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# The Best Is Yet To Be

Over the past several months, we have heard many comments and forecasts about the coming Third Millennium. It seems as if we are in a rush to get to the "magic number." This might be attributed to the fact that only a relative few in any historical period witness the entry into a new millennium. And as is usual, in any unusual event, there are predictions of the direst kind being made. But as we are aware, not all people of the world will mark this event. Indeed, perhaps we should always add to the Third Millennium the initials C.E. (The Christian or the Common Era) whenever we, in our Western world, refer to this time.

The fear, however, that I have, is that the space of time left in this era will be considered "throw away" time — that the time left in this millennium is of little or no consequence. The late Dag Hammarskjöld in his diary entitled *Markings* wrote "Whatever distance I have covered, it does not give me the

right to halt... It is the attention I have given to the last steps before the summit which decides the value of all that went before." And so it must be with us as we enter the new year of 1998.

All of us, as we begin another year of work and fellowship in our order, must be ready to deal with the reality of the present, and ensure ourselves that the steps we take before we reach a new millennium will decide the value of all that has gone on before. Let us face this New Year with anticipation of the hope that "the best is yet to be."

On behalf of the Officers and Brethren of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, I wish for you and yours the blessings of the very best in the coming year. Remember the words of a John Greenleaf Whittier's poem "I know not what the future has of marvel or surprise, assured alone that life and death, God's mercy underlies." May the blessing of the GAOTU be with you all.

RWBro J.W. (Jim) Roberts — Deputy Grand Master

# **Cornerstone for Church**



Photos (clockwise from above): St Thomas United Church (exterior); The Grand Master applying the Common Gavel; The Cornerstone (detail); Bro Anderson (20), MWBro Young, Mr Dale Bergerson of St Thomas Church.



Now and then cornerstones are being laid with Masonic rites, nowadays usually for Masonic edifices, and so it was a rare occasion when, following a request from St. Thomas United Church (100 Hawkwood Boulevard NW, Calgary), a large contingent of Freemasons joined the congregation of St. Thomas on Sunday, October 26, 1997. Following the church service, when the minister, Rev. Geoff Carr very appropriately referred to the building of King Solomon's Temple, the Grand Master, MWBro Hugh Young conducted the impressive ceremony of laying the cornerstone. He was ably assisted by the



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#### Guest Editorial

# **Constructive Criticism**

(This editorial, by MWBro Carl Heckbert, first appeared in the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* of January 1958, Vol. 23, No. 5.)

When a Worshipful Master of a Lodge, as the first duty of his office, names the officers who have been elected or appointed to act with him in the conduct of the Lodge for the ensuing year, he has a perfect right to expect that his supporting officers have been elected or appointed to act with him in the conduct of the Lodge for the ensuing year, he has a perfect right to expect that his supporting officers have accepted not only the honour of office, but the very marked responsibility which attends their respective positions; similarly, elected and appointed officers may reasonably expect their Worshipful Master to be diligent and efficient in his work and steadfast in his devotion to the duties of the chief office in a Masonic Lodge.

Doubtless many of my readers can recall instances where a visiting dignitary, perhaps a District Deputy Grand Master, or a well versed visitor, when called upon to address the Lodge on conclusion of the evening's work, offered well meant congratulations on the work of the officers in conferring a degree, when actually some measure of adverse criticism might well have been given instead.

Unearned congratulations are not in the best interests of the Lodge and may lead to a continuation of poor work. Surely it would be to the benefit of all concerned if those who are in a position to do so would offer adverse criticism where it was patently due, always having in mind that criticism, even of an adverse nature, if kindly given, will be well received.

Every officer of a Lodge has an important duty to perform and unless he knows his work he contributes little to the success of the Lodge or to the enjoyment of the membership. The junior officer may feel that his part is unimportant, but I suggest that if a junior officer cannot carry out his part with smoothness and efficiency, then he has not earned the right to advancement and very serious consideration should be given by the Lodge before he is elevated to a greater responsibility.

We occasionally hear an officer give incorrect knocks, indicating that he does not know the proper ones, or is indifferent to his duty; small as this may seem it must be remembered that the knocks have a very definite indication

DGM, RWBro Jim Roberts, the SGW, RWBro Art Jones, the JGW, RWBro Gerry Webber, the GDoC, VWBro Cor de Keyser, Past Grand Masters Bob Costigan, Robert Juthner and Cal Shaver, and other distinguished Brethren.

