



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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HERITAGE PARK LODGE HALL

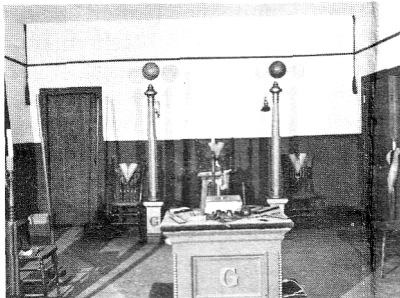
In May of 1970 the Grand Lodge Bulletin featured an article dealing with the opening of Heritage Park Lodge Hall, in Heritage Park, Calgary, and since then many artifacts have been added which are of interest to all members of the fraternity.

We were very fortunate to have had the Pillars from Summit Lodge No. 30, Coleman, given to us, and they are of the same color as the Altar and Pedestals from Acadia



Lodge No. 11, Edmonton. We also received in 1971 the three Lesser Lights from Star of the West Lodge No. 34, Leduc, which were used back about 1908-09 and were replaced in 1971 by modern lights.

Perhaps the most interesting artifact is a 50 year medallion presented to W. B. McCorkendale in 1928, and to our knowledge is perhaps the only medallion struck by the Grand Lodge of Canada.



The Master's Chair carries W. B. McCorkendale's apron, and also of interest, there are some very old Masonic aprons, one dating back to 1794. It is a hand-made apron and shows it has been very well used throughout the years.

Since the opening of this Lodge hall there have been close to 5,000 names entered in the register from all parts of the Globe, including many titled brethren, such as Past Grand



Masters, Imperial Potentates, Past Grand Lodge Officers, and, of course large numbers of visiting Master Masons. The writer has lovely memories of many of these visitors and feels warm inside just knowing them or having the opportunity of meeting them while on welcoming duties.

Letters have been received from many places and all express similar comments, such as — "wonderful", "very interesting", "worthwhile", and,

"may you have success in your venture".

It is hoped that the Masons of Calgary will continue to be faithful in manning the Lodge Hall during the short summer season which starts May 19th and finishes on Labor Day Sept. 4th. Any brother who is willing to give of his time may get in touch with J. A. Mirtle at 277-6336.

V.W. Bro. J. A. Mirtle, P.G.
Canada Lodge No. 165

THE MASONIC LODGE

Masonry, defined as the "Science and Art of Right Living", is an occupation of free and accepted masons in the old days of the primitive building masons (stone workers) who met from place to place, working on the beautiful cathedrals that were being built. It is said to have been introduced into England about 878 A.D. and to Scotland about 1160 A.D. It may be as far back as the Tower of Babel, or King Solomon's Temple.

The first Grand Lodge was formed in London, England on St. John the Baptist Day, 1717.

Masonic Lodges were introduced in the American Colonies in 1730. Major Erasmus Phillips, a Mason from Boston, Mass., formed the first lodge in Canada at Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia in 1738. Upper Canada's Provincial Grand Lodge was warranted March 7, 1792; the Grand Lodge of Canada was set up November 2, 1855 at Hamilton, Ontario.

1858 saw the first lodge formed in Victoria, British Columbia. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba was formed in 1875 for the North West Territories, the Yukon Territory and Manitoba. Bow River Lodge No. 28, under Manitoba, was established in Calgary in 1884, the first master being Dr. H. J. Mackay. With the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta after the creation of the Province of Alberta in 1905, this lodge became Bow River Lodge No. 1 and is depicted here in regalia.

The Masonic Lodge, representing an organization which started when Calgary had a population of only 500, is an appropriate part of the historic village in Heritage Park. For its members took an active part in the building of the first.

DEMITs

What are these things called demits? Well the word comes from the Latin and means "to surrender" or "lay down" and in its present use to voluntarily resign from an office or membership. This latter meaning is exactly its meaning in masonry and the use of it in this way goes back to a reference in Anderson's 'Constitutions' of 1738.

We should particularly note the spelling which is used in the Alberta Constitution and also in the Dictionary, there is only one 'i' in the word. A member of the Craft who has taken a Demit is said to be under demission and the Constitution is quite clear on a number of issues related to this Brother.

To obtain a demit a brother must submit a signed request. (564.1), which **shall** be granted at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge if the dues of the brother are up to date at the time of **mailing** the request. (564.2). Should the brother be in arrears, he may be issued a demit showing the amount of indebtedness, (565.1), but he can clear this within a period of twelve months and be issued a 'clear demit'. (565.2)

Should the brother wish to rejoin his own Lodge at a later date he must Petition for Affiliation in the usual way but add to any fees the amount of his indebtedness. If he Petitions another Lodge in the same Jurisdiction that Lodge is responsible for the amount of indebtedness to the original Lodge. (565.3&4)

Demit is dated from the date shown in the lodge record as being issued and not from the end of the year, (566).

The rights of a brother under demission are very limited for he has no other Masonic privileges than the right to visit any one Lodge, subject to the prerogative of the Worshipful Master, not more than twice. (570.1&2)

YOU AND THE DEMITTED BROTHER

Should you know of a demitted brother it is well worth speaking to him of once again becoming a member of the Craft for many who have taken demits due to business transfer have just not found the courage to seek out a new lodge and your efforts could lead to an affiliate to your lodge.

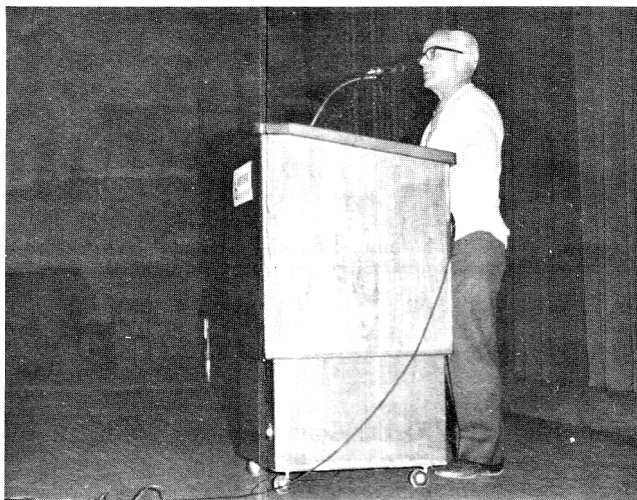
Even those who have left city lodges may have only done so due to a particularly busy period in their life and after a few years could be delighted at an invitation to return.

*Numbers in parenthesis indicates reference to Constitution of G.L.A.

A CORRECTION

The April issue of the Bulletin credited R.W. Bro. Doug Bareham as being initiated into Bow River Lodge No. 1 on April 24, 1920 and becoming its Worshipful Master in 1922. This is an achievement beyond a person even of R.W. Bro. Bareham's abilities—he was initiated into Bow River Lodge on August 9, 1915.

EIGHTH MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP



The Eighth Workshop was a record year in the number registering and attending. Of the 705 registered, 602 attended Banff and involved themselves in the fraternal activities. The weather after a dubious start on the Friday morning became brighter and stayed fine over the rest of the weekend which allowed many brethren to enjoy the beautiful surroundings, swim and stroll.

The two theme speakers presented controversial and stimulating talks which led to a considerable amount of formal and informal discussion as was anticipated. The wide cross section of brethren from the Province of Alberta were involved in group discussion with visitors from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and the United States.

The Masonic play presented by the brethren from Evergreen Lodge No. 166 Edmonton, was a great success and very well attended. The workshops were well attended, one could well say 'to overflowing', and much good information came from them. The ceremonial playing of the instrument of Scottish torture was once again observed on Sunday Morning with considerable notice of this event being shown by all those unable to avoid it!

The Chairman, Rt. W. Bro. Tony Aspeslet would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those in attendance, whether as workers or participants, for being at Banff and contributing in a variety of ways to the overall success of the Workshop. The Chairman for next year, Bro. Norman Senn would like to extend an early invitation for you to attend in 1974 when the Workshop will be held for the first time at the Banff Springs Hotel.

Photographers at The Banff Spring Workshop

W. Bro. Myron Lusk the Master of Evergreen Lodge No. 166 and Director/player in the play presented at the Eighth Spring Workshop is very interested in contacting those who recorded for posterity the efforts of his team of Thesbians by photography. Should you have any photographs would you please contact Bro. Lusk at 8910 - 162 Street, Edmonton.

"THE ROLE OF THE LODGE IN THE COMMUNITY"

Excerpts from a paper presented at area meetings in 1973 by R.W. Bro. W. A. (Sandy) Milligan, J.G.W.

There are many ways a lodge can make its presence felt in an area. Benevolence properly and generously given can bring great advantage. It is not necessary for benevolence to be always in the form of money. It can be in the form of teaching, or by transportation, or by being a good listener or by a dozen other ways, none of which require the outlay of money. Benevolence in Masonry is done quietly. Each lodge should be on the look-out for ways to extend this form of Benevolence to all of society, not only for members of the lodge. When was the last time you drove a senior citizen, other than a member of your family, to look at the Christmas lights? Or spent an hour at the home or bedside of an old friend? When was the last time you sat down with a young person with whom you work, and pointed out to this person a better way to do a job, or how to overcome a problem not really understood by him? Have you ever experienced the joy associated with taking a Handicapped person on a shopping tour or on a tour of the country side? All of these things are a form of Benevolence and such help to our "forgotten generation" or the handicapped, whether they are members of the Craft or not, will be good for you and will enhance the image of Masonry in your community.

DISTRICT NO. 18 HONORS PAST GRAND SECRETARY



From left to right: W. Bro. Jones, testimonial committee chairman, M. Wor. Bro. Fox, Rt. Wor. Bro. Rivers, Rt. Wor. Bro. Alexandre, D.D.G.M. District 18, W. Bro. Bruce, testimonial committee co-chairman.

The ten Lodges in District No. 18 gathered together on March 8th at Carstairs for a Testimonial Dinner and evening to honour R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers.

Over 100 members of the District attended, with head table guests including M.W. Bro. F. G. Fox, Grand Master. Following a dinner hosted by Carstairs Lodge No. 20, the senior Lodge in the District.

R.W. Bro. Rivers was introduced by W. Bro. Elwyn G. Jones of Jubilee Lodge No. 173. R.W. Bro. Rivers presented a most interesting account of the history of Lodges along the early Calgary-Edmonton railway, and how those from Didsbury south joined with seven Calgary Lodges to form District No. 18.

Following this talk W. Bro. D. A. Bruce of Crescent Lodge No. 87 presented a plaque to R.W. Bro. Rivers expressing the thanks and appreciation of all the District No. 18 Masons for his service to the Craft.

Following the dinner and program the company joined with Carstairs Lodge and its Master, W. Bro. G. Fenn for their regular meeting at which the first degree was conferred.



PAST GRAND MASTER INSTALLS SON AS MASTER

Installation of officers for 1973 in Edmonton Lodge No. 7 was an outstanding Masonic event. Bro. David Little Jr. was installed by his father M.W. Bro. David Little Sr. P.G.M. of Alberta, assisted by several present and past Grand Lodge Officers.



Among these officers were:

Director of Ceremonies: R.W. Bro. Jim Hunter, Senior Warden: M.W. Bro. Del McQueen, Junior Warden: M.W. Bro. Morley Merner, Senior Deacon: M.W. Bro. Sam Hardin, Junior Deacon: M.W. Bro. Phil Kendal, Chaplain: M.W. Bro. Ed Thompson, Secretary: R.W. Bro. Ned Rivers, Senior Steward: R.W. Bro. George Sterling S.G.W., Junior Steward: R.W. Bro. Sandy Milligan J.G.W., R.W. Bro. Don Miller D.D.G.M. District No. 3, R.W. Bro. Norm MacIver D.D.G.M. District No. 20, R.W. Bro. Jack Little P.D.D.G.M. Uncle of the Master, R.W. Bro. Roy Towns, R.W. Bro. Peter Albrecht, R.W. Bro. Gordon Heron, V.W. Bro. Jim Hoyle and several Past Masters of Edmonton Lodge No. 7.

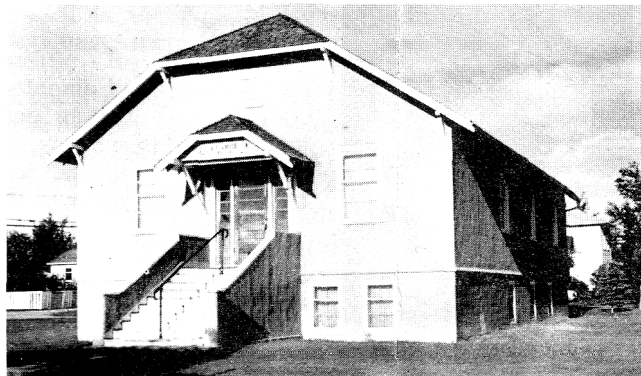
Officers elected to assist W. Bro. Little for 1973 include Bro. Ron Gordon S.W., Bro. Mike Kozak J.W., W.Bro. Fenton Sharp Treasurer, Bro. Gus Roland Secretary, W.Bro. Don Vagt who has been organist for 12 years will again fill that position.

W.Bro. Little's grandfather, the late J.B. Little, was also a Member of Edmonton Lodge No. 7.

W.Bro. John Sandercock

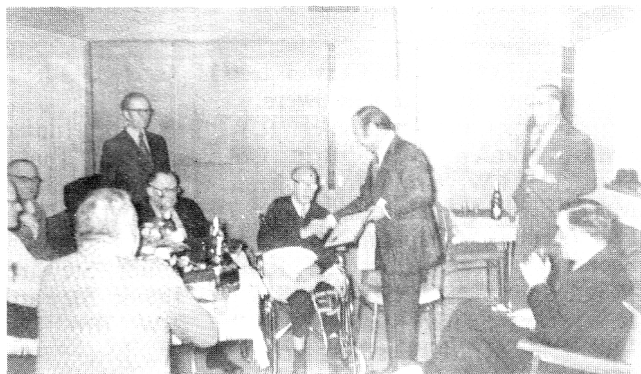
OLDS LODGE HALL

Our Lodge Hall for this month is located in Olds, Alberta and houses Mountain View Lodge No. 16. The Lodge meets on the First Monday of each month and opens at 8:00 p.m. (always on time). This building was erected in 1947 and W.Bro. H. S. Ramsey was the first Worshipful Master. Mountain View Lodge practices the Ancient York Rite and is always very happy to welcome visitors.



EVERGREEN LODGE NO. 166

An Honorary Life Membership in Evergreen Lodge No. 166 was presented recently to Brother James Pearson Bush by the W.M. Myron C. Lusk, at Lynwood Auxiliary Hospital, Edmonton. Bro. Bush was initiated into Dynamic Lodge No. 96, Holden in January 1917, passed in February and raised in March. At various times in his Masonic Life he affiliated with Edson Lodge No. 68 and Unity Lodge No. 51. He became a member of Evergreen Lodge by affiliation on May 7, 1956. Sixteen brethren attended the ceremony.



HOSPITAL VISITORS

Some of our brethren who have to spend time in hospitals either in Calgary or Edmonton appreciate visits and the brethren in these cities are quite willing to make the calls. If they are not informed that a brother is in hospital they are unable to do this. On occasion some hospitalized brethren have been missed much to the regret of both the sick person and the visitors. One way to make sure the visits are carried out is to inform the Grand Secretary and the other way is to write directly to—

For Edmonton—

W.Bro. C. H. Schroder, Secretary,
Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association,
10836 - 135 Street, Edmonton.
Telephone 455-1288

For Calgary—

W.Bro. C. E. Tuckey,
Chairman, Sick and Visiting Committee,
Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association,
2018 - 34 Street S.W.,
Calgary, Telephone 242-5790

WISDOM FROM LODGE NOTICES

Unity Lodge No. 51

Out of the sad mistaken belief that as a man
I must behave as all men do,
I've turned my back a time too often.
God, help me keep a resolution that I make today:
Not to walk head high, even one more time,
past someone I can help.

—Rod McKuen

Canada Lodge No. 165

As we grow older we learn that "nothing" is
often a good thing to do and always a clever thing
to say.

Acacia Lodge No. 11

OPEN THE DOOR

Open the door of your heart my friend,
Heedless of class or creed,
When you hear the cry of a brother's voice,
The sob of a soul in need.
To the shining heavens that o'er you bend
You need no map or chart;
But only the love the Master gave;
Open the door of your heart.

—Masonic Journal of South Africa

Olds Mini Workshop

District No. 4 held its annual Mini Workshop at the Olds College on May 6 under the direction of R.W. Bro. P. Sorensen D.D.G.M. This year the ladies were invited. While the brethren discussed Masonic Subjects, the ladies had a course in flower arrangement. It is reported that they made corsages for their husbands. Again a good attendance and lively discussions made the day a resounding success.

"THE ROLE OF MASONRY IN THE PROVINCE"

Excerpt from a paper given by R.W. Bro. G. R. Sterling, S.G.W. at Area Meetings, 1973.

Nowhere does Masonry promote or suggest pressure groups or mass action, or a sales pitch for any pet scheme, or any great undertaking to fit a pattern of our own design, or running around like chickens with our heads cut off in search of some do-good project with which to gain favourable notice. M.W. Bro. Dwight L. Smith, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, once said, "Freemasonry has not been tried in the balance and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried".