



108th Annual Communication

The 108th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F.&A.M. will be held at the Ramada Conference Centre, 11834 Kingsway Ave NW, Edmonton, Alberta, commencing on Friday 14 June 2013 at 09 15 h and continuing on Saturday 15 June 2013. When booking the hotel, phone 780-454-5454 and quote "Freemasons' Annual Communication."

Agenda: The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations Part II.1.A.4., will be conducted by MWBro David A. Roth, Grand Master, from the Agenda (printed on page 3), governed by the rules of order as per the Regulations and/or those listed in the Preliminary Report. The Grand Master may revise the Agenda.

Notices of Motion: The Notices of Motions to amend the Constitution and Regulations are to be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Registration and Balloting shall commence at **08 00 h Friday 14 June 2013** and will continue **until 18 00 h** on the first day of the Annual Communication. Registration and balloting **will resume on 15 June 2013 at 08 00 h and closes at 10 00 h** (Part II.1.B.9.). Note: on the Friday evening, there will be no balloting after 18 00 h.

FUNCTION TICKETS: Will be available through the Grand Lodge Office (prices to be determined and announced). Ticket orders (with payment) **must** be placed before 31 May 2013. Tickets after 31 May 2013 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 Peter Dunlop 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 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 2013–2014

Grand Master

Automatic as per section Part I.1.G.2.B
RWBro John G. Cameron
Crescent Lodge No. 87

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

By acclamation
RWBro D. John Slade
Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167

Senior Grand Warden

By acclamation
RWBro Chris E. Batty
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

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 Kimberly Greenizan

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

Kimberly Greenizan was born 20 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.

He served in the Reserves and Regular Forces from 1974 to 2011, retiring in 2011 with the rank of Major. During that time he held many command and staff positions, 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 also Donations Chair of the Airdrie Legion.



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 see 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 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 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 Dino-



RWBro Kimberly Greenizan, con't

Bro Greenizan was initiated in Ottawa's Ionic Lodge No. 526 (GRC) in 1991. He affiliated to Carstairs Lodge No. 20 and was Worshipful Master for 1996-1998. He was DDGM of Phoenix District for 2002-2003. He is a Charter Member of the Internet Lodge of Research as its Junior Warden and a Charter Member of Airdrie Wild Rose Lodge No. 2001 as its Director of Ceremonies. He has been Secretary of Airdrie Wild Rose Lodge since 2004.

He was also Advisor, Stampede Chapter Order of DeMolay for 2003-2008, and Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 19 for 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 First Principal for Crescent Chapter No. 4

RWBro James Ratchford, con't

saur District. Currently he serves on the Grand Lodge's Board of General Purposes as its President and is the Chairman of the Finance Committee. He is a member of the Royal Arch Masons and served as First Principal of Otuskwan Chapter No. 9 in 2008. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and is its Auditor. He belongs to Cyprus Preceptory No. 33 of the Knights Templar and is currently the Presiding Preceptor. He is also a member of the Cryptic Rite, the Red Cross of Constantine, the York Rite College and the Knights Templar Priests. He is also a member of Al Azhar Shrine and served as Director in 2010 and Commander of the Tin Lizzie Corps in 2012. He is currently Treasurer for the PNSA 2013 Organizing Committee.

Candidate Essays

At the Grand Lodge of Alberta Annual Communication held in Medicine Hat in 2005, a resolution was passed to amend Regulation 1.2 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta Constitution and Regulations by adding a subsection that would read:

"Candidates for the position of Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden shall be required to publish, in a regularly published and distributed Grand Lodge of Alberta communication, when their nominations are published, an unedited article of approximately 1000 words, but not less than 500 words, outlining their vision for Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. This article shall focus at least, but not exclusively, on (a) the candidate's description of current issues in Alberta Freemasonry, (b) his proposals for dealing with such issues during the ensuing four years should he progress to the office of Grand Master and (c) his ideas for leading the Craft in Alberta in the future."

This year's essays are presented here in an **unedited** form.

