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DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PICTURE?



This picture has been sent to us by The Photography Centre in Edmonton. Do you recognize the building? Do you know anything about Mr. Irvine who apparently ran a Men's Clothing store? Was he a Mason? If you do please send in the information with any dates that can be unearthed.

For our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary year we hope to have a good collection of old pictures, some of which will be included in the History of Masonry in Alberta which will be published in 1980. Now is the time to plan for that Anniversary and to make your contribution by planning special projects for the year.

Any information you may have or any pictures that you may find should be sent directly to the Grand Lodge Office. If you wish to have the pictures returned please indicate this.

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Anthracite, June 1st, 1902.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

I beg to hand you herewith my report as D. D. G. M. of the Ninth Masonic District:—

The most important Masonic event of the year in this District was the Masonic Communication held on the summit of Tunnel Mountain, Banff, on the afternoon of the 2nd day of August, 1901.

For some years past a number of the more enthusiastic Masons throughout the district have discussed the novelty of taking advantage of the natural facilities offered by the mountains of this vicinity and, in imitation of our ancient brethren convening lodge on a veritable high hill.

As Cascade Lodge, No. 42, holds jurisdiction over these hills, it was only proper that initiative steps to this end should be taken by its members. I was invited to take charge of the proceedings. As far as possible I endeavored to make a District affair of this most novel and instructive convention.

Innisfail Lodge, No. 58, and Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, found it impossible to be represented by a working team, but two Calgary Lodges chartered a train for the occasion and were represented by a full complement of officers and a large number of members.

The Lodge was opened by the Officers of Cascade Lodge and as the symbol of authority was about to be surrendered to me as the D.D.G.M., the Secretary came forward, and on behalf of the W. M., who was unavoidably absent, presented as the perpetual property of Cascade Lodge a gavel manufactured from a piece of wood of the Hudson Bay packet "Beaver," the first steamship that sailed the Pacific.

We had present at this communication many eminent and well skilled brethren from almost every portion of the Dominion. The instruction given in the various addresses covered a wide range of Masonic thought, while the work exemplified by the officers of the Lodges present, and the general conduct of the proceedings of a Lodge showed a degree of skill of which District No. 9 is justly proud.

The W. M. of Bow River Lodge, assisted by his officers, conferred a first degree giving a most capable exemplification of the English Ritual, and the foremost Western exponents of the York Rite, the W. M. of Perfection and his officers conferred the second degree. A pleasing innovation was the introduction of the Bag of Benevolence by Bow River. The amount of this contribution, \$15.00, was turned over to me to be disposed of for some charitable purpose, and I have since forwarded it to the Bank of Commerce, Relief Fund, Fernie, B.C., for the sufferers from the recent mine explosion.

Bro. Dr. Braithwaite, our Grand Senior Warden, who had previously been received with becoming honors, and other eminent brethren delivered addresses. That of the Rev. Brother J. W. Litch was most impressive and will long be remembered by those present as a masterpiece of oratory.

Photographs which will be valued souvenirs were taken as the main features of the ceremony proceeded.

This meeting was not only instructive and full of significance on account of its location and environment, but was the means of bringing together brethren throughout the district who would never otherwise have met. Everyone present had an opportunity of seeing work done by sister Lodges and of comparing at their best the two rites worked under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The strange surroundings, the beauty and sublimity of the spot, and the impressiveness of the ceremonies were well calculated to make a lasting impression not only on the minds of those who took the degree, but upon those who were present to witness the scene. In a Lodge-room made by the Hand of God and actually above the clouds which could be seen touching the mountain side below, in the midst of brethren some of whom had come many hundreds of miles to be present, it would be strange indeed if all were not most deeply affected and aroused to a sense of the majesty and solemnity of occasion.

In the closing ceremonies I was assisted by Past Grand Officers Hamilton Lang, I. S. G. Van Wart, E. Nelson Brown and J. De Sousa.

A social dance in the Banff Pavilion entertained all the visiting brethren and their lady friends up to within a few minutes of Low twelve, when the Calgary excursion train pulled out from the depot.

During my term of office I visited officially all Lodges throughout the District. I have observed work done by both sets of officers in charge at each Lodge with the exception of Innisfail and Red Deer, and these I visited only once and under the regime of the officers in charge to the 27th of December, 1901. I am pleased to be able to report that the general condition of Masonry throughout this District is most satisfactory and encouraging.

