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HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY MONTH

Again November has been set aside as Higher Education Bursary Month to inform all brethren of the work of the Bursary committee and once more to ask for assistance in the way of voluntary contributions.

The good that this program has done may be realized by the number of those that have been assisted in their education. The awards, as a result of the support, of the members of the craft, have increased in numbers each year beginning with 4 in 1958-59 and increasing to 46 in the year 1966-67. This increase shows that our craft has found a project that is really worthwhile. Financial need is stressed in the awarding of the bursaries. Many of the recipients would never have been able to attend University without our help and their futures would, of necessity, have been curtailed by the fact that they would not have been able to continue in their education.

Your committee, which has done such an amazing job of this worthwhile project is deserving of your support. It would appreciate all you can do in assisting it to increase the number of awards each year.

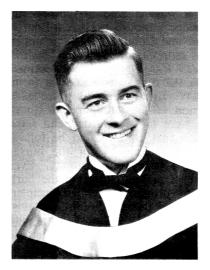
The total amount of contributions this past year were actually lower than that of last year and some of the brethren may feel that their contributions are not required. **This is not the case**, we need your contribution to continue this work.

It has been said that if every brother would donate \$1.00, there would be sufficient funds, but we know we will not attain a 100% participation. Some will not donate because they do not agree with this program, others because they are unable to and others from apathy.

This means that it will be necessary for the remainder to donate a little more in order that sufficient funds will be received, for the committee to carry on this very important work of Grand Lodge.

Many brethren have been heard to protest that Masonry lacks worthwhile projects. Many worthy projects are being sponsored by lodges and by individual members but the project of awarding to needy students the assistance they require to continue their education is one of the most worthwhile projects ever attempted by this fraternity and it deserves the support of all the members of the craft in Alberta.

In the November 1963 issue of the Grand Lodge



Dwayne A. Skoye, B.Sc.

Bulletin, M.W. Bro. S. H. Hardin explained how the bursaries were awarded and from this you can see how much work the Higher Education Bursary Committee has to accomplish in order that the awards may be made correctly.

The names of persons receiving awards last year are listed in the Grand Lodge Proceedings of June 1967.

A good example of those that this fraternity is helping is Mr. Dwayne Skoye. Mr. Skoye has received the higher education bursary for three years and has received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture. He also received the Western Canadian Society for Horticulture Gold Medal for the highest record in Horticulture.

Mr. Skoye sent his heartfelt thanks for the assistance and made several comments regarding bursaries.

He felt that the present bursaries were sufficient as long as the student was able to work during the summer. Students might become too dependent on bursaries if they were increased. He also stated that knowing some one else has faith in you gives the added incentive to complete his course of studies and that the bursary system accomplishes more in the way of moral support than loans or other methods of assistance.

Let us remember that the youth of today, whom we are assisting, may be the leaders of tomorrow and that for this complex society of ours we need all the knowledge possible for the development of this great country.

M.W. BRO. ROSS STANLEY SHEPPARD



M.W. Bro. Ross Stanley Sheppard passed away in Edmonton on September 4th, 1967. The funeral service was held in Metropolitan United Church, Edmonton, September 6th, 1967.

It is very fitting that this November issue should be carrying a tribute to M.W. Bro. Sheppard for it was he who first proposed that the Grand Lodge establish a Higher Education Bursary Fund and from its inception until ill-health forced his retirement he acted as Chairman of the Committee. Largely due to his enthusiasm and dedication the fund was a success from its very start. M.W. Bro. Sheppard gave leadership in the selection of the young people to whom the bursaries were to be awarded and set a pattern of selection that continues to be followed. The collection of the money for the bursaries may seem to be a heavy responsibility. Even greater is the task of making sure that the bursaries are awarded to properly qualified recipients. The living memorial that the brethren of this jurisdiction can erect to this most distinguished Past Grand Master is to make certain that the Higher Education Bursary Fund finds active support from all.

M.W. Bro. Sheppard was born in Belhaven, Ontario, November 22nd, 1888. He graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in Physics and Mathematics, winning the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada's Gold Medal for high standing in Astro-Physics. Having received a Fellowship from the University of California, he spent a year doing research there. In 1912 Ross Sheppard was appointed teacher in Mathematics at Strathcona High School, Edmonton and in 1920 became its Principal. In 1938 he became Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Edmonton and in 1940, Superintendent, a position he held until his retirement in June 1955. Always interested in Athletics, he represented Canada in the Olympic Games in Paris in the Hop-Skip and Jump.

M.W. Bro. Sheppard was Initiated in Acacia Lodge No. 11, South Edmonton on June 12th, 1919 and received his Master Mason's degree on October 23rd of that year. He became Worshipful Master of Acacia Lodge in 1927 and in 1937 was elected District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 10. His contribution to Freemasonry was recognized by Grand Lodge when he was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1953 and in June of 1956 he was Installed as Grand Master.

