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Brethren;

In discussions with the Grand Line and other advisors, regarding the re-opening of Masonic Events, we, like the government are taking a cautious approach.

With the release of the new guidelines from the Government, allowing more freedoms on movements, we still have the same restrictions on meetings. Please be patient. No one more than I would like to attend Lodge. However, we need to keep ourselves safe and our meetings secure.

With this in mind, the government has set May 14, 2020 as the possible start date of phase 1 reopening. Please be patient and let us find out if enough restrictions can be lifted so we can have our meetings, following the guidelines from the Government.

Brethren, these are trying times, but we will get through them. Please keep up the phone calls and other means of communications to the members of your lodge and other members in general.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Fraternally;

Ken Cheel
Grand Master



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Brethren;

It is with sincere regret that I inform you that the 2020 Annual Communications scheduled for June 11 – 13, will need to be postponed due to the on-going State of Emergency for the Covid-19 pandemic.

As many Brethren will be aware, it is unlikely the restrictions with the State-of-Emergency will be rescinded until mid-July, early August (according to briefings by the federal and provincial governments). Until the state of emergency restrictions are eased, all Lodge Meetings in this jurisdiction are postponed indefinitely.

As some of you might be aware, the Doubletree Hotel started to cancel some of our members booking for our Annual Communications last Thursday, April 9, 2020. The Grand Lodge was not informed by the Hotel in advance. Officially, The Grand Lodge Office informed the Hotel early this morning that GL would be cancelling our Annual Communications booking due to the State of Emergency imposed by the Province, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Grand Lodge does still encourage each lodge to continue to phone and communicate with all their members during this time of isolation. We also continue to encourage the lodges to hold virtual meetings for education, General Purpose, festive boards, or other purposes which the Lodge might think of.

In addition, members of Grand Lodge are evaluating methods to hold our annual communications and tyled Lodge meetings during this State of Emergency. Below, as part of this communication is a Diagram with parameters that need to be considered in presenting appropriate solutions. Of considered importance is our charge:

No member or visiting Brother shall disclose or make known by any means whatsoever out of this Lodge, any of the proceedings or any of the decisions or business of any kind transacted within the Lodge, to anyone not a mason...

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This charge is read to every newly Initiated or Affiliated Mason of a Lodge. In a Tyled lodge we have a Tyler to insure there are no Cowan's or eavesdroppers at the door of the lodge. In a virtual Lodge, how can the Lodge be sure they are not "disclosing or making known by any means whatsoever...any of the proceedings or any of the decisions or business of any kind", when every administrator for every sever, the information flows through, has access to the files. As a former IT Manager and Administrator, my staff and I had unlimited access to all files.

I encourage all Brethren to engage in thoughtful discourse and present options to your Worshipful Master. Those suggestions can then be submitted to the DDGM, who will ensure your options are presented to Grand Lodge.

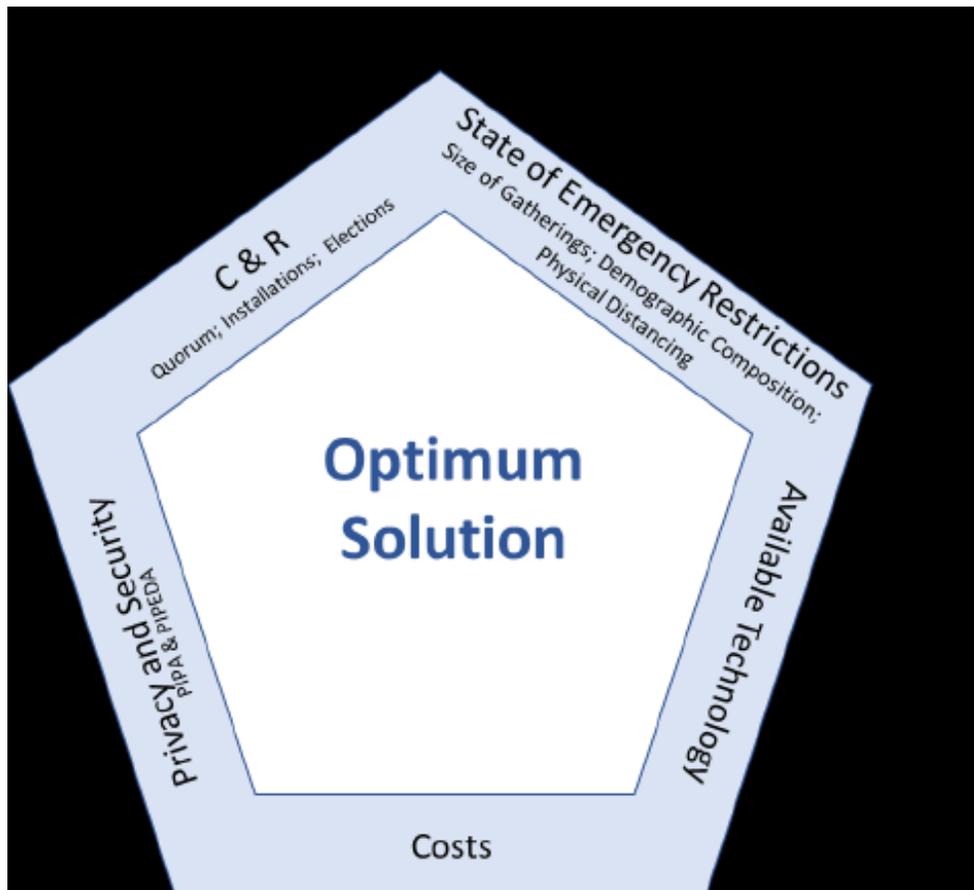


Diagram 1: Considerations to hold tyled Communications

Brethren, during this trying time, please stay safe and healthy. I'm looking forward to seeing you all, in Lodge, in the near future.

Ken Cheel
Grand Master

Elections for 2020-2021

Grand Master

Automatic as per Part 1.1.G.2.B

RWBro Reg Karbonik

Redwood Lodge No. 193
Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

By acclamation

RWBro Terry Murray

St. Mark's No. 118

Senior Grand Warden

By acclamation

RWBro Chris Uchman

Patricia Lodge No.91

Junior Grand Warden

One to be elected

All biographies in this issue have been edited only for style not for content

RWBro Murray Pay

St. Marks Lodge No. 118

RWBro Murray Pay was born April 26, 1943 – London England, his family immigrated to Canada in January, 1948. He was raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Married to Elaine April 23, 1966. Two children — Cynthia Karlyne, Jason Cameron



Employment

Commercial Artist / Display Artist – 1964

Employment opportunity moved Murray and Elaine to Calgary, September 1968; Incorporated design, display and production company Parade Display Productions Ltd incorporated January, 1975; International award winner in designing and producing competition parade floats for Federal, Provincial, City, Community Organizations and Corporations throughout Canada. Show casing for clients and achieving in winning top honours in every major Western Canada parades.

Designing and production of mobile displays for the Opening Ceremonies of the Calgary 1988 Olympics.

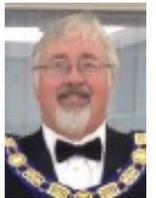
Travel for business created another career opportunity. Corporate Travel Course – SAIT 1991- 1992
Closed business on December 31, 2016.

