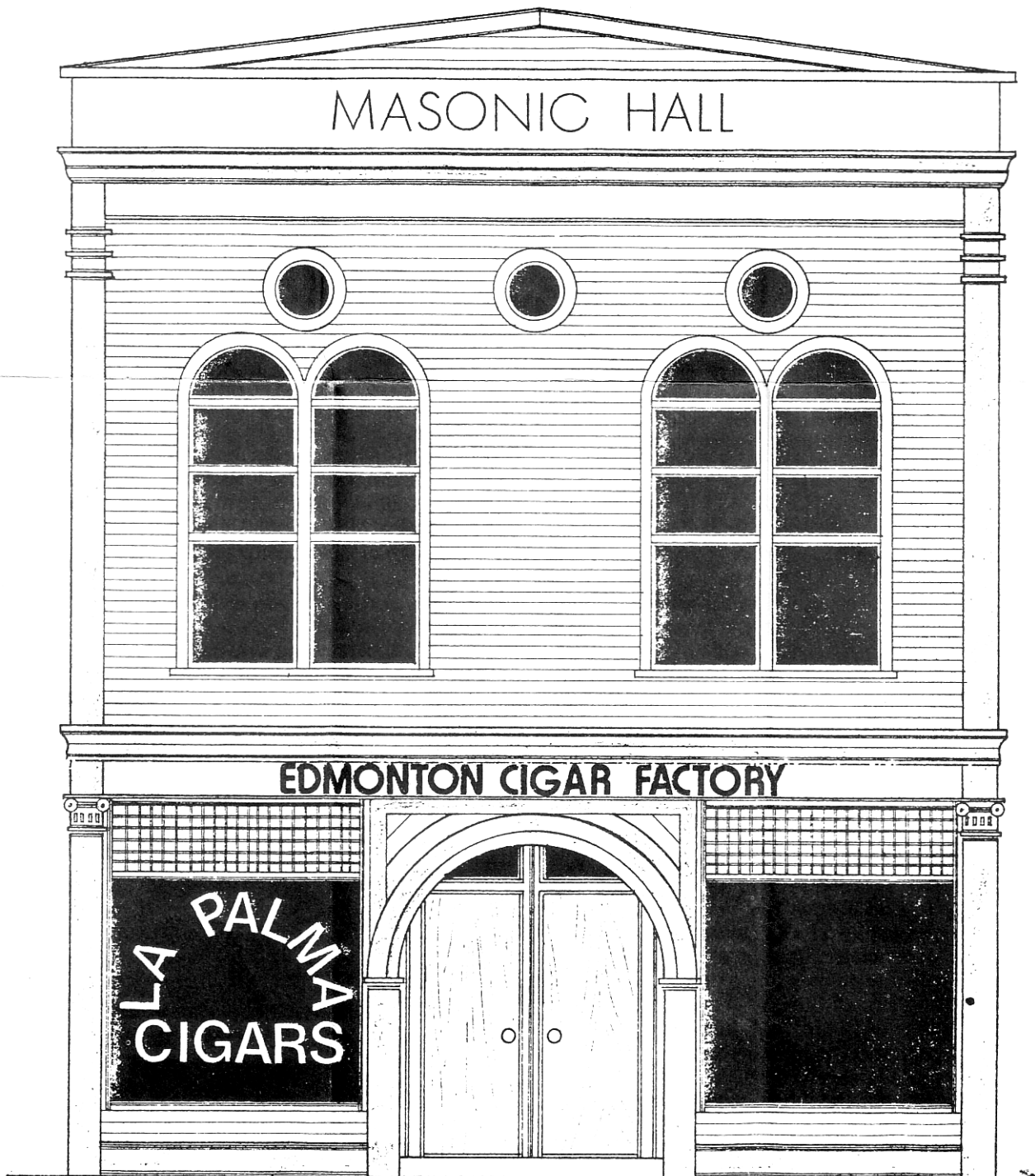


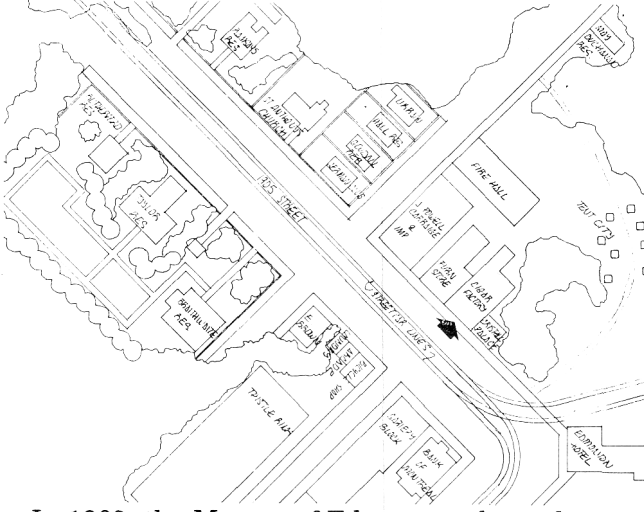


Grand Lodge Bulletin

M.W. Bro. W. J. COLLETT, Editor

**THE MASONIC HALL
1905 Street Fort Edmonton Park**





The interesting architecture of the buildings will add diversity to Fort Edmonton Park. Because the structure was primarily a hall, its architecture was a curious blend of commercial and theatre design. The strong arch and large display windows on the ground floor connotes the proper business emphasis; the circular bull's eyes over the tall windows on the second floor, so common in by-gone theatre architecture, excited those more leisure oriented. The building, although not of massive proportions, provided ample space for local manufacturing, and the public hall above, 27 by 54 feet, witnessed many attractions. The words, MASONIC HALL, were vividly placed across the front of the building.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Riley who was initiated in 1925 and who has been a member of Melrose Lodge No. 62 continuously since that time receives a Fifty Year Jewel from the Secretary of Melrose Lodge, **Bro. Ken Kennedy**.

THE MAILBAG

(Before the summer recess the Bulletin published a letter from Bro. Peapell to which there was considerable reaction and the subject was dropped. The following letter is printed not for the purpose of continuing the discussion but because of the genuine masonic attitude contained in it.)

Dear Brother Editor,

It was interesting to read the letter from Bro. James Peapell especially since he honoured the Alberta Grand Lodge by joining one of its Lodges with his membership.

I am sure that my brother means under charity also the benevolence of the Jacob's Ladder and the sound of the Magic Flute including the action accompanying the former.

I am sure that my brother appreciates the manner in which we seek the truth, in our humble Albertan way. Otherwise he would not have bothered to express his opinion, which he weighted carefully, as taught under the guidance of an experienced master.

