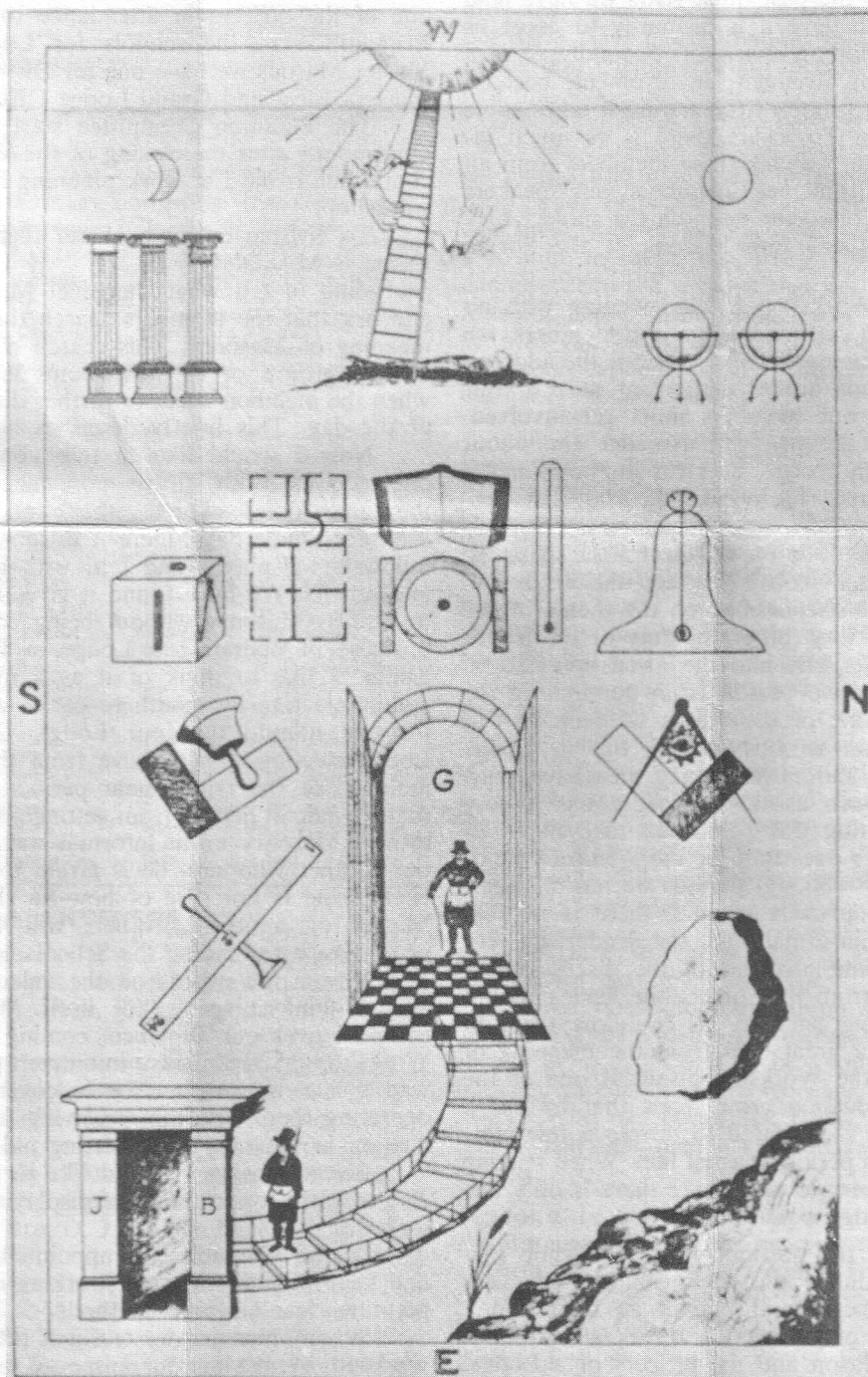


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WORKSHOPS IN ALBERTA

At the Conference of GRAND SECRETARIES OF NORTH AMERICA HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., in February our GRAND SECRETARY, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers gave a paper on WORKSHOPS IN ALBERTA which will be published in the Record of Proceedings of the GRAND LODGE. V. W. Bro. M. P. Dunford was asked for his comments and they are published below. The paper given by R.W. Bro. Rivers was too lengthy for the Bulletin.

