



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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M.W. Bro. ROBERT LEFLEY COSTIGAN - GRAND MASTER



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M.W. Bro. Robert Lefley Costigan was installed as Grand Master of Masons on June 10, 1978 in Edmonton Alberta. He is a native Albertan having been born in Calgary on December 16, 1923. He lived in Morrin, Alberta for some time and received his education in Morrin, Drumheller and Calgary. During

the Second World War he served in the R.C.N.V.R. as a telegraphist and for the past 31 years has worked in the Oil Industry first with Royalite Oil and now with Gulf. He was married to Lois Green on July 8, 1947 and they have one daughter Debbie. He is a member of St. Matthews United Church and has served as an Elder for a number of years. He is a member of the Westend Credit Union and served a term as its president. He is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and a charter member of the Native Calgarian Society.

His Masonic History dates from July 7, 1953 when he was initiated into Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, Okotoks and was raised on September 1, 1953. In 1963 he was its Worshipful Master. When Elbow River Lodge No. 180 was chartered in March 1959 he was one of the Charter members and became its Worshipful Master in 1965. District No. 6 elected him as D.D.G.M. in 1968-69. For a number of terms he was a member of the Board of General Purposes and acted as Grand Treasurer from 1973-1975. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. For a number of years he has been on the Committee of the Grand Lodge Bulletin contributing many pictures to that publication. Grand Lodge elected him Grand Junior Warden in 1975 which led him to his present elevation to Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Costigan has been a constant supporter of the Order of DeMolay and holds the Legion of Honour and the Cross of Honour. He is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite 32 degrees and presently is an officer in the Southalta Consistory. Royal Arch Masonry, the Royal and Select Masters, the Preceptory and the Shrine all have him in their membership.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

It is with a humble heart that I write a few lines as your newly installed Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta. I must express my sincere thanks to you for having a continued confidence in me and to the brethren of the two lodges with whom I hold membership, for making it all possible. My past three years have been busy and enjoyable, having visited many lodges and having met so many new masonic friends. I again plan to visit as many lodges as is humanly possible. I plan to attend a large number of

District Meetings this fall and to be present at many anniversary celebrations and jewel presentations. My itinerary will be included in this bulletin and I am hopeful that the result of this advance notice will provide an opportunity for the members of this Grand Jurisdiction to become acquainted with their Grand Lodge Officers.

At my installation I announced a theme for the year "Freemasonry - Its Basic and Fundamental Principles". It is my aim to remind the craft of their responsibility for close adherence to the basics of freemasonry. I will speak to you from time

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to time on what I consider the "Basics". I will also welcome any papers and articles to be included in future bulletins on the lines of my chosen theme.

One of the Basic Principles that is uppermost in my thoughts today is "Truth". Just how truthful are we? Do we let small things creep into our lives and then just say that they are O.K., still knowing that they are sub-standard or completely wrong? We should be more truthful with ourselves and every one around us by questioning these type of things at the earliest possible moment and by so doing continue to keep the standard high in all aspects of our lives.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta has a wonderful new slate of officers and I am hopeful that all my newly installed District Deputies, of whom I am extremely proud, will cover their districts with great zeal and distinction and that all Board and Committee meetings will be profitable to the whole craft in 1978-79.

It is my wish that more of the craft will attend Divine Services as a group and before my term has finished I will endeavor to be in attendance at some of them.

Let us resolve to return to the Basics of Freemasonry.

R. L. Costigan
Grand Master

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

September to December 1978.

September

5	Cornerstone Laying - St. Mark's No. 118	Calgary
7-8-9	Banff Conference	Banff
11	Sherwood Lodge No. 183	Edmonton
12	Gateway Lodge No. 164	Edmonton
18	Charity Lodge No. 67	Lethbridge
19	Perfection Lodge No. 9	Calgary
21	Cornerstone Lodge No. 19	High River
25	Renfrew Lodge No. 134	Calgary
26	Reserved	
27	Canada Lodge No. 165	Calgary
29	Reserved	

October

3	Corinthian Lodge No. 22	Okotoks
4	Glenbow Lodge No. 184	Calgary
5	Zetland Lodge No. 83	Calgary
7	District No. 10 meeting	Cold Lake
10	Reserved	
11	District No. 15 meeting	Trochu
12	District No. 7 meeting	Milk River
14	District No. 12 meeting	Edmonton
16	District No. 13 meeting	Sexsmith
17	District No. 5 meeting	Alliance
19	Apollo Lodge No. 27	Stettler
21	District No. 19 meeting	Westlock
24	Carbon No. 107 60th Anniversary	Carbon
25	District No. 8 meeting	Claresholm
27	District No. 14 meeting	Delia

