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PROCLAMATION

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY IN THE JURISDICTION OF ALBERTA THAT, I WILLIAM NEIL LOVE, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1979 AS MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY MONTH. I URGE ALL BRETHREN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUND DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IN ORDER THAT THE WORKS OF CHARITY MAY CONTINUE TO PREVAIL.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta Most Worshipful Brother William Neil Love, has proclaimed November 1979 as Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month and request all Masons in the Grand Lodge of Alberta to donate to this very worthy fund.

On behalf of the members of this committee I thank all those members who so generously gave last year that helped the committee to raise over Twenty-one Thousand dollars for the Higher Education Bursary fund which was a slight increase over the previous year.

This year and next we are celebrating the Year of The Child and the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I believe both of these events deserve our attention as Masons. The thought occurs that if we give this year to the Year of The Child it will help us as Masons to Celebrate Our Anniversary by perhaps giving bigger bursaries, or may be more in 1980 during our Anniversary year. It would be really great for your committee to be able to do something special but we can only do this to the extent of your generosity.

Over the years the committee has had wonderful support from many generous members and without their wonderful support the bursary fund could not have carried on. To all these brethren our sincere thanks, and we hope that each and every one will continue their support so your committee can continue with this great work.

I again this year studied the Grand Lodge proceedings (1979.) It is distressing to find that some Lodges are not giving anything or very little to the bursary fund. We need the support of each and every Mason as well as every Lodge.


The Deputy Grand Master's address on the condition of Masonry in Alberta said, "There is an up swing in Masonry in Alberta". I hope the upswing is in Masonry and that it touches the hearts of all our members in the field of charity and gets the donations to the Higher Education Bursary Fund above the One dollar and Forty cents per member syndrome which is an average of approximately the amount per member for the year. This is not an enviable record for a society such as ours....

I believe that it is not in the realm of fantasy to reach a five dollar per member average which is less than two cents a day. Please give what you can but do it now before it slips your memory and no matter how small the amount it will be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

I would ask the Masters of each Lodge, the District Deputies, and Grand Lodge Officers to remind the members of the necessity of supporting this fund by bringing it to their attention by word, notice, etc., and remind them that it is their Charity.

Each year as I write this request for donations for the Bursary fund I find it very difficult to find different ways to say "please give". On the Labour Day weekend I watched a little of the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon and I only wish we could touch the hearts of Masons as he does the people who watch. He did say something I thought had a great meaning and I would like to paraphrase his message. I am aware each and every one of us have many charities, churches, and funds to which we give, I hope you do. In addition I would ask you to send the Bursary Fund Five or Ten Dollars.

Brethren will you Please make an effort this year? Don't delay, write your cheque today.


L. D. Jeater Chairman
Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee

**THE HIGHER EDUCATION
BURSARY FUND**

At the Grand Lodge Communication in 1958 approval was given to establish a Higher Education Bursary Fund. The Committee on Finance granted \$1000.00 from the General Fund and \$1000.00 from the Relief Account. It also included an estimate of \$500.00 to cover the travelling expenses of members of the Committee to meetings.

The first Committee was composed of M.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard, V.W. Bro. K. J. Morrison, R.W. Bro. F. R. Millican, R.W. Bro. L. O. Sanders, M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, M.W. Bro. W. Ireland together with the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. The Committee was to be elected by Grand Lodge and members were to serve for a maximum of three years. The Committee recommended that the Bursary start on a small scale and, when thoroughly established on a sound basis to be gradually expanded.

Rule four that was approved by Grand Lodge read as follows, "A holder of a bursary may select any course at the University of Alberta that he or she desires. Should the desired course be not available in Alberta the Committee may make other suitable arrangements. Applications may be of either sex, whose Father is a member in good standing, or in the case of demise of the father, he must have been in good standing at the time of his death, of a Lodge within this Jurisdiction, and the Lodge should be prepared to recommend and sponsor the application".

Rule four has gone through many changes since 1958. It was found that the bursaries could not be limited to members of families of Masons if the income tax deductions for donations were to apply. Other than that Masonically there should be no limit to those who receive that benefit of the good works of the Masonic Fraternity.

