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''Night, Dawn and Morning $^{\prime\prime}$

By K. L. Crockett, General Chairman

MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP — MARCH 29th, 30th and 31st, 1968 BANFF SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS, BANFF, ALBERTA



THE FIRST MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP

"The most exciting thing that has happened in Freemasonry in Alberta for many years" . . .

These are the words that truly reflect the breath of fresh air that is flowing through the Craft these days. All who have attended the Banff Spring Workshop have come away tremendously enthused.

For the Workshop is designed to serve two very essential and needed purposes, namely: Firstly an atmosphere where brethren can truly meet on the level and for three days eat, meet, talk and smoke Freemasonry.

Secondly, vital and most needed training schools or Schools of Instruction for senior and junior lodge officers and for District Deputies.

Under the shelter of the majestic Rockies, brethren of the Craft meet in a spiritual Retreat, where there is no rank, no title, and no apron or other regalia. Just sport shirts, loafers, and Tom, Pete and Harry. Not in Grand Lodge, nor in Area Meetings, nor in District Meetings, not even in Lodge itself is there such an opportunity for Master Masons to meet as Masons and to recharge their Masonic spiritual and practical batteries.

The provocative title of our theme this year of "Night, Dawn and Morning" is the keystone of the arch for the workshop this year.

It was decided that we should again take full advantage of the talent within our own ranks and obtain eminently qualified Master Masons within our own jurisdiction to give the three theme speeches from a Master Mason's point of view. To this end we were most fortunate in obtaining the services of three brethren of such quality of heart and mind in the persons of brothers Eddie Demers, Lloyd Elston and

Norman Senn. To make the material more digestible, each talk will be given separately, each followed by discussion group meetings to discuss the matters raised in that particular talk. As in the past, the discussion groups will be limited in size to encourage everyone to take part in the talk-fest that ensues. Truly a most stimulating experience, as anyone who has attended will testify.

The discussion group leaders this year will come from Southern Alberta under the capable chairmanship of Tony Aspeslet of Lethbridge.

There is a very real need for such a training program within this jurisdiction. How else are our Lodge officers to become well skilled in the tools of their offices? Each officer as he is elected or appointed obligates himself to discharge his duties to the best of his ability. If only the Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of each Lodge in Alberta were to attend, the total enrollment allowed would be oversubscribed.

There has been much planning and burning of the midnight oil on the part of those who are determined to make your Banff Spring Workshop a smoothly designed and run operation with the earnest desire to exceed the high water mark of success left by the first two workshops.

It is the deliberate policy of your Planning Committee to avoid using as leaders the same people or indeed people from the same areas in perpetuity wherever possible; but rather to involve as many different brethren from differing areas as possible each year.

Won't you become involved?

You can be assured it will be the most meaningful weekend you have ever spent.

AN ENCOURAGING SIGN

The majority of twentieth century organizations are becoming more and more concerned about the future leadership of these organizations. Wherever one looks there is a proliferation of schools and assemblies to try to encourage the growth in leadership potential that is so necessary if the organizations are to survive. The Masonic Order is no exception to this crisis in leadership potential. It differs from the majority of organizations in that its structure severely limits the opportunities to develop leadership amongst its membership. A Lodge depends on its Worshipful Master, who holds sway for one year, to give the Lodge leadership. Even if the two Wardens are added to the Worshipful Master, the leadership pool includes only three. A newly raised candidate, in the majority of Lodges, will have to wait for a number of years before he can contribute significantly to the leadership of the Lodge.

Many Lodges fool themselves into thinking that leadership potential and interest in the Lodge will be developed if the newly raised candidate is given a small assignment in the ritual. The part that is often given is insignificant and something that no senior member really cares about taking. Even if this practice had any chance of success it could, at the most, involve only a few but experience has shown that it does not enlarge the leadership potential.

It must be recognized that the Masonic Order should promote a philosophical approach to living and leadership in the order will be developed only when members become interested in philosophical study and discussion. Since very little opportunity is given in the Lodges for this type of expression the springs of leadership are rapidly drying up.

An encouraging sign in a somewhat dismal picture is the vitality of the Masonic Spring Workshop. It originated out of a need for philosophical study, discussion and fellowship. The Workshop Committees have consistently resisted all efforts to render the workshop rigid and sterile. Each program has been beaten out on the anvil of frank discussion and as many brethren as possible have been involved in the planning and the program.

