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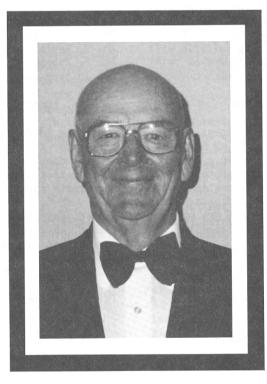
M. W. BRO. MORLEY GEORGE MERNER

On June 6th 1987, M.W.Bro. Morley George Merner passed to the Grand Lodge Above after a brief illness requiring hospitalization at University Hospital in Edmonton. M.W.Bro. Merner was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta who had served his term of office in 1961-62.

M.W.Bro. Merner was born in Wetaskiwin Alberta on April 5th, 1911. He was educated in started his Wetaskiwin and business career with the Imperial Bank. In 1930 he started his own automotive business and operated Merner Motors in Wetaskiwin and took on a Chrysler dealership. This business occupied him until his retirement in 1966. In addition to the business, he also ran a successful 630 acre hobby farm near Pigeon Lake.

M.W.Bro. Merner commenced his Masonic career with his initiation into Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15 on March 15th, 1934. He was W.M. in 1940 and became District Deputy Grand Master, in 1957. At the Grand Lodge Communication in 1958 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and became Grand Master in This was one of the peak years in Alberta 1961. Masonry when there were over 19000 members. He was an active member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and received his 33rd degree in 1969. In addition he was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, M.W.Bro, Merner was an honorary life member of both Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15 and Avon Glen Lodge No. 170. He received his 50 year jewel in Masonry in June 1984.

M.W.Bro. Merner was very active in civic affairs within his own community and served as an alderman for five years and Mayor for six years. He was also president of the Chamber of Commerce for three terms and on the Hospital Board for six years. He was also active in the Boy Scouts



Association, Royal Canadian Legion, Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian Arthritis Society. He was also an active curler and had been president of the Curling Club and on the executive of the Alberta Curling Association.

An active churchman, M.W.Bro. Merner was superintendent of Sunday Schools for Westaskiwin First United Church for six years and as an Elder of his church, he had served on the Board of Stewards and Session.

In 1969, M.W.Bro. Merner was honoured by being named Citizen of the Year for Wetaskiwin.

During World War II, M.W.Bro. Merner was a Sergeant Major in the Edmonton Fusiliers and then served in the reserve with the rank of Captain.

M.W.Bro. Merner is survived by his wife Helen (nee Switzer), his daughter and two sons, all of whom are married, and seven grandchildren.

M.W.Bro. Merner was a heavily involved person, always able to assume another task willingly. His sound advice, calm approach to problems and his ability to get a job done were well known attributes. It is noteworthy that it was in his year that area meetings were first approved in Alberta Masonry and he actively participated.

Masonry has lost a well known and well loved Brother but the Craft and his community have benefited immeasurably from his life of commitments.

The funeral services, attended by a number of Past Grand Masters and a large contingent of brethren, were held at First United Church, Wetaskiwin on June 9th, with Reverend H. Steele officiating. Interment was at Wetaskiwin Cemetary. At the time of passing M.W.Bro. Merner was 76 years of age. The Grand Lodge Bulletin is published by the Grand Lodge of Alberta on each month of the year excepting July and August.

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BULLETIN EDITION NUMBERS

In the year 1987 you will observe an unusual occurrence because the Bulletin numbers will appear incorrect. The copy you are now holding is Vol. 52 No. 11 and we have never gone beyond 10 before. The reason for this change is that the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge has changed to the twelve months from January to December. The Bulletin will match this year and consequently Volume 52 will continue until December.

FIAT LUX LODGE OF RESEARCH

The Installation of Officers, and business meeting of the Lodge will take place at 11:00 am September 19th, 1987 at Red Deer Masonic Temple. After a recess for lunch, the Lodge will reconvene at 2:00 pm for the Masonic component of the meeting with papers being presented followed by a debate. Other Masonic topics will be addressed. All are welcome but please contact the Secretary, at 282-8170 if you wish to dine.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Can a regular Grand Lodge operate openly in a Communist country?

ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In May the question asked what does A.F. and A.M. stand for and when was it first used.

