



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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M. W. BRO. SYDNEY CARLOS HECKBERT

The brethren in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta were saddened on Monday, October 6th, when M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert passed to the Grand Lodge above. He had served this Jurisdiction with distinction and honour for over fifty years and served it as its Grand Master in 1955-56. Only two weeks before had our present Grand Master, our Grand Secretary and a number of other Grand Lodge officers, gone to Vermilion to attend a meeting of Vermilion Lodge No. 24 in order to pay tribute to this distinguished Mason and to present him with his Fifty Year Jewel. At that meeting, M.W. Bro. Heckbert appeared to be in good health and it had been hoped that he would enjoy the good wishes of his brethren for many years. At the meeting the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal said, "Every time I think of what qualifies men for membership in Masonry and the process by which they are admitted, I am reminded of an expression the president of a College uses when he confers an Honorary Degree upon someone deemed worthy. He says, "Because of honour you are awarded this degree." It is "because of honour" that you are today receiving this Fifty Year Jewel, a medal of service, at the hands of your brethren in Vermilion and the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

M.W. Bro. Heckbert, who was born in Sackville, N.B. on December 21, 1895, was Grand Master when our Grand Lodge celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary and in addition to welcoming many visitors from Masonic Jurisdictions throughout this country and the United States, he also received Lord Alexander of Tunis, then a Provincial Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Great Britain, the then Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, Dr. J. J. Bowlen and the then Premier of the Province, Hon. Ernest C. Manning.

For ten years, M.W. Bro. Heckbert served as Editor of the Grand Lodge Bulletin and upon



The late M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert
as Grand Master 1955-56.

his retirement from the position in June, 1967, he was presented at the Grand Lodge Communication, with a special certificate of thanks for his devoted and effective work.

Joining the craft in 1919, following his return from serving his country in the First World War, he became a member of Miramichi Lodge, Chatham, New Brunswick, by Initiation. Moving later to Vermilion, Alberta, to teach in the Vermilion School of Agriculture and later to open an Insurance Business, he affiliated with Vermilion Lodge No. 24 in 1926, and in 1931 became its Worshipful Master. In 1952 further recognition of his abilities came when he was chosen to be the Junior Grand Warden of the

Grand Lodge. For a number of years he has been the Secretary of the biennial meeting of the Grand Masters of Canadian Jurisdictions. The concordant bodies have also benefitted from his membership. In 1961 the Scottish Rite awarded him the honorary 33rd degree. He was a member of the Shrine and of the Royal Order of Scotland.

As a good Mason, M.W. Bro. Heckbert served his community in numerous ways. At the time of his death he was the Mayor of Vermilion and had served in that office since 1965, having previously held the position from 1951 to 1955. He was an active member of the Canadian Legion having been Provincial President from 1941 to 1949. He was an enthusiastic member of the Vermilion Agricultural Society and served as President of the Alberta Agricultural Fairs Association and as President of the Western Canada Fairs Association. He was past president of the Vermilion Rotary Club.

The funeral services were held in First United Church, Vermilion on Wednesday, October 8th, with a large number of brethren present. A Masonic Funeral Service was conducted at the graveside.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE – 1969

V.W. Bro. The Rev. J. W. Roberts, Grand Chaplain

The message of Christmas is a universal one. Although a Christian Festival, the joy and expectations of the season transcends creeds and definitive theology and creates in man renewed thoughts of love, compassion and hope. Even in cultures and religions where Christmas has no place in their teachings, yet the spirit of Christmas is present, and the season is one of sharing and an expression of the eternal optimism of mankind. Masons everywhere should find implicitly stated in the Christmas message, the deepest truths concerning their relationships to one another and the world around them. In bringing Christmas Greetings to you on behalf of The Grand Lodge, I would like to refer to the writings of an anonymous poet in which he said in part:

“Christmas is a spirit,
and the spirit of Christmas is Peace;
Christmas is a gladness,
and the gladness of Christmas is Hope;
Christmas is an experience,
and the experience of Christmas is Giving—”

In these few short lines, he has summarized the meaning of Christmas.

