



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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Editor, R.W. Bro. Norman J. Senn

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## October Is Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month

I, M.W. Bro. Stanley Erwin Mottershead, am proclaiming October Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month, and request all Masons in the jurisdiction to donate to this most worthy cause, which was initiated to help needy students of Alberta to obtain advanced education.

While October is proclaimed as Higher Education Bursary month, donations will be received throughout the year. However, those who require Income Tax Receipts please keep in mind that only donations received in the Grand Lodge Office prior to December 31, 1989 will receive receipts dated for 1989. Donations received after January 1, 1990 will receive receipts dated for that year.

Each year we strive to increase the amount donated to help more students. This year (1989/90) we were able to award 50 Bursaries of \$1,000.00 each (recipients below). Thank you to all who donated to the Bursary Fund and enabled your Committee to achieve this accomplishment. However, even this amount only enabled your Committee

to give to 20 per cent of those who applied a Bursary.

The Committee would like to express its gratitude to the Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David A. Bruce and his officers, the R.W. Past District Deputy Grand Masters and their Representatives for the wonderful support they gave the fund during their terms of office. It is hoped the present Grand Lodge Officers will continue supporting the fund by encouraging all members to donate.

Brethren, I would like to leave you with this thought which is prompted by Harmony Lodge No. 75 in Sedgewick. They have a great idea which is "The Nickel a Day Club." If every member in this jurisdiction would donate just a nickel a day the Bursary fund would be in receipt of approximately a quarter of a million dollars. How many Masons are there who could not afford a nickel a day?

Brethren, let's help the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund to have a banner year in 1989.

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**From The Editor****Appearances**

What is seen has a different impact according to the way it is set out. Such is the *Grand Lodge Bulletin*. You have now had a month to view the last *Grand Lodge Bulletin* and compare it with last years' issues. Do you think this is an improvement?

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**Question of the Month**

If a PDDGM is elected to be a JGW, how many times does he receive Grand Honours when attending a lodge?

**Itinerary 1989/90****M.W.Bro. Stanley E. Mottershead, Grand Master****October 1989:**

- 3 Gleichen Lodge No. 36, Gleichen
- 7 District 10, Acacia Edmonton
- 12 Bassano Lodge No. 55, Bassano
- 12 Symbol Lodge No. 93, Drumheller
- 14 District 6, Calgary A.M.
- 17 St. George No. 169, Astra No. 179, Joint Meeting in Elk Point
- 19 Buffalo Park No. 44, Masonic Night
- 21 District 19, Edmonton
- 24 Edmonton Lodge No. 7, Edmonton
- 25 Mystic Tie Lodge No. 188, Edmonton
- 26-28 Al Azhar Temple — Banff Springs Hotel
- 30 District 1, Calgary

**November 1989:**

- 4 Strathmore Lodge No. 53, Strathmore
- 7 Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick
- 10 Norwood Lodge No. 90, Edmonton
- 14 Gateway Lodge No. 164, Edmonton
- 17 District 18, Crossfield
- 18 District 8, Pincher Creek
- 22 Forestburg Lodge No. 128, Harmony Lodge No. 75, Beaver-Monitor Lodge No. 56, Joint Meeting
- 25 District 16, Bassano

**December 1989:**

- 1 Calgary Lodge No. 23, Calgary
- 2 Concord Lodge No. 124, Calgary
- 7 Exemplar Lodge No. 175, Edmonton
- 8 Temple Lodge No. 167, Edmonton
- 27 St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville

**January 1990:**

- 1 Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 Levee, Edmonton
- 3 Dynamic Lodge No. 96, Holden
- 10 Meridian Lodge No. 129, Stony Plain
- 16 Palestine Lodge No. 46, Tofield
- 24 Onoway Lodge No. 138, Onoway

**February 1990:**

- 7 Waskatenau Lodge No. 154, Waskatenau
- 13 Mayerthorpe Lodge No. 148, Mayerthorpe
- 18-21 Grand Masters of N. America, Salt Lake City, Utah

