



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## 94th Annual Communication

The Ninety-Fourth Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., will be held in the Red Deer Courtyard Inn, 4311 – 49 Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta, commencing Friday June 4, 1999, at 10:00 AM and continuing on Saturday, June 5, 1999.

**1) Agenda:** The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations R.1.1.4, will be conducted by MWBro James W. Roberts from the following Agenda, 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 9:00 AM Friday, June 4, 1999. 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 5, 1999 and continue until 10:00 AM (R1.2.9). **Note:** on the Friday evening there will be no balloting after 6:00 PM.

**4) Accommodations:** You are responsible to reserve your own accommodations. However, special rates have been arranged for attendees: Regular room — \$75; Deluxe Room — \$90; Suite — \$100. To take advantage of these special rates, phone the Red Deer Courtyard Lodge at 1-800-661-1657 and by quote Block #7513.

**5) Grand Lodge Banquet:** The annual Grand Lodge Banquet will be held on Friday evening, June 4, 1999 and is very reasonably priced at \$25 per person. Reserve your seats early by calling Grand Lodge Office at 403-262-1140.

### Your Attendance Is Encouraged and Welcomed!

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!

## 1999 Conference of Grand Masters of North America

The Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries met in Honolulu, February 20–24, for their Annual Meetings. This report will comment on the Grand Masters' Conference, which was also attended by many of the Deputy Grand Masters.

Our first event was a Memorial Service aboard the famous USS Missouri on a blustery, rainy morning. The theme which was also the theme of the Conference as well was "A Millennium of Understanding" with hope that the brotherhood of all people everywhere will come to fruition. In the evening a Luau was held and for a first timer to Hawaii this was impressive!

The keynote speaker this years was Rev Dr Robert Winterton, PM, a Southern Baptist Minister from California who was known for his defence of Masonry when his church was attempting to excommunicate Masons. His theme was based on the concept of love for all people — not in cold charitable terms, but in a caring compassionate way. In a lively address, rich in humour and in depth of understanding, he gave us all a good deal to think about.

Much of the early part of the plenary sessions was given over to Annual Meetings of North American Masonic organizations such as the Masonic Service Association (the information centre for Masons); the George Washington Memorial Committee; The World Conference of Grand Masters; etc. The Grand Masters' agenda had a number of items that were of universal concern, some of them quite controversial, but all interesting. Masonic Renewal had a large part in the proceed-

ings as did the whole context of falling membership. One of the events which promoted a lot of discussion were the many "one day" degree days (i.e. three degrees in one day) that are being held across the United States. A year ago there was a good deal of resistance to the idea, but this year there were several jurisdictions which had held the one day degree event. The reports were well presented and I found it interesting as to how they met with the objections of former times, and how thorough and carefully they were in their investigative methods, degree preparation and the work. There were many other relevant items discussed but space in the *Bulletin* cannot allow us to expand.

The Conference concluded with a series of short but meaningful success stories — many of them had to do with the youth of their jurisdiction, a good many members spend a lot of time with youth programs in schools, and in the concordant bodies. I presented a short resume of the Four Western Jurisdictions Conference in the proceedings. I feel privileged to have been a part of this august body.

Jim Roberts, Grand Master

## Grand Lodge Officers Elected by Acclamation

RWBro Gerald T. Webber — Deputy Grand Master  
RWBro Douglas N. Troock — Senior Grand Warden  
RWBro G.R. (Rex) Dawson — Grand Treasurer

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*Editorial*

**Duty-Bound**

“The buck stops here” is a phrase attributed to the late MWBro Harry Truman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and President of the United States. Why did he feel that way when he was surrounded by so many to whom he could delegate authority and thereby let others assume responsibility? Was it because he had, at his inauguration as President, taken a solemn oath on George Washington’s Masonic bible?

Who, in our midst, also obligates himself by solemn obligation to “...discharge his duties as a ruler in the Craft...”? Does the Worshipful Master come to mind?

At the Grand Lodge Communication of 1998, eighty Worshipful Masters discharged their duties with fidelity while fifty-seven were absent, although eighteen of these were represented by a Warden. What is the reason for this?

It is recognized that emergency situations may arise, for which no one can be faulted — but, how do we account for the absence of 42 per cent of the Masters?

