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Grand Lodge Bulletin

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From The Grand Master To The Brethren



M.W. Bro. Bernie Brown, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. for the year 1967-68, was born in Edmonton on September 13th, 1906. He is a member of Commercial Lodge No. 81 in Edmonton, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in that Lodge in the year 1942 and was Master of his Lodge in 1954. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 20 in 1959-60. Well-known throughout the jurisdiction he has travelled widely, attending District and Area meetings during his year as a Senior Officer in Grand Lodge. In Edmonton he has been active not only in Masonic circles but also in the Gyro Club, the Edmonton Exhibition Association, the Alberta Motor Association and the Alberta Implement Dealers Association. He owns Bernie Brown Equipment Ltd., is married with one son and two grandchildren.

It is with deep sense of humility that I write a few lines as your newly elected Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta. First let me express my sincere thanks to you for having continued confidence in me. I sincerely appreciate the great honor you have bestowed on me in electing me to this high position and my one greatest hope is that I may be able to discharge my duties to you in a manner befitting the honor conferred on me.

On looking back, I can see the names of some great men who have served our great Fraternity as Grand Masters. I do not expect to be able to fill their shoes but God willing, and with the support of my Brethren, I hope to meet my responsibilities and be able to add something for the benefit of all. I must ask for your continued support and co-operation during my year of service to you. May we work together in Peace and Harmony and may Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth prevail.

We are now well into the Centennial year of Canada, we have just celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the first Grand Lodge, in London, England. We might now pause and look back at what has been accomplished; pay our respects to the Masons who made possible the birth of our Nation and the birth of Masonry. We owe it to them to look now to our future, to make our plans and to live our lives so that the future will be preserved for the generations yet to come. We face what looks like insurmountable challenges; our whole system of morality, our way of life, is changing so rapidly that it staggers our thoughts. We are made conscious, every minute of the day, of the concepts of life, strange new problems confront us continually. Wars and threats of wars face us, brute force is rearing its shaggy head in community after community, people are demanding more and more each day, Governments are failing in their efforts to control and stabilize a sound moral way of living.

What then can we as Masons do in this great problem? We must be the representatives of all that Freemasonry stand for. We must direct our efforts toward keeping alive the ideas of Brotherly Love, Tolerantion, Justice and Freedom and speak the language that all can hear and understand for the good of all mankind. We must take our responsibilities and put them into everyday practice. What a tremendous force for good we can offer to the World. For 250 years we have pursued our peaceful ways, we have sought no acclaim, we have permitted outsiders to think as they may about our ways and our teachings. Our only advertisement has been, and still is, our own examples of good citizenship. Freemasonry has had but one job to do. That challenge has been to improve mankind, to make good men, even better; with good characters, honest endeavors and with love and respect in their hearts for their fellowman.

If Masonry has not appeared to make the progress it should it is not the fault of Masonry, but the weakness of its individual members. Masonry records the names of many ordinary men who have accepted the challenge given to them and who have made great sacrifices for the good of Mankind. Can we as Masons of today do less? Let us then, set ourselves to our great task, and may we receive guidance from the G.A.O. T.U. upon all our undertakings.

EDITORIAL

S. Carl Heckbert, P.G.M.

It was with very considerable regret that I relinquished the editorship of the Masonic Bulletin of Alberta.

It was my pleasure and privilege to have acted as editor for a period of ten years and it was always my hope that our little paper was serving a useful purpose; happily there was some measure of evidence that the paper was acceptable to readers, as many letters were received during my ten years as editor from places as far distant as points in the United States, in Australia and in the United Kingdom. These letters were most generous and were always most welcome.

It is my desire at this time to express my deepest thanks to all who assisted me in the work of preparing material for inclusion in the Bulletin, to the various Grand Masters who, through the years, were helpful in the extreme; during the period in which I edited this paper I always had in mind the splendid work that was for so many years performed by our late Most Worshipful Brother, Sam Harris of High Prairie, who gave so freely of his time and talents in the production of a useful and valuable publication.

At the June Communication in Calgary, a motion was presented to Grand Lodge, following a notice of motion which had been presented to the Grand Lodge in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution; the motion requested that the Annual Communication be changed to take place at the end of the second week in June, rather than in the middle of the week as has been the case for many years.

The thought behind the motion was to enable younger members from the Constituent Lodges to attend our annual Grand Lodge sessions as many of them are engaged in work covered by a five day week and the weekend would appear to be the most suitable time for them to absent themselves from their regular vocations with as little loss of time and remuneration as possible.

