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Brethren;

In planning for the 2021 Annual Communication to be held in Lethbridge, we found it prudent that we have in place alternate considerations for a continuation of the disruptions resulting from Covid-19 restrictions. As a result it will come as no surprise that we have found it necessary to cancel our plans for hosting an in-person Annual Communication in Lethbridge.

As was made known to the Board of General Purposes we had until April 1st to confirm our reservation with the hotel and fall back on a second venue – the Al Azhar Shrine Center in Calgary; this option was exercised just prior to the deadline of April 1st. With this change of venue we still do not know how many members will be able to attend in person for the opening of Grand Lodge and Installation and Investiture of Officers – that will likely be a determination made in the final few weeks leading up to the Annual Communication.

What is being worked on at this time are the details to conduct a hybrid Communication where the balloting for officers and committee members will be similar to last year. In addition we are working on details of how to conduct business before this Grand Lodge via web based technologies. As there are several important issues of legislation that need to be completed and should not be delayed further such as the MHEBF Transition, C&R Update and the Annual Budget just to name three. The need for involving our membership is of primary importance in these matters and will be paramount in the decisions made. We do know that participation by everyone is not possible due to our own limitations and the technology available to us, details of the how participants will be selected will be communicated to all in the next announcement. The details of the legislation before this Grand Lodge will be published in the Alberta Freemason as is the usual custom and will be available via the Grand Lodge Website. It is hoped that your DDGM's will help you understand and work through the details prior to the Annual Communication.

Brethren, as details for the Annual Communication are ironed out they will be furnished to you all in a timely manner. Please recognize that not everyone will be in agreement nor be able to participate but we are making every effort to see that the Jurisdiction is offered a fair opportunity to participate. In closing I thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we move forward.

Fraternally,

Reg Karbonik
Grand Master

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Elections for 2021-2022

Grand Master

Automatic as per Part 1.1.G.2.B

RWBro Terry Murray

St. Marks No.118

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

By acclamation

RWBro Chris Uchman

Patricia Lodge No.91

Senior Grand Warden

By acclamation

RWBro Kyle Scott

Aurora Borealis Lodge No.201
Millennium Lodge No2000

Junior Grand Warden

To see the brethren who have put their names forward for election as JGW, their bio's and essay's, click above to see the document.

Elections for the following boards:

Board of General Purpose

Board of Benevolence

Jurisprudence

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund

To see the brethren who have put their names forward for the above positions and their bio's click the link above.

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Senior Grand Warden	RWBro Chris Uchman											
Junior Grand Warden	RWBro Kyle Scott											
Grand Secretary	RWBro Bill Kostenuk											

From the Editor

Good evening Brethren, and welcome to the May edition of the AF. There are a couple of new things this month that you will notice, especially the method of viewing the brethren who have put their names forward for Junior Grand Warden and those who have let their names stand for the various boards of Grand Lodge. The link is live for both and when you click you will need to enter the password to open the website.

I would also like to introduce the next editor of the AF, MWBro Brian Shimmons, he will fully take over the position after the June edition (although he will be helping to compile it as part of his learning curve).

Now for the answer that you have all been waiting for reference the picture in my April column. The jewel is of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffalo's. Eight brethren responded with answers, six of which were correct, so I will thank each and every one of you for that. Names went into a hat and I had a well known brother draw the name, so VWBro Chuck Rose you will be receiving a gift from me.

Keep well and stay safe brethren,
Steve,

Editor AF

Notices of Motion

NOTICE OF MOTION #2021-01

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES

MOTION: The Constitution and Regulations Review Committee moves that the reformatted version of the Constitution and Regulations having been posted on the Grand Lodge website for all Brethren to review, and the draft proposal be presented at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for discussion and approval of the Membership.

Moved by RWBro Gordon Harris

The Constitution and Regulations having been thoroughly reviewed with the objectives of:

Correcting the formatting so that all parts of the Constitution, the Regulations and all associated documents are identical in each document, and

To make it easier for the brethren to find information and any necessary clauses in the Constitution & Regulations, and

To make any punctuation corrections, and

To make any grammatical corrections, and

To review and correct any cross-references within those documents.

The draft prepared by the committee was presented to the Board of General Purposes several months ago with the request that every member of the Board critique the draft and contact the committee with any questions and or suggestions. This was done. The draft was then posted to the Website and sent to Lodge Secretaries for the members to review and two town hall meetings were held in February with good results.