In the period of twenty years, life in Alberta has changed considerably. At that time Alberta had one University. Now it has four. In addition to these institutions a system of Post Secondary Institutions have increased in popularity and are attracting more students. These Schools range from the Institutes of Technology to the various Community Colleges. The variety of courses offered has multiplied in keeping with Alberta's professional and technological growth. The result is that the list of recipients now come from a variety of institutions.

The number of bursaries awarded and the amount of the bursaries have both shown a remarkable increase. It is gratifying to note that the Bursary Fund, because of the generosity of the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction, has been able to maintain itself and to grow with a growing province.

The founders of the Fund back in 1958 could not have forecast that last year over twenty-one thousand dollars were raised to be distributed this year amongst the recipients listed in the Bulletin. Even with this record there is room for improvement. Some fifteen Lodges did not contribute last year.

**MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION
BURSARY AWARDS — 1979-80**

UNDERGRADUATES

- ALLAN, Heather Margaret, Tofield U. of A.
- ALLAN, Stuart Graham, Tofield Lakeland College
- FOERGER, Robert Henry, Wainwright U. of A.
- HUTCHINS, Wendy Marie, Calgary U. of C.
- KINSELLA, Aileen Celeste, Wainwright U. of A.
- MACK, Norma Lynn, Medicine Hat U. of A.
- ROMNEY, Carolyn Ellen, Calgary Mount Royal College

MATRICULANTS

- ABEL, Susan Erica, Red Deer Red Deer College
- BARSS, Barbara Gail, Medicine Hat U. of A.
- BECKLEY, Linda Hari, Bowden S.A.I.T.
- BERGMAN, Jan, Calgary U. of C.
- BEYER, Valerie Jean, Grassy Lake U. of Lethbridge
- CASS, Janice Ina, Calgary U. of A.
- CECERE, Guiseppina, Calgary U. of C.
- CHERAK, Patrick Verne, Canmore U. of C.
- CLYNE, Sharlene Jean, Rockyford S.A.I.T.
- FISHER, Joanne Carol, Rocky Mountain House U. of A.
- GATENBY, John Frank, Calgary U. of C.
- GOBIE, Barbara Joan, Lloydminster ... Camrose Luthern College
- GORDON, William Robert, Rockyford U. of C.
- HAGER, Patrick Michael, Nanton U. of C.
- IDZI, Anna Rosalia U. of C.
- KERNER, Debbie Ann, Hanna Red Deer College
- LETENDRE, Deborah, Lloydminster U. of A.
- LEWIN, David George, Calgary U. of C.
- MCDONALD, George Alexander, Calgary U. of C.
- MILLMAN, Kerry Allen, Calgary U. of C.
- MOISEY, Bruce Nicholas, Edmonton U. of A.
- NICKERSON, Lisa Mae, Beaverlodge Red Deer College
- NOBLE, Lori Kathleen, Iron Springs U. of C.
- SHIGEHRO, Irene Michiko, Coaldale U. of Lethbridge
- SKEET, Linda Diana, Calgary U. of C.
- STECYK, Joanne Mary, Valleyview U. of A.
- STRATTON, Nancy Beith, Edmonton U. of A.
- YOUNG, April Yvonne, Lethbridge U. of Lethbridge

**MR. AND MRS. FRANK MILLING SCHOLARSHIP
FUND AWARD**

- SWANSTON, Marcia Carol, Lethbridge Guildhall School
of Music and Drama, London, England

RITUAL PERFECTION

Why is it that so many Masons continue to think that Masonry was not only brought into being, but continues to exist, for the sake of ritual and for that alone? All they seem to talk about, or think about, is "Getting the work". In their effort to become perfect in the letter of the ritual they would fain memorize the punctuation marks if that were possible. Among them that man is the best Mason who comes nearest to the phonograph in the perfection of his word memory. All too few of them make much, if any, effort to understand the spirit of the ritual or to let that spirit have its perfect work in their thoughts and lives. Ask one of these what a certain part or phrase of the ritual means, and he is not only at a loss to know but even wonders what is the matter with you that you should think it really had a meaning, or that he ought to know that meaning. He has accurately committed his lines, repeated them without a mistake, and, for him, that is enough. And if he can say them with fewer errors than you can he thinks himself a better Mason than you are despite the fact that he has little or no idea what those words mean.

WHAT IS AN OBLIGATION?