Unfortunately two well skilled members who had previously made the most valuable contribution to the welfare of Freemasonry in Alberta opposed the motion and a motion to lay the motion on the table was presented. A motion to table is not debatable and consequently the motion did not receive the consideration that was felt by many to be due. It was claimed by the mover of the motion to table that Constituent Lodges had not had an opportunity to give thorough consideration to the matter; it must be pointed out that Lodges had been, or should have been fully appraised of the Notice of Motion which was given with a view to careful consideration of the intent of the motion to be presented in the full year prior to the 1967 annual Communication.

Two or three Past Grand Masters expressed the opinion that they usually had weekend gatherings with members of their families and that, for this reason they were not in agreement with a motion which, if adopted, would interfere with the accustomed plans.

It is desired to point out that only a single week-

end in the year would be affected; it is also important that a weekend meeting would doubtless have the effect of bringing to Grand Lodge younger members of our Lodges whose work made it possible for them to be at Grand Lodge at the end of the week. For many years we have heard the cry — 'bring in younger members' — 'create interest among our younger members if we are to hold them' — and all will admit that it is vital indeed to the future well-being of our Grand Lodge that younger men exhibit interest in the work of forwarding the philosophies of Masonry.

Merely to pay lip service to the theory of interesting younger Masons in the basic principles of the Craft does not seem to be sufficient; if there is benefit in changing the days of our annual meetings by all means let us, who, perhaps, would prefer our weekends to be altogether free of interests other than those of the close family connection, make the small necessary sacrifice of a single Saturday or Sunday in the year in order that a somewhat larger group might enjoy the privileges of our annual Grand Lodge Communications.

At least, let us, in June 1968, be unrestricted in our opportunity for full and free discussion of a matter that appears, to many, to have a degree of merit; then and only then, let the will of the majority govern our future policy with the full and generous support of all members.

RETIRING EDITOR HONORED AT GRAND LODGE

The following scroll was presented by M.W. Bro. T. Gordon Towers, Grand Master

Presented to

M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert
Grand Master 1955-56

in recognition of
his services as Editor of

THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN
September 1967 to June 1967

THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN 1967-68

M.W. Bro. Bernie Brown, the Grand Master, asked a committee of brethren in Calgary to edit the Grand Lodge Bulletin for the year 1967-68 following the retirement of M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert as editor. The personnel of the committee is:— M.W. Bro. W. J. Collett, Zetland 83, Chairman; W. Bro. R. L. Costigan, Elbow River 180 and Corinthian 22; W. Bro. R. Alexandre, Crescent 87, Bro. B. V. Apperley, Perfection 9; Bro. G. L. Berry, Calgary 23.

The Committee will endeavor to maintain the high standard set by the former editors of the Bulletin and hopes to be able to keep the membership informed concerning significant events in the Lodges in this jurisdiction. It wishes, too, to publish papers and articles written by Alberta brethren. All news notes and literary contributions should be mailed to — The Grand Lodge Bulletin, 330-12th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

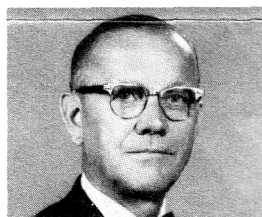
TO THESE WE LOOK FOR LEADERSHIP



R.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell The Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Charles E. Pinnell who was installed as Deputy Grand Master at the Grand Lodge Communication in June was initiated, passed and raised in Crescent Lodge No. 87 in Calgary and served that lodge as its Worshipful Master in 1951. His first office in Grand Lodge was that of Grand Director of Ceremonies for the year 1959-60. In June 1965 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and served last year as Senior Grand Warden.

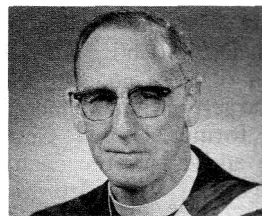
Born in Gloucestershire, England, in 1904, he came to Canada in 1925 and was employed with the Canadian National Railways. In 1949 he joined the Seagram organization and at present is Sales Manager, Prairie Provinces, for Harrison Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.

R.W. Bro. Pinnell is a Past President of the Dominion Soccer Football Association, Past President of the Rotary Club of Calgary, a member of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce and an Associate Director of the Stampede Football Club.