Great credit for this occasion has to go to Bro Roger Anderson of Carstairs Lodge No. 20, who, with other Carstairs members also being members of the congregation had initiated the idea of the Masonic cornerstone laying.

At one time such ceremonies for public buildings, like schools and churches, were quite common. We are indebted to WBro Harry Noble (18) for a comprehensive paper on cornerstone layings both by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba (prior to 1905) and the Grand Lodge of Alberta since then and up to the present. From it the following listing of the bare facts is excerpted:

1895 Aug 26	All Saints Anglican Church	Edmonton		
1899 Sep 04	St Luke's Anglican Church	Red Deer		
1902 Apr 29	Edmonton Public School	Edmonton		
1907 Aug 30	Alexander Taylor Public School	Edmonton		
1908 Jun 09	Lethbridge Public School	Lethbridge		
1908 Jul 09	Calgary Public School	Calgary		
1909 Sep 06	Claresholm Public School	Claresholm		
1910 Apr 20	St Pancras Anglican Church	Alix		
1910 Oct 10	Carmangay School Building	Carmangay		
1911 May 17	Bassano School Building	Bassano		
1912 Apr 18	Apr 18 New Elm Street Public School Building			
_		Medicine Hat		
1912 Jul 12	Public School	Okotoks		
1914 Jul 30	St Ambrose Anglican Church	Redcliff		
1915 Sep 06	New Provost Public School	Provost		
1920 Sep 29	Gordon Memorial Church	Redcliff		
1922 Jul 19	Bashaw Public and High School	Bashaw		



The architect, the JGW, the SGW, The GM, the DGM

and their importance should not be minimized. Similarly, an officer who cannot memorize and who stumbles through his work, tends to let the other officers down and to produce uninteresting results; it were better that such an officer should withdraw and accept duties within his capabilities, rather than that the efficiency of the Lodge be disturbed.

To offer congratulations where none are due, is to render a disservice to a Lodge, its officers and members and to mitigate against efficiency on the part of responsible officers, upon whose excellence and devotion depends much of the success of the Lodge in the future. Constructive criticism, given in the true Masonic spirit, can but further an earnestly desired quality of work, if accepted in like fashion.

(Are our late Brother's comments still valid, forty years later? — Ed.)

1925 Jun 24 1926 Aug 21 1926 Oct 07 1927 Jun 10 1927 Aug 23	Masonic Temple Cascade Lodge United Church Masonic Hall King George Lodge Masonic Hall Innisfail Lodge United Church United Church	Pincher Creek Calgary Innisfail Banff Stettler	1955 May 18 1965 Oct 16 1976 Apr 10 1977 Nov 02 1978 Sep 05	Vermilion Masonic Temple Red Deer Masonic Temple Vegreville Masonic Temple Bennett Memorial Masonic Temple Medicine Hat Masonic Temple New St Mark's Masonic Temple	Medicine Hat Calgary
1927 Aug 30 1927 Sep 06 1928 Feb 04 1928 Apr 18 1928 Jun 02 1928 Jun 13 1928 Aug 01 1928 Nov 15 1929 Aug 24	Masonic Hall Corinthian Lodge Masonic Hall Camrose Lodge Knox Presbyterian Church Lethbridge Collegiate Institute Masonic Hall St Mark's Lodge Masonic Temple 12 Ave SW Irricana Lodge Rockyford Lodge Acacia Lodge, Masonic Hall	Okotoks Camrose Calgary Lethbridge Calgary Calgary Irricana Rockyford Edmonton	1983 Jun 01 1985 Oct 12 1988 Mar 30 1989 Apr 29 1991 May 11 1991 Jun 01 1991 Nov 02	Forestburg Masonic Temple King George Masonic Temple Meridian Lodge Hall Hinton Lodge Hall Drayton Valley Masonic Hall Jasper Park Lodge Hall Cairo Lodge Room and Commur Drumheller Freemasons' Hall	Forestburg Calgary Stony Plain Hinton Drayton Valley Jasper
0	Central Masonic Temple	Edmonton		St Thomas United Church	Calgary

# The Cabletow

#### Condensed from a paper by VWBro John Alexander

The term "Cabletow" is unknown outside of Masonry. The earliest allusion to a rope as a piece of equipment used in the preparation of a Masonic candidate is in a document dated 1710. Even then it was not described as a "Cabletow" for another fifty years.