**March 1990:**

- 6 Edgerton Lodge No. 102, Edgerton
- 12 Lucerne-Doric Lodge No. 31, Vauxhall
- 13 Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, Lucerne-Doric No. 31, Bow Island, Medicine Hat Joint Meeting
- 15 Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, High River
- 16-17 All Canada Conference, Winnipeg
- 23-24 Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Minnesota
- 29 Grand Session I. O. J. D., Red Deer

**April 1990:**

- 3 Berry-Crocus Lodge No. 82, Chinook
- 10 King Hiram Lodge No. 21, St. Andrew's No. 66, Innisfail Lodge No. 8, Didsbury Joint Meeting
- 13-15 Banff Workshop, Banff
- 21 A. & A. S. R. Breakfast

**May 1990:**

- 14 St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, Calgary
- 17 King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane
- 28 Eureka Lodge No. 10, Appollo Lodge No. 27, Britannia Lodge No. 18, Lacombe, Joint Meeting

**June 1990:**

- 8-9 Grand Lodge Communication, Edmonton

## Suspension For Non-Payment of Dues

The formal wording sent to a member of the Craft at the end of a year could in some cases be replaced by the following: "we don't know how you are or what your problems are but you haven't sent any money for a while".

The latter sounds as dreadful as the former sounds "official".

Is there any truth to the second statement? Has your lodge already visited each of those members who are now approaching the critical two year period when SNPD becomes effective?

Have you a committee or is it a responsibility of the Senior Officers to check on each person who could be suspended? If not, why not?

There have been concerns expressed for many years on the decreasing membership but is it because of new people not entering, or existing members leaving the Craft? Have you checked your lodge records to find out what the pattern is for your lodge? This is not a special year with Olympics, Expositions or Centennial celebrations that can dilute the effort of your lodge. Why not put 100% of your effort into your existing membership — finding problems, proposing solutions, discussing the future and being highly constructive in making the existing membership "Priority One" in your lodge. Then see what happens to your applications for memberships. Perhaps you will be pleasantly surprised.

The Editor

## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving in Canada is a time of gratitude for the many gifts given by God to his children during the past year. There is usually a traditional dinner and a gathering of family and friends.

Let each one of us spend a little time considering our blessings and thanking God for a past year, for no matter what misfortune we have had, on this Thanksgiving Day we are still able to articulate our thanks.

It is also a day when we see how many blessings we have that we can dedicate ourselves to sharing with others.

## We Thank Thee

FOR THIS place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope with which we expect tomorrow; for the health, the work, the food and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth.....

Give us courage, gaiety, and the quiet mind. Spare us to our friends, soften us to our enemies. Bless us, if it may be, on all our innocent endeavors. If it may not, give us strength to encounter that which is to come, that we be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath and in all changes of fortune, and, down to the gates of death, loyal to the living, one to another.

Robert Louis Stevenson

From the Notice of Kitchener Lodge No. 95

## Committee on the Work

There were a number of rulings during the past year by this Committee. These rulings cannot all be published here because of the references to ritual, but they should be carefully studied in your lodge. They are printed and explained in the *Proceedings*, which are now available through your Lodge Secretary.

The lodge committee, which **must** be struck to discuss the *Proceedings*, should pay particular attention to this area as it affects our ritualistic work.

An important change which can be noted here is that the word "traditional" in all the penalties and references to the penalties is now replaced by the word "symbolic".

There are many areas of the *Proceedings* besides the rulings which should be reviewed for the lodge and page 4 of the proceedings should be read to the members by every Secretary.

*From the Notices*

## Charity Brightest Jewel of Masonry

There is a little poem attributed to an unknown poet which goes, "I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see. I sought my God, but my God eluded me. I sought my brother - and I found all three". Reflection on the thought here expressed leads to consideration of that cornerstone of Freemasonry — Charity — which has been described as the brightest jewel in the Masonic crown, and is the top-most round of the mystic ladder to which Masonic Lodges are always dedicated.

It is unfortunate that the word "charity" has come to be known almost exclusively as liberality to the poor. While a Mason is expected, to the extent of his ability, to lend pecuniary assistance to all those in need, charity has a more noble and more extensive meaning. Originally it meant the purest love for God and man (as in 1 Cor. XIII), which is its Masonic, as well as its Christian application.