The committee received a number of reviews. Several of those reviews were very in depth and extremely thorough appraisals; and the Committee thanks those who provided their review and input. The committee went through each submission from everyone very carefully and looked at each point brought forward. Quite a number of suggestions **were** implemented. Some suggestions that were suggested were beyond what the committee felt fell within their mandate and could not be carried out. Those recommendations the committee felt would be better addressed in 2022, through the process of amending the Constitution, after this draft has been adopted.

UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS
(Including Proposed Motions) of the
Special Committee re Bursary Transition of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

For a Grand Lodge Communication (Annual or Otherwise) in 2021

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

Prologue (History):

As stated in the report submitted by our Committee in advance of the 2020 Annual Communication, this Special 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 initial report to the BOGP at the BOGP Meeting held March 12, 2020, where the proposed Motions received the approval of the BOGP. This set of Motions were distributed to the Grand Lodge membership in advance of the 2020 Annual Communication, where Motions were not considered in the reduced format used for that Communication.

The Special Committee was formed following the work of an earlier Special Committee which had recommended to the BOGP that steps be taken to make the MHEBF “more independent” from the management of the Grand Lodge – that is, more independent of the BOGP (and not a Committee of the BOGP). This Special Committee consists of a member of the Grand Line (Kyle Scott, JGW), a representative of the MHEBF (Chris Batty, PGM) and a third brother (Mason Dodds, DDGM).

Our Special Committee therefore proceeded with planning specific recommendations for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee (the MHEBF”) to become more independent of Grand Lodge and had provided general guidelines to accomplish that, culminating in the package of related Motions proposed for the 2020 Annual Communication.

Subsequently, at the June 11, 2020 meeting of the BOGP, given delays in filing and additional information received, the Special Committee was re-tasked to review these recommendations and provide an updated report and recommendations to the BOGP. Legal counsel assisting the Grand Lodge on a related matter were asked to review the proposal and a number of changes were suggested.

Based on these recommendations and our Committee deliberations, we amended the draft Constitution for the independent MHEBF accordingly and made enquiries of CRA to confirm the historical objects of the MHEBF to ensure they would be properly referenced in the draft Constitution. We also moved some items that had been in our original draft Constitution into draft Regulations (now included in our proposal). At that point, having missed the proposed transition date of June 30, 2020, we amended the proposed transition date to January 1, 2021 on the assumption that Grand Lodge could possibly conduct a Special Communication to review Motions in the fall of 2020. With Covid-related restrictions “fluctuating” throughout 2020 and into early 2021, no such Special Communication took place.

These delays allowed time for the Committee to gather the information sought from CRA, allow Grand Lodge to complete its separate application for its own GST number (now accomplished), and to revisit the proposals for accuracy and completeness. It also allowed the Committee to interact with other key BOGP Committees most impacted by our Committee’s proposals, including the MHEBF Committee itself and the Finance Committee, with re-review by the Jurisprudence Committee of the updated Report and proposals. These deliberations were completed between January 2020 and early March 2020. The updated Report, including the updated Motions and related documents (draft Transition Agreement between Grand Lodge and the MHEBF as well as the draft Constitution and Regulations for the independent MHEBF) were presented to and approved by the BOGP at their meeting on March 11, 2021, to be put before the membership at the next Communica-

tion that can consider Motions to amend the Constitution (and Regulations) of Grand Lodge.

For those Brethren who reviewed the original submission for the 2020 Annual Communication, the key updates have been:

Restatement of the Objects as per CRA records in the draft MHEBF Constitution;

Revising the draft Constitution by taking more administrative issues and separating these into draft Regulations for the more independent MHEBF;

Adding more specific guidelines for the awards of bursaries to the draft Regulations to clarify how the MHEBF intends to meet its general objects;

Updating references to the Grand Lodge C&R, as well as providing cross-references to the proposed revised Grand Lodge C&R (if same are approved and come into effect in advance of this proposed transition of the MHEBF) – see more detailed explanation below;

On the advice of the Finance Committee, updating the effective date of the transition, if the Motions are approved, to December 31, 2021, the Grand Lodge's and MHEBF's fiscal year ends, to allow for a more orderly transition;

Revising the wording in the proposed Motion #5 to clarify the duties of a DDGM-elect; and

Removing impractical redundancies (re post-transition voting for MHEBF Board members) and adding an exception clause to paragraph a. of the draft MHEBF Constitution to provide a limited exception for service on both the MHEBF and the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes.

