



107th Annual Communication

The 107th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., will be held in the **Capri Centre — 3310 – 50th Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta**, commencing on Friday, 15 June 2012 at 09 30 h and continuing on Saturday, 16 June 2012. 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 **Part I.1.L.1** will be conducted by **MWBro Peter Dunlop**, 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, **Part II.1.A.4**.

REGISTRATION & BALLOTING shall begin at **08 00 h, Friday 15 June 2012 and continue until 18 00 h**. Registration and Balloting resumes at **08 00 h, Saturday, 16 June 2012** and closes at **10 00 h**, as per **Part II.1.B.9**.

ACCOMMODATIONS: All reservations are on a first come basis: **Capri Centre Hotel (Sheraton), 1-403-346-2091 or toll free at 1-888-784-3088**. Quote "Freemasons' Annual Communication." The cost of a room is \$129.00 (Standard); \$139.00 (Superior); \$194.00 (Deluxe). Prices in effect until 10 May 2012.

FUNCTION TICKETS: Can be ordered through the Grand Lodge Office (form on page 6). Ticket orders (with payment) **must** be placed before 31 May 2011. Tickets after 31 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 Gerald Waldern 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 2012–2013

Grand Master

Automatic as per section Part I.1.G.2.B

RWBro David A. Roth

Commercial Lodge No. 81 and Camrose Lodge No. 37

Deputy Grand Master &

Grand Master Elect

By acclamation

RWBro John G. Cameron

Crescent Lodge No. 87

Senior Grand Warden

By acclamation

RWBro D. John Slade

Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167

Grand Treasurer

By acclamation

MWBro John D. Hart

Perfection Lodge No. 9

Junior Grand Warden — One to be elected (Bios continued on next page)

RWBro Chris E. Batty

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

Chris E. Batty was born on 6 April 1945 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, UK, to George Hoskins and Marie Therese Marguerite Batty (nee Legueurlier). Chris grew up in post-war England, with memories of rationing and the baby boom, when school class sizes were typically 40+ students. In



RWBro James Ratchford

Rockyford Lodge No. 123

RWBro James Ratchford was born on 3 September 1956 in Kentville, Nova Scotia. He was an "army brat," and therefore had the opportunity to tour this great country of ours from one coast to the other. He settled in Alberta in 1978 and worked in the restaurant industry. It was during this



RWBro Kimberly Greenizan

Airdrie Wild Rose Lodge No. 2001 and Carstairs Lodge No. 20

Kimberly Greenizan was born 30 December 1955 in Murrayville, BC. Bro Greenizan has a BA in Geography and both a Masters and a PhD in Psychology. He is also a Certified Information Systems Manager and a Certified Disaster Recover Planner.



RWBro Colin Reichle

Griesbach Lodge No. 191

RWBro Colin Reichle was born 2 July 1957 and raised in Prince Albert, SK. He has been married for 25 years to his wife, Melanie and they have a grown son, Nicholas, and daughter, Kimberly. His home is now in St. Albert.

At age 16 he joined the Militia and then,



RWBro Chris E. Batty, con't

February 1965, Chris immigrated to Canada, passing through Pier 21 in Halifax on 18 February 1965. While working on a project in Uranium City, Chris met Wendy Yonkers and they were married on 5 May 1978. They have two sons, both in Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, WBro Aaron Batty and Bro Andrew Batty, Junior Warden.

Chris' engineering career commenced with his graduating from the University of Guelph in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science 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 to 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.

Chris' interest in Freemasonry stems from his father, who was a member of Bostall Heath Lodge No. 4492, EC. Chris was initiated into Saskatchewan Lodge on 23 October 1975, passed 27 November 1975 and raised on 8 January 1976. On 10 December 1981, Chris was installed as Master of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 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 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.

RWBro Kimberly Greenizan, con't

He served in the Reserves and Regular Forces from 1974 to 2011, retiring in 2011 with the rank of Major. Kim has held many command and staff positions in the military, including Resources Manager. As a civilian he is a Regulatory Compliance and Security Manager with Raytheon Canada Limited, and also owns Crossfield Storage Solutions (a self-storage company). Kim is Donations Chair of the Airdrie Legion.

Bro Greenizan was initiated in Ottawa's Ionic Lodge No. 526 (GRC) in 1991. He affiliated to Carstairs Lodge No. 20

and was WM 1996–1998. He was DDGM of Phoenix District 2002–2003. He is a Charter Member of the Internet Lodge of Research as JW and a Charter Member of Airdrie Wild Rose Lodge as DoC. He has been the Secretary of Airdrie Wild Rose Lodge since 2004.

He was also Advisor, Stampede Chapter Order of DeMolay 2003–2008 and Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 19 2004–2007, as well as Founder and President of the Airdrie Masonic Temple Association. He was initiated into Royal Arch Masonry in 2006 and is currently Second Principal for Crescent Chapter No. 24.

RWBro James Ratchford, con't

time that he met his best friend and wife, Lorna. They have two daughters, Melissa and Heather, and a son-in-law, Kris. In 1990, James returned to school to obtain his business degree. He currently runs his own business with his sponsor into the Craft, and friend.

James was initiated in June 1996, passed in July and raised in October in Rockyford Lodge No. 123. He has served as its Worshipful Master five times. In 2006 he was DDGM for Dinosaur District. Currently he serves on the Grand Lodge's Board of General Purposes as Vice President and as the Chairman for the Finance Committee.

