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Edmund Jabez Thompson Grand Master 1970–1971

Edmund Jabez Thompson was born in Cheshire, England. He came to Alberta in 1912 with his father and family, who homesteaded in the Amisk-Hughenden area.

Edmund Thompson attended Alberta College and then the University of Alberta, receiving his B.A. degree in 1926 and M.A. in 1928. He studied theology at St. Stephen's College in preparation for the Christian ministry. Later he went to the University of Chicago where he received a B.D. degree in 1929 and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1933.

Edmund Thompson married Helen Taft of New York State in 1930. They had one son and two daughters and six grandchildren.

Dr. Thompson served as Minister in the United Church at Leduc 1930–35; at Aurora, Ontario 1935–40; at St. Luke's, Montreal 1941–43. He went to St. Stephen's College, Edmonton in 1943 as professor and became principal in 1946 — a post he held until 1966 when he retired. He is widely known as director of the Christian Faith Broadcast which he presented for 25 years. He was awarded a D.D. (honoris causa) by United College, Winnipeg in 1956, and by St. Stephen's College in 1967. He served as president of the Alberta Conference 1948–49



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and as president of the Edmonton Council of Churches in 1954–55. Active in community service, he served as president of the Rotary Club of Edmonton 1958–59, president of the Diabetic association and served on the Senate of the University of Alberta.

Brother Edmund Thompson was initiated in St. Alban's Lodge No. 145 in 1928, and was raised as a courtesy in Norman Park No. 797 Chicago, in May 1929. He affiliated with Star of the West No. 34, Leduc 1930, with Rising Sun No. 129, Aurora 1935, and with Allenby No. 89, Montreal in 1943. In 1952 he became a Charter Member of Temple No. 167 in Edmonton, serving as Master in 1962–63. He was elected Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. and A.M., in 1963–67. He was elected Grand Junior Warden in 1967 and was installed as Grand Master in 1970.

Bro. Thompson died following a lengthy illness. He leaves his wife Helen, son Jim of Edmonton, daughters Marilyn Darwish and Joan Thompson in Virginia, six grandchil-

dren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Knox-Metropolitan United Church on Tuesday, December 12, 1989.

Exciting Masonic Events in Europe

With the fascinating political changes occurring in Europe comes the rebirth of Masonry which has not been permitted in most Communist countries or has been actively suppressed. The events of the last few months stimulated immediate activity in the re-establishment of a Grand Lodge of Hungary and we can expect

to see a number of other Grand Lodges established. These are highly significant political and Masonic times and this period will, I am sure, live on in history books of Masonry as well as world history.

The Editor

A Toast

A toast given by a group of retirees:

"To the holidays — all three hundred and sixty five of them!"

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Masonic Books

Many Brethren are interested in purchasing Masonic books but cannot decide from the title and preface, whether they are worth reading. Sometimes it is hard to decide what sort of book it really is from a title.

Are there any aspiring book reviewers out there in the Craft? We have many skilled Brethren who may be willing to have their names placed on a "book reviewers" list so that a review summary can be obtained of all books available through Grand Lodge.

If you like to read critically, can write short reviews and would be willing to accept an occasional challenge in your Masonic life, please send your name in to the Grand Secretary indicating your willingness to become involved.

Toasts

Many brethren ask at the Grand Lodge office for a good book containing "toasts" that can be used at various gatherings. There is no easy answer for these brethren.

Do you know of a good book of toasts that is in print? Please write to the editor with the full title, publisher and any other useful information you may have.

The Editor

Book Review

One Hundred Short Prayers

by May Stafford Hilburn

Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Company

"Our Father, Who art in Heaven,..." begins the best known and, undoubtedly, the most frequently spoken prayer in Christendom. It is repeated by most from memory and like "Basic Black" in one's wardrobe, it is always suitable and sufficient. Yet, the Lord's Prayer for all its universality, is but one of the rich treasures of prayers available to all believers in a Supreme Being, whatever their profession of faith. Every religion holds prayer to be a central expression of ones belief and the vehicle of ones

personal approach to that which is accepted as being the ultimate power.

Prayers are woven inextricably into the whole tapestry of Freemasonry being an essential part not only of all ritual but even of many of the ordinary activities of Freemasons. While appropriate prayers are spoken routinely within the Lodge the ritual also urges that "Freemasons should ever remember that when the wisdom and strength of man fails there is an inexhaustible supply above, yielded to us through the power of prayer."

