



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## 100th ANNIVERSARY

### ALBERTA LODGE NO. 3 FORT MACLEOD

The third Alberta Lodge to reach its centennial will be having its major celebrations on June 20th, 21st, and 22nd 1986. The many friends of this lodge should come and renew their contacts with this well established Lodge. The brethren of Fort Macleod have arranged celebrations over the two days for brethren and their Ladies and all are invited to attend. Registration commences at the Lodge Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and there will be a barbeque immediately following.

On Saturday 21st at 1:30 p.m. Lodge will be held while the Ladies will be toured around Fort Macleod. There will be an evening banquet commencing with a no-host bar at 5:00 p.m. and followed by dancing.

On Sunday 22nd there will be a church parade commencing at 10:30 p.m. followed by a farewell brunch.

The cost for all meals will be \$20.00 per person or \$ 35.00 per couple. A real bargain.

Motel accommodations is available and will be booked for you if you wish. Please contact W.Bro. Klaus Vandenbeld 553-3812, W. Bro. Andy McKay 553-3431 or R.W. Bro. Bob Reach 553-3035 if you intend to be with them.

## 75th ANNIVERSARY

Crossfield Lodge No. 48 celebrates 75 years of life in June of 1986. The Lodge members extend a warm welcome to all Alberta Masons to join them in this special event. Ladies are welcome.

The celebration commences with Registration at 2:00 p.m. and a Ladies Tea. Lodge will be tyled at 3:30 p.m. while the ladies are taken on a tour. The evening celebration will commence with cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing at 9:00 p.m. Total cost \$17.50 per person. On Sunday June 22nd, the famous Crossfield Lodge Car Rally will be held, starting at 12 noon and concluding, with luck, about two hours later. Cost \$10.00 per car.

Further particulars from W.M. Bro. Hugh Hamilton 948-5901 (Bus) or 948-5115 (Res) in Airdrie.

## TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

The formation of a new Lodge to meet during the daylight hours in Calgary is proceeding well and many Masons have expressed their wish to be in at the beginning of the Lodge. Many more have expressed a desire to visit such a lodge when it gets rolling.

This Lodge is being held during the daylight hours to provide a Masonic outlet for those members of the Craft who cannot attend an evening Lodge for one reason or another. It may be that they can no longer get out and drive at night, or maybe they are on shift work. Should any of your members fall into any of these categories it would be appreciated if you would let them know, in one of two ways. First, you might announce in your Lodge meetings that our meeting is to be held on Wednesday, May 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the Central Masonic Temple; (Eight bus-lines come within 1 1/2 blocks), and to reach those who might not be at your meeting, could you have a mention made of our meeting in your May notice? We will be exemplifying a First Degree (Canadian Rite) on a "Most" important candidate, and we will be joining the Brethren of the Scottish Rite at their noon luncheon, (\$4.00) where the featured speaker will be the Grand Master Elect, R.W. Bro. Oslund. We think the Lodge will be an important Masonic addition, especially for the older Brethren in the area, and also for travelers and Masonic tourists who might be visiting the city. We appeal to you for assistance in letting out the word of this new Lodge being formed.

R.J.L. Borland, PDDGM

## UNUSUAL EVENTS

Northmount Lodge No. 189 is having a Dinner and Dance with a different theme. It is presenting Steel Band Entertainment for those who attend on May 23rd. The event will be held at Bridgeland Hall, 919 McDougall Road N.E., Calgary from 6:00 p.m. at \$20/person. Contact Irwin Hunte 238-3337 or Merlin Traboulay 274-4082.

## FIAT LUX LODGE OF RESEARCH NO. 1980

The next meeting will be held at Crossfield Masonic Hall at 2:00 pm on May 24th, 1986 following the District 18 Miniworkshop. All are welcome Inform N. Senn 282-8170 if you wish to dine.

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#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LODGE OFFICERS** (Continued from March Bulletin)

In this issue of the Bulletin the duties and responsibilities of the office of the Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master will be discussed.

##### Junior Warden

This officer is expected to become familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden as well as those of his present office. He will rule the Lodge in the absence of the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden. He is the Social Convener of the Lodge and chairman of the Festive Board Committee. He is also in charge of the refreshment periods and has a great opportunity to show his mettle as a Mason by introducing new, constructive ideas into this important function of the Lodge. He should help the membership get to know other Brethren, devote some time to visitors and introduce some instructional programs. He should have a purpose and expand upon it at each meeting. He must learn protocol and be prepared to deal severely with those Brethren who seem to think that the refreshment period is the place to show their ability to tell off-coloured stories. There is no room in Masonry for vulgarisms and they distresses many Brethren. It is the duty of the Junior Warden to attend the Grand Lodge Communication, District Meetings and other Masonic meetings including the Banff Spring Workshop. He should visit other Lodges within his district and exchange ideas with other Junior Wardens. This officer must also be aware of costs as far as Lodge social functions are concerned but should not be too cheap. If a function is worth having, it must be dignified and therefore the membership must be prepared to support it at a reasonable cost.

