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The 1997 "Medal of Merit" Awards

After the 1996 Annual Communication had passed, at which the Medal of Merit Committee could not conscientiously honour any of the nominations received due to a lack of information, at the following Communication in June 1997, MWBro Calvin Shaver, Chairman of the Committee (and the original mover to create such recognition for outstanding Master Masons who had never served as Worshipful Masters), was pleased to be able to present six worthy Brethren, to be thanked by their peers for extraordinary dedication to the Craft and service to mankind.

The following Brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction then received the Medal of Merit from the hands of the Grand Master, while the Deputy Grand Master presented them with the accompanying certificates:

Bro William Watson of Temple Lodge No. 167, **Bro John Low** of Britannia Lodge No. 18, **Bro Bill Trofimuk** of Com-

mercial Lodge No. 81, **Bro Larry Bosiak** of Eastgate Lodge No. 192, **Bro Roger Anderson** of Carstairs Lodge No. 20, and **Bro Gordon Webb** of Unity Lodge No. 51.

Each of the Brethren (with the exception of an absentee) was introduced by MWBro Shaver with an excerpt from the nomination papers, and each received the acclaim of his Brethren present. These biographical notes are printed on pages 102 to 107 of the 1997 *Grand Lodge Proceedings*, of which two copies are in the possession of every Lodge in Alberta. Anyone asking to read up on our worthy Brethren will find that their Lodge Secretary will be only too happy to oblige.



Bro Gordon Webb

Grand Masters of Masons of North America Annual Conference

The Philadelphia Marriott, Sunday, 22 to Tuesday, 24 February 1998

While the conference started on the Sunday, the city of brotherly love (as Philadelphia is known) showed its hospitality to the Grand Masters and their wives who arrived early when the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, RWBro Jay Ernett, hosted us to cocktails at Carpenters Hall and dinner at The City Tavern. A great welcome to a historic city.

Sunday morning came VERY early when all the Grand Masters assembled at the Liberty Bell for both individual photographs with the Grand Master of Pennsylvania and a group photograph — all of which had to be accomplished prior to the Liberty Bell being opened to the public at 9:00 AM.

A short religious service was held prior to the commencement of the Conference at 10:00 AM. Sunday also saw a visit to the historical Christ Church for an evening Vesper Service.

The conference had the usual business conducted. A great emphasis was placed during this conference on the involvement of the various Grand Lodges in the "war against drugs." All of the speakers were involved in this area of work and all were eloquent and brought important messages. The speakers were:

- Senator & Brother George McGovern (Keynote Speaker), US Ambassador to UN Food & Agriculture Organization;
- General Barry McGaffrey, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy;
- Celia Van Horn, Special Education Teacher, Carson Jr. High School, Mesa, Arizona; and
- General & Brother Thomas Wilkerson, United States Marine Corps.

A part which was a highlight to me, as a Canadian, was to listen to MWBro Herman Starke, Grand Master of Newfoundland and Labrador, respond to the welcome on behalf of sister jurisdictions. Their membership within the conference will only be available to them when all current members extend them fraternal recognition.

On the social side, an important part of any Masonic gathering, Monday evening the Grand Secretaries hold their banquet, to which the Grand Masters are invited and on the Tuesday a reciprocal action occurs at the Grand Masters' Banquet. I was fortunate enough, as a member of the Conference Planning Committee, to represent the Masons of Alberta

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Editorial

Bon Voyage!

Summer time is travel time, for many, though not all. Some prefer other seasons when venturing out into the great blue yonder, but after this last winter, of the “el niño” variety, we are told to expect a glorious, warm summer, with a very severe winter to follow. After all, our meteorologists are always right, they never make “mistakes.” Whatever, a number of our readers will undertake journeys abroad, maybe touching on other continents, possibly to meet and experience different cultures. More power to them, and may they enjoy. Also, possibly, some of them would like to make Masonic contacts while “over there.” They may ask themselves: “How do I go about it, to meet a bona fide Mason, or even to attend a Lodge meeting?” Well, there are answers.

