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Preparing for the Future

Just as many programs look to meet the changing needs of the 21st century, Freemasons must determine how they can continue to be a viable fraternity through the year 2000 and beyond. The world has not remained static during the past 93 years; nor can Masonic Lodges, if they wish to endure and thrive.

The image of Freemasonry is that we are an organization of older men, and truthfully the average age of our members is over 60. Added to this is the general decline in membership in all fraternal and service organizations. We must recruit and retain younger members to strengthen and revitalize our Lodges. Therefore, we must make our organization appealing to potential Masons. It is up to us to pass our tradition on to a new generation; yet at the same time, form new approaches to these traditions, that will allow younger members to truly feel they are a part of our fraternity.

In determining how to Prepare for the Future, MWBro Hugh Young appointed RWBro Gerald Webber, Junior Grand Warden, to take up the challenge and complexity of developing a strategy for renewal in the Alberta Jurisdiction. In determining how to strengthen the fraternity, Bro Webber's mandate was not to tear down existing structure, but to expand upon the structure to allow for new growth.

The Board of General Purposes supported Bro Webber's model for renewal which identified the problems/issues, and how to address the restrictions facing Freemasonry. The inaugural meeting scheduled in May, will bring together a seven member team from each geographical area. These enthusiastic Masons will have to do their homework as they develop a path on how to preserve Freemasonry in our communities

with appealing membership, and how to stem the financial crises in Lodges.

We need to have our vision sprinkled with a dusting of reality. We need to set goals that are challenging, yet realistic, and can be achieved. We need to be creative in our approaches to Freemasonry and not dwell on the past. We need to be open to the challenges of change, as we move toward the untried. We need to measure our successes as we follow the paths of the dreams made.

Henry David Thoreau said: "If you have built castles in the air, that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them."

Our Renewal Program will be that foundation! A foundation to the Future.

G.T.W.

Editorial

It's a Privilege

Whether we like it or not, we constantly deal with two terms in the English language and tend to neglect a third. The first two being RIGHTS and DUTIES (unfortunately most of the time in that order), and the third being PRIVILEGE. This applies to life in general but, in particular, we are concerned with the use of these terms, and their application, in Freemasonry. Much too often people in society make claims as to their rights, while too seldom they show the same fervour when they should contemplate the duties they owe to others. Even more rarely do they consider the privileges granted to them, and do they think of giving anything in exchange for them.

93rd Annual Communication

The Ninety-Third Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., will be held in the Convention Inn South, 4404 Calgary Trail, Edmonton, Alberta, commencing on Friday, June 12th, 1998, at 1:00 PM and continuing on Saturday, June 13th, 1998.

- 1) **Agenda:** The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations R1.1.4, will be conducted by MWBro Hugh Young from the following Agenda (see page 6), governed by the rules of order as per the Regulations and/or those listed in the Preliminary Report. The Grand Master may revise the Agenda.
- 2) **Notices of Motion:** The Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution and Regulations are to be found elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.
- 3) **Registration/Balloting:** shall commence at 12:00 noon Friday, June 12th, 1998. Balloting shall begin one hour (1) prior to the opening of Grand Lodge and will continue until 6:00 PM on the first day of the Annual Communication. Registration and Balloting will resume on the second day, June 13th, 1998 and continue until 10:00 AM (R1.2.9). **Note:** on the Friday evening, there will be no balloting after 6:00 PM.

We'll See You There!

We look forward to your Lodge having your full slate of officers at Grand Lodge. All Past Masters, elected and appointed officers are voting members and are encouraged to attend. Also Master Masons are welcome to attend. All business of this Jurisdiction will be discussed. You make the decisions. You are encouraged to read through this *Bulletin*, familiarize yourself with the nominees and notices of motion. Your attendance is encouraged and most welcomed. See you there!

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Editorial, cont..

This issue of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* reminds us of our privileges as Freemasons in two important areas, *Preparing for the Future* and exercising the privilege of our franchise in determining everything that is to be decided during the annual *Grand Lodge Communication*.

In both instances we have the RIGHT to participate and to make our opinions and feelings count, and indeed we have the DUTY to take part, to be there, to contribute. And that is why this amounts to a great PRIVILEGE!

As to the first, *Preparing for the Future*, we are talking about the *Plan for Strategic Renewal* begun in 1997. It is designed to take inventory of the present state of our Craft, defining the role of the Grand Lodge, the constituent Lodges and their individual members, identifying goals and objectives, and planning for success. Seven regional groups from within Alberta are involved, and they merit the cooperation to the fullest of each and every member of the Craft. To take up the challenge, to participate: what a PRIVILEGE!