The Jurisprudence Committee reviewed these changes and reported that these were not substantive, and that the proposed set of Motions all remain regular.

Proposal and Supporting Motions:

As stated in our report distributed to the Membership last year, the Special Committee strongly recommends that the MHEBF 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).

Again, this set of (updated) Motions, comprising nine (9) motions covering different key issues that are required to be addressed to effect the greater separation of the MHEBF, is to be considered and voted upon by the Membership as a “single package”. These Motions cannot be addressed piecemeal. Either the full slate (with or without minor amendments) should be passed or the entire set of Motions rejected. There is little point in taking any one of these steps (or, all of the steps except one) as to do so would fail to accomplish the proposed objective.

This set of nine (9) Motions capture the following key steps:

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.

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Page 5 ready been approve by the BOGP) under a Constitution, and to consent to the draft form of Constitution (to be ratified at the next Grand Lodge Communication called to consider substantive motions, either Annual or Special).

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, now to be dated effective December 31, 2021 (with provisions for assumption of 2021 and prior year costs associated with the Fund to the Grand Lodge), which is expected to be well after any Grand Lodge Communication that can ultimately be organized, in one form or another, to review and approve these motions, such that the Grand Lodge and the AMHEBF proceed with the changes, if ratified.

Again, given that work has progressed on an updated C&R for Grand Lodge, which has different Article references than the current C&R, we have prepared a cross reference table attached as Schedule “A” to this report, such that should the proposed updated C&R be approved and come into effect before the effective date of this proposed transition (December 31, 2021), which is to be reasonably expected, we would update the wording of the Motions and the documents as necessary (and in such circumstances, as already approved by the Membership) to properly reference the changes to the (then updated) C&R of Grand Lodge.

As referenced earlier, the Grand Lodge applied for and has now received its own business number, which is being assigned to “The Grand Lodge of Alberta”. Our Committee had previously recommended to the BOGP as a simple regulatory change that the current name of the MHEBF (which is on file with Canada Revenue Agency beginning with formal introductory wording 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 to go into effect, was passed by the BOGP on March 12, 2020 and later amended in May 2020, such that the name of the Bursary Fund will be changed “in due course”. That is why these documents, which are expected to be put into effect later this year, use the name “The Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.” We expect this name change to proceed separate from, and prior to, the implementation of these recommended motions if approved.

Our Committee strongly recommends that the Membership approve this full set of Motions (which are to be voted on as a “package”) at the next Grand Lodge Communication. We believe that through our own deliberations, advice from experienced professionals, together with the input received from the Board and its key Committees that will be impacted by these proposed changes, that we are proposing the most effective path forward to ensure the increased separation and independent management of the MHEBF, which will ensure better compliance with the rules and regulations applicable to charities 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

R. W. Bro. Mason Dodds

M. W. Bro. Chris E. Batty

Grand Lodge of Alberta A. F. & A. M.
SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE BURSARY TRANSITION

2021 02 27

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

Within ARTICLE 9 – POWERS OF GRAND LODGE

Add: Article I.1.I.9.1.b.11. To declare one or more charitable organizations to be a “preferred charity” of the Grand Lodge.

Within ARTICLE 10 – POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Add: Article I.1.J.10.1.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.

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.11.4.a.9. (as indicated in quotation marks) to authorize payments of a charitable or be-

nevolent 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:

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.

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., The duties of the District Deputy Grand Master elect include the following:

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:

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,

participate in the award and presentation of such Bursary (or successor award, bursary or grant) to the successful applicant(s), and

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

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

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

MOVED that:

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, 2021 (as outlined below) be vested 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 as Article I.1.K.11.4.11 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.10.7.a and I.1.K.11.3.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

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

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 2021 12 31

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 2021 12 31 (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 seven articles:

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.

As of the date of this Agreement, the AMHEBF Board is currently comprised of seven (7) voting members, being the Grand Master of Alberta (or his designate), the two members of the Board elected at the 2019 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the two members of the Board elected at the 2020 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge as well as the two members of the Board elected at the 2021 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 2021 Annual Communication shall be the last 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 to remain as the electorate entitled to vote for members of the AMHEBF Board.