Agency sales agent – 1992- 1997; Operated registered own Travel Agency 1997 – 2012; affiliated

RWBro Kyle Scott

Aurora Borealis Lodge No.201

Millennium Lodge No.2000



Kyle was born in Winnipeg in 1964, moving to Alberta as a young lad in 1972. Recently remarried, he and his wife Yolanta split their time between their homes in both Edmonton and Calgary.

Kyle is a corporate/commercial lawyer, practicing in Alberta since 1992, currently operating his own practice as the principal of Craft Law Group. Nearly one-third of his career was spent with Suncor (2005-2013), including head of legal and regulatory affairs for Oil Sands based in Fort McMurray. His current practice involves making many “house calls” on clients, with travels across much of the Province, from Calgary to Edmonton and on to Fort McMurray. These travels often overlap with Masonic visits.

While working for Suncor in Fort McMurray, Kyle joined Millennium Lodge No. 2000 in early 2006, taking on the role of Lodge Secretary soon after being raised as a Master Mason. He served as Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer and then Treasurer of Millennium Lodge from 2006-10. He was one of the Charter Members of Aurora-Borealis Lodge No. 201, taking on the role of first Secretary-Treasurer of the then brand new Lodge in 2008-09. Kyle was elected Junior Warden of Aurora-Borealis Lodge in

2009 and served as Master of the Lodge in 2011-12. Despite a transfer back to Calgary in late 2011, Kyle completed his duties as Master and has remained ac

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with an Agency as an outside travel consultant 2012 to present specializing in creating custom individual and group travel.

Volunteer Involvement

Olympic Volunteer as a driver for Australia and New Zealand Chef d' Mission.

White Hat Volunteer – Calgary International Airport 1997-present with over 4500 hours of volunteering.
Prostaid Cancer Volunteer, Fund Raiser since 2015

Masonic History

Bowmont Lodge #181

Initiated – January 21, 1970

Passed – February 18, 1970

Raised – March 18, 1970

St. Mark's Lodge #118 - Affiliated 1974, Worshipful Master, St. Mark's Lodge #118 - 2007

St. Mark's Lodge #118 - Director of Ceremonies – 2014, 2018, 2019

Grand Standard Bearer – 2004-05, District Deputy Grand Master – Alpha District 2016-17

Comely Chairman, Alpha District: - 2007 and 08
Chairman, Alpha District Burns 250th Birthday Dinner – January 25, 2008

Masonic Spring Workshop Chairman – 2009

Elected as committee member – Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund – 2017 – 2020

Fifty Year Jewel – January 25, 2020

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite

Calgary Lodge of Perfection – October 21, 1989 - 14°,
Delta Chapter of Rose Croix – April 12, 1990 - 18°,
Southalta Consistory – November 10, 1990 – 32°.

Commander in Chief, Southalta Consistory – 1999,
Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Lodge of Perfection – 2004, Coroneted Honorary Inspector General 33° -
September 16, 2004

Member of Al Azhar Shriners since 1975

Member of the Tin Lizzie Corp since 1988

Al Azhar Director – 1993

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tive with his two Lodges in Fort McMurray and within that District, serving as DDGM for the Athabasca District in 2014-15.

RWBro Scott's Masonic journey expanded beyond Craft Lodge and across a large part of our Jurisdiction. Kyle continued into Royal Arch (Hangingstone #40), on to Cryptic Right (Zohar Council, Edmonton) and then Preceptory (Edmonton No. 46). Since his return to Calgary, he joined the Scottish Rite (32nd degree, Valley of Calgary) as well as the Al Azhar Shrine, serving with the Mounted Patrol, the Provost Corps (the Al Azhar Piper) and also as a member of the Vintage Car Club. He has more recently affiliated with Otuskwan Royal Arch Chapter #9 in Calgary, as well as joining Conclave (Chinook City No. 29) and the York Rite College in Calgary.

Kyle is the father of four children, two young men and two young ladies, but finally has an "empty nest". This allows Kyle and Yola more freedom to travel, and presents an opportunity for Kyle's offer to serve as Junior Grand Warden.

Many Brethren will know RWBro Scott from his bag-piping at many Masonic Events. He served as Grand Piper three times – Grand Piper North in 2008-09, Grand Piper South in 2013-14, and again as Grand Piper South in 2017-18.

RWBro Scott is completing his third year as an elected member of the Board of General Purposes, and given his legal background and experience, was appointed to, and currently Chairs, the Jurisprudence Committee of the Board.

In his younger days Kyle served in the Reserves (Officer in the King's Own Calgary Regiment), and he has been involved in many Pipe Bands and other Scottish cultural activities since his youth. He is a member of the Legion (Kensington 264) and serves as the Piper for the Calgary Burns Club. He volunteered most seasons (2008-18) to coach his son's hockey teams, remains a guest instructor for a youth pipe band in Calgary (78th Fraser Highlanders), and is an active in a number of charities (Director of Easter Seals Alberta, former Trustee and member of the 78th Frasers, etc.), among other community activities.

An active member of the community, both within and outside of the Lodge.

Grand Treasurer

MWBro John Heart

Perfection Lodge No.9
(acclaimed)

Board of General Purpose

(five to be elected for a 3 year term)

VWBro Robert Thachchuk	No.183
RWBro Morris Nesdaole	No.71
RWBro Steve Kennard	No.59&203
Bro Charles Harris	No.198
WBro Ches Budgell	No.2000
WBro Allan Tarleton	No.95
RWBro David Wright	No.142

VWBro Robert Thachchuk

Sherwood Lodge No.183

Bro Thachchuk was born in Edmonton on 10th September 1946. He was initiated, passed and raised in Sherwood Lodge No.183 in 1992 and served as WM in 1998. He was appointed Grand Steward in 2011-2012. Bob has served on the Board of General Purposes for the last nine years and on the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge for the same period. For four of those years he was the chairman of the finance committee. He was instrumental in establishing a Statement of Investment Policy and Procedure for all the funds of Grand Lodge.

He is a 32nd Degree Mason of the Edmonton Valley of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of Al Shamal Shriners (Edmonton) and served as Potentate in 2012. Bob was employed for 25 years with Edmonton Pipe Industry and administered the Pension and Health Plan. He also sat on a number of company Board of Directors (Chairman on most of them) on behalf of the Pension Plan. He was a Certified General Accountant.

He has been married to Patricia for 50 plus years and has three daughters and five grandchildren. He has maintained an active involvement in Masonry and looks forward to continued service as an active member on the Board of General Purposes.

RWBro Morris Nesdaole

Tawatinw Lodge No.71

I have been an active member of lodge for the past

nineteen years. I am Past Master of both Canadian and York Rite lodges in Alberta. I am the Past District Deputy Grand Master for the Athabasca District. I am also a member of Al Shamal Shrine, Hanging Stone, 20 and Preceptory 46.

I have and continue to be active in my community including Founding Member and Past President of the Bapsiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Committee; Board member of the Athabasca River WPAC, (Water Planning and Advisory Committee); Board member Alberta Water Council; Councilor for the Summer Village of Sunset Beach; Board member of ASVA (Association of Summer Villages of Alberta); and I am on the Provincial Advisory committee for the 3rd Party Fisheries Review of Fishing Regulations in Alberta.

My many years of experience on various Boards and Panels will enable me to bring a broader perspective to the Board of General Purposes.