Step One might be that the Brother consults his own Lodge Secretary who will let him have a look in the latest (annually updated) List of Lodges Masonic, that shows all Lodges throughout the world (only those termed “regular,” mind you) with their names and numbers (where applicable), as well as geographic location names. However, that is as far as it goes, because the only addresses given are those of their Grand Lodges. Still, it helps.

Step Two may be to contact our Grand Secretary or his helpful staff for more information, and if the Brother’s request seems to go beyond the resources available to the Grand Lodge office, it just might happen (based on past experience) that the questioner may be referred to the present editor of the *Bulletin*, because of his notoriety to keep oodles of names and addresses, also annually updated, of Brethren, Lodges and Grand Lodges, particularly of Europe, but also of some more exotic places on the globe.

Step Three (not necessarily in that order) could be very advantageously to consult literature specifically designed to aid the Masonic traveller. One that immediately comes to mind, because it is so well written, organized and full of useful information, is K.W. Henderson’s *Masonic World Guide*, published by Lewis Masonic and distributed by Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co. Inc., Richmond, VA, listed under ISBN 0 85318 39 X.

Although the information contained in the book is no more recent than 1982, many addresses are still valid, but,

at the head table of the second banquet. The entertainment on this evening, courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was the Philadelphia Mummies. A unique troupe of men, many belonging to the Craft, who performed “different” music and had a great involvement of the Brethren and ladies who were attending the banquet.

Was this trip to this Conference worthwhile?

On a personal basis, the meeting with other Grand Masters and the chance to discuss areas of mutual interest only improves my ability to occupy the position of Grand Master of Alberta.

Also, by being a full participant in the Conference, we are recognized as a full partner with Freemasonry in North America. This, I believe, is a responsibility which we must observe.

This year, as a member of the Planning Committee, I was able to expose our Jurisdiction on various occasions during the conference:

- at the Opening Ceremony, by responding to the welcome of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania; and
- during Reports of Regional Conferences, I reported on the 57th Annual Conference of the Four Western Jurisdictions — the first time that a report has been received from the Western Jurisdiction Conference.

With the Deputy Grand Master also in attendance, it serves as a valuable training ground for his year ahead and also enables him to meet other Deputy Grand Masters in North America.

A highlight of the visit to Philadelphia was the tour of the Masonic Temple. Words cannot describe the beauty of this building. Each of its five Lodge Halls are unique and I urge any Brother who has the opportunity to visit this wonderful building.

In conjunction with mentioning the Masonic Temple, I must emphasize the great hospitality which was extended to us by all of the Pennsylvanian Masons that we met.

Next year’s conference is in Honolulu and I am sure that it will be equally enjoyable, enlightening and of benefit to the participants and the Craft.

Hugh Young, Grand Master

more importantly, to the would-be visitor is on what to wear, how to behave, and so forth. Appendices deal with Recognition (so that one does not unknowingly visit where one shouldn’t), a list of Grand Lodge Seniority (from England 1717 to Alaska 1981 — Alberta ranks in 87th place of 108), a table showing the ratio of one Mason to the population at large, (e.g., Alberta 1:127 and falling), and, of particular interest when visiting in non-English speaking countries, a translation of common English Masonic words into French, German, Spanish and Portuguese. This very valuable book was picked up by the writer at a Masonic Spring Workshop and can be ordered either through Grand Lodge or from the publisher (see ISBN number above).

What’s the object of all this? Many Masons will testify that it is a great experience to visit Masons and attend Lodges in other countries, even if one is not quite at home with the language spoken there. Most of the hosts speak English well enough to make communication easier. So, next time on the road in strange and wonderful places, why not try to bring greetings from the Brethren in Alberta, and bring back the good wishes of those visited?

Bon Voyage!