As to the second: the 93rd *Annual Communication* of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., one would think that nothing remains to be said about it. Of course we know that as Principal Officers of a Constituent Lodge, or indeed any elected or appointed Officer, or a Past Master, it is a DUTY to be there. After all, when we were first elected or appointed, or gained the status of "Past", we were so excited about having been chosen, maybe "tickled pink", and were eager to promise to ourselves to claim this as our RIGHT. As the years go by, quite understandably additional duties and commitments are being assumed by many of us, and at times we lose the sense of which has — or ought to have — priority and we become entangled in time conflicts. The result, of course is absenteeism with an ensuing loss to the Brotherhood. Without any doubt, Ancient Craft Masonry practised in the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason, form the basis for all other Masonic or related endeavours, and should therefore always be considered first — and that includes marking the calendar for upcoming events. Ergo, attending Grand Lodge on June 12th and 13th is our PRIVILEGE.

Participating in preparing for the future, as well as attending and supporting our Lodge and our Grand Lodge, are our RIGHT, are our DUTY, and are our PRIVILEGE!

Grand Master 1998-99

Automatic as per Section C7.2.2

RWBro James W. Roberts, Red Deer Lodge No. 12

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

Elected by Acclamation (C7.2.2)

RWBro J. Art Jones, Patricia Lodge No. 91

Senior Grand Warden

Elected by Acclamation

RWBro Gerald T. Webber, Crossfield Lodge No. 48

Junior Grand Warden (one to be elected)

RWBro Donald Buck, Calgary Lodge No. 23



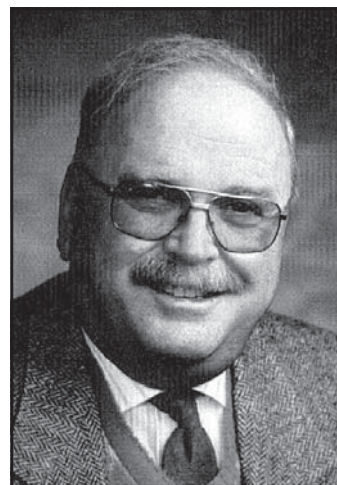
Raised to the degree of Master Mason at Uranium City Lodge No. 210, Uranium City, SK in October, 1960. He affiliated with Calgary Lodge No. 23 in 1979 and became WM in Calgary's Olympic Year, 1988. He was DDGM of District No. 6 (Calgary-Highwood) in 1991/92.

RWBro Buck served as president of the Calgary Board of Masonic Relief for four years. He assisted in the formation of the Cancer Volunteer Driver's Program.

He has served as a member of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee for five years and has been elected for three consecutive terms to the Board of General Purposes at which he currently holds the position of Vice-President. He was elected and installed a TPGM of the Calgary Lodge of Perfection AASR in 1995/96. He is currently serving as Principal Sojourner of Golden West Chapter No. 5 of RAM in High River.

See Don Buck, page 4.

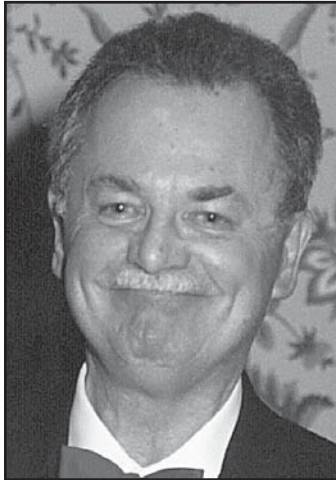
RWBro Terrence A. Drolet, Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15



Born Wetaskiwin, AB, February 26, 1936. After completing schooling in Wetaskiwin, entered University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine, receiving MD in 1960. After 2 years internship and residency at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, returned to Wetaskiwin to establish a family practice. While at university he was a member of Royal Canadian Navy Reserve University Naval Training Division. After returning to Wetaskiwin, he

became medical officer and subsequently commanding officer of RCSCC. Wetaskiwin Sea Cadet Corps. Served two terms as Chief of Medical Staff, Wetaskiwin General Hospital.

See Terry Drolet, page 4.

VWBro Peter Fairbridge, Highlands Lodge No. 168

Born in Halifax, Yorkshire, England August 7, 1931. He emigrated from the United Kingdom, with his family in June 1949 and following a short period of employment and residence in Vancouver, took up employment with the CPR in Trail BC. On June 18, 1951 he enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces in which he served until May 15, 1972, at which time he took early retirement with the rank of Warrant Officer. He is now President and General Man-

ager of his own family business, Canessco Inc., engaged in sewer and drain cleaning, liquid waste transportation and disposal. Married to Marjory in Scholes, Yorkshire, England on September 6, 1952, they have three children, Paul David, Vera Michele and Mark Richard Armstrong and now are also blessed with seven grandchildren.