He is a member of the Royal Arch Masons, where he has served as First Principal of Otuskwan Chapter No. 9. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and is its Auditor. He belongs to Cyprus Preceptory No. 33 of the Knights Templar and is currently the Constable. He is also a member of Cryptic Rite, Red Cross of Constantine and Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He is a member of Al Azhar Shrine and served as director in 2010. Currently he is Commander of the Tin Lizzie Corps.

RWBro Colin Reichle, con't

at 17, the Regular Army. He served in West Germany and Canada as a Field Artillery and then Air Defense Officer for eight years before transferring back to the reserves, where he completed a 22-year career as Deputy Commanding Officer of the North Saskatchewan Regiment and Commanding Officer of 20th Field Artillery Regiment. In between, he completed a BA (Political Science) at the University of Saskatchewan and an MBA at Athabasca University. In his civilian life, he has worked as a Human Resources Director in the transportation industry and then as Executive Director of several large non-profit organizations. He is a Senior Partner with Commonwealth Corporate Support Services Group Canada Ltd. and Executive Director of the Alberta Disability Workers Association. He serves on many non-profit boards in various positions including Chairman of the Royal Commonwealth Society Canada, President of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada, the Kiwanis International Trustee Designate for Canada and

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Program for the 107th Annual Communication

14, 15 and 16 June 2012

Capri Centre Hotel (Sheraton) — Red Deer, Alberta

Thursday, 14 June 2012

Grand Master's Banquet (by invitation)

- 17 00 h Social
- 18 00 h Dinner — **Palermo Room**
- 20 00 h Social Gathering, No Host Bar (all attendees)
Palermo Room — Casual Dress

Friday, 15 June 2012

- 08 00 h Registration/Balloting Opens under the direction of the Grand Registrar
Convention Centre Lobby— Near Tuscany
- 08 00 h Board of General Purposes Meeting (members only and invited observers) — **Santano**
- 09 00 h Formation of Grand Procession
- 09 30 h Grand Lodge Procession

Reception of:

- Past Grand Masters
- Visiting Grand Lodges
- Concordant Bodies
- Special Guests

Presentation of the Colours

Excuse non-Masonic guests

Opening of the 107th Annual Communication (Tyled)

Motion of Loyalty

Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 106th Annual Communication

Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving — Grand Chaplain

Rules of Order

11 30 h **Lunch**

13 00 h **107th Annual Communication reconvenes**

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

18 00 h Balloting and Registration suspended

Evening Program

Grand Lodge Banquet — Tuscany

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, 16 June 2012

08 00 h **Balloting and Registration resumes**

09 00 h **107th 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
 4. Notices of Motion

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 **107th Annual Communication Reconvenes**

Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2012–2013, under the direction of MWBro Gerald Waldern

15 30 h Grand Lodge Closes

15 45 h 2012–2013 Officers' Pictures

17 30 h Incoming Grand Master's evening — BBQ

Ladies' Hospitality — Venetian Room

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.

Agenda & Locations are Subject to Change

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Chairman of the Portugal Canada Chamber of Commerce.

RWBro Colin was initiated, passed, and raised in Asquith Lodge No. 146 GRS in 1986. When he moved to Alberta he affiliated with Griesbach Lodge No. 191, serving as Worshipful Master in 2002. He served as DDGM of Athabasca District in 2009–2010.

He belongs to several York Rite bodies, the Scottish Rite Valley of Edmonton, and Al Shamal Shrine Temple in the Legion of Honor.

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 E. Batty

Current Issues in Alberta Freemasonry

Declining membership

The first issue that must be acknowledged in Alberta Freemasonry is that of the declining membership. When I was initiated into Freemasonry in 1975 our lodge membership stood at about 180. Today our lodge membership stands at 67. Of which there are 12 who are out of town, out of province, and out of country. Of the remaining 55 there are those who can no longer attend due to age or illness. This phenomenon is reflected in a large number of lodges throughout Alberta, Canada, and the USA. See *Freemasons – An Endangered Species?* Kent Henderson & John Belton.

Candidate qualifications

Associated with the first issue is the second issue of candidate qualifications. By qualifications, I mean not only that he has a good reputation but is he keenly and innately interested in self-improvement and the betterment of society? We know that many new initiates disappear after the Entered Apprentice Degree, while others are rarely seen after the Master Masons Degree, and eventually Demit or are Suspended for Non Payment of Dues within a decade. Was there sufficient time spent getting to know the prospective candidate and conversely was there sufficient time spent so the candidate could get to know the members of the lodge?

Training members

The third issue that faces Alberta Freemasonry is the training of its members. How well qualified is the Steward, who is responsible to prepare the new candidate, how well does the Steward reassure and put the candidate at ease? What background does the Secretary or Treasurer have in preparing income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements? Are these documents prepared in a satisfactory manner, do they accurately portray the assets and liabilities of the lodge as well

as its current financial position?

PROPOSALS FOR DEALING WITH CURRENT ISSUES

The series of books by Jim Collins are particularly insightful and may remind us of what we need to know and understand, so that we can address the issues in Alberta Freemasonry. The books include *Good to Great, Why Some Companies Make the Leap... and Others Don't, How the Mighty Fall*, and particularly *Good to Great and the Social Sectors*. Jim Collins’ research clearly confirms what was known by the original stone masons who built the great cathedrals of Europe and the authors of the Masonic Rituals and that is: **“Greatness is not a function of circumstance. Greatness, it turns out, is largely a matter of conscious choice, and discipline.”**

If we desire to improve our lodges, the improvement will only come about by a conscious choice and discipline of the members. Generally, that is by steadily, repeatedly, and continuously applying the principals of Freemasonry to every part of the lodge activities, including the degrees, member training, business meetings, and social functions.