As we again prepare for our Annual Communication, the one time of the year when we can all assemble in conscious brotherhood and when our votes count, it seems that nothing could be more appropriate than to bring up, in open Lodge, the question of “Lodge Representation,” as a reminder of duties — yes, but more importantly, to offer relief to a hard pressed Brother to enable him to be there for his Lodge, to hold the banner high, so that his Brethren can be proud of him as he can be proud of his Lodge.

Shall we see you all in Red Deer?

**Grand Master’s Itinerary**

**May**

- 1 Concord Lodge, Calgary
- 5 Avon Glen Lodge, Edmonton
- 7 Calgary Lodge
- 11 Medicine Hat Lodge
- 13 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 20 Apollo Lodge, Stettler
- 28 Order of the Eastern Star, Edmonton

**Junior Grand Warden**

**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, assisted in the formation of the Cancer Volunteer Drivers’ Program, has served as a member of

the Grand Lodge Finance Committee for five years and for three consecutive terms on the Board of General Purposes.

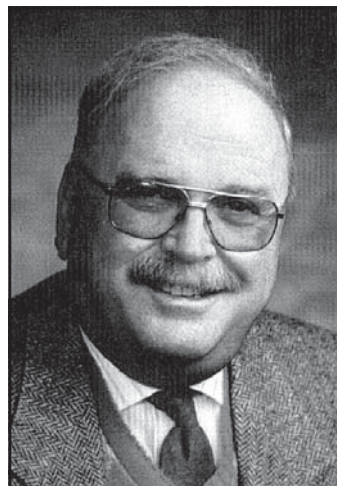
He was elected and installed a TPGM of the Calgary Lodge of Perfection AASR in 1995/96. He is currently serving as Principal Sojourner of Golden West Chapter No. 5, RAM in High River.

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.

RWBro Buck has been married to his wife Joan since September of 1960. They have two daughters, a son and three grandchildren.

**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 M.D. in 1960. 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. Presently a medical examiner with the Department of Justice, Province of Alberta.

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have 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.

### RWBro Jerry Kopp, Gleichen Lodge No. 36



Born in Loon Lake, Saskatchewan, March 15, 1948. Employed with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as a peace officer for 29 years. He is currently stationed at Gleichen RCMP Detachment as the Detachment Commander. Jerry has two children, daughter Colleen 21 and son Patrick 14.

Jerry's Masonic profile: Initiated, passed and raised in 1977 in Gleichen Lodge No. 36. He was Worshipful Master in Gleichen Lodge in 1993 and 1994. Affiliated

with Strathmore Lodge No. 53 in 1991 and served there as Worshipful Master in 1995. He is currently the Secretary-Treasurer for Strathmore Lodge No. 53. He is also a member of Fiat Lux Lodge No. 1980 is currently Junior Warden and is Senior Warden elect. In the Grand Lodge of Alberta he was Senior Grand Deacon in 1994/95, he was District Deputy Grand Master, 1996/97. He was elected in 1997 to the Board of General Purposes with the term expiring in 1999.

He is actively involved in the Gleichen Lions Club. He is Past President and currently the Treasurer for the Club.

### RWBro The Rev. Joshua H. Eden Phillpotts



Born in Spanish Town, Jamaica, May 3, 1929; there attended Beckford & Smith High School for Boys, the Government Technical College in Kingston, and graduated from St. Peter's Theological Seminary St. Andrew, Ja, in 1958. He is an Anglican Priest (retired). His late wife, Ivonne, died in 1997. He has three adult children and three grandchildren. He has served several parishes in the Diocese of Jamaica, then as a Missionary in the Yukon Territory,

and ministered various parishes in Alberta. His work and achievements include: Lecturer and Examiner, St. John Ambulance Syllabus; Honorary Court Advocate for juvenile offenders, Yukon Govt.; Administrator of School Districts in Jamaica; Meritorious Service citation, Govt. of Jamaica; Chaplain to several hospitals in Jamaica and Canada; Jamaica Constabulary Training School; Commissioner, Boy Scouts of Canada for northern BC, YT and western NT. Commander, Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem; Provincial Chaplain, St. John Ambulance.