I am sorry to read that my brother has met so many non-attending masons and sincerely hope that he became not only a joining brother, but also an attending brother, working in a chair of his lodge. We do need and welcome always fresh, new ideas in any of our lodges.

I am, myself, a member of Commercial Lodge No. 81 in Edmonton and any time Brother Peapell passes through Edmonton on the First Saturday of that month please visit us in the Main Temple. This will be a standing invitation to you, sir.

We, in Commercial No. 81, are not perfect but we endeavour to become usable material for the craft and its purpose on this planet. May I remind my brother that Masonry was not an invention exported out of the U.K. but an established craft of operative masons who did allow non-operative, to have the honour to enter the brotherhood as non-operative members. Those operative masons dated back further than 1717 and flowed over into Britain from Continental Europe through the "Hansa" etc. and etc. It might be interesting for my brother to research a paper like "Comacine Masters", a paper of March 1972 by Brother O. P. Thomas, P.D.D.G.M. of Alberta.

Each of us, in our own small, customary, and often ineffective way, try to follow the road in between the landmarks, guided by the light of the principles of the craft, on our own speed. If we ever come closer than thousands of miles to the truth of perfection, we will thank our Maker.

The principles of our craft are few but remain the Golden Rules in many a land, under numerous tongues, through war and peace.

It is the Masonic Principles which matter and which have survived through the ages of darkness and of light, not us. We, you and I, are turned to dust. The only notation in history might be the surge of brightness at a particular moment, caused by the endeavour of a soul to the glory of the principles of the craft, irregardless of the environment in which it is established and caused.