RWBro Steve Kennard

King George Lodge No.59

Goose and Gridiron Lodge No.203

Steve was born in Ashford Kent in 1957, served in HM Royal Marines 1974-96, moved to Canada in 1997 and has been in Calgary since 1998. He worked for H&R Block from 1998-2016 and with Dunphy & Associates Inc. in Calgary since then. He married Gill in 1979 and they have three sons, Alexander in Vancouver, Thomas & Jon in Calgary.

RWBro Steve was initiated, passed and raised in Per Mare Per Terram Lodge No.9399 UGLE in 1990, he was WM 1997-98. Appointed Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon of Devonshire in 2000.

He affiliated with King George Lodge No.59 in Calgary September 1999, installed as WM 2004, Secretary 2012-16. Appointed as Junior Grand Deacon 2015-16, and District Deputy Grand Master of Phoenix District 2017-18.

Steve is a member of The Royal Arch and the AASR Valley of Calgary. In January 2019 he took over as the editor of the Alberta Freemason, a role he continues with today.

Bro Charles Harris

Baseline Lodge No.198

Bro Harris was born in Lakeside, ON in 1966 where he pursued his roots in agriculture in both research and sales roles. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in his dad's lodge, Doric Corinthian Lodge 569, on March 4, 2009.

A career change into Business Continuity and Emergency Management saw his path go to Ottawa where

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he gained his 32nd Degree with the Valley of Ottawa in May 2011. He moved to Edmonton in January 2012 accepting a position with the Emergency Disaster Management group within Alberta Health Services where he has been working in the Edmonton Zone as an Emergency Management Officer ever since. As part of this role, he has been part of the Emergency Operation Centre where maintaining due process with a level are skills that he will bring to the Board of General Purpose.

He is also working on completing his masters in Emergency Disaster Management at Royal Roads University with a focus towards Surveillance of Infectious Disease and the use of technology in managing a response.

He joined Baseline Lodge No.198 in Spruce Grove where he served as the Secretary of the Lodge for a term of 4 years and also is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Edmonton Valley where he now sits as a Past Most Wise Sovereign for the Mitzpah Chapter of Rose Croix and is active in many of the degrees.

Over the last three years he has sat on the Board of General Purposes with the last two years serving as the Vice President of the Board.

Charles is also involved with Dyslexia Edmonton

where he currently sits a Vice President and has been part of its growth over 7 years seeing 31 children graduate from the program. He is also serving as the Secretary for Freemasons Hall in Edmonton and is active in his church in Spruce Grove where he serves as the Rectors Warden.

When there is free time, activities include skiing, running and the occasional round of golf with a brother.

WBro Ches Budgell

Millennium Lodge No.2000

WBro Budgell is employed by Syncrude in Fort McMurray a business unit leader, responsible for running the Tailings and Lease Development in the Aurora Site. He manages 150 Syn employees and Several contracts and steward to Safe, Profitable and Productive Dept. This provides many opportunities for Team Building Courses. (Responsible for the Morale , training and team building of 6 separate production teams as well as the leadership development.) Attended 7 day Training Session at Harvard University for advanced Coaching and dept. improvement. Attended 3 day seminar on advanced problem solving and logical decision making. Economic Courses. Worked with my peers to develop Training courses for our business unit. Coach the leader courses, we built leadership develop

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ment courses and presented them to the leaders and other employees.

Attended and Completed numerous Coaching, problem solving and Diversity seminars over the past 12 years of advanced leader position.

Past President of the LaScie Recreation Commission (Volunteer Organization) tasked with running the recreation facilities, planning fund raisers, employing stadium employees, park and seasonal workers in a Small town in Newfoundland Canada.

VWBro Allan Tarleton

Kitchener Lodge No.95

VWBro. Allan Tarleton. Born in Calgary Alberta Canada Sunday April 06, 1947. Married Roberta Laverne Saturday August 05, 1967. Together they have two adult children, two Grand Daughters and two VIP's, twin Great Grand Children. VWBro Allan and his wife live in Rimbey Alberta Canada and have since the spring of 2003.

VWBro Allan Tarleton did at one time hold a power engineering certificate and still holds three trade certificates but has removed himself from the work force to retirement for past ten years.

VWBro Allan Tarleton was Initiated, Passed and Raised Canadian Right in Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195 in 1997. After being absent from Masonry for five years and moving to Rimbey Alberta found a Lodge there so took his leave from Fort McMurray Lodge No.195 and affiliated with Kitchener Lodge No.95.

Since being with Kitchener Lodge No.95 he has served in all positions except Chaplain and Tyler, Elected and Served as Worshipful Master Four times and Secretary Treasurer for five years. Appointed Grand Steward 2019 - 2020

RWBro David Wright

Ivanhoe Lodge No.142

RWBro David George Wright was born in Edmonton on November 25, 1966. David grew up in Edmonton and has always been part of the masonic family. Following his brother Robert, he joined Edmonton Chapter, Order of DeMolay in 1981, and was Master Councilor in 1985. Through his active participation and leadership, he was nominated for the degree of Chevalier and received the Representative DeMolay award. As a alumnus , David served several years on the chapter's advisory council and was President of the parent's club. David was also active with DeMolay on the national level where he was an active member of the Canadian Supreme Council of DeMolay - serving until 2001. David received the Cross of Hon-

our for his extensive support and service to DeMolay.

His father Alan was a 25 year member of Dominion Dodge No.117. David was initiated, passed and raised in Ivanhoe Lodge No.142 in 2001 where he reunited with several of his DeMolay brothers. He is an active member within the lodge and was placed in the chair of King Solomon in 2009 and then continued is leadership in the lodge serving as Secretary 2011-14. David was the Northern Lights District secretary 2014-15 and was elected Northern Lights District Deputy Grand Master at the October 2019 District Meeting. David was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Capital City #13 in 2016.

David received an honours diploma as a Telecommunications engineering technologist, along with a P.A.C.E. certificate from N.A.I.T in 1987. he has worked for Novatel Communications 1987. then worked on oilfield machine shops starting with Argus Machine 1988-2001, and has been working for United Tool Supply Ltd. Since 2003.

Board of Benevolence

(two to be elected for a 2 year term)

MWBro Peter Dunlop

Sherwood Lodge No.183

(acclaimed)

Bro Dave Yakimetz

Beacon LodgeNo.190

(acclaimed)

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund

(two to be elected for a 3 year term)

RWBro Gordon Harris

No.71

RWBro Murray Pay

No.118

RWBro Andy Pokolinski

No.20

MWBro Kenn Culbertson

No.166

Bro Frank Yakimchuk

No.190

RWBro Gordon Harris

Tawatinaw Lodge No.71

I am putting my name forward for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee. I am a very strong believer that every student should have the opportunity to have a good education. In the past three years while being a member of the Bursary Committee, I have learned a great dal about how the commit

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tee operates and the benefits the fund provides to students who otherwise might not receive a secondary education. I have seen firsthand the benefit these bursaries have provided as students get degrees in Nursing, Engineering, Medicine, Pharmacy, Teaching and many in the trades. We, as masons, should be very proud of what we have done for our students in Alberta.

