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REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

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At the time of writing there is before every Lodge in the jurisdiction a working draft of a proposed general revision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. By the time this is published, the comments, criticisms and recommendations of the constituent Lodges should be in the hands of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution. As this matter will be the prime concern of the Craft at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, it will be of some value to review the circumstances which gave rise to the review of the constitution, its present status and what will probably be the next step.

The real beginning of the proposed revision is to be found in the Grand Master's Special Committee appointed by M.W. Bro. W. J. Collett in 1965. This Committee was charged with the task of reviewing the whole structure of the Craft in the jurisdiction and making recommendations for improvement in any area the Committee thought needed improvement. Broad recommendations were made by the Special Committee in the area of finance, the function of the Board of General Purposes, the election of District Deputies and the government of Districts and like matters. All of these recommendations opened new fields of investigation and as a result the Craft became, and still is, engaged in a program of self-examination and self-criticism which cannot but result in a general appreciation of the problems faced by each segment of the government of the Craft, a more tolerant view of the other's approach and, more important, a genuine desire to improve the lines of communication between Grand Lodge and the constituent Lodges.

A general revision of the Constitution is the natural product of the ferment in which the Craft in Alberta has found itself since it began its self-analysis in 1965. Those first recommendations made by the Grand Master's Special Committee and the subsequent changes advocated by a revitalized Board of General Purposes all required changes to the Constitution.

In preparing the working draft first mentioned herein, the Committee on Revision of the Constitution has given consideration to:

1. The suggestions and comments made by the Grand Master's Special Committee;
2. Relevant suggestions and comments submitted to the Grand Master's Special Committee by

constituent Lodges and individual members of the Craft;

3. The experience in other jurisdictions;
4. The comprehensive review of a prior draft submitted to the Board of General Purposes;
5. The advice of experienced and knowledgeable members of the Craft;

and due consideration will, of course, be given to comments from the constituent Lodges on the working draft when received.

As the Constitution now stands, any amendments to it must be brought before an "Annual Communication." It is not possible to deal with it at a "Special" Communication of Grand Lodge. It is imperative, therefore, that every effort be made to have the matter considered at the next Annual Communication in as orderly a manner as possible, allowing due opportunity to every individual member to have his views advanced. To this end the Committee hopes every criticism, both for and against, will be in its hands prior to the Communication so that all similar criticisms can be amalgamated, expressed to the meeting and voted on as expeditiously as possible.

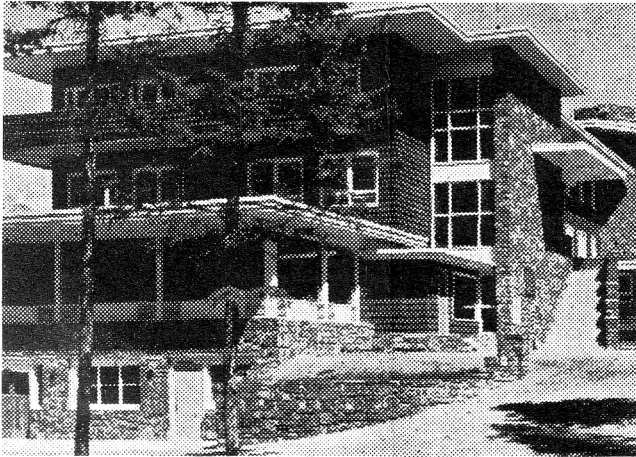
Much of the revision is concerned merely with re-organization of the sections into an orderly grouping. There are, however, certain areas of policy with which every member of Grand Lodge should be deeply concerned and which were pointed out to the constituent Lodges in the covering letter forwarding copies of the working draft. The Committee is open to suggestions and comments in regard to these matters of policy, or any other matters, but is bound to report back to the Board of General Purposes on January 22, 1969 and thereafter the necessary Notice of Motion must be sent to all constituent Lodges.

The greatest problem in the daily working of the Craft in this jurisdiction is the breakdown of communications. In the matter of the revision of the Constitution there should be no possibility of such an occurrence and every effort has been made to make information available regarding the proposed changes and ample notice, in excess of the minimum notice required under the present constitution, has been given to every Lodge. Every member of Grand Lodge is urged to take advantage of the opportunity afforded him to

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MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP—March 28, 29, 30, 1969

Bob Borland — Promotion Chairman



You will recognize this photograph, as being the Administration building of the Banff School of Fine Arts, where we will be holding the Fourth Annual Masonic Spring Workshop for Alberta Masons on March 28th, 29th and 30th, 1969.