R.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal The Senior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. Philip J. Kendal was elected as Junior Grand Warden at the Grand Lodge Communication in June 1966 and elected as Senior Grand Warden this year. He was initiated into Masonry in St. John's Lodge No. 25 at Vegreville in 1939 and upon taking up residence in Edmonton in 1947 he affiliated with Edmonton Lodge No. 7 and served as its Worshipful Master in the year 1964-65.

R.W. Bro. Kendal is a dentist and has been active as President of the Edmonton Dental Society and has served for some years on the Board of Directors of the Alberta Dental Association.



R.W. Bro. E. J. Thompson The Junior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. Edmund J. Thompson was elected Junior Grand Warden at the Grand Lodge Communication in June. He is well known to the Craft in Alberta since he acted as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge for several years. In addition he was the Principal of St. Stephen's Theological College in Edmonton prior to his retirement a year ago.

Dr. Thompson was initiated into Freemasonry in St. Alban's Lodge No. 145 St. Paul, Alberta in the year 1928 and affiliated with Star of the West Lodge

No. 34 Leduc in 1931. In 1952 he became a Charter member of Temple Lodge No. 167 in Edmonton and was its Worshipful Master in 1962. His term as Grand Chaplain was from 1963 to 1967.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Dist. No.

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|----|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Saturday, Sept. 23, 1967 | (Temple) Calgary |
| 2 | Friday, Oct. 6, 1967 | Foremost |
| 3 | Saturday, Oct. 14, 1967 | Jasper |
| 4 | Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1967 | Lacombe |
| 5 | Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1967 | Alliance |
| 6 | Saturday, Nov. 18, 1967 | Nanton |
| 7 | Saturday, Oct. 7, 1967 | Lethbridge |
| 8 | Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1967 | Cowley |
| 9 | Thursday, Nov. 16, 1967 | Stettler |
| 10 | Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1967 | Elk Point |
| 11 | Thursday, Oct. 19, 1967 | Lethbridge |
| 12 | Saturday, Oct. 28, 1967 | Edmonton |
| 13 | Wednesday, July 5, 1967 | Spirit River |
| 14 | Saturday, Oct. 14, 1967 | Empress |
| 15 | Friday, Oct. 27, 1967 | Acme |
| 16 | Friday, Nov. 17, 1967 | Gleichen |
| 17 | Thursday, Oct. 12, 1967 | Provost |
| 18 | Saturday, Oct. 28, 1967 | (Crescent) Calgary |
| 19 | Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1967 | Athabasca |
| 20 | Saturday, Nov. 11, 1967 | Edmonton |

Important Events to be Attended by The Grand Master

Foremost Lodge No. 103

Friday, Oct. 6, 1967, Fiftieth Anniversary

Edmonton Lodge No. 7

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1967, Seventy-fifth Anniversary

West Edmonton Lodge No. 101

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1967, Fiftieth Anniversary

Century Lodge No. 100

Friday, Oct. 20, 1967, Fiftieth Anniversary

Edgerton Lodge No. 102

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1967, Fiftieth Anniversary

Camrose Lodge No. 37

Thursday, Nov. 9, 1967, Sixtieth Anniversary

INTER-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens will be present at the Inter-Provincial Conference of Grand Lodge Officers of the four Western Jurisdictions which will be held in the Rimrock Hotel, Banff on September 7th, 8th and 9th. The Grand Master will be host at dinner for the delegates on Friday, September 8th.

Registration forms are available for the Masonic Spring Workshop to be held in Banff March 29th, 30th and 31st, 1968, from M.P. Dunford, 330-12th Avenue S.W., Calgary.

THE CRAFT HOUR



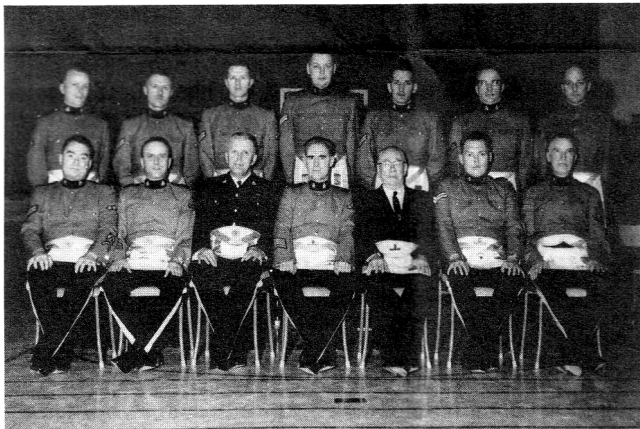
The picture above shows a scene from the Craft Hour which portrays the laying by the Grand Lodge of Alberta of the cornerstone of the Water Works Building in Calgary on July 21st, 1890. This Pageant honoring Canada's Centennial Year was presented in the Jubilee Auditorium, Calgary, on the Tuesday evening before the opening of the Grand Lodge Communication. The Pageant was written by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Paterson of Calgary and directed by Mrs. Paterson who is a well known speech expert in the City. R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary, did much of the research necessary in order to supply the necessary text for the script. The Calgary Lodges provided over one hundred brethren for the cast. R.W. Bro. John S. Bach

and the Grand Organist Bro. Harry Rimmer were in charge of the music.