This suggests that the expression was introduced into Freemasonry's vocabulary by the speculative Masons. This is not to say that the speculative invented the idea. On the contrary, the halter in the preparation of initiates, and as a token of submission, has a history that goes back almost as far as records have been kept.

The halter's first appearance in Freemasonry is in a document known as the Dumfries No. 4 Manuscript, which dates to about 1710. The reference is in two questions in the catechism:

Q hou were you brought in?

A shamefully wt a rop about my neck.

Q whay a rop about your neck?

A to hang me if I should betry my trust.

We may note the penalty for improper disclosure at the dawn of the Grand Lodge era was quite different from ours. But as far as I am aware, the Cabletow is a part of the preparation of every Freemason in the world and in every ritual it carries a connotation of submission, of humility, of servitude.

The rituals of the modern Lodges all show a practical use for the halter; however, none of these uses resembles the purpose of the item of builders' equipment which gives its name to Freemasonry's halter and this very disparity should lead us to suspect that Freemasonry's Cabletow has a symbolic rather than a practical meaning.

The Cabletow is also a measurement: "...to answer and obey (etc.)... if within the length of my Cabletow". But there is a meaning within a meaning — the length of my Cabletow can be regarded as a symbol of the binding covenant I have made, to assist others. The length of my Cabletow depends on my ability and my willingness to fulfill my obligations and I must decide that length for myself. Measurement of service can never be subject to any externally imposed limitation, for

who else can decide the length of my spiritual ties? How long is my Cabletow? It is as long as I want it to be.

(This is the first of a series of short educational papers provided by FIAT LUX Lodge of Research No. 1980, for the readers of the Grand Lodge Bulletin.)

Magazine Review

# **Gnosis: A Journal of the Western Inner Traditions**

#### Summer, 1997, No. 44, The Lumen Foundation

Until this summer, I had never heard of this particular publication. This summer, my wife and I were in a large bookstore in New York City and I saw a familiar picture of Medieval Masons working, on the cover of a magazine. Much to my surprise I found the magazine was devoted entirely to Freemasonry. Although somewhat skeptical as to the quality of this magazine, I quickly purchased the last copy.

Upon opening the magazine for a good read on one of our recent rainy days, I was somewhat dismayed to see advertisements for "Prague, Alchemy and the Hermetic Tradition" a conference in Prague; "The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn" and "The Mastery of Life" from the Rosicrucian Order. The magazine has about 80 pages and 8 articles plus letters, notes, etc. The first article was entitled "Masonic Civilization" by Richard Smoley. The article was a very well written and thought-out review of the history and effects of Freemasonry. The article covered two main theories of Freemasonry's origins. The Guilds and the Knights Templar. It even included as a side box "What is Freemasonry?" from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The second article, "The Initiastic Symbolism of Freemasonry" by Thomas D. Worrel, a California Mason and member of the Scottish Rite was also a very good discussion of Masonic symbolism. The third article was an interview with Christopher Knight, one of the authors of The Hiram Key. While the interviewer was rather unchallenging, the interview did not cave into some of the bizarre assumptions made in the book. This article, for me, was the low point of the magazine. The next article, "Sources of the Fraternal Spirit" by Dale E. Boudreau, also a Mason and Scottish Rite member, discusses some aspects of the Crusades and Knights Templar. The article goes on to examine the flowering of fraternal organizations in the 18th and 19th centuries and places Masonry in that context. The article concludes with a brief discussion of how dictators have frequently banned Masonry and freedom fighters, e.g., George Washington, Simon Bolivar, Lajos Kossuth, etc., have been members. The fifth article was very interesting. "Good Masons, Bad Masons" by David Greason examined how anti-Masons twist history. Greason discusses how anti-Masons avoid condemning the American Founding Fathers for their membership by claiming they did not know the ultimate evil of the organization. The anti-Masons then proceed to condemn the organization for being evil. The article supplements *Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry?* by DeHoyos and Morris, Masonic Information Center (publisher).