The answer to the first part can be found on page 1 of the Constitution but note there is a comma, which if included correctly should give us A.,F and A.M. meaning:

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

This was the title taken by the United Grand Lodge of England in 1814. In May of that year The Duke of Sussex was installed as Grand Master of the U.G.L. of Ancient Free-Masons of England, and in December he was proclaimed Grand Master of the U.G.L. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. This change was then included in the 1815 edition of the first Book of Constitution. The date of including the comma is not identified but its purpose is presumably for reading clarity.

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

Nothing is easier than fault finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.

CALGARY AND AREA CURLERS

Masonic curling will commence in October and participants are required. There are a maximum of 32 rinks. No previous experience is necessary.

For further information phone: Jack Flatt at 247-6844, Lloyd Severns at 244-4481 or Bill Brown at 252-7193.

DISTRICT MEETINGS 87/88

No.	1	November	11	1987	No.	11	October	23	1987	
No.	2	October	16	1987	No.	12	October	10	1987	
No.	3	October	3	1987	No.	13	June	29	1987	
No.	4	October	31	1987	No.	14	November	• 6	1987	
No.	5	October	21	1987	No.	15	August	22	1987	
No.	6	October	17	1987	No.	16	January	30	1988	
No.	7	October	23	1987	No.	17	October	27	1987	
No.	8	September	19	1987	No.	18	October	30	1987	
No.	9	November	7	1987	No.	19	October	24	1987	
No.	10	September	26	1987	No.	20	January	23	1988	

LODGES OPERATING IN THE SUMMER

Apologies to Forestburg Lodge No. 128, for leaving them off the list. Forestburg, a very active Lodge, does not recess at all and visitors are welcome to its meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month throughout the year.

Should any other Lodge have been omitted or included in error, please inform the Editor so that corrections can be made for next year.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS

This organization for young women from the ages of 11 to 21 who must have Masonic links in the family, held its annual Grand Session in Red Deer at the beginning of April. Mrs. Eleanor Harbin, the wife of M.W.Bro. Stan Harbin, one of our P.G.M.s was installed as Grand Guardian of Alberta. There are over 300 Jobs Daughters in Alberta with meetings held in 18 Bethels. This worthwhile organization suffers from the same decline of membership as many other organizations and is in need of more young members. Masons are asked to encourage their daughters or granddaugters to become involved. Contact Mrs. Harbin at 672-4125 or Mrs. Wendi Toole, Grand Secretary at 286-5672 for more information.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

In early June, M.W.Bro. Rev. W.J. (Jack) Collett, Past Grand Master, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his Ordination as a Minister. Over 250 guests were present on this auspicious occasion which was held at Riverview United Church in Calgary, where M.W.Bro. Collett is Minister Emeritus.

M.W.Bro. Collett is still extremely active in the ministry although there was a rumour that he had retired some years ago.

Congratulations go to our friend and Brother, M.W. Bro Collett on this special milestone in his life.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS NEW THIS YEAR