RWBro Kimberly D Greenizan

As we continue our Masonic journey everyone will see the changing landscape of masonry from different perspectives. Some may notice that certain method of old are no longer practiced while others will look to new modern methods and seek to advance them with simple things like email and texting for communications. We have made significant achievements in the past but now time and circumstances have shifted things to affect our present day operations. Even with this we still maintain the links with the past and hold our history as a proud banner of successes. In the face of such changes to technology, world perspectives, and community needs 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 thing 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.

See **Greenizan**, p 4

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 grown 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.

See **Ratchford**, p 4

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Program for the 108th Annual Communication

13, 14 and 15 June 2013

Ramada Conference Centre — Edmonton, Alberta

Thursday, 13 June 2013

- 19 00 h **Grand Master's Social** (informal gathering)
Open to all Freemasons and guests with tickets
BonaniCa Lounge

18 00 h Balloting and Registration suspended

Friday, 14 June 2013

- 08 00 h Registration/Balloting Opens under the direction of the Grand Registrar
Convention Centre Lobby — Near Wildrose Ballroom

- 08 00 h Board of General Purposes Meeting (members only and invited observers)
Wildrose Ballroom

- 09 15 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 108th Annual Communication (Tyled)

Motion of Loyalty

Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 107th Annual Communication

Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving — Grand Chaplain

Rules of Order

- 11 30 h **Lunch**

- 13 00 h **108th Annual Communication reconvenes**

Presentation of the following reports:

Block A — Reports — Operations

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

Block B — Reports — Information

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

Block C — Reports — Financial

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

Block D — Reports — 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

Evening Program

Grand Lodge Banquet — Wildrose Ballroom

- 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, 15 June 2013

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

- 09 00 h **108th Annual Communication reconvenes**

Any reports not completed from Friday's session

Block E — Reports — Legislation

q) Committee on the Work

r) Board of General Purposes

1. Appointment of Auditor 2013

2. Approve 2014 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 **108th Annual Communication Reconvenes**

Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2013–2014, under the direction of MWBro Peter Dunlop

- 15 30 h Grand Lodge Closes

- 15 45 h 2013–2014 Officers' Pictures

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

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

Ladies' Hospitality — BotaniCa Lounge

Note: There will be an enjoyable Ladies Program (details to be forwarded to the Lodge Secretaries)

Agenda & Locations are Subject to Change

Grand Master's Itinerary

May

4 Hanna Lodge No. 78, 100th Anniversary; Hanna

18 Commercial Lodge No. 81, 100th Anniversary; Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton

25 Brooks Lodge No. 73, 100th Anniversary; Brooks

27 Evergreen Lodge No. 166, Western Night; Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton

Greenizan, from p 2.

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 into the future.

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 our 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 embrace the technology so as to connect with the new generations coming forth? Do we prepare them in such a way that they can look towards the ever-changing landscape of technology and information and take the lead in their turn?

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? Do we recognize those especially few areas where pride may sometimes overpower actual need and subtly assist as a good neighbor and friend? Or are we somewhere in the middle. I suggest that we have a way to go just to get into the middle.

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 many well intentioned projects and activities as well as the savior of 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 change for fear of being left behind and forgotten. We fear that someone may get an unfair advantage off our personal efforts. We may be too busy or just too scared to accept change that we don't fully understand. Why? 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, ask our questions and gain that understanding. There are also many cases when we had just that opportunity and never bothered to respond. It is being given the opportunity and not the details of the quest, that concern many individuals in our communities. Masonry is not different. If we have the true facts as best

as they are known today, 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 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 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, hopes and aspirations to help us strengthen the Masonic family in Alberta.

Ratchford, from p 2.

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 discourse 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 in the discussion on wills and estate planning to provide the membership a look into the process of planning for our last and greatest entrance 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 Freemasonry; 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 rebuild the foundation. If we have a solid foundation of Masonic principles and solid reliance on the three great attributed 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, 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 absences 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 focus on the goals of rebuilding our foundation and looking for those who seek our great lessons.

Lastly, each and every Master Mason is a part of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Without you, this great fraternity does not exist. So when you ask what Grand Lodge can do about this problem, you are asking yourself this question, yes, this is a paradox as we are the question and the answer.