Raised in Centennial Lodge No. 53, Oromocto, NB, 1969, affiliated Highlands Lodge No. 168, Edmonton 1978. Worshipful Master Highlands Lodge 1986, Secretary 1987-1992, elected to Bursary Committee 1992-1995 and appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1996-97.

Member of Capital City Chapter No. 13 RAM, First Principal, 1982, Order of High Priesthood 1983, Grand Sword Bearer, 1983, Grand Registrar 1984, Scribe E., Capital City Chapter, 1986-1993, Grand Representative of Kentucky, elected Grand Third Principal, 1992, Grand Second Principal, 1993 and Grand First Principal, 1994. Honorary Member of Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan, BC & the Yukon, Manitoba, Idaho and Washington. Member Zohar Council No. 4 RSM, Alberta Lodge Royal Ark Mariners, Edmonton Preceptory No. 45 KT, Taylor Conclave No. 5, Alberta Rose York Rite College No. 52, Northern Lights Tabernacle No. 130 Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

Member of Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, AASR, Mizpah See **Peter Fairbridge**, page 4.

RWBro Jerry W. Kopp, Gleichen Lodge No. 36

Born in Loon Lake, SK, March 15, 1948. Employed with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as a peace officer, for 28 years. He is currently stationed at Gleichen RCMP Detachment as the Detachment Commander. Jerry has two children, daughter Colleen 20 years and son Patrick 13 years.

Jerry's Masonic profile: initiated as EA April 5, 1977, passed to the degree of FC May 3, 1977 and raised to the sublime degree MM on

June 7, 1977 in Gleichen Lodge No. 36. He was WM in Gleichen Lodge In 1993 and 1994. Affiliated with Strathmore Lodge No. 53 in 1991 and served there as WM in 1995. He is currently the Secretary/Treasurer for Strathmore Lodge No. 53. He is also a member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 and was appointed to office of Senior Deacon and Junior Warden Elect.

Jerry has held positions in the Grand Lodge of Alberta and was appointed to the position of Senior Grand Deacon in 1994/95. In 1995, he was elected as the DDGM for Dinosaur District, for 1996/97. He was elected in 1997 to the Board of General Purposes with the term expiring in 1999.

He is actively involved in Gleichen Lions Club. He is Past President and currently the Treasurer for the Club. He is also Zone Chairman of 4B in Multiple District 37E under the leadership of District Governor Patricia Webber, wife of RWBro Gerald T. Webber.

RWBro W. Matthew Livingstone, Renfrew Lodge No. 134

Initiated into Lodge Renfrew No. 134, 1956. WM 1963. DDGM Alpha District 1993. Honorary Life Member of Bow River Lodge No. 1 and Renfrew Lodge No. 134. Initiated in AASR, 1958. TPGM Valley of Calgary 1988. Received 33 Degree, September 1996.

Born in Calgary, August 17, 1924, he enlisted RCNVR 1942, served overseas 1944-45 on HMCS Calgary. Discharged December 1945.

Married wife Barbara (1923-96), twins Scott of Vancouver, Susan (1955-1994) of Hawarden, SK Branch Manager Canadian Metre Co. In Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary. Retired 1987

RWBro Douglas N. Troock, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

Born January 23, 1929 in Edmonton, he is now retired —employed 40 years in Furniture Industry.

Initiated, passed and raised in Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, 1971. 32 Degree, AASR, Valley of Edmonton, 1973. Installed WM of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, 1979. Invested SW of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, 1983. Invested SW of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, 1991. Noble of Al Shamal Temple AAONMS, 1992. President of Al Shamal

Greeters Unit, 1995. DDGM of Northern Lights Masonic District, 1995/96. Assistant Manager of Freemasons' Hall of Edmonton. Honorary Life Member of Patricia Lodge No. 91, Onoway Lodge No. 138, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, and Evergreen Lodge No. 166.

Grand Treasurer

RWBro G.R. (Rex) Dawson, Westlock Lodge No. 114

Initiated Westlock Lodge No. 114 1970, WM in 1980, Junior Grand Deacon 1986. General Chairman Spring Workshop, 1991. Grand Treasurer 1991 to present time. Secretary of Westlock Lodge No. 114. DDGM, District No. 19, 1990/91.

Employed by M.D. of Mountain View 1948-52. General Motors Employee 1952-1969. Franchised Ford Dealer 1969 to present.

Married 1948 to Marjory Bruce. 4 children 7 grandchildren. Active for years in various activities such as Church work, Community League, Rotary, Dealer Council both Local and National.