The next article covers more familiar material for those who follow the publications of the anti-Masons. It is entitled "The Pope and the Pornographer" by Brian Riggs. The article discusses the infamous Leo Taxil and the encyclical of Pope Leo XIII. Riggs also discusses the publications of Diana Waughan who claimed the Masons ran harems and brothels. The author debunks both Taxil's and Waughan's claims. He also sheds some light on the motivations of the Catholic Church's mixed feelings toward Masonry. The penultimate article, "A Modern Pythagorean" by Dana L. Thomas discusses G. Mazzinni and the development of modern Italy and the role of Freemasonry in that development. It was an interesting article. The last article was "Readings in the old Lodge library" by Timothy O'Neill. It is a brief and positive list and review of books that should be included in a basic library on Freemasonry. The author covered everything from Arthur Edward Waite to Henry Coil to Albert Mackey. The suggestions were excellent and the reviews fair.

The magazine concluded with more book reviews and advertisements. I was very favourably impressed that the popular press presented such a positive and informative review of Freemasonry. The magazine is published in San Francisco. One could wonder how "flaky" such a publication might be. However, the articles were well researched, properly footnoted, and very readable. I would recommend it for both non-Masons and Masons. Your reviewer has seen the magazine in Edmonton at a shop called The Front Page and another Brother said he had purchased it at HUB Cigar. At the time of writing, (mid-September), the magazine was still available. The magazine does sell back issues. If this issue is no longer available when this review is published, the magazine can be contacted at GNOSIS, P.O. Box 14217, San Francisco, CA, 94114-0217 USA. Back issues are \$7 + \$2 shipping (US Dollars).

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# Fantasy on Wheels

The Family of Freemasonry will be rolling into the land of nursery rhymes again on its float in the 1998 Tournament of Roses Parade. Theme for the float-filled parade down Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena is "Hav'n Fun", a motif that will be symbolized colorfully and humorously on the Masonic entry for a half-billion viewers in person and through television around the world.

Masonry, the world's largest philanthropic organization, will be observing several anniversaries in 1998, including the 100th anniversary of the Masonic Homes of California, the 75th anniversary of the Shriners' Hospitals and the 125th anniversary of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Emessay Notes, September 1997.

#### **Dedication Rewarded**

On June 30, 1997 Connaught Lodge No. 69 of Viking and Dynamic Lodge No. 96 of Holden held their joint installation ceremony at Viking. More than a hundred Masons enjoyed a hearty roast beef buffet and then experienced the solemn ceremony of installation and investiture, chaired by MWBro Gordon Thompson, who was assisted by other Past Grand Masters (Kendal, Milligan, Harbin, Oslund, Juthner, Mottershead, Lusk, Crawford, Costouros) as well as other well-known Brethren.

The photograph (below) shows WBro Rod Krips (WM 69), MWBro Gordon Thompson (IM) and WBro Peter Bisessar (WM 96).



Dynamic Lodge had, in recent years, suffered a drastic loss of members and was on the verge of surrendering the charter. However, there came indeed a "dynamic" turnaround for this Lodge when during the past year twelve affiliates joined. There are prospects of several more affiliations and Lodge Officers are actively pursuing efforts to attract initiates from the Holden area.

A new awareness of Freemasonry is now present in the Viking/Holden area, but if the Lodges are to be successful, it will require continued support of Brethren helping one another. Sometimes it is the little things that tend to be important in assisting a Lodge, such as the gesture of Norwood Lodge No. 90 who supplied a complete set of officer regalia to Dynamic Lodge. No big effort is needed, just the fraternal thought followed by action. Masons can help to ensure future successes within the Craft.

RWBro Elmer Bly (90)

#### Masons' New Secret

Members of that most ancient secret society, the Freemasons, are taking to technology. The famous handshake is out, and transponders are in.

A Finnish company has patented special pendants, watches and badges which emit a signal — secret of course. When the badge finds a soul-mate, it emits a silent vibration to tell the owner a friend is at hand. The low power transmissions work only over short distances, but that is still more than a hand-shake away.

The company plans to market the gadgets for other uses such as strangers identifying each other at airports. — Ted Hariott

(This newspaper clipping from the UK *Daily Mail* of October 3, 1997, was sent to us from England by VWBro Len Clark of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research, for anyone enjoying an occasional chuckle.)