Hilburn's **One Hundred Short Prayers** is an appealing and immediately useful, pocket-sized collection of short prayers organized for easy reference and relatable to the regular needs of a Lodge or other assembly of Freemasons. More importantly perhaps, many, if not most, of these prayers will be comfortable and satisfying in the private devotions of Freemasons and even for those not in Freemasonry but in need of a prayer for a particular occasion. All of Hilburn's prayers may be easily memorized if the situations warrant this being done.

In the collection are optional prayers for every month and season and special prayers suitable for a variety of Lodge events such as installations, dedications, presentations and memorials. Those requested to offer a prayer at festive boards, banquets and other gatherings will find this booklet of much assistance in developing their presentations. In a few instances, some adjustment of wording, aimed for audiences in the United States of America, will be required to accommodate Canadian situations.

For those inexperienced in composing prayers to be spoken in public and unfamiliar with or reluctant to use prayers identified with a particular faith, this collection by Hilburn can provide a very presentable and acceptable composition. In language and metaphor these prayers are readily recognizable by Freemasons.

All of Hilburn's **One Hundred Prayers** have a freshness and clarity that distinguishes them from many of the regular prayers drawn from the literature of particular faiths. Few incorporate the lofty vocabulary and lyricism of prayers composed by experienced clergymen. Instead most have the character of having been composed by secular, though devout, authorship. This alone may make this collection of prayers uniquely appealing to those uncomfortable with the language and form of prayers used in faith litanies. As a presentation from the Lodge to a member or as a gift from one Freemason to another, this collection of prayers will convey not only the warmth of the gift itself, but also a lasting benefit to whomever it is presented.

W.Bro. Charles F. McCullagh
Crescent Lodge No. 87 and
Loyalty Lodge No. 197

Mailbag

In a recent letter from Bro. Sergio Levy, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Santa Catarina, Brazil, he comments on the October 1989 Grand Lodge Bulletin and the article entitled *One Way of Communicating*. He states: "It is dangerous if an unqualified person applies. In my opinion such an advertisement should be complemented with something like this: 'if you are a good man, if your attitudes include truth, justice, good will and virtue and if you would like to know more, talk to a Mason....'"

The Editor thanks all those who comment on articles in the Bulletin and welcomes all letters. He regrets that all cannot be published.

Proverb of the Month

It is safer to hear and take counsel than to give it.

Involvement

There is a common belief that involvement in the concordant bodies takes Masons away from the Craft. There are obviously two sides to any argument and the picture below shows a group of Shriners at the Walter Howard Ceremonial in Banff on October 27/28, 1989. The unusual thing about these seven Shriners is that they are all heavily involved Grand Lodge Officers.

Left to right: R.W. Bro. E. Murray, District 18; R.W. Bro. E. Whitenett, District 9; R.W. Bro. C. Stuart, District 6; M.W. Bro. S. Mottershead, Grand Master; R.W. Bro. W. Brown, District 1; R.W. Bro. M. Dortch, District 16 and R.W. Bro. V. Ramsbottom, Grand Registrar.



From the Notices

A Thought!

If your spirits are low, do something;

If you have been doing something, do something different.

This can be applied to our Masonic attitude. If your spirits are low, attend Lodge and get back into the spirit of doing something. If you have been attending Lodge and your spirits are low, do something different, visit some of the other Lodges in our district.

W. Bro. Doug Armstrong
Eastgate Lodge No. 192

Discussion in the Lodge

The "Question for Lodge Discussion" has raised a number of questions on how best to approach a discussion in the Lodge Room. The following is the method used in Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 and in some other lodges visited. The first thing is that the Lodge is called from labour to refreshment. This allows the discussion to be totally free of Lodge protocol and avoids the requirement that the Worshipful Master be addressed at all times.

The second thing is for a brother to be named by the Worshipful Master as the leader. This person will pose the question and moderate the discussion by encouraging all to participate, inserting controversial points if not raised, and ensuring that the discussion does not result in general agreement on an issue where agreement is unlikely. The leader should also limit participation by those who are overly vocal and draw out those who are shy. No two people should speak at the same time and there should be no "vote." The discussion should be of short duration — 15 to 30 minutes is ample — and should leave the participants with more to talk about.