The root of the word obligation is "lig". It means a bond, a tie, or to tie together.

The same root is found in such words as Ligament and Religion.

The prefix of the word is "ob" which means "to move toward" or to "act toward".

Thus we can deduce that an obligation is something that moves or acts towards the binding of something together.

Masonically the Obligation has a two way method of tying things or people together.

The obligation moves towards the joining of the Lodge to the candidate and the joining of the candidate to the Lodge.

An obligation is a two way action. If one of the partners fails to do his bit then the obligation is not binding or valid.

THE DUE GUARD

Due come from the Latin word "debitus". It means to owe a debt that has become due. When the sign is given the individual acknowledges that he has a debt that has fallen due and he is ready to pay the debt to the extent of the penalty of his obligation.

Some individuals assert that the word "Due" is really a form of the French Work for God which is Dieu. So when a person gives the sign he acknowledges that what he does is under the guardianship of God.

Whichever meaning we choose to take from the word it must mean that the Mason places himself under the Due Guard in society. That he owes a debt to his fellow men and must be ready to pay that debt. While paying the debt to his fellow men he is confident that he will be under the protection of the Most High.



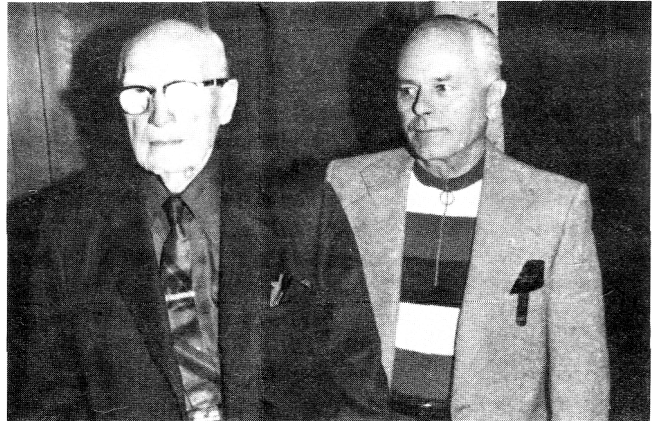
CANADA LODGE NO. 165

Bro. J. Michael McKergow was raised to the Sublime Degree at Canada Lodge No. 165 by both his father and his grandfather, R.W. Bro. J. Sidney McKergow and W. Bro. J. Douglas McKergow. They are both Past Masters of Canada Lodge and now that Lodge has three generations active in it. This may be a record. The picture shows (from left to right) R.W. Bro. J. S. McKergow, Bro. J. Michael McKergow and W. Bro. J. Douglas McKergow.

A Masonic book entitled "Introduction to Freemasonry" reads as follows: 'The common gavel, which breaks off the corners of the rough stone, the better to fit them for the builder's use, joins the R. and P.A.'s in a hidden symbol of the Order at once beautiful and tender. The former sculptor and an ardent Freemason, Gutzon Berglum, was asked how he carved stone into beautiful statues replied, "It is very simple. I merely knock away with the hammer and chisel the portion of the stone I do not need and the statue is there all the time." In the V.S.L. or commonly known as the Great Light, we read, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is within you'. We are also taught in the V.S.L. that man is made in the image of God. As Brother Borglum has said, 'images are made by the process of taking away'. The perfection is already within. All that is required is to remove the roughness, the excrescences and directing our hearts and consciences of the voice and the superfluities of life to show forth the perfect man and Mason within.

NOTICE

DISTRICT NO. 1 MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1979, BOWMONT HALL TO THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 1979, CALGARY MASONIC TEMPLE.



John Albert (Bert) Gow was congratulated on attaining his 102 birthday when he was visited by M.W. Bro. A. O. Aspeslet P.G.M. W. Bro. Gow is an only remaining Charter member of Cresset Lodge No. 136. He was Cresset Lodge's first Senior Warden and its second Worshipful Master. He served as Secretary of his Lodge for twenty years. At the present time he resides in Southland Nursing Home in Lethbrige.

THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND

M.W. Bro. H. R. H. the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England presided over the annual investiture of that Grand Lodge which was held in the Freemason's Hall in London, England. At that meeting he installed H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent as Senior Grand Warden of the United

Grand Lodge. In his address to the Grand Lodge the Grand Master remarked at his pleasure at being able to invest the new Senior Grand Warden. He said that he hoped Prince Michael would enjoy the office as did his father and uncles before him. The chain of office, the Grand Master noted, has been worn by many distinguished brethren and that the undress regalia had become an heirloom in his family. He wondered who would be the next person to wear it.