Board of General Purposes (8 to be elected)

RWBro Edward F. Balleine, Glenbow Lodge No. 184

Initiated 1978, Glenbow Lodge No. 184, WM 1983/84,

Biographies continued

Don Buck, from page 2.

RWBro Buck is a qualified tradesman by profession having founded a successful steel fabrication company that is well-known throughout the Oil and Gas Industry. He retired in November of 1997 and is pursuing his hobby of building ornamental furnishing and metal sculptures.

He was born September 7, 1931 in Worcester England, where he was raised and educated. He served in the British Army as a Craftsman in the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers in Britain and Germany before emigrating to Canada in 1957. He married his wife Joan in September 1960. They have two daughters, a son and three grandchildren.

Terry Drolet, from page 2.

Presently a medical examiner with the Department of Justice, Province of Alberta.

He met wife Marilyn while at university, married in 1958. Has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. While at university, both were active in music circles. Marilyn is an accomplished pianist; while Terrence studied violin and was a member of the University Symphony for 8 years.

Bro Drolet became a Mason in Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, Wetaskiwin, in 1964. Served as WM in 1970. Was DDGM District No. 20 in 1975. Member of BGP 1981 to 1984. Chairman Masonic Spring Workshop 1989. He has been Secretary of Wetaskiwin Lodge for 14 years, and again for the past 3 years. Joined AASR Valley of Edmonton 1968, TPGM. Edmonton Lodge of Perfection 1982-83. Coroneted Honorary Inspector 33 Degree in 1990. Member of Royal Order of Scotland 1983. Exalted in Mt. Olivet Chapter No. 17 RAM Camrose 1981. Has served as 1st Principal 1985, 1993. Presently Grand District Superintendent District No. 5 RAM. Member of the Order of Red Cross of Constantine. Member of Northern Alberta Veterans' Degree Team.

Peter Fairbridge, from page 3.

Chapter Rose Croix, Alberta Consistory. Member Al Azhar Temple, Al Shamal Temple (Charter Member), demitted 1986. Initiated OES, Margaret Chapter No. 41, Oromocto, NB, 1969, affiliated Norwood Chapter No. 24, Edmonton, 1983. Associate Guardian Bethel No. 6, Edmonton 1973-75.

DDGM, 1996-97, Calgary-Highwood District. Presently Chaplain of Glenbow Lodge and chairman of the COMELY Committee in the Lodge.

RWBro Doug W. Brown, Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54

Initiated January 1957, Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54. WM, 1964 and 1990. DDGM Calgary-Highwood District 1992-93. Member of Masonic Foundation since 1993.

RWBro Ross H. Cawley, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101

Initiated 1968, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101. WM 1978/79. Member of BGP, 1996/98. Appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Alberta from the Grand Lodge of Quebec 1994. Provided some assistance to Chairmen planning Masonic Spring Workshop for three or four years in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

WBro Clifford G. Edwards, Griesbach Lodge No. 191

Initiated in Griesbach Lodge No. 191, January 25, 1967. Raised March 22, 1967. Master of Griesbach Lodge in 1978. District 19 Masonic Higher Education Bursary Chairman 1987-88. Joined Scottish Rite in 1996. Athabasca District Secretary 1997-98 and was appointed acting Secretary of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee in January of 1998.

He holds an MA in Canadian History and has taught in Medicine Hat and Edmonton High Schools since 1962 (1967-71 with DND in Germany). Currently teaching Social Studies and International Baccalaureate History at Ross Sheppard High School in Edmonton. His daughter Monica is a teacher with Edmonton Public Schools and his son Rolf is into computers.

WBro Keith E. Ellis, Westlock Lodge No. 114

Initiated Westlock Lodge No. 114, September 1994. Presently SW of Westlock Lodge. Member of Norwood RAM. Member of Edmonton Preceptory 46 K.T. Retired from dentistry 3 years ago, age 57. He has run his business successfully. While in University he was member of the Admissions Committee for the Faculty of Dentistry. Was on selection committee for various bursaries and scholarships. He has served for past 3 years as vice-chairman of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.

RWBro John R. Fraser, Patricia Lodge No. 91

Initiated in Patricia Lodge No. 91 on February 27, 1976, passed March 26, 1976 and raised April 23, 1976. Served as WM of Patricia Lodge No. 91 1985/86 and 1994/95. Secretary of Patricia Lodge since June 1995. DDGM of Northern Lights District 1997/98. Member of AASR, Al Shamal Shrine and Secretary of the Clown Unit.

Worked for NAR and CNR for 35 years before retiring in 1994. Was on the Edmonton Chapter Order of DeMolay Advisory Council 1986/91. Member of McClure United Church and past Chairman of the Board and Worship Committee.

