



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## Proclamation

KNOW YE ALL BY THIS PROCLAMATION THAT I, GORDON JOHNSTON ARMSTRONG, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE JURISDICTION OF ALBERTA DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1973 AS "HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY MONTH". I INSTRUCT ALL GRAND LODGE OFFICERS TO APPEAL TO THE BRETHREN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND AND I DIRECT THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF ALL LODGES TO URGE THEIR MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE. FURTHERMORE I APPEAL TO ALL MY BRETHREN TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS FUND DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

## The Bursary Fund - Its Future

W. Bro. K.L. Evans (87)  
Chairman Higher Education Bursary Fund

Brethren, the Grand Master has been pleased to proclaim the month of November as Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund month. We on the committee appreciate this publicity and the timeliness of this appeal as applications for assistance for next year begin to come to us about that time. This year twenty-four worthy students will be assisted by your fund. Their names and the institutions of learning to which they will apply are listed on page three of this Bulletin.

As you know, from all the applications received a preliminary selection is made and all these candidates are visited. To do this we had to solicit help and we wish to thank all brethren who so ably assisted the committee in these investigations. On the basis of these interviews a final selection is made and this selection is then checked with other organizations sponsoring awards in order to prevent duplications and to make certain that the candidate receives the award which is greater.

The Higher Education Bursary Fund came into being in 1957. Perhaps after sixteen years it is time that it be evaluated. However, Masonry being an on-going science, there have been changes. At first, assistance was given only

to sons and daughters of Masons and only at the Universities of Alberta. In 1959, regulations were amended to enable the committee to accept applications from all students who felt themselves to be deserving and a glance at page three shows how widely the institutions of learning have increased.

My own election to this committee, which handles one of the foremost projects of the Masons of Alberta, by acclamation, does not indicate that the best man has been found for the job, or even a good one, but appears to indicate an apathy, an indifference, or even a resistance to the Higher Education Bursary Fund. We are made subtly aware that times have changed since 1957, that there are rumblings within the Craft. This is as it should be for we are all changing but these rumblings, if indeed there are rumblings, must be communicated to us. We therefore put to you two responsibilities. First to support the Fund while it is in its present form and second to make known to us your concerns, your suggestions, your advice.

All members, individually or as lodges are invited to forward their position on this subject to:

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## THE MASONIC RITUAL

There are many articles written on masonic philosophy but have you really thought where the majority of this can be found? We so often expect the well versed Brother to interpret for us the meaning of current ritual and add his knowledge of ancient rituals. Are we failing in our duty as responsible masons by not listening to every word of well delivered work and wringing the meanings out based on our own interpretation?

There have been many novels written where the author has been shocked to find the strange interpretation that the "experts" have placed upon what was a simple story. When the poor author complains, he is told that he really meant what the "experts" said he meant, even if he wasn't aware of it. How gullible we have become if we believe all this pseudo-scientific rubbish.

As masons then, we should rely on the brain that we have been given to think about the meanings that can be derived from our ritual. This does not mean that we should not discuss, question and refine our opinion constantly but it suggests that the value of masonry comes from our personal understanding. Have you really thought about the meaning of a specific piece of ritual that has made you reconsider a way of acting in your life? In any of those areas where ritual has had a dramatic affect on you, it has been at the time of a sudden flash of insight into a meaning that has been suddenly interpreted by YOU. To just be told the philosophy is like feeding people with a food that they do not like. It will sustain them in life but will not give them that joy of life that comes from the things that are enjoyed. When you get that insight into ritual you have then done something worthwhile to your life because in most cases you will use the extra information that you now possess.

The philosophy of masonry that you hear from others is fine, but it belongs to the interpreter. Your life, in and out of the Lodge as a mason, must be based on YOUR philosophy as gained from masonry, church, school, home, friends and plain old "experience" in life. Now the order of these sources may differ but they all attempt to give a decent, honest, and upright way of existing in this world of people and things. You have to find the right method of interpreting the sometimes conflicting messages and then do the best possible job of being a person that you are proud of, for a Mason is taught that he has the personal responsibility of living the "Masonic Life".

This year, why not take a new look at the ritual you hear and get your own philosophy, or confirm your old philosophy, and be prepared to face the Grand Architect with no-one other than yourself to blame for the way you have lived.

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When a brother reaches the point in his Masonic study where he desires to read Masonic literature, he not only adds to his own knowledge, he is then in position to enlighten others.

Freemasonry has nothing to gain by its members publishing on the housetops that they have been received into this fold, but it will gain immensely if they will let it be seen that, having been brought face to face with its great ideals and teachings, their own lives have been enriched and ennobled. This is what the world wants to see.

## "THE ROLE OF THE LODGE IN THE COMMUNITY"

excerpts from a paper given by  
at the area meetings in 1973

by R.W. Bro. W.A. (Sandy) Milligan, J.G.W.

Don't stand on the outside and criticize like some of our radical groups, but become involved and work from the inside. As a member of the Craft you will either favorably impress the members of your community, or you will leave them "cold". If you impress them, then they will express a desire to become members, because of your example.

