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SIXTH ALBERTA MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP BANFF SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS - APRIL 2nd, 3rd and 4th 1971

The Masonic Spring Workshop, which was started six years ago in an effort to provide a forum for Masonic discussions and to discover leadership amongst the craft in Alberta, continues to challenge the minds of Alberta Masons. The Committee in charge of the Sixth Workshop unveils, in this issue, another imaginative program. Registrations received by the secretary to date are slightly in excess of those received last year at this date. Indications are that there will be another record breaking attendance. Our advice is that you register early. Can you imagine hitting the 600 mark in actual attendance. This is not only possible but also quite probable if we have your registration immediately.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN

R.W. Bro. W. A. Milligan

The 1971 Masonic Spring Workshop, as was the case in previous years, affords a new Mason, as well as a Mason of many years standing, the perfect opportunity to meet and to get to know his Brethren from all over this vast province. It is the place where everyone can develop a much greater understanding of the Craft and its teachings, as everyone in attendance has the chance to speak out during the discussion periods.

The informality which prevails throughout these workshops is one of the most important features offered. We meet on the level. The theme this year is provocative and gives everyone the challenge of finding himself with regard to many of today's problems.

In keeping with the Grand Master's Theme of "Focus on the Man," the theme for your 1971 workshop is "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity—A New Revolution." The question will undoubtedly be asked in our discussion groups, "How is Masonry relevant in these situations?" We need your viewpoint on this.

The fellowship which prevails during the work periods, as well as at the end of the day, is most invigorating and a joy to participate in.

Our new feature this year, which will be appreciated by many, is the undertaking of the House Committee to provide transportation from one building to another for those who have difficulty in climbing hills or steps.

Also this year, we will feature a play which has a moral interest for all. It is not a long play and the brethren may see it and still have a couple of hours on Saturday afternoon to see Banff. The actors will be members of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Edmonton. Our thanks to these good Masons for their effort on behalf of the Workshop.

The Workshop is planned to be interesting and challenging. Make every effort to be a part of it.

In conclusion, I must thank everyone contributing to this Workshop. Without their assistance we could not provide such a worthwhile undertaking.

THE GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

M.W. Bro. E. J. Thompson

There is no doubt in my mind that the "Masonic Spring Workshop" has and is making a tremendous contribution to Masonry in this Jurisdiction. New vitality, new interest, and new enthusiasm are emerging in the life and work of the fraternity. Those who have attended a "Workshop" understand why this is so. The stimulating and instructive addresses, the frank and open discussion in smaller groups, the opportunity to ask questions and receive precise and accurate information and instruction on many subjects, the free and informal atmosphere, the chance to make new friends and to extend the sense of brotherhood, the opportunity for free and friendly associations with a host of different men—all this and more is to be found at the Banff "Masonic Spring Workshop."

The individual from the small Lodge discovers that he is a part of a great and significant fraternity having some 18,000 members in this province alone, and extending out into the life of many nations of the world. He becomes aware of the extensiveness of the brotherhood, he is impressed with the high quality of its character and the richness of its traditions and philosophy.

The setting of the Banff School of Fine Arts helps to break down shyness and formality. Informality is the order of the day. Grand Lodge Officers and backbenchers fraternize easily and address each other by first names.

The climax comes on Sunday morning when all gather for Divine Worship. Realizing the need for help beyond our human resources, men wait upon the G.A.O.T.U. for inspiration and the spiritual power to undertake the responsibilities and challenges which await them. The problems of the world will not be solved by man's cleverness and man's skills. The problems of the world will be solved by the wisdom and the power of Almighty God working in and through

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A PROGRAM FOR YOUR MARCH LODGE MEETING

R.W. Bro. J. H. Laycraft, Past General Chairman Zetland No. 83

The theme of this year's Masonic Spring Workshop is both old and new. Liberty, Equality, Fraternity have been goals set by the social reformers for centuries. At the same time, the workshop ties these three human qualities to modern problems with the question—"A New Revolution?"