The topics should preferably be on putting Masonry into practise, understanding Masonic meaning in the ritual and generally on topics that do not need extensive reading outside the Lodge. It is quite possible to develop Lodge discussion into a study of things such as the 'Brown Book,' Constitutional intent,

the Ceremony of Installation, and papers delivered by brethren at various Masonic functions such as the Grand Master's Speech given at the Annual Communication.

Through discussion comes greater understanding of any topic, the clarification of points of view and a knowledge of your brethren.

Try a discussion or two and see how it can add to Masonic life.

The February Question for Lodge Discussion

Does the candidate understand the underlying meaning of the third degree? Did you?

Hands Across the Border Lloydminster, Saskatchewan April 7th and 8th, 1990

Participation limited to approximately 200.

Contact DDGM Keith Currie at 754-2155 or DDGM Bob Shaw at 434-4647

Agenda

April 7, 1990

- 12:00 noon Lunch & Registration
- 1:30 p.m. Masonic Speak-Off — Masons & Male Guests Welcome
- 1:30 p.m. Ladies Program
- 4:00 p.m. Meet/Host Families
- 5:30 p.m. Social
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet/Awards
- Guest Speaker — Dave Bruce, P.G.M.
- 8:30 p.m. Dance/Entertainment

April 8, 1990

- 10:00 a.m. Church Service
- 11:00 a.m. Brunch — Farewell
- 12:00 p.m. Homeward



April 20, 21, 22, 1990 Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta Register Early — Space Limited

Masonry Yesterday — Today — Tomorrow

Speakers: M.W.Bro. Jack Collett (Yesterday)
R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk (Today)
Bro. David McCormick (Tomorrow)

The Masonic Spring Workshop at Banff, nestled in the majestic Rockies, is the largest informal gathering of Free and Accepted Masons to our knowledge. This year is a milestone in Alberta Masonic History — the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Workshop. Alberta Masons can be proud of an attendance which started at around 300 and reached over 500 participants on several occasions. The Workshop is still going strong 25 years later.

Each year, Masons demonstrate at the Workshop that Masonry has something to offer and is "alive and well" through the expression of interest, offering participation in instructional activities, and concentrating on how we can improve our Masonic relationships.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis, as space is definitely limited. Carry the message of this Workshop, particularly to those Brethren who have not shared this experience.

Al Teuling
General Chairman

Programme

Friday, April 20

- 3:00 p.m. Registration at Donald Cameron Hall (DCH)
Book sales open
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 7:45 p.m. Announcements — Max Bell Auditorium (MBA)
- 8:00 p.m. Theme Address — **Masonry Yesterday** (MBA)
- 9:00 p.m. First Discussion Groups
- 10:30 p.m. Coffee & donuts — DCH Auditorium

Saturday April 21

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Schools of Instruction
- 10:15 a.m. Theme address — **Masonry Today** (MBA)
- 11:15 a.m. Masonic Education
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Schools of Instruction
- 3:00 p.m. Second Discussion Groups
- 5:15 p.m. Supper
- 7:15 p.m. Theme Address — **Masonry Tomorrow** (MBA)
- 8:00 p.m. Coffee & donuts
- 8:30 p.m. Anniversary Fun Night

Sunday April 22

- 8:15 a.m. Chairman's Remarks — MBA
- 8:30 a.m. Devotional Service (MBA)
Rev. Canon A. Wilcox
- 9:00 a.m. Brunch
- 10:00 a.m. Departure

Bookstore

Reading Room — 2nd floor Donald Cameron Hall

- Friday: 3:00 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 7:30 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. — 1:15 a.m.
3:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

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Schools of Instruction

We are continuing our popular historical series with two schools; one given on Saturday morning, the other in the afternoon.

- 1. History Italian Masonry
Irish Masonry
- 2. Secretaries School
- 3. Masters and Wardens
- 4. Appointed Officers
- 5. Streamlining Meetings

Quotation of the Month

If we believe a thing to be bad, and if we have the right to prevent it, it is our duty to try to prevent it and to damn the consequences.

Alfred, Lord Milner 1854-1925

An Intrepid Brother

Near Drumheller in Alberta's Badlands, where evidence of millions of years of the history of the earth is all around, Alberta offers visitors an unrivalled glimpse of its past at the Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology. Opened in September 1985, this world-renowned facility is named to honour Joseph Burr Tyrrell (1858-1957) who was a mining engineer and geologist with the Geological Society of Canada. While exploring the Badlands in the Red Deer River Valley, Tyrrell, then 26 years old, discovered, among the dinosaur fossils that abound in the area, the skull and bones of a new type of dinosaur now called the *Albertosaurus sarcophagus*. Now, the museum which bears his name, displays the first fossils of living things that come from pre-Cambrian rocks more than 3000 million years old and traces the development of life on earth to the present time.