This column will bring you up-to-date on the planning and preparations for this seminar.

You will, by this time, have received your application form. It was mailed along with your January notice. If you don't have one, ask your Secretary or let us know. Don't hesitate, send in your application now and when you do, please note that there are 3 levels of accommodation and that it is necessary for you to mark your desired choice.

The Workshop Planning Committee, chaired by Walter Bright and assisted by Secretary Mel Dunford are busy taking the rough edges off the plans while the three Theme Speakers Denny Ryan, Glenn Fox and Jim Roberts are working on their individual presentations under their leader, the linguistic spell-binder, Herb Laycraft. Gordon Armstrong is whipping his Schools of Instruction leaders into final form. As you

see, the countdown is progressing on schedule and all that we need is 500 of you to complete and send in your applications and then for you to arrive in Banff on Friday, March 28th.

Remember that we meet on the level, in casual dress, at Banff with titles and ranks left at home for the weekend. Here in Banff you will be kept busy for more than two days listening to lectures and taking part in free wheeling discussions on basic Masonry. To show you just how busy you will be; try and find more than two hours of free-time in the following agenda.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28th, 1969

3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. — Registration
6:00 p.m. sharp — O Canada, Grace, Supper
9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. — 1st Speaker
9:45 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. — 1st Discussion Group
(Get acquainted session)
10:45 p.m. — Coffee

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th, 1969

8:15 a.m. sharp — Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15 a.m. — 2nd Discussion Group
(Re 1st Speaker)
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. — Schools of Instruction
12:00 noon sharp — Lunch
1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. — 2nd Speaker
2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. — Discussion Groups
(Re 2nd Speaker)
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Schools of Instruction
(may go to 5:30 if you wish)
6:00 p.m. sharp — Supper
7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. — 3rd Speaker
8:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. — Discussion Groups
(Re 3rd Speaker)
9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. — Coffee and time to
purchase books, etc.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1969

8:45 a.m. sharp — Breakfast
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. — Schools of Instruction
(Open question period)
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. — Devotional Service
12:00 noon sharp — Lunch
Dispersal for homes thereafter.
We will see you in Banff!

What Does Masonry Offer to the Next Generation?

Bro. John Dragushan, Senior Warden, Beacon Lodge No. 190
Red Deer

It seems to me that one of the principal reasons for belonging to the Masonic Order is to do what little we can to improve this sick old world we live in.

We know that our world is filled with prejudice, bigotry, pestilence and war. The frontiers of our civilization today, are no less challenging than those of yesterday. But for all its harshness and irrational character, it is the only world we've got. Choosing a strategy to cope with it is one of the first decisions a young adult has to make.

Freemasonry offers a course of conduct in "How to get along with your fellow man". The ritual and practice of masonry tells the new candidate as well as re-iterates for the benefit of all masons, the principles

of Universal Brotherhood. It teaches us in various words and in various forms the time honored rules and guidelines in applying the golden rule. It teaches us that Freemasonry is a life to be lived not a mere formality. It is a life to be lived, not a set of empty creeds to which lip service is given. It has no discernible beginning and no apparent end. It accepts only those principles that have been tested and approved by all races, and in all times.

What the future holds, depends upon us — the work we do — the example we set — not only for those who follow us in the work of the craft, but for all men who come into daily contact with us in our everyday lives. All of us are responsible for the

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appeal Masonry has to our youth — and this makes us in effect, responsible for tomorrow.

The philosophy of Freemasonry is to prepare, educate and train its members for the higher relationships of life. In doing that, it demonstrates its faith in mankind, and in return, invites confidence, trust and loyalty. It believes that the humblest life has within it the slumbering forces of noble manhood, waiting only for the sympathetic touch to rouse and stimulate the innate qualities of this soul.

Masonry invites no one to join its ranks, but it embraces men of all creeds, color, and conditions. By the practice of the spirit of chivalry, the toleration of varied and oftentimes opposite creeds, by a universal brotherhood, it brings and holds together, men of every country and nationality, who otherwise would have remained apart.