Corrections

In the May Bulletin, pages 4 & 5, eighteen Brethren were listed as candidates for the Board of General Purposes. It should have read as follows:

Board of General Purposes

(8 to be elected for a two year term C11.11)

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| RWBro Balleine, Ed | Glenbow Lodge No. 184 |
| RWBro Brown, Doug | Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54 |
| WBro Cawley, Ross | West Edmonton Lodge No. 101 |
| RWBro Fraser, John | Patricia Lodge No. 91 |
| RWBro Gordon, Angus | Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 |
| RWBro Langman, Lorne | Acacia Lodge No. 11 |
| RWBro Lewko, Peter | Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 |
| VWBro Myers, Ken | Mizpah Lodge No. 35 |
| RWBro Senn, Norm | Mosaic Lodge No. 176 |
| RWBro Sinclair, Allan | Loyalty Lodge No. 197 |
| WBro Slade, John | Baseline Lodge No. 198 |
| RWBro Taylor, Bob | Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 |

Board of Benevolence

(by acclamation)

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| RWBro Sherris, Doug | King Hiram Lodge No. 21 |
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Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee

(3 to be elected for a 2 year term R1.7.3.1)

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| WBro Ellis, Keith | Westlock Lodge No. 114 |
| WBro Kent, Hugh | Palestine Lodge No. 46 |
| WBro Hart, John | Perfection Lodge No. 9 |
| WBro Edwards, Cliff | Griesbach Lodge No. 191 |

Grand Treasurer

(by acclamation)

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| RWBro Dawson, G. Rex | Westlock Lodge No. 114 |
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Also inadvertently omitted was the following Notice of Motion:

Notice of Resolution to Expand Investment Criteria

by the Board of Benevolence.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE received and passed a motion to amend Regulation Sections R1.1.3.6 and R1.6.2.2 and to add R1.1.3.6 to the Regulations. The intent of the motion is to expand the investment criteria to include the Trustee Act of the Province of Alberta, and the Grand Treasurer be empowered to engage an Investment Counsel to assist him with the investments of Grand Lodge of Alberta funds.

AMEND REGULATION R1.1.3.6 to read:

"All moneys of Grand Lodge not required for current expense shall be invested by the Grand Treasurer in accordance with the Act of Incorporation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and in such Debentures or Securities as set out in the Trustee Act of the Province of Alberta as being investments in which a Trustee may invest Trust money in his hands."

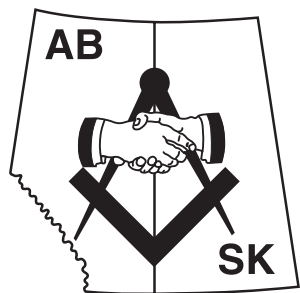
ADD REGULATION R1.1.3.6 to read:

.1 In making such investments, the Grand Treasurer may engage the services of a registered Financial Advisor or Investment Counsel.

We apologize for any inconvenience these omissions may have caused.

**MWBro Hugh Young has accepted, with regret, a letter of withdrawal from RWBro W. Matt Livingstone, a nominee for Junior Grand Warden.

1998 Speaking Competition



Some eighty Masonic enthusiasts, including sixteen ladies, flocked to Lloydminster on April 4th to witness — or to take part in — the 9th annual Hands Across the Border Speaking Competition. Like the Masonic Spring Workshop, this has become one of the good ideas to stimulate involvement in a most worthwhile Masonic endeavour