I was raised and educated in Edmonton, Alberta, and has lived my entire life there. Gordon and his wife, Shirley, have been married for 52 years. They have a daughter, Heather, and a son, Jarrad. Heather is married to Craig Dimond and they have one son, Eastyn. Jarrad is married to Tayla Wendler and they have three children; Nash, Knox and Navy Marie.

Gordon 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. Gordon became involved with the Alberta Transit Union as a Shop Representative until he was elected as President. In 1977 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. Gordon 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 45 years starting out as a coach for hockey, ringette and ball. During that time the teams were successful at the local and the provincial levels. He has held many positions in his volunteer years. He served as president of Area Council 17 for over 30 years, has been chairperson of Lac Ste. Anne/Lake Isle Water Quality Society, chairperson of HWY 43 Waste Commission and Mayor/Councilor for the Summer Village of West Cove for 17 years. He has also sat on committees for the provincial government including the Land Use Framework Review and the Environmental Committee.

Gordon 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 been recognized by the Rotary Club at the Champion for Children Awards' night for his contributions. He received the Paul Harris Award which is the highest award the Rotary Club gives. In 2012, Gordon received the Queen Elizabeth II "Gratia Regina" Award.

Gordon 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 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. Gordon served as Worshipful Master of Tawatinaw Lodge No.71 in 2005. He was elected to serve the Athabasca district as DDGM in 2010 and was installed in 2011. Gordon is now a member in good standing with Tawatinaw Lodge No.71 Elected to the Board of General Purposes in 2012, 2015 and 2018 and was assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee for three years.

Gordon was the coordinator for training in N.E. Alberta and conducted many leadership courses including training for secretaries. He was asked by the Grand Masters to review and make recommendations for insurance for both the Grand Lodge and the Lodges in Alberta.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite and participates in many degrees. He coordinated all the regalia for all the degrees for many years and was also the committee to review issues with the building. He is a member of Al Shamal Shrine and is the chairman of the Building Committee as well as the Soccer Chairperson.

As well as his volunteering and involvement with Freemasonry, he keeps busy gardening, building things, traveling, and spending time with his family. He is an avid John Wayne fan and collect memorabilia and antiques.

RWBro Murray Pay

St Marks Lodge No.118

(See his bio as JGW)

RWBro Andy Pokolinski

Carstairs Lodge No.20

RWBro Andy was initiated in Jordan Lodge #177, 22 April 1998. Passed, 23 September 1998. Raised, 25 November 1998. Served as WM in Jordan in both 2003 and 2004. (Two terms). Served as WM in Crescent Lodge #87 in 2009. Served as WM in Carstairs Lodge #20 in 2018. Appointed to the position of Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2008 and elected to the position of DDGM Phoenix District in 2010. I have previously served on the MHEBF Committee from 2013 until 2018.

MWBro Kenn Culbertson

Evergreen Lodge No.166

Very early in my Masonic journey I was tasked with being the Northern Lights District representative for

Culbertson, from page 9

the MHEBF by RWBro Jack McBride. The presentation that I gave at the district meeting was my first opportunity for public speaking since my involvement in the Royal Canadian Air Cadets many years before.

I nervously researched the information regarding the bursary and wanted to inspire our Brethren to give if it was in their power; little did I know that this would be the start of a Masonic journey that would lead to my being Grand Master of Alberta. During my next formative years as a Mason I truly enjoyed every time that I had to interact with the MHEBF as a DDGM elect and as a Grand Line Officer. The young men and women of Alberta who receive these bursaries are truly fine students and are among the most needy that apply for assistance.

I would ask to be given the chance to serve on the MHEB Committee as that committee moves into a future as a charitable fund, a not-for-profit organization, separate from the Grand Lodge of Alberta. These are exciting times for our Masonic Fund, and I hope to serve the best way I know how with dedication and determination.

Bro Frank Yakimchuk

Beacon Lodge No.190

I was born in Toronto on 1953-04-05 and lived there with my mother until we moved to NS in 1958. I grew up in Halifax and was actively involved with sports from a very young age. During my school years, my primary sporting interests were football and rugby although I also played hockey and lacrosse. In 1976 I started Power Lifting and had a very successful run in this sport, competing in Canadian and World events, and winning several titles.

My university education was completed in Halifax from 1971 to 1975. I have a BA from St. Mary's University (SMU) where I also achieved great success as a varsity athlete with the SMU Football team. Our team was inducted into the NS Sports Hall of Fame and in 2018 I was inducted into the SMU Sports Hall of Fame for my football achievements. As well, I have a B.Ed from SMU and certificates in Criminology (SMU) and Human Resources (SMU).

In 1979 I joined the Halifax Police Dept as a Constable. I had a great career and was fortunate to work as a uniformed police officer and plain clothes member with Major Crime, Juvenile Prostitution, Casino Detail, and a JFO with the RCMP Drug Unit. I was seconded to the Atlantic Police Academy in Slemon Park (PEI) from 1993 to 1995 where I taught programs to cadets in police training, Corrections and Law & Security. One of the highlights of my second-

ment was meeting my wife Tammy and her three daughters Tara, Trish & Tianna.

I retired as a policeman in 2003 with 24+ years of service. In 1995 Tammy & I moved back to NS where we remained until Tammy took a transfer with the RCMP to Yellowknife (NT) in 2008. I returned to the work force with the Corp of Commissionaires and worked in RCMP cells during our five-year stay in Yellowknife. We transferred to Red Deer in 2013 and I continued working as a jail guard with the Red Deer RCMP Detachment. I eventually transferred to the Photo Radar Unit until May 2019 when I officially retired from the workforce.

We enjoy living across the street from our two grandsons Gabe and Ben. It is very rewarding to be part of their lives and we love doing activities with them.

My interest in community involvement has continued since we moved to Red Deer and I have been on various committees and a member of several Boards of Directors. I have also been a Rotarian for the past 17 years and was President in Halifax, Yellowknife and the Rotary E-Club of Canada One.

One of my life-long goals has to become a Mason. Both of my brother-in-laws are Masons along with several friends. I have enjoyed the challenges of pursuing Masonry and I continue to study same, currently in the Templar Knights order.

I am a Junior Deacon in my lodge. Throughout my life, I have been a coach, trainer and mentor to many people of all ages. Two years ago, I established a scholarship fund at St. Mary's University to assist athletes in their studies. This was an initiative to honor my late mother, a single parent whose constant support helped me to achieve many accomplishments in athletics and life. My athletic pursuits have been beneficial to me throughout my career and in many facets of my life.

I believe that my life and work experience would enable me to be a productive member of "Masonic Education Bursary Committee". I understand the importance of financial assistance to young people pursuing an education.

Jurisprudence

(Two to be elected for a 2 year term)

MWBro Ken Cheel

Saskatchewan Lodge No.92

(acclaimed)

RWBro Kimberly Greenizon

Carstairs Lodge No.20

(acclaimed)

Junior Grand Warden's Essays

RWBro Murray Pay

Freemasonry and the Future

With approximately 5600 members provincially and territorial wide, there were only 497 members of the attendees who voted at the 2019 Grand Lodge Communications held in Calgary. That is 9% of the membership making decisions. More than 50% attending coming from major centres with only a few travelling from the far reaches of the jurisdiction to attend. There is a need to make changes to the rules and address technology to encourage participation.

