



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## SUMMER LODGES

During the summer months of July and August the following lodges are having meetings. Visit a lodge if you can and be sure to take any Masonic visitors you may have visiting you over the summer months.

Remember that since all lodges have a few spare aprons don't fail to attend because a visitor does not have an apron.

Daylight Lodge U.D. will hold a special meeting at the Calgary Masonic Temple during Stampede week on Wednesday 13th July commencing at 10 a.m. A pancake breakfast will precede the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Pembina No. 126, Sangudo	Jul, Aug 1 Mon 8:00
Gleichen No. 36, Gleichen	Jul 1 Tue 8:00
Vulcan No. 74, Vulcan	Jul 1 Tue 8:00
Edgerton No. 102, Edgerton	Jul, Aug 1 Tue 8:00
Oyen No. 104, Oyen	Aug 1 Tue 8:00
Granite No. 127, Blackie	Jul 1 Wed 8:00
Lake Saskatoon, Wembley	Jul, Aug 1 Thu 8:00
Rockyford No. 123, Rockyford	Jul 1 Thu 8:00
Excelsior No. 80, Daysland	Jul, Aug 1 Thu 8:30
Ye Olde Craft No. 196, Edmonton	Jul, Aug 2 Sat
Harmony No. 75, Sedgewick	Jul 2 Tue 8:00
Nobleford No. 111, Nobleford	Jul, Aug 2 Tue 8:00
Bow Island No. 57, Bow Island	Jul 2 Wed 8:00
Nanton No. 17, Nanton	Jul 2 Thu 7:00
Cresset No. 136, Barons	Jul 3 Mon 8:00
Kitscoty No. 131, Kitscoty	Aug 4 Tue 8:00
Forestburg No. 128, Forestburg	Jul, Aug 4 Wed 8:30
Berry-Crocus No. 82, Chinook	Jul L Tue 8:00

Should there be errors or omissions in this list, please inform Grand Lodge.

## CANADIAN MASONS TOURING EUROPE

What had been billed as the "Forget-me-not Tour", in allusion to the little blue flower that had once identified masons in Germany, forced underground during the Hitler era, and had been in the making (organizing, contacting lodges abroad, etc) for over a year, took place from November 14 to December 8, 1987. The group consisted of 16 ladies chaperoning 20 brethren: 17 from Alberta, 2 from Saskatchewan and 1 from British Columbia. Upon arrival in Frankfurt the tour bus took the visitors to Germany's oldest university town, Heidelberg

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## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

V.W.Bro. Alf Wong, President of the Ionic Club, Edmonton is seen presenting a cheque for \$3,210.00 to the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Robert E. Juthner, for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.



This club of Edmonton Masons is to be congratulated on its most generous contribution to the Alberta Masonic charity.

## 23RD ANNUAL MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP

This exciting Masonic event which was held on the weekend of April 15-17th was attended by 397 Masons. The majority of these masons were from Alberta but there were four visitors from other provinces and the U.S.A. The theme address, given by V.W.Bro. Jim Roberts, entitled "Today's Morality - Masonry at the Crossroads" was very well received and stimulated much discussion in the small group setting.

The Schools of Instruction were heavily attended and very positive comments were received about their value.

The Saturday evening "Fun Time" was a very happy time with much laughter and applause. The sight of a number of "Masonic grandfathers" in a competition of changing baby diapers on dolls will long be remembered!

With the ample menu, comfortable rooms and beautiful weather, this proved once again to be an outstanding Masonic event of which Alberta Masons can truly be proud.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to thank the many members of the lodges who responded to my letter to Lodge Secretaries requesting historical trivia about their lodge halls. The response was greater than expected. Although it takes time, this information is being incorporated into the slide presentation. Bro. Don Jackson (59 & 1980)

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To finance part or all of the Grand Lodge Bulletin why do we not add a few pages with advertisements in order to patronize our own brethren who operate a business within our community.

All Masonic Publications in Europe do so.

Rolf Schultze, Unity Lodge No. 51

Editors Note: What do you think about this idea brethren?

REGIONAL MEETINGS

The Lethbridge Regional Meeting was held on Saturday February 6th, 1988, with 44 in attendance. There were only five in attendance who were not current or past lodge officers.