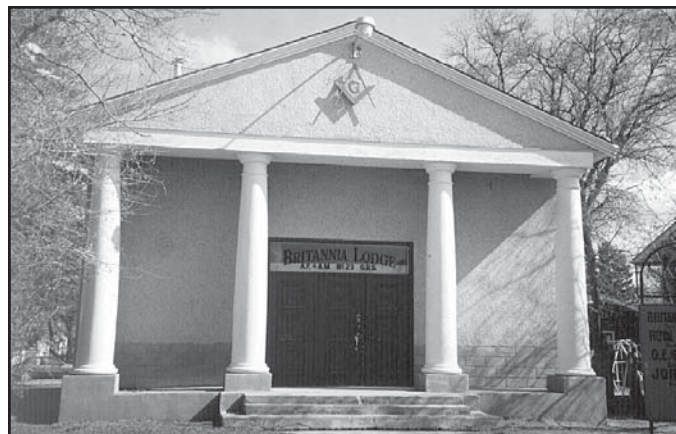
which, invariably, ends in the feeling of time well spent. Unlike the "Workshop," here the Masons' ladies are equally welcomed and are witnesses to all the proceedings. While the attendance is primarily made up of members of the 7th



Bro A.B. Kish receiving trophy from MWBro Stan Harbin

District of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and Alberta's "Battle River" and "Lakeland" Districts, Brethren and their ladies from anywhere in these two jurisdictions, and beyond, are welcome to participate.

Following a joint lunch at Knox Presbyterian Church, situated in Lloydminster, Alberta, all convened in Britannia Lodge Hall in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan (isn't it nice that one didn't have to go through customs and immigration?). MWBro Stan Harbin (AB), though not the "Great" but still the "principal" Architect of this event, opened the meeting with a sincere and warm welcome and introduced MWBro Richard Brown, Grand Master (SK), who then found himself isolated in the East, flanked by PGMs Crawford and Juthner, while MWBro Thompson escaped unscathed, having prudently brought his wife Joan along. Then the competition com-



Honour Roll

Recognition of Long Service Awards — January to December 1997

The following Brethren were awarded the indicated jewel or bar and are to be congratulated on their many years of loyalty and on their contributions to their Lodges in particular and to the Craft in general. Should you see one of these Brethren, be sure to congratulate him.

50 Years a Past Master

James, A.R. Norwood Lodge No. 90

60 Year Bars

Elliot, P.R. Temple Lodge No. 167
 Knight, S.E. Concord Lodge No. 124
 Lukes, H.N. Concord Lodge No. 124
 Nicholls, A.A. Bow River Lodge No. 1
 Patterson, G. Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105
 Roberts, J.E. Perfection Lodge No. 9
 Savage, S. Acacia Lodge No. 11

50 Year Jewels

Acton, W.C. Provost Lodge No. 61
 Beck, R.J. Norwood Lodge No. 90
 Becker, D.F. Cascade Lodge No. 5
 Birney, R.G. Perfection Lodge No. 9
 Blackie, W.D. Balmoral Lodge No. 185
 Blanchard, F. Strathcona Lodge No. 77
 Bodmer, L.H. Bassano Lodge No. 55
 Bower, A.G. Norwood Lodge No. 90
 Burgman, R.B. Rocky Summit Lodge No. 30
 Carr, D. Corinthian Lodge No. 22
 Cawthorne, H.H. Corinthian Lodge No. 22
 Chester, R. St. George's Lodge No. 169
 Clark, R.C. Mizpah Lodge No. 35
 Coates, A.E. Peace River Lodge No. 89
 Dempster, J. York Lodge No. 119
 Doe, John M. North Star Lodge No. 4
 Douglas, A.N. Beacon Lodge No. 190
 Elliott, J.R. Lethbridge Lodge No. 39
 Fee, R.J. Balmoral Lodge No. 195
 Ferguson, J.T. Cascade Lodge No. 5
 Fraser, H.W. Mizpah Lodge No. 35
 Fulmore, C.E. Provost Lodge No. 61
 Fulton, M.J. Corinthian Lodge No. 22
 Galen, M.N. St. Mark's Lodge No. 118