Those costs associated with the preparation of financial statements, audit, and Canadian Revenue Agency

(“CRA”) filings for the Fund for the 2021 financial year will be borne by the Grand Lodge, with the Fund to bear all such financial reporting expenses related to the Fund thereafter (beginning in the 2022 financial year). For greater certainty, the Grand Lodge shall be responsible for any charges or penalties associated with any 2021 or earlier Grand Lodge submissions to CRA that may impact the Fund. Otherwise, the Fund shall be responsible for its own expenses, including bookkeeping and accounting expenses, from and following the Effective Date of Separation.

Within ten (10) 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:

Financial Institution	Account Number	Name
Alberta Treasury Branches	127927	Bursary General Account
Scotia Wealth Management	434 73522	Bursary General Account
Scotia Wealth Management	434 73307	Bursary Endowment (Permanent) Account
Scotia Wealth Management	434 55016	Fred & Lily North Bursary
RBC Wealth Management Vancouver	376 59679 1 8	George Mathews Bursary
RBC Wealth Management	464 28659	CDN & USD J.A. Fleming Trust Account

Hereafter, the Grand Lodge will transfer to the Fund any and all properties, monies, shares, or valubles left to, bequeathed to, gifted to, or willed to, at any time, now or in the future, as may be provided to Grand Lodge instead of the Fund, but intended for the Fund, within thirty (30) days of their receipt by Grand Lodge.

From the Effective Date of Separation, the AMHEBF 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 Korschak Trust Masonic Bursary,

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 AMHEBF 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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Grand Secretary		Board Secretary
Grand Treasurer		Board Vice-Chairman

THE ALBERTA MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND

Name and Charity Number:

The Grand Lodge of Alberta AF & AM Higher Education Bursary Fund (Committee), which will be renamed as the **Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund** (the “Fund”) was formed in 1957 and registered as a charity on January 1, 1967 with the Charitable Number: **107447153RR0001** with the (predecessor to the) Canada Revenue Agency.

Purpose of the Charity:

The Fund continues as an unincorporated association under this more formal constitution, continuing as a charitable organization with the following object(s):

THE OBJECT OF THE FUND IS TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF THEIR EDUCATION.

Confirmation of Fund’s Charitable Focus:

It is confirmed that the Fund is, and shall remain, an organization that:

- has only charitable purposes,
- primarily carries on its own charitable activities,

has more than 50% of its governing board members dealing with each other at arm's length, and generally receives its funding from a variety of arm's length donors.

Governance of the Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund:

a. The Fund shall be governed by an Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Board (the “Board”) which shall consist of seven (7) voting Board members, one of which being the direct representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta (being the Grand Master or his designate), with six (6) elected members who are Master Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, who are not voting members of the board of the Grand Lodge of Alberta (other than the Grand Master or his designate or as otherwise permitted under this Constitution). Should a member of the Board desire to serve as a member of the board of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, this can be permitted if authorized by a special resolution passed by not less than 2/3 of the voting members of the Board. As well, the Grand Master’s deputies (being the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta) shall be free to attend meetings of the Board as non-voting observers.

b. Of the elected members of the Board, two (2) shall be elected each year for a period of three (3) years. In the event of a vacancy, the Chairman of the Board may appoint a Member who is a Master Mason under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, who is not a member of the board of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term of that elected member.

c. The Board shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from among its members. The Chairman shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Vice-Chairman will represent the Board and conduct the duties of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

d. There shall be a Nominations Committee comprising the Chairman of the Board and two other members of the Board. The Nominations Committee will be responsible for finding, nominating and approving volunteers to serve on the Board. The qualifications for these volunteers are: An innate interest in higher education, and either a background in donor development, organizational management, bookkeeping, and or investment portfolio management. Nominations to the Board must be received by the Secretary or Chairman of the Board no later than the last business day in February.

e. Elections to the Board will be held at a separate annual meeting of the Fund, to be separate from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. All members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta shall comprise the electorate for the Fund and shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting of the Fund to elect the voting members of the Board (other than the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta or his designate).

f. The Fund will be operated without purpose of gain for its Board members, or the members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and that any profits or other assets of the organization will be used solely to promote and provide for its objectives.