He was raised in Portland Lodge No. 7740 EC, Jamaica, affiliated with Whitehorse Lodge No. 46, BCR; with Wahpun Lodge No. 88, GRA (WM in 1982); Charter Member and Chaplain, Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196; St. George's Lodge No. 169, GRA; and St. John's Lodge No. 25, GRA (now JW). Grand Chaplain 1986/87, Chairman Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee; DDGM Lakeland District 1998/99.

In concordant bodies: First Principal Yukon Chapter No. 38 BCR, then Grand Chaplain; First Principal, Wapiti Chapter No. 34, GRA; twice Grand Chaplain, Alberta; Grand District Superintendent, District No. 1; Chairman, Youth Endowment Fund (all RAM). TIM, Zohar Council No. 4, R&SM; Preceptor, Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, KT. Sov. Gr. Priory of Canada; Charter Member and Governor, Alberta Rose No. 52, YRC; Taylor Conclave No. 5, Red Cross of Constantine; Charter Member and High Priest, Northern Lights Tabernacle No. 130, HRAKTP; York Cross of Honour; Order of the Purple Cross; 32° A&ASR Edmonton Valley; Al Shamal Temple, AAONMS.

## Board of General Purposes

### RWBro Gordon Astle, Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106

Born in Edmonton, AB, October 13, 1933. He is a businessman, residing in Grande Prairie, and is married to Eleanor, nee Peacock, and the father of two grown children and two grandchildren. He has served his community as president of the Alberta Easter Seals drive and has been Alderman in Grande Prairie as well as Councillor and Mayor of Beaverlodge.

Brother Astle received the degrees of Craft Masonry in Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 in 1971-72, which Lodge he served as WM in 1978. His previous service in Grand Lodge includes the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee, the COMELY Committee and the Board of General Purposes. In concordant bodies he belongs to Wapiti Chapter No 34,

RAM, Edmonton Preceptory No 46, KT, and the OES, where he holds the rank of Past Grand Patron. He has recently demitted from AAONMS.

### RWBro Ed Balleine, Glenbow Lodge No. 184

Born November 30, 1931. Initiated into Masonry, January 1978, raised in May 1978. WM in 1983/84. DDGM of Calgary-Highwood District 1996/97. Presently Chaplain of Glenbow Lodge.

### RWBro H.G. (Howie) Canning, Sherwood Lodge No. 183

Initiated Spruce Falls Lodge No 648, Kaspuskasing, ON, September 78. Affiliated with Sherwood Lodge No 183. WM

of Sherwood Lodge 1992/93. DDGM Beaverhills District 1996/97 and appointed again in 1997/98. Elected Board of General Purposes 1997. Currently Vice President of The Board of General Purposes.

#### **WBro Gerald Franklin Offin, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101**

Born August 13, 1948. Initiated March 31, 1985, passed April 4, 1985 and raised May 16, 1985. WM in 1993-94. Affiliated from Edson Lodge No 68 April 5, 1989. Corporal — RCMP.

#### **RWBro John C. Pelletier, Loyalty Lodge No. 197**

Born February 15, 1934, Ottawa, ON. Initiated December 1977, passed January 1978, raised February 1978 in Mosaic Lodge No 176. WM Mosaic Lodge. Affiliated to Loyalty Lodge No 197. DDGM 1988/89, Grand Steward 1986/87. Member of BGP and Finance Committee.

#### **RWBro Rodney B. Ponech, Acacia Lodge No. 11**

Born February 1, 1946. Initiated, passed and raised, 1967 in Acacia Lodge No 11. Past Master of Acacia Lodge No. 11 and served as District Deputy Grand Master of Lakeland District. He has been a member of the Board of General Purposes for the past term and sits on the Finance and Jurisprudence Committees. At the age of 51, Rod has been a Mason for thirty years. He is a Past Master Councillor of Jubilee Chapter, Order of DeMolay and currently is active in the A&ASR where he is Grand Treasurer and has served as the Edmonton Valley Auditor for many years. RWBro Ponech is the Secretary Treasurer of Acacia Building Association which owns and operates Acacia Masonic Hall in Edmonton. He heads up the accounting program at NAIT and is active in his church, community and school councils.

#### **RWBro Robert E. Ross, Britannia Lodge No. 18**

Born March 27, 1929, Ponoka, AB. Initiated in 1969, passed and raised in 1970.