Gerrard, H.W. Sherwood Lodge No. 183
 Gibson, A.G. Oyen Crocus Lodge No. 82
 Gill, R.L. Mizpah Lodge No. 35
 Girling, L. Ashlar Lodge No. 28
 Glatiotis, K. Camrose Lodge No. 37
 Goodrich, J.E. Bassano Lodge No. 55
 Grant, D.S. Mizpah Lodge No. 35
 Green, L. Granite Lodge No. 127
 Hallworth, T. Mizpah Lodge No. 35
 Hanna, A.M. Diamond City Lodge No. 65
 Hanson, B.W. Strathmore Lodge No. 53
 Hay, G.W. Camrose Lodge No. 37
 Hayes, J.L. Perfection Lodge No. 9
 Henderson, G.A.C. Canada Lodge No. 165
 Hill, Frank Acacia Lodge No. 11
 Howden, T.F. Irricana Lodge No. 137
 Hutton, R.J. Hanna Lodge No. 78
 Jackson, E.L. Innisfail Lodge No. 8
 Jay, J.E. Empire Lodge No. 63
 Johnson, J.G. Hand Hill Lodge No. 98
 Kaliel, G.V. Westlock Lodge No. 114
 Kaliel, J.A. Westlock Lodge No. 114
 Katz, Alex Vermilion Lodge No. 24
 Keir, R.W. Centennial Lodge No. 194
 Kellaway, L. Strathcona Lodge No. 77
 King, D. Mizpah Lodge No. 35
 Kortzman, W.F. Edson Lodge No. 68
 Labelle, N. Waskatenau Lodge No. 154
 Laing, I. Forestburg-Alliance Lodge No. 128
 Lake, W.J. Star West Lodge No. 34
 Leach, G.B. Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142
 Lewis, M. Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105
 MacDougall, D.H. Exemplar Lodge No. 175
 McElman, M.W. Canada Lodge No. 165
 McIntyre, Hugh Hinton Lodge No. 178
 McNicoll, H.B. Empire Lodge No. 63
 Murray, J.W. North Star Lodge No. 4
 Neighbor, M. Jasper Park Lodge No. 143
 Noble, J.A. Corinthian Lodge No. 22
 Patriquin, E.L. Brooks Lodge No. 73
 Peacock, A.M. Forestburg-Alliance Lodge No. 128
 Pechet, E. Waskatenau Lodge No. 154
 Peers, K.N. Oyen Crocus Lodge No. 82
 Plant, A.R. North Star Lodge No. 4
 Powell, K.W. Acacia Lodge No. 11
 Prentiss, Mack Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105
 Radford, F.S. Rocky Summit Lodge No. 30
 Reirerson, R. St. George's Lodge No. 169
 Robinson, C.M. Brooks Lodge No. 73
 Rogerson, A.H. Irricana Lodge No. 137
 Saunders, S.A. Brooks Lodge No. 73
 Savage, G.N. Perfection Lodge No. 9
 Simpson, G.A. Bassano Lodge No. 55
 Smith, A. M. Mizpah Lodge No. 35
 Stafford, A.H. Sherwood Lodge No. 183
 Stepa, Paul St. George's Lodge No. 169
 Stewart, G.C. Forestburg-Alliance Lodge No. 128
 Stewart, J.S. Jasper Lodge No. 14
 Sutherland, W.J. Canada Lodge No. 165
 Swanson, C.G.G. Provost Lodge No. 61
 Tanner, W.K. Empire Lodge No. 63
 Taylor, H.A. Perfection Lodge No. 9
 Treacy, J.L. Hussar Lodge No. 130
 Turner, W.F. Mizpah Lodge No. 35
 Umbrite, J.G. Glenbow Lodge No. 184
 Vanderputten, C. Crescent Lodge No. 87
 Wadstein, A.L. Charity Lodge No. 67
 Weir, G. Ashlar Lodge No. 28
 White, T.M. Norwood Lodge No. 90
 Whiteford, J. Crescent Lodge No. 87
 Wilderman, G.H. Granite Lodge No. 127
 Winter, R.S. Empire Lodge No. 63
 Wright, J.R.C. Mizpah Lodge No. 35
 Young, T.E. Camrose Lodge No. 37
 Young, L. Crescent Lodge No. 87

menced. The speakers and their subjects were:

- **Brian Norwood** (Kitscoty): "The 21st century — what opportunities for Freemasonry?";
- **Chuck Powell** (Edmonton, Irma & Wainwright): "Masonry and the Book of James";
- **Bob Wilson** (Meadow Lake, SK): "Insight — what do we want to get from Freemasonry?";
- **Ernie Ostrom** (Marsden, SK): "Masonry in the 21st century";
- **Andrew Bert Kish** (Wainwright): "Whence come you and whither are you directing your course?";
- **Bill Cornfoot** (Lloydminster, SK): "Jacob's Ladder and its Symbols";
- **Douglas Bracken** (Lloydminster, AB): "Leading Onward and Upward"; and
- **Maynard Slater** (Unity, SK): "Future of Masonry in Saskatchewan."

All the presentations were well received, leaving the panel of judges with the dilemma of whom to select as the trophy winner.

The assessment by the judges follows strict criteria, assigning points (to a total of 105) for the introduction of the topic, the rapport established with the audience, the body of the speech (the argument made and clarity of content), the concluding

summary, and also the delivery (voice, articulation, body language, etc.) and the general impression.

At the banquet following, at the Wayside Inn, the jury announced its verdict: It is Bro Andrew Bert Kish, from Buffalo Park Lodge in Wainwright whose name will be engraved on the trophy. The banquet was also enriched by a stimulating address by **Bro Mike Glover** from Edmonton who delved into Jewish folklore. On the day after, Sunday, a church service was held and the events drew to a close with a joint brunch, both at Knox Presbyterian Church.

We are now looking forward to the 10th Anniversary Hands Across the Border Meeting, on April 10th, 1999, in Wainwright. It would not hurt to plan to attend, now.

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Summer Lodge Events

The following events have been reported to the Bulletin Committee:

- June 20: Bassano Lodge No. 55, Armstrong Memorial Open Air Lodge, leave Lodge Hall 10:00 am, tyle 11:00 am, MM degree, beef lunch \$10, dress western/casual. Contact Doug Watson 641-3581 or Cameron Gillespie 362-0466
- July 2: Excelsior Lodge No. 80, Regular Meeting, 8:00 PM

- July 2: Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, Wembley, Regular Summer Meeting, 8:00 PM
- July 2: Rockyford Lodge No. 123, Western Night, 7:30 PM
- July 4: Canada Lodge No. 165, Calgary, Stampede Lodge, 1:30 PM at King George Hall, Dress Western, Refreshments and beef dinner \$10.00, contact Lorne Bylsma 288-1599
- July 7: Vulcan Lodge No. 74, EA degree, 8:00 PM, joint Craft/Eastern Star picnic, following weekend, contact Henry Hansen 485-6521
- July 9: Nanton Lodge No. 17, Regular Meeting, 7:30 PM
- July 11: Nanton Lodge No. 17, BBQ, Ladies & Guests welcome. Contact George Blake, 246-2988
- July 22: Forestburg-Alliance Lodge No. 128, Regular Meeting, GM visit, commemorating 75th Anniversary, 7:30 PM
- July 22: Redwood Lodge No. 193, Edmonton, Klondike Lodge, 7:30 PM at Highlands Hall, Klondike/casual dress
- Aug. 4: Edgerton Lodge No. 102 Regular Meeting, 7:30 PM
- Aug. 4: Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, Wembley, Regular Meeting, 8:00 PM
- Aug. 6: Excelsior Lodge No. 80, Daysland, Regular Meeting, 8:00 PM
- Aug. 8: Symbol Lodge No. 83, Drumheller, Open air Lodge, 4th Annual at McKee Lake meeting at Rowley at 2:00 PM, dress casual/jeans, contact Michael McKee 368-2238, \$10, dinner, wives/family welcome
- Aug. 26 Forestburg-Alliance Lodge No. 128, Forestburg, 7:30 PM

White Gloves — Traditional and Social Ethics of their Use

Abridged version of article reprinted in Vox Lucis Vol. 17, 1997 from the Freemasons' Chronicle, 31 March 1956. Author unknown.