Meetings and Purpose of the Board:

g. The Board shall meet not less than three (3) times during the year, at the call of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. Four (4) voting members constitute a quorum of the Board.

h. The Fund shall be managed and administered by the Board with its primary objective to raise funds to finance the bursary programs. The Fund shall consist of the following:

1. contributions from the general membership of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and its affiliated entities (the “general membership”), as well as the general public;
2. bequests from the general membership and the general public; and
3. such additional funds as may be voted by the board of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in their discretion,

to supplement the voluntary contributions received.

Additional Bursaries:

i. In addition to the existing six (the Alberta Bursary, the Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary, the Loraine Duchet Bursary, the Mathews Konschak Bursary, the Fred & Lily North Bursary, and the Wendy & Chris Batty Bursary) bursaries comprising the Fund, the Board shall be entitled to establish such other bursary funds in conjunction with other groups, organizations or individuals, on terms and conditions that are not inconsistent or do not conflict with this Constitution, the policies and guidelines established by the Board from time to time, the Income Tax Act (Canada), the Canadian Revenue Agency regulations, and the overall objectives and purposes for which the Fund was established.

Regulations:

j. The Board shall be responsible for the overall administration and management of the Fund and such other bursary funds established pursuant to this Constitution, as such it [may develop and have a set of Regulations outlining the policies and guidelines for the management and administration of the Fund and Bursaries.](#)

k. The Board may institute Regulations from time to time by resolution at a Meeting of the Board, with prior notification of any proposed Regulation(s) being provided to all Board members not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the Board called for such purpose (called by either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board), if such resolution is passed by not less than 1/2 of the voting members of the Board in attendance at such properly called meeting. Any such Regulations may similarly be amended by resolution of the Board, with prior notification of any proposed amendment(s) being provided to all Board members not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the Board called for such purpose (called by either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board),

if such resolution is passed by not less than 1/2 of the voting members of the Board in attendance at such properly called meeting. The Grand Lodge of Alberta shall be promptly notified of any Regulations or any amendments to such Regulations.

Annual Audit:

l. An annual audit shall be performed with respect to all funds managed by the Fund, including donations, investments, and expenditures, such audit to be conducted by an independent Chartered Professional Accountant, who will report directly to the Board, including the independent preparation of Charities Directorate filings, the maximum and minimum amounts that are allowable to be donated for the year, the annual T3010, and an explanation of the scope and nature of any GST filing(s) as may be necessary.

Expenses of the Board:

m. Any expense of the Board in administering the Fund shall be approved by any two of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Treasurer prior to that expense being incurred. If the Board elects to carry Directors and Officers Liability Insurance or other form (s) of Liability Insurance, any cost of such insurance will be considered a legitimate expense of the Board.

Governing Laws:

n. The Board shall be governed by the laws governing charitable organizations, the Income Tax Act (Canada), the Canadian Revenue Agency regulations, and the overall objectives and purposes for which the Fund was established, and this Constitution.

Amendments to this Constitution:

o. This Constitution may be amended by special resolution of the Board, with prior notification of any proposed amendment(s) being provided to all Board members not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the Board called for such purpose (called by either the Chairman or Vice-

Chairman of the Board), if such special resolution is passed by not less than 2/3 of the voting members of the Board in attendance at such properly called meeting. The Grand Lodge of Alberta shall be promptly notified of any such amendments.

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_____	Don Stannard	Chairman
_____	Chris E. Batty	Vice-Chairman
_____	Will Verboven	Secretary

DRAFT REGULATIONS
THE ALBERTA MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND

As indicated in the Constitution of the Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund the Board shall be responsible for the overall administration and management of the Fund and may develop and have a set of Regulations outlining the policies and guidelines for the management and administration of the Fund and Bursaries and such other bursary funds established pursuant to the Constitution, including but not limited to:

1. establishing necessary policies and guidelines including but not limited to the criteria for selection of the recipients, the establishment of the kinds, number and amounts, and the classes and types of bursaries established pursuant to the Constitution;
2. the awarding and presentation of the bursaries established pursuant to the Constitution;
3. taking steps to acquaint all members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta (the “Grand Lodge”) with the work of the Board during the year;
4. encouraging gifts to the Fund and such other bursary funds established pursuant to the Constitutions;
and
5. reporting its efforts to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, if requested.