First: Christmas is a spirit, and the spirit of Christmas is Peace. Freemasonry at its best is a spirit and finds its expression in the harmonious relationships within the Craft. Throughout our teachings, we find such words as harmony, brotherly love and friendship. We pray that our lodges may be ‘conducted in peace and closed in harmony.’ But in this season, we are urged to do something more than simply wish for “peace on earth, good will among men.” We are called upon, both in and out of the lodge, to pursue and learn of the “things that make for peace.” In the terrible tensions of our time, we may think that peace is an unattainable goal. But before it can become a universal fact, peace must be an individual aspiration. The Mason’s task is always to ‘bring peace to the troubled mind’ and to do what they can to remove the barriers that separate man from man, in the knowledge that we are all children of the Most High.

Second: Christmas is a gladness, and the gladness of Christmas is Hope. We use the word ‘glad’ today in a rather superficial sense, often empty of its original meaning. The old English word from which we derive the word glad, meant ‘bright,’ or ‘gilded with light.’ Christmas is a season, then, that is ‘bright with hope.’ Whoever has seen a little child’s face at Christmas time will see this definition exemplified. The sages of old, in the Volume of the Sacred Law, saw the highest hopes revealed in Light: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined.” And the beautiful story of the birth of the Christ Child, is best epitomized in a line from a well

known Carol—“The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.” For Masons and Christians alike, the step between Faith and Charity is Hope. Our gladdest Christmases are the ones that inspire in us the kind of hope the ancients saw.

Third: Christmas is an experience, and the experience of Christmas is Giving. Giving is the active name for Charity, or self giving love. Thomas à Kempis summed it up in these words: “He who lives with purity, considers not the gift of the lover, but the love of the giver.” To many people in our society, “charity is a cold word, often devoid of feeling because ‘the love of the giver’ is not present. But to the Mason, charity is an experience—it is love in action, whether in thought, word or deed. It is the giving of ourselves to those both within and without the lodge, without any thought as to whether that love should be requited. Another poet once said that ‘Love came down at Christmas time,’ suggesting that God was sharing his love with mankind in a unique way. It also reminds us that each of us, as children of God, has the task to make our giving—our Charity—so real that God’s name and nature will be revealed in us, and to His name will be the praise. But it can only happen when we express our Charity in such a way that it will be an abiding experience in our hearts. At the very heart of Christmas is this one eternal aspect of the season ‘which extends beyond the grave, to the boundless realms of eternity.’

To close, let me quote another author: “If on this Christmas Day, I can look into the faces of men and see the love and goodness of God written thereon; and have them see some of his Holy Light of Peace and Good Will mirrored on mine—then on this blessed day, have I touched the hem of the Christ Child’s garment.” We will also indeed, have touched the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft.

Annual Services Night

On Saturday evening, October 18, Concord Lodge No. 124 celebrated its Thirteenth Annual Services Night. All the Officers, those assisting in the work and the Candidates were members of the Armed Forces. C.O. for the evening was Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. A. F. McIntosh. R.W. Bro. Neil Beaton, D.D.G.M., District No. 18, was received on his official visit. The lodge room was full, with over 100 visitors all of whom experienced a most enjoyable evening in the tradition of Concord Lodge.

Papers . . . We Need Papers!

The supply of excellent papers which the Bulletin Committee has been receiving has dwindled and our supply of papers on hand is nearly depleted. Your contribution is needed and will be much appreciated both by the Bulletin Committee and by the Readers.

CONSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION OF FORT McMURRAY LODGE

R.W. Bro. Glenn Fox, J.G.W.

On Saturday, September 20th, 1969, M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal and his Grand Lodge Officers, accompanied by a number of brethren—forty in all—journeyed by chartered plane to Fort McMurray, and Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195 was Constituted and Consecrated. Following the Consecration the officers of our youngest lodge were installed and invested under the direction of M.W. Bro. David Little, P.G.M.

Fort McMurray Lodge U.D. and Grand Lodge were opened at 4:00 p.m. and following the admission to Grand Lodge of Fort McMurray's deputation, the ceremony of Constitution and Consecration proceeded. At 6:00 p.m., Grand Lodge was closed and labor was suspended for two hours in Fort McMurray Lodge. All brethren then proceeded to the Riviera Hotel for refreshment, and a most appetizing banquet.