WM Britannia Lodge No 18, 1979-80. Member of the Masonic Foundation Board 1990-92. Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop 1996/97. A member of the A&ASR since 1979, he served as TPGM of the Central Alberta LOP in 1986/87 and received the 33° in 1996. He is a member of Battle River Chapter No. 47, OES, since 1981 and is a Past Worthy Patron. He is also a Charter Member of Al Shamal Temple, AAONMS.

Bro Ross was active in farming from 1952 to 1989, entered Real Estate in 1981 and began an Appraisal Business in which he is still active.

Married Doreen (Simmons) in 1952 and they have two daughters living in Calgary: Mary (Jim O'Keefe); and Nancy (Ed Chan). Their son Blake, who has taken over the farming, with his wife Carla and daughter Lauren, also live on the family farm in Ponoka.

#### **RWBro C.G. (Chuck) Stuart, Calgary Lodge No. 23**

Native Calgarian, born November 16, 1927. Raised and educated in Calgary. Married to Faith. Retired from City of Calgary Fire Service as Fire Marshal January 16, 1986 after 36 years service. Initiated into Calgary Lodge No. 23, April 17, 1953. Master of Calgary Lodge in 1976 and 1996. DDGM Calgary/Highwood District 1989/90. Past Captain Al Azhar Marching Patrol 1983, Past President Al Azhar Patrol Arabs

1992/93. Past Associate Guardian Job's Daughters Bethel No 14. Actively involved in concordant bodies. Present member of Jurisprudence Committee. Volunteer driver for Cancer Society.

#### **VWBro Kenneth Wigmore, Eureka Lodge No. 10**

Born in Lacombe, September 14, 1947. Attended school in Blackfalds, Lacombe and Red Deer. Married to Jo-Anne in 1968. Initiated in Yukon Lodge No 45, Dawson City, Yukon. Moved back to Lacombe in 1973 and affiliated with Eureka Lodge No 10 in 1975. WM of Eureka Lodge No. 10 1988. Elected to BGP in 1994 and served on Finance Committee for 5 years. Owner of E.P.G. Services, Lacombe for 20 years.

## **Board of Benevolence**

#### **RWBro John Edward Forsdick, Norwood Lodge No. 90**

RWBro Forsdick joined the Craft at Moosomin Lodge No 7, GRS in 1959. Affiliated with Norwood Lodge No 90 in Edmonton 1974, served as WM of the Lodge in 1983/84 and as DDGM, District 10 in 1988/89. He has been a member of the Board of Benevolence for the past nine years. He is the representative of the Grand Lodge of Columbia (Barranquilla) to the Grand Lodge of Alberta. He served as Master of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research in 1997/98. RWBro Forsdick served in the Canadian Navy during the war and joined the RCMP in 1946, serving 26 years. On retirement he joined the Alberta Securities Commission as Senior Investigator for Northern Alberta. He served the Commission for 16 years retiring in 1988.

#### **VWBro Samuel Neill, Patricia Lodge No. 91**

Initiated in Patricia Lodge No 91 January 27, 1956, Passed February 29, 1956 and Raised March 23, 1956. WM of Patricia Lodge 1964 and 1967. Grand Tyler, 1975. Secretary 1968-75. Member Board of Benevolence 1996-1999.

#### **RWBro Russell Garry Phillips, Mountain View Lodge No. 16**

Initiated Mountain View Lodge No 16, 1956, WM 1967. Grand Steward 1975, General Chairman, Masonic Spring Workshop, 1976. DDGM, Central District 1994/95. Employed by Canada Post Corp. Retired after 35 years of service.

## **Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee**

#### **RWBro Pai Lin Li, King George Lodge No. 59**

Initiated and raised 1975 King George Lodge No 59. WM 1985, DDGM, 1995. 32° Scottish Rite. Al Azhar Temple. Honorary Life Member Bow River Lodge No 1. Retired Professional Engineer, Chief Building Inspector, City of Calgary.

#### **WBro Richard D. Odland, Renfrew Lodge No. 134**

Lived in Calgary since 1942. Educated Calgary, University of Alberta — 7 years BSc, DDS degree, practised dentistry 1964-1988. Married, two children.