Board of General Purposes

Five to be elected for three-year terms

WBro Wayne Allen Barker

Evergreen Lodge No. 166

Bro Barker was born in Edmonton on 1 August 1952. He was initiated into Evergreen Lodge No. 166 on 19 April 1999, passed 19 September 2005 and raised 17 October 2005. He served as Worshipful Master in 2011. He is currently the Masonic Foundation of Alberta Representative for the Northern Lights District and also a Director of the Foundation.

He was employed for over 30 years with the Alberta Government in the Transportation Department and currently with the Surveys Section of Land Titles. He is strongly active in a local community league as Vice-President and President and was instrumental in fundraising to pay off the league’s mortgage. He is also active on the executive and in the production of the local Variety Show, raising funds for community projects.

RWBro Ken Cheel

Patricia Lodge No. 91

Bro Cheel was born 20 April 1956 in Peterborough, Ontario 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.

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 became a member of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 (GLA) in February 1987 and took a demit from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1991. He was Worshipful Master of Saskatchewan Lodge in both 1994 and 2004, was elected DDGM of Northern Lights District 2008–2009 and elected to the Board of General Purposes for the years 2009–2012. During his term on the BGP, he was closely associated with the Grand Lodge Strategic Plan, first as the Chairman of the Leadership Committee, then as 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 continues to perform in the 9th Degree in the Lodge of Perfection.

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 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.

WBro James A. Davis

Strathcona Lodge No. 77

Bro Davis was initiated, passed and raised in September, October and November 2002 in Strathcona Lodge No. 77 and was its Worshipful Master in 2009. An active member in the Lodge, he has qualified, investigated or mentored many initiates over the past 20 years.

He is employed as the Resource Coordinator for a mid-size construction firm (ADCO Power) where his duties primarily revolve around moving equipment and materials from Edmonton to the most remote areas of the world and back. The main focus of the contracts they seek are power house construction, where they supply prime power to a community or mine site where there are no other sources of energy except diesel generators.

RWBro Richard Hopkins

Canada Lodge No. 165

Bro Hopkins joined the Craft in Winnipeg in 1973. During his 23 years in Winnipeg he was Worshipful Master three times and Secretary-Treasurer of the Winnipeg Temple for five years. He moved to Calgary in 1997 and affiliated with Canada Lodge No. 165, serving as its Worshipful Master in 2002. He was elected to the Grand Lodge’s Board of General Purposes for 2000–2004, appointed Senior Grand Deacon in 2004, elected DDGM, Phoenix District for 2005–2006 and again elected to the BGP for 2010–2013. He is currently in

his seventh year as Secretary-Treasurer of Crescent Lodge No. 87 and is the Worshipful Master of the Internet Lodge of Research.

RWBro Wayne King

North Star Lodge No. 4

RWBro Wayne King was born in Calgary in August 1941. After completing public schooling in 1959, he enrolled in the RCAF in September 1959. His career path in the air force as a pilot took him to many stations in Canada and the USA, culminating in appointment as Commanding Officer of 429 Squadron at Winnipeg. He retired in 1982 and returned to Calgary with Dome Petroleum and later to Lethbridge with Time Air. He and Joan were married in 1963, and have two sons, James (PM North Star No. 4) and George.

Wayne was initiated, passed and raised in North Star Lodge No. 4, serving as Master in 2007–2008 and as DDGM for Chinookarch District in 2011–2012. He is a Past First Principal of Shekinah Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons, a member of Acre Preceptory No 66, Knights Templar, and of Alberta Council No. 5, Cryptic Rite Masons. Wayne is also a member of the York Rite College and is seeking affiliation with King George Lodge No. 59. He has maintained an active involvement in Masonry and looks forward to serving as an engaged participant on the Board of General Purposes.

RWBro William Kim Parkyn

St. Mark's Lodge No. 118

Bro Parkyn was born 16 November 1956 in Edmonton. He was initiated 28 September 1998, passed 26 October 1998 and

raised 23 November 1998 in St. Mark's Lodge No. 118. He was its Worshipful Master in 2004 and held the office of Secretary-Treasurer from 2006–2009. He was also the Worshipful Master of the Internet Lodge of Research in 2008. He was appointed Grand Pursuivant in 2010 and is currently DDGM of Alpha District. Bro Parkyn is a software specialist.