The Committee for the 1968 Workshop is to be congratulated for its constructive and imaginative approach to the program. There is no doubt that the original purpose is being maintained. It now remains to be seen if the Lodges are conscious of the crisis in leadership and will make certain that Master Masons attend. It should never be forgotten that the leadership of the order in the future will rest with the candidates raised in the past few years. These are the brethren who need the Workshop and certainly the Workshop needs them.

Area Meetings

The Grand Master has announced that Area Meetings will be held as follows:

Edmonton, Monday, February 26th, 1968; Calgary, Tuesday, February 27th, 1968; Lethbridge, Wednesday, February 28th, 1968; Red Deer, Thursday, February 29th, 1968.

THE GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN "EVERYBODY DOES IT"

When Johnny was six years old, he was with his father when they were caught speeding. His father handed the officer a \$5 bill with his driver's license. "It's O.K., son," his father said as they drove off. "Everybody does it."

When he was nine, his mother took him to his first theatre production. The box office man couldn't find any seats until his mother discovered an extra \$2 in her purse. "It's O.K., son," she said, "Everybody does it."

When he was twelve, he broke his glasses on the way to school. His Aunt Francine persuaded the insurance company that they had been stolen and they collected \$27. "It's O.K.," she said, "Everybody does it"

When he was fifteen, he made right guard on the high school football team. His coach showed him how to block and at the same time grab the opposing end by the shirt so the official couldn't see it. "It's O.K., kid," the coach said. "Everybody does it."

When he was sixteen, he took his first summer job at the big market. His assignment was to put the over-ripe tomatoes in the bottom of the boxes and the good ones on top where they would show. "It's O.K., kid," the manager said. "Everybody does it."

When he was eighteen, Johnny and a neighbor applied for a college scholarship. Johnny was a marginal student. His neighbor was in the upper three per cent of his class, but he couldn't play right guard. Johnny got the assignment. "It's O.K.," they told him. "Everybody does it."

When he was nineteen, he was approached by an upper classman who offered the test answers for \$3. "It's O.K., kid," he said. "Everybody does it." Johnny was caught and sent home in disgrace. "How could you do this to your mother and me?" his father said. "You never learned anything like this at home." His aunt and uncle were also shocked.

If there's one thing the adult world can't stand, it's a kid who cheats.

J. Griffin in The Chicago Sun-Times Quoted in The Texas Freemason.

The Grand Master's Special Committee which is under the chairmanship of R.W. Bro. W. A. Cameron of Red Deer has held two meetings recently. It has discussed arrangements for the Installation Ceremony of the Grand Master. In addition the Grand Master has asked the committee to advise him on a number of issues.

The Board of General Purposes met in Red Deer on Wednesday, November 22 with a good attendance. The meeting was presided over by R.W. Bro. Chas. Pinnell, Deputy Grand Master.

Contributions from the brethren for the Higher Education Bursary Fund show a marked increase over last year. Donations are still being received by the Grand Lodge Office or by the local lodges.

Third Masonic Spring Workshop – March 29, 30, 31, 1968 – Banff, Alberta

R. J. L. Borland, Promotion Chairman

The preliminary planning for the third Alberta Masonic Spring Workshop is complete and detailed work is now well advanced. From all indications this Workshop should surpass the previous two; and nearly one hundred Brethren have, at the time of writing, indicated their desire to participate and have sent in their registrations.

The General Chairman, K. L. (Ken) Crockett of Edmonton is busy getting all facets of the project "shaped-up." It would be redundant for me to reiterate his remarks on the front page, about the Workshop Theme "Night, Dawn, Morning", so I will not do so, but will give you the details about who is running this Workshop, its Schools and the agenda.

The Planning Committee is made up as follows: General Chairman — K. L. (Ken) Crockett, Edmonton I. P. Chairman — C. E. (Elmer) Sanders, Calgary Vice Chairman — W. E. (Skinny) Bright, Calgary Secretary — M. P. (Mel) Dunford, Calgary Registrar — L. J. (Les) Rosling, Calgary House Committee — E. G. (Ernie) Tyson, Calgary Promotions — R. J. L. (Bob) Borland, Calgary Discussion Groups — A. O. (Tony) Aspeslet, Lethbridge Schools of Instruction — R. (Rex) Alexandre, Calgary Advisor — Dr. W. J. (Jack) Collett, Calgary Advisor — E. H. (Ned) Rivers, Calgary

One of the highlights of our Workshop has been the educational feature and this year will be no exception. The previously named Workshops are now called Schools of Instruction and will be just that, actual training sessions consisting of lectures and specific questions and answer periods — no Philosophy, no ritual, but explanations of rights, duties and responsibilities of every Craftsman from the Grand Master to the Initiate.