Initiated Lodge Renfrew No 134, 1967. WM 1974. Member AASR, 1982. Member Fiat Lux Lodge of Research 1980. Member Royal Order of Scotland. Member Bursary Committee 1995-99.

# Program For the Ninety-Fourth Annual Communication

June 3, 4 and 5, 1999

Red Deer Courtyard Inn, 4311 – 49 Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta

## Thursday, June 3, 1999

7:00 PM: Grand Master's Banquet (by invitation)

## Friday, June 4, 1999

8:30 AM: Registration Opens in the Foyer under direction of VWBro Ray Congdon (Grand Registrar).

8:30 AM: Board of General Purposes Meeting (members and invited observers only)

9:00 AM: Balloting shall open in the Foyer

9:55 AM: Formation of Grand Procession

10:00 AM: **Opening of the 94<sup>th</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communication
- Recognition of Grand Representatives
- Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving
- Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
- Rules of Order

NOON: Break for lunch

1:30 PM: **Reconvene the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication**

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

- a) Board of General Purposes
  - \*confirmation of appointment of Grand Secretary
  - \*appointment of Auditor for the year 2000
  - \*approval of the year 2000 Capital and Operating Budget
  - \*ratify amendments to the Regulations R1.7.7
  - \*Grand Secretary's Report (Summary)
  - \*Committee on Fraternal Relations (Summary)
  - \*Committee on the Work
  - \*Committee on the Condition of Masonry
  - \*Board of Benevolence
  - \*Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
  - \*COMELY Committee Report

Adoption of the following reports printed in the Preliminary Proceedings

Adoption of the following reports, by motion:

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

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

Adoption of the following reports, one motion covers all:

- a) Foundation for the Future
- b) Publication & Forms Committee
- c) Masonic Charities
- d) Public Awareness
- e) Leadership Training
- f) Report from the Masonic Foundation of Alberta

3:30 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.

**6:05 PM: GRAND LODGE BANQUET**

(Ladies Welcome)

Toastmaster:

RWBro Doug Troock, JGW

Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award

## Saturday, June 5, 1999

8:00 AM: Balloting and Registration resumed in the Foyer

9:00 AM: **94<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication reconvenes**

- a) Any Reports not completed from Friday's session
- b) Report from the Committee on the Grand Master's Address
- c) Notices of Motion to amend Constitution and Regulations

10:00 AM: Balloting and Registration Close

Report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Scrutineers Committee

11:00 AM: Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges

Grand Lodge approval to issue a Charter to

Millennium Lodge No. 2000

General and Unfinished Business

Election of Grand Tyler

**11:30 Sharp: Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled**

Report of the Masonic Medal of Merit Committee

a) Masonic Medal of Merit Presentation

b) Other awards

Noon: Break for Lunch

1:30 PM: **94<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Reconvenes**

(Tuxedos Requested)

Grand Master's Comments

Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 1999/2000, under the direction of MWBro Hugh Young.

3:30 PM: Grand Lodge Closes

3:45 PM: 1999/2000 Officers' Pictures

5:30 PM: Incoming Grand Master's evening

## Ladies' Program

### Friday, June 4

8:30 - 3:00 PM Hospitality Room

Hosted by Alexandra Chapter No 4 OES

10:00 Bus Departs for Ellis Bluebird Farm from Red Deer Lodge

11:30 Bus leaves Bluebird Farm for Morris Meadows

12:30 Lunch at Morris Meadows

A trip back in time is awaiting us at Morris Meadows. A wee bit of history is built in the east country. Our travelling will take us close to the Village of Mirror



2:00 The bus will return by way of Joffre, the site of the Nova Gas Plant.

3:00 Arrive back at Red Deer Lodge

6:00 (Grand Lodge Banquet and Program - open to the public)

**NOTE:** The Bus for Friday's tour is provided by Frontier Bus Lines and is a 45 seat fully equipped passenger Bus.

### Saturday, June 5

9:00-3:00 Hospitality Room

Hosted by Alexandra Chapter No 4 OES, Lacombe

10:00 A time for small crafts

(Supplies are provided)

11:00 Tour of the Red Deer Museum

A short walk away from the Lodge. For those requiring transportation, rides will be available.

Tour is non-conducted and at your own pace.