Innisfail Lodge, No. 58.— I visited this Lodge on Thursday evening, 21st November, 1901. There was a good attendance. Degree work was done in a dignified and correct manner. Considering the financial condition of this Lodge it ought to have a better furnished lodge-room. I found the Masonic spirit among the officers and members excellent, and the books carefully and correctly kept. A large number of the Past Masters take a very active interest in the work of this Lodge.

Red Deer Lodge, No. 73— On Friday evening, 22nd November, 1901, I visited this Lodge and was greeted with a good attendance. The officers are all well posted. This is a very young Lodge. Its members have not yet got a very good hall or very suitable furnishings, but they are in a fairly good financial position and talk of building a hall of their own. The books are well and neatly kept. I was particularly

impressed with the desire for knowledge and the evident ability existing among the younger members of this Lodge, and if kept together I will expect great things of them.

Bow River Lodge, No. 28 and Perfection Lodge No. 60— I visited these Lodges at a combined meeting on Monday evening, 12th May, 1902. There was an extraordinarily large attendance. The third degree worked by the officers of Bow River was most impressive. Several of the officers of Perfection Lodge were unavoidably absent, but the work done by that Lodge in conferring the second degree showed that they have an abundance of good material to fall back upon in such an emergency. The work was exceptionally well done. The music furnished by the combined talent of the two Lodges was the best and most appropriate I have ever had the pleasure of hearing. Both these Lodges have a strong financial standing and a large membership. The Officers are all well posted in their work, and they have an abundant supply of first-class material from which to choose their officers. Several of the Past Masters still take an inspiring interest in the work.

(Editor's note- in reading some of the early Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba we ran across this interesting bit of history. In view of M.W.Bro. Crockett's decision to grant a dispensation for an out of doors meeting of a Lodge we thought it would be appropriate to publish the report of the Ninth Masonic District, Grand Lodge of Manitoba 1902, in its entirety. There may be other relevant stories that we would like to receive for the Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE NO. 34

The following is an account of the remarks and comments given at the "festive board" following the Lodge meeting, on the occasion of the celebration of the Lodge's 70th Anniversary of being chartered.

In the absence of our Junior Warden, Adam Brown, who could not attend because of illness, Wor. Bro. Peter Wyllie, Past Master (1947 and again in 1967) - acted as Toastmaster. Bro. Ross Perschbacher who retired as Secretary-Treasurer of the Lodge in December,- after 18 years received his jewel from the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. K. L. Crockett.

After the Chaplain, W. Bro. Arnold MacKenzie said Grace, and the Queen and The Craft were toasted, Wor. Bro. Ernie Lake lighted a candle in memory of departed and absent brethren. He reminisced a bit, recalling as a growing boy in Leduc many of the Charter members and early members. Wor. Bro. George Edgelow in proposing a Toast to the Founding Brethren spoke of the dedication of these men, their early method of travel and the importance "attending lodge" was to them. He paid tribute to Wor. Bro. Freeman MacDonald (Master in 1932) and mentioned some of the experiences of those times as reaccounted by Bro. MacDonald.

One of the young new members very capably proposed a Toast to the Past Masters. There were eleven present including Wor. Bro. Jack Stewart, Master in 1941, while stationed in Leduc in charge of the R.C.M.P. - now a member of Unity Lodge No. 51. Another new young member proposed the Toast to The Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Leslie Punshon made mention of the respect we

all have for these brethren and spoke of the guidance received in our Lodge teachings. Still another new young member in person of Bro. Peter Hudson, with some humour proposed a toast to our visiting brethren. Bro. Wm. "Bill" Davidson, Sen. Warden of Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15 - a very frequent visitor to Star of The West - replied to the toast with words of wisdom about Masonry, visiting of other Lodges and the hospitality of Star of The West members conduct.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Kenneth L. Crockett spoke to the brethren on being presented with an Anniversary Plate by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Norman Lahure, as did R. Wor. Bro. Robt. Juthner on receiving an Anniversary Ash Tray, commemorating the Lodges 70th birthday. The Grand Master complimented the Lodge on undertaking the celebrating of the 70th birthday in a most suitable manner. (He delivered an excellent address to the brethren, reflecting a bit on his early association with Star of The West and his part helping the lodge deal with architects and contractors when the present Temple was constructed.)



LONG SERVICE HONORS

Three members of Camrose Masonic Lodge were honored last Thursday when their service over a period of many years was acknowledged by their fellow members. Left to right are Henry Schlitt, Louie Lien, and Bill Glatiotis, who, among them, boast association with the local lodge for something in the order of 100 years.