Guided by this definition of Charity, the true Freemason will "suffer long and be kind." He will be slow to anger and easy to forgive. He will stay his falling brother by gentle admonition and warn him with kindness of approaching danger. He will not open his ears to slanders, and will close his lips against all reproach. He will write a brothers vices in water and his virtues in enduring brass. This is the charity that regards all men as brothers and is swift of foot and ready of hand in the cause of a common humanity. Such a practice of charity would illustrate the teachings of Masonry.

Kitchener Lodge No. 195

## Anecdote of the Month

Angry businessman on phone:

"I don't want to talk to a middleman ... put me straight through to the computer".

Masonic Light

## "Working Together"

All have a share in the beauty,  
 All have a share in the plan.  
 What does it matter what duty  
 Falls to the lot of man?  
 Someone has blended the plaster,  
 And someone has carried the stone.  
 Neither the man nor the Master  
 Ever has builded alone.  
 Making a roof from the weather  
 Or building a house for a king  
 Only by working together  
 Have men accomplished a thing.

Drayton Valley Lodge No. 182

## Children's Answers to Religious Questions

- Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- The Fifth Commandment is: Honour Thy Father and Thy Mother.
- Holy Acrimony is another name for marriage.
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day — but a ball of fire by night.
- The Pope lives in a vacuum.
- Christians have only one wife. This is called monotony.
- The First Commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

High Twelvian, Fall 1987

*From Afar*

## Begorrah! There Was Light!

In going through the Lodge chest of an old Irish Lodge, a block of wood was found, with a length of brass tubing wired to it.

"What on earth was this used for?" In answer to this enquiry, an old veteran of the Craft replied that in his early days some enthusiastic young members sought to brighten up the ceremonies. For this purpose they had filled the tube with gun powder.

"Let there be Light!" the Worshipful Master said, and they set it off.

"And Begorrah! There was Light!", the old Master said. However, the explosion blew out all the windows of the Lodge room. The tube was never used again.

Quebec Masonic Journal, Vol. 21, Summer 1989

## Picked Up in Passing

Camrose Lodge No. 37 is one of the earlier Lodges of the Jurisdiction of Alberta and has thrived on the support of its old-time members.

On its 70th Anniversary W.Bro. P.A. East was singled out for his devotion to the Lodge. Someone took the trouble to search out evidence of his loyalty through the years, and discovered that he had attended no less than 537 meetings of that Lodge alone.

One wonders if they make 'em like that any more! (From the Proceedings of FIAT LUX Lodge of Research.

## Travellers

Men did not visit or travel much in the Middle-Ages — the majority of men did neither, except in their own neighborhoods; it was because of work and activities of many other kinds (including religion) being organized in guilds and fraternities with each one confined to its own local jurisdiction. A modern workman is free to go and come anywhere in the Nation, a medieval workman was not; he was tied down to his own farm, village, or town and to men five miles away he was a stranger or even a foreigner. To this general rule the Freemasons were an exception, as they were an exception in many other ways also, because any Freemason could come from any other town or even from abroad, and nearly always they did come from a distance; while they were traveling they could visit Freemasons or Lodges wherever they might come upon them, and not only could but were expected to do so, because it was from his traveling Brethren that a Freemason could have the news about his own Craft. When such a traveler arrived he was accepted as a guest as *HOSPES*, or *XENIOS*, and treated to hospitality; if he was ill he was nursed, if in need he received relief; and there was little danger of spurious visitors because each Freemason had received the Modes of Recognition under the oath of secrecy and could identify himself wherever he went. This freedom to travel and this right to visit were so necessary to Freemasons that without them they could not have carried on their work; being thus an essential, visiting became a Landmark, and has continued to be one ever since.

## 24th Masonic Spring Workshop

The 24th Annual Masonic Spring Workshop held in April is now history. If you were not in attendance, let me share with you some of the activities you missed.

The theme was "Let's talk Charity" and it was certainly timely. Discussion was found in halls and rooms as well as the discussion groups. I feel that good thoughts and ideas were brought forth by many Masons and it is up to us all to use those ideas.

The Schools of Instruction were well attended and a Masonic forum was held for the first time. This brought out a good deal of participation. No easy solutions were presented at this forum but everyone attending had a much better understanding of the problems. The Schools are the standbys for the workshop and for new officers in a lodge it becomes an excellent method to gain knowledge.