12:30 Lunch at the Norwegian Lufthaus (This will be a typical Norwegian meal with entertainment by soloist Louise Pickering) the Lufthaus is next to the museum. For those desiring it, rides to the lunch from the Lodge will be available

2:30 Return to Red Deer Lodge

The Ladies Program prices are:

For Bus Tour and Lunch on Friday, \$26.50

For Saturday Program and Lunch, \$15.50

Or both days for \$40.00

## Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations

The following Amendments have been received in the Grand Lodge Office and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for approval as to form, and if in order, referred to the Board of General Purposes. The Amendment to the Constitution and Regulations as approved by the Board of General Purposes will be brought before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. (Please note: in some instances, the existing Constitution and/or Regulations are indicated in regular type; Bold and italicized letters indicate proposed new material to be added to the existing Constitution and/or Regulations.)

### Motion No. 1

#### Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

The following proposed Amendment to Section 1.7.7.14 meetings, in the Regulations of Grand Lodge will be brought before the Grand Lodge for ratification.

#### 1.7.7.14 REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE

##### Meetings

- .6 The Committee shall meet a minimum of three (3) times in each year, but may meet as often as called by the Chairman.
- .7 At the first meeting following the Annual Communication, the Committee shall:
  - .1 establish a calendar of events for the current Bursary program,
  - .2 elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman and select a Recording Secretary,
  - .3 hold a general discussion about promotion of the fund,
  - .4 establish and assign committees to carry out research programs as needed,
  - .5 review financial position of fund,
  - .6 prepare promotional presentations for use in the Lodges, Concordant Bodies and the non-Masonic community,
  - .7 review any concerns or ideas forwarded by DDGM's, District Bursary Representatives or Lodges with a view to improving the operation of the fund.
- .8 At the second meeting, held prior to the February meeting of the Board of General Purposes the Committee shall:
  - .1 discuss any concerns or ideas sent to the Committee,
  - .2 determine what, if any, changes to the Regulations governing this Committee should be recommended to

- the Board of General Purposes,
- .3 review the report of the Chairman to be presented to the February meeting of the Board of General Purposes,
- .4 review financial position,
- .5 receive and act on reports of committees.
- .9 At the third meeting, held on or about April 20, the committee shall:
  - .1 determine the amount of money available for the awards to be given in that year, based on the amount of money collected in the previous year plus any surplus moneys in the fund,
  - .2 determine the number of Bursaries to be awarded and the amount of each Bursary for that year,
  - .3 scrutinize the applications received in the Grand Lodge office by the March 1 deadline, that have been investigated by the appointed interviewers,
  - .4 finalize the selection of Award Recipients for the year and arrange for the presentation of those awards by the Lodges and/or Districts in the Jurisdiction, preferably at High School Awards ceremonies,
  - .5 select a suitable candidate for presentation of the symbolic award at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge,
  - .6 review the report of the chairman, covering the previous calendar year, to the Board of General Purposes at its May meeting, for presentation to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge,
  - .7 finalize plans for promotion of the fund for the ensuing year.

#### Operational Regulations (only changes are noted):

- .10 *Applications will be considered only if received in the Grand Lodge office by March 1st. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REJECTED.*
- .17 (add to end) *once confirmation of acceptance has been received.*

#### Responsibility of Lodges and Districts (Only section to be changed noted):

- .22 The presentation of the awards each year shall be carried out by the Lodges and Districts at the request of the Committee. Such awards will be presented at such time and in such format as may be best arranged by the presenters, *preferably at High School Award Ceremonies, but shall not infringe upon the recipient's need to have the funds by a certain date to meet the requirements of the institution that he or she will attend.*

**Guidelines for the Presentation of Bursaries** (Only section to be changed noted):

.29 *Present the certificate and letter, and, if possible, take a picture of the presentation for submission to the committee for possible inclusion in future promotion of the Bursary Program.*

*The Reason for Change:* The intent of the Motion is to advance the final date for bursary applications to be received by the Committee from April 30<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Operational Regulations be amended to reflect the advancing of the date.