The late President John F. Kennedy said:

"Human Brotherhood is not just a goal. It is a condition on which our way of life depends. The question for our time is not whether all men are brothers. That question has been answered by the God who placed us on this earth together. The question is whether we have the strength and the will to make the brotherhood of man the guiding principle of our daily lives. Can we match our actions to our words?"

Our candidates are products of a new social order, and have an ever-changing outlook on life. Our concern is to teach them the age-old masonic philosophy in a new and positive way that they will understand in no uncertain terms.

If these suggestions are followed — or even if an attempt to follow them were made by masons throughout the world **outside** as well as **inside** the lodge room; if we act as an example to all men, then we would dare hope that slowly but surely, we are approaching the dawn of a brighter day — the day, when in the immortal words of Tennyson:

The war drums throb no longer
And the battle flag is furled
In the Parliament of man —
The Federation of the World.

APPRECIATION

A feature in the Grand Lodge Bulletin this year has been "The Personality of the Month". The Editorial Committee has been appreciative of the way in which this has been received and wishes to acknowledge the following letter from Victoria, B.C., written by hand by a Mason and a gentleman in his 92nd year.

"I thank you and your Committee for the write-up which you gave me in the November number of the Grand Lodge Bulletin. I am very thankful to have had a small part in the work of the Masonic Lodge in Alberta."

May it continue and increase as the years go by.

Fraternally yours,
T. A. NORRIS, Sr.

THE GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

M.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell

During the month of December the main activity of the Grand Master is to visit as many Installations as possible and it was a great pleasure for me to attend a number and to make the proclamation following the General Charge. I was impressed with the careful preparation that had been made for this most important evening and with the sincerity with which the ceremony of Installation was carried out. A number of lodges follow the practice of having the same Installing Master year after year with the same person giving the General Charge. This tradition ensures that the work is well presented and certainly the inspiration of the General Charge is maintained at a high level. There is a danger that by following this custom the more recent Worshipful Masters are deprived of the great privilege of installing their successors. It was encouraging to see that an increasing number of Lodges are arranging that the retiring Master install his successor and, generally, when this was done the work was of a very high standard. Leadership in the Lodge is developed by new individuals accepting responsibility and by senior members being willing to relinquish responsibility.

I was also impressed by the evident ability and dedication of the newly installed Worshipful Masters. It has become common for us to complain about poor attendance and lack of interest in Lodge Work and, consequently, to develop a pessimistic outlook as far as the future of Freemasonry is concerned. The season of the Installations should turn any discouragement that we have been experiencing into a feeling of optimism. The Worshipful Masters, for the most part, whose Installations I witnessed, are young and enthusiastic. I have no doubt that, given the support of their brethren, they will lead their Lodges through a most successful year. Certainly I would like to offer all newly Installed Masters my congratulations and best wishes for a very profitable term of office.

Privilege and position brings with it responsibility and this should never be forgotten by the Worshipful Master. The major responsibility of this exalted position is to shed light from the East upon the Lodge at work and at refreshment. Several times in the Grand Lodge Bulletin this year the subject of Light has been expounded and nowhere better than in both our December and January Issues. While we all accept the obligation of bringing Light into the lives of people especially those of the Fraternity yet the main source of the Light must come from the East. If it is lacking in that important chair then the whole Lodge will be lost in impenetrable darkness. I would hope that during this year the newly Installed Worshipful Masters will make certain that the Light from the East is never dimmed but will shine with an increasing radiance.

In conclusion I would like to assure the Worshipful Masters that assistance in their task will be forthcoming from the Officers of Grand Lodge and from the Office of the Grand Secretary. All they need to do is to make a request and it will be attended to.

Sixtieth Anniversary

King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane, celebrated its Sixtieth Anniversary on Thursday, December 5th. The Lodge meeting was marked by an outstanding review of the history of the Lodge by V.W. Bro. T. Bayles and an inspirational address by the Grand Master M.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell. A service of Thanksgiving was conducted by M.W. Bro. W. J. Collett. As a tribute to the dedicated work done in the Lodge by V.W. Bro. Bayles, R.W. Bro. Glenn Fox presented him with the apron of a Past Grand Deacon. Following the Lodge meeting which was attended by over eighty brethren from sixteen lodges a delightful dinner was served in the United Church Hall. At the banquet the Toast to King Solomon Lodge was ably proposed by R.W. Bro. W. E. Howard, D.D.G.M.