Brother President, I should like first of all to thank you for the opportunity of attending your Conference and speaking to you on the operation of our Workshop in Alberta.

Each spring for the past three years we have held a Workshop and I believe it is primarily to assist us in our goal of developing character. Secondly, it is a means of creating involvement. Involvement, because in order to run a workshop of this nature it takes some 80 to 100 members. To insure there is as much involvement as possible, we pick these members from all over the Province. From these members, our speakers are selected and for one year research the subject they will present to 500 or more Masons at the Spring Workshop.

We start our Workshop Friday evening with an address and then, to further involve our members, we break up into discussion groups and discuss the address. The discussion groups are an important part of our Workshop, because our members must get involved. Approximately fifty groups, with a leader and about ten members in each group, meet for an hour and a half four times during the weekend. The first get-together is for the members to get acquainted. The three discussion periods that follow are to discuss the speakers' addresses. The Leader's job is to keep the discussion interesting and as far as possible, on the theme of the Workshop. Another very important duty of the leader is to try and get everyone into the discussion and to prevent the overtalkative person from dominating the discussion. This is one of the places we feel we can bring out the person who is coming out to Lodge month after month and never taking an active part. In a small group such as this, a leader has a very good chance of getting this person to take part. To insure that the leader does this, we assist him by holding two or three instructional periods during the year. In a discussion group such as ours, there is no formality. It is most informal and the leader is very careful not to become involved in the discussion. If the group wanders from the subject the leader should assist them in getting back to it. To allow them to digress would take a great deal from the meaning of the discussion and the Workshop itself. If one of the members in his discussion group feels that he has a problem, the leader is prepared to devote a few minutes of the discussion period to assist him. When making up these groups, we try to make sure there is only one member from a Lodge.

Then, we have the portion of the workshop that we allocate to the duties and responsibilities of every Mason. The three periods are about an hour and a half each and deal only with the duties and responsibilities of every Mason and the officers of a Lodge. These schools usually have about 50 in a group with an instructor. They operate on the Classroom style.

The instructor is asked to lecture on the duties of the particular office he is dealing with for about twenty minutes. The balance of the time is then devoted to a question and answer period. It is not always the instructor who answers the question. He may request one of the officers in attendance to answer for him. In addition to the schools for Lodge Officers and Master Masons we have one for District Deputy Grand Masters Elect and Grand Lodge Officers.

The Planning Committee start their work early. One month after the closing of the Workshop the new committee is hard at work planning for the next year's workshop.

To give an example of our themes, this year the theme is MASONRY IS ! The three speakers are going to tell what they feel Masonry is to them and ask that the members search themselves for their meaning of Masonry. This search may be in the discussion groups or in their rooms late in the evening when the members meet to further discuss the activities of the day. This briefly describes how we operate.

Now I would like to talk about the fellowship one receives. With 500 or more members living under the same roof, eating together, and sleeping together for three whole days, there is a tremendous amount of fellowship displayed and felt, without formality, rank and regalia. We have found it gives us an opportunity to discuss Masonry without being concerned with the business of operating a Lodge, a District or Grand Lodge. I like to think of it as a modern method of communicating by mouth to ear. I am not suggesting for one minute that our Lodge, District or Grand Lodge meeting should move from the traditional formalities, or the refreshment periods. However, I feel that we can all benefit from getting away once a year to discuss Masonry in an informal way. It is hoped that the Brother who says he is afraid to get up in Lodge because he is not sure of how he should address the Master or another Brother, will learn the proper procedure by attending the Schools of Instruction.

Now a few words on the value of a Workshop. Well I think it speaks for itself. We have members from all over our Province, coming to Banff for our Workshop of their own initiative, paying their own way plus a registration fee to cover the expenses of operating the Workshop, receiving fellowship and education in Masonry and meeting old and new friends.

