



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

M.W. Bro. James S. Woods

By the time this message reaches the Craft, all of the District Meetings will have been held and many of the Lodges will have installed their officers for the New Year.

To my District Deputies, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for their loyalty to the Craft and for their many courtesies to me and my officers on our visits to their respective Districts. It is heartening to see the enthusiasm which has been generated at the district level by these dedicated brethren. The proper discharge of the duties of a District Deputy Grand Master is of the utmost importance to the welfare of the Craft. In this jurisdiction those responsibilities are being discharged in a most capable and, what is more important, in a most masonic manner.

To those Worshipful Brethren who have just laid aside the responsibilities of the highest office in their lodges and joined the ranks of the Past Masters, my congratulations. I would hazard that each of you has laid aside the gavel with some regret — not because of a desire to retain power but because you probably did not complete all of those plans which you had so carefully drawn on your trestle board at the beginning of your year. I would further hazard that each of you will look back on your year as Master of a Craft Lodge as one of the most satisfying and fulfilling of your masonic career, if not of your life.

To the new Worshipful Masters, my best wishes for a year of profit and pleasure in the Chair of King Solomon. You have attained what is, in my opinion, the most important rank in Freemasonry — that of Worshipful Master. It is important for many reasons but there are two special ones. First it is a rank conferred on you by the Brethren of your lodge who have full knowledge of you — of your virtues and of your faults — and they confer it upon you with absolute confidence that you will wield the great powers inherent in it with fraternal humility to the benefit of your Lodge and the Craft. Second, in your judgement as a Worshipful Master, in your loyal discharge of your responsibilities, rests the entire future of the Craft. It is you who rule the Craft and control its ultimate destiny. It is for you to lay lines and draw designs and to put the brethren to their masonic tasks. The most important and the heaviest of all your responsibilities is to maintain the harmony of the brethren at all times and at all costs. Disharmony is

the greatest enemy of the Craft and when detected must be dealt with immediately and in priority to all other concerns. Harmony is the bedrock upon which our lodges are founded and is the concern of every brother but is in the special charge of the Worshipful Master. May harmony prevail in your respective lodges and throughout the Craft wherever dispersed over the globe.

To all my brethren, a reminder from that great general charge in the Installation Ceremony: "... *there is no right without a parallel duty*". This reminder applies not only to those who hold office but to every member of our fraternity. Those who attain office have immediate and obvious rights but they have equally immediate and obvious duties. Each of us has in addition, upon being initiated into the Craft, attained the right to enjoy all the ancient privileges and has had imposed upon us its important obligations, not the least of which is a duty to observe a "*ready acquiescence in all votes and regulations duly passed by the brethren and a perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens*". As the Master and Wardens are charged with the maintenance of harmony, so are we all charged to aid them to achieve this end by supporting them in their efforts with every means in our power and most particularly by the "*ready acquiescence*" referred to.

Finally, my brethren, I beg of you to join me in a pilgrimage back to the basis of our Craft—to a rededication to its basic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. That pilgrimage can lead us but to one place—the altars of our Craft Lodges for only there can we restore ourselves to the masonic way of thinking, only there can we maintain our individual strength and resolve, only there can we recharge our moral batteries and energize ourselves for the tasks which lie before us.

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth — and the greatest of these is Truth:

*"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*

(PHILIPPIANS IV, 8)

May the Most High prosper our united endeavours throughout the New Year and evermore!

## FINDING IDEAS FOR MASONIC EDUCATION

If you have tried discussion techniques, a short play and a speech or two you will sometimes find that the education program begins to lose some impetus due to a lack of new ideas. Where do good ideas come from? They are usually the fruit of a fertile mind and we do all have some fruit to offer but perhaps someone has to shake us a little in order for our minds to give it up. A "shaking" technique or two will be described in this issue.

The first technique to obtain ideas is known as "Brainstorming." It sounds a dreadful word with overtures of unpleasantness but it can be a most enjoyable and often quite amusing experience. If you wish a very large number of ideas this is a method of choice. The requirements are to break into groups of 6 - 8 and ask one member (who must be able to write rapidly) to act as a recorder. The groups are then told what they are supposed to consider—examples of this could well be "Masonic education subjects" or "duties of all Master Masons in a Lodge," etc.

The rules for brainstorming are that there is to be absolutely no discussion of any idea suggested, that no idea must be rejected by the individual or the group, and that everything must be recorded. A time limit of 5 - 15 minutes is ample, and a big sheet of paper must be supplied.

When all the ideas in the time allowed are recorded the lists can then be used as the basis for regular discussion or for a committee to work with and determine the feasibility of each suggestion. It is not uncommon for 50 or more ideas to be found in a very short time and because of the safety felt by all participating in that no-one can discuss initially what is said, there are excellent ideas given which might otherwise have remained hidden.

The second approach is known as "BUZZ GROUPS" and it derives its name from the noise created. These groups generate ideas but not on such a broadly ranging area as Brainstorming. In this technique the participants are broken into small groups of 3 - 5 and given about 5 minutes to come up with a specific idea, group of ideas or solution to a problem. The groups are warned one minute before the end of the time and are expected to report to the entire gathering on their results. Discussion is allowed but is obviously limited by the short time. This technique will certainly supply ideas and most of them are immediately useful.