b. The Grand Lodge currently has District Deputy Grand Master Elects (DDGM Elects) who are not yet members of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge. Their duties include, either directly or via one or more designates, to work with the AMHEBF Board to assist with the interview of applicants and make recommendations as to their financial need, etc. The DDGM Elects are encouraged to appoint a District Bursary Coordinator, with the consent of the Board, to coordinate Bursary activities in their District and to act as a liaison with the Board and with Lodge Bursary Representatives.

c. The Board may award any number of bursaries, but shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the finances available to the Fund for that particular year, as per the advice of the Fund's Treasurer and as confirmed by the Fund's auditor (see Article g.)

d. Consistent with the objects of the Fund, the Board shall award bursaries to students at the post-secondary level of education in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Northwest Territories. Bursaries are to be awarded on a basis of financial need and proven scholastic ability.

e. Contributions to the Fund and such other bursary funds established pursuant to the Constitution will be accepted in the form of contributions from members of the Grand Lodge, Concordant Masonic Bodies, as well as from the public at large. It shall be within the power and authority of the Board to reject contributions if such contributions have terms and conditions attached to them that are inconsistent with, or are in conflict with the Constitution, the policies and guidelines established by the Board from time to time, the Income Tax Act (Canada), the Canadian Revenue Agency regulations, and the overall objectives and purposes for which the Fund's existing bursary funds and such other bursary funds as may be established pursuant to the Constitution from time to time, were established.

f. All monies received on behalf of the Fund shall be deposited into a separate account or accounts in a chartered bank or other financial Institution that is a member or is represented by a member of the Canadian Payments Association, in Alberta. All cheques issued on the Fund or such other bursary funds established pursuant to these Constitutions, must be signed by two of the signing officers of the Board, specifically any two (2) of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and the Treasurer.

g. All funds belonging to the Fund or such other bursary funds established pursuant to the Constitution, shall be invested by the Treasurer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, and one other designated Board Member, or as directed by a donor, for the benefit of the Fund or such other bursary funds established pursuant to the Constitution. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Secretary and Treasurer ensure that all such financial statements, documents, and other relevant information pertaining to the Fund or such other bursary funds established pursuant to the Constitution, are provided to the Board Chairman within seven (7) clear days.

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	Will Verboven	Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"

**2011 CONSTITUTION AND REGULATION ARTICLES
CROSS REFERENCED TO THE PROPOSED C & R. (2021 02 26)
FOR THE MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE TRANSITION OF
THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND**

Reference	2011 C & R	Proposed C & R (2021 02 26)
CONSTITUTION		
Motion 1	ARTICLE 9	ARTICLE 10
	Article I.1.I.b.11.	Article I.10.A.1.b.10.
Motion 2	ARTICLE 10	ARTICLE 11
	Article I.1.J.1c.7.	Article 1.11.A.1.c.7.
Motion 3	ARTICLE 11	ARTICLE 12
	Article I.1.K.11.1.m.	Article I.12.A.1.m.
	Article I.1.K.4.9.	Article I.12.A.4.a.9.
	Article I.1.K.11.5.a.4.	Article I.12.A.5.a.4.
REGULATIONS		
Motion 4	Article II.1.G.5.c.	Article II.1.H.5.c.
	Article II.1.G.7.	Article II.1.H.7.
Motion 5	Article II.2.C.2.	OK Article II.2.C.2.
	Article II.1.G.7.h.	Article II.1.H.7.h.
Motion 8.(b)	Article I.1.K.4.11.	Article I.12.A.4.a.11.
	Article I.1.J.7.a.	Article I.11.A.7.b
	Article I.1.K.3.a.2.	Article I.12.A.3.a.2.
Motion 8.(c)	Article II.1.A.6.	OK Article II.1.A.6.
	Article.II.1.F.2.	Article II.1.G.2.

Letter to the Editor

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Transition to Separation from the Grand Lodge of Alberta

My Brothers,

On behalf of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund committee and the Grand Master (MW Bro. Reg Karbonik), we believe it is appropriate we advise you regarding the transition to separation of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund from the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The grand purpose of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund (MHEBF) is to recognize, promote and support excellence in education for the benefit of humanity. And in this essence, we assist financially constrained students who are accepted into post secondary in obtaining a higher education so that they can have successful careers, and successful lives, for the benefit of our community here in Alberta.

