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Grand Lodge Bulletin

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BLUEPRINTS FOR BUILDERS

Masonic Spring Workshop—April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 1966 Banff School of Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta

THEME
"The Mason in the Community"



Bro. The Rev. Dr. J. Gordon Jones, O.B.E.
Theme Speaker

Study Fellowship Inspiration

Brother J. Gordon Jones was born in Toronto, Ontario, was educated in Montreal schools, Woodstock College, McMaster University and at Edinburgh, Scotland, finishing with a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Prior to World War II Brother Jones served the Church at Parkdale Baptist Church, Hamilton. He was very interested in the young people of the Community, was Vice-President of the Baptist Young People's Union and President of the Interdenominational Young People's Council of Canada.

Brother Jones entered the Service as Chaplain, going Overseas in 1939 with the Royal Canadian Artillery. In 1941 he became Senior Chaplain of the First Canadian Division, which he accompanied in the Sicilian and Italian Campaigns; he was transferred to England to take part in the preparations for the invasion of Normandy and in 1944 was made Deputy Assistant Principal Chaplain, attached to the Headquarters of the Second Canadian Corps. He went through the campaigns in Normandy, Belgium and Holland and was

decorated as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, being discharged with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1945.

Following World War II Brother Jones became Minister of the First Baptist Church in Calgary and, while holding this appointment, he attended the British Commonwealth and Empire Congress and preached the 'Congress Sermon'. He also preached at the Festival of Britain and, in 1952, at the request of the Government, visited the Canadian Forces in Occupied Germany. In 1955 Brother Jones was one of the speakers at the British World Alliance in London and in 1956 he accepted a call to the First Baptist Church in Vancouver.

Our Theme Speaker has travelled extensively in Egypt, Palestine and other Countries bordering on the Mediterranean and in 1962 published a descriptive booklet entitled "That's a Place I'd Like to See". In 1959-60 he visited India.

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Message from the Grand Master

It is my privilege, as your Grand Master, to announce the holding of the First Masonic Workshop, which will be held at the Banff School of Fine Arts from Friday, April 22nd to Sunday, April 24th, 1966. A full agenda will be found elsewhere in this Bulletin. I am convinced, Brethren, that this is the greatest step forward that we have made in this jurisdiction. For many years we have realized that we have not given our new members sufficient instruction, we have failed in our duty to them and this will provide us with an opportunity to impart much information in regard to the Craft, we will hope that there will be a good attendance of Master Masons and Officers and that they will carry the message back to their respective lodges and spread their knowledge far and wide amongst the members.

We cannot overcome all problems in one gathering, however I feel sure this is a big step in the right direction and I commend it to you with all my heart. I appointed our Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell, as General Chairman of the Planning Committee with our Grand Registrar, R. W. Bro. C. E. Sanders, as Vice-Chairman; our Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. L. J. Rosling, as Treasurer and V. W. Bro. M. P. Dunford as Secretary. The Planning Committee is gathering a strong force of interested members to be in charge of workshops, to lead discussion groups, etc. and we hope that every area of the Jurisdiction will be represented. No stone will be left unturned to ensure that the arrangements will be complete.

THE MASON IN THE COMMUNITY is a tremendous subject and in Bro. Dr. J. Gordon Jones we have an outstanding scholar to guide us. His address on Friday evening will set the conference in motion and in the serene beauty of our mountain scenery we can quietly study and discuss how best we can serve our Maker in our own Community. Those of you who will have the privilege of attending—only five hundred can be accommodated this year—will, I am sure, receive much inspiration.

In recent years our members have been moving from place to place to a much greater extent than was the case some twenty-five years ago; the Lodge is no longer alone in calling for the attention of its members, it has to compete with many situations that together make up our rather crowded life in these modern days. Community leaders find that they are involved in so many Committees and Clubs that they find it difficult to give time to Freemasonry but I ask you, Brethren, to see that Freemasonry is not relegated to a back seat. Many Community enterprises are based on the teachings of Freemasonry—the Brethren who founded this Grand Lodge just over sixty years ago were LEADERS in the Community, let us see to it that the foundation which they laid so well is not neglected.

We have arranged for special Workshops for Lodge Officers, for Senior Wardens and for District Deputy Grand Masters-elect. All are agreed that these will be most important, especially the latter. District Deputy Grand Masters have a most important responsibility but in the past many have found that they do not have an opportunity to properly acquaint themselves with their duties until their term is about over. They have not had an opportunity of knowing just what is expected of them—Brethren, this will overcome the omission. We will expect every District Deputy Grand Master-elect to be in attendance to take advantage of the opportunity that is his. We will hope that all Senior Wardens, in particular, will endeavour to be present.

I commend this Masonic Workshop to all Masons but urge especially our young members to attend. I shall hope to have the opportunity of welcoming a capacity attendance of members.

On your behalf I express our appreciation to our Editor, M. W. Brother S. Carl Heckbert, for making this issue of the Bulletin available to your Planning Committee.

The Board of General Purposes is made up of all Past Grand Masters, the elected Officers of Grand Lodge, all District Deputy Grand Masters, sixteen elected members and four appointed by the Grand Master. See your Proceedings for details.

Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, the first Lodge Instituted after the formation of our Grand Lodge, celebrated its sixtieth Anniversary December 16th, 1965.

Are you making preparations to attend Grand Lodge in Edmonton June 8th and 9th 1966? Your Officers are busy making arrangements and there will be a big gathering Tuesday evening, June 7th, 1966.

The Board of General Purposes met in Red Deer on January 12th, 1966 to discuss business being prepared for Grand Lodge in June.