Do brainstorming and Buzz groups work? You will never really know for sure until you have been involved but let me recount one such experience.

On October 29th, 1971 District No. 18 held its District Meeting at Mosaic Lodge No. 176 in Crescent Lodge Hall. There were 89 brethren in attendance and all seemed to consider the meeting worthwhile. The hidden fruit of Masonic experience was present in abundance for on checking the years of Masonic membership it was discovered that it totalled 1,569 years! These years were tapped by

forming buzz groups of four brethren each. The discussion took place standing as the seats are fixed around the Lodge room and are not conducive to forming good groups. The topic given was "ideas for Masonic education." The results below will indicate the stimulating input to any Masonic education committee and perhaps you will also gain from the ideas.

### Topics for discussion:

- should the entrance age be dropped to eighteen.
- meaning of fellowship.
- what about a public relations officer to correct our public image.
- public acceptance.
- the roles of the chaplain and registrar defined and expanded.
- Youth.
- the Mason's efforts for his community.
- was Solomon a negro? Why do we see him as otherwise.
- how do we increase community involvement.
- Grand Lodge proceedings.
- how should business meetings run.
- the function of the general purposes committee.

### Suitable subjects for talks to be developed:

- The "older Mason's home" project.
- the meaning of King Solomon's Temple in history and ritual.
- the reason for all Past Masters receiving vote at District Meetings.
- the meaning of the pillars in the York Rite.
- Grand Lodge regalia explained.
- Egyptian philosophy related to Masonry.
- Research on the Grand Lodge Seal.
- How to use the new Mentor plan well.
- Demits and the accompanying privileges.

### Demonstrations of:

- Lodge floor work.
- the work precisely portrayed.
- the signs, tokens, etc.

### Role plays of:

- the sponsor (giving guidance).
- recognizing a Mason.
- how to make motions in lodge.

### Guest Speakers to talk on:

- Grand Lodge Officers, past and present.
- Grand Lodge appointments and how made.
- International Masonry.
- Special Grand Lodge committee functions.

### Other recommendations were for:

- more question and answer periods.
- dramatizations with music.
- slides followed by explanation and discussion.
- presentations by Young Masons.
- Panel discussions.
- Summaries of good research papers.

You must remember that the above ideas were the result of **5 minutes** taken from a Lodge meeting to appreciate the value of the methods mentioned this month. Perhaps your education committee can try them out at your Lodge on any subject.

## APPRECIATION

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the Brethren who visited me in the hospital, who sent cards and flowers, who offered transportation to my family and who offered their support both physically and spiritually. Believe me Brethren, your support was greatly needed and very much appreciated. The card from District No. 6 meeting with all the signatures gave me a real lift. To R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling who faithfully assisted Mrs. Petrisor in keeping the office running goes my deepest appreciation.

To our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James S. Woods for his help and understanding, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
M. P. Dunford, Grand Secretary

### OUT OF THE PAST From the Grand Lodge Bulletin Vol. 1, No. 7, April 1936

#### LODGE NOTICES

Through the courtesy of the Lodge secretaries, I have had an opportunity of reading many hundreds of Lodge notices and as a result of my study thereof I am disposed to offer a word or two of advice to some of the Masters, who appear to be in danger of forgetting that what goes on in the Lodge is of outstanding importance and that the after-programmes are purely secondary. It matters not how eloquent a speaker is provided not how many entertainers are on the dinner programmes, the Worshipful Master has failed in his duty to his Lodge unless he has put the best of his efforts to the great task of making Masons in the only place they can be made—at the altars of Freemasonry. There is a place in Masonry—and a large place—for social mirth and entertainment, but Masters should not lose their sense of proportion in this matter. A Masonic Lodge is an organization unique alike in its policy, its ideas, its dignity, its aims and its methods of attaining these aims. I suggest that we keep it so, and that least of all is it necessary in drawing up either our Lodge summonses of our social programmes to imitate the methods of any other organization or institution.

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Grand Lodge of Canada  
in Ontario, 1934.

Does your Lodge want an outstanding program in Masonic Education? W. Bro. Harry Williams, Glenbow Lodge No. 184, Calgary (telephone 249-7927) has a very interesting paper on Geometry in Freemasonry that he would be glad to present at Lodge meetings.

In response to Higher Education Bursary Month in November, \$4,759.00 was donated to the fund. This is \$748.00 less than that contributed to this date last year. Contributions may be sent to the Grand Lodge Office or given to your Lodge Secretary.

### MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY AWARDS 1971

#### UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, Edmonton

##### Undergraduates

FORBES, Robert Bruce .....	Edmonton
FULLER, Laura Jean .....	Creston, B.C.
GALVON, Frances Ann Catherine .....	Edmonton
GEAKE, Phillip David .....	Vermilion
HOLST, Helga Louise .....	Hines Creek
PALKOWSKI, Donald Allen .....	Edmonton
STUART, Barbara Dianne .....	Edmonton
SWADRON, David Joseph .....	Edmonton

##### Matriculants

ANDREW, Judy Anne .....	Mirror
BACH, Joan Margaret .....	Champion
BACHINSKI, John Raymond .....	Sylvan Lake
BERGER, Harvey James .....	Medicine Hat
CHEUNG, Susan Wing-Har .....	Edmonton
DOLAN, Philip David Patrick .....	St. Brides
EHRENLECHNER, Hans Dieter .....	Edmonton
FORD, Robert Dewayne .....	Coutts
HEATH, Karen Ann .....	Berwyn
JACOBSEN, Lyle Arthur .....	Tofield
JENSEN, Shirley Anne .....	Ryley
KWAN, Jackson .....	Edmonton
MANZER, Elaine Donna .....	Peace River
TREMMELE, Donna Elizabeth .....	Botha
WOLFF, John Bradley .....	Rimbey
ZINTER, Diana Elaine .....	Lloydminster

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

##### Undergraduates

CARRUTHERS, John William .....	Calgary
JACK, Lois Marie .....	Calgary
JENSEN, Chris Frederick .....	Craigmyle
JENSEN, Lorna Gail .....	Millicent
PENNOCK, Virginia Lee .....	Elnora

##### Matriculants

GRAHAM, Mervin Montgomery .....	Calgary
HANSEN, Martin Carl .....	Calgary
KO, Donald .....	Calgary
MOOTH, Teresa Joann .....	Calgary
QUON, Winnie Chui-Lin .....	Calgary

#### UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE

##### Undergraduate

WILLIAMS, Lorna Marie .....	Lethbridge
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##### Matriculant

HUNTER, William Clarke .....	Parkland
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#### CAMROSE LUTHERAN COLLEGE

##### Matriculant

MAUNDER, John Darol .....	Kingman
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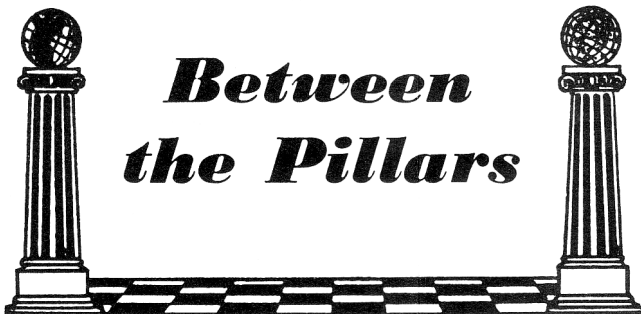
#### MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

##### Matriculant

SAKLOFSKY, Pamela Paulette .....	Medicine Hat
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#### GRANDE PRAIRIE JUNIOR COLLEGE

MENCKE, Huguette Therese .....	Falher
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## Between the Pillars

**Question** — I have heard that Grand Lodge has a policy of public liability insurance which extends coverage for public liability to all Constituent Lodges. Can you give us details of this coverage.

**Answer** — A policy of insurance has been obtained which gives coverage of up to \$1,000,000.00 on any one accident for liability for bodily injury suffered by any person "arising out of the operations of the insured." The "insured" named in the policy is "The Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. . . . and/or its Constituent Lodges." A further clause of the policy extends the coverage to all officers and members of Grand Lodge or the Constituent Lodges as to any liability which exists by reason of their being members of such Lodges.

In the case of property damage liability, the insurer is not liable for the first \$100.00 of any loss.

There is also a standard "non-owned automobile" policy covering Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges.

It is important to note that when any accident takes place on which a claim might be founded, notice of it with all pertinent details should be given **immediately** to the Grand Lodge office.

**Note**—A number of Lodges have written the Grand Lodge Office and the Bulletin concerning the Liability Insurance. We asked our learned and lucid R.W. Bro. J. H. Laycraft (83) to discuss the problem.

### YELLOWKNIFE VISIT

Over ninety brethren accompanied the Grand Master on his recent visit to Yellowknife Lodge. The aircraft left Calgary on Saturday morning, November 20th and picked up more brethren in Edmonton. On the descent into Fort Smith there were a few anxious minutes because one of the engines caught fire but the landing was made without incident. The Grand Master and several brethren were able to catch a scheduled flight which landed them in Yellowknife in time for the afternoon Lodge meeting and the conferring of the First Degree. The other brethren came on from Fort Smith in another aircraft and arrived in time for the banquet which was delayed awaiting their arrival. A substitute aircraft picked up the brethren on Sunday and all returned safely to Calgary early Sunday afternoon. The meetings were a huge success despite the delays and the northern hospitality lived up to its reputation.

### CROSSFIELD LODGE



Crossfield Lodge No. 48 meets in the above Masonic Temple, in the town of Crossfield. The regular meeting of Crossfield Lodge is on the Second Tuesday of each month and it practices the Ancient York Rite.

### IRRICANA LODGE



Irricana Lodge No. 137 meets on the Third Tuesday of each month in this Masonic Temple. It works in the Canadian Rite. This Lodge has made a name for itself because of the hospitality it extends to visitors and because it habitually has a large percentage of its members in attendance at the Masonic Spring Workshop.