He also said, "At my initiation, and indeed in the other two ceremonies, but most particularly at my initiation, I remember feeling a very definite sensation of repugnance when I came to repeat the penalties clause in its old form. I was glad soon after that was over to hear that R.W. Bro. Bishop Herbert was to raise the whole matter in Grand Lodge, and still more so when I heard of the success of his efforts to get Grand Lodge to approve of his alternate version: this appears to me to avoid the distasteful aspect of calling upon God to witness an oath which is scarcely practical and certainly barbarous, while still maintaining a reference to what we are told, with perhaps an absence of positive proof, was the practice of our early Brethren.....there has been some reluctance to adopt the new version, but I would urge all Lodges that have not done so to look again at the alternatives put forward by Bishop Herbert and not to let the more conservative members persist with the old routine without giving full and open minded consideration to the problem; its moral implications are to my mind much more important than any considerations of preserving tradition."

DEATHS

The deaths of several Past Grand Lodge Officers have been reported. All of them had taken demits and were no longer members of this jurisdiction. M.W. Bro. Rev. G. Crane Williams who was Grand Master in 1945 - 46 died in Vancouver on April 25 and was buried on April 28. Bro. Rev. R. E. Smith and Bro. Rev. W. J. Merrick both died in England earlier this year. Bro. Smith was Grand Chaplain in 1945 and Bro. Merrick was Grand Chaplain in 1925.

Three things to give: alms to the needy, comfort to the sad, and appreciation to the worthy.

FIFTY YEAR JEWEL

When R.W. Bro. C. Rudd was in Hawaii in June he carried with him a fifty year Jewel from Comet Efficiency Lodge No. 50 to present to Bro. Captain S.R. Espedal who now resides in Honolulu. Bro. Espedal is very active in Masonic Circles in Hawaii and R.W. Bro. Rudd enjoyed visits to Lodges there. The presentation was very much appreciated and Bro. Espedal has written a letter of appreciation of the courtesy extended to him by Comet Efficiency Lodge. He was initiated in November of 1928.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. N. Love accompanied by the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. M. P. Dunford were official visitors at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario which was held in July. They report a very interesting and profitable visit.

THE BULLETIN

Material for the Bulletin is always in demand. We would like to be able to publish news of Lodge Activities, personal items of Brethren honored for outstanding contributions to the Craft, historical events and as many pictures as possible. Papers delivered at Research meetings and at Lodge meetings are always welcome. One of the purposes of the Bulletin is to keep members informed about Masonic activities and this can be done only as information keeps coming in. The deadline for publication is six weeks before the actual printing. This means that the 10th of any month is the cut off date. Please send material to the Bulletin care of the Grand Lodge Office. One source of information is the Notice of the Lodge Meeting. When these are carefully written with detailed information much news can be gleaned from them. The editor appreciates the willingness of secretaries when they include a copy of the notice for the Bulletin with the copy they send regularly to the Grand Secretary.

WINDING STAIRS

Symbol of the growth of mental and spiritual life, of learning, study and enlarging horizons. Also a symbol of courage of Masonic character.

A straight stair, a ladder, hides neither secret nor mystery at its top. But the stairs which wind, hide each step from the climber; what is just around the corner is unknown. The Winding Stairs of life lead us to we Know not what; for some, a middle Chamber of fame and fortune, for others, of pain and frustration. The Angel of Death may stand with drawn sword on the very next step for any one.

Yet man climbs because he has courage; because he has faith, because he is a man. So must the Freemason climb. The Winding Stairs do lead somewhere. There is a Middle Chamber. There are wages of the Fellowcraft to be earned.

Fraternally,
R. I. Mason,
Worshipful Master.

Reprinted from the Meeting Notice of Bowmont Lodge.

Information re: The Mr. & Mrs. Frank Milling Scholarship Fund will be published following a meeting to be held by the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee.

A letter from this Grand Jurisdiction has been forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen expressing our sympathy at the regrettable death of Earl Louis Mountbatten of Burma.