The Pageant depicted the arrival of Freemasonry in Canada at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and then moved to Victoria, British Columbia, to portray the establishment of the first lodge there. It then came back to Alberta and traced the history of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. There were a number of moving scenes in the Pageant especially when Bro. W. S. Henry of High River who is 100 years old, a member of Cornerstone Lodge No. 19 and V.W. Bro. Dr. J. S. Stewart, North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge, who is in his 90th year, appeared in person. M.W. Bro. William Ireland long-time President of the Board of Benevolence and Grand Lodge Auditor was honored. Since his birthday was approaching he was presented with a birthday cake and the brethren sang "Happy Birthday".

In all it was a very profitable evening and quite in keeping with the tradition to get the brethren attending Grand Lodge together for a social evening previous to Grand Lodge. Programs of the Craft Hour are available at the Grand Lodge office and the text of the Pageant may be borrowed by lodges wishing to plan a beneficial program for lodge meetings.

R.C.M.P. DEGREE TEAM AT GRANDE PRAIRIE

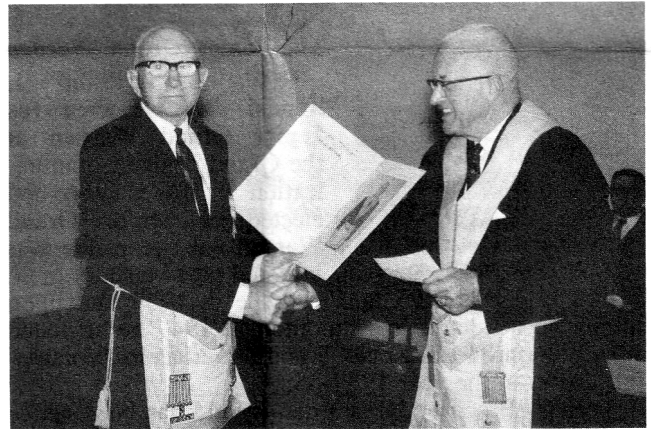


Front Row (left to right) Dave Gingara, Stan Harbin, H. B. Luross, Cal Calverley, Bill Lowson, Claude Green, Al Dunbar. Back Row (left to right) Bob Smith, Brian Van-Norman, Gerry Tetzloff, Jim Corson, Roy Murray, Jim McDougall and Clare Stinson.

Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 was the host lodge in April when the Research and Education Committee of District No. 13 presented the R.C.M.P. Degree team from Edmonton in the exemplification of the Master Mason's Degree. Nearly two hundred brethren representing eight northern lodges were present. In addition visitors from Fort St. John and Dawson Creek, British Columbia, were welcomed.

W. Bro. E. Borstad, Worshipful Master of Grande Prairie Lodge, invited W. Bro. C. Calverley, to the East to take charge of the evening. Bro. S. Harbin of Redwood Lodge No. 193, acted as Senior Warden and Bro. J. Corson, Redwood Lodge No. 193, acted as Junior Warden. Bro. H. B. Luross, Inspector of

DORIC LODGE HONORS OLD TIMER



W. Bro. Harry B. Myers, Worshipful Master of Doric Lodge No. 31 is shown above presenting a scroll to W. Bro. T. M. Allen on the occasion of Brother Allen's 93rd birthday. Brother Allen was initiated into Freemasonry in Doric Lodge in 1920 and was the Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1928. It was a gala evening at the largely attended meeting. M.W. Bro. W. J. Collett, a former United Church Clergyman at Taber, gave the address of the evening. He was accompanied from Calgary by V.W. Bro. M. P. Dunford.

Present at Grand Lodge Communication 165 lodges out of 181 were represented, 113 W.M.'s; 71 S.W.'s; 50 J.W.'s; 377 P.M.'s and 54 M.M.'s.

the Peace River Subdivision, R.C.M.P. introduced the R.C.M.P. visitors.