RWBro Angus Gordon, Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2

Initiated in 1981, Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2. WM 1991. DDGM Palliser District, 1993/94. BGP 1994 to present. Vice Chairman of Finance Committee. Certified General Accountant.

WBro John D. Hart, Perfection Lodge No. 9

Initiated 1991, WM 1997, Perfection Lodge No. 9. Member of Scottish Rite, Al Azhar Oriental Band. Graduate of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. General Manager of a Calgary Printing Company

WBro Hugh Kent, Palestine Lodge No. 46

Initiated, passed and raised in Carlyle Lodge GRS 1957. Joined Palestine Lodge No. 46, 1983. Master of Palestine Lodge 1991-92 and 1995-96. BGP 1993-95, Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee 1994-98, Chairman 1995-98.

Retired teacher from Edmonton School Board after 26 years. Married to Shirley, has 4 children and 10 grandchildren, most in school in Alberta.

RWBro Lorne Langman, Acacia Lodge No. 11

Initiated in Acacia Lodge No. 11, 1970. WM 1981. DDGM, Lakeland District 1997/98. Married to Joan for 35 years. 1 daughter, Lorna, who lives in Calgary.

Retired from the University of Alberta Hospital after 28 years, serving in various positions in the Physical Plant Dept. An active member of Robertson-Wesley United Church in Edmonton. 38 years in the Choir and for the past 3 ½ years as Chairman of the Property Committee. Other activities include bowling, curling and the occasional game of golf. A former member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Club of Edmonton, and a member of the Edmonton Schoolboys Band Alumni.

RWBro Peter Lewko, Lethbridge Lodge No. 39

Raised in 1951, WM Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, 1960/1982, DDGM, 1985. Secretary/Treasurer Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, 1984 to date. President Southern Alberta Bingo Association 1993. Member of the Board of Directors of the above organization for 10 years. Retired.

VWBro Ken Myers, Mizpah Lodge No. 35

Initiated 1985, Mizpah Lodge No. 35, WM 1991/92. Grand Steward 1997/98. Secretary/Treasurer Mizpah Lodge, 1996-present.

RWBro Norman Senn, Mosaic Lodge No. 176

Head, Medical Science Dept. SAIT, 1970/87. Retired 1988, Microbiologist. Initiated in 1965 in Eastgate Lodge No. 192, affiliated 1968 to Mosaic Lodge No. 176. WM Mosaic Lodge 1975-76, affiliated 1979 to Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980, DDGM District 18 (Phoenix District) 1984-85. WM Fiat Lux 1992-93. Chairman Masonic Spring Workshop, 1974 and Theme Speaker on two occasions; Member of *Grand Lodge Bulletin* Committee 1969-74, Editor, *Bulletin* 1985-90 and 1991-95. Member of Board of Benevolence 1978-79. Member Masonic Research & Education Committee 1974-80. Co-Chairman, Special Committee on Forms and Publications 1992 to present. Member, Board of General Purposes 1979-85, 1987-93, 1994-95, President, 1996-97. Member, Committee on the Work.

Member Golden West Chapter, Royal Arch; Member Cyprus Preceptory, KT; Member Calgary AASR, Past MWS, Past CinC. 33 Degree, Member Royal Order Scotland, Member Red Cross of Constantine. Past Associate Grand Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters.

RWBro Douglas A. Sherris, King Hiram Lodge No. 21

Retired teacher. Initiated 1980, King Hiram Lodge. WM King Hiram Lodge, 1986-87. DDGM, Phoenix District 1992-93. Bursary Committee 1988-92. Board of Benevolence 1995-98. Secretary/Treasurer Masonic Spring Workshop, 1990-98.

RWBro Allan K. Sinclair, Loyalty Lodge No. 197

Initiated Crescent Lodge No. 87, 1965. WM 1987. Affiliated to Loyalty Lodge No. 197, 1988, WM Loyalty Lodge 1996-97 and 1997-98. DDGM, Phoenix District 1996-97. BGP (appointed) 1997-98.

WBro John Slade, Baseline Lodge No. 198

Joined Lodge of Unity No. 183 in London, England. He also affiliated with Doric Lodge in Germany whilst serving with the British Forces. On emigrating to Canada he affiliated with Baseline Lodge in Spruce Grove and served as the WM in 1995. He has served 3 years as the treasurer for Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association in Edmonton. Currently the Chairman of the Advisory Council for Edmonton Chapter Order of DeMolay. After serving with the British Forces, he went on to graduate as a Chiropractor (foot doctor) and since arriving in Canada has pursued and built his own private practice.

VWBro F.L. (Bob) Taylor, Medicine Hat Lodge N. 2

Initiated in Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 in 1978. WM 1983. Grand Steward in 1986. Serving the Bursary Committee 1993-98, Board of Benevolence 1988-89, 1996-98 and the BGP, 1993-96.