May we all cause some enlightenment, sometime, somewhere and have patience with each other to the good of masonry.

And welcome to Alberta, brother Peapell and thank you brother editor for giving me the opportunity to unload my thoughts.

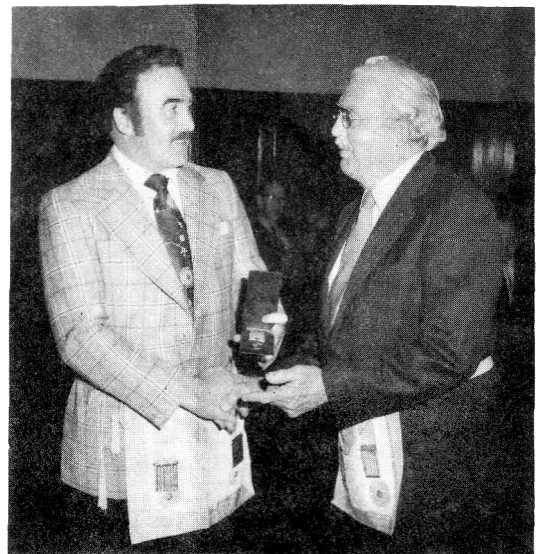
Most sincere and fraternal regards,

Dirk F. G. Kalverla

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 167



W. Bro. Gutierrez presents the Fifty Year Jewel to Bro. Smith.



Bro. Jim Drynan about to pin the Fifty Year Jewel on his father Bro. Gordon Drynan.

At its regular meeting on April 9th, 1976 Temple Lodge No. 167 presented two of its members — Brother William McLeod Smith and Brother Gordon Alexander Drynan — with their 50 Year Jewels.

Bro. Bill Smith was born in Leyton, England 86 years ago on April 4th, 1890. He immigrated to Alberta with his parents in 1904, and early in life began his career as a railroad man with the Grand Trunk Pacific, later the Canadian Northern Railway.

Climbing through the ranks to become a locomotive engineer, he moved to Edson in 1938 where he finally retired in 1958 and returned to Edmonton.

He was initiated into Masonry on November 5th, 1915 in Strathcona Lodge No. 77, affiliated with Edson Lodge No. 68 on June 2nd, 1938 and finally with Temple Lodge on January 10th, 1958. He was granted an Honorary Life Membership in Temple Lodge on May 9th, 1975.

His son, Brother Dave Smith, a professor at the University of Guelph, came to Edmonton for the occasion. Two of his son-in-laws, W. Bro. Hugh Kent from Carlyle Lodge No. 17, Carlyle, Saskatchewan, and W. Bro. Dodds from Palestine Lodge No. 46, Tofield were also present to celebrate with Bro. Smith.

Brother Gordon Drynan was born on March 23rd, 1901 in Kenora, Ontario. Most of his working years were spent as a railroad Conductor with the National Railway throughout Central Alberta. He finally retired as a Senior Conductor for CNR Passenger Trains in Canada in 1966.

In Masonry he was initiated in Big Valley Lodge No. 140 on March 16th, 1926. He affiliated with Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 163, Mirror on June 29th, 1944, of which he is an Honorary Life Member. Ancient Landmark Lodge and Ionic Lodge later amalgamated as Ionic-Landmark Lodge No. 45, Alix. Brother Gordon affiliated with Temple Lodge as a dual member on September 12th, 1966.

Since his retirement Gordon has continued most active in Masonry.

Bro. Owen Jones in a nicely prepared talk outlined Gordon's masonic career. Gordon's son, Bro. Jim Drynan pinned the fifty-year jewel on his father.

R.W. Bro. C. W. Neis, D.D.G.M. District No. 9, Mirror was a welcome visitor to honor his long time friend and brother. Altogether, 29 members and 30 visitors representing 20 lodges were out to honor these two dedicated brethren for their long service to Masonry.

SPECIAL NIGHT AT AVON GLEN LODGE NO. 170 G.R.A.