District Meeting

District No. 5 held its annual meeting in Camrose. R.W. Bro. Charles Archibald of Rosalind was elected D.D.G.M. An outstanding feature of the meeting was the opening of the Camrose Masonic Temple by M.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell assisted by R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers. The Grand Master was accompanied by nearly twenty present and past Grand Lodge Officers. M.W. Bro. S. Hardin of Vegreville presented the regalia which he wore as D.D.G.M. to R.W. Bro. Alfred Rands the retiring D.D.G.M. and commended him for his excellent work and contribution to the Craft.

A highlight of the evening program was a most informative talk by M.W. Bro. Pinnell in which he dealt with the admission of new members and the subsequent building of their careers.

Ten district lodges were represented by 87 members. A delicious supper was served by members of the Eastern Star. Following the banquet R.W. Bro. Dr. P. J. Kendal held the attention of the brethren with a most interesting address.

Sixty Year Jewels

On Thursday, December 5th, Zetland Lodge No. 83 presented Sixty year bars to W. Bro. Henry John Wells and Bro. Samuel Coultis.

Congratulations

Beaver Lodge No. 56 celebrated the burning of its mortgage at its regular meeting on December 4th.

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become informed on the proposed Revision of the Constitution and to attend the next Annual Communication prepared to make a constructive fraternal contribution to this most important task.

The Board of General Purposes met in Red Deer on Wednesday, November 30th and the draft of the new constitution was reviewed by the Board in Committee of the whole where it was prepared for submission to the constituent Lodges. Note was taken of the tremendous amount of work that had been done on the constitution by the Committee and the Grand Secretary and his staff and a vote of appreciation recorded.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



Rt. Wor. Bro. J. H. Cochrane of Hughenden, Alberta, is 77 years of age and has lived in this village since 1915. He is not only "Mr. Mason" but "Mr. Record" also. He was made a Mason in Comet Lodge No. 50 in Hardisty in 1919. He was a Charter Member of Efficiency Lodge No. 141, Hughenden in December 1924 and was Master of the Lodge in 1925 and 1926. He became Secretary of the Lodge in 1927 and has held that position

since. In 1938 he was D.D.G.M. of District No. 5.

In 1920 Rt. Wor. Bro. Cochrane became secretary of the village of Hughenden, a position which he held until 1965. In 1926 he was appointed agent for Alberta Government Telephones in Hughenden and remained in this job until the dial system was installed in 1968, 42 years later.

Like several of our "Personalities of the Month" he was an early school teacher. He taught in Hughenden from 1915 to 1920 when he started his own business and in addition was Secretary of the Hughenden School District from 1920 till 1937 when the Provost School Division was formed. Rt. Wor. Bro. Cochrane was Secretary of the Provost School Division from that time for the next 31 years, retiring in 1968.

The Central High School Year-book of 1967-68 was dedicated in his honor in this manner, "To Mr. Cochrane who has won the respect of his fellow man and the confidence of little children, who has filled his niche in the world, and done his work really well, we, the students and staff of Central High, take pleasure in dedicating to him this edition of the C.H.S. Memos."

Since the above story was written, Rt. Wor. Bro. Cochrane was killed in a tragic automobile accident, on November 26th. It was felt that in tribute to his memory and in token of a life well spent we should present his biography.

"May the Great Architect of the Universe bestow his well earned wages upon this, his faithful servant."

CHARTER FLIGHTS TO ENGLAND, 1969

The Grand Lodge of Alberta is sponsoring Charter Flights to England in 1969, by Wardair of Canada. Boeing 707 Jet.

1. July 11th, 1969, returning August 10th, 1969. Calgary to Gatwick (London). Fare (including loss of fare insurance) \$284.00. (On the basis of fully loaded aircraft). Brochures available on request.
2. Those eligible: members, their wives and families, widows. Children under two years of age free.
3. Space for a group of not less than forty can be had on Flight, August 23rd, 1969, returning September 25th, 1969. Fare \$243.00. If interested please advise as soon as possible so that this may be reserved.

This is on a first come first served basis, early attention is very desirable.