

Authorized as second class mail by the Post Office



Department, Ottawa, and for payment of postage in cash

Grand Lodge Bulletin

Chairman, Editorial Comm. W. J. Collett, P.G.M., 330 - 12th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

THIRTY

This issue of the Grand Lodge Bulletin completes the first year of publication by an Editorial Committee. As the committee is appointed by each succeeding Grand Master the work of this committee is completed with this issue.

The pictures in centre of page show who the committee was and what their respective duties were. This group got off to a rather slow start but once we had our requests away for papers, news items, etc., we began to produce a Bulletin about and for the Masons of Alberta. The response to our requests has been excellent and we had, during the past few months enough material to keep the Bulletin full of interesting lectures and news worthy items. The members of the Editorial Committee have not found this an onerous duty but rather a pleasant one as the work load was divided and as the material started to flow in, it was just a matter of putting it together.

We also had excellent response from various people in writing up articles for the front page. Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Bernie Brown, started this off in September followed by our Grand Secretary in October, then an article about the Higher Education Bursary Fund with a Christmas Message by the Grand Chaplain Archdeacon Swanson. We started off the New Year attempting to show the names of all lodges in Alberta. Our apologies to those we missed. R.W. Bro. Ken Crockett wrote an excellent article about the Workshop in Banff in the February issue with an interesting article about the Grand Lodge Library in March. The Easter Message was contributed by R.W. Bro. E. J. Thompson, Junior Grand Warden. The May issue shows those nominated for Grand Lodge office along with a brief write up about the Grand Lodge Com-

munication 1968, with the June issue to have this last message of the 1967-68 Grand Lodge Bulletin Editorial Committee.

The second page has been comprised of an editorial by the Chairman and an article by the Grand Master known as "The Grand Master's Column." The third page was usually filled with a paper that had been presented by a brother of this jurisdiction at a lodge, district or area meeting or at one of the conferences, with the exception of the September issue which was a follow up of the Grand Lodge Communication of 1967, the November issue which was allocated to the Higher Education Bursary Month and the February issue which was reserved for the third Banff Masonic Spring Workshop.

The back page has been devoted to news items. This perhaps is the most interesting page as all the special events that have taken place in Alberta, that we have been notified of, have been printed on this page along with pictures when they have been supplied.

We hope that this committee has satisfied the requirements of this paper and we wish the succeeding committee every possible success.

R. ALEXANDRE, P.M.
Crescent Lodge No. 87.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE



M.W. Bro. W. J. Collett
Chairman



W. Bro. R. L. Costigan
Pictures



Bro. G. L. Berry
3rd Page



W. Bro. B. V. Apperley
Back Page



W. Bro. R. Alexandre
Front Page

Thoughts are the chisels used in the making of the soul. A bad thought mars and disfigures the texture of the spirit just as surely as a dull tool scratches and spoils the marble. Used long enough, that chisel, wrong thinking, will mar the chart of life forever. But how a good thought does beautify the soul. Right thinking day after day chips away the crude and the unlovely, and brings out the best and the truest and the most beautiful.

—(The Victoria Craftsman)

THE MASTOR MASON'S CERTIFICATE

A Worshipful Master presented Master Mason's Certificates to several newly raised brethren at a Lodge I visited recently. In making the presentation he gave from memory the explanation of the Certificate which was written a few years ago by the Committee on Research and Education using material prepared by the Grand Secretary. Too often the presentation of the Certificate is regarded as of little significance and this is a serious error. Reproduced here is the lecture referred to and its use is strongly recommended.

"Your Master Mason's Certificate is a tangible proof that you are a member of this Lodge and are registered with the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

"The certificate is printed on pure white paper to remind you of the moment when you were invested with the pure white lambskin, an emblem of purity. The date of your reception as an Entered Apprentice and of your raising are recorded.

"At the top of the certificate is the Coat of Arms of the Province of Alberta which contains the Red Cross of St. George, the beautiful Canadian Rockies, the rolling foothills and the field of waving grain. The wreath of Maple Leaves surrounding the Coat of Arms symbolize Canada, the land of the Maple, the Oak Leaves represent the British Commonwealth of Nations and the sheaves of wheat our agricultural heritage.

"The Head and Ruler of the Craft, the Grand Master in office at the time it was issued is named on the Certificate. It is signed by the Grand Secretary and validated with the seal of Grand Lodge.