Please read on and read the make-up of the Schools of Instruction and the roster of lectures. Please pay special attention to the attendance qualifications and limitations of each School, so that you will arrive at the proper School - prepared to listen, learn and partake in the question periods in your special category.

Schools of Instruction

1. Duties and responsibilities of Master Masons.

Attendance, open to all not listed below.

Chairman — J. S. (Jim) Woods, Calgary
E. C. (Ed) Dayman, Calgary
R. W. (Bob) Maxwell, Calgary
L. J. (Les) Harrison, Calgary
C. G. (Cam) Thompson, Calgary

2. Duties and responsibilities of Junior Lodge Officers. Attendance limited to appointed Officers and Tyler.

Chairman — B. V. (Bev) Apperley
V. C. (Vince) Pitt, Calgary
T. S. (Tom) Walker, Calgary
S. J. (Stan) Clayton, Calgary
F. E. (Fred) Farwell, Calgary

3. Duties and responsibilities of Senior Lodge Officers. Attendance limited to Senior Wardens, Junior

Wardens and Senior Deacons only. Chairman — I. F. (Ian) Mason, Calgary R. J. L. (Bob) Borland, Calgary G. V. (Gordon) Macaulay, Calgary G. R. (Read) Thomson, Calgary J. D. (Jim) Logan, Calgary

4. Duties and responsibilities of Past Masters. Attendance limited to Worshipful Masters and Past Masters.

Chairman — J. H. (Herb) Laycraft, Calgary G. E. (George) Parkinson, Calgary T. (Tom) Bayles, Calgary
F. C. (Frank) Sherlock, Calgary A. (Art) Price, Calgary H. A. (Hugh) Wigzell

5. Duties and responsibilities of Lodge Secretaries. Attendance limited to Lodge Secretaries only.

Chairman — C. W. J. (Charlie) Blomfield, Calgary

6. Duties and responsibilities of District Deputy
Grand Masters. Restricted to District Deputy Grand Masters Elect only. Chairman — Dr. W. J. (Jack) Collett, Calgary S. F. (Stan) Wright, Hanna

7. Duties and responsibilities of Grand Lodge Officers. Attendance limited to Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Masters.

Led by: S. H. (Sam) Hardin, Vegreville T. G. (Gordon) Towers, Red Deer

Those of you who have attended previous Workshops and made complaint on their evaluation sheets of the shortage of time allotted to the Schools of Instruction will be pleased to note that the Schools are to be run in three shifts and that the Saturday afternoon session will be time-limited only by the enthusiasm of the participants and by supper at 6:00 p.m.

To keep you all posted on time scheduling this year and to show you the full program, here is the

newly released agenda.

FRIDAY, March 29th, 1968 3:30-´8:30 6:00 (Sharp) 9:00- 9:30 Registration (O Canada, Grace) Supper 1st Speaker — N. J. (Norman) Senn, Calgary 9:45-10:30 1st Discussion group (get acquainted session)

10:45Coffee SATURDAY, March 30th, 1968

— (Grace) Breakfast
— Discussion Groups (Re: 1st Speaker)
— Schools of Instruction 8:15 (Sharp) 9:00-10:15

10:30-11:45 12:00- 1:15 1:15- 1:45 Lunch

2nd Theme Speaker - L. R. (Lloyd) Elston, Edmonton 2:00- 3:15 2nd Discussion Group — (Re: 2nd

Speaker) 3:30-4:30 (or 5:00 or 5:30) Schools of Instruction

(Grace) Supper 3rd Theme Speaker — E. A. (Eddie) 6:00 (Sharp) 7:15- 7:45

Demers, Edmonton

8:00- 9:15 Discussion groups (Re: 3rd Speaker) 9:30-10:30 Coffee and time to purchase books, etc. SUNDAY, March 31st, 1968

8:45 (Sharp) - Breakfast

9:30-10:15 Schools of Instruction (Open question)

period) Devotional Service — 10:30-11:30 Archdeacon Cecil Swanson

12:00 Noon — Lunch

You can see that this is to be a truly "Masonic Retreat" this year, so when your Secretary sends you your registration card, please fill it out in full and return it along with your cheque for \$5.00 to:

> Masonic Spring Workshop Committee, 330 - 12th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY

The committee for the Higher Education Bursary are pleased with the response to this fund. Apart from the excellent individual donations, donations have been received "In Memoriam" to the memory of M.W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder, M.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard and R.W. Bro. John Thomson. The committee have also been advised of a bequest from the Estate of the late R.W. Bro. John Livingstone, North Star Lodge No. 4 Lethbridge. The books on this years fund are open until April 30th, 1968.