In the General Charge given at the Installation Ceremony, the hope is expressed "that in Freemasonry is found the true import of the three great social treasures: Fraternity, Liberty and Equality." The meaning and the import of the impressive passage in which

FOCUS ON THE MAN

No generation of men in the history of the world has enjoyed greater advantages, better opportunities and broader possibilities than our own. Science has presented to our generation an open sesame to most of the secrets of the universe. Never before has there been such a degree of mastery over the forces of nature. Mechanically and materially we have enjoyed a succession of miraculous phenomena. Education has virtually banished ignorance; illiteracy has become a fast-ebbing tide; enlightenment has opened up limitless possibilities for man. But what has happened? One writer has pointed out, "We invent aeroplanes and we get dive-bombers, we invent automobiles and we get tanks, we discover new marvels in the field of chemistry and we get incendiary bombs and flame-throwers and all kinds of diabolical booby traps, we smash the atom and get Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we create world-wide transportation and communication systems and then use them to produce blockades and famines." The real truth is that we have mastered physical nature in ways undreamed of a hundred years ago, but we are still up against human nature—and here is the nut that is hard to crack.

J. Burton Thomas

Freemasonry is the activity of closely united men who, employing symbolical forms borrowed principally from the mason's trade and from architecture, work for the welfare of mankind, striving morally to ennoble themselves and others, and thereby to bring about a universal league of mankind, which they aspire to exhibit even now on a small scale.

—German Handbook.

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men who have surrendered themselves to His purposes and His plans.

If you have never attended a "Workshop"—plan to attend the SIXTH one. If you have attended a "Workshop," help and encourage others to attend.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Edmund J. Thompson
Grand Master

these words occur have led many Masons to study and contemplation.

This year, to get our members thinking about this theme before the workshop starts, let us suggest a program for your March Lodge Meeting. Appoint a small committee to lead discussion of questions related to the general theme. Does Freemasonry in Alberta truly promote these "three great social treasures?" If not, why has it failed and what can we do to promote them? Moreover, while the subject is raised, what do they mean? Many similar questions will suggest themselves to a committee and to your Lodge, as a whole, once the program has been presented.

Five years of Banff Workshops have shown how much Masons enjoy thoughtful discussion. The suggested subject can make a success of your March meeting and at the same time, prepare your members for a memorable Masonic Weekend at Banff, April 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1971.

The Sixth Masonic Spring Workshop 1971

PROGRAM

LIBERTY - EQUALITY - FRATERNITY —
A NEW REVOLUTION?

FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1971

- 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. —Registration
- 6:00 p.m. Sharp —Supper
- 7:45 p.m. - —Announcements (Theatre)
- 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. —First Theme Address (Theatre)
- 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. —Discussion Groups
(Get Acquainted Session)
- 9:45 p.m. - —Coffee (Main Auditorium)
- Discussion Group Leaders and
Chairman
- Schools of Instruction Leaders
and Chairman

SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd, 1971

- 8:00 a.m. Sharp —Breakfast
- 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. —Discussion Groups re: Addresses
- 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. —Schools of Instruction
- 12:00 Noon Sharp —Lunch
- 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. —Second Theme Address (Theatre)
- 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. —Discussion Groups re: Addresses
- 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. —Play (Theatre)
- 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. —District Deputy Grand Masters
Elect
- 6:00 p.m. Sharp —Supper
- 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. —Third Theme Address (Theatre)
- 8:00 to 9:15 p.m. —Discussion Groups re: Addresses
- 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. —Coffee and time to purchase
books, etc. (Auditorium)
- The Planning Committee will
meet in Studio 204

SUNDAY, APRIL 4th, 1971

- 8:15 a.m. Sharp —Breakfast
- 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. —Schools of Instruction
District Deputy Grand Masters
Elect
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. —Devotional Service (Theatre)
- 12:00 Noon Sharp —Lunch

DISCUSSION GROUPS AND THE BANFF WORKSHOP

Norman Senn, Discussion Chairman

The three one-hour discussions at Banff are the culmination of considerable effort on the part of about 70 brethren each year. They have willingly accepted a contributing role in the Workshop and have taken formal training to enable them to guide the discussions.