The first activity was a series of discussion groups discussing questions related to solicitation, and advertizing, secrecy, Masons as role models, Masonic social activities, admission of women to the Craft and the relevance of Masonry to today's world. The discussion was extremely active with full participation of all present. Each group reported back with the following highlights:

1. Those discussing advertizing and solicitation said that the major problem is that people do not know rules of entry unless openly expressed. There is a need for greater public awareness. There are no objections to newspaper reports, signs on building or at the entrance to towns. When asked, Masons should talk about the Craft, except for a few areas. Grand Lodge pamphlets can be freely handed out. A visible charity is important.

2. The discussion on Secrecy showed that this is a historic carry-over of theory but not of fact. There are only a few private things in Masonry. There is a fear of misuse of Masonry and it creates freedom to review candidates without their knowing. There was general agreement that the days of strict secrecy should be past.

3. There were many arguments about the role of the current Mason in Morality and Charity. There is a strange conflict in some Masons about charity. There are some who advocate no financial charity and others thought charity should be exclusively for purposes inside the Craft. These were considered to be very negative and retrograde views. It was thought important that Masonic charity should be visible while individual charity should be concealed and it should be for universal purposes.

4. Morality was thought to create many conflicts for Masons in a world where morality is being changed almost daily. The discussion group felt that Masons were not clearly demonstrating a standard of Morality and that active steps should be taken to rectify this.

5. The topic of Masonic social activities generated many excellent points and it was agreed that there should be a range of events to satisfy all. It is important to create an environment where social intercourse can take place as this is a vital part of the Craft that is being overlooked. Price must be considered. It was agreed that reasonably priced functions to which non-mason could be invited are essential.

6. The discussion on woman in Masonry caused much controversy and no clear results arose.

7. The relevance of Masonry to today's world resulted in many recommendations. Some of things were: the Mentor Plan should help in the understanding of the Craft; there should be discussions in lodges to find the relevance of our ritual to today's world; the packaging of information on Masonry needs to be improved; and Charity must be demonstrated more clearly and practised more strongly.

Many of the additional recommendations duplicated the points arising from the other discussions relating to secrecy, socialization, advertizing etc. It was suggested that the video tape "The Freemasons" was excellent and we should try to emulate the charity work demonstrated.

Bro. Tommy Topping of Lethbridge No. 39 recited a poem he wrote in 1942 after he was separated from his Mother Lodge, Radville No. 175 G.R.S. The brethren applauded both his poem and his remarkable memory.

The Deputy Grand Master concluded with many important points. He stressed the importance of discussing the talents that we have in Masonry. He pointed out the necessity of getting "the housekeeping" out and the "Masonry" back into the meetings. He stressed the importance of providing a model of the best possible morals to the world in turmoil. He emphasized the importance of benevolence and charity to all. He finally reminded everyone present to take back the results of the discussions to their lodges for further discussion and action.

**REGIONAL MEETINGS Cont'd**

The third and fourth Regional meetings took place in Edmonton and Red Deer. The Edmonton meeting had 158 in attendance with 58 M.M.'s, while the Red Deer meeting had 57 present with 9 M.M.'s.

These two meetings had a similar format. The meetings commenced with a three minute presentation by the Chairman, or his representative, of every Grand Lodge Board and Committee. These short presentations were of considerable interest to all those in attendance. "The Freemasons" video tape was then viewed with obvious pleasure shown by all present.

The members then entered discussion groups and presented their results to the participants as a whole. The general outcome was similar to that of the two previous meetings.

The M.M.'s had filled out questionnaires which were reviewed by the Committee chairman and summarized. The problems identified were largely related to "too much housekeeping" and "too little Masonry" in the lodges. This is obviously an area that all lodges must address.

The meeting closed with an excellent summary by the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner. A show of hands demonstrated unanimous agreement that the meeting was worthwhile.

The 1988 Master Masons' Meetings were obviously a great success for all those attending but everyone attending in future years should try to bring a M.M. who is not an officer, with them. This would ensure more input from "the grass roots".

**QUOTATION OF THE MONTH**

As often as a study is cultivated by narrow minds, they will draw from it narrow conclusions.

John Stuart Mill 1906-1873

**TENTATIVE ITINERARY  
of R.W.Bro. David A. Bruce,  
Grand Master-Elect 1988-1989**

**JUNE 1988:**

- 10 & 11 Eighty-third Annual Grand Lodge Communication.
- 14th Amalgamation of Nobleford Lodge No. 111 and Diamond City Lodge No. 65 at Coalhurst
- 20th Amalgamation of Cresset Lodge No. 136 and Robert Burns Lodge No. 49 at Carmangay
- 25 & 26 70th Anniversary of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 and Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 at Grande Prairie
- 27th • District 13 Annual Meeting, 3:00 P.M. at Peace River

**JULY 1988:**

- 13th Daylight Lodge U.D., 9:00 A.M., Calgary, Main Temple
- 19 - 23 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

**SEPTEMBER 1988:**

- 8th Jasper Park Lodge No. 143, Jasper
- 13th Highlands Lodge No. 168, Edmonton
- 14th Dominion Lodge No. 117, Edmonton
- 15 - 17 "Banff Conference", Banff Rocky Mountain Resort, Banff
- 17th "Mountain Top Lodge" (Cascade Lodge No. 5) Mount Norquay, Banff
- 20th Mosaic Lodge No. 176, Crescent Temple, Calgary
- 22nd Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 24th District No. 19 Annual Meeting, 1:00 at Fort McMurray

**OCTOBER 1988:**

- 1st Concord Lodge No. 124, Main Temple, Calgary
- 3rd Stavelly Lodge No. 33, Community Centre, Stavelly
- 4th Unity Lodge No. 51, Edmonton
- 5th Bow River Lodge No. 1, Main Temple, Calgary
- 6th Ionic-Landmark Lodge No. 45, Alix
- 8th District No. 3 Annual Meeting, 11:00, Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton
- 10th North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge
- 11th Red Deer Lodge No. 12, Red Deer
- 13th Drayton Valley Lodge No. 182, Drayton Valley
- 14th Strathcona Lodge No. 77, Acacia Lodge Hall, Edmonton
- 15th \* District No. 12 Annual Meeting, 9:00, Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton
- 15th Zetland Lodge No. 83, 75th Anniversary, Main Temple, Calgary
- 18th Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Medicine Hat
- 19th Meet with Medicine Hat '89 Committee
- 20th Acme Lodge No. 60, Acme
- 21st \* District No. 2 Annual Meeting, 4:30, Medicine Hat
- 21st \* District No. 7/11 Annual Meeting, 5:00, Cardston
- 22nd \* District No. 6 Annual Meeting, 11:30, High River
- 22nd \* District No. 10 Annual Meeting, 1:00, Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton
- 24th Northmount Lodge No. 189, Crescent Temple, Calgary
- 25th Berry-Crocus Lodge No. 82, Chinook
- 28th King George Lodge No. 59, King George Temple, Calgary
- 29th \* District No. 9 Annual Meeting, 4:00, Alix
- 29th \* District No. 17 Annual Meeting, 2:00, Wainwright

\* Indicates that another Senior Grand Lodge Officer may substitute for the Grand Master

## THE FIRST HALLS

## PART 4 OF A 4 PART SERIES

Previous articles described Bow River Lodge's beginnings and the renting of their first Lodge Hall over McKelvie and Graves store. The Location was erroneously reported as Stephen Avenue and 1st Street E. It should have been "on Stephen Avenue, close to the west bank of the Elbow River."

At the April 7, 1884 meeting of the Lodge over the store, a bill for \$100.00 for the last four months rent was read out. This must have brought out the true Scot in Bro. Murdoch as he gave notice of motion that he would, at the emergent meeting to be held "this night fortnight" move that the Lodge meet with the proper officials to try to obtain a lot or lots on which to erect a Masonic Hall. The following month a committee was formed to meet with Mr. W.B. Scarthe of the North West Land Company who, very generously, donated two lots to the lodge with the stipulation that they be used only to build a Masonic Hall within the current year. The new building was completed enough to hold their meeting on Friday evening January 20, 1885 in the second Calgary Lodge Hall on lots 9 and 10 block 60 CPR survey, the present site of 8th Avenue and in the middle of the Arts Centre.

The deeds for the land were received in early 1885 when finishing construction which appears to have gone ahead smoothly with the only major decision being whether or not to get the tin roofed frame building (not the Brethren) plastered. Money was the big problem as reported in June 22, 1885 minutes showing \$647.82 still due. The committee's recommendation consisted of Life Memberships, advanced payment of dues, a mortgage and donations.