VWBro Bruce D. Zawalsky

Griesbach Lodge No. 191

Bro Zawalsky was born 31 March 1964 in York County, Ontario. He was initiated 21 April 1997 in Griesbach Lodge No. 191, passed 30 May 1997 and raised 15 September 1997. He was Worshipful Master in 2003, was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies for 2011–2012, served as Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop in 2008 and continues as an advisor to the Workshop.

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

Elected by acclamation

RWBro Martin G. Bumstead

King George Lodge No. 59

RWBro Andrew C. Pokolinski

Corinthian Lodge No. 22

Board of Benevolence

Elected by acclamation

RWBro Stanley J. Clayton

King George Lodge No. 59

Notices of Motion

Baseline Lodge No. 198

Whereas:

- That Master Masons can now vote we should have one Mason one vote thereby producing an equal system,
- Every Masons attending a Grand Lodge Communication or District meeting, has only one vote and that the practice of Senior Officers of a Lodge claiming additional votes for senior officers not in attendance be abolished.

It Is Therefore Moved:

- That the **Constitution I.1.N. Article 14 sub-section 2** remove the words (subject to... 1.N.3.) and sub-section 3 be removed.
- That the **Regulations II.2.B. sub-section 13** be removed.

Bow River Lodge No. 1

Whereas:

- Jurisprudence Committees are an unnecessary component of a Masonic Grand Lodge structure and, accordingly, many Masonic Jurisdiction do not have such committees; and
- All work performed by Masonic jurisprudence committee may be more expeditiously carried out by Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Master and/or his designates; and
- The Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge of Alberta has, over the past several years, improperly intercepted Notices of Motion formulated by Lodges to be placed on the agendas of Grand Lodge Annual Communications for deliberation and balloting by Masons duly assembled;
- In so doing, has violated established Masonic tenets of

equality and democracy and subverted the right of Alberta Grand Lodge Masons and Lodges to participate without interference in the development of their own Constitution and Regulations as provided by and protected in Article 17 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta;

It Is Therefore Moved:

The Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge of Alberta be dissolved and ARTICLE 11– Part I.1.K.5.a.3 be stricken from the Constitution and all other references to the Jurisprudence Committee in the Constitution and Regulations.

Commercial Lodge No. 81

It Is Moved:

That the existing paragraph **II.2.B.11. of the Regulations** be re-numbered to **II.2.B.11.a.** and that the following added; **II.2.B.11.b.** Notwithstanding the stated duties of the Nominating Committee, if at the time of the Annual District Meeting there are fewer than two nominated candidates, the DDGM shall call for nominations from the floor. If after the initial call and providing sufficient time for further nomination, follow the undernoted procedure:

- if there are no nominated candidates, the DDGM shall report same to the Grand Master;
- if there is only one nominated candidate, the DDGM shall declare the candidate elected by acclamation;
- if there are two or more nominated candidates; the DDGM shall declare nominations closed.

II.2.B.11.c. The DDGM shall permit each nominated

candidate to speak briefly as to his Masonic and personal qualifications and then proceed with the election.

II.2.B.11.d. If the candidate elected is nominated from the floor, the DDGM shall cause a nomination Form 171 to be completed and forwarded to Grand Lodge for verification.

Bow River Lodge No. 1

Constitution Changes:

I.1.H. Article 8 — Qualification for Grand Lodge Office

Whereas:

Past Masters of Lodges should be eligible to become candidates for the office of District Deputy Grand Master in a more timely, manner;

It Is Therefore Moved:

That **Section I.1.H.1.d.** be replaced with:
has served his term in that office.

Regulation Changes:

II.3.J. — Demits and Suspensions

Whereas:

Lodges are unable to effectively manage unpaid dues;

It Is Therefore Moved:

That **Section II.3.J.5.a.** be amended to read (changes in **bold**):

A member of a constituent Lodge, who, on the 31st day of October in any year owes dues for the current year may be suspended, ipso facto,, provided that by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Lodge before such suspension shall take effect, the Lodge may, on a recommendation of a Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master for that purpose, remit one (1) or more years of such dues.