First, in regard to tradition, must the reminder be stressed that white gloves form an integral part of correct Masonic attire, inseparable from the white apron, as the symbol of "clean hands and pure hearts," and not merely as the observance of an "Operative" tradition of old. As wrote the Psalmist, *Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord or stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart...* And such is the great lesson that together they are intended to convey and offer the constant reminder.

Touching procedure in Lodge, the Master, as well as his Wardens and Deacons, are sometimes seen to remove the right-hand glove, if not both, in the course of administering an Obn. or imparting a token, but this is based on an entirely erroneous conception that there must be mutual contact with the bare flesh, without intervening obstacle. Such is, in no way, the case, and comes from confusion made with the need correctly required on the part of the candidate himself, or anyone taking an Obn. with hand on the VSL, to do so with hand bared, resting upon it, but because from times of the remotest antiquity, it has always been regarded as essential to the binding quality of an oath, that some part of the swearer's bare flesh should be in contact with the sacred object. In very



ancient times, before the days of books, the sacred object on which the oath was taken was a stone altar, and the person being sworn knelt before it, with either his bare knee or his bare breast touching it. When an oath is taken in a Court of Law, the Book must be held in the bare hand.

No such consideration can apply in regard to the person who administers the oath, nor in the case of the imparting of a token, but solely to the candidate himself, who must of course remain throughout with ungloved hands. Today observant Brethren, attending ceremonies in which the Grand Master himself, or his direct representatives are found officiating, will note that the gloves are never removed by him or them, when administering Obns., or even when shaking hands at an investiture. Nor must it be stressed are Brethren who are so greeted or honoured, themselves required to remove their gloves.

There again in connection with the social custom of handshaking, as well as the Masonic sphere, a strangely exaggerated notion of gentility seems to have crept in, from Victorian days, that it is impolite not to remove gloves to do so. Socially, the custom, from olden days is, indeed, entirely the reverse, as shows the fact that in France, where polite social manners are said to have found their birth, it is, for instance, regarded as an appalling gaucherie for a man to shake hands with a lady, with his own hand ungloved.

Whilst on the subject of gloves, when worn with gauntlets [in Alberta usually referred to as "cuffs", Ed.], it is essential to bear in mind that the latter were originally an integral part of the glove itself, of which it was an extension. Thus, strictly speaking, removal of the glove should also mean removal of the gauntlet itself. In actual practice this is not always found convenient, yet should be observed where possible.

No less incongruous in appearance is anyone posing for a photograph, in full Masonic regalia, and wearing gauntlets but carrying his white gloves in one hand instead of their being worn.

For the past six issues, abstracts from papers of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research were offered to our readers, thanks to a labour of love by the WM of the Research Lodge, RWBro John Forsdick. Expressions of opinion of our readers, whether to continue with such items would be welcomed. — The Editor)

Masonic Philately

March 27-29, 1998, were important dates for philatelists in Edmonton. The Edmonton Stamp Club hosted the Edmonton National and Regional Stamp Show 1998. The Edmonton Stamp Club has been actively promoting and encouraging philately in the Edmonton area and Western Canada since 1912. The theme of the stamp show was the 100th Anniversary of Edmonton's involvement with the Klondike Gold Rush. Special show covers and special cancellations for each day were available.

Stamp collectors collect most anything related to a postal service, taxation stamps, conservation stamps, etc. Most give up collecting everything and anything. They tend to start specializing within an area, e.g. stamps with maps, flowers, prime ministers, etc. At the Edmonton stamp show there was an excellent exhibit entitled, "Freemasonry and its effects on our world" by Robert A. Bayes. The exhibit showed the development and spread of Freemasonry, the effects on history, art, politics, and some of the famous men of war. Unfor-

tunately I didn't see any identification of where Mr. (Bro.?) Bayes was from. I thought it was a very imaginative and interesting exhibit. Stamps from all over the world were used. Some pictured famous cathedrals, some the well known symbols of the order, some had roses. All had good commentary with the stamps. The roses were used as an introduction to the Rose Croix degrees. Famous Masons were also depicted. An interesting set of engravings for a stamp honouring Mozart was included. It was a very interesting exhibit and I spent quite a while looking at the stamps and reading the excellent commentary.