28	District No. 2 meeting	Medicine Hat
30	District No. 6 meeting	Calgary
November		
1	District No. 17 meeting	Viking
4	District No. 13 meeting	Drayton Valley
7	District No. 11 meeting	Vulcan
8	District No. 9 meeting	Consort
9-10-11	Reserved	
14	Reserved	
15	Board of General Purposes meeting	Red Deer
15	Bowmont Lodge No. 181	Calgary
16	King Solomon Lodge No. 41, 70th Anniversary	Cochrane
17	District No. 18 meeting	Calgary
21	Reserved	
22	Kelvingrove No. 187, Installation	Calgary
24	Reserved	
27	Hussar Lodge No. 130	Hussar
28	Crescent Lodge No. 87	Calgary
December		
5	Reserved	
6	Redwood Lodge No. 193 Installation	Edmonton
7	Zetland Lodge No. 83 Installation	Calgary
8	Temple Lodge No. 167 Installation	Edmonton
9	Renfrew Lodge No. 134 Installation	Calgary
11	St. Mark's Lodge No. 118 Installation	Calgary
12	Highlands Lodge No. 168 Installation	Edmonton
13	Jordan Lodge No. 177 Installation	Calgary
14	Ashlar Lodge No. 28, Installation	Calgary
15	King George Lodge No. 59 Installation	Calgary
19	Crescent Lodge No. 87, Installation	Calgary
27	Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 Installation	Medicine Hat.

DISTRICT MEETING DATES - 1978

District No.	Date	Place of Meeting
1	Saturday, November 29th	Calgary
2	Saturday, October 28th	Medicine Hat
3	Saturday, November 4th	Drayton Valley
4	Saturday, November 4th	Rimbey
5	Tuesday, October 17th	Alliance
6	Monday, October 30th	Calgary
7	Thursday, October 12th	Milk River
8	Wednesday, October 25th	Claresholm
9	Wednesday, November 8th	Consort
10	Saturday, October 7th	Cold Lake
11	Tuesday, November 7th	Vulcan
12	Saturday, October 14th	Edmonton
13	Monday, October 16th	Sexsmith

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14	Friday, October 27th	Delia
15	Wednesday, October 11th	Trochu
16	Saturday, October 28th	Gleichen
17	Wednesday, November 1st	Viking
18	Friday, November 17th	Calgary
19	Saturday, October 21st	Westlock
20	Saturday, November 18th	Edmonton

THE GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION 1978

There were 116 lodges represented at the Grand Lodge communication which was held in Edmonton on June 9 and 10. This means that 52 lodges were without representation. Apparently approximately 30.7% of the Alberta Lodges were not interested in the important decisions that had to be made. In addition these lodges missed the inspiration of a good meeting of the Masonic Fraternity that had it's share of good brotherly association. there was some very good debate. In fact the Grand Lodge appears to be moving away from the period when everything went through without discussion. This is a good sign and indicates that the members of the craft are more than willing to take their part in the governing of the craft and are not content to leave it to a few individuals. Despite the fact that so many lodges were not represented the attendance was 638 plus 42 Master Masons.

The Banquet must be a matter of concern to those responsible. It was an inspirational evening with the guest speaker, M.W. Bro. Lloyd S. Cochran, as guest speaker living up to his reputation as an eloquent masonic speaker. The attendance was the problem with 440 being present. Of these 168 were wives and 272 being masons. The Edmonton brethren numbered only 95. Of the number of masons attending 104 were not accompanied by their wives. The conclusion that must be drawn is that about 400 of the brethren returned home after the installation ceremonies. Undoubtedly the price of the tickets contributed to the lack of support. They must be other alternatives to consider. As was feared when the time of the Communication was moved to the weekend and the installation of the new Grand Master scheduled for Saturday afternoon, the banquet became an anti-climax.

The motions to the constitution met with varied reactions. It was readily agreed that the 1980 Communication be held in Red Deer. Almost unanimous assent was given to the change taking away from the Grand Nominating Committee the power to nominate candidates for the position of Grand Junior Warden after the close of nominations. This may now be done only if there is no election indicated when nominations close because two brethren are not nominated. The proposal to give the recipient of a Fifty Year award the choice between the jewel and a lapel pin went down to defeat. In the matter of finances the Communication agreed that 2 percent of the cash and investments in the Relief Fund be paid to the Grand Lodge General Fund. The crunch came when

an attempt was made to increase the per capita tax charged by Grand Lodge to \$10.00 per year. This proposal was defeated. With the budget of the Grand Lodge already showing a deficit there will be problems for the Finance Committee in the year ahead. However the smaller lodges were adamant in their argument that they could not afford any extra expenses at the present time.

The arrangements for the Communication were very efficiently handled. The Grand Secretary and his staff are to be complimented on the tremendous effort they made. From many comments heard in the hallways the brethren were less than satisfied with the service that the hotel provided and with the food services.

WHAT DOES FREEMASONRY STAND FOR?

Bro. V. Warren Van Rice
Britannia Lodge No. 18

Freemasonry serves as a framework for the development of the individual, and within that framework, each Mason is able to develop at his own pace. Because of this individual freedom, our Craft has a unique and special meaning for each Brother. Strength springs from this kind of difference; we can grow and benefit in constructive ways through sharing our understanding of Masonic matters. It is my purpose here to touch on only a few of the items and qualities for which Freemasonry stands.