#### 45 Years of Service



At the 1997 Annual General Meeting of "The Central Bureau of Edmonton," RWBro Roy T. Martins stepped down after 45 years of dedicated service as Secretary-Treasurer of the Bureau. He had held that position since March 31, 1952 and over that long period had served with four different presidents and six vice presidents. The Central Bureau furnishes every member of all the Craft Lodges in the Greater Edmonton Area with monthly listings of petitioners for initiation and affiliation, notification of suspensions and restorations, as well as diverse news items. The entire production of these monthly publications rests on the Secretary-Treasurer, and it is, therefore, understandable how much Brother Roy's labour of love has been appreciated by all the Lodge Secretaries and the membership at large.

Bro Martins was elected "Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus" and was wished the very best in his retirement, and a long and healthy life. The picture shows RWBro Martins (L) receiving the plaque of appointment to this honorary position, from WBro Biff Donhou, President of the Bureau (R).

# Alberta Miscellany

From here and there, noticed by Bro Trevor Morris

**Pembina Lodge No. 126:** The Grand Master's [sic] theme for the year is "Be happy and communicate happiness to others." The theme for Pembina Lodge is "Rediscover the Brothers in the Brotherhood." With this it is hoped you will get to know more about our members and the members of other Lodges in the Northern Lights District, and other Masons.

Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196: Remember that charity is not restricted to cash donations. "To soothe his afflictions and relieve his necessities" can also mean just to pop in and visit a sick Brother or his family, so as to raise their spirits.

Connaught Lodge No. 69: Masonry, as life, cannot be pictured as a path free of difficulties and disappointments. Yet Masonry does not present an impossible task. It does not require that we build an empire, conquer the world, or wear the mask of perfection. It requires only that the Mason take the tools of Masonry, use them to the best of his ability, and add what strength and beauty he can contribute to the Temple of Masonry through the development of his own mind and heart

**Charity Lodge No. 67:** (Regarding rulings from the Committee on the Work) Question: Is a toast to the Grand Lodge correct? Answer: NO! The correct toast is the "The Grand Master and his Officers."

Griesbach Lodge No. 191: What does it mean to call another man Brother? Is this simply a term we use to refer to each other to set ourselves apart from everyone else? Do we do it because everyone else does it or is it because we are obligated to do so? How can two men who have never encountered each other meet and treat each other like brothers? And yet, as Freemasons, we meet men with whom we have previously never spoken, about whom we know nothing, except that they are also Freemasons — and that is enough!

As the modern world tears at us with stresses and demands, as we find ourselves more and more caught up in an age which values the quick, the cheap, the superficial, where mere acquaintanceships must suffice for most men, and honest friendships become rare, let us never lose sight of Brotherhood. For Brotherhood is the foundation of all we are and all we have built. And if the foundation is weakened, no edifice, no matter how stately and magnificent, can endure.

North Star Lodge No. 4: A THOUGHT: Brother Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was, in fact, named Wolfgang Gottlieb Mozart. He chose the Latin translation of his middle name "Amadeus" (God's Love) because he thought it had a more musical sound than Gottlieb.

(Spelling of "Gottlieb" corrected by the Editor)

#### Letters

## **Doing It Right**

You have a choice. You can stay home, watching television or just sprawling on the couch. Be a couch potato, if you like, then nothing much will move you, except maybe your cat or your dog. You think life is wonderful, until your doctor tells you that your blood pressure is too high, and you wonder why. Is there a cure for all your ills? The answer lies not in a pill or a workout, but in your lifestyle. It could be different. Suddenly the phone rings — it's John, and we have a chat. I say, "You want me to do what? Go to Lodge? Just where is that place?" He tells me. I say, "What? 70 miles east of Lethbridge, then 20 miles south, then take Highway 66 — eh! Hold it, John, hold it? What Lodge? — OK, if you ask, I'll join you." Wondering why you left the TV, you get ready and hours later, with your Brother, you find yourself on the high street of a pretty, little town, come to a stop in front of a small building and notice the Square and Compasses above the door. Other vehicles move in and men, carrying small satchels and cases head for the door too. You introduce yourself; a handshake, a smile, some small talk, then you enter. Everything's familiar, indeed. You are no longer that couch potato, you feel good about yourself. "Must do this more often" you think to yourself. Besides, it could save tax payers money within the health system!

Yes, a visit to any country Lodge is the best of Masonic medicine, it imparts the true values of Freemasonry: the grip — the smile — the welcome. The next day someone will say to you, "What are you so happy about?" Let him keep guessing — only you know because "YOU DID IT RIGHT."

