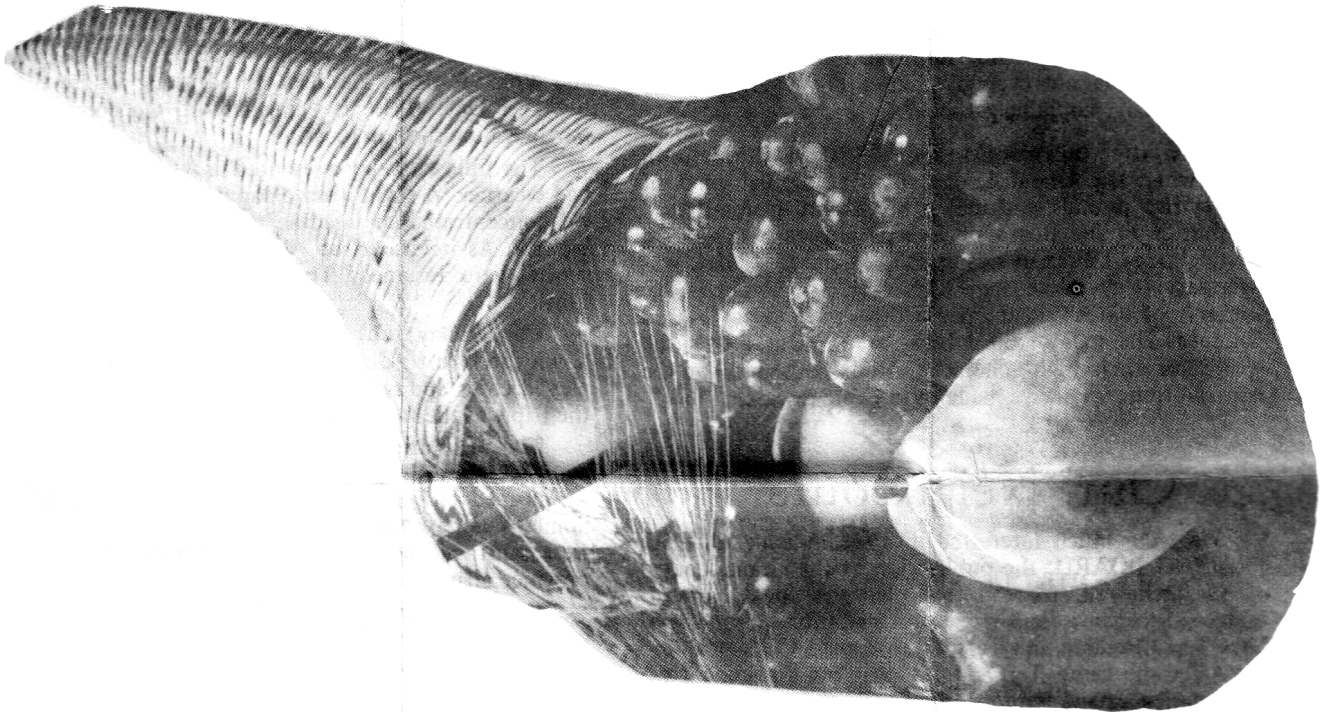




Grand Lodge Bulletin

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Thanksgiving

"Let us give thanks, for we have much to be thankful for." In searching for some suitable thoughts that would adequately convey the feelings we find in our hearts at this Thanksgiving season — this golden autumn and mellow harvest time — this month of October with its hazy days of Indian summer splendour, we came across these few lines of unknown origin in an old scrapbook. Simple in style, they seem to catch the spirit of gratitude that we would like to express at this time of thanksgiving.

We would indeed give thanks,
We are so rich to-day;
Rich in the things that count the most —
Love and a child at play;

Home and those who are near and dear
Health and strength of limb,
Courage and comradeship and peace,
A faith in Him;

Who gives all blessings, understands
The things that we would say
In humbleness and gratitude,
As we give thanks to-day.