The final charge which we hear at the conclusion of the Installation Ceremony makes it clear what Masonry expects from its members. The role of the lodge in the community will be fulfilled if we become involved, develop a favorable reputation, practice a form of benevolence and live by the Golden Rule.

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## OUT OF THE PRESENT

NOTE - "Out of the Present" is a featurette that succeeds "Out of the Past" and will contain quotations from Lodge Notices throughout the Jurisdiction. (We hope every Lodge will be quoted at least once).

### GATEWAY LODGE No. 164

The success of a lodge depends on each and every member and your assistance during the coming year will be greatly appreciated. Let us try to improve attendance by calling on some brother who has not been attending regularly. I feel sure that if this were done, the brother would realize he is missed at lodge and would become a more regular attender.

### HINTON LODGE No. 178

A great Mason once said: "Talent may develop in solitude, but character is created in society. It is the fruit of Fellowship." Think about these words for a few minutes, Brethren, there is a message in them.

### CAMROSE LODGE No. 37

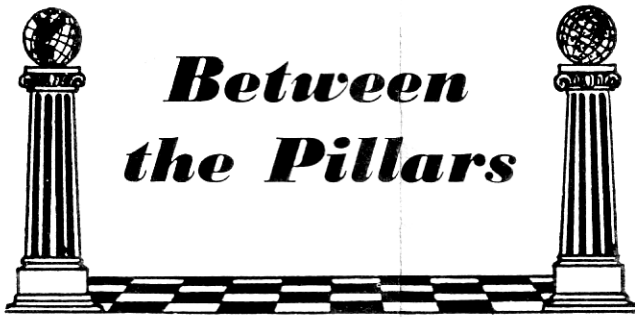
Melrose Lodge, Bawlf will be our visiting Lodge, our first guest lodge in our program to invite one lodge in District 5 for a meeting this year.

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## NOT ALL WORTHY

"Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distresses of every one and let your hand give in proportion to your purse; remembering always the estimation of the widow's mite, that it is not every one that asketh that deserveth charity; all, however, are worthy of the inquiry, or the deserving may suffer." From a letter by George Washington to his nephew, Bushrod Washington, 1783.

The altar is one of the most ancient symbols of mankind. It has had great significance for all ages since the red dawn of history, and the candidate might profitably devote hours to the study of this one subject.



## *Between the Pillars*

One of the major problems in a fraternity such as Freemasonry is that there is a distinct tendency to resist change in any undertaking once that project has become established. The reason for this is mainly that individuals originally undertook, with enthusiasm, a certain task and worked at it for a number of years dedicatedly and successfully and to change would appear to be a reflection on their judgement.

When the Masonic Spring Workshop was first organized those brethren involved were conscious of this natural possibility and resolved to attempt to counteract it. They decided that the General Chairman of the Workshop should hold office for one year only. It was also agreed that the membership of the Spring Workshop Committee should change personnel frequently. This meant that some very capable and devoted brethren would not be regarded as long time appointments and that leadership would be sought from other people.

In the main the policy established early in Workshop history has worked very well and that comparatively few brethren have continued on the committee for a long period of time. The necessity of experience has been recognized and some have been members of the committee for several years. Even with a constant changing of membership the Workshop Committee has been challenged constantly to keep its planning fresh and to avoid the constant tendency to do things as they have been done in former years.

The Committee on the Higher Education Bursary Fund, if we are to follow the reasoning on its new chairman, W. Bro. K.L. Evans, as it appears on the front page, now finds that it must re-examine the fundamental basis of its operation. Many things have changed since the Bursary Fund was established. The two senior governments, for instance, have made it far easier for an individual to finance a University Course. The problem before the Bursary Committee is to decide how best its funds may be used. It does not want to resist change that may be necessary for it realizes that the brethren of the Jurisdiction have given it a serious trust. It is for that reason that W. Bro. Evans has suggested that Brethren who have suggestions, positive ones, write to him so that the committee may consider future policy for the fund.

Another regrettable human trait is that when someone disagrees with policy he either stops attending the Spring Workshop or omits to contribute to the Bursary Fund. This attitude is not in accord with the spirit of Freemasonry. The Bursary Fund and the Spring Workshop are functions of this Jurisdiction that merit wholehearted and enthusiastic support. Both projects are basically sound and worthwhile. The thing that will make them even more effective than they are is to continue support but also to make known to the two chairmen suggestion for improvement.

### MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY AWARDS, 1973

#### UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, Edmonton Undergraduates

DUNLOP, Elizabeth Anne, Calgary, Household Ec. (2)  
WHITSON, Sheila Margaret, Mayerthorpe, Med. (3)

#### Matriculants

AUSFORD, Allen, Edmonton, Pre. Med. Sc.  
BENOIT, Sally Anne, Lloydminster, Rec. Adm.  
CAMERON, William Edwin, Fort Saskatchewan, Engineering  
GELINAS, Donald Carol, Edmonton, Forestry  
LOE, Barry James, Westrose, Engineering  
MUELLER, Dagmar Lydia, Edmonton, Medicine  
MCGILLIS, Robin Lucille, Rocky Mountain House, Science  
ROSBOROUGH, Barton Dale, Edmonton, Arts to Law  
WALKER, Kim Elizabeth, Calgary, Rehab. Med.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, Calgary Undergraduates

POLLOCK, Mary Julianne, Calgary, Social Work (2)  
QUON, Winnie Chui-Lin, Calgary, Sociology (3)

#### Matriculants

ASTALNOK, William Gordon, Calgary, Science  
McINENLY, Eleanor Gene, Calgary, Arts & Sc.  
OELKE, Sylvia A., Calgary, Medicine  
WONG, Lilly, Calgary, Agriculture

#### LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Lethbridge Matriculant

GUTMAN, Lucille Doris, Elnora, Arts & Sc.

#### CAMROSE LUTHERAN COLLEGE, Camrose Undergraduate

LIEN, Dale Clifford, Camrose, Pre. Med. (2)

#### Matriculant

WESTERGAARD, Noreen, Innisfail, Medicine

#### SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Calgary

#### Matriculant

DeGINNUS, Roxanna, Fort Macleod, Library Arts

#### NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Edmonton Matriculant

THOMSON, Lyn Fraser, Edmonton, Marketing Adm.

#### MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE, Calgary Matriculant

SCHILL, Patricia Florence, Calgary, Nursing

#### COLLEGE UNIVERSITAIRE SAINT JEAN, Edmonton Matriculant

JEWELL, Marylou, Athabasca, B. Ed.

**FORESTBURG LODGE**



Above is the picture of the home of Forestburg Lodge No. 128 which was constituted in 1920 and which practices the Ancient York Rite. This Lodge meets on the Fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p.m. It is a little unique because it does not recess during the summer months and finds that during the summer visitors often drop in and are pleased to have a lodge to attend when many are closed down. Visitors are made welcome at any time. The Worshipful Master of this very active Lodge is W. Bro. Robert Patmore and the secretary is W. Bro. Jack Neale.

**W. BRO. THOMAS GLENDENNING**

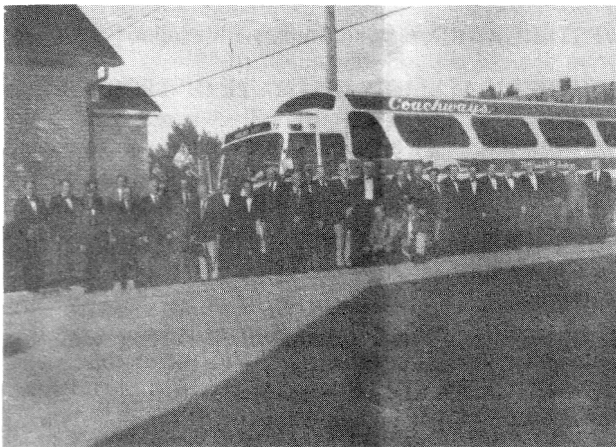


W. Bro. Thomas Glendenning was presented with a seventy year bar by M.W. Bro. Glenn Fox at Strathmore Lodge No. 53 recently. He was raised in Thistle Lodge No. 87. Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1903. When he came to Canada and settled in Strathmore he affiliated with Strathmore Lodge No. 53 and became the Worshipful Master in 1932. This long time Mason is now 94 years of age and has reasonably good health. He resides in the Senior Citizen's Lodge at Strathmore and welcomes any visitors that may have time to drop in. In July Strathmore Lodge presented the above picture to Thistle Lodge No. 87 in Scotland.

**INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND**

1959 - \$ 4,432.00	1969 - \$16,799.48
1960 - \$ 2,965.40	1970 - \$13,909.07
1961 - \$ 3,646.50	1971 - \$15,140.99
1963 - \$12,625.15	1972 - \$14,334.88
1968 - \$17,308.69	1973 - ???????????

**CALGARY LODGE No. 23**



Last June W. Bro. Brooks Garner, Worshipful Master of Calgary Lodge No. 23 accompanied by his officers and a large numbers of members chartered a bus and paid a visit to Vulcan Lodge No. 74. The above picture shows the company ready for the trip.

**AREA MEETINGS**

The Grand Master and his Officers have arranged for Area Meetings to be held in -

- GRANDE PRAIRIE, Friday, November 23rd, 1972 commencing at 6:30 P.M.
- RED DEER, Wednesday, January 16th, 1974 commencing at 6:30 P.M.
- EDSON, Friday, January 18th, 1974 commencing at 6:30 P.M.
- VERMILION, Saturday, January 19th, 1974 commencing at 3 P.M.
- BROOKS, Saturday, February 2nd, 1974 commencing at 3 P.M.
- DRUMHELLER, Saturday, February 23rd, 1974 commencing at 3 P.M.
- PINCHER CREEK, Monday, February 25th, 1974 commencing at 6:30 P.M.

All Area Meetings being held on a Saturday will conclude with a Banquet, those on week days will begin with a Banquet.