M.W.Bro. Robert E. Juthner (81 & 1980)G.M. R.W.Bro. David A. Bruce (87)D.G.M. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS R.W.Bro. Ernest W. Creasey (177)..District No. 1 R.W.Bro. Arthur H. Ratcliff (2) .. District No. 2 R.W.Bro. J.C. McCuaig (167).....District No. 3 R.W.Bro. Harold Johnston (8)District No. 4 R.W.Bro. Kenneth M. Mingo (37) ... District No. 5 R.W.Bro. Raymond H.M. Burton (187)District No. 6 R.W.Bro. George A. Cowan (67)District No. 7 R.W.Bro. Roy Lazzarotto Sr. (26)..District No. 8 R.W.Bro. Henry J. Schnell (56) ... District No. 9 R.W.Bro. John A.R. Springings (25)District No. 10 R.W.Bro. Keith Clark (49)District No. 11 R.W.Bro. Donald C. Maskell (142)..District No. 12 R.W.Bro. Donald C. Cox (147))District No. 13 R.W.Bro. Roy J. Hutton (78)District No. 14 R.W.Bro. C.M. Ostergard (93).....District No. 15 R.W.Bro. S.R. Stanley Talbot (130)District No. 16 R.W.Bro. Keith B. Read (61)District No. 17 R.W.Bro. Lewis A. King (59)District No. 18 R.W.Bro. Edward L. Boyd (191).....District No. 19 R.W.Bro. Kenneth W. Bailey (63)...District No. 20 R.W.Bro. S.(Stan) E. Mottershead (92)S.G.W. R.W.Bro. Donald R. Millar (167)J.G.W. R.W.Bro. C.(Chuck) H. White (9)G.T. R.W.Bro. Kenneth Stuparek (192)G.R. R.W.Bro. Allen F. Aylesworth (23)G. Sec. Bro. Donal R. Stewart (2 & 137)G.C. V.W.Bro. Jack Brown (81)S.G.D. V.W.Bro. Ernest H. Hickmore (18)J.G.D. V.W.Bro. Albert E. Bible (7)G.D. of C. V.W.Bro. Alastair Dunbar (51)G.O. V.W.Bro. Claus Gewers (134)G.P. V.W.Bro. Frank Gerzanich (105, 196, & 1980) .G.S. V.W.Bro. G. Glenwood Marshall (193)G.S. V.W.Bro. John McKee (11)G.S. V.W.Bro. William A. Shaver (67).....G.S. V.W.Bro. Gilbert H. Switzer (143).....G.S. V.W.Bro. Peter Wyllie (34)G.S. M.W.Bro. Robert L. Costigan (22,180 & 1980) .G.H. V.W.Bro. Hans U. Anielski (81)G.Ty.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W.Bro. David A. Bruce (87), D.G.M. ... President R.W.Bro. S.E. Mottershead (92)Vice-President M.W.Bro. Robert E. Juthner (81/1980) Grand Master R.W.Bro. D.R. Millar (167) .. Junior Grand Warden R.W.Bro. Charles H. White (9)Grand Treasurer R.W.Bro. Kenneth I. Stuparek (192)Grand Registrar R.W.Bro. Allen F. Aylesworth (23) Grand Secretary YEARS/EXPIRES V.W.Bro. Gordon Rex Dawson (114) Term 1 1989 R.W.Bro. Lloyd Erwin Dickson (190) Term 2 1989 W.Bro. George Walter Edgelow (34) Term 1 1989 R.W.Bro. Richard Delway Gage (2) Term 2 1989 R.W.Bro. Cecil Douglas Homes (12) Term 2 1989 R.W.Bro. George Mah (192) Term 2 1989 R.W.Bro. Robert B. McIntosh (41) Term 3 1989 R.W.Bro. Robert Bruce Taylor (11) Term 1 1989 Appointed Members of the Board R.W.Bro. J.A. (Jim) Lore (60) R.W.Bro. M.L. (Marv) Foote (83) R.W.Bro. Stan Sproul (67) W.Bro. Lyndon O. James (87)

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R.W.Bro. R.D. Clarence Comrie (91/166)Term 1989 V.W.Bro. Donald Charles Maskell (142) Term 1989 R.W.Bro. William W. Towers (92/196) Term 1989 Appointed Members R.W.Bro. T.W.S. (Tom) Band (39) V.W.Bro. F.L. (Bob) Taylor (2)

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE

M.W.Bro.	W.J. Collett (83/180)	Term	1990
M.W.Bro.	Norman F. Oslund (46/179)	Term	1990
	Appointed Members		
R.W.Bro.	K.L. (Ken) Larsen (36)		
V.W.Bro.	S. Ross Mouser (33)		

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE W.Bro. Max L. Malden Term 1988* V.W.Bro. G.M. (Gerry) Giroldi (73) Term 1990 W.Bro. Lyle H.A. Stewart (88) Term 1990 * To complete Term of W.Bro. F.F. Jefferson

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- V.W.Bro. G. Rex Dawson (114)
 - W.Bro. George E.A. Reid (192)

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R.W.Bro. G.A. Richardson (124) - Chairman

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE M.W.Bro. K.L. Crockett (170) - Chairman M.W.Bro. R.L. Costigan (22 & 180)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REDISTRIBUTION OF LODGES IN DISTRICTS R.W.Bro. P.M. (Jack) Twa (18 & 196) - Chairman M.W.Bro. W.C. Graves V.W.Bro. S.E. McVittie R.W.Bro. A.H. Ratcliff R.W.Bro. K.M. Mingo R.W.Bro. H.J. Schnell R.W.Bro. S.R.S. Talbot R.W.Bro. R.J. Hutton R.W.Bro. K.B. Read R.W.Bro. C.M. Ostergard

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M.W.Bro. M.N. MacIver (192) - Chairman R.W.Bro. D.A. Bruce R.W.Bro. S.E. Mottershead R.W.Bro. D.R. Millar

ITINERARY* OF THE GRAND MASTER FOR SEPT-NOV 1987, M.W.Bro. Robert E. Juthner

(*SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY)

SEPTEMBEI	<u>R 1987:</u>	
1st	-	Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195
3rd	-	Edson Lodge No. 68
8th		Canada Lodge No. 165, Calgary
9th		Jordan Lodge No. 177, Calgary
10th	-	Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff
10th to	12th -	Conference of the Officers of
		the Four Western Jurisdictions 'Banff Conference'
12th	-	Mountain Lodge No. 11, Golden,
		B.C., 100th Anniversary
15th	-	Cairo Lodge No. 32, Claresholm
17th	-	North Star No. 2, RAM, Edmonton
19th ·	-	
24th	-	
		9:30 A.M., Red Deer
25th	-	Al Shamal & Al Azhar Joint
		Ceremonial, Red Deer
26th	-	District 10 Meeting, Vegreville
27th	-	Quarry Lodge No. 70 Breakfast Medicine Hat
27th	-	Quarry Lodge No. 70 Church Parade Redcliff

- Beacon Lodge No. 190, Red Deer

OCTOBER 1987:

28th

1st	-	Whitecourt Lodge No. 153
3rd	-	District 3 Meeting, Edmonton
5th		Stavely Lodge No. 33
6th	-	Spitzie Lodge No. 6, Pincher Cr.
7th	**	Britannia Lodge No. 18, Ponoka
8th	-	Acacia Lodge No. 11, 90th Anniv.
10th		District 12 Meeting, Edmonton
13th	-	Rocky-Summit Lodge No. 30, Frank
14th	-	Bow Island Lodge No. 57, Burdett
15th	-	Lethbridge Lodge No. 39
16th		District 2 Meeting, Medicine Hat
17th	-	District 6 Meeting, Okotoks
19th	-	Chinook Lodge No. 47, Cowley
20th	-	Bowden Lodge No. 42
21st	-	District 5 Meeting, Camrose
23rd		Districts 7 & 11, Lethbridge
24th	-	District 19 Meeting, Edmonton
26th	-	Hussar Lodge No. 30
27th	_	District 17 Meeting, Provost
30th	-	District 18 Meeting, Calgary
31st	-	Officers' Meeting, Calgary
31st	885	District 4 Meeting, Innisfail

NOVEMBER 1987: Elbow River Lodge No 180, Calgary 3rd 4th - Glenbow Lodge No. 184, Calgary - Foothills Lodge No. 174, Calgary 5th - District 14 Meeting, Hanna 6th 7th - Board of General Purposes, 9:00 A.M., Red Deer - District 9 Meeting, Castor 7th - St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, Calgary 9th 10th - Cyprus Lodge No. 113, Three Hills 11th - Griesbach Lodge No. 191, Edm. 14th to - 250th Anniversary Tour of December 7th, Austria & Germany

OUESTIONNAIRE ON THE ATTENDANCE OF LADIES DURING THE DAYS OF THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Of the 157 Lodges in the Jurisdiction 119 or 75.8% sent responses. There were 108 full responses and 11 partial responses. The Lodges responding represented a total membership of 9945 with over 1965* members being in lodge to participate in the response.

The number of members in favour of ladies attending, and a program being established for them, was 1447 or 77.6% of those present in lodge. There were 316 opposed and 102 abstained from making a decision.

The Lodges who responded in part, did not include lodge attendance figures, but of the 11 lodges, 8 were in favour and only three opposed. This is 73% support and is consistent with the figure for the full responses.

The figures, gained from a broad cross-section of the membership, demonstrate a strong level of support for the concept and will be of guidance in the future.

*This number does not include partial answer lodges as these omitted to record attendance.

FROM AFAR

"...And what is today's Mason? A Mason is a man who professes a faith in God. As a man of faith, he uses the tools of moral and ethical truths to serve mankind. A Mason binds himself to likeminded men in a Brotherhood that transcends all religious ethnic, social, cultural and educational differ-In fellowship with his Brothers, a Mason rences. finds ways in which to serve his God, his family, his fellowman, and his country. A Mason is dedicated. He recognizes his responsibility for justice truth, charity, enlightenment, freedom and liberty honesty and integrity in all aspects of human endeavor." Thus says the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota.

FROM THE NOTICES IN A NUTSHELL

I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God. Vulcan Lodge No. 74

- Abraham Lincoln

THE WORK OF A TRUE AND LOYAL MASON

To wear the square and act upon it in all his daily deeds; to meet all men upon the level and judge them in accordance with the compass of truth and charity; to be loyal to his order and ever master of himself. To travel ever eastward from the feeble light of an E.A. towards the glorious light of wisdom; and finally, to be prepared for the final password giving entrance to the presence of The Grand Architect of the Universe.

Anon.

Submitted by V.W. Bro. C. Shaver, Mosaic No. 176.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

My Brethren: Having been elected to and duly installed in the office of Grand Master, I salute you and pledge to you continuous service to the Craft in Alberta. Following the example set by my predecessors, I have chosen a theme which, I believe, will explain a substantial part of my Masonic philosophy. To acquaint you with that theme, I ask you to read the following transcript of a portion of my address to Grand Lodge.

With warmest fraternal greetings, Robert Juthner, Grand Master.

BROTHERLY LOVE EXEMPLIFIED: THE FREEMASON AS A ROLE MODEL

If it had not been the intention of the founding fathers of Ancient Freemasonry to have all Masons act as role models for society at large, what good would all our endeavours be? Unless we assumed the paramount responsibility of carrying the teachings of the Craft into the world, beyond the tyled doors of the Lodge, we would be far from altruistic, and serving merely our own ends. That, in my book, is hardly worth my time and money, that would not justify my being away from wife and family for any number of evenings, that, in the words of the "Preacher," would be "Vanity of Vanities... all is vanity."

As I isolate from the triad "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth" the first, namely, "Brotherly Love", I do so without implying that the other two concepts were less important, but I do want to concentrate on the aspect of "Brotherly Love" as the primary, distinguishing feature of Masonic philosophy. I see in it the confidence and unbounded trust we place in our fellow Mason wherever he may be in this world, and the dedication to every human being under the canopy of heaven or, as we say in one or our rituals, "a brother of the dust". Even the term "Brother" may be understood to include what should more appropriately be called "Brother and Sister", in other words we are talking about humanity, all humankind.

What I am advocating, is not to regard our Freemasonry as an end in itself, but as a very substantial and important means to an end. We are all familiar with the adage that we take good men to make them better, in which is implied that these better men will in turn endeavour to make the rest of the world better. A tall order? Oh yes, indeed, but what lowly aims have ever inspired the leaders of this world to reach for the stars and to leave a legacy positive in all its repercussions?

Freemasonry has so much to offer, both within and without the Craft. This is why my theme, must be understood to encompass all mankind, the men within our gentle Craft and the men and women without it. The Freemason must be a role model for all. As we, as Masons, are supposed to be BUILDERS, not just MAINTENANCE WORKERS, remember that simply maintaining the status quo does not achieve our aims. We must intensify our own work on the Rough Ashlar to achieve that great end. "MAY KINDNESS AND BROTHERLY LOVE DISTINGUISH YOUR CONDUCT AS MEN AND AS MASONS."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The full text of the address appears in the 1987 Grand Lodge Proceedings.



GRAND MASTER 1987/88

Most Worshipful Brother Robert Eugene Juthner was born March 4th, 1923 in Warnsdorf, Czechoslovakia; Initiated April 26th, 1954 in Kette Lodge No. 430, United Grand Lodges of Germany; Affiliated January 3rd, 1959 with Commercial Lodge No. 81, Edmonton; W.M. of Commercial Lodge in 1973; D.D.G.M. of District No. 20 in 1977/78; Member of the Board of General Purposes from 1978 - 1982; Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Austria near the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1978; Charter Member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980; W.M. of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research in 1981/82; Life Member of Commercial Lodge No 81 in November 1983; Elected J.G.W. in 1984; Honorary P.S.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in 1985; Honorary D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Idaho in 1986, Honorary P.G.M. of Saskatchewan and an Honorary P.G.M. of Montana in 1987.