During September, October and November of the year preceding the Workshop, Masons in Edmonton, Calgary, Central Alberta and Southern Alberta are approached to assist with leading discussions at Banff. The willingness of these who assist is always a great joy to the Planning Committee for Banff Workshops and with these acceptances to help, another Workshop is clearly on its way.

Two training meetings are set up in each region for February and March and the volunteers must attend these in order to adequately carry out their task. The first meeting requires the reading of a booklet on discussion procedures and then an in-depth discussion of its contents. Each leader operates this group and is subjected to extensive constructive criticism. The second meeting is to discuss the themes which have been studied—a very abbreviated form. The advancing skills of the leaders are further developed by practice and now the Workshop is a short two weeks away.

These trained leaders now number about 200 spread throughout the Province and their skills improve with use. They are most capable of leading discussions in your Lodge on any topic and they, like most Masons, enjoy the involvement that only heathly discussion can bring. This contribution to your Lodge is a natural off shoot of the catalytic action of the Spring Workshop and it is realized through this, that Banff is not a "once a year" effort, for its results span the years.

The discussions that you enter at Banff are always felt to enrich the Mason and the Man and will clearly extend beyond these to the family and the community as should all other truly Masonic activities. The leaders are ready—are you?

A COOPERATIVE EFFORT

In order to stage a Masonic Spring Workshop, a great cooperative effort is essential. The Planning Committee, appointed by the Grand Master each year, is composed of about 12 brethren. They direct the preparations which start early in September. The Discussion Group Committee involves nearly 100 Masons from all over the province who meet three or four times during the preparation period. The Theme Speakers, which involve about eight people, meet many times during their consideration of the Theme. The House Committee has about a dozen brethren who plan for the comfort of those who will attend. Several brethren, including the General Chairman, travel many miles meeting groups and holding committee meetings. Added to this now are those dedicated Masons who are busy preparing the play which will be presented on the Saturday afternoon.

So the Spring Workshop is the production of many Masons and is never confined to a chosen few.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Dennis Ryan, Chairman

In the previous five Workshops, the Schools of Instruction have taken the form of "how-to" periods of instruction and, in past schools have been dealing with specific duties of specific officers.

There will again be three "school" sessions at this Workshop. The format will be altered slightly but the content will remain topical and instructive.

One school will deal with "in lodge" procedures and protocol, of interest to all, while a second will deal only with the Lodge "job requirement books" touched on so lightly last year.

The third school will take the form of a special presentation by the "Saskatchewan Lodge Players" which will be of interest to all.

There are fifteen men busy preparing these Schools and I look forward to seeing you all in Banff.

THEME SPEAKERS

Bob Borland, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee

The theme of this Sixth Workshop is "Liberty - Equality - Fraternity — A New Revolution?"—and this theme is being incorporated into the three theme speeches, together with the Grand Master's theme of "Focus on the Man."

The speakers will be E. C. Dayman (83), school teacher; S. D. Cook (176), personnel manager; and Sinclair Young (69), a chartered accountant.

These men are most qualified to bring you their message and are hard at work polishing their presentations for you.

I have no doubt whatsoever that these three themes will provide an excellent basis for our weekend of discussion and that they will provide much meat for the informal bull sessions that are so much a part of the Banff Workshop.

Sunday Morning

The address, which will be given at the Sunday Morning Worship Service is not one of the Theme Addresses, but the speaker will attempt to tie together a few of the ideas tossed around during the Workshop. The leader of the Worship Service will be a young man who is presently attending the University of Calgary, Rev. John McNeil, who will have a message from the younger group of Masons.

BOOK STALL

Ivan Juul-Hansen and Karl Hansen, Reading Experts

The popular Workshop Book Stall will be expanded this spring to include many books not previously available for viewing and purchase.