## Motion No. 2

### Board of General Purposes

The following proposed Amendment to Section 1.1.3, in the Regulations of Grand Lodge will be brought before the Grand Lodge for ratification. Existing:

1.1.3 The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall commence not earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Friday of the month of June in each year, alternately in the City of Calgary and the City of Edmonton, or in such other place as the Grand Lodge in Annual Communication may select, subject to the following:

1.1.3.1 Grand Lodge shall not meet in Annual Communication in a place other than Calgary or Edmonton oftener than every third year and must revert to Calgary and Edmonton in regular sequence before another change of location can be made.

1.1.3.2 A change in location is made by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote in Grand Lodge on a Notice of Motion arising from a resolution of a Constituent Lodge. Such Notice of Motion must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Communication hearing the Motion and shall refer to the Annual Communication third following the Communication at which it is presented.

### Proposed Change

1.1.3 *The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall commence not earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Friday of the month of June in each year, alternately in the north or south regions, subject to the following:*

1.1.3.1 *Grand Lodge shall alternate its meeting place for the Annual Communication between north and south, using the 403/780 telephone area codes as a defining boundary, hereafter called "the north and south regions." Grand Lodge Annual Communication can only be held for two (2) consecutive years in either the north or south region, then must revert to the other region starting a new sequence.*

1.1.3.2 *A change in region is made by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote in Grand Lodge on a Notice of Motion arising from a resolution of a Constituent Lodge or from the Board of General Purposes. Such notice of motion must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Communication hearing the motion and shall refer to the Annual Communication third following the Communication at which it is presented.*

*The Reason for Change:* The intent of the Motion would change the location of the Grand Lodge of Alberta being held alternately in the City of Calgary and the City of Edmonton or

in such other place as The Grand Lodge in Annual Communication may select, subject to the following: Grand Lodge shall not meet in Annual Communication in a place other than Calgary or Edmonton oftener than every third year and must revert to Calgary and Edmonton in regular sequence before another change of location can be made.

## Motion No. 3

### Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2

The following proposed Amendment to Section R3.10.5.1, in the Regulations of Grand Lodge will be brought before the Grand Lodge for ratification. Existing:

R.3.10.5.1 A member of a Constituent Lodge, who, on the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of December in any year owes dues for more than one (1) year shall be suspended, ipso facto, provided that by a majority vote of the members present at any Regular meeting of the Lodge before such suspension shall take effect, the Lodge may, on a recommendation of a Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master for that purpose, remit one (1) or more years of such dues.

### Proposed Change

R.3.10.5.1 A Member of a Constituent Lodge, who on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in any year owes dues for the current year shall be suspended, ipso facto, provided that by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Lodge before such suspension shall take effect the Lodge may, on a recommendation of a committee appointed by the Worshipful Master for that purpose, remit that year's dues.

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 also makes the Motion to change any subsequent section that would be affected providing the Motion is approved.

*The Reason for Change:* This change will allow the Lodge to reduce the time period for suspending a member of their Lodge by one (1) calendar year.

## Motion No. 4

### The Finance Committee

A Notice of Motion to amend:

R1.4.6.4 The investments within the General Capital Reserve Fund may be used for collateral purposes, as deemed necessary by the Finance Committee, but may not be removed from this Fund except by due Notice of Motion presented and adopted by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote of those present at an Annual Communication.

To Read:

R1.4.6.4 The investments within the General Capital Reserve Fund may be used, as deemed necessary by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee, through a process of borrowing funds from the Capital Reserve Fund, and for deposit into the Grand Lodge General Account, and such funds may be considered a line of credit, and must be returned to the Capital Reserve Fund. All transactions must be approved and monitored by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee.

*The Reason for Change:* The Committee agreed that the restrictions placed on the General Capital Reserve Account should be amended to permit the Grand Treasurer and The Finance Committee to borrow funds from the General Capital Reserve Fund rather than from the Bank.

**Motion No. 5****Mountain View Lodge No. 16**

The following proposed Amendment to SECTION 19.22.3, IN THE CONSTITUTION of Grand Lodge will be brought before the Grand Lodge which requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority approval. Should this Motion to Amend the Constitution be approved Regulations must be changed to reflect the age of the Candidate.

Reference 19.22

A man who:

.3 is of the full age of (21) years

**Proposed change:**

A man who:

.3 is of the full age of eighteen (18) years.

R3.7.1.3 A candidate must be of the full age of twenty-one (21) years at the time of the signing of his Petition, be free born, and be of good repute.