Apparently mortgages were as much of a cable tow then as now because at the June 1888 lodge meeting the trustees of the lodge were requested to advise on ways of paying off the mortgage. No further mention of any financial problem is made but on August 1, 1892 the Lodge resolved to lease a Masonic Hall in the Barber Block. On May 10, 1893, "M.W.Bro. D.G. Grogen, G.M. visited Bow River Lodge and duly dedicated with Masonic rites the newly rented Masonic Hall in the Barber Block." This third Lodge Hall was situated at 136A - 8th Avenue S.E. where the Rotary Park is today. It was in this Lodge Hall that Bow River Lodge recommended the formation of Perfection Lodge which was instituted therein on August 6, 1895.

On December 27, 1900 the two Lodges moved into the Victoria Block (later to become the Victoria Hotel) at 115 - 8th Avenue E. on the south side of the street. They met in this building for 3 years until lots 8 & 9, Block 61 on the south side of 8th Avenue between 1st and 2nd streets (middle of the present Convention Centre) were purchased and on which Lodge Hall number five was built. It was reported that the first two lots were sold to the lodge's advantage.

The two lodges continued to meet together until March 1905 when they moved to number six Lodge Hall in the Alexander Corner located on the N.W. corner of 1st street and 7th Avenue (the present site of the Herald Building). This building boasted a Lodge Hall and club rooms. The two lodges stayed in these quarters along with several later formed lodges until the Central Masonic Temple was finished in 1929. There they finally settled.

Submitted by Bro. Don Jackson, King George No. 59

## MERIDIAN LODGE NO. 129

Meridian Lodge of Stony Plain was offered the opportunity of selling their existing lodge hall to make way for the construction of a Senior Citizens' Home. They purchased an existing two story building with a full basement having approximately 3000 spare feet on each level. The building is rented to three tenants and the lodge occupies the "upper room" or rather floor. This floor has been divided into two areas, one for lodge and the others for banquet facilities. The building was paid for outright and the tenants will now cover all operating costs for the foreseeable future. An ideal situation. After some refurbishing the building is ready for occupation.

On March 30th, 1988, the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. R.E. Juthner, convened his Grand Lodge Officers to lay the cornerstone and dedicate this new Lodge Hall.

The GM, DGM, SGW, JGW, and DDGM together with other Grand Lodge officers and many visitors resulted in a capacity crowd of 134 visitors for the Worshipful Master, Bro. Eric Robinson to welcome. The cornerstone was place near the N.E. corner of the building and M.W.Bro. Juthner is seen making final adjustments. The cornerstone was placed in front of a sealed box holding artifacts relating to Canada, Alberta and Stony Plain.

## ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The lines "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns" were taken from Act 3, Scene 1, of Shakespeare's play 'Hamlet'.

The ghost of Hamlet's father had informed him that Claudius, his (the king's) brother is the murderer of the dead king. This knowledge and his own machinations have made Hamlet distraught and seemingly mad.

Claudius and Polonius, the father of Ophelia, have contrived to have Hamlet and Ophelia meet, thinking to prove that the so-called madness is actually love for Ophelia. Both intend to eavesdrop in order to confirm the source of Hamlet's madness.

In the famous soliloquy, beginning "To be, or not to be, that is the question", to live or die, Hamlet muses on the humiliations of life. He ponders on the wonder of death. The whole line reads,



"But that the dread of something after death,  
The undiscover'd country from whose bourne  
No traveller returns, puzzles the will,  
And makes us rather bear those ills we have  
Than fly to others that we know not of?"

How very apropos that the lecture on the working tools of the Fellowcraft Degree in the Ancient York Rite concludes with the words, "ever remembering that we are travelling on the level of time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns."

R.W.Bro. B.A. Sandford, Quarry Lodge No. 70

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No doubt your April Question will stimulate a number of replies pointing out that the lines derive from the "To be, or not to be" speech in Hamlet, 3.1.

There is a fascinating, but scarce, book by Alfred Dodd, P.M., Shakespeare Creator of Freemasonry (London: Rider, [1937]) which collects a number of Shakespearian allusions and references in the Rituals and attempts to prove that "Shakespeare was a Freemason and the Founder of the Fraternity."