Congratulations to Mr. Jim Waugh, son of Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Waugh on being awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

Innisfail Lodge No. 8

At a communication on November the 16th, 1967, the Past Masters of Innisfail Lodge No. 8 conferred the Fellowcraft Degree. They had a rather unique situation.

IN THE EAST:

Acting W.M., Wor. Bro. S. E. White	1962
W.M., Wor Bro. N. S. White	1967
Acting I.P.M., Wor. Bro. N. E. White	1953

IN THE WEST:

Acting Senior Warden,	
M. Wor. Bro. W. H. Jackson	1917
D.D.G.M.	1926-27
G.M.	1953-54
Assisted by:	
Rt. Wor. Bro. W. H. Jackson	1948
D.D.G.M.	1967-68
V. Wor. Bro. J. G. Jackson	1951
G.S.	1958-59
Wor. Bro. E. L. Jackson	1958

IN THE SOUTH:

Acting Junior Warden Wor. Bro. H. J. Percy	1924
Assisted by: Wor. Bro. R. H. Percy Wor. Bro. E. K. Percy	

BANFF SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

The Town of Banff in the Canadian Rockies, Province of Alberta, is a year round resort area known by people throughout the world for its scenic beauty and majestic mountains.

The Banff School of Fine Arts, the location of our Workshop, is situated in this Town, and consists of Lodges constructed in an architecture that blends in with the Great Architects design.

During your stay you will have difficulty deciding whether the Banff School of Fine Arts is a school with a built-in hotel or a hotel with a built-in school, in any event this operation is well managed and organized to give service to its guests. The meals are a variety of good food, and the whole atmosphere encourages the fellowship that we as Masons look forward to.

APOLLO LODGE No. 27

Apollo Lodge No. 27, Stettler, celebrated their Sixtieth Anniversary October 19th, 1967. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. J. Proctor received M.W. Bro. S. Hardin P.G.M. in form, M.W. Bro. Hardin presented three new Master Masons with their aprons.

R.W. Bro. C. E. Smith gave a message of Thanksgiving, which was followed by a prayer of Remembrance and a prayer of Thanksgiving.

V.W. Bro. Patrick gave an inspiring address and V.W. Bro. Laing spoke of the times when in 1926 he was W.M. of Apollo Lodge.

A history of Apollo Lodge was given by W. Bro. F.O.B. McCurdy. The recorded history of Apollo Lodge is brief, partially due to two disastrous fires. Their own Lodge room was burned out in 1911, and all was again lost in a fire which destroyed their rented Lodge rooms in 1927. Their present Masonic Hall had its Cornerstone placed on November 8th, 1933.

SYMBOL LODGE No. 93

Symbol Lodge No. 93, Drumheller, this Centennial Year, celebrated its Golden Anniversary, being instituted July 31st, 1916 and consecrated July 11th, 1917. To commemorate their Golden Anniversary and Centennial Year, a Ladies' Night was held in the Elks' Hall on June 23rd at which a good number of Masons and their wives had an enjoyable evening. New Regalia was purchased for all the officers of the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Rev. Miller, Cyprus Lodge No. 113, was invited to dedicate the New Regalia.

In retiring the old Regalia, Wor. Bro. Miller thanked God for the dignity and leadership of the officers who had worn this regalia over the past fifty years, for the members who had been made and raised during this time, and for the fellowship and success which had been enjoyed by Symbol Lodge.

In presenting the new regalia, Wor. Bro. Miller asked God to bless it to the use of Symbol Lodge and to continue His guidance to the future officers who would wear it.

In presenting the new Gavels, which were made and donated by Bro. Eric Holm, Wor. Bro. Miller asked God to bless them and give guidance to those who would use them in authority and the dignity and fellowship of Symbol Lodge would continue to flourish in the years to come.

The address of Wor. Bro. K. Brenner is 9728 - 83 Avenue, Edmonton, The address printed in the January issue was wrong and, for the error, we apologize.