This jurisdiction acknowledges with gratitude the distinguished career of a worthy Past Grand Master and extends its sympathy to Mrs. Sheppard and her family.

THE GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

Charity and the Craft

In the early days of operative Masonry the principle of Charity was exercised among the Brethren for the care of their own and so became the most important basic principle of our order. This charity was restricted almost entirely to the aid of the distressed Brethren of the Lodge, Masonic widows and orphans and only latterly became more widely extended.

What does Charity mean today to a Freemason? Surely it does not mean the giving of alms, alone, to relieve the necessities and distresses of man in a material sense, for no man discharges his duties to mankind only by tendering him money or goods. Charity I suggest means much more than this. It is the giving of ourselves to others. It requires that we bring solace and comfort to the suffering and needy. It demands that we think of others regardless of race, color or creed as better than they may seem and that we live with all mankind according to the Golden Rule. It demands that we forgive and judge mercifully the faults and shortcomings of others.

There is no room in Masonry for harsh or bitter men, who think ill of others and lift no finger to help his friends and his neighbors in time of trouble. Charity is often referred to as love. Love of thy Creator, love of thy fellowman, love of thy neighbor, love of thy family.

Three thousand years ago it was written "Be good, be kind, be human and charitable, love your fellow man, console the afflicted, pardon those who have done you wrong". Surely this is the basis of true Charity. Centuries later Confucius wrote "Love thy neighbor. Do not unto others what thou would not have done to thyself, forgive injuries, forgive thine enemy, be reconciled to him, give him assistance, invoke God on his behalf." These two philosophies from ancient times, bear striking resemblance to our Christian teachings and the teachings of Freemasonry.

Thus I suggest that the man who lives for others, not for himself or unto himself, whose sympathy and help is readily available to all who make a claim on him is, in truth, a true Freemason. We may never truly know the importance of what we do for others. Give of yourself to your fellowman. However small the gift may be, be it but a friendly smile, a warm handshake, a kindly word, who knows how much it may mean to the receiver.

Our deeds have a habit of snowballing and one small deed may become a mountain of benefit. One small act of charity may well save a soul from damnation.

Whatever we have in personal gifts or material possessions, is ours in trust only, given to us by the G.A.O.T.U. for our use and the benefit of man. We cannot take anything with us, out of this world. Our possessions and our character are left behind for the benefit of others. What will the verdict be "Well done thou good and faithful servant"?

Bernie Brown.

REFLECTIONS FOR BURSARY MONTH

"The kind of world we live in tomorrow depends — not partially — but entirely upon the type and quality of the education of our children get today."

(MartinVanbee).

If you haven't got CHARITY in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.

(Bob Hope).

"WHERE GOES THE FUTURE?"

Somewhere in an unknown schoolroom today, under the care of an unknown teacher, is a child who, in his own time, grown to maturity, will lead the world away from war and toward peace.

It is a wise providence that no one can tell which of the multitude of babies born in our country each year is to be this leader of tomorrow. We as Masons want the children of all the people — rich or poor, of every race and creed — to have that chance.

There is no more important business before us, none with more far-reaching consequences, to our own happiness and to the happiness of the future, than the continual search for that presently unknown youth who will be that great leader of tomorrow. Only through a process of educating every capable young mind that we are able to educate, do we have the hope of uncovering that great mind which will prove to be the one we seek.

To participate in this search is an obligation that every right thinking man owes to the world which gave him life; and failure on his part to make every contribution towards this search which may be reasonably within his ability, must surely mark him as one who has small regard for the future of mankind, the future of his nation, even the future of his family and himself.

(G. L. B.).

41 YEARS OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Over 41 years of Municipal service ended August 31 for D. D. McQueen, P.G.M. 1958. In March, 1926, M.W. Bro. McQueen became assistant to the secretary treasurer in the small Municipal District of Royal No. 158 and the town of Vulcan. In 1943, he became Secretary Treasurer of the larger municipal district of Vulcan and in 1951 the County of Vulcan No. 2. He contributed greatly to making the County of Vulcan an outstanding example of that type of local Government.

HOME COMING AT WAHPUN LODGE NO. 88

The town of High Prairie celebrated the Canada Centennial last July with a home coming. To coincide with the town celebrations, Wahpun Lodge No. 88 sent special invitations to their out of town members to attend an emergent meeting for a grand reunion, at which time the past masters conferred the third degree.

The meeting was a complete success with the attendance of members and visitors from many Provinces and as far as California. Our thanks to W. Bro. Bell for letting us know what is happening in High Prairie.

If we work on marble, it will perish;
If we work upon brass, time will efface it;
If we rear temples, they will crumble,
But if we work upon young minds,
If we imbue them with principles,
With a just fear of the Creator and love of fellow men,
We engrave on those minds something that will
brighten all eternity.

(Daniel Webster).

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So what shall we say as we contemplate the struggle of the ideologies for inhabiting the universe? Where shall we place our confidence? Why, as for me and mine we shall continue to believe that the judgement of history will be with those people whose greater concern is not where they stand in the "space race", but what they stand for in the human race.

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another with-

out he'ping himself.

(Ralph Waldo Emerson).

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Which are you?

There are people who make things happen, people who watch things happen, and people who don't know anything happened.

"Youth needs models more than it needs critics".

The Bulletin Committee is indeed pleased with the response to our request for extra copies of the notices. We can see now, that when completely organized the response will be 100% and we shall look forward to information on special Masonic events and items of interest from the various Lodges.

JIM GLENN at present a candidate for an M.Sc. degree at the University of Calgary writes: "With a bursary of \$500.00 and the proper initiative, the remaining amount can generally be obtained in some manner. Without the initial financial aid, however, the outlook may be very bleak indeed. In my case what has proved to be a very rewarding academic experience would never have come about, had I not received that first bursary in 1963."

ROBERT BENESCH — at present a graduate student in Chemistry at the University of Alberta—"It would have been a very difficult task indeed to obtain my degree without the financial support. Since I graduated last Spring I have been following a program of study and research with the Chemistry Department and expect to obtain my M.Sc. this spring. I hope to obtain my Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin."

BURSARIES AWARDED 1967-68

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA — EDMONTON

01121223	Undergraduate	S	
Gordon Donald ARNETT		M.D. 4	\$250.00
Grant Allen BENTLEY	Seba Beach	Educ. 2	250.00
Thomas Franklin DARLING	Penhold	Agri. 2	500.00
Larry Allan GILLESPIE		Pre-Med.	500.00
Kathleen Margaret JEWELL	Athabasca	Educ. 2	250.00
Karen Louise MASUR	Calgary	Pharmacy 2	250.00
Doris Elaine MELICKE	Green Court	Educ. 2	500.00
Peter Victor MILLER	Altario	Pharmacy 2	
Linda Jean TURNER	Edmonton	Educ. 2	250.00
Matriculating Students			
Marilyn Margaret ASTLE	Sangudo	Arts	\$500.00
Duicy Guil Bertee		Education	
Mary Elizabeth CAMPION	Halkirk	Pre-Med	
Donna Lee CHAPMAN	Calgary	Rehab. Med.	
Mary Elizabeth GOVENLOCK	Whitecourt	Education	
Anne Louise McKNIGHT	Calgary	Rehab. Med.	
Jennifer Ann McQUAID	Edmonton	Arts	
Patricia Dorothy ROSS	Edmonton	Arts	
Jeffrey John THOMAS	Edmonton	Pre-Med.	
Edward Eric TOST	Wetaskiwin	Arts	250.00
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY			
	Undergraduate	s	
David Thomas CARR		A & S 2	\$350.00
Robert Charles DALTON	Calgary	Law 3	400.00
Elaine Rose DASH	Calgary	A & S 2	250.00
Frances Ann C. GALVON	Calgary	A & S 2	400.00
Leonard James RING	High River	Eng. 2	500.00
Marguerite Eileen WALSHAW	Calgary	Educ. 2	500.00
Matriculating Students			
Thomas H. L. A. deVRIES		A & S	\$500.00
David Ronald GRAHAM	Longview	A & S	
Jerrye Susan HOLLAND	Calgary	A & S	
Helen LAKUSTA	Calgary	A & S	
Susanne Marie LINES	Calgary	A & S	
Stephen Albert MEADOWS	Calgary	A & S	
Marilyn Frances MILLER	Calgary	A & S	
Bonnie Anne PRITCHARD	Calgary	A & S	
UNIVERSITY AT LETHBRIDGE			
Undergraduate			
Shirley Joyce MEHEDEN	Lethbridge	Educ. 2	\$350.00
Similar Carlot and Car	Matriculating Stud	lents	
Maria T. A. DeJONG	Lethbridge	Education	\$500.00
Terrance Monroe GORDON	Lethbridge	Arts	
Linda Rose McINTOSH	Coaldale		
	ERSITY OF BRITISH	Forestry	\$500.00
Allan John RINTOUL		•	\$300.00
CAMROSE JUNIOR COLLEGE — CAMROSE			
Marilyn Susan OLSTAD	Rosalind	Education	\$150.00
GRANDE PRAIRIE JUNIOR COLLEGE — GRANDE PRAIRIE			
Elaine Joan ZIMMERMAN	Goodfare	Home Ec.	\$500.00
	ER JUNIOR COLLEC		
		Education	\$500.00
Audrey Ardel KROGH			\$500.00
MOUNT ROYAL JUNIOR COLLEGE — Calgary			
Ralph Wayne ASHMEAD	Stony Plain	Agriculture	\$500.00