##### Senior Warden

In the absence of the Worshipful Master he will rule the Lodge from the chair North of the W.M.'s chair. He is expected to prepare for the event of being elected as Worshipful Master by becoming familiar with the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Lodge. He is also expected to know the ritual backwards and forwards. As Senior Warden he should assist the Worshipful Master before Lodge is opened by greeting visitors and, where necessary, arrange for Boards of Trial. It is his specific duty as Senior Warden to satisfy himself that all attending each meeting are, in fact, Masons in good standing and determine their rank as E.A., F.C. or M.M.'s. As a principal officer of his Lodge he is obligated to attend the Annual communication of Grand Lodge as well as the Annual District meeting. His attendance at the Banff Spring Workshop and at the Education

and Research Committee meetings will prove most worthwhile and assist him in subsequent years. He is Vice President of the Lodge and must communicate with the W.M., the Junior Warden and the Secretary at all times and keep himself informed as to what is going on at all times. During this year he should be developing a plan for the next year and be ready to act at a moments notice should a situation develop where he must step into the shoes of the Worshipful Master because of sickness or some other unforeseen problem which keeps the W.M. from attending Lodge.

The Senior Warden, in some Lodges, is responsible for the safe and proper keeping and repair of the Lodge jewels, furniture and paraphernalia. He is also responsible for maintaining a complete inventory of all Lodge property. For the good of the Lodge he should ensure that all Candidates are receiving proper instruction and are ready to prove their proficiency in the previous degree. This officer should visit other lodges regularly to meet other Senior Wardens so he will know his peers when he is elected to be Master of his Lodge.

##### Worshipful Master

His specific duty is to see that the affairs of the Lodge are conducted in strict conformity with the most current Laws, Regulations and Edicts of Grand Lodge. It is his duty to ensure the Lodge is represented at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and the Annual District Meeting. As a Worshipful Master he is expected to be able to open and close Lodge, confer the degrees, conduct the business meetings properly, arrange for regular programs of Masonic education, receive visitors and Grand Lodge Officers graciously and with proper form, understand and practice Masonic protocol, rule his Lodge firmly but with understanding and finally, start each meeting on time.

A good worshipful Master will have back-up people for each office and for each degree part in case of a last minute problem. He will see to it that everyone knows his individual responsibilities and carries them out with dispatch and dignity. He is the president of the organization and fully responsible for everything it does. This office demands all of his time and thought if he is to be successful.

The next issue of the Bulletin will see the end of this series with a discussion of the duties and responsibilities of Past Masters and of sponsors.

#### **THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY**

We thank the volunteers who have manned our Grand Lodge Library so faithfully on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Unfortunately there were so many times that they spent the two hour period totally alone that the library has discontinued this service. The Library is now open only when the Grand Lodge Office is open. Brethren should still borrow by mail or visit when they are downtown in Calgary.

**MOTIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT GRAND LODGE  
JUNE 13 AND 14, 1986  
GRANDE PRAIRIE**

1986 should be a most interesting year for the brethren attending Grand Lodge as the number of notices of motion to be presented is exceptionally large. Normally an attempt is made to publish these in the Bulletin but the amount of material makes this impossible. It is vitally important that the representatives of your Lodge express the views of the Lodge at the Annual Communication but this can only be achieved by discussion of the motions in your Lodge.

It is my intention to summarize the motions in a neutral way to allow you to identify those where you have strong feelings and allow you to then follow them up by reading and discussing the full version in your lodge with the committees appointed by direction of the Grand Master.

Please note, explanations are printed on the full version which is with your Lodge Secretary.

**MOTIONS**

1. To hold the 1989 Communication in Medicine Hat.
2. To change the Burial Service to make it suitable for cremations also.
3. To use the canvas in the Canadian Rite.
4. To use the S of F when adjusting the V.O.S.L. (Canadian Rite).

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

1. 579 To send a double registered letter informing of possible suspension for NP 620(1) & (2) suspension and dual membership. 541 checking of Affiliation petitions with Grand Lodge.
2. 573(1) To vote on Honorary Life Membership BEFORE asking consent of recipient. 573(2) To require a two thirds majority vote to give Honorary Life Membership to a Mason, NOT a member of the Lodge
3. 82: Per capita fee to be \$15.00 per annum. Effective 1986.
4. 9: Change time of Annual Communication commencement to no earlier than 8:00 a.m. to meet special needs.
5. 730(6) To create a long service jewel for organists.
6. 719(4) To create a Grand Lodge Apron for the Grand Chaplain or Organist who is NOT a Past Master.
7. 208 To change the voting method for DDGM's at District Meetings.
8. 48: 1007 To have research lodges report to the D.G.M.

**COMMITTEE MOTIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS  
TO CONSTITUTION**

1. To establish the membership format and duties of the Jurisprudence Committee.

To allow special Committees and the Jurisprudence Committee to propose constitutional changes directly to the annual Communication.

2. To change the trial system by removing the review committee and the system for automatic appeal. To include appeal by the person convicted or the prosecutor. In the case of no appeal, to have the Jurisprudence Committee review the trial for fairness.

To clarify the effect of expulsion or suspension on those holding office.

3. To establish the financial year of Grand Lodge as January 1st to December 31st.

To appoint an auditor.

