitted as a counselling or training process; that when the need for guidance is evident, those qualified to provide it should do so as a Masonic duty; and, finally, that any action taken should be expressly for the assistance of the Worshipful Master and at his will and pleasure, even when we use a 2 x 4 to get his attention — tenderly, of course.

How Will They Recognize Us? Thoughts on Shibboleth

Bro Allan J Ferguson, *Short Talk Bulletin*, October 2011, Masonic Service Association of North America. (Bro Ferguson, PM, is currently Secretary of Cortlandville Lodge No. 470, Cortland, NY and is a retired United Methodist Pastor.)

Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim; and the men of Gilead defeated Ephraim, because they said, "You are fugitives from Ephraim, you Gileadites—in the heart of Ephraim and Manasseh." Then the Gileadites took the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. Whenever one of the fugitives of Ephraim said, "Let me go over," the men of Gilead would say to him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" When he said, "No," they said to him, "Then say Shibboleth," and he said, "Sibboleth," for he could not pronounce it right. (Judges 12:4–6)

One evening in your Masonic career you heard the Senior Deacon tell you the story of Jephthah in the Book of Judges.

He explained how the men of Ephraim could not pronounce the word "shibboleth" properly because their native language did not have the "sh" sound. Anyone who could pronounce "shibboleth" properly was a friend. Shibboleth is more than a Masonic word, though. Shibboleth entered the English language to mean a distinguishing mark or characteristic.

The lesson shibboleth teaches is important within our Fraternity. Most people recognize us by the rings we wear on our hands or the lapel pins we put on our sports jackets. The persons outside our Craft feel our Fraternity is quaint at best, and demonic at worst. They have heard about US presidents and signers of the Declaration of Independence who made their obligations at an altar of Freemasonry. They

Miscellany

Strathcona Lodge No. 77

Once again the old has passed and a new year is upon us. It's a time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. With open minds, let us take the lessons of the past and move forward into [2012] with more wisdom.

Brethren all, I enjoin you to walk together with me as we face [2012] as a Lodge. Let us move forward united in the common principles of our Craft and veiled in the rich history and traditions of our Lodge. This Lodge has always been known for ritual work, strong bonds and festive boards, and I intend, as a minimum, to keep it that way. However, I can only do this with your support and encouragement.

Craft Masonry is a personal journey. As we go through the degrees and learn the lessons in each, it makes us better persons — persons who practice without hesitation our principal tenets: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and who walk in the pathway of life exuding our cardinal virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. Collectively, we'll have the strength to show to the world what a Mason is like. And, hopefully, we will be able to attract more into our ranks and, more importantly, re-ignite the flame of interest in our Brothers who have not been in Lodge with us for some time now. Let our cabletows be extensions of our bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

WBro Sam Malayang

Avon Glen Lodge No. 170

October in Avon Glen's calendar has again brought us step-up night, with the officers temporarily moving into new chairs. This test, or prove-up, for them

is a chance for more Masonic growth, a time to take on new work, a time to step up to a new challenge or a time to prove to the Lodge that they have the skill set to steward the Lodge for the up-coming year.

As I was moving up through the chairs and came to step-up months, I found the challenge of new work invigorating. One more stone was being put in place as the temple of my Masonic career was raised to a new level. As with all challenges in life, some are easily surmounted and others are long and arduous, but if the mind can conceive and the hand be quick to act, great work can be accomplished.

So Avon Glen Lodge in the month of October had a chance to see its officers in the quarry, cutting out rough stones to be put into the temple of their Masonic careers. Some of the officers were challenged with cutting large stones and some with smaller stones, but all tasks took mental exertion. Some found stone in the quarry that was easily worked, and they were able to true and square their stones with ease, while others may

King Hiram Burns Dinner

King Hiram Lodge No. 21 is holding a **Robbie Burns Day Dinner** for the Brethren, their ladies and guests on 20 January 2012 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. The Banquet is catered by Didsbury Catering. Entertainment provided by the Springbank School of Highland Dancers and by Celtic Musicians. In addition there will be door prizes.

Cocktails at 18 00 h; Banquet at 19 00 h. Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 per couple and are available from:

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have put in the same or more effort but found themselves with a stone more difficult to true.

Now, it has been my experience that the most satisfying achievements are the ones that seem to be the toughest to accomplish. So, to my Brethren still in the quarry working on that stone, remember you are never given more than you can handle, and growth comes with time and effort.

The Great Architect of the Universe has the plans for your Temple and mine, and he will put into your life the people, places and things that you and I need to build our Temples to their greatest splendor. Our labour will be rewarded if we continue to work the stone until true and square. Let us continue to use the twenty-four inch gauge to allot the appropriate measures to their proper places and Avon Glen will continue to enjoy a strong, healthy and vibrant Lodge.