The argument, embellished by the discovery of alleged cryptograms, is, of course, as silly as trying to show that the compilers of the Authorized Edition of the Bible were responsible for our Rituals, but the connections are interesting in demonstrating that at some point in the transmission of our Masonic workings, the substance was looked at by some one or others who were not only well read but had a deep familiarity with Shakespeare's writings.

W.Bro. C. Gordon-Craig, Strathcona Lodge No. 77

#### PROVERB OF THE MONTH

Slow help is no help

#### CANADIAN MASONS TOURING EUROPE

Group Picture



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where they had been announced in the lodge summons of Alt Heidelberg Lodge No. 821 (American-Canadian Grand Lodge) under the headline "THE CANADIANS ARE COMING!" and where all 36 were treated to a mixed table lodge, enjoyed by the ladies and men alike. The next day, while the ladies were entertained at the Canadian Armed Forces Base, the brethren witnessed an E.A. degree at Black Forest Lodge No. 901, in the Canadian Rite. Their members were quite excited because during their 20 years' existence they had never had a visit from a Canadian Grand Master, and on that day they could receive, not one but two: M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner of Alberta (the organizer of the tour) and M.W.Bro. Roy Wellman of Saskatchewan, plus M.W.Bro. Bjarne Hansen, PGM of Saskatchewan.

In Munich, the capital of Bavaria, the travellers attended Lodge Lessing No. 700, AF&AM, working in German. The occasion was their annual "lodge of sorrow", a most impressive ceremony in a dimly lit room, the entire floor strewn with the "sere and yellow" leaves of autumn augmenting the symbolism of the coffin which occupied the centre of the lodge. A soloist's musical numbers further enhanced this unique experience; even those not understanding German appreciated the full impact of the message. On their way to Salzburg, Austria, a detour was made to the picturesque town of the famous passion plays, Oberammergau. As this was on Sunday, the V.W. Grand Chaplain of Alberta, Bro. Donal Stewart, took control and conducted divine service for the group in an extra room of the inn. In Salzburg, a tombstone in St. Peter's cemetery, with all the working tools of Masonry and dated 1708 was pointed out to the group. There they attended Lodge Tamino (named after the principal character in Mozart's "Magic Flute"). The opening and closing done in German, the Austrian brethren had the courtesy of having the paper for the evening (always the highlight of a European lodge meeting) presented in English. The topic dealt with the historical development of Freemasonry in the province of Salzburg. The evening continued with a fabulous meal and getting to know each other for the Austrian and Canadian brethren and wives. In its course, R.W.Bro. Charles Dyson (Calgary) was presented with a birthday cake.

Proceeding onward a considerable detour was taken, so as to see Innsbruck in the Tyrol, the Brenner Pass through the Alps and the most northerly valleys of Italy. When things on the bus got too quiet, R.W.Bro. John Hare (Camrose) took over and led the other 35 voices in many an enjoyable sing-song. There was need for this as the bus was winding its way at a snail's pace through a blizzard accompanied by thunder and lightning (or was it a thunderstorm accompanied by a blizzard?) Eventually, the destination was reached, just before midnight and after lightning had struck the hotel. This was Klagenfurt, capital of Carinthia, bordering on Italy and Yugoslavia. Here, in Lodge Enzenberg, the brethren experienced their third meeting in German, but the speeches at the "white table"

## CANADIAN MASONS TOURING EUROPE Cont'd

(always full course meals) were done in both languages. Again, there was a ladies' get-together while the men were in lodge.

Three days were spent in fabulous Vienna, where a visit to the opera to see "the Gypsy Baron" by Johann Strauss, was the first cultural evening of the tour. The 4-story lodge building which houses the Grand Lodge office and numerous small lodge rooms and a larger one under the roof, is very aptly situated at "No. 3, Rough Ashlar Street", only a block away from St. Stephen's Cathedral. It dates in part from the 18th century, and part from the 16th, but has been completely renovated by the brethren while preserving its ancient character as an historic site. There are, however, elevators and an "electronic tyler" (closed circuit TV), as it becomes more popular with European Masonic building in our days. (Another one was seen in Munich.) 34 of Austria's 46 lodges meet there, and the one visited by our brethren was Lodge Sarastro, the only English language lodge in that jurisdiction, which works the Emulation Ritual. An explanation of the 1st degree tracing board, followed by a full festive board was the order of the day. From Vienna the tour went to the chateau of Rosenau where the lodge room of the feudal lords of the early 18th century has been restored, many Masonic memorabilia have been collected, and the site has been turned into the Masonic Museum of Austria (open to the public). This having been Sunday once again, the Grand Chaplain once more conducted a fitting service in the chapel of the chateau which now serves as the Roman Catholic parish church of the village. This was a useful lesson in the universality of the Craft.

Space will not permit to report on sight-seeing and such, done up to that time and during the next several days in Passau, Rothenburg and Nurnberg. A side trip to Bayreuth and the villa of Richard Wagner led to a visit to Germany's Masonic Museum before continuing on to Wurzburg, Kassel and Hannover. There the group went to pay respects to our war dead, resting in the British-Canadian war cemetery on the outskirts of Hannover. Again it was the Rev Donal Stewart, United Church minister from Irricana and Grand Chaplain who conducted a most meaningful memorial service at the grave of the brother of one of the ladies on the tour, Lorna, the wife of R.W.Bro. Doug Simmonds (Edmonton). The same day saw the conclusion of the bus trip, beginning five days in Hamburg to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of the oldest lodge in Germany, Absalom No. 1, AF&AM, the lodge in which King Frederick the Great of Prussia was initiated in 1738 and in whose minute book and register, of that age, the visiting Grand Masters had the honour to affix their signatures.

On the day of arrival, some of the brethren on he tour went to visit a meeting of the "United Five Lodges of Hamburg" (there are 38 Lodges in the city), and on the following day the celebrating lodge presented a "Festive Welcome" for brethren and ladies from 28 jurisdictions. At that time,

the Grand Masters from Alberta and Saskatchewan were joined by M.W.Bro. Dennis Marsh from British Columbia and M.W.Bro. Durward Geffken from Quebec. Next day, while the ladies had their choice of three guided tours to German cities, the men attended the main celebrations in tyled lodge (as there were over 2000 present, these functions were held in the congress centre adjoining the Hamburg Plaza CP Hotel, where the Canadian delegation stayed). M.W.Bro. Ernst Walter, the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodges of Germany presided. (The member subordinate Grand Lodges are the AF&AM the Freemasons' Order of the Swedish Rite, the Three Gloves, the American-Canadian and the G.L. of British Freemasons.) The key address was delivered by Bro. Rolf Appel who spoke on "The small number of those who appeal to the conscience." A gala banquet (in regalia) followed at which, among other things, the Western Canadian contingent of 21 brethren, outdone only by the visiting Turks with about 30, received special recognition.

Sunday, December 6th, 250 years to the day, the public morning celebration took place. It was attended by some 3000 brethren, ladies and friends, as well as the press and television who later reported favourably. The featured speaker, well known in North America from his annual visits during his 9-year tenure as Grand Master of the UGLL of Germany, was M.W.Bro. Jurgen Holtorff, PGM, who aptly entitled his paper "250 years of conspiracy to the Good." There were also several short addresses and a number of young artists and a large choir contributed significantly to this public show of Freemasonry.

The evening offered a special, cultural delight: a command performance for Masons, their ladies and invited friends only, in the Hamburg State Opera where the rarely performed ballet "Sleeping Beauty" by Tchaikovsky earned standing ovations by all.

Due to the strike within the ranks of Air Canada at home, another day was added to the itinerary when Bros. Robert Juthner (Edmonton) and Albert Meyer (Salmon Arm) made the ninth lodge visit of the tour, to Zu den drei Rosen No. 61 (Swedish Rite), where every member attends in white tie and gloves, tails and silk hat. An explanation of the philosophy of the 1st degree was given and a brother played Masonic compositions on the pipe organ of the large lodge room.

Thanks to the cooperation of the Hamburg office staff of Air Canada, the group returned to Calgary only one day late, assigned to other carriers. Everyone on the tour seems to have enjoyed the great variety of Masonic, cultural, culinary and sightseeing experiences, and had kind words for the organizer. Also, when the three week bus tour had come to an end, the young German tour director remarked that, in all his experience he had never before had "such a homogeneous and likeable group of men and women who got along with each other so well." Wonder why?