And:

Section II.3.J.5.c. be amended to read (changes in **bold**):
The Worshipful Master of the Lodge may issue a marked demit at the last Regular meeting of the Lodge prior to October 31, to a Brother who stands to be suspended on October 31 of that year. If dues are received before December 31, the Demit would not be issued, and the order would automatically be rescinded.

And:

Section II.3.J.6. be replaced with:
It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Constituent Lodge to send, not later than the last day of September in each year, a special notice of all members who then owe the current year's dues, notifying them that they

From the Lodges

Vermilion Lodge No. 24

WBro Rex Cunningham, WM

Starting out the New Year by doing Degree work in Lodge somehow just seems to be the right and proper thing to do. A new year marks a new beginning in time and, we hope for our newly obligated Brother, a new and satisfying journey into Freemasonry.

Freemasonry has provided, and continues to provide, for me a challenging and most interesting avenue in my life, and I often wonder why I didn't decide

to apply sooner. My excuses were things like family, business interests, community interests, etc. etc., which were all very valid and relevant things in my life at that particular time.

So what were my deciding reasons for wanting to be a Mason? For me there were a few. One was curiosity: what do they do there in that obscure hall at the end of Main Street? I knew quite a few very "high quality" individuals who were members, so I knew that they must be up to something good. But what was it?

There was another reason too, that of seeking like-minded individuals who

showed by their daily living that genuine morality is important in a society where morals for good living are increasingly being tarnished. The 4-H motto "Learn to do by doing" has always rung in my ears, so I thought the only way to know more was to apply for membership.

I think that we all want to make a difference in our earthly lives in some way, and I can certainly say that Freemasonry is helping show me a philosophy of life, if you will, that I trust will help me to live out my mortal days in the best way possible.

will be suspended if dues are not received by October 31.

II.3.M. — Instituting A New Lodge

Whereas:

A new Lodge should require the sponsorship of only one Lodge, as was once the case,

It Is Therefore Moved:

That **Section II.3.M.2.** be replaced with:

The petition must be recommended by a Lodge within the District in which the new Lodge will be instituted.

And:

Section II.3.M.6.b. be replaced with:

A motion recommending a new Lodge may be passed by that Lodge without previous notice.

And:

Section II.3.M.6.c. be replaced with:

The recommendation from the sponsoring Lodge required for a petition must be passed in open Lodge upon regular resolution, signed by the Worshipful Master and have the Seal of the Lodge attached.

And:

Section II.3.M.6.d. be replaced with:

If, in the opinion of the Grand Master, a Lodge recommendation or sponsorship be unreasonably withheld, he may waive such recommendation.

Jurisprudence Committee

Marked Demits Automatic Suspension from Affiliated Lodge

Whereas:

A number of Lodges and Brethren have expressed concern with respect to marked demits and suspensions relating to Brethren who are dual members.

It is recommended that Regulations II.3.J.5.b and II.3.J.11 be amended whereby any member of any Lodge in this jurisdiction holding dual membership in another Lodge in this jurisdiction who is issued a marked demit in one Lodge is likewise automatically suspended from the other Lodge.

The Jurisprudence Committee Therefore Moves:

That Regulation II.3.J.11, along with any other references in the Constitution and Regulations, be amended to read:

A suspended member or a member with a marked demit with dual membership shall be suspended in the respective Lodge until reinstated in each Lodge.

Exemplar Lodge No. 175

WBro Iain Girvan, WM

"Practice? ... We're talkin' 'bout practice. I mean listen, we're sittin' here talkin' 'bout practice, not a game, but we're talkin' 'bout practice. Not the game that I go out there and die for and play every game like it's my last but we're talkin' 'bout practice man. ... Practice... Practice?"

Many of you may know these infamous words uttered by former NBA player Alan Iverson. He failed to see the importance of practice, believing that he was too talented to practice, that it was about what **he** could do and not what **the team** could accomplish. His attitude toward practice and his team made him difficult to deal with and coach. Ultimately, he became more of a detriment to his team than a benefit. He moved from team to team until finally no one in the NBA would sign him. In 2010 he played a short stint in the Turkish Basketball League. He is currently trying to find a way back into the NBA. It is odd that a talented player like Iverson,

rated the fifth greatest NBA shooting guard of all time by EPSN, hasn't been able to find a team in the NBA. Maybe he should rethink his view on practice and a team.