I propose to introduce that Grand Lodge form a committee to investigate changes to explore a system of voting on line. This system could allow all masons anywhere within the jurisdiction to be able sign in on a computer from his home or from a district polling office. This could include the possibility of an option of voting at an advance pole. He would be able to vote on all motions and balloting of candidates for the various offices with the same as if he attended the meeting. There is enough talent within our fraternity with the computer technology who could be approached to develop a system that will meet our needs. This would increase membership involvement for those who find it not convenient in attending the annual Grand Communication. Voting electronically would take some exploring and if adopted would result in changes to be addressed in our legislation.

Video Conferencing should be considered when it requires province wide gatherings. Skype and Go to Meeting as a conference tool is being used by various Grand Lodge sub committees. If adopted, there are advantages for larger gatherings as a time and expense saving with the business of the fraternity. The ideas are numerous and have the advantage of getting the members to attend at a great destination as well as participating remotely. This is being done in small and large board rooms in every facet of governments and industry globally. Recently, the Scottish Rite nationally in September 2019 held a video conference meeting instead of an annual destination conference. What was usually a 4-day event turned into accomplishing the business of the Rite in four hours. Realizing they do not elect officers annually, it did prove cost efficient. I propose Grand Lodge initiate a trial video conferencing meeting for large meeting attendance such as General Purpose Committee. In this age, there is a need to investigate and take advantage of

the digital technology to improve how we communicate with its 5600 members.

Membership is at a crucial stage as it is the heart of Freemasonry. It is a known fact more come by way of the larger internet network which includes interest from the Millennial Generation. Their demographics show they have finished their education, possibly married, with children, own a home and are actively involved with their family life in communities. Many of the Millennials are as diversified multiculturally as well they are of different faiths. It is a known fact from what they find on line, they instantaneously know far more about Freemasonry than the well-seasoned mason. Then why do they want to belong to an institution that hasn't changed much over 300 years? This generation comes to Freemasonry with a common goal, searching for a higher power of knowledge and wants to embrace self-realization with a common brotherhood, which matches their values, standards and reflects inclusion.

They may see Freemasonry as that opportunity, and it is important what is discovered on line reflects those values. We have an opportunity to show the benefits of becoming a Freemason and to reach out to all young men especially those from diversified backgrounds. Our websites should show it is not just an information site for it's' members but a site extolling the virtues of the fraternity and family while protecting, keeping our original values of what is found within our landmarks. To project that image, I propose to organize a webinar school for any lodge within the jurisdiction with skilled instructors to teach how to produce and improve websites. Results would find not only Millennials but common interested men seeking information about Freemasonry. A good website likely will attract attention but a great website will attract those young men to knock on your lodge door.

Finally, Freemasonry in years gone by was the bastion of the community and it was considered prestigious to belong. Though it still an honour and a prestigious fraternity, that has changed. As cities grew there became multiple choices of belonging to other organizations and Freemasonry is no longer a higher profile as it once was. We need to be more proactive within our communities.

Start by invitation to our local community business leaders and local news makers to be a guest speaker and to join our assemblies as an example to break bread with us. It is time we are more inviting by removing the mystery of Freemasonry by opening our

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doors more often to showcase the good works this fraternity does within the community.

The world is changing and is changing faster than what one thought it would. The world wide web has shown it is an efficient tool and a benefit for the fraternity, no matter where they reside in this jurisdiction as an opportunity to participate. As self-isolation recently has taken control of our lives, it is all the more important to utilize the digital world to reach out to all as a tool to connect to all of the membership. It does not replace the personal phone connection especially to those who are isolated due to age and illness. The extension of the hand of friendship is a strong, welcoming, united bond to all.

Embrace the past with the knowledge of experience and wisdom to inspire combined with what are good and great of today. Place more effective use with self-affirmation for the future positively. The combination of both is the stability for where Freemasonry and the Future should be.

To be elected as the Junior Grand Warden, I will strive to focus as part of a team to extend the light of Freemasonry within and without as I always have done with dignity, diligence and perseverance.

RWBro Murray Pay

RWBro Kyle Scott

There are several issues facing Freemasonry, most of which are in no way novel. With respect to the continuing decline in membership, I believe we have taken many positive steps to address this, especially in the quality of candidates that our Lodges are attracting. For further discussion on the issues of candidate recruitment and related issues, I refer to my Article published in the May 2019 Alberta Freemason.

There are other issues facing our Grand Lodge, many of which are met with a general resistance to change within our organization.

I, like most Masons, fundamentally believe “if its not broke, don’t fix it” and have taken an oath to maintain the ancient landmarks and customs.

So, a question remains – what change is needed (if any)?

I will always remember the interview as Worshipful Master Elect by three Past Masters of my Lodge. They reviewed many key issues, but I recall their very sage advice “You’ll have one year to sit in the East, so you should decide which single issue you want to complete, another issue to progress and possibly complete, and perhaps one more issue on your wish list. That is the best you can hope for and to do more would cause you, and the Lodge, undue strain.”

Wise words indeed.

If chosen by the Brethren to serve as Junior Grand Warden, with the expectation to thereafter rise to Grand Master, this is a credo I intend to follow. Should numbers of Masons continue to be shrinking, a main focus of mine will be proper and effective solicitation of qualified candidates. Should the Constitution and Regulations, which have not had a full review and revision since the late 1990’s still be suffering piecemeal amendments that are becoming more and more difficult to follow in some areas, then a focus would be to complete an overall update of the C&R. Given the current constraints on Lodge meetings as a result of the Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, perhaps a more flexible approach to what Lodge business (definitely not degrees) can be conducted in a more flexible manner should be looked at (assuming the first two areas have been adequately addressed).

Again, if its not broke, don’t fix it, but where we know we can make improvements, without altering the framework and foundation of Masonry, and there is an opportunity to do so, let us not shrink from moving forward. As Peter Drucker said, “*Knowledge has to be improved, challenged and increased constantly or it vanishes.*”

The common perception is that Masonry is not to be changed. However, have we not all been taught that “*Masonry is a progressive science?*” Has our Order not been at the front of change at key times in history - “*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal...*”? This has been the key message of many of our recent Grand Masters - Masonry must continue to move forward.

We are not writing about changing the ancient usages, customs and landmarks or our Order. We are speaking to the issue of more effective governance of our Craft. One of the reasons that Grand Lodge 2020 is likely to be delayed is that even if the Province’s current 15 person maximum meeting restriction is relaxed back to 50 persons, we cannot effectively hold

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Grand Lodge. Minimum quorum is 50 and it currently takes over 80 members from all ranks to transact the business of our Grand Lodge.

What has not changed (and should never be changed) within Masonry is our principle beliefs. What was previously identified by past Grand Masters or other senior members of the Craft evolved into various Committees that have all been important to the Craft. These evolved over time into their present structure. They are not “set in stone”. Recent efforts to rationalize various responsibilities into the Communications Committee have been successful. We know certain areas of our C&R have fallen behind current practices outside of our Lodges and while they are still effective, opportunities will arise to allow for modernization of such management (or other administrative or legal) processes and the current Grand Lodge Officers and their successors should not shy away from moving forward, one step at a time.