"The main body of the certificate contains three columns. The centre pillar, the Ionic, is the symbol of wisdom and belongs to the Worshipful Master. The pillar on the left is Doric denotes strength and belongs to the Senior Warden. The Corinthian pillar on the right is that of the Junior Warden.

"At the base of Ionic pillar is the Volume of the Sacred Law, the source of all wisdom and upon it rests the square of fairness and honesty which belongs to the Worshipful Master. At the base of the Doric pillar is the level, the jewel of the Senior Warden while at the base of the Corinthian pillar is the plumb which belongs to the Junior Warden.

"The Terrestrial and Celestial spheres remind us that not only are our actions judged on earth by men but we are also judged on high by the Supreme Master.

"The Rough Ashlar, the setting maul and chisel are in the foreground indicating the rough state of our lives which may be transformed into the Perfect Ashlar on the left upon which rests the Compass. Other symbols, the Twenty-four inch gauge and the Tesselated pavement also appear.

"You should check the details of the Certificate and then sign it. The Certificate will not admit you to a Lodge without examination but it is documentary proof that you are a Master Mason. You should carry it with you when you visit other jurisdictions."

GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

As was noted previously in the Bulletin the Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters' of North America held in Washington, D.C. earlier this year. At that meeting M.W. Bro. Eugene S. Hopp, M.D., Grand Master of Masons in California delivered the keynote address which was called "The Man in Masonry". The address dealt with many of the issues that our own Grand Master has presented to the Alberta Brethren through the medium of this column each month. It is very fitting that the Grand Master's column for the 1967-68 year should conclude with the same closing words with which M.W. Bro. Hopp finished his address:—

*Bring me Masons to match my mountains,
Bring me Masons to match my plains;
Masons with empires in their purpose
And new eras in their brains.
Bring me Masons to match my prairies,
Masons to match my inland seas;
Masons whose thoughts shall pave a highway
Up to ampler destinies.
Bring me Masons to cleanse thought's marshlands,
And to cleanse old error's fen;
Bring me Masons to match my mountains—
Bring me Masons; bring me men.*

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

W. Bro. R. V. Lawrence, Crocus Lodge No. 115 Chinook, Alberta, has been awarded his 50 year Jewel. W. Bro. Lawrence was 80 years of age January 13, 1968, he was elected Worshipful Master in 1924, and has served as Secretary of Crocus Lodge for 20 years.

W. Bro. H. J. Percy Past Master of Innisfail Lodge No. 8 was presented with his 50 year Jewel April 18, 1968. The presentation was made by M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, P.G.M.

W. Bro. M. S. Caine, Acacia Lodge No. 11 Edmonton, received the 60 year bar to his 50 year jewel April 20, 1968, the presentation was made by R.W. Bro. D. McAllister Past Master of Acacia Lodge. W. Bro. Caine now 90 years of age was initiated in Acacia Lodge in 1908 and was Worshipful Master in 1914. The presentation was made at Nechako Lodge No. 86 Prince George, B.C. W. Bro. Caine affiliated with Nechako Lodge many years ago, and is held in the highest esteem by his Brethren.

R.W. Bro. E. O. Coultis of Berry Creek Lodge No. 158 was presented with his Fifty Year Button from his Mother Lodge, Cassia No. 116, Thedford, Ontario on April 24th. He is dual member and has served the Craft at Berry Creek for many years.

CHARITY

When charity becomes a demand, selfishness becomes enthroned. When individual responsibility becomes transferable, the spirit of helpfulness and relief dies. Charity is not confined to the giving of cash or kind, often out of a superfluity. Charity, whose other name is love, gives even to the point of sacrifice and beyond.

THE OFFICE OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

The position of Worshipful Master of a Masonic Lodge is draped with honour, clothed with authority, cloaked with responsibilities and adorned with obligations. To the weak it lends strength; to the strong it teaches humility; to the vain it offers glory and to the faithful an opportunity to serve mankind.

No man is born to the EAST. He arrives at that exalted Station through diligent effort and faithful service. Performing the duties of Master efficiently is, truly, a labor of love; and no man should aspire to this high office unmindful of the qualifications the Station demands, the responsibilities it entails and the exacting duties he must perform in order to achieve success as the leader of a Blue Lodge.

The very title "Worshipful" means that the Master is entitled to the reverence and respect of every member of his Lodge. He must, however, by his demeanor and his deportment, earn this respect. If he is slovenly or careless in his dress and deportment, if he uses poor grammar, mispronounces common words and shows poor co-ordination in his thinking he can scarcely expect to command the approbation of those he is selected to lead.