A member of the Craft for sixty years, Mr. Schlitt was unanimously accepted as a Life Member of the Camrose Lodge. Mr. Lien, already a Life Member, was presented with a jewel for 50 year's continuous membership in the order, and is proudly pointing to the award, while Mr. Glatiotis received both a 50 year jewel and a Life Membership, again by unanimous accord. The presentations were all made by Allan Strandberg, who is this year's Master.

EVERGREEN LODGE NO. 166 MOVES

Evergreen Lodge No. 166 has, since its consecration in 1951 met in St. James United Church. For its regular meeting in March it moved to the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton. The lodge will meet on the First and Third Mondays.

KENILWORTH LODGE NO. 29



W. Bro. Fred Turnbull of Kenilworth Lodge was presented with a 50 year Past Master's Jewel on December 6th, 1977 by M. W. Bro. George Sterling. W. Bro. Turnbull is 93 years old and still leads a very active life, still drives his own car. He was initiated in Kenilworth Lodge on Jan. 12th, 1910, passed March 23rd and raised April 20th, 1910. He was Worshipful Master of Kenilworth Lodge in 1916.

W. Bro. James Benson Long was presented with his 50 year Past Master's Jewel on January 3rd, 1978, being unable to attend on Dec. 6th, 1977 due to a slight illness. W. Bro. Long is 87 years old and still practices dentistry in Red Deer. He was initiated in Kennilworth Lodge on April 15th, 1920, passed May 20th and raised July 22nd, 1920. He was Worshipful Master of Kenilworth Lodge in 1926. W. Bro. Long was presented with his jewel by M. W. Bro. Gordon Towers, P.G.M.

M. W. Bro. George Sterling was presented with his 50 year Jewel on April 4th, 1978 by R. W. Bro. Hedley Parsons, on behalf of Beacon Lodge No. 190 and R. W. Bro. Ron Dale, on behalf of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29. And with his 50 year certificate by M. W. Bro. Crockett.

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Recently R. W. Bro. R. L. Costigan, then Deputy Grand Master received a delegation from the Order of DeMolay in the Grand Lodge Library. He received from Bro. W. Palyor, the Executive Officer of DeMolay a gift of books on the order for the Grand Lodge Library. The picture shows Bro. Palyor presenting the books while Master Councillor, Ben Maitland, Stampede Chapter, Master Councillor Lawney Gordon, Calgary Chapter, Master Councillor Wade Pollock, Foothills Chapter and Bro. Jack Vandersluys Deputy of the Canadian Supreme Council look on.

HINTON LODGE No. 178

A very enjoyable day was spent in Hinton, Saturday April 15th, 1978. Hinton Lodge No. 178 hosted a Masonic Bonspiel, hopefully to be known as District No. 3 Bonspiel.

8 Rinks from Jasper, Edson, and Hinton, competed for the beautiful Trophies made by Wor. Bro. Lyle Womacks, and Wor. Bro. Tom Lewko.

The Rink skipped by Wor. Bro. Tom Lewko, Hinton took home the big Prize. 2nd Prize went to Bro. Clarence Hudson's Rink, also of Hinton, after a Play-off. The Skips had to throw two rocks each, to decide the winner.

All the Curlers, and their wives enjoyed a Social hour, and an excellent Roast beef dinner in the Hinton Travelodge after the Bonspiel.

Winners were presented with their Trophies, plus a great deal of "Ribbing," after the dinner.



Some members of Vulcan Lodge No. 74 gathered in Mesa, Arizona to honour W. Bro. Ed Armey by presenting him with his Fifty Year Jewel. The picture shows R. W. Bro. Bill Richardson, W. Bro. Arlo Doane, W. Bro. Armey and R. W. Bro. Charles Andrews.

A Charter member of Sherwood Park Lodge No. 183, W. Bro. C. E. Poxon, on the eve of his retirement was presented with an Honorary Life Membership at the April meeting of the Lodge.

By this time most of the Brethren will have received the preliminary announcements of the Trade West Masonic Tour to Sydney, Australia which is being planned to coincide with Australia's International Masonic Festival in Sydney, Australia, March 3 to 10th, 1979.

This tour will depart on February 26, 1979 and will be for 21 nights. The Grand Master M.W. Bro. Costigan is planning to make the trip and hopes that a number of Alberta Masons will be able to accompany him. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Alberta, and B.C. are cooperating in the planning and reservations should be made by October 1st, 1978.