Let us resist the opportunity to allow our Grand Lodge to regress into an “ungainly” and ineffective organization bound by administrative structures and traditions that most of our members have forgotten. Let us not simply layer a series of progressive advances on top of our strong tendency to avoid change. We can continue to move steadily forward to update the management of Freemasonry in Alberta, as John Maxwell stated, *“Don’t chase perfection as a leader – chase improvement. Make today better than yesterday so tomorrow can be better than today.”*

Again, as per the sage advice I received those many years ago, it is our place as leaders of the Craft, no matter how we serve the craft, to have a vision of what should be done and to build consensus to move forward, knowing that there is only so much that can be accomplished in a single year.

Our Grand Lodge has been around since the birth of the Province of Alberta in 1905. Now with our 115th Grand Master, many of our pressing issues remain the same. What have we accomplished? Many accomplished Brethren have passed through our Lodges and concordant bodies - that is what we have accomplished. These men have left their mark on us and upon our Craft.

Every Mason in our jurisdiction should strive to avoid creating more bureaucracy. When we create more and more administrative rules to control or manage our Craft, these are arguably based on doubts of our members’ honour. We are better off using our

proven methods of guarding the west gate, ensuring our Brethren are men of good character, and then making good men better through Masonic education and traditions. Methods to correct such issues begin with using the tools we have always had along with remembering the advice from those that came before us. A good man (and Brother) is one that has honourable core values and fundamentally knows the difference between right and wrong. The leadership of the Craft should be focused on superintending, coaching and establishing the environment for all our members to be better men. Let us spend time with those that know the difference between responsibility and a job. A truthful man knows that his obligations make him a better man. Any Grand Master, completing his time within the Grand Line, wants to leave his office knowing that he impacted the membership positively, also allowing the Brethren to positively impact him. We all continue to have room to learn.

Those Brethren who know me, and I have endeavoured to travel and visit across most of the Province over the years, know that I am approachable, will listen to positions, agree or disagree and/or provide input, and that I am flexible in my outlook. My focus as Master of my Lodge, which had made great progress in the Work, was to maintain our standards in conducting business and degrees, but to inject more levity and expand the social side of Lodge (Festive Boards, social events). All work and no play makes for a less than happy Lodge, and we should all strive to be happy. That year we were a very happy and successful “work hard, play hard” Lodge and I was happy to hand the Lodge off to my successor in as good or better shape than when I had been placed in the East. This is always the aim of a Mason – to maintain or improve. Key character traits of most Masons include “dedication” and “determination” – if a man is going to bother to do something, he may as well do it right! Words that I have lived by and would apply to my service in the Grand Line, if chosen.

Extensive travel and other time commitments are expected of Grand Line Officers. This is understood by both my wife and I. On that note, we maintain homes in both Edmonton and Calgary and I am active in Masonic bodies in both of our principal cities while continuing to be active (when I can) in my Lodges, both of which are based in Fort McMurray. I believe between Lodge or District Meeting visits, that I have visited more than half of the Districts and nearly half of the Lodges in Alberta, from Cowley to Fort McMurray and from Medicine Hat to Grande Prairie. Those travels will continue. I have attended every

Grand Lodge Communication since 2008 (Lethbridge) and have worked with many Grand Masters, other Grand Lodge Officers, Lodges and Brethren in general, including the past three years on the Board of General Purposes, serving on multiple committees, including Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. Masonry has not been my only community service, and I also bring to the management of the Craft my experience in business and as a Lawyer. For those Brethren who know me, and especially for those that do not, my Masonic focus is not “all work, no play” – Brotherly love, relief and truth is achieved not just within the formal Lodge meetings, but in our many social gatherings and interactions.

Masonry has been around for ages because it is valuable, it is a lifestyle that triumphs, and the golden rule embodied by all Masons attracts respectable men. The ambition of every Grand Lodge Officer should be the relentless pursuit of living as a good and honest man and conveying this message. Through ritual, interpersonal skills to lead others in positive change, personal growth, working for the effective governance of the Craft, understanding the purpose or true reason

for our administrative rules and bureaucracy. As with any Mason, it would be my objective to improve, nay return, our Craft to one of personal enlightenment, spiritual growth and “happiness”.

Our degrees provide much of the knowledge and wisdom a Brother needs to improve the foundation and structure that is square, true, trustworthy and upright. As a Grand Lodge Officer, one commits to the greater good of the Craft and its ideals. As influencers, we endeavour to give every Brother the opportunities to embody the ideals of a freemason. As in our ritual, it should be the goal of every Mason in our jurisdiction to aspire to be that man - *“If you, my Brethren, meet such a man, you will see the personification of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason.”* [Installation of Officers, General Charge, GRA].

For all the above reasons, I would be humbled and honoured to serve the Brethren of this Grand Lodge in the coming years as a member of the Grand Line.

RWBro Kyle Scott

NOTICE OF MOTION #2020-01

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES

I will move that the regulation II.1.F be amended to include:

II.1.F.DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

1. The Grand Secretary

- r. shall, within not less than thirty (30) days following any changes, amendments or alterations to the Constitution or these Regulations, provide fulsome notice of such changes, amendments or alterations to each constituent Lodge of this Jurisdiction, primarily by formal notice to the Secretary of each Lodge, and shall cause the Constitution and Regulations as published on the Grand Lodge website to be updated to include such changes, amendments or alterations within a reasonable time period following the coming into force of such changes, amendments or alterations.

The effect of these changes will by no means limit or restrict the Grand Lodge or the Board of General Purposes to institute change to the regulations, but will ensure that those changes put into effect be communicated to the subordinate lodges, and that the final ratification of said changes at the Annual communication be made with a clear mention of them in

the report of the Board. Transparency in the governance of the craft, at least where it pertains to changes to the regulations, will be protected without hampering the powers of Grand Lodge. It also ensures that changes to the regulations are not delegated to a smaller group, which may not have full representation of the members of the Board of General Purposes, which ought to include the elected “members at large” as elected from the craft.

Without these changes as proposed, the Board of General purposes could approve an amendment, change or alteration of the regulations at the first meeting after Annual Communication and said change would immediately take effect, without any need to inform the craft of this change until the report of the board at the Annual Communication, potentially 11 months later. Ensuring that the report must clearly mention the change allows the craft to clearly know what actions of the board they are being asked to ratify.

At this point in time, Grand Lodge has already adopted this recommendation, however, entrenching this procedure in the regulations will ensure that this practice remains in place as a requirement, rather than a recommended best practice which can be adhered to or abandoned.

Moved by RWBro David G. Wright, DDGM Northern Lights District

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NOTE FROM GRAND SECRETARY:

The above motion is on the agenda for the Board of General Purposes meeting in May and is therefore subject to the approval of the Board Members and ratification at the Grand Lodge Communication.

NOTICE OF MOTION #2020-02

ADVERTISING

The motion to amend Regulation II.1.G.13.c to read:

“The materials shall be of general interest to the Craft and shall include special events occurring in this Jurisdiction. There shall be paid advertising allowed in the Alberta Freemason.”

This motion was carried at the January General Purpose Meeting and is in effect. It is subject to ratification at Annual Communication.