Labour was resumed at 8:30 p.m. and M.W. Bro. Little installed W. Bro. Lorne W. Youngberg as Worshipful Master. The Wardens were invested by the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, and the other officers by other Grand Lodge officers. Invested as Immediate Past Master was W. Bro. Deatherage, whose duties will be heavy as he is the only Past Master in the Lodge. The officers installed and invested are:

Worshipful Master	W. Bro. L. W. Youngberg
Immediate Past Master	W. Bro. R. M. Deatherage
Senior Warden	Bro. S. A. Bell
Junior Warden	Bro. J. McBride
Secretary	Bro. P. A. Boitault
Treasurer	Bro. C. B. Berry
Chaplain	Bro. R. W. Gregg
Senior Deacon	Bro. W. E. Ferguson
Junior Deacon	Bro. H. H. Aime
Senior Steward	Bro. T. A. Pring
Junior Steward	Bro. M. R. Smith
Registrar	Bro. J. A. Mills
Inner Guard	Bro. E. P. Goode
Tyler	Bro. W. H. Hill

The Lodge is equipped with three old and very handsome oak chairs for the Worshipful Master and the Wardens. These were found, after long and patient search all over the province, in Canmore. The Master's chair is a gift to the Lodge by W. Bro. Youngberg, whose mother lodge, Atikokan Lodge No. 668 Grand Register of Ontario, has presented the Senior Warden's chair and whose brother-in-law has presented the Junior Warden's chair. The altar, the kneeling bench, and the Master's and Wardens' pedestals are also of oak, and are of particular interest. They were made with great skill and loving care by Bro. D. A. Morrison. Bro. Morrison, a retired shipwright, is the oldest member of the Lodge, he has been a member of Unity No. 51 since 1911 and will be eligible for a sixty year bar to his fifty year jewel in February of next year.

A sword, which had belonged to the father-in-law of M.W. Bro. Bernie Brown, and a second sword which was sent by R.W. Bro. David Penman, were presented by M.W. Bro. Kendal on behalf of Brothers Brown and Penman. The Grand Lodge of Alberta presented Mackey's History of Freemasonry and a Masonic encyclopedia, and Perfection Lodge No. 9 presented the History of Freemasonry by R. F. Gould.

GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

My Dear Brethren:

With this issue of our monthly bulletin, we end another year and launch forth into a new year and a new decade, the unknown seventies.

Since my installation in June, much has transpired, much more must be done. It has been a busy but interesting and challenging six months.

One of my first official functions was to attend the 75th Anniversary of Innisfail Lodge No. 8. This was indeed a happy and memorable day as we helped the brethren celebrate this important Masonic Milestone.

Another interesting highlight was our plane trip to Fort McMurray on September 20th, with forty brethren, for the solemn and beautiful service of Consecration and Dedication of their Lodge, which is now known as Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195, on our Grand Lodge register.

On September the 27th, along with 120 brethren, we paid tribute to one of our beloved Past Grand Masters, Most Wor. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, on the occasion of the presentation of his 50 year Masonic Service Jewel.

All too soon we had to return to Vermilion on October 8th, as we paid our final tributes and farewell to our beloved Past Grand Master. He was called to the East for the last time.

Our district meetings are in full swing and at the moment we have passed the halfway mark. All have been well attended, programs have been well organized and planned. I regret that more of our Junior Officers do not attend these important meetings.

In December, many of our Lodges will be holding installation festival nights and changing their leadership as new Masters assume the gavel. Upon you my brethren, rests the responsibility for the success or failure of your respective lodges.

Finally, my brethren, as we think of December, our thoughts naturally turn to the approaching Christmas Season and its full significance.

This is a joyous season, a time when we all delight to observe the young as they gaze with eyes aglow upon the Christmas tree. Those of us who are further along the path of life have many fond memories of the same era but, at the same time, our thoughts are sobered by the knowledge that there are many places in this world where anxiety and uncertainty over-ride the joys of Christmas and obscure the events which almost 2,000 years ago heralded the birth of Christ. It rests with individuals and nations to decide whether they will accept His solution to our human problems or whether we will struggle on in failure by ourselves.

In concluding, we pray that our home may, this Holy Season, glow with the warmth and comfort of Thy embracing light; and to all therein and to all without, friend and stranger alike, may there be love, peace, contentment and happiness. We ask it in Thy name, O Lord. So mote it be.

A very Merry Christmas to you all,
Philip J. Kendal,
Grand Master.

Grand Lodge Proceedings — 1969

In a time when there is great clamor for change, for innovation to modernize Masonry for Modern Man, the address of M.W. Bro. Dwight L. Smith, P.G.M. and G.S. of the Grand Lodge of Indiana to this year's Communication should be carefully studied by every Mason. The full address may be found in the Proceedings, commencing on page 117. We would not presume to summarize the address but we would like to quote the final remarks, they may arouse your interest.