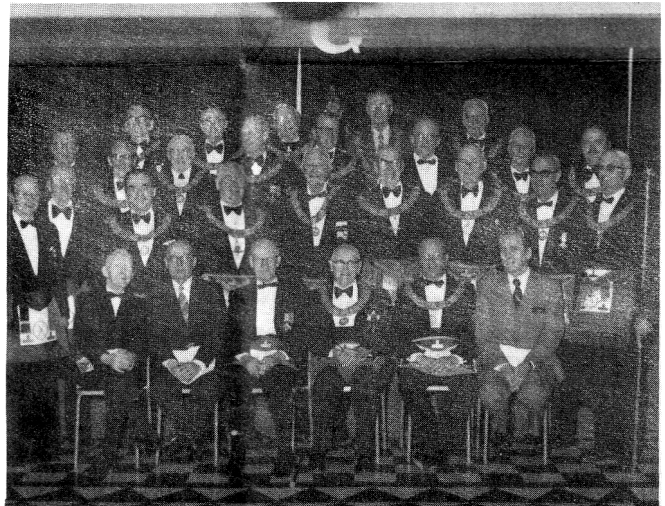
The exemplification of the 3rd degree by past and present Grand Lodge Officers on March 17th, 1976, was an evening long to be remembered by Avon Glen Members and 69 visitors who were present. The Grand Lodge Officers included M.W. Bro. W. A. (Sandy) Milligan, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Alberta; R.W. Bro. T. A. Drolet, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 20, and Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. Harry Farmer. Others who took part in the degree were 5 Past Grand Masters, 14 Past District Deputy Grand Masters and 4 other Past Grand Lodge Officers.

The Degree Team was organized by R.W. Bro. G. P. Puffer, P.D.D.G.M. of Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 and Acacia Lodge No. 11 who occupied the chair of King Solomon. It was a big night for R.W. Bro. Puffer as it was 50 years since he first sat in the East as Worshipful Master. Bro. Ron Annett and Bro. T. H. Gladders were the candidates raised to the Sublime Degree.

The 69 visitors represented lodges from all across Canada. They included lodges in Montreal, Courtenay, B.C., Regina, Saskatchewan and lodges from various points in Alberta as well as other City of Edmonton Lodges.

It was a unique, proud and thrilling experience for R.W. Bro. Puffer to sit in lodge with his three sons and a son-in-law, all together for the first time. W. Bro. Wm. D. Puffer and W. Bro. H. G. Puffer are Past Masters of Avon Glen Lodge. Bro. Ken Puffer is a member of Zetland Lodge No. 12 in Montreal, and Bro. Ian McSporran is a member at Courtenay, B.C. as well as at Yellowknife, N.W.T. He is presently posted at Dauphin, Manitoba, with the R.C.M.P. Bro. Ken Puffer came specially from Montreal and Bro. Ian McSporran from Dauphin for the occasion.

Another highlight of the evening was the part W. Bro. Ross Annett took in raising his son, Ron, to the Degree of a Master Mason.



DEGREE TEAM FOR THIRD DEGREE IN AVON GLEN LODGE NO. 170, G.R.A. MARCH 17th, 1976

Front row from Left to Right: W. Bro. R. Ross Annett, Bro. Ron Annett (Candidate), R. W. Bro. N. Miller, R.W. Bro. G. P. Puffer, R.W. Bro. Stan Harbin, Bro. T. H. Gladders (Candidate). — Second Row: V.W. Bro. K. Wenner, V.W. Bro. George Arnett, V.W. Bro. Harry Farmer, M.W. Bro. W. A. (Sandy) Milligan, R.W. Bro. Dan McAllister, M.W. Bro. Morley Merner, R.W. Bro. N. McIver, R.W. Bro. Cliff Jones, R.W. Bro. J. Murdock. — Third Row: R.W. Bro. L. Webb, M.W. Bro. E. I. Thompson, R.W. Bro. Ben Robinson, M.W. Bro. Gordon Armstrong, R.W. Bro. Don Edwards, V.W. Bro. L. Langford, R.W. Bro. W. Driscoll, R.W. Bro. T. A. Drolet. — Top Row: R.W. Bro. J. Booth, M.W. Bro. Sam Hardin, R.W. Bro. M. Hamilton, R.W. Bro. Ben Holt and M.W. Bro. George Sterling.