IDEAS FOR LEADING THE CRAFT IN THE FUTURE

Increasing Membership

There appears to be four areas that need to be reviewed when one considers increasing membership. These are: existing members, DeMolay & Job’s Daughters, public awareness, and our outreach charity.

It is through the existing members that a lodge acquires new members. The members must be proud of their

lodge and its activities before they will be inclined to talk to their relations and friends regarding Freemasonry. Or conversely, the meetings and venues need to be so impressive that members are not ashamed to bring their family and friends to the social functions and family & friends festive boards.

Many lodges gain members though the DeMolay and by the boy friends and eventual husbands of the girls in Job’s Daughters. Increasing our support to these youth organizations and our next generation, will ensure that these young men are not lost as future Freemasons.

Freemasons have been very secretive in their activities since the early sixties. This phenomenon is reflective in the percent of the population who are Freemasons in Alberta. (See table below.)

The number of freemasons peaked in 1930 and again in the early 1960’s, since then both the number of Freemasons and the number per capita have steadily declined. It can clearly be seen that if the number of Freemasons per capita moved to 0.6 percent of the population, as it was in 1905, then number of Freemasons would be in excess of 21,000, three times as many as our current membership. We need to find ways to increase our public awareness.

One of the ways that we can increase our public awareness is via Most Worshipful Brother Ross Sheppard’s vision of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary. Increasing our ability to provide bursaries that reflect the ever increasing cost of a higher education and inflation will result in an increased public awareness of the bursary and consequently Freemasons.

Candidate qualifications

Both Henderson & Belton’s *Freemasons — An Endangered Species?*

Year	1905	1930	1940	1960	2010
Alberta Population	185,412	663,872	661,790	1,265,572	3,543,797
Approx. # Freemasons	1,100	14,000	11,000	19,200	7,400
Percent of Population	0.59	2.11	1.66	1.52	0.21

Alberta Municipal Affairs, History of the Grand Lodge of Alberta 1905–1980, & Proceedings Grand Lodge of Alberta 2010

and Jim Collins' *Good to Great and the Social Sectors* have examples of how to improve the enthusiasm of the members and candidates. Henderson & Belton cite exclusivity, five years to become a Master Mason, and annual dues in excess of \$1000.00 under the continental European Grand Lodges. While Jim Collins writes about Wendy Kopp, who obtained corporate funding for recent graduates from such universities as Yale, Harvard, and Michigan to work, with low pay, teaching low income kids in the public education system. Some 97,000 applicants were interviewed and only 14,100 were offered positions. That is a 14.5% acceptance rate, which makes the positions prestigious and sought after for their status and not the pay.

The disappearance of the Entered Apprentices and new members, that Alberta Freemasonry is experiencing, could possibly change if the lodges used greater care, diligence, and time, in reviewing candidate qualifications. The constitution requires that candidates have one year residency in Alberta. Perhaps lodges should consider that prospective candidates be known to a member or the lodge for one year, as a starting point. During this period a greater attempt to see if the prospect is the "right fit" for the lodge, by inviting him to social functions and festive boards. Allowing both the lodge and the prospect a chance to get to know each other prior to what is hoped a "lifetime commitment". Discussions by lodge members, regarding the admission fees to lodges, can also be considered.

Training Members

The history of Freemasonry in Alberta in the past 35 years would tend to suggest that one practice for a degree is insufficient. One practice only allows one to verbally present the lectures of the work. Two practices facilitate the presentation of the lectures and allow more attention to be directed to the scenarios of the floor work. Three practices will, allow the proficient lodge to, ensure that the lectures are going to be done well, that the floor work will be correct, and provide immeasurable training and confidence to the members, so that the lodge will be confident that all will go well on the evening to impress the candidate.

Continuation of the current Grand Lodge training together with a lodge increasing the number of practices, the members will become better trained

in their responsibilities, become more confident in their lodge work, and more capable and useful to society in general. In addition, an improvement in the training of the lodge secretaries and treasurers that includes the preparation of an income and expenditure statement, balance sheet, and cash flow statement will, in the long term, result in a better financial standing of most lodges.

Business Meetings

Business meetings are a necessary aspect of any successful organization. The Master and the Secretary need to get together and review the major items either by telephone or in person so that items can be dealt with efficiently. Further, the Master should endeavour to get each member to participate in the meeting. Inclusion in the business activities builds the lodge, increases member's skills in public speaking, and reduces the frequent comments regarding "boring business meetings".

Social Functions

Organizing successful social functions takes time and team work, they do not happen by themselves. A well-organized successful function that is of interest to all members of the lodge and family members does wonders for the wellbeing of the lodge and its members. A successful function needs to have a well-chosen venue that is clean, with good food, well decorated,

and appropriate.

The conscious choice and the consistent application of the principles of Freemasonry by disciplined members of a lodge is required to move a lodge that is having problems to being a good lodge, and then to move it from a being good lodge to a great lodge.

Just as the great cathedrals of Europe were constructed, Jim Collins clearly articulates that in building greatness there is no single action, no single program, but a conscious choice and a steady application of the fundamental principles that will eventually result in greatness.