Before closing I should like to point out that we also take this opportunity of displaying Masonic books for sale.

A new Committee is appointed each year to try and keep as many Masons working as possible and to get new ideas and new methods.

Sunday morning we feel it is fitting to end such a weekend by paying our respects to the G.A.O.T.U. and so we call on our Grand Chaplain to conduct a Devotional Service.

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75th ANNIVERSARY

Innisfail Lodge No. 8 will be celebrating its 75th anniversary with an afternoon meeting and an evening banquet on July 9th, 1969. Following is a brief history of the Lodge.

A meeting of Freemasons in and around Innisfail decided early in 1894 to endeavour to form a Lodge. With a recommendation from Bow River No. 28, an application for a dispensation was sent to the Grand Master of Masons in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. This dispensation was granted on June 14, 1894 and on June 21, M.W. Bro. D. J. Goggin instituted Innisfail Lodge U.D. At the next communication of Grand Lodge a Charter was granted to Innisfail Lodge No. 58, A.F.&A.M., G.R.M. and the Lodge was constituted by R.W. Bro. T. F. English on August 15, 1895.

Soon after the formation of the Province of Alberta in 1905, the 18 Lodges in the new Province (continued on page 40)

THE GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

M.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell

This is my final column as your Grand Master and I write it with a certain amount of sadness because it means that the end of a very happy year is approaching. From another point of view I write it with some measure of anticipation. Not only am I about to pass on to another well qualified brother the heavy task of Grand Master but also my wife and I are looking forward to some happy years of retirement. We have purchased our dream home near Vancouver and soon after the Grand Lodge Communication we shall move out there. This means that we shall leave behind some of the best friends that any person could hope to have and that I will not be as closely associated with Grand Lodge activities as I have been in the past few years. However, distances are not what they used to be and we expect that many of our friends and brethren will drop in for visits and that we shall be back in Alberta occasionally. Even though I will say it at Grand Lodge I do want to say to the large number of Brethren who cannot attend the sessions that my association with the Masonic Order over these many years and this last year as the Grand Master has been most rewarding and your expressions of brotherhood are among the eternal realities of living.

In these columns during the year I have tried to keep you in touch with the program of the Grand Master and to give you a picture of the ongoing life of the Masonic Order. More than ever I am convinced that the potential of this great brotherhood has not yet been recognized even by the most devoted of its members. Our world today is confused, distracted and disorderly and it has brought itself to this sad situation because it has refused to acknowledge the vitalizing power of the spirit of Brotherhood. Fraternity amongst men of all races, colours and creed is possible and is the solution to the ills of our society. Indeed our present civilization will ultimately perish if the common sense doctrine of brotherhood does not become our main desire. The great opportunity of Freemasonry is that its philosophy is based on the principle that the world needs. Therein lies our great challenge and our inevitable peril should we refuse to accept it.

"Here lies the tragedy of our race:
Not that men are poor;
All men know something of poverty.
Not that men are wicked;
Who can claim to be good?
Not that men are ignorant;
Who can boast that he is wise?
But that men are strangers."

The Masonic Order has gone a long way in breaking down the barriers that separate man from man and I will long remember the progress the Grand Lodge of Alberta has made in this regard. I pray that the blessing of the Most High will continue to rest upon our labours and that all of us will continue to play a worthy part in bringing nearer that great day when,

Man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be, an a' that".

GALA OCCASIONS

Tuesday, March 18, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell paid an official visit to Irricana Lodge No. 137. He was accompanied by five of the present District Deputy Grand Masters as well as V.W. Bro. Mel Dunford, Assistant Grand Secretary and the Grand Deacon. Altogether a total of 18 present and past Grand Officers were in attendance.

Tuesday, April 15, Norwood Lodge No. 90 celebrated its "25th Annual Packers Night". The evening was organized by W. Bro. Bob White. W. Bro. Tony Flatt of Empire Lodge served as Master and headed a superb "Fellowcraft" team composed of members connected with the Meat Packing Industry.