To establish an administration fee for the Relief Fund. (2%)

4. To change the structure of the Board of General Purposes the principal decision making body of the Jurisdiction.

The changes proposed are:

- to change the membership by having not only D.D.G.M.'s but also an elected member from each District. The D.D.G.M. and the elected District Representative to be elected by Master Masons and P.M.'s in the Districts.
- to limit the term of office of P.G.M.'s to five years on Board.
- to institute the positions of Senior and Junior District Wardens to be elected in the District. Their role will be to assist the D.D.G.M. and progress, if satisfactory, to the position of D.D.G.M. these officers not to have Grand Rank.
- to have the Grand Master consider all elected officers for confirmation.
- to have a candidate for D.D.G.M. to have served as a District Warden for at least one year.
- to have the District Representative liaise between the Board of General Purposes and the Lodges in the District.
- to establish a Mechanism for Nominations and elections.
- to clarify the role of the D.D.G.M.
- to establish of the role of the Wardens and the District Representative.
- to institute a Grand Advisory Council consisting of all past Grand Masters to deliberate, recommend and advise on matters referred to it by the Board and/or the Grand Master, or on matters considered of concern by its membership.

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION 1986

## RULES OF ORDER

as authorized by

M.W.Bro. W.C. Graves, Grand Master

- a) What is a sitting Master?
- b) Should the principal officer of a Lodge be referred to as Worshipful Brother?

## ANSWER TO THE FEBRUARY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Q: Who is expected to attend from each Lodge at the Grand Communication?

A: The Master and the two Wardens.

Firstly the Master has made sworn obligation to attend all communications and committees of the Grand Lodge when notified of the same. This is number twelve of the Ancient Charges to which the UNQUALIFIED ASSENT of the Master elect was required and given in open Lodge.

Secondly, the two wardens are members of Grand Lodge and have equality with all other members (Constitution Part 1, Section 5). They are expected to vote (Section 20) but if absent their vote is CLAIMED by the most senior of the three officers present. They with the Worshipful Master are most current in Lodge affairs. In addition to the above noted officers, all Past Masters are voting members of Grand Lodge and it is desirable that they attend.

## FROM THE PAST

We want "the person who embodies human dignity, who is ever mindful of his development and his responsibilities toward himself, his family, and the community; who at no time attempts to rid himself of this responsibility, but bears it with full awareness; who does not act out of hollow instinct; one who does not sanction cheap incantations or succumb to untruths; who does not hope for a miracle, but believes that "God helps those who help themselves"; one who knows that freedom exists only when defended with determination, courage, honesty, and the power of deeds."

Thomas Dehler, Konvent of The United Grand Lodge of Germany, 1965.

### FROM THE NOTICES

#### MASONRY IS KNOWN BY MASONIC DEEDS

Freemasonry has endured not because of its antiquity, its influence, or its social standing but because there have been so many who have lived it. The effectiveness of Masonic teaching will always be the measure by which the outside world judges Freemasonry; the proof of Freemasonry is in our deeds and it is in our deeds that Masonry is made known to non Masons. You and I are Freemasonry in the eyes of the world; the only way that the Craft can be judged is by its product; the Prestige of Freemasonry lies squarely on the shoulders of all of us.

Banff Conference, Rocky Summit Lodge No 30, Frank

As our Grand Lodge defines only the Rules of Order as laid down in Sections 29 to 32 and leaves all other Rules of Order to the discretion of the Grand Master, he has determined that the following shall be the General Rules of Order for the conduct of the Eighty-first Annual Communication with the understanding that, should any question of order arise, the Grand Master shall have final and definitive say as to its disposition.

1. The Rules of Order as contained within Section 29 to 32 of the Constitution shall be strictly adhered to. Any other Rule of Order which can be verified within the Constitution shall take precedence over any Rule of Order listed below
2. The Grand Master shall reserve the right to limit the time allowed for any brother to discuss any question.
3. Should the mover of any motion wish to speak a second time on the motion, other than to answer a question, the Grand Master shall advise him that such action will end debate and ensure that all brethren have been fairly heard first.
4. Any brother wishing to speak to a question shall rise, approach the nearest microphone and wait until he is recognized by the Chair before proceeding to speak. The Grand Master shall determine who is entitled to the floor. Once recognized the speaker shall give his rank, name and Lodge No. before addressing the meeting.
5. A 'Motion to Table' any item shall be debatable and shall require a two thirds majority vote to pass. Any 'Motion to Table' must include directions as to the disposition of the item or motion under discussion and a time limitation for such disposition.
6. Amendments to any Notice of Motion must be given; in writing with the mover's and seconder's name, rank and Lodge; to the Grand Secretary immediately following their presentation. Only two amendments will be allowed to any motion.
7. The Grand Pursuivant and the Grand Tyler shall ensure that no member enters or leaves the meeting during the taking of any vote on the floor.
8. No more than one motion shall be put to the floor at any time except in the case of Amendments or 'Motions to Table'.
9. The Grand Master shall be entitled to debate on all subjects, on requesting the Deputy Grand Master to assume the chair.