Most Wise Sovereign, Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix A.& A.S.R. 1971/72; Commander-in-Chief, Alberta Consistory, A.& A.S.R. 1975; Honorary Inspector General 33, Supreme Council for Canada, A. & A.S.R. 1984; First Principal, North Star Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons 1987; Member of Zohar Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; Member of Alberta Lodge No. 2 Royal Ark Mariners; Member of Al Azhar Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Calgary 1963-85; Founding Charter Member of Al Shamal Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Edmonton, 1985.

Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education from the University of Alberta; Elder and Member of the Worship Committee of Trinity United Church, Edmonton; Knight of Grace and Member of the Order of Merit of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem; Knight of Grace and Priory Officer of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller; Past Chairman of Continuing Education Committee and Life Member of A.S.E.T.; Retired Senior Instructor in Engineering Sciences, N.A.I.T.. Married Erika on June 22nd, 1950; has one son, two daughters, one grandson and one granddaughter.

GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION 1987

At the Grand Lodge Communication a number of rulings were made by the Committee on the Work which will be found in the Proceedings. One however is not of a confidential nature and should be known by all Alberta Masons.

"That pictures, either still or moving, may NOT be taken within any Masonic meeting until the meeting is ended and the H.B. or V.O.T.S.L. is closed".

The following summarizes approved amendments to the noted sections of the Constitution:

- 81: Fees charged by Grand Lodge for items and services, not specified in the Constitution, will be determined annually by the Finance Committee. A list of all charges shall be published.
- 86: Failure to submit forms 40 and 45 on time will result in a penalty of \$5.00 per overdue day. The postmark will be evidence of mailing date. Appeals for good cause are possible.
- 3. 412: Administration costs shall be charged against the Masonic Benevolent Fund.
- 4. 325: An Annual Budget shall be prepared through the Finance Committee for the year commencing January 1st after its presentation to Grand Lodge. The Budget shall include revenue and expenses for Grand Lodge operation and a total staffing cost. The Budget shall be presented to the Board of General Purposes and then to the Lodges. The section on staff costs is excluded from change at the Annual communication. Should the Annual Communication reject all or part of the Budget, the Board is delegated authority to approve the final Budget. The Budget Committee will report on financial status at the Annual Communication. Extra-budgetary expenses shall be approved by the Finance Committee who will report such approvals to the Board.
- 5. 23: The Grand Secretary shall be accountable to the Board of General Purposes. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and boards, existing or created, and act as a resource person. He shall only act as recording secretary where it is not feasible to appoint a separate one. He shall make his annual report after the end of each fiscal year.
- 6. 55: The Grand Secretary shall serve as the Administrative Officer of this Grand Lodge and as such, within approved Budget, hire and fix conditions of employment for staff.
- 20(5): Balloting shall commence one hour prior to the opening of Grand Lodge and continue as previously.
- 612: Official communications which are outdated by the time of the regular meeting following their receipt, need not be read.

- 9. 27: The line of succession for the four senior offices was clarified.
- 802-851: The Amendments to the trial section were modified slightly and approved. There is no change in intent.
- 506: Lodge elections may be held on a date established by the Lodge Bylaws OR as previously established.
- 12. 511: Installations may take place on the anniversary of a Lodge's Institution or Consecration or the next regular meeting following such anniversary, OR as previously established.

WINTER OLYMPICS, 1988



On the occasion of the fraternal visit by the then Grand Master to Carstairs Lodge No. 20, he was presented with a Winter Olympics Pin by the designer, Bro. Howard E. Langdon, Senior Warden. M.W.Bro. Oslund has strongly supported the Winter Olympics Committee, struck by himself, and was a most fitting recipient of this first symbol of Masonic participation.

The Committee has now communicated with all jurisdictions in the world and informed them that Alberta Freemasons are available to help all brethren coming to the Province during the period of the Games. All Calgary Organizations related to the Masonic family are having some form of activity in addition to many special events that the craft lodges are arranging. It is the intent of the Committee to coordinate the activities and publish information for those who may be interested. There will also be 24 hour manning of special telephone lines for any visiting brethren seeking information or help.

The Committee has had numerous meetings and there is much work quietly going on behind the scenes.

More information will be made available soon. If any Alberta Masons are in Calgary for any of the Games, please be sure to take advantage of the Masonic activities planned for times when tickets were not available to you.