Moved by MWBro. James Ratchford

NOTICE OF MOTION #2020-03

NAME CHANGE

The name of the Grand Lodge of Alberta AF and AM Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee be changed to the Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund, and

The Grand Lodge will, as soon as reasonably possible, and no later than June 15, 2020, notify the Canada Revenue Agency and The Canadian Charities Directorate of the above name change of the Bursary Fund Committee

Moved by RWBro. Kyle Scott

NOTICE OF MOTION #2020-04

BURSARY TRANSITION

RECOMMENDATIONS

(Including Proposed Motions)

of the Special Committee re Bursary Transition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

For the Grand Lodge Annual Communication of 2020 06 12

Committee Members: R. W. Bro. Kyle Scott,
Chairman

W. Bro. Mason Dodds

M. W. Bro. Chris E. Batty

The Committee was formed following the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Alberta AF&AM (“Grand Lodge”) Board of General Purposes (“BOGP”) Meeting held January 9, 2020, and provided its report to the BOGP at the BOGP Meeting held March 12, 2020, where the proposed Motions received the approval of the BOGP. The Special Committee had been charged with making recommendations for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee (the MHEBF”) to become more independent of Grand Lodge, and had provided general guidelines.

This Special Committee was formed with a representative of the former Special Committee (Kyle Scott), a representative of the MHEBF (Chris Batty) and a third brother, DDGM-elect Mason Dodds, to review the structure and steps to proceed with making the MHEBF more separate from, and independent of, Grand Lodge.

The Special Committee met three times in February and March, reaching a number of critical decisions on how best to proceed and then preparing documents to effect the transition to a more independent MHEBF.

The Special Committee strongly recommends that the MHEBF should be split off to be more independent than the current structure, that the governing Board of the MHEBF should consist of only seven (7) voting members – with six (6) elected (two each for three year terms, as per the current Committee), plus the Grand Master (or his designate). The other members of the Grand Line are encouraged to participate as non-voting members of the MHEBF (to be more prepared for their year as Grand Master).

We are presenting a set of Motions for consideration as a “single package” – the full slate (with or without minor amendments) should be passed or there is little point in taking fewer steps piecemeal. These Motions comprise the following:

Separate the MHEBF by deleting most references to that entity within the C&R.

Allowing the Grand Lodge to specify one or more “preferred charities” – with that power to reside

with the BOGP, with the current MHEBF being specified as a preferred charity (since 1957).

Specifying the duties/responsibilities of the Grand Master (or his designate) as the one voting representative from the Grand Lodge management group (Grand Line and BOGP) to sit on the MHEBF Board, as well as the duties of the DDGM-Elects to continue their work (“encouraged”, not ordered, by the separate MHEBF) to support the efforts of the MHEBF.

Authorize the separation of the “AMHEBF” under a Constitution, and to consent to the draft form of Constitution (to be ratified at the next Grand Lodge Annual Communication).

Given the powers granted to Grand Lodge under the 1908 Act, and to the BOGP of Grand Lodge, to formally authorize the new AMHEBF Board to act as the agent of Grand Lodge responsible for investing the bursary funds.

Approval of a formal Transition Agreement, to be dated effective June 30, 2020 (halfway through the current year to allow for the 50/50 division of 2020 costs), after the Annual Communication such that the steps are ratified.

The anticipated timing is BOGP approval (received March 12th), Annual Communication approval and ratification (still scheduled for mid-June), adoption of new Constitution by the AMHEBF (after Annual Communication and prior to June 30) and then completion of the transition (effective June 30, 2020).

Given the plans of Grand Lodge to apply for its own business number, we also recommended that the current name of the MHEBF on file with Canada Revenue Agency (that is the formal name of “The Grand Lodge of Alberta AF&AM ...”) be changed to “The

Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund”. This separate resolution, which was only a regulatory change deemed by the Jurisprudence Committee to not require full member approval at the Annual Communication, was passed by the BOGP on March 12, to be effected no later than June 15, 2020. That is why these documents, which are expected to be effected for late June, use the name “The Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.”

We believe that, together with the input received from the March 12th BOGP Meeting, that we have come up with the best path forward to ensure the more effective separation and independent management of the MHEBF, which will ensure better compliance with Charities Directorate rules, and allow flexibility to the MHEBF (to be renamed the AMHEBF) going forward.

Respectfully submitted;

The Special Committee for Bursary Transition:

R. W. Bro. Kyle Scott, Chairman

W. Bro. Mason Dodds

M. W. Bro. Chris E. Batty

**Grand Lodge of Alberta A. F. & A. M.
SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE BURSARY TRANSI-
TION**

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Members: R. W. Bro. Kyle Scott Chairman
W. Bro. Mason Dodds
M. W. Bro. Chris E. Batty

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (the “Grand Lodge”) originally incorporated by an Act of the Alberta Legislature assented to March 5th 1908 Chapter 22 RSA, (the “1908 Act”) is a Not-for-Profit organization,

AND WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A. M. Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee (the “Bursary Committee”) was established by M. W. Bro. Ross Sheppard in 1957 and Registered as a Registered Charity under the Canada Charities Directorate and the Canada Revenue Agency with number 107447153RR001 on January 1st 1967, (the “Fund”),

AND WHEREAS both the Board of Grand Lodge and the Bursary Committee have determined that the Bursary Committee should be more independent, that is more clearly, managerially and operationally separate from the Grand Lodge,

NOW THEREFORE I, R. W. Bro. Kyle Scott, move, seconded by W. Bro. Mason Dodds, the following **nine (9)** motions, which include changes to the Grand Lodge’s Constitution and Regulations:

PART A

Amendments to the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.s Constitution and Regulations for the greater separation of the Fund

CONSTITUTION

MOVED that the following Grand Lodge Constitutional provisions be added or deleted:

1. Within ARTICLE 9 – POWERS OF GRAND LODGE

Add: Article I.1.I.1.b.11. To declare one or more charitable organizations to be a “preferred charity” of the Grand Lodge.

2. Within ARTICLE 10 – POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Add: Article I.1.J.1.c.7. Either directly or by appointment of a designate (who shall be a Master Mason in good standing and member of Grand Lodge), serve as the Grand Lodge’s representative to any preferred charity of the Grand Lodge and to represent the interests of the Grand Lodge with respect to any such charity.

3. Within ARTICLE 11 – BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Remove: Article I.1.K.11.1.m. The Chairman of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee,

Add to Article I.1.K.4.9. (as indicated in quotation marks) to authorize payments of a charitable or benevolent nature in those areas outside the powers given to the Board of Benevolence by Regulation “and to specify any preferred charity or charities of the Grand Lodge, the preferred charity since 1957 being the Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund which was established by M. W. Bro. Ross Sheppard in 1957 and registered as a Registered Charity with the Canadian Charities Directorate and the Canada Revenue Agency (or their predecessors) on January 1, 1967.”

Remove: Article I.1.K.11.5.a.4. the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

REGULATIONS

MOVED that the following provisions be added or deleted to the Regulations of Grand Lodge:

4. Remove: In **Article II.1.G.5.c.**, remove the reference therein to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee, and also remove **Article II.1.G.7. – THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE** in its entirety.