Robert Burns Celebration Coach to Fort McMurray

On 20th January 1998, the Grand Master, MWBro Hugh Young, took twenty Masons he had contacted via the "Internet" to Fort McMurray Lodge No 195. Mission: Visitation and "Robert Burns Festival." There was outstanding "Fellowship," and all returned home safely. The GM was very pleased to have eight of his officers present. This group sent a congratulation message to "Internet Lodge No 9659 E.C." which was consecrated 27th January 1998. Home Page <<http://internet.lodge.org.uk>>

The message was signed: MWBro Hugh Young, GM; MWBro R.L. Costigan, PGM (1978); MWBro R.H. Burton, PGM (1994); RWBro R.A. Jones, SGW; RWBro G. T. Webber, JGW; RWBro K.C. Manly, DDGM (Alpha); RWBro R.E. Ross, DDGM (Central); RWBro L.V. Vaughan, DDGM (Chinook); RWBro Paul Rabel, DDGM (Phoenix); VWBro C.E. Anderson, GStew; VWBro K.R. McTavish, GPiper; RWBro W. Anderson (137); RWBro Don Buck (23); RWBro W.C. Johnston (20); RWBro R. Phillips (16); RWBro V. Ramsbottom (20); RWBro C. Stuart (23); RWBro M. Livingston (134); VWBro T.J. Dickey (1); and WBro J. Reid (48).

Program For the Ninety-Third Annual Communication

June 12th and 13th, 1998

Convention Inn South, Edmonton, Alberta

Friday, June 12th, 1998

10:00 AM Board of General Purposes Meeting (members only and invited observers)

10:00 AM Registration Opens

11:00 AM Grand Master's Lunch (by invitation with Ladies)

12:50 PM Formation of Grand Procession

1:00 PM Opening of 93rd Annual Communication (Tyled)

- Grand Lodge Procession
- Reception of Past Grand Masters
- Reception of Distinguished Visitors
- Presentation of the Colours — RCMP
- Motion of Loyalty
- Confirmation of the 92nd Annual Communication
- Recognition of Grand Representatives
- Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving
- Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
- Rules of Order

Reading of the following, each report & recommendation requires motion:

- a) Board of General Purposes —
 - confirmation of appointment of Grand Secretary
 - appointment of Auditor for 1999
 - approval of 1999 Capital and Operating Budget
- b) Committee on Fraternal Relations (Summary)
- c) Committee on the Work
- d) Committee on the Condition of Masonry
- e) Committee on Charters and New Lodges
- f) Board of Benevolence
- g) Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund
- h) COMELY Committee Report

Adoption of the Following Reports printed in the Preliminary Proceedings

- a) Grand Treasurer's Report
- b) Grand Secretary's Report
- c) Auditor's Report & Financial Statements
- d) Finance Committee Report
- e) Grand Librarian's Report
- f) Grand Historian's Report
- g) *Grand Lodge Bulletin* Committee Report

Adoption of the following Special Committee Reports printed in the Preliminary Proceedings

- a) 91st Annual Communication Review
- b) Strategic Planning
- c) Masonic Charities
- d) Publication & Forms Committee

e) Liaison with other Masonic Bodies

f) Public Awareness

4:00 PM Grand Master's Address

- Motion to refer the Grand Master's Address to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

4:30 PM Adjournment

6:00 PM Balloting and Registration suspended.

6:00 PM Reception GRAND LODGE BANQUET (Ladies Welcome)

Toastmaster

RWBro Gerry Webber, Junior Grand Warden

- Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award
- Entertainment

Saturday, June 13th, 1998

8:00 AM Balloting and Registration resumed

9:00 AM Ninety-Third Annual Communication reconvenes

- Any Reports not completed from Friday's session
- Report on the Grand Master's Address
- Notices of Motion to amend Constitution
- Masonic Foundation of Alberta

10:00 AM Balloting and Registration Close

- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Report of the Scrutineers Committee

11:00 AM General and Unfinished Business

- Election of Grand Tyler
- Masonic Medal of Merit
- Other Masonic Awards

Noon: VIP Luncheon

1:00 PM Ninety-Third Annual Communication Reconvenes — (Tuxedos Requested)

- Grand Master's Comments
- Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 1998/99, under the direction of MWBro Basile Costouros
- Grand Master's Remarks
- Other Remarks

3:30 PM Grand Lodge Closes

3:45 PM 1998/99 Officers' Pictures

5:30 PM Incoming Grand Master's evening

Notices of Motion to Amend the Constitution and Regulations

These are the Notices of Motion (to amend the Regulations) received in the Grand Lodge Office. These notices were reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee. In approving any proposed amendment it does so only in regard to the constitutional regularity of the proposal and none of its members thereby expresses any personal opinion on the merits of it.