Freemasonry stands for tolerance. It requires and demands mutual respect for each other's feelings; mutual regard for each other's rights and welfare; and mutual regret for each other's misfortunes. Freemasonry stands for a self-respecting manhood. It stands for friendship for all mankind, no matter what the ethnic or racial origin, provided only that upon examination and inquiry, they are found to be good men and true, obedient to the moral law, and believe in the One True God, the supreme Architect of the Universe.

Let us look about the Lodge for a moment. We see many symbols which constantly remind us of Masonic principles and tenets. Light and knowledge. Strength and establishment. Beauty. Let us consider in particular the three elements or parts which comprise the Masonic crest or emblem. First is the letter "G" in the centre of the emblem, representing geometry and God. We are reminded to invite God to the centre or throne of our lives. Secondly, the square forms the base, and more especially with our brethren in Masonry. Thirdly, the compasses remind us to limit or circumscribe our behaviour within definite boundaries. In the science of geometry the compasses can be used to draw a perfect circle. You may notice that a circle is equally strong at every point about its border; there are no weak spots.

This is only a sampling of the symbolism in our Craft. Every Mason can remember the beauty of symbolism associated with degree work, and can cherish its particular personal significance.

Freemasonry does more than just represent high standards and principles of conduct. It encourages us

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to apply these principles, not only in our dealings with brethren in Masonry, but in the profane world as well. The Masonic charities are visible expressions of our concern.

What does Freemasonry stand for? What does it represent? Each of us is able to answer this, based on individual experience. These answers or conclusions are not meant to be static, but instead can be revised and updated. When the work of the three Degrees is complete, there may be a temptation to think we have "arrived"; that there is nothing further to be done. This is false. What does matter is that the Master Mason takes up his responsibility; the responsibility to grow in his understanding of the Craft, and to perfect his art. The farmer, the teacher, the lawyer, the mechanic; all continue to learn, and so too does the Master Mason.

In conclusion, let me leave just one item with you. Freemasonry stands for the importance of the individual Brother. We are here to help each other grow and improve. In Freemasonry, I believe each one of us is on a pilgrimage, moving from the rough ashlar in the north-east corner towards the perfect ashlar. Every rough ashlar has the potential to be perfect. The rough ashlar cannot transform itself, but depends upon the hand of a craftsman. We can be craftsmen one to another, in brotherhood, under the guidance of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Yes, the individual Brother is important. He is not a self-made man, but can realize his potential through the fellowship of his brethren.

A sculptor was once asked the secret of his achievements. He said, "I simply use my chisel to knock off bits of stone. The finished statue was there all the time!"

And so we see that each of us has potential, waiting to be discovered and used. And we can, if we wish, choose the Grand Architect as our Sculptor.

ELBOW RIVER LODGE No. 180



M.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan paid his first official visit after his installation to the Installation meeting of Elbow River Lodge No. 180, of which he is a charter member and a Past Master. He installed the new Worshipful Master, W. Bro. R. L. Purdy in the Chair of King Solomon and is pictured above handing the gavel to the newly seated master. Pictured also is V.W. Bro. H. Dennison, Senior Grand Deacon, who was the

Installing Master. The newly installed D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. J. K. Williams, District No. 6, gave the proclamation. The Grand Master was accompanied by a large number of Grand Lodge officers including M.W. Bro. W. J. Collett P.G.M. who acted as Chaplain.

CRESSET LODGE No. 136



The above picture shows R.W. Bro. Ward Ingoldsby D.D.G.M., District No. 11 presenting to Bro. Glen Hughes of Cresset Lodge No. 136 his Fifty Year Jewel. It was a most enjoyable evening for all concerned. About a month after this picture was taken Cresset Lodge, District No. 11 and R.W. Bro. Ingoldsby's own Lodge, York Lodge No. 119, Lethbridge, in fact the whole of the Jurisdiction, was saddened by the sudden passing of the District Deputy Grand Master.

OYEN LODGE No. 104

In May Oyen Lodge celebrated its Sixtieth Anniversary. The Lodge was opened at 2:00 p.m. and a Thanksgiving Service was conducted by M. W. Bro. B. K. Hansen (G.R.S.). W. Bro. C. V. Sullivan gave a historical review, and a twenty-five year pin was presented by R.W. Bro. I. McKay. Following the closing of the Lodge there was a period of fellowship which was followed by a banquet in the Oyen Legion Hall over which W. Bro. W. Moore presided. The guest speaker was the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan.

CHARITY LODGE No. 67



Prior to the recent meeting of Charity Lodge No. 67 a dinner was held in honour of W. Bro. John P. Talbot who was celebrating his fiftieth year in Freemasonry. The center of attraction was a beautifully decorated cake made especially for the occasion by Mrs. Talbot. The D.D.G.M. of District No. 7 is shown presenting the jewel on behalf of M.W. Bro. K. L. Crockett who could not be present.