WBro Rick Evjen

Date and Venue Changed For 2012 Communication

Both the date and the venue of the 2012 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge have been changed due to the collapse of the roof of the convention centre at the Red Deer Lodge Hotel last January. Repairs to the facility have been delayed and will not be completed by June 2012. The **new location** is the Sheraton Red Deer Hotel (formerly the Capri Hotel and Convention Centre), The **new dates** are one week later on 15 & 16 June 2012.

You can commence reserving rooms by phone (1-403-346-2091) or email: reservations@capricentre.com. Identify yourself as "Group — Grand Lodge of Alberta" to receive the special rate.

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may have watched a program on television alleging secrets and power we do not have. The information flying through the air waves does not tell who Freemasons really are and what we value most.

So how will people recognize us for who we really are? How will they know if we can say "shibboleth" properly? This takes more than grips, words and ritual knowledge. Think back to your obligations as Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason. We solemnly promised and swore to care for the widows and orphans of worthy brother Masons. We declared we would hold ourselves to higher standards than society holds itself to. These values are the true meaning of shibboleth in our day and place.

Society has become self-centered and greedy. We say "harmony being the support of all institutions." Leaders in

any line of work learn one of their main duties is "conflict management." Conflict management means handling problems between people in such a way that the larger group can get its work done. Resolving the conflict, addressing hurt feelings and repairing broken relationships is not necessary if the group can get on with its work.

We, as Free and Accepted Masons, pledged ourselves to live by morals that valued hard work, care for our families and treating others as they should be treated. What kind of world would this be if people recognized us as Masons by our actions instead of our rings? What kind of society would we have if we created harmony in our work as well as doing our tasks and putting food on our tables? Shibboleth — the thing that makes us distinct as a group — does not have to be a word. It is our work, our play and our attitude toward our neighbours.

Your DDGMs 2011–2012

We are pleased to introduce to our readers the District Deputy Grand Masters serving the Craft in Alberta during the 2011–2012 term.

Alpha District

RWBro Byron Nelson was born 7 August 1971 in New Westminster, BC, but is actually a fourth generation southern Albertan — he was only born in BC as his parents had transferred there for two years for a job. Byron graduated from the University of Calgary in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts and from the University of Wales, Cardiff with an LL.B. (Hons) in 1997. He served as president of his high school and president of his law school, being the first non-Brit to hold that post in 140 years. Byron was admitted to the Law Society of Alberta in 1998 and practices in a law firm with a fellow Freemason. He has been actively involved in the sport of rugby, and is the proud father of two children.



Bro Nelson was in Stampede Chapter, Order of DeMolay from 1986 through to his majority in 1992. He served as Master Councillor of Stampede Chapter (1988), Master Councillor of the Alberta DeMolay Association (1989–1990) and Master Councillor of Canadian DeMolay Parliament (1991–1992). He also received the Chevalier Degree and Representative DeMolay award.

Bro Nelson is a third generation Mason and member of Lodge Renfrew No. 134. Having been initiated in April, passed in May and raised in June of 1993, he served as its Worshipful Master in 2003. He was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies for Grand Lodge in 2009 and is currently a member of the Jurisprudence Committee.

He is also active in the Concordant bodies, as Past First Principal of Otuskwan Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and the current Grand Director of Ceremonies; a member of the Scottish Rite and a very active member of Al Azhar Shriners.

What Masons do...

Now in its 21st year, the Canmore Highland Games are held annually on the Sunday of the Labour Day weekend. The full Highland Games includes a highland dance competition, piping and drumming competition, a heavy sports contest, sheep dog demonstrations, bands, and lots of food, beverages and entertainment, concluding with an evening Ceilidh. Chief of last fall's Highland Games was Past Grand Piper of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, VWBro David Hongisto.



Northern Lights District

RWBro Angus Stewart was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba on 8 May 1946, and grew up on a farm in that area. After graduating in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba, he moved to Alberta in 1972, and was a partner in a ranching operation near Westlock. He later worked for an exploration company drilling for oil and gas in Northern Alberta and British Columbia. For the past 30 years, he has worked in the oilfield drilling and safety training industry.



He and Sara have been happily married for 16 years. They have 2 grown children, and 2 grandchildren.

His interest in Freemasonry was sparked by his father-in-law, who was a member of Waco Lodge No. 92 in Texas. Bro Stewart was initiated and passed in the fall of 1999, and raised in January of 2000 in Evergreen Lodge No. 166. In 2007, he served as its Worshipful Master. He was appointed as a Grand Steward in 2009. He is currently the Vice-president of the Masonic Foundation of Alberta and is also the District Representative. In addition, he is a member of the Edmonton Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and holds an officer position in the Lodge of Perfection.

Battle River District

RWBro Chuck Powell
No biography received.



Yellowhead District

RWBro Arthur Stevens
No biography received.