To warrant their approval, he should always be gentlemanly and courteous, ever mindful that the eyes of the brethren are centred upon him at all times. He must realize that he is the servant as well as the Master of the Lodge and that he has assumed certain obligations which he is pledged to discharge for the betterment of his Lodge and the Craft.

A master should never be arbitrary or capricious in his actions and decisions. He must exercise his prerogatives with sound judgement and extreme caution. He must not limit debate when important subjects are under discussion although he must not let such debate or discussion become burdensome or uncontrolled to the extent that they may threaten the harmony of the Lodge. While he has the right to express his own views on any subject, he should in every way possible preserve neutrality and bide by the decision of the majority, unless he knows that such decision would be illegal or contrary to the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

Although a Master may delegate to others the rendition of portions of the Work, he should confer each of the three degrees at least once. Also in order that he may answer questions of candidates and newer members concerning the meanings of each degree he must become familiar with the history, symbolism and principle tenets of Freemasonry.

A well-qualified Master will possess a thorough knowledge of the by-laws of his own Lodge and be fairly well versed in the Constitution of Grand Lodge as it pertains to Lodge Administration and the rights of the Individual Mason in particular. He must be able to understand and evaluate human nature. In every Lodge, as in all walks of life, there are many types of individuals: the chronic objectors, the "touchy" ones, the silent types, the aggressive eager beavers, the staid conservative types, the radicals, the "old guard" protectors, the young "new breed" school. Over all these the Master must rule with equal understanding, wisdom and patience.

The Master must see that all his officers are conforming to their duties and working in harmony with one another. He must rule with justice, impartiality, fairness and with courtesy, yet with the firmness of one who possesses the responsibility of leadership. He must keep his Wardens well informed of plans and policies so that in the event of his absence there will be no confusion or lack of knowledge about the events or programs he has laid out in advance. It is his responsibility to distribute Lodge tasks to various brethren with due consideration of the brothers qualifications and of the best interests of the Lodge, otherwise he may be placing a lot of square pegs in round holes and impeding the work of the Lodge.

It is also the responsibility of the Master to determine what business shall come before the Lodge and the order in which it shall be transacted. This is a very important responsibility of the Master since the Laws of Masonry permit only certain kinds of business to be legally or regularly brought before the Lodge.

The Master is solely responsible for the proper rendition of the ritual work. Not only must he be capable of taking any part himself, but he must also be able to train and instruct others; to supervise the work as a whole and see that it adheres to the standard recognized by Grand Lodge.

Probably no other organization exists in which its presiding officer possesses such absolute authority as does the Master of a Masonic Lodge. In all instances his decision on points of order is final in the Lodge, for it is a settled principle of Masonic Law that no appeal can be taken to the Lodge from the decision of the Master. The Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, alone, can overrule the Master's decision on any point of order.

It has been said, and very aptly, that "Authority makes some men grow while it makes others swell". Fortunately for the Craft, few Masters become so imbued with their own self-importance as to wonder how their Lodges could have gotten along without them in the past; or who consider themselves the pillar of wisdom. These so-called "one-man bands" in the East, and luckily they are in the minority, usually serve but one purpose: the drowning out of the harmony of the rest of the Lodge so that it rarely works as a co-ordinated unit.

The powers and privileges of a Worshipful Master are numerous and varied and space does not permit their listing here, much less a proper explanation of each.

In summary of this all too brief outline of the Master's life in the East, let it be repeated that being Master of a Masonic Lodge is comparable to no other position. Not only must he assume the obligations, duties, responsibilities and prerogatives of his office but he should also be a parliamentarian, a diplomat, a psychologist, a teacher, a father-confessor, a judge, a good speaker, an expert ritualist and a good mixer, **ALL WRAPPED UP IN ONE BUNDLE.**

Surely his is a labor of love!

From *Designs Upon The Trestle Board* by W. Bro. A. R. Herrmann, Parish Lodge No. 516, New York.



Front Row: M.W. Bro. Bernie Brown; Bro. Malcolm Brown; W. Bro. Arthur Crossley (W.M. Commercial Lodge); W. Bro. Lloyd Werner. Second Row: J. D. J. Brown; W. Bro. Ernie Wentworth; Bro. C. E. Brown.