A secondary grand purpose of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary fund is to enhance your reputations as Freemasons in Alberta. And as the General Charge implies, if we unite together in a grand design we can be successful.

Certainly, the immense success of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund has been proved time and time again since its inception in 1957. Indeed, for 64 years the Freemasons of Alberta have helped over 4000 incredibly smart and talented young men and woman (who are financially constrained) go to university or college and achieve the degree of their dreams.

The financial amounts distributed since 1957 tally over five million dollars to date. And in the last ten years alone, the MHEBF has provided EACH YEAR approximately \$300,000.00 to valued students, and we have grown from one bursary to five different types of bursaries for students to select from.

All this success has been the direct result of excellent work undertaken by the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Chairmen's, the Bursary Committee, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Lodge Bursary Representatives, and you - the donors to the Bursary Fund, for which I thank you all immensely now for your past work, and future work to come.

Currently, the Grand Lodge of Alberta controls the management and operations of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund (MHEBF). However, the requirement of the Canada Revenue Agency and the Canadian Charities Directorate is the main reason for this separation and transition initiative – simply, the

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund must be a self-operating entity. And, the Bursary Transition Committee is aware of these concerns and provisions for compliance; which are included in the documents of the Motion for separation at this year's annual communications.

While we all hope this is a successful transition to separation, the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund will always be a special part of the Alberta Freemasons hearts. In fact, DDGM Elects will still be helping interview all students who apply, Lodge Representatives and DDGM's will still promote the bursary at each meeting and/or special events to either gain awareness or garner donations, and Freemasons of Alberta who wish to be on the MHEBF Committee will still operate the separated Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.

With all this, the Bursary Transition Committee, the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund committee, and the Grand Line and administrative office have worked diligently to get to this stage of transition to separation. Recently, the transition to separate was approved unanimously by the Board of General Purposes, and therefore I ask you, the Brethren of this jurisdiction, to support and vote for the passing of this Grand Lodge and Masonic Higher Education Fund separation and independence Motion at our next annual communications.

For more information on the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund or to do the good act and donate, please visit www.MHEBF.com.

Fraternally,

VW Bro Don Stannard
Chairman MHEBF
Empire Lodge No.63

Around the Province

IT'S COMING BACK BIGGER AND BETTER

The 2021 Badlands Field Day in Drumheller

September 10th, 11th, 12th 2021

Plans are well under way for this year's masonic field day in the Badlands of Drumheller. We call it the masonic field day this year as there will be both Craft Lodge activities as well as Royal Arch Chapter activities. Which means this year you must bring both Craft Lodge Regalia as well as Royal Arch regalia if you wish to attend both. Providing you are part of both Lodge and Chapter of course.

Friday night Festive Board will start at 6:30 cost \$20.00 each.

Camp fire and sing along to follow please bring your talents and musical instrument if you have one.

Saturday morning will begin with pancake breakfast from 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. the cost will be \$10:00 each. Chapter to open at 10:00 with a M.M.M. Degree practice to follow. Lunch to follow at 12:00.

Registration will be from 9:00 until 10:00. This year your registration will cost \$20.00 which will include your lunch.

Following lunch Drumheller #146 will be having a Fellowcraft Degree for a number of Entered Apprentices the number to be determined later.

Please note: once again there will be free camping, but you must be self-contained as there are no services. Camping will be from Friday afternoon until Sunday. Our ladies will be encouraged to attend all festive boards.

You must pre-register as we need to prepare, this is important.

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Scottie's Ultra-Marathon

Hello,

I'm [Ronnie \(Scottie\) Vickers](#). <<<< [click for video](#)



This year Scottie will be doing a 50km Ultra-Marathon while raising funds for [Compassionate Care Hospice Society](#) in Rocky Mountain House. This charity is near and dear to my heart because I have lost many friends and family members to cancer and I know how important it is to provide peaceful, personalized, compassionate care during end of life and bereavement.

He will do the **ultra-marathon** on May 22th, 2021 in Rocky Mountain House, AB, Canada.

Please help support this great cause... [Page 21](#)

Submitted by Yellowknife Lodge #162

Foster Family Coalition of the NWT
(FFCNWT)

WHO ARE WE:

We are an organization that serves and supports foster and adoptive families across the NWT. The Foster Family Coalition of the NWT (FFCNWT) was formed in June 2002, and on October 2, 2002 became incorporated under the Societies Act. The FFCNWT became a registered charitable organization on September 5, 2003. In the fall of 2013 we expanded our services to support pre- and post- adoptive parents as well.