For those wishing more information on Freemasonry and stamps, the *Northern Light*, the publication of the Northern Jurisdiction A&ASR has a regular page on the subject. The book, *Postage Stamps and Freemasonry: Guide and Compendium United States and Canada*, by C.L. Murphy 0-8062-2966-7, 1988, was still available from Macoy Publishing the last time I looked in their catalogue.

Loren W. Kline

A Rare Achievement

On March 8, 1998, the Brethren of Corinthian Lodge No. 22 had the rare pleasure of presenting one of theirs with the 70-Year Bar to the 50-Year Jewel. The Brother so honoured was **Bro William J. Lockhart**, who had received the three degrees of Masonry in the Spring of 1928. The accompanying photograph was taken on that memorable occasion. The Brethren of Alberta join in congratulating this true and loyal Mason on this great achievement.



Seated: William J. Lockhart, standing Charlie Barnfather, Secretary, Corinthian Lodge No. 22

My Dog "Master"

My brother John and I owned a bird dog that was such a good hunter that he gained renown within the small community in which we lived. He worked hard and hunted hard, and never failed to turn up a covey of quail for us to shoot. We never came home without dinner in our game bags.

Since we were both Masons, we gave him the name "Master." He was indeed a master of sorts, as he could out-hunt any dog in our area.

After a number of years of hard work and dedication, we decided that we should honour him somehow, and since it seemed appropriate, we renamed him "Past Master."

Well, that was a mistake! After he got the title "Past Master," he stopped working, wouldn't hunt, and his demeanor changed for the worse. All he did from that point on was to sit on his butt and howl!

WBro Tom Gregory
Statesville Lodge No. 27
North Carolina

News in Brief

Bro George Helmer of Edmonton, who had scanned the works of five decades of the Philalethes Society onto discs, was named a Fellow (FPS) by that distinguished Masonic research body.

Bro Ken Penley of Calgary, who serves as a mentor for young pharmacists, was honoured by receiving the Rotary International Integrity Award from that noted service club.

A new website has been announced: The Masonic Service Association of North America is building a website which can be reached at www.msana.com. They also have a new e-mail address which is msana@ix.netcom.com.

And while we're at it, a reminder of our own Alberta website to visit: www.freemasons.ab.ca.

An Edmonton Brother, having read the article "Edmonton's Freemasons' Hall" in the *April Bulletin*, and its reference to two stained glass windows in need of replacement, phoned the Editor with an offer to pay for it. Isn't that wonderful? We'll keep you posted on future developments.

Gems

- The best way to get rid of an enemy is to turn him into a friend.
- Don't expect anything original from an echo.
- Confidence of success is almost success.
- A tennis court is the only place in the world where love means nothing.
- You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself.
- A committee is a group of people who talk for hours to produce something known as minutes.
- Our favourite attitude should be gratitude.
- Apologizing for a nasty remark is like trying to unscramble an egg.

Grand Master's Itinerary

June

- 5 Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter, Calgary
- 6 Concord Lodge, Calgary
- 9 Mount Lebanon Lodge, Calgary
- 10 Mystic Tie Lodge, Edmonton
- 12-13 Annual Communication, Calgary

Grand Master Elect's Itinerary

June

- 23 Kitscoty Lodge
- 25 Grand Lodge of Montana

July

- 5 Mighty Peace District Meeting
- 15-19 Grand Lodge of Canada, Toronto
- 22 Forestburg-Alliance Lodge, Forestburg