**Proposed change:**

R3.7.1.3 A candidate must be of the full age of eighteen (18) years at the time of the signing of his Petition, be free born, and be of good repute.

*The Reason for Change:* In the past two years I have witnessed the amalgamation of six Lodges into three. Just recently another two Lodges in Edmonton have amalgamated. Within the business corporate world, we see amalgamation of companies in order to survive. This appears to be the trend of survival in the Masonic Fraternity. We are losing very valued senior members to the Great Architect above, faster than we can replace them. I feel something has to be done to stabilize the situation.

In the United Kingdom, sons of Brethren can apply to become Masons at the age of 18. I believe this could be adopted in Alberta. This, of course, would put a greater responsibility on the Investigation Committee, to determine if an applicant qualified.

- Young male adults 18 years of age vote in our elections to determine who runs our country.
- Young male adults 18 years of age may enter into marriage, a great responsibility.
- Young male adults 18 years of age may sign legal documents.
- Young male adults 18 years of age have a keen memory to learn the work for offices.
- Young male adults 18 years of age would, hopefully, lift the spirits of older members.
- Young male adults 18 years of age would have some time to become familiar with the working of the Lodge, before taking up an office in the Lodge.
- Young male adults 18 years of age becoming Master Masons, would be more stable citizens in our community.

**Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980**

Will meet again on SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1999 at 2:00 PM in the Lodge Hall of Irricana Lodge No. 137, IRRICANA, AB. A paper on the Canadian Rite 2nd Degree Tracing Board, as well as other matters of Masonic interest will be presented.

All Master Masons welcome.

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There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you do not care who gets the credit.

**Rare Opportunity**

Are you interested in a wonderful weekend of Freemasonry? The Consecration of Millennium Lodge No. 2000 is to be held September 4, 5 and 6, 1999. An opportunity to be involved in the Consecration of a new Lodge may be, for some, a once in a lifetime experience.

This promises to be a memorable weekend.

If you are interested in chartering a bus to Fort McMurray, please contact the Grand Lodge Office. Depart Friday, September 3, 1999. Saturday, September 4, Blueberry Festival, Consecration Ceremony 2:00 PM and a Barbecue Saturday evening. Sunday, September 5, golf tournament, tour of Syncrude and a Barbecue in the evening. Return home, September 6.

**From Our Masonic Family**

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada was established under a patent dated July 15, 1874, from the Supreme Council of England, Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown. To celebrate the 125th Anniversary of this notable event, a special celebration will be held November 5 to 7, 1999 at the Jasper Park Lodge, in Jasper, Alberta. Brethren and their Ladies from all parts of Alberta, as well as from neighbouring provinces, will flock to Jasper for this memorable occasion. This is, however, also a rare opportunity for Master Masons, who are interested in gaining further insight in Masonic lore and philosophy as well as Scottish Rite camaraderie, to join the ranks of kindred spirits by receiving the degrees from the 4th to the 18th, at reasonable cost and in that short time.

The magnificent mountain landscape, fine dining, comfort and an outstanding Ladies' Program will all contribute to an unforgettable experience, offered only once every 25 years. (The last one was in Banff in 1974).

For more information, present and future members may phone: Calgary — 403-269-7486; Central Alberta — 403-782-3988; Edmonton and Northern Alberta — 780-428-6477; Lethbridge — 403-327-4120; Medicine Hat — 403-527-8548 or the 125th Anniversary registration office — 403-434-7612.

**Wanted!**

Two (or more) CORRESPONDENTS from each of the Southern and Northern parts of Alberta (as represented by the area codes 403 and 780) are sought by the Editorial Committee of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin*.

**Prerequisites:** Must be enthusiastic Brother Freemasons, willing to contribute newsworthy reports on a regular basis. Opportunities to serve are unlimited.

**Remuneration:** Twice the Editor's salary (= 2 x 0) and the applause of the Craft. Will also be treated to a luncheon, once in a while.

**Applications:** Apply to the Editor — see masthead.

**Letter**

I have enjoyed the Jephthah paper by MWBro Myron Lusk, PGM, as published in the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* in January and February, 1999, and would appreciate a copy of the complete paper.

Sincerely, Robert W. Gregg, Sidney, BC  
(His request was complied with. Ed.)