Joseph Burr Tyrrell was a long time member in Freemasonry. He was initiated into the Builders Lodge No. 177, Ottawa on May 10, 1889. In 1910 he demitted to become a Charter Member of University Lodge No. 496, Toronto, and continued on its rolls until his death on August 26, 1957 in his ninety-eighth year.

When nearing eighty, Bro. Tyrrell served as Chaplain at the first meeting of the Masonic Lodge in Canada to be held north of the Arctic Circle at Coppermine, N.W.T. on August 30, 1938. This intrepid Brother left a remarkable legacy to Freemasonry and Canada through the skill, knowledge and fortitude he brought to geological exploration and discovery.

Nor did Tyrrell restrict himself to exploration in the Drumheller area alone, for in 1893 he, with his brother James, three Metis and three Indians, travelled by canoe and snowshoe from Lake Athabasca to Chesterfield Inlet and down the coast of Hudson's Bay at Churchill. Tyrrell and his party barely survived the 3000 mile trip but widened our scientific knowledge with important discoveries of plant life and the effect of glaciation and produced a vocabulary of the Inuit language.

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University Lodge No. 496, Toronto

From Far Away

Be All You Can Be

A person cannot expect to get far in life by sitting on his hands and, in any organization, the higher one advances, the more benefits one derives. This may also be true in our Fraternity.

Do you read Masonic publications and listen with interest to our Masonic teachings? Do you seek more knowledge and dream of advancement up through the various Lodge and Grand Lodge chairs? Some of us do. But many of us are content with sitting on the sidelines and letting others enter the hustle and bustle of Lodge administration and ritual. I see no harm in this non-participation providing there are sufficient members to carry on Lodge work. In this event our slogan might read, "Be all you want to be."

However, we in this jurisdiction do not find ourselves that fortunate. We cannot afford to sit on the sidelines and let our lodge brethren assume all the responsibilities. We must remember the words of the Worshipful Master when we were raised, that of subjecting ourselves to the cares and responsibilities of the Lodge.

The bottom line is, as Winston Churchill said, "The price of greatness is responsibility", and I believe all Masons are great. So

if we need a slogan, let it be, "Be all you can be." After all, we owe it to the brethren who spent so much time to initiate, pass and raise us; we owe it to the Fraternity; and above all, we owe it to ourselves.

Most Worshipful Brother Carl L. Potts

Grand Master, 1985: The Grand Lodge of Japan

Masonic Shimbun: The Voice of Masons in Japan

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Question of the Month

What is Prince Hall Masonry?

Answer to December's Question

Why are the four cardinal virtues represented by four tassels hanging in the corners of the Lodge?

On the English and French tracing-boards in the First Degree, there are four tassels, one at each angle, which are attached to a cord surrounding a tracing-board, and which constitute the "Tessellated Border." These four cords are described as referring to the four principle points; the guttural, pectoral, manual, and pedal, and through them to the four cardinal virtues; temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice. The "Tessellated Border" represented by a wavy cord with four tassels symbolizes a bond of love (The Mystic Tie) which binds the Craft, wheresoever disbursed, into one band of brotherhood.

Why are these tassels hung in the corners of the Lodge? For practical reasons. From early times, and to the present day, many Lodges meet in rented halls which have no variegated tile floors or tessellated borders. Therefore the "tassels", which are small and easily hung and taken down before and after the meeting, were and are still used symbolically to represent the tessellated border and its symbolic meaning as stated above.

The tassels therefore are doubly symbolic.

W.Bro. John Hopkins

Fort McMurray No. 195

Masonic Home Exchange

Many of us would like to travel abroad with our families but the costs of accommodation away from home far outweigh those of the fare. This may prevent many from going. In addition, a source of worry could be that our homes will be unattended during our absence.

There is a way. The principles of Freemasonry contain, among others, the requirement for mutual trust and on this basis brethren anywhere in the world could, for an agreed period, exchange homes with their counterparts in a country of their choice, or for that matter, somewhere in their own country.

The difficulty lies in how to find your counterpart.

M-Network can act as a central point in providing the necessary information for such an exchange