5. Change: Article II.2.C.2., A District Deputy Grand Master [elect] (**amended 2015**) shall be responsible for:

a. the investigation and personal interview of each Applicant for a Masonic Higher Education Bursary as required pursuant to Part II.1.G.7.h. of the Regulations and for the awarding and presentation of such Bursaries to the successful Applicants, as directed and instructed by the Committee; and

To: Article II.2.C.2., A District Deputy Grand Master elect is encouraged to:

a. If requested by the Board of the Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund or its successor (the “AMHEBF”), so long as the AMHEBF is a “preferred charity” of the Grand Lodge, to either directly or by appointing another appropriate representative of his District:

- (i) conduct the investigation and personal interview of each applicant for a Masonic Higher Education Bursary (or successor award, bursary or grant) assigned by the Board for interview,
- (ii) participate in the award and presentation of such Bursary (or successor award, bursary or grant) to the successful applicant(s), and
- (iii) assist with the general promotion of the AMHEBF, in accordance with the guidelines set forth from time to time by the Board of the AMHEBF; and

PART B
Motions to approve the greater independence of the AMHEBF under a separate Constitution

6. MOVED that the Grand Lodge approves the more separate management of the Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund, a Registered Charity under the Canada Charities Directorate and registered with Canada Revenue Agency with Registration Number: 10744 7153 RR001 (the “AMHEBF”), being a preferred charity of the Grand Lodge, to be managed by an independent AMHEBF Board, that will remain managerially separate and operationally independent from the Grand Lodge, such Board to be established by Constitution, as amended from time to time, to govern the AMHEBF; and

7. MOVED that the Grand Lodge hereby consent to the Constitution to be adopted by the AMHEBF, a draft copy of which having been reviewed by the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge and appended hereto.

PART C
Grand Lodge approval to invest Bursary Funds through the AMHEBF

8. MOVED that:

(a) as the 1908 Act establishing the Grand Lodge provides in Section 5 of such Act that the Grand

Lodge... “may also from time to time invest all or any of its funds and moneys ... for ... educational purposes ... in other securities in any part or parts of the Dominion of Canada ...” and, in Section 6 of such Act, that the Grand Lodge ... “shall also have the right to appointing any ... agent or agents for the management of its affairs...”, that those funds currently under the control of the Grand Lodge as detailed in the Transition Agreement dated effective June 30, 2020 (as outlined below) be invested with the Board of the AMHEBF, being hereby appointed as the agent responsible for managing the investment of such funds, as more particularly outlined in the said Transition Agreement, and

(b) as Article I.1.K.4.11 of the Grand Lodge Constitution provides that the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge has the power to “supervise all investments and other accounts of Grand Lodge ...”, while Articles I.1.J.7.a and I.1.K.3.a.2 provide, respectively, that the Grand Treasurer has the duty to “superintend the financial affairs” of Grand Lodge while the Board of General Purposes has general powers for the administration of the financial affairs of Grand Lodge, that both the Grand Treasurer and the Board of General Purposes be bound by this Motion (if passed by the members of Grand Lodge at an Annual Communication), with responsibility for the funds detailed in the Transition Agreement to be assigned to the Board of the AMHEBF, and

(c) Article II.1.A.6, together with Article II.1.F.2, subsections a. and b., of the Regulations of Grand Lodge provide that the Treasurer of Grand Lodge has, among his duties, the maintenance of the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and to invest such funds, and the Treasurer shall also be bound by this Motion (if passed by the members of Grand Lodge at an Annual Communication).

PART D
Approval of Transition Agreement

9. MOVED that the following Transition Agreement be approved for execution on behalf of Grand Lodge by the authorized officers of Grand Lodge:

TRANSITION AGREEMENT

Between:

Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons
(the “Grand Lodge”)

And

Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund
(the “Fund”, as more particularly described below)

Dated: Effective 2020 06 30

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge was created by a private members Bill in the Alberta Legislature by Bill 013, 1908 01 16, the Act of Incorporation, Chapter 22 RSA, 1908 03 05, (the “1908 Act”),

AND WHEREAS the Fund was originally created by M. W. Bro. Ross Sheppard as a Committee of the Grand Lodge in 1957, and Registered as a Charity effective 1967 01 01, with Registered Charity Number 107447153RR0001, (the “Fund”),

AND WHEREAS the Grand Lodge and the Fund have determined that the management of the two parties should be more separate than in the past, such that the Fund becomes separate and independent from the Grand Lodge, the Fund having adopted the name **Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund**, that is solely administered and managed by a separate and independent **Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Board** (the “AMHEBF Board”)

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed that with the passing of the Motions to amend the Grand Lodge Constitution and Regulations and related Motions to more clearly separate the management of the Fund from the Grand Lodge, this Transition Agreement will come into effect on 2020 06 30 (the “Effective Date of Separation”), after the AMHEBF Board has adopted a new Constitution, such Constitution consented to and ratified by the Grand Lodge’s members, and to the following six articles:

1. From the date of the formation of the Bursary 1957 and subsequently being a Registered Charity, 1967 01 01, to the Effective Date of Separation, the Grand Lodge shall be solely responsible and liable

for any and all filings with the Canadian Revenue Agency and the Canadian Charities Directorate.

2. As of the date of this Agreement, the AMHEBF Board will be comprised of seven (7) voting members, being the Grand Master of Alberta (or his designate), the member of the Board elected at the 2018 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and the member of the Board appointed to fill a vacancy from the 2018 election, the two members of the Board elected at the 2019 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge as well as the two members of the Board elected at the 2020 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, all of whom shall continue to serve for the balance of the terms of office for which they were originally elected. The 2020 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at which members of the AMHEBF Board shall be elected. Hereafter, separate meetings and elections shall be held for the AMHEBF Board, with all Master Masons in good standing who are members of the Grand Lodge (other than members of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge) to remain as the electorate entitled to vote for members of the AMHEBF Board.

3. Those costs associated with the preparation of financial statements, audit, and Canadian Revenue Agency filings for the Fund for the 2020 financial year, excluding any late filing fees, charges, or penalties, will be split on a 50% - 50 % basis between Grand Lodge and the Fund, with the Fund to bear all such financial reporting expenses related to the Fund thereafter. Otherwise, the Fund shall be responsible for its own expenses, including bookkeeping and accounting expenses, from and following the Effective Date of Separation.

4. Within seven (7) clear days of the Effective Date of Separation, the Grand Lodge will transfer, as authorized by the Grand Lodge members, to the AMHEBF Board the responsibility to manage all monies and accounts held on behalf of the Fund, together with the account monthly statements for not less than the preceding twelve months, specifically:

5. Hereafter, the Grand Lodge will transfer to the Fund any and all properties, monies, shares, or valuables left to, bequeathed to, gifted to, or willed to, at any time, now or in the future, as may be pro-

vided to Grand Lodge instead of the Fund, but intended for the Fund, within thirty (30) days of their receipt by Grand Lodge.

6. From the Effective Date of Separation, the AM-HEBF Board will be solely responsible and liable for the administration and management of the Agreement between George Charles Mathews and the Grand Lodge of Alberta Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, dated 2012 11 02, in regard to the Bursary, Charity Number 107447153RR0001 and the Mathews Konschak Trust Masonic Bursary,

7. From the Effective Date of Separation, both parties agree that the Agreement, dated 2018 06 10, between the Fred North Charitable Foundation

and the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M. Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee, Charity Number 107447153RR0001, is solely the responsibility and liability of the AMHEBF Board.

Hereby agreed to by the Grand Lodge and the AM-HEBF Board (for and on behalf of the Fund) under the hands of their duly authorized representatives, as of the date set forth above.

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