Canada Lodge No. 165

Notice of Resolution to Revise List of Officers to Include the Almoner

Canada Lodge voted in favour of a notice of motion that Section R3.1 of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Regulations be amended to add the office of Almoner to the list of officers of a Lodge and to read as follows:

- .1 The officers of a Lodge practising the Canadian Rite shall be: The Worshipful Master, The Immediate Past Master, The Senior Warden, The Junior Warden, The Treasurer, The Secretary (or Secretary/Treasurer), The Chaplain, The Senior Deacon, The Junior Deacon, The Director of Ceremonies, The Senior Steward, The Junior Steward, The Inner Guard and The Tyler, A Registrar, An Organist, A Historian, **An Almoner** and A Piper may be added.
- .2 The Officers of a Lodge practising the Ancient York Rite shall be: The Worshipful Master, The Immediate Past Master, The Senior Warden, The Junior Warden, The Treasurer, The Secretary (or Secretary/Treasurer), The Chaplain, The Senior Deacon, The Junior Deacon, The Director of Ceremonies, The Senior Steward, The Junior Steward and the Tyler, A Registrar, An Organist, A Historian, **An Almoner** and A Piper may be added.

Commercial Lodge No. 81

Notice of Resolution to Add Strategic Renewal Committee to Regulations

The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Commercial Lodge No. 81 move that a new section be added to the "Regulations" as permitted by Article 17 of the Constitution and the authority thereby given the Board of General Purposes as is described below.

New Regulation R1.7.17 Strategic Planning Committee

- .1 There shall be a Strategic Planning Committee consisting of the Senior Grand Warden (Chairman), Junior Grand Warden (Vice-Chairman), and seven Area representatives. The objectives of this committee shall be to provide long-term (5+ years) planning for the Jurisdiction.
- .2 The Committee shall consider the presence of four (4) area representatives and either Grand Warden to constitute a Quorum for the conduct of business.
- .3 The purpose of the committee shall be to evaluate the report of the committee on the Condition of Masonry, and all other relevant information deemed necessary, then formulate recommendations for the conduct and direction of the Craft as a whole, for the next succeeding five years, to be placed before the Board of General Purposes AND the Annual Communication, for ratification by the Members present.
- .4 The committee is required to provide an interim report to the Board of General Purposes at its fall meeting, and a final report at the May meeting of the Board of General Purposes. Its recommendations are to be published in the

preliminary proceedings of the next Annual Communication for the information of the Craft, and require approval of the majority of members present in order to become the "policy" of our organization.

- .5 The only requirement for appointment to this committee or an area committee is two (2) years continuous membership as a Master Mason in a Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Concord Lodge No. 124

Notice of Resolution to Create a Millennium Museum Fund

Whereas the Material Culture of our Fraternity is an integral component of the history of Alberta; and

Whereas it can serve as a valuable medium for generating favourable public awareness and also as a valuable resource for Masonic Research and Education; and

Whereas our Masonic jurisdiction is without a suitable repository for adequate stewardship of Masonic Memorabilia;

Therefore, it is moved that the Grand Lodge of Alberta create a "**Millennium Museum Fund**" by means of assessing each member in our jurisdiction, two dollars per year for the five years commencing 1999 to 2003 inclusive; which fund will serve as a catalyst for the future accommodation of appropriate elements of the Material Culture of Freemasonry.

Calgary Lodge No. 23

Notice of Resolution to Revise the Master Mason Certificate

Whereas the certificate now presented to Master Masons is a standard document of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, for both "Rites" practised in Alberta; and

Whereas the Certificate presented to Master Masons does now depict eight (8) of the ten (10) Working Tools used by operative Masons; and

Whereas the Working Tools are the focal point of major lectures in each of the three (3) degrees of the practised "Rites";

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Master Masons Certificate be revised to include The Skirrett and The Trowel and thus complete the complement of Working Tools on the Certificate.

Strathcona Lodge No. 77

Notice of Resolution to Assign Their Previous Numbers to the Districts

That all Grand Lodge Districts be assigned their previous number to follow the District Name. In the case of amalgamated districts, the number assigned to be agreeable to the District. For example "Athabasca District No. 19."

The reasons for this motion are as follows:

There are hundreds of PDDGMs with collar jewels containing the District number that they represented. These PDDGMs should be introduced by their District number.

Therefore "Athabasca District No. 19" recognises both the PDDGMs of District 19 and the PDDGMs of Athabasca District.