The per capita tax paid by Lodges to Grand Lodge is \$1.50 per annum, which amount was set in 1922.

WORKSHOPS

The days of April 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1966 should be "red letter" days for the Craft in Alberta. In my travels throughout the Province I have visited many Lodges and have met with enthusiastic anticipation. This can only reflect the feelings of the members that frank discussion of our Craft's position in the world today is required and that our Workshop is necessary.

Your Workshop Committee has been charged with filling profitably the (10:00 to 11:00) period on the Saturday morning. In keeping with the theme of the week-end, "The Mason In The Community," we have decided to base the Workshop period on the Ancient charges of a Freemason, No. 6 in the Constitution, "Of Behaviour". Individual leaders will be responsible for the different sections and build them into lectures, panels and group study series to show how these basic rules are still applicable today. Also ways and means of embodying these rules into Lodge work and daily living will be studied.

In the Sessions, there will be courses and instruction periods for Lodge Officers, Senior Wardens and District Deputy Grand Masterselect. These instructional workshops will attempt the following: (1) Instruction in duties and responsibilities. (2) Instruction in duties and responsibilities. (2) Instruction on organizing and preparing for duties of Worshipful Master, how to prepare each meeting, Education, etc. (3) Duties and preparation for term as District Deputy Grand Master. (4) Use of the Research and Education Committee's facilities and experience. (5) Extent of the library facilities and use thereof.

I am not able to give a complete list of Workshop leaders, because many of those approached have asked for a little time to think about the matter, realizing the importance of the work they are being asked to undertake.

WORKSHOPS:

(1) In the Lodge while constituted.

- (2) Behaviour after the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone.
- (3) Behaviour at home and in your neighbour-

(4) Behaviour toward a strange Brother.

- (5) Workshops for Officers (duties, furniture, jewels, etc.)
- (6) Workshop for incoming Masters (present S.W.'s) duties planning, etc.
- (7) Workshop for District Deputy Grand Masterselect.

Your Workshop Committee will have been established by Christmas so that the necessary meetings and preliminary studies can be undertaken early in the New Year.

W. Bro. R. Borland, Workshops Committee Chairman.

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While in Calgary he was initiated in our Perfection Lodge No. 9 in 1951.

Space does not permit a complete resume of Brother Jones' travels, lectures and sermons; at present he is 'trying to retire' but is working as a Minister at Large.

Brother Jones will present two Theme addresses for the Masonic Spring Workshop. The first 'Living—on the Square' and secondly, 'Blueprint for Builders'.

FIRST BANFF MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP OF ALBERTA MASONS

Sponsored by the GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday — April 22, 23, 24, 1966

At BANFF SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

Please complete reverse side and forward with registration fee of \$5.00 to:

Mr. A. F. McIntosh, 1221 - 20th St. N.W., Calgary, Alberta

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MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

Do you plan to arrive for supper Friday night: Yes □ $N_0 \sqcap$ Cost is extra \$1.50.

ACCOMMODATION:	I will make my own arrangements	
I wish to stay at the F	anff School (cost \$14.00)	

THE AGENDA FOR THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY, April 22, 1966

4:00 to 8:45 p.m.—Registration.

9:00 to 9:30 p.m.—First Theme Address.

9:35 to 10:15 p.m.—Discussion groups.

10:30 p.m. -Fellowship and Coffee.

10:45 p.m. -Discussion group Chairman and group leaders meet with

Theme Speaker.

Workshop leaders meet with

Chairman.

SATURDAY, April 23

7:00 a.m. —Rising bell.

8:00 a.m. —Breakfast.

9:00 to 9:45 a.m.—Discussion groups. 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.—Workshops.

11:00 to 12 Noon—Introduction Nominees for

Grand Lodge offices.

12:30 —Lunch.

6:00 p.m.—Free time; Entertainment 1:15 to Committee will have sugges-

tions and planned entertain-

—Supper. 6:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.—Time to purchase and 7:00 to

examine books.

8:30 p.m.—Second Theme address. 8:00 to

8:45 to 9:30 p.m.—Discussion groups.

10:00 p.m. -Fellowship and Coffee.

SUNDÂY, April 24

7:30 a.m. —Rising bell.

—Breakfast. 8:00 a.m.

9:00 to 10:00 a.m.—Discussion groups. 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.—Devotional Service.

Lunch. 12 Noon

Please use the registration form provided below

and mail TODAY.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

In the broad sense, a group discussion occurs whenever two or more people meet together to talk about a subject of mutual interest.

In modern business and industry, group discussion methods have replaced speechmaking as a device for getting things done. As one authority puts it, "As an instrument of accomplishment, these workshops and group discussions far outweigh oratory.

It is our hope that these discussion groups will be thought-provoking with new ideas and an understanding leading to a rich and lasting personal experience, which you will want to share with others. Some very capable men have consented to act as leaders of these groups and are putting a great deal of time and effort into making them successful. It is our sincere hope that you will be able to set aside April 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1966 and be one of the five hundred Masons in Banff.

M. P. Dunford, Secretary, Planning Committee.

Although the last Lodge is Redwood No. 193 we have only 180 Lodges in Alberta and the North West Territories as in the last sixty years thirteen Lodges have amalgamated or surrendered their Charters.

There are now 21 Lodges in the City of Calgary and Corinthian Lodge No. 22 at Okotoks has concurrent jurisdiction. There are 25 Lodges in the City of Edmonton (including St. Albert) and Victoria Lodge No. 13 at Fort Saskatchewan has concurrent jurisdiction.

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