HOW A GRAND LODGE LIBRARY STARTED

In 1837, after much urging, chiefly by the Grand Registrar, Bro. John Henderson, the United Grand Lodge of Great Britain, agreed to vote one hundred pounds for the establishment of a Grand Lodge Library. Little was accomplished until 1847 when Bro. J.R. Scarborough proposed an annual grant of twenty pounds for the Library. In his remarks to the Grand Lodge he said that it was essential to emphasize,

"the desirability of possessing means of cultivating intellectuality more than gastronomy; that the other bottle did not do half as much good as the other volume, that it would be laughable to tell a poor but inquiring brother to make a daily advance in Masonic knowledge — and the arts and sciences his particular study, if we withheld from him the means of doing so, and did not even give him a hint where Masonic knowledge could be gathered."

Even after this eloquent appeal little was done until 1880 when the Grand Lodge voted an annual grant of twenty-five pounds and made the Library Committee a committee of the Board of General Purposes. In 1887 a Grand Lodge Librarian was appointed and in 1920 it was necessary to give him some assistants. The Grand Lodge Library of Great Britain has now well over 20,000 volumes. The staff of the Library are known all over the world for their high scholastic attainments and for the contributions they have made to Masonic research.

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Our Neighbours

We were much interested in a recent issue of THE TRACING BOARD, the publication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, to read that Macrorie and Conquest Lodges of that jurisdiction had provided funds to send two boys Terry Redden and Terry McAdam to Camp Wakonda. After the camp Terry McAdam wrote an account of his experiences and impressions. The essay is of such good quality that we reproduce it, with grateful acknowledgement to The Tracing Board and its editor R.W. Bro. J.H. Young:

CAMP WAKONDA, 1972

The whole event started on a rainy Sunday in July. July 23rd to be exact. Terry Redden and I had been selected by the Macrorie and Conquest Masonic lodges to attend Camp Wakonda.

We arrived at camp at about 11 a.m. Sunday morning. We were led to our cabin labelled Ojibway. There were approximately 8 cabins in use during our 10 day stay. All 8 were named after various Indian tribes. After unpacking, we followed the path to the main focal point at the particular moment — the football field.

Getting acquainted was the first priority of the day. There were 8 campers in our cabin. Our leader was 18 years old — Kevin Willoughby from Sintaluta. He had attended camp the previous year.

On Monday our cabin group went to the archery area to work with the bows and arrows, weapons that have been such an integral part of Canadian history. Unity was stressed at the camp, as the campers had to do everything as a group. We received our first taste of water when we

canoeed to Poplar Beach and back.

The next 2 days consisted mainly of canoeing, water skiing and swimming.

Thursday presented our biggest single undertaking so far, a canoe trip to the town of Wakaw. We stayed pretty close to shore most of the way but explored islands and had cattail fights. But the highlight of the trip for everyone except myself and another camper occurred when our canoe decided to tip over, not once but twice. Soaked and cold we doggedly kept on until we reached shore and then proceeded to walk into Wakaw. Candles and reading material were bought and we ate dinner at a restaurant after dry clothes had been brought from camp.

Following this, we visited the camp workshop for the first time. Leather goods, lacing and driftwood were all ready to be made into souvenirs and gifts. In the afternoon, we chartered the camp van and went to Duck Lake and Forst Carlson. We also visited a site where the old town of Duck Lake is being rebuilt. On completion, a movie will be shot on location.

The following day presented us with our first taste of bad weather. A slight drizzle dampened many activities so we concentrated on reading material we had bought in Wakaw. As it cleared up, the water activities and other sports were resumed. That evening we watched some films.

On Sunday, our cabin went on an overnight trip down the lake to Government Beach. We had a campfire, played cards and swam. But the most interesting aspect of the trip was the fact that we had to sleep under our canoe.

The next day we fixed some water buoys that had gone astray and then paddled back to camp. On arriving, we cleaned out the cabin and generally got ready to go home. Tuesday, was the day that we parted. Goodbyes were said and clothes packed. Cars from all parts of the province arrived to pick up sons and friends.

Comments from Camp: Contrary to many people's opinion, the food was great. There was a good variety and many popular foods served. Also during camp, a man came down and talked about various aspects of the drug situation and distributed pamphlets. The "tuck shop" was in operation to provide campers with soft drinks, chips and bars. This was a busy and most enjoyable holiday for me and I highly recommend it to any future campers. Also, I hope the Masons see fit to keep up the good work as it was a satisfying experience for me.