Camp Connections

The camp was started in 2003 and has remained one of the FFCNWT's biggest projects. Hundreds of kids in foster care, those who have been adopted, and birth children living in foster or adoptive homes, have benefited from the life skills, knowledge, artistic activities, physical activities and most importantly FUN that is at Camp Connections! [Page 21](#)

[Page 20](#) ...and **donate**.

In 2005 he had back surgery and started walking for exercise on the trail system where he lives in Rocky Mountain House.

6 years ago [@ the age of 69](#), he took up [Nordic Walking](#) as part of his fitness program, which he still love.

Some of the marathons Scottie has done:

2016 decided to do a 1/2 marathon and entered the Oktoberfest in Red Deer, AB.....great experience!

2017 [Woody's Marathon](#) in Red Deer, AB and did the 1/2 **21 km**, it was a good challenge but left him looking for more.

2018 (age 72) he again entered Woody's but this time he completed **FULL 42KM MARATHON** in 6h 23m.

2019 (age 73) his goal at Woody's **FULL 42KM MARATHON** was to beat the 2018 time; accomplished 6h 03m.

2020 (age 74) In January he started training [Nordic Walking](#) for Woody's yet again, but it got cancelled. he decided he didn't want to give up all his training so decided to go it alone as it was such a worthwhile cause. he completed 42.5 kms on May 16, 2020. *click for video [Finish line!!!!](#)*

Scottie was born in Harthill, Scotland and emigrated to Canada in 1970. He served in the [1st Btn Kings Own Scottish Borderers](#) (1963-1968) that prepared him mentally to face any challenge that life gave him. This along with being a Freemason for 47 years and part of [Lochearn Lodge #151](#) in Rocky Mountain House has given him the mental fortitude to conquer anything, even an ultramarathon.

At 75 years of age, Covid-19 may be able to shut down the world, but not a Scotsman!

To Donate to this worthwhile cause click here ["Support Scottie"](#)



[Page 20](#) Camp Renewal

In 2019 a renewal of the camp's aging infrastructure began. As a part of the renewal, the cookhouse was renovated. However at the time outfitting the cookhouse with a much needed power supply was not feasible due to financing restraints.

The Camp has gone through many changes over the last couple of years including a brand new cookhouse. In 2020 renovations have started on the existing bunkhouses and in 2021 we will see an addition of two new bunkhouses to help accommodate more young people. 2020 and Covid 19

It was hoped that the cookhouse would be retrofitted with solar panels in the fall of 2020 using funds collected from various fundraising events held annually to support the FFCNWT and Camp Connections.

However, due to the Covid 19 shutdown, all of these important fundraising activities were cancelled or put on hold.

With the uncertainty of funding ??????

The Sons of Light

After reviewing the project in fall of 2020, it was decided that FFCNWT would reach out to our community partners for help to reach our new fundraising goal of \$35,000 by the summer of 2021.

After a meeting with Members of the local Masonic Lodge, Yellowknife Lodge #162 they agreed to take a lead role in the 2020 fundraising activity.

Bright Light Fund was created November 2020. The 2020/2021 fundraising efforts will be used to install a state-of-the-art solar panel system for the cookhouse and help upgrade other needed amenities such as running water and septic.

1st Annual Connections Masonic Charity Retreat

On November 20th - 22nd, 2020 Camp Connections hosted a charity weekend retreat with 35 in attendance. This was an invitation only weekend retreat for our community partners to come visit Camp Connections and see for themselves the beauty of this camp.

This event was hosted by the local Freemason Lodge - The Yellowknife Lodge #162.

Weekend Schedule

Friday Night was a huge fish fry of local caught Pickrel. The Worshipful Master of Yellowknife Lodge #162, Steve Payne, along with visiting brother Joe MacEachern (Saint Andrew's #1 Halifax) prepared a wonderful Jiggs Dinner and a late night snack of Halifax Donairs on Saturday. Poker tournament and silent auction.

All money raised for the weekend will go to the Bright Light fund.

The total raised over the weekend was \$10,035.00 with an additional \$10,000.00 in labour committed by local Electrician and Mason, David MacLean.