Let it be said of us . . .

That when basic values are held up to scorn we continue to symbolize dependability and truth and honor and unshakeable integrity;

That in days of disagreement and misunderstanding and strife we labor to establish small units of friendship and understanding and brotherhood;

That even though common men and common things may be exalted, we hold to the standard of the uncommon;

That we give our minds to great thoughts and great purposes even when other minds are wasted on petty fancies and selfish ambitions;

That in a day when the individual counts for less and less, we insist that his importance and worth are greater than ever before;

That we hold fast to our precious legacy of dignity and modesty and delicacy even in a day of loudness and crudeness and coarseness;

That when other men lose touch with God, we only reaffirm our trust in Him;

That when truth is assailed we are truthful, and when honesty is openly questioned we are honest, with ourselves and with all men;

That fear and hopelessness only serve as our summons to dauntless courage;

And that although we may build temples and institutions of stone and brick and steel, we remember always our basic purpose of laboring to make rough ashlar perfect.

Away with our wringing of hands and wagging of heads! Away with the trumpet's uncertain sound! Let its call be not that of taps, but of reveille! Our Craft has the same opportunity to fulfill its destiny that it ever had. There is nothing wrong with Freemasonry—it needs only to be tried."

Unique Visit in Harmony

The Masonic Lodge in Sedgewick, Alberta, is denominated Harmony and numbered 75 on the G.R.A. The Masonic Lodge in Perdue, Saskatchewan is denominated Harmony and numbered 75 on the G.R.S. This is somewhat of a coincidence but to render it more unique, two members of Harmony No. 75 G.R.S. made a five hundred mile round trip to visit Harmony No. 75 G.R.A. On September 9, R.W. Bro. A. E. Friend and R.W. Bro. H. P. Cundy drove to Sedgewick to make the visit. The proprietor of the Motel being a member of the Lodge took them to the Lodge which incidentally is of a different Rite to theirs.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

Our picture is of V.W. Bro. Henry Joseph Payne as he presented Vermilion Lodge's tribute to M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert on September 27th, 1969. Bro. Payne was born at Hove, Sussex, England on January 30th, 1881 and was a Carpenter, but he also was a Florist and keenly interested in horticulture. He served in the Imperial Yeomanry in the Boer War from 1900 to 1902 and emigrated to Canada in 1903.

He was a Building Contractor on the C.N. Railways. He married Annie Elizabeth Maggs on April 20th, 1911.

Bro. Payne was Initiated in Vermilion Lodge September 10th, 1918, Passed October 8th, 1918 and Raised December 17th, 1918. He served as Worshipful Master in 1932-33 and was appointed as Grand Steward 1947-48. In 1954, Vermilion Lodge presented him with an Honorary Life Membership. For seventeen years, Bro. Payne served as a very efficient Secretary and the Lodge again honoured him with presentation of the Fifty Year Jewel in September, 1968.

Presentations

October 2 — On behalf of Edson Lodge No. 68, M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, presented a Fifty Year Jewel to W. Bro. Frank Mayer.

October 6 — In St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville, the Grand Master M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal presented a Fifty Year Jewel to Bro. Charles Hayter.

October 9 — Fifty Year Jewels were presented by Acacia Lodge No. 11, Edmonton, to W. Bro. W. J. Cole and Bro. T. D. Fitzsimon.

Congratulations to the above named Brethren from all members of the Craft in Alberta.

B.C. First Craft Workshop

The first craft workshop to be held in British Columbia has been organized by Bro. W. M. Borland, a former member of Foothills Lodge No. 174. It was held on Sunday, October 26, at Canyon Gardens, North Vancouver, and at the time of writing, it was hoped that 300 Masons would attend. The theme speaker was to be M.W. Bro. W. J. Collett and V.W. Bro. Mel Dunford, Assistant Grand Secretary, was also to be in attendance.

SUCCESSFUL OFFICERS

"If a brother in sorrow or trouble or perplexity instinctively turns to a Lodge officer for comfort or counsel, and finds them, there is a successful officer even if he cannot make a glib speech or recite his ritual with fluent perfection. If the impact of the Lodge on its members and on the community is wholesome and helpful, its officers are successful however unspectacular their performance."

— Masonic Craftsman.