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WHAT IS MASONRY?

In the home it is kindness,
In the business it is honesty.
In society it is courtesy.
In work it is fairness.
Toward the unfortunate it is pity.
Toward the weak it is help.
Toward the strong it is trust.
Toward the penitent it is forgiveness.
Toward the fortunate it is congratulations.
Toward God it is reverence and love.

READING LODGE NOTICES CAN BE INTERESTING WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RECENT NOTICES

CRESCENT LODGE No. 87

A FRIENDLY ACT

When you help another,
Travel worn or sore,
In some way or other,
Think of it no more.
Never dwell upon it,
Kindness isn't rare,
Others would have done it
Had they happened there.

Never seek the most of
Any friendly act,
Good deeds never boast of,
Notice to attract.
Never try to set them
In the mind to last,
Do them and forget them,
Leave them to the past.

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MYSTIC TIE LODGE No. 188

Sometimes when you're feeling important,
Sometime when your ego's in bloom,
Sometime when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified in the room.
Sometime when you feel that your going,
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow these simple instructions,
And see how it humbles your soul.
Take a bucket, and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it, up to the wrist,
Pull it out; and the hole that's remaining,
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.
You may splash all you please as you enter
You may stir up the water galore,
But stop: and you'll find in a minute,
That it looks quite the same as before.
The moral of this quaint example,
Is do just the best that you can,
Be proud of yourself, but remember,
There is no indispensable man.

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VULCAN LODGE No. 74

CHALLENGE OF MASONRY

Indifference on the part of its members to the great teachings of Masonry is painfully deplorable. Its moral purpose is seldom taken seriously. Hosts of Masons remain utterly insensitive to the need of translating its principles into terms of daily living. Masonry, when rightly understood, challenges its members to the highest reaches of noble living. The wealth of symbolic suggestion found in Masonry is virtually inexhaustible.

—William E. Hammond

WETASKIWIN LODGE No. 15

DID YOU KNOW?

Masonry asks no man to neglect his home or his business affairs for its welfare. It so arranges its activities that they in no way interfere with those duties which every man owes to his well being. There is a happy medium which should be maintained. Masonry to a Member of the Craft should fit, in some small manner, into this happy medium for the sake of the Member concerned but more so, for his fellow brother that is being deprived of his fellowship and brotherhood.

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BOW RIVER LODGE No. 1

The trestle board of nature shows
a vast array of symbols rare
while all her elements disclose
unchanging truths designed with care
impressed more deeply in the heart
while craftsman diligently strive
to gather from symbolic art
the truths that through its power survive

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ACACIA LODGE No. 11

A NEW YARDSTICK

What Masonry brings is not an old doctrine, made new for us who are new in the world; she brings a yardstick by which we may measure, each of us ourselves, and measuring, learn to grow. It is these things we discover when we are brought to light; the square, by which we measure that which we build; the compasses, by which we circumscribe our lives and conduct; the Book of the Law, by which we keep our feet upon the path marked out for all men. Every man should measure himself by his own standard.

—Temple Topics

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CRESCENT LODGE No. 87

SUCCESS

TO LAUGH OFTEN and love much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived —
THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

YELLOWKNIFE VISIT

The Grand Master will make an Official Visit to Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 on November 17 and 18. A 737 Jet Aircraft of Pacific Western Airlines has been chartered and brethren throughout the jurisdiction are invited to accompany him. The Grand Secretary is taking reservations. The estimated cost including air fare, over-night accommodation, Saturday breakfast and banquet is \$125.00. Reservations will be accepted in the order that they are received at the Grand Lodge Office and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$20.00. The tentative schedule is for the aircraft to leave Edmonton at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, November 17, fly to Calgary to pick up the brethren and to leave Calgary for Yellowknife at approximately 9:00 a.m. The return flight will leave Yellowknife on Sunday November 18 at 1:00 p.m. and lunch will be served on the plane. This notice is included in the October Bulletin as a reminder to those planning to go but the Grand Secretary had set October 1st as the deadline for reservations.