R.W. Bro. P. Kendal, Deputy Grand Master was feature speaker of the evening and chose as his topic, the letter "G" and its purpose in the glorification of God within Freemasonry. It was a happy evening and over one hundred Masons were present but even better the number of members present far exceeded the number of visitors.

Tuesday, April 22, Crescent Lodge No. 87 honored M.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell, Grand Master, its most distinguished member. In formally welcoming M.W. Bro. Pinnell, W. Bro. John Kemp made reference to the honor which the Grand Master has brought to Crescent Lodge by the manner in which he has discharged his duties. Following the Degree, R.W. Bro. Reg Lawrence again expressed the appreciation of the Lodge and presented M.W. Bro. Pinnell with an engraved plaque on behalf of the members. Members and visitors present, heartily agreed with R.W. Bro. Lawrence's remarks and evinced their appreciation for the Grand Master by a standing ovation.

There were present 58 members, 27 visitors, 5 Past District Deputies, 4 present District Deputies as well as the Grand Registrar, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Chaplain and the Assistant Grand Secretary.

This being the Annual English Night, everyone sat down to a delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. M.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell presented the lodge with his picture in full regalia. Bro. Cecil Swanson, V.W. Grand Chaplain, was the speaker of the evening and in his usual capable and interesting manner interpreted England through the writings of Rudyard Kipling.

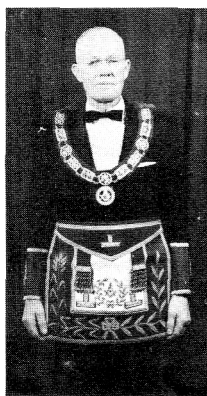
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formed themselves into the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Innisfail being the eighth Lodge formed in the territory was given that number.

Congratulations — Tuesday, April 8, Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54 presented a 50 Year Jewel to R.W. Bro. W. M. Peel.

The Curling Corner — Calgary Masons had their usual successful curling season. Bonspiels were enjoyed in Banff and Red Deer. Winners were:
 Division A Foothills A Division C St. Marks B
 Division B Mosaic B Division D Crescent B
 Bigger and better things are looked for next season.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



Frank Dudley Stevenett was born in Taber, Iowa on September 24, 1896 and moved with his family to the Antler Hill District, northeast of Innisfail in March 1905. He has lived there ever since.

He was one of the first students to enrol in the Olds School of Agriculture in 1913 and graduated from there in 1915. His whole life has been devoted to farming and he can be accurately described as a mixed farmer for he grew grain, raised hogs and for many years operated a dairy farm. He was married to the former Hazel Shenfield in 1926 and they have one son and one daughter. Both of the children are married and Frank now has six grandchildren.

As well as being a good and active farmer R.W. Bro. Stevenett has accepted his responsibilities as a citizen in an outstanding manner. For many years he was a member of the rural school board in his district and when the districts were centralized he became a member of the Divisional Board. When the Red Deer Composite High School was organized in 1938, the first school in the Province to operate a three semester system, Frank took an active part in the planning. For several years he was a member of the National Farm Forum and he is a director of the Rural Electrification Association. An ardent worker in Innisfail United Church, he has been an elder and a member of the Committee of Stewards for many years. Also he is an active member of the Farmer's Union of Alberta. When the Auxiliary Hospital Board was set up in 1962, Frank was appointed a member of that Board and is still working actively in the interests of the hospital. The Alumni Association of the Olds Agricultural School claims him as a valued member. Frank served his country in the First World War.

It can be well said that he has been and always will be interested in the education and welfare of mankind. This naturally led him to become one of the outstanding Masons in Central Alberta. He was initiated into Innisfail Lodge No. 8 on October 15, 1925, and passed and raised in the following months. The Lodge elected him Worshipful Master in 1934, and he was District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 4 in 1963-64. The Grand Master appointed him Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of San Paulo near the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1967.

The illustration on Page One is the reproduction of an ancient Altar Cloth and has on it a number of Masonic Symbols. Should any of the Brethren be unable to identify all the symbols please write an enquiry to the Bulletin and the information will be printed in the September Issue.