Bro Reginald Hodgson Smith, Evergreen Lodge No. 166 (Editor's note: don't follow the travel instructions, they're fictitious. Besides, kilometres are more reliable!)

# Where is the Fraternity Going?

We are seeing a gradual decline in our membership and we are witnessing Lodges with acute problems, either financial or

as to membership numbers. All of this seems to be a sign of the times that affects most fraternal organizations and clubs.

Grand Lodge, over the past number of years, has granted dispensations to Lodges that should never have been formed, so today instead of ten or twelve strong Lodges within an area, we have twenty weak ones, some of whom have difficulty even recycling their officers.

We have read many letters from distinguished Masons about the plight of the Fraternity, ranging anywhere from poor investigating procedures to those in office who are incapable of carrying out the duties accorded to their offices, and yet this seems to have fallen on deaf ears. We have allowed our Fraternity to drift into mediocrity, for we seem to have sold it too cheaply in order to acquire quantity. Sage advice, direction and determination must come from Grand Lodge, otherwise we are a ship without a rudder, going in circles.

RWBro Clyde Elford, Glenbow Lodge No. 184 (Editor's note: Letters in reply to letters are always welcome.)

### Jim Lore

RWBro Jim Lore of Acme Lodge No. 60, well known throughout the Craft in Alberta, has been elected President for 1997-98 of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. Jim Lore, PAG, CAC, FAIC has previously been recognized with a Professional Recognition Award from AIA in 1987, a CCAA Fellowship in 1988, an AIC Fellowship in 1989 and a Distinguished Professional Achievement Award from the University of Al-



berta in 1990. Jim's Brethren in Masonry offer their sincere congratulations.

# Voluntary Resignation from the Craft

"The Board (of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England) recognises that occasionally members wish to withdraw completely from Freemasonry, whether because of personal or religious conviction or because of actual or possible discrimination in employment. The Board also notes, with regret — and concern — that the risk of discrimination seems increasingly likely.

"There is currently a formal procedure for a member to resign voluntarily from a Lodge, but not from Freemasonry. The only Brethren whose connection with the Craft is severed completely are those who are expelled or resign from the Craft for disciplinary reasons following an invitation from the Grand Secretary.

"The Board considers that it should be possible for anyone to leave Freemasonry in good standing and that the Book of Constitutions should be changed to make it possible.

"As a change in heart or circumstances may rekindle an interest in Freemasonry in those who have resigned from honourable conviction or necessity, the Board believes that such people should not be denied the chance of returning to their Freemasonry on giving suitable proof of their bona fides and continued good character, though such instances might be expected to be rare.

"The Board also considers that members who wish to resign rather than face Masonic disciplinary proceedings should be allowed to leave the Craft under the same procedure."

(From Grand Lodge News, 10 September 1997; submitted by RWBro Norman J. Senn, Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980)

#### **Dinosaur District**

**RWBro Darwin K. Durnie** was born at Drumheller on October 16, 1963. He holds the position of Director of Engineering for the City of Drumheller. Avocationally, he has spent

many hours of volunteer work for various organizations, ranging from the Construction Committee of Drumheller, the Ski Hill and Keystone Towers to the Board of Directors of the Valley Bus Society and Ducks Unlimited. Career highlights included the designing and constructing of the Fountain Park in Drumheller and having the City of Drumheller named as a finalist, for which he received the Alberta Emerald Award for the Environment.



Our Brother was initiated in Drumheller Lodge No. 146 in 1986, and raised in 1987, served the Lodges as WM in 1991 and also in 1995, and has been 1st Principal of Eheyeh Chapter No. 27, RAM, for 1997.

This concludes the introduction of DDGMs for 1997-1998. The Editor thanks all those who volunteered to provide the necessary information.

# **Grand Master's Itinerary**

#### **January**

- Saskatchewan Lodge, New Year's Levee, Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton
- 3 Concord Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Calgary, Long Service Iewels
- 5 St. John's Lodge, Vegreville, Business meeting
- 7 Bow River Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Calgary, Long Service Jewels
- 15 Lethbridge Lodge, Long Service Jewels
- 20 Fort McMurray Lodge, Burns Festive Board



And another thing, I wish you wouldn't refer to my Masonic meetings as "doing my thing!"

S.M.L. Pollard, Tied to Masonic Apron Strings, Macoy Publishing