Second, the District History for 30 or more years all pertain to a District number and it is important that future Masons as well as DDGMs can relate to the continuance of this history by knowing that "Athabasca District" was originally "District No. 19." This continuation is important to the history of each district.

In order that the Motion may be properly formulated to accomplish what we have proposed, we would request an agreement with the Lodges' concern, for the following name and numbering system.

Alpha District	No. 1
Palliser District	No. 2/14
Yellowhead District	No. 3
Central District	No. 4/9
Battle River District	No. 5/17
Calgary-Highwood District	No. 6
Chinookarch District	No. 7/11
Three Rivers District	No. 8
Lakeland District	No. 10
Northern Lights District	No. 12
Mighty Peace District	No. 13
Dinosaur District	No. 15/16
Phoenix District	No. 18
Athabasca District	No. 19
Beaverhills District	No. 20

This numbering system will maintain reference to the Lodges 1990 District assignments and therefore should not present any objections.

The Relationship Between the Cardinal Virtues and the Tassels

Abridged from a paper by RWBro D. Roy Murray (81)
The Four Cardinal Virtues and Tassels in the Lodge room — Is There an Appropriate Correlation Between the Two.

The reference to the Cardinal Virtues and the Tassels appears in the First Degree work. There appears however to be an inconsistency in the work in the various jurisdictions, in the sequence of naming the Cardinal Virtues and whether certain Cardinal Virtues relate to the Tassels. Some authorities list Justice first, while others will list Prudence first and so on.

In the Canadian Rite ritual the first reference to Tassels in a Lodge is given by the Junior Warden at the Tracing Board in the First Degree. The pertinent parts are:

"Pendant to the four corners of the Lodge are four tassels, which represent the four Cardinal Virtues, namely Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice... the whole of which tradition informs us were practised in an eminent degree by our ancient Brethren."

The lecturing Brother then points to the four tassels hanging in the corners of the Lodge room, naming them accordingly. The direction given to the tassels appears to be inconsistent among different Lodges. The lecturer often appears to start

where it is convenient. If facing the west and using the right hand, the Northwest corner becomes "Temperance" and then moving through the four Cardinal Virtues clockwise, "Justice" is in the southwest corner. Although the Cardinal Virtues are not always mentioned in the same sequence, the candidate is exhorted to "let Prudence direct you, Temperance chasten you, Fortitude support you and Justice be the guide of all your actions."

The ceiling of the Grand Temple in Freemasons' Hall in London, England is adorned with mosaic figures in the form of angels with fulsome wings and these are given the names of each of the four Cardinal Virtues. "Temperantia" is in the southeast corner, "Fortitudo" in the southwest corner, "Prudentia" in the Northwest corner and "Justitia" is in the northeast corner.

Our Brethren in this jurisdiction, practising the Ancient York Rite, explain the Cardinal Virtues as being the "Perfect Points of your Entrance." The York Rite ritual does not refer to "Tassels."

In the (BC) Canadian Rite Ritual, the relationship between the Principal Points of Entrance, the Cardinal Virtues and the Tassels are summarized as follows:

Pendant to the four corners of the Lodge room are four tassels. These four tassels are described as referring to the four principal points — the guttural, pectoral, manual and pedal, and through them to the four Cardinal Virtues, namely, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, the practice of which are inculcated in the First Degree.

Conclusion

While there is insufficient proof to place any of the cardinal Virtues in any specific location, and there is no correct or authoritative positioning of the tassels, the positions of the allegorical figures in the Grand Temple in London may be offered as a guide.

The question also arises as to whether or not it is important to designate a special tassel to a specific Cardinal Virtue. The author believes there is no fixed connection between the Cardinal Virtues and the tassels, this enables the Candidate to moralize on the concepts rather than the position in the Lodge room.

*****Note:** The next meeting of FIAT LUX Lodge of Research will be held at the Masonic Hall of Jasper Park Lodge No. 143, 622 Connaught Drive, Jasper, Alberta, on Saturday, May 30, 1998 at 2:00 PM. Master Masons from near and far are encouraged to attend, to bring their wives for their own get together while the Brethren are in Lodge, and to the joint dinner afterwards. Plan this as a family weekend. For further information call Tom Hargreaves, 403-282-8091 in Calgary or Robert Juthner 403-483-5124 in Edmonton.

Grand Master's Itinerary

May

- 1 St. Mark's Lodge, Calgary
- 8 Grand Chapter, Royal Arch, Crossroads Hotel, Calgary
- 12 King Hiram Lodge, Didsbury
- 14 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 16 Commercial Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton
- 21 Cornerstone Lodge, High River
- 24 Cornerstone-laying, Balzac United Church
- 30 Centennial Lodge, Edmonton