FAMILY AFFAIR

A further step in one of the traditions of Commercial Lodge No. 81 Edmonton was augmented when Bro. Malcolm Brown was made a Master Mason. Participating in the ceremony was his father M.W. Bro. B. Brown, Grand Master and his uncles W. Bro. L. Werner, W. Bro. E. Wentworth Past Masters of Commercial Lodge

and their Junior Warden Bro. J. Brown, also in attendance was a cousin Bro. D. Werner and his uncle Bro. C. E. Brown. Bro. Brown's late maternal Grandfather, an affiliate of Commercial Lodge was a faithful attender for many years.

The members of Commercial Lodge extend to Bro. Malcolm Brown their wishes for a long and successful Masonic career with the profound hope that he will follow in the footsteps, and emulate those of his illustrious Masonic relatives.



W. A. Teare

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OYEN LODGE No. 104

Fifty years of memories and friendship were renewed April 2nd for members of Oyen Lodge when they celebrated their 50th Anniversary. M.W. Bro. B. K. Hanson P.G.M. Saskatchewan conducted the Thanksgiving service. Bro. W. A. Teare one of the charter members travelled from Victoria, B.C. and was presented with his 50 year jewel. M.W. Bro. Brown

presented the Lodge with a set of gavels. The highlights from the historical register were read by R.W. Bro. C. V. Sullivan. Also in attendance was R.W. Bro. J. G. Odell who officiated at the dedication of Oyen Lodge in 1918, and R.W. Bro. L. E. Helmer who on his official visit in 1942 assisted in the burning of the mortgage ceremonies.

SPECIAL NIGHT AT PALESTINE LODGE No. 46

W. Bro. D. R. Murray, Worshipful Master of Palestine Lodge No. 46, Tofield, had the R.C.M.P. degree team confer the third degree on three candidates at their regular meeting April 16th, 1968.

This meeting was attended by 276 Brethren some travelling as far as 300 miles and representing Masons in six provinces, 35 different cities and towns in Alberta and 68 Masonic Lodges.

EARLY RELIEF

In a published history of Lodge Saint Machar No. 54 of Aberdeen, Scotland, the following item on early relief appears:

"On the 3rd August, 1767 the lodge gave a donation of 1 (pound) to the Minister of Old Macahar for the cause of Christianity among the poor Indians of North America."

"THE THIRD MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP"

The third Masonic Spring Workshop held at the Banff School of Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta, March 29, 30 and 31 is over and once again was a great success.

Of the total registration of 505 Masons 427 were in attendance. (An unusually heavy snowfall in Southern Alberta the afternoon before the Workshop and police warnings to avoid highway driving doubtless prevented many registered members from attending.) 46 percent or 233 Masons had attended previous Workshops while 54 percent or 272 Masons attended their first Workshop, out of the total 44% or 224 Master Masons were in attendance, many of these Master Masons are appointed officers of the Lodges in Alberta.

The success of these Workshops appears to stem from the informal fellowship, sports clothes are worn and no Masonic titles are used, it was a real opportunity to meet your Brethren on the level.

Small discussion groups present each brother with freedom to discuss the three excellent theme speeches and to talk about our Craft in general.

The planned schools of instruction are looked forward to by Brethren seeking a better understanding of their duties and responsibilities as Masons or as appointed and elected officers.

I wish to say that I think that the attendance in our Lodges would improve, if more of our members would attend these Workshops. This is where we can learn Masonry, and when we start to learn Masonry, then we will start to live it. I would heartily recommend that every Brother make the effort to attend at least one of these Workshops.

One of the highlights of this meeting was the devotional period. This certainly was prepared with the object of making a man think, and I can only say that this is a very fitting way in which to bring the Workshop to a close.

In closing I must say that the accommodations at the School of Fine Arts are very good, and that the location and setting is excellent.

The Planning Committee is certainly to be congratulated for an educational program, well prepared and presented.

Clarence J. Kuich,
Oyen Lodge No. 104.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta will be held at the Northern Jubilee Auditorium Edmonton, Wednesday, June 12th, 1968, and at the Central Masonic Temple Edmonton, June 13th, 1968.

The two Wardair Flights of July 3rd, and July 21st are full and space has been allotted us on the Wardair flight leaving Calgary July 24th, 1968 returning from London, England August 21st, 1968.

Your Bulletin Committee wish to thank the 118 Lodges who have been regularly forwarding their notices to this Committee, the news items over the past year, concerning Masons in Alberta have been gleaned from these notices.