In addition, a Lodge "Starter Library" will be featured. The list of books included in the suggested library will be published in advance. Lodges may wish to authorize members attending to purchase one or more groups of the books to start their Lodge Library. The books are divided into three groups with the first two groups priced at \$25.00 each and the third at \$50.00.



In the January issue we reported that the Grand Master presented a Fifty Year Jewel to a beloved Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry, Eureka Lodge No. 10, Lacombe. We are now pleased to be able to print a picture of Dr. Henry and of the cake that was presented to him at the refreshment period following the Lodge Meeting.



Very Worshipful Bro. W. Freifield received his Fifty Year Jewel from Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 recently. The Jewel was presented by R.W. Bro. W. A. Milligan, Past District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 12.

The picture shows R.W. Bro. Milligan, V.W. Bro. Sharpe, Grand Tyler, V.W. Bro. Freifield and W. Bro. W. Scott, Past Master, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92.

On January 7th the Grand Master presided over the amalgamation of Ionic Lodge No. 45, Alix and Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 163, Mirror. The new Lodge is to be known as Ionic Landmark Lodge No. 45 and will meet in the town of Alix on the first Thursday of each month.

The Grand Master, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master and the Assistant Grand Secretary, presided over the amalgamation of Summit Lodge No. 30, Coleman and Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, Blairmore. The new Lodge will be known as Rocky Summit Lodge No. 30 and it will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. The Lodge will continue to use the Lodge Room which is located in the town of Frank.

Presentation of Past Treasurer's Jewel

At the Installation Ceremony at Bow River Lodge No. 1 on December 2nd, 1970, R.W. Bro. D. S. Bareham presented W. Bro. T. G. LaRose with a Past Treasurer's Jewel on his retirement after 26 continuous years as Lodge Treasurer. W. Bro. LaRose was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Bow River Lodge No. 1 in 1924. He was elected and Installed as Master of the Lodge in 1939, and elected Treasurer in 1944, which Office he filled until his retirement this fall. W. Bro. LaRose also celebrated his 86th birthday on November 27th. He is a staunch and loyal Mason whose greatest delight is welcoming visitors and visiting sister Lodges.

EVENT OF THE MONTH

Again, this column should properly be headed, "Events of the Month," as the most important events of December were the large number of Installation ceremonies.

It would appear that the majority of Lodges in this jurisdiction celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist by holding the Installation of the Worshipful Master and Investiture of the other Officers at this time of the year.

A good many Lodges, especially the large city Lodges hold separate Installation ceremonies for their own Lodge, while others hold Joint Installations between two or more Lodges, and others call for assistance from members of other Lodges to either act as Installing Masters or assist in other parts of the ceremony.

It is quite usual for many small Lodges to hold Joint Installations for two Lodges and becomes more unusual for more than two Lodges to hold their Installations together. Two examples of multiple Installations come to mind where Nanton Lodge No. 17, Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, and Granite Lodge No. 127 held their joint ceremony at Blackie, and the four Lodges of Lethbridge joined together for their installing ceremonies.

As a general rule most Lodges make a big night of this ceremony and they are usually attended by a goodly number of visitors who use this opportunity to bring fraternal greetings from their own Lodges and to wish the new slate of Officers well in their new venture.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin Editorial Committee wishes all the new Officers success, satisfaction and happiness in their new undertaking.

Presentation of Fifty Year Jewels and Sixty Year Bars

W. Bro. W. E. G. Anderson was presented with his Sixty Year Bar to his Fifty Year Jewel and a Fifty Year Jewel was presented to Bro. W. Miller on February 12th, 1970 in Symbol Lodge No. 93.

Our apologies go out to these brethren for not reporting these presentations sooner.



R.W. Bro. A. C. Gunning, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 6 presented Fifty Year Jewels to R.W. Bro. R. L. Osborne, P.D.D.G.M. and R.W. Bro. C. W. Johnson, P.D.D.G.M., at a meeting of Corinthian Lodge No. 22 in Okotoks.