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RWBro Kimberley D. Greenizan

As we continue our Masonic journey in the Grand Lodge of Alberta we look to how we have made significant achievements in the past and how times and circumstances have shifted things to affect our present day. In all of this we must continue to learn, grow and achieve. This effort of growth and achievement can be focused on three words:

Connect Collaborate Communicate

Today the world is a more dynamic and fluid society. We handle things with speeds heretofore unheard of and information is the tool of every enterprise. The world of masonry is no different. If we were to look at the communities that we consider ourselves to be part of we will see that for us to connect with them we have to adapt to the technologies that they now consider to be minimum standards. For the most part a significant number of our lodges have done so.

We have advanced in the realm of

technology. We connect with our friends and relatives with cell phones, i-phones, texting, emails, web sites, blogging, twitters, facebook, chat sites, etc. But do we connect to the individuals, the families, the neighbourhoods, the communities? How are we reflected in their minds; not just in our own? Are we considered to be a member of society – by the members of our society? Do we further the ideals, hopes and trials of our community? These are things that we need to consider as we progress ahead on our journey.

This leads me to the next step in that of collaboration. With every community, no matter how small, we will have a diversity of people. Some will have generally accepted ideals and objectives to life and others will be special interest groups. We will surround out children with our beliefs as well as involve them in activities that we hope will add to their growth and understanding of life. In essence, preparing them for life as

an adult. So we must ask ourselves how do we as masons assist them in achieving this?

Do we step forward as a focal point of our community and guide them in the morality, and integrity of life and action? Do we silently assist in those pockets of the community that really need our help but not the recognition that they needed it? Or are we somewhere in the middle. I suggest the latter.

We need to work with the organizations

within our community to make it a better place to live and raise our families, to grow our businesses and help stabilize our economies. To do this we need to collaborate with these groups be they the local library support group, schools, other social societies, youth development teams, etc. By working with them to achieve their aims we help ourselves achieve our own.

That leads us to the last item communicate. Just how well or not so

well does your lodge communicate with your local community. Have you even recognized just what your community is? What boundaries have you placed on this community and do you venture out into it as a mason very often if at all?

Communication is the crux of man's difficulties. It can be the downfall of may well intentioned projects and activities as well as the savior of many others. We often take offense should someone try to circumvent the approval system for their pet project regardless of how it may be a benefit to ourselves. We fail to see the value in it because we are too busy to make sure that they did not get an unfair advantage. Why is this? Most likely because there was insufficient communications to let everyone know what was going on and we weren't given the opportunity to express our concerns. There are also many cases when we had just that opportunity and never bothered to respond. It is being given the opportunity not the details of the quest that concern many individuals in our communities.

Masonry is not different. If we have the true facts and they are intelligently communicated to us we can make very good decisions. We can do this within our Masonic environment but we can also do the same thing in our personal lives. Think of what makes you feel a part of a solution and what makes you feel like an outsider? Then take the steps to be part of the solution by offering others the considerations you would like made to you. Now communicate this to your brethren, to your lodge, to your district and finally to the Grand Lodge.

Like all things in life not all actions can be taken. We live in a certain level of restraint to ourselves, our budgets, our families and our communities. But that does not mean that we cannot

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Once you have determined the number, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return to the Grand Lodge office by **31 May 2012, enclosing your cheque in payment**. No refunds will be given on tickets returned later than 31 May 2012. **Lodge orders will be mailed to the Secretary, but individual orders will be retrievable at the Book Store (Grand Lodge Office) at the Annual Communication.**

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Event	Number	Total Cost
Friday, 15 June 2012		
Grand Lodge Banquet & Entertainment		
Officers: Formal		
Cost \$50.00/person	_____	_____
After 31 May, cost — \$55.00/person		
Saturday, 16 June 2012		
Barbecue — Royal Canadian Legion		
2810 Bremner Avenue		
Cost \$20.00/person	_____	_____
After 31 May, cost — \$25.00/person		
Ladies Program		
Friday, 15 June 2012		
Luncheon		
Tiffany's Restaurant, 3515 – 50 Avenue		
Ordering off the menu — individual choice	_____	_____
Saturday, 16 June 2012		
Luncheon Tea Party at Freemasons' Hall		
Entertainment by Hearts of Harmony		
Cost \$20/person	_____	_____
After 31 May, cost — \$25/person		
Total Payment Enclosed:	_____	_____

Please Note: Tickets will be collected at all events

Grand Master's Itinerary May

- 4 Jasper Park 143 Installation; Jasper
- 5 Jasper Park 143 Outdoor Lodge; Fraternal Visit
- 11 Strathcona 77; Fraternal Visit; Acacia Masonic Hall, Edm
- 13 Al Amira Nile Ceremonial, Edm Shrine Centre
- 14 Evergreen 166 Western Night
- 26 Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, Lethbridge Freemasons' Hall; Re-consecration of Charity Lodge No. 67; Tyle 14 00 h; Cocktails 18 00 h; Banquet Cost \$35

communicate our desires, hopes and aspirations to each other. By connecting with each other and the communities in which we live; by collaborating with ourselves and our communities on joint activities and projects; by having open

and constructive communication with everyone we cannot fail to advance the benefits and strengths of our Masonic Family.

So I ask everyone to consider where they are in their present Masonic

journey and then **Connect** to your community, **Collaborate** your efforts with others, and **Communicate** openly with everyone on your desires, hope and aspirations to help us grow the Masonic family in Alberta.

RWBro James Ratchford

Brethren thank you to all those who have encouraged me to seek this office. We are all brothers born of the same stock and share the same values. We have all knelt at the altar and taken upon ourselves the great and solemn obligations of a Mason. We all understand our responsibility to this great fraternity.

I believe that we belong to the greatest fraternity in the world. We as Masons have the best opportunity in the next years to come to grow this organization back to the days when our numbers exceeded 15,000. Yes my brothers we have the ability to do this by showing forth the lessons of our beloved craft. I do realize that this will not happen right away but we will take the small steps that are required to accomplish this task. Together we can make that brighter tomorrow by moving in unison toward this ultimate goal.

We can create the leaders of tomorrow by offering the young men of today the foundation on which we firmly rely. We do teach many things that make that leader of tomorrow; Public speaking, Dedication, Leadership and management, along with the ability to have a good discourse with any person in any station of life. We create that skill set that, when we first entered Masonry, we did not think we could achieve.

Masonry as I know it has had a profound effect on my life. It has as well for all who take their obligations seriously. We are now at a point in our Grand Jurisdiction where we must focus on keeping the members we have and continue to seek for those who are longing for the lessons our beloved craft teaches us.

Most Worshipful Brother Shimmons program of Strengthening Our Foundation should become a common practice in every lodge. There has also been undertaken a leadership mentoring program that will assist in retaining some of our members. However an education program should be taken on by each lodge. The education process is so important that each lodge should have an education director to assist

the lodge in various platforms to pique the interest of its members. The education can be regarding the lessons for our rituals or a subject that will spur an interesting recourse among the brothers. As an example one lodge held a discussion on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. There was a lively discussion and many of the brethren walked away with a better understanding of what this document means to their rights and freedoms. Another idea expressed it the discussion on wills and estate planning to provide the membership a look into the process of planning for our last and greatest entrance in to the Grand Lodge above. This should provide a way to generate interest among the members and have them looking forward to attending lodge.

To attract new members we should return to our three greatest principles of the fraternity; that of Truth, Relief and Brotherly Love. At the installation of officers the charge to the worshipful Master carries some inspiring words for all to take to heart "charge them to practice outside this lodge those excellent precepts inculcated within." Let the world at large see that we, as masons, can have our differences and still treat each other with respect and brotherly love.

Truth is defined as Fidelity, constancy; sincerity in action, character and utterance. (Merriam Webster) My brothers it is our greatest responsibility to uphold and maintain the truth in all things. The world at large watches us closely and takes note on when we deviate from our principles. We therefore must strictly adhere to these principles no matter the cost. For it is by observing these precepts that we

are judged by our peers and the public at large.

We as members of this Grand Lodge must move forward. To accomplish this let us stand by the three great principles of Free Masonry; as well as the attributes of faith, hope and charity. If we can show the world how we treat each other and the world at large can believe that we are sincere then we can than rebuild the foundation. If we have a solid foundation of Masonic principles and solid reliance on the three great attributes we can rebuild this great organization that we all truly respect and admire.

Relief is defined as "removal or lighting something oppressive, painful or distressing" (Merriam Webster)

Let us spread on charity, not only with finances, in our communities. We need to participate in our neighbourhood and our city. Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, Girl Guides of Canada, Scouts Canada, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, churches and any other thing that we can help with. We can show our true value by extending our hand to those who need it most. By extending our hand to these organizations we will find the Masons of tomorrow.

Brotherly love is that sincere affection that can be expressed between two men. We are to support and uphold our brothers good name and character in his absence as well as in his presence. We are to assist our brother, as long as we do not endanger our families, by offering assistance as far as possible.

My Brothers, together we make a column that cannot be broken. Let us all then focus on the goals of rebuilding our foundation and looking for those who seek our great lessons.

WBro Colin Reichle

What does Freemasonry mean to me?

I was enticed into the craft by my Pipe RSM, a person I was generally in awe of (he subsequently became Grand Master of Saskatchewan) who sidled up to me at the bar in the Saskatoon Garrison Officers Mess and said, "We think you should be in the Lodge". Without any hesitation I said "OK" and

that was the start of the journey. At the time I was a young Captain who had just transferred out of the Regular Army to the Reserves. I knew only what I had read of Freemasonry. but if Donny MacDonald thought I should be a Mason, who was I to argue.

When the blindfold came off in

Asquith Lodge, I looked about the room and could name almost every man in it! The three degrees were a great adventure and being surrounded by people that I knew, many of them for most of my adult life, it was a very warm and comfortable experience. Asquith Lodge put on magnificent festive boards and there was always something going on so you always were eager to make the meetings. I will never forget the feeling of comradery that I enjoyed in my Mother Lodge.

Freemasonry to me has always been about the people, and the friendships that you form amongst your Lodge Brothers. Its also about the far wider range of people that you meet, not only through visiting other Lodges but also the Masons you meet in your everyday life, sometimes when you least expect it, but always a pleasant experience.

With that basis I find that I love every aspect of Freemasonry, as a Fraternity foremost. I think that's what the originators intended, that like-minded men would come together to further their mutual objectives. At one time that was a matter of life and death while today our Brethren are more likely to enjoy the socializing, some the ritual work in the Lodge. And, I notice we all take a deep seated pride in our history, the famous Masons who have gone before, the symbols and traditions of our Craft.

Personally I could care less that the size of Grand Lodge is shrinking. Thats a matter of demographics and generational change. Those who are attracted to the Craft as a fraternity or for the life lessons it teaches, will always come forward. Those are the ones we want, not those intrigued by "The Davinci Code". So, quality is of much greater consequence than quantity. I would much rather sit in Lodge with a Brother that I can expect to see most meetings, someone who is enthused about what the Lodge is doing and who can intelligently discuss any subject that arises. I want to be surrounded by men who I know are most likely to be trustworthy, who share common interests, and who are reliable, good men of good will and integrity – men who take their Masonic oaths seriously and do all they can to live up to their obligations — many don't. It is also important to me that every Brother bring something to the table, some knowledge, skill, interest or passion that will enrich the experience of the Lodge for everyone. But most of all, I want to be with Masons I can call "Brother" on more than one level, and not just in the ritual of the Lodge Room.

Just as there must be harmony in a Lodge, so there must also be harmony amongst Lodges and in Grand Lodge. Masonry is an ancient institution and its traditions encompass a system of self government that has stood the test of time. Our processes, not just in the Lodge but also at the District and Grand Lodge levels are often slow and laborious because we value deliberation and due consideration. That pace of activity has served us well and the processes of participation at Grand Lodge and District have strengthened our jurisdiction and I believe has situated us well in the wider world of International Freemasonry. Peace, order, and good government are Masonic traits!

I am committed to our obligations and the lessons of our ritual. The ritual is the work that initially binds us all. What happens in the Lodge Room is important, as is what happens at the Festive Board as those are the most visible Masonic activities. A Lodge is not a physical building. A Lodge is a teaching institution for a better life. What happens outside the Lodge is the litmus test of how successful Freemasonry

is and that is demonstrated in the day to day behaviour of the Brethren. This teaching mission is of high consequence and it must be the Mission of Grand Lodge, every District and every Lodge to ensure that the preparation and long term assimilation of men into our Fraternity is conducted with care and excellence. Keep an eye on the end product and then the means to get there is obvious.

Back to my initiation experience above – it was wonderful and the journey to date has been fun, instructive, and useful. What strikes me though, is that every man, officer, and NCO that I first saw in my Mother Lodge, we all men of accomplishment, of doing things that made a difference. And all were gentlemen of the highest calibre. They came from all walks of life, had different educational backgrounds, different stories. But all were united in the work of their Lodge, and in their own individual ways, all have made or are making a positive difference in their communities and beyond. I am proud to know them as I am proud to know the many fine men I've met through Lodges in Alberta and across Canada.

Freemasonry is intended to make good men better. I think it is also intended for those good men to then go out of the Lodge, exercise their own initiative and skills, and make their community and the world better. Light out of Darkness!

That's what Freemasonry means to me.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and Regulations

Acacia Lodge No. 11

That Part II Chapter 5 Section B Subsection 5 be amended by adding the following:

II.5.B.5. a

When a Masonic Complaint against the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master is received by the Grand Secretary he shall notify the most Immediate Past Grand Master, resident in the Jurisdiction, who shall chair a committee of three Past Grand Masters. The committee shall be formed from the most immediate Past Grand Masters, resident in the Jurisdiction.

II.5.B.5. b

For purposes of Masonic Complaints against the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, the committee established in II.5.B.5.a shall perform all of the duties normally attributed to the Grand Master under Masonic Trials and Offences, Part II, Chapter 5.

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

By acclamation

RWBro Chris E. Batty

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

Bro Don Stannard

Empire Lodge No. 63

Board of General Purposes

Five to be elected for a three-year term

RWBro Ken Cheel

Patricia Lodge No. 92

RWBro Cheel was born 20 April 1956 in Peterborough, ON into a very strong Masonic family, where his Grandfather, two Uncles and a number of cousins were all members of the Craft — of

course, he didn't know anything about them being members of the Craft until he was of mature age, since membership in the Craft was never discussed outside of Lodge. Ken met his wife Daphne while attending a social event at Trent University in the fall of 1978. They were married in September 1980 and moved to Alberta in the fall of 1981. He has two children, Kaitlin and Kelsey, 23 and 19 years of age respectively.

Bro Cheel has been employed in the computer industry for over 25 years, starting as a programmer and then moving into operations. He is currently employed at Peavey Industries Ltd., at their Head Office in Red Deer as an IT System Administrator.

He was Initiated into Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523 GRC on 6 March 1978, passed to the Second Degree in February 1979 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Hastings Lodge No. 633 GRC in March 1979. He took a demit from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1991.

He became a member of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 in February 1987 and was its Worshipful Master in both 1994 and 2004. He was elected DDGM of Northern Lights District for 2008–2009 and elected to the Board of General Purposes for the years 2009–2012. During his term on the Board he was closely associated with the Grand Lodge Strategic Plan, first as the Chairman of the Leadership Committee, then the President of the Board of General Purposes and finally as the Chairman of the Officers Training Program.

He joined the Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite in February 1991, Mizpah Chapter of Rose Croix in March of the same year and the Alberta Consistory in October 1992. He continued to perform in the Ninth Degree in the Lodge of Perfection.

WBro Michael W. Duffy

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2

WBro Duffy was born in New Mills, Derbyshire, England on 29 May 1954 and immigrated to Canada with his family in 1957, settling in Saskatchewan. Upon graduating High School in Regina in 1972 he returned to England with his ailing grandfather and stayed 3 years, spending 2 of the years with the Metropolitan Police in London.

He returned to Canada and joined the RCMP in 1976 and served in the RCMP for 28 years in Blairmore, Canmore, Banff, Edson, Bow Island, Brooks and Nanton, retiring to Medicine Hat in 2004. In 2006 he was one of the original nine who started the Alberta Sheriff Highway Patrol.