The Masonic Education Session presented by Bro. Cameron Mackay was extremely well attended. Some who had seen it previously enjoyed the presentation just as much the second time.

In closing let me remind you that this year will be the Silver Anniversary of the Masonic Spring Workshop. The Committee will be planning a special program so that this will not be a year to miss.

David E. Ingoe  
 Secretary, Masonic Spring Workshop



## One Way of Communicating

The following advertisement was published in the Las Vegas Sun on March 16, 1989. What do you think of the idea? Send your thoughts to M.W.Bro. Norm MacIver through the Grand Secretary.

### "Dad, how come you never asked me to become a Mason?"

"Because, as a rule, a Mason does not directly ask anyone to join. Not even his best friend or his son."

No one asked George Washington or John Wayne to join. They joined after they became interested and asked a Mason how to go about it.

Freemasonry (or Masonry) is the oldest and largest fraternity in the world. It brings men together from every walk of life, for fellowship, the promotion of integrity, and good citizenship.

It is not a political or religious organization, but it does require a belief in a Supreme Being.

Basically, Masons believe that a man should seek membership of his own free will and accord, not because someone asked him.

If you would like to know more, talk to a Mason—your questions will be welcome. Call \_\_\_\_\_, 10 AM-1 PM or  
or \_\_\_\_\_ 9 AM-7 PM.

or you can write:  
Masonic Public Information  
Masonic Memorial Temple



Submitted by Bro. Len Ryder  
Mystic Tie No. 188

## Follow-Up

In the November 1988 issue of the Bulletin we reported that the Camrose Masonic organizations pledged \$4500 towards building and furnishing a maternity lounge at St. Mary's Hospital. The first payment was made at that time.

The final installment was made in March of this year and a photograph and article about the presentation was published in the local newspaper.

Congratulations Camrose Masons on a clearly defined charitable act of significance to the community.

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Excerpts From

## A Critique of Freemasonry's Critics

By V.W.Bro. J. Roberts

How do we respond to those who are our profoundest critics outside of Masonry? In the last several years there has been an escalation in the criticism of Masonry by a small but very vocal group of people in our society. I had not realized just how strident this criticism had become until about five years ago, when as Grand Chaplain of Masons in Alberta at that time, I was asked on two or three different occasions to look at the problem. I was surprised to learn of the extent and the depth of their enmity. I think that most of us know that a lot of criticism of the Craft has been with us for a long time. And we also know that there have been times and places where simply being a known Mason was life threatening, or at the very least, merited social ostracism. As individuals and Lodges, we do not treat the detractors of Masonry very seriously. On the one hand that may be a good thing - but on the other it may do us harm in the long run. We could spend a lot of time building fortresses against attack, only to discover that the rabid anti-Mason will always find a way in. We cannot afford to be insular or separated out from the world, for we are a part of that world. But as Masons, we ought to know what our critics are saying for at least two reasons; first: so that we can discern among ourselves the errors in their judgement of the Craft; and just as importantly: examine what they are saying and ask ourselves how responsible we are for those attacks upon us. Perhaps in this kind of exercise, we can frame some kind of uniform response to our detractors.

## From The Lodge Notices

The following are some philosophies which I came across that I think you will find are ideals any Mason should practice:

1. **Be Grateful:** Begin the day with gratitude for the opportunities and blessings. Be glad for the privilege of life and your health to let you work.
2. **Cultivate A Yielding Position:** Resist the common tendency to want things your own way — try to see the other person's point of view.
3. **Govern Your Actions:** Cultivate a mental attitude of peace and goodwill towards your fellow man.
4. **Give Generously:** There is no greater joy in life than to render happiness to others by means of intelligent giving.

So Brethren, I would like you to pick up the phone and offer a ride to a brother, and enjoy the fellowship To, At and From Lodge.

Lloyd G. Cartledge, W.M., Edmonton Lodge No. 7

## Anecdote

Mrs. Brown: "Whenever I'm in the dumps, I get myself a new hat"

Mrs. Green: "I was wondering where you got them."  
Neil Vester, The Bagpipe

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