So how does Alan Iverson's story pertain to us as Freemasons? We hear it all the time: "I'm not going to be at practice, but I know my work"; "I have it already"; or "Don't worry, I've done that piece before." Many of us feel that we don't have to show up to practice because we know our work, we know our part. We forget that practice is not just a place to showcase our own abilities but a place where we bring the team's abilities together, iron out logistics and support one another in order to become a cohesive team. It is a place for the less experienced to ask questions and for the more experienced to offer their advice. It also never hurts to go over your part with an audience. No matter how well we know our work, if we don't know what the other members of the team are doing or what changes may have been made we can end up doing more

harm than good.

By coming prepared and participating in the practice you show dedication to and support for your Brethren, the Master, but most importantly the Candidate. When our work is sharp and practiced, we let our new Brethren know how important they are to the Lodge, and the work has much more of an impact. Many of us fondly remember the night we first joined the Lodge and how special the Brethren made it for us. We should strive to pay it forward to the new Brethren of our Lodge and make their night memorable.

Brethren, if you have work in a degree, no matter how small, you should do your best to be at practice. I know this isn't always possible, but in cases where you cannot attend you should take it upon yourself to find out what happened at the practice before the degree and not the night of the degree.

We owe it to our Candidates to do our very best. "Rude matter receives its fine finish from repeated efforts alone." This means practice.

Book Review

Constantine The Emperor, David Potter, Oxford University Press 2013 ISBN: 978-0-19-975586-8 (\$34.95 US), 368 pages

"No Roman Emperor had a larger impact on the modern world than Constantine the Great (282-337). The reason is not simply that he converted to Christianity but that he did so in a way that brought his subjects along after him." This is the thesis the author starts with and uses as his basis for the biography of Constantine. Since at least one Masonic body is interested in Constantine, it is appropriate to review a biography of such a pivotal person in history.

The author places Constantine into his time by reviewing the state of the Roman Empire at the time of Constantine's father, Constantius. The situation was complicated as the system of ruling such a large empire evolved. There was one Emperor and at least two Caesars as his sub-lieutenants. This situation could be stable only as long as the two Caesars were loyal to each other and to the emperor. Constantine rose through the ranks to eventually become the Emperor of the Roman Empire, and established his new capital Constantinople on the site of the old city of Byzantium.

The author presents us with a Constantine who did not instantly

convert to Christianity immediately after the famous Battle of the Milvian Bridge. He rather describes the gradual conversion from paganism to Christianity. Constantine is presented as a visionary who believed that his success in both governing and in battle came from the direct intervention of his God. In governing, Constantine was immensely shrewd. Constantine was careful in the exercise of power. He protected the poor from the rich and the downtrodden from the powerful, but did believe in an orderly society where each person knew his place and responsibilities. He could be swift and savage when need be. He exiled, executed, or drove to suicide his father-in-law, two brothers-in-law, his eldest son, and his once beloved wife, Fausta. One theory is that she was killed by overheating in her bath.

The author also reviews Constantine's conversion to Christianity. The author believes the conversion was gradual, and Constantine did not impose Christianity on the Empire. Instead he encouraged conversion, assisted both Christians and the Church, but did not force the religion on the Empire. Much of the confusion concerning Constantine

and his role in making Christianity the religion of the empire is due to the various biographies written after his death. The first biographer, Eusebius, started this distortion of Constantine's relationship with the Church. The author also disagrees with the image of Constantine as being the intellectual ancestor of the Holocaust and the author of an ultra-conservative version of Christian history. The author paints a more complex intelligent ruler than others before him. It was Constantine who sought peace among various branches of the Church by calling the Council of Nicaea. He was not just a bystander and had a role in formulating the Nicene Creed still used today. He also sought to formalize the setting of the date for Easter. Unfortunately, he was not too successful in that effort.

This book is an interesting read. It contains a timeline and list of the major participants in history. The latter is helpful since many key people had similar names. Anyone interested in learning more about this important historical figure will find the book an easy, but fascinating read.

Loren Kline, PGP