He was initiated October 1977, passed November 1977 and raised December 1977 in Rocky Summit Lodge No. 30 at Frank. While in Edson, he assisted with the Edmonton Police/RCMP Degree Team. During his RCMP career he affiliated with Cascade Lodge No. 5 in Banff and with Nanton Lodge No. 17. After affiliating with Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, he became its Worshipful Master for 2010 and 2011.

RWBro John Fedun

Strathcona Lodge No. 77

RWBro Fedun was born at Nisku on 23 December 1934. He completed his schooling in Breton and Red Deer, worked in the oilpatch for several years and later managed a service station in Calgary before earning a Certification in Public Administration from the U of A. He began work with the Government of Alberta in 1965 as an Administrative Officer, retiring as Senior Manager in 1991. Later, he was appointed Community Board Member, Provincial Traffic Safety Board for four years.

He was initiated, passed and raised in Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15 in 1956, was a founding Charter member of Drayton Valley Lodge No. 182 and served as their first Tyler. A former member of Edmonton Lodge No. 7, he affiliated with Tawatinaw Lodge

No. 71 in 1995 and served as Worshipful Master in 1998, and then affiliated with Strathcona Lodge No. 77 in 2008. He was appointed Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Alberta, for 1999–2000 and Elected DDGM, Athabasca District, 2001–2001. RWBro Fedun served two years as Co-ordinator, Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund, for Athabasca District (2001–2002), served one year as Education Co-ordinator, Athabasca District (2003–2004), served five years as Chairman, Grand Lodge Fraternal Relations Committee (2005–2009) and was appointed for three, three-year terms to the Grand Lodge Trial Commission (North), 2003–2012.

He is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Edmonton, served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Lodge of Perfection, 2001–2002 and was coroneted 33 Degree in September 2007. He was a founding Charter member of Al Shamal Shriners, and after 35 years service, received Life Membership in 1998.

RWBro Don Gillies

St Mark's Lodge No. 118

RWBro Gillies was born 15 November 1942 in Swift Current, and has had a long career as an Electrical Inspector. He was initiated January 1980 in St. Mark's Lodge No. 118 and was Worshipful Master of Rockyford Lodge No. 123 in 1988 and 2000. He was elected as DDGM of Alpha District for 2006–2007 and is the President of the Board of General Purposes for 2011–2012.

VWBro Terry D. Gould

Star of the West Lodge No. 34

Terry was born 9 February 1955, and is married to Penny. They live in Spruce Grove and have four children with two grandchildren. Terry has been a banker for 34 years and is presently a Senior Assistant Vice-President Special Credit in the Head Office for the Canadian Western Bank. He loves to garden, hunt and fish when Lodge permits.

VWBro Gould joined Star of the West Lodge No. 34 in Leduc in 1986 and was its Master in 1994, a Grand Steward of Grand Lodge of Alberta 1996, and Historian for 10 years. He has served as District Secretary and Chairman in various committees for Beaverhills District under three different DDGMs.

He joined North Star Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons, in Edmonton in 1991, was First Principal in 1999, Scribe E during 2005 and Treasurer 2001–2008. He was District No. 1 Secretary and Treasurer starting 1997 and continuing to 2011 except for 2010. He was appointed Grand Master of the Third Veil in 2000, was a member of the Executive Committee 2011–2012 and was elected Grand District Superintendent, District No. 1 in 2001. He was the founding Chairman of the Royal Arch Mason website for Grand Chapter in 2002 and has been website Treasurer since 2002. As an assistant during MExComp Gerry Tetzloff's year as Grand First Principal he updated and redesigned the Grand District Superintendents' Handbook, including an interactive CD for copying reports, hosting and documenting the District Meeting and templates for correspondence. He also produced the Grand Chapter Music CD for the three degrees, which was distributed to all Chapters in Alberta for their continuing use when an organist was not available. He has been a member of the Holy Order of High Priesthood in Alberta since 2000, and MEx President for 2010; a member of Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, Knights Templar, since 1992, Treasurer 2001–2007, Presiding Preceptor 2007, Captain General since 2010 and member of the Finance Committee for the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada since 2001; a Noble in Al Shamal Shrine Temple since 1992 and past member of the Arab Patrol Unit; a member of Cryptic Rite Masons, Zohar Council since 1999 and Thrice Illustrious Master for 2009–2010; a member of Lodge No. 2, Royal Ark Mariners,

and Commander Noah 2009–2010; a member of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Northern Lights Tabernacle since 1999 and EmKtHigh Priest for 2006–2007; a member of Taylor Conclave No. 5, Red Cross of Constantine since 2000 and Orator for 2012; a member of Alberta Rose York Rite College since 2004 and Preceptor for 2011–2012; Past President of the Edmonton Royal Arch Society (2000) and was honoured with admission to the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Western Canada Priory No. 35 in 2010. He is an active participant with memorizing major ritual work in all concordant bodies.

RWBro Gordon M. Harris

Strathcona Lodge No. 77

RWBro Gordon M. Harris was raised and educated in Edmonton and has lived his entire life there. He and his wife, Shirley, have been married for 43 years. They have a daughter, Heather, and a son, Jarrad. Heather is married to Craig Dimond and they have one son, Eastyn. Jarrad recently married Tayla Wendler.

RWBro Harris apprenticed with Canadian Westinghouse as an electrical mechanic. After several years, he went to work with the City of Edmonton in the transportation department as a transit operator. He became involved with the Alberta Transit Union as a shop representative until he was elected as President. In 1997 he left the Union position and went to Special Services in Transit, where he was in charge of the special events taking place in Edmonton. These events included the Commonwealth Games, University Games, the Pope's visit, Heritage Days, football and hockey games, concerts and other events. He was promoted to General Supervisor of Customer Information and filled that position until he retired after 30 years of service.

He has volunteered for over 40 years, starting out as a coach for hockey, ringette and ball. During this time, his teams were successful at the local and the provincial levels. He has held many positions in his volunteer years. He has served as president of Area Council 17 for over 25 years, has been chairperson of Lac Ste. Anne/Lake Isle Water Quality Society, chairperson of Hwy 43 Waste Commission and Mayor/Councillor for the Summer Village of West Cover for 17 years. He also sat on committees for the Provincial Government including the Land Use Framework Review and the Environmental committee. He has received a number of awards, including the Commendation Medal of Canada in 1992 and the medal for outstanding service to the people of Alberta in 2005. He has recently been recognized by the Rotary Club at the Champions for Children Awards night for his contributions. Gordon received the Paul Harris Award, which is the highest award that the Rotary Club gives. As well as his volunteering and involvement with Freemasonry, he keeps busy gardening, building things, travelling, making wine and spending time with his family. He is an avid John Wayne fan and collects memorabilia and antiques.

RWBro Harris was initiated into Freemasonry in 1977 at Edmonton Lodge No. 7. He then went on into the Scottish Rite in 1978 and received his 32nd degree. He joined the Al Azhar Shrine in 1978 and is a founding member of the Al Shamal Shrine in Edmonton. He has been the Shrine Soccer Chairperson since 1995. This program provides soccer uniforms for children. He also served as Worshipful Master of Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71 in 2005.

RWBro Wayne King

North Star Lodge No. 4

Wayne was born 30 August 1941 in Calgary where he completed his early education. In 1959 he joined the RCAF serving in various locations in Canada and the USA until 1982 when he took early retirement. He worked with Dome Petroleum until 1987, then joined Time Air until it was bought out by Canadian Airlines.

He began his Masonic career in 2000 with North Star Lodge

No. 4, becoming Worshipful Master in 2007–2008 and DDGM, Chinookarch District, in 2011.

RWBro Jack P. McBride

Mystic Tie Lodge No. 188

RWBro McBride was born 14 December 1946. He has been married to Gwen for 42 years, and they have three children.

He was initiated, passed and raised in Mystic Tie Lodge in 1993 and was their Worshipful Master in 1999–2000. Jack was DDGM for Northern Lights District in 2009–2010 and Grand Registrar in 2005–2006. Other Masonic positions he has held are President of Central Bureau of Edmonton, Board Member of Freemasons' Hall of Edmonton, Secretary of Northern Lights District, Mystic Tie and West Edmonton Lodge.

RWBro Kenneth H. (Ken) Montgomery

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2

RWBro Montgomery was born 25 September 1955 in Edmonton. Ken is a third generation Albertan. The oldest of five boys, Ken grew up in Edmonton's West end (then the town of Jasper Place) where at one time he shot gophers where West Edmonton Mall now stands. Ken has three sons, Alex, Max and Spencer, all of whom now reside in Edmonton.

In 1976, at the age of 20, Ken signed up with the Edmonton City Police, now called the Edmonton Police Service. Here he spent most of his career as a Detective. Retiring in 2000 he and his wife Brenda then relocated to Medicine Hat where they established their own business, Power Loney Paralegal where Ken now works as a paralegal and court agent.

Ken was initiated into Norwood Lodge No. 90 in Edmonton in 1983 and raised a Master Mason in February 1984. Ken is also a Lewis, his father Lawrence being a member of Redwood Lodge No. 193. While in Edmonton Ken was involved with the Royal Arch, Scottish Rite and the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia. In 1986 he became a Shriner and Charter Member of Al Shamal when they split from Al Azhar. In 1990 Ken was Master of Norwood Lodge and a guest speaker at the 25th Anniversary Banff Springs Workshop. While in Edmonton he was also involved with other Masonic interests, including that of being directly involved in establishing the Masonic Museum at Fort Edmonton Park. In Medicine Hat, Ken affiliated with Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, then Mizpah Lodge No. 35. He was Master of Mizpah in 2008–2009. He is a founding member and past President of the Freemasons of Medicine Hat Burns Club and continues to serve as their secretary. Ken served as DDGM for Palliser District in 2010–2011 and remains a member of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, serving as their Registrar. He is further involved with the Medicine Hat Temple Society, the body that manages the Freemasons' Hall in Medicine Hat, and serves as their secretary and hall rental manager.

RWBro Gerry E. Tetzloff

Redwood Lodge No. 193

RWBro Tetzloff was born 11 June 1933 in Gull Lake, SK. He is presently the owner/operator of Gerico Drug Testing Ltd. in Edmonton.

He was initiated in Edson Lodge No. 68 in 1963 and affiliated with Redwood Lodge No. 193, Edmonton, in 1968, serving as its Worshipful Master in 1973. He was a member of the RCMP Canadian Rite Degree Team 1963–1975. He was elected DDGM, District 20, in 1985 and served on the Board of General Purposes 1985–1986 and 1987–1988. He was a member of the Northern Alberta Veterans' Degree Team for a number of years, served as DDGM Beaverhills District 1995–1996, and appointed a member of the Masonic Trial Committee in 1998. He is an Honorary Life Member of Empire Lodge No. 63 and of Palestine Lodge No. 46.