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CAMROSE LODGE No. 37

The Camrose Masonic Temple Company announced in a recent Camrose Lodge Notice that its bank loan had been paid off completely and that they were planning to hold a mortgage burning ceremony and celebration in the Banquet Hall of the Lodge. The present building was purchased in 1968. The Camrose brethren are to be congratulated for their perseverance and certainly will rejoice in the fact that they own their Lodge Hall.

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W. BRO. JAMES GRAHAM

W. Bro. James Graham is a Past Master of Victoria Lodge No. 13, Fort Saskatchewan. In July he celebrated his 94th birthday. On his birthday R.W. Bro. Chas. H. Heels, Secretary of Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77 G.R.C., Lindsay, Ontario, where Bro. Graham now lives, visited him and on behalf of our Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Alberta, presented him with his Fifty Year Jewel. Bro. Heels reports that Bro. Lindsay is in excellent health and enjoys living near his family. The thanks of the brethren go to Bro. Heels who represented the Grand Lodge of Alberta so very well and made Bro. Graham's birthday a memorable occasion.

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EVERGREEN LODGE No. 166

The Worshipful Master of Evergreen Lodge No. 166, W. Bro. Myron Lusk, in his monthly message to members pays a "special tribute" to what he calls the "house painting team" organized by Bro. Ken Hosking. Presumably this group of practical brethren have been assisting some needy families thus expressing in service the spirit of masonry.

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INNISFAIL LODGE No. 8

The Innisfail Lodge notice informs its members that the Watt family has expressed a desire to landscape a corner of the lawn of the Lodge Hall as a memorial to W. Bro. Wm. C. A. Watt and Mina Watt and was consulting the lodge about the design. This seemed to be a very original and practical proposal which might commend itself in other areas.

HANNA LODGE No. 78

Hanna Lodge No. 78 celebrated its sixtieth anniversary in great style for three days last May. On Saturday, May 5th they held a dance and a get together and on the Sunday there was a church parade. Then on Monday, May 7th Lodge was opened in the afternoon and Bro. Rev. John Moules, Lakeview United Church, Calgary, conducted a service of thanksgiving. The Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. G. R. Sterling presented W. Bro. J. H. Stephens with an honorary Life Membership. R.W. Bro. L.E. Helmer P.D.D.G.M., reviewed the history of the Lodge. In the evening a banquet was held at which M.W. Bro. M.G. Morner was the guest speaker. Two charter members of Hanna Lodge were in attendance at the sixtieth anniversary. They were R.W. Bro. O.C. Smith now of Calgary who was the first Senior Warden and Rt. W. Bro. J.G. Odell who was the first secretary of the Lodge.

R.Wor. Bro. Wm. Geo. Borland R.W. Bro. W. G. Borland was raised in Composite Lodge No. 64 in Alexander, Manitoba in July 1903. He affiliated with Strassbourg Lodge No. 46, Strassbourg, Saskatchewan in 1914 and was the Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1916. In 1933 he was elected as District Deputy Grand Master, His Lodge honoured him with a Life Membership in 1943. Now at the age of 95 he resides with his daughter in Calgary. In a very moving ceremony at the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in Calgary last June, R.W. Bro. Borland was called to the altar and there he met the Grand Masters of the three Grand Lodges in which he had been a member of the craft. M.W. Bro. Campbell, Manitoba, M.B. Bro. Calvert, Saskatchewan and M.W. Bro. Fox, Alberta. M.W. Bro. Calvert presented R.W. Bro. Borland with a seventy year jewel. It was noted that when the years in Masonry for the three Grand Masters were added together they totaled 69 which was one less than Bro. Borland's years in the craft.

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AND WORLD'S FAIR

Expo '74 is to be held in Spokane, Washington from May 1 to October 31, 1974. The Masonic Brethren in Spokane are getting on the job early since they anticipate a large number of visitors to the fair. A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington, Edward L. Bennett, asks us to inform the brethren in Alberta that the Masonic Temple in Spokane is near the site of Expo '74 and all masons and their families will be welcome there. Facilities will be available at the Temple for rest and refreshment, for information regarding activities and meetings and for Fraternal Fellowship. The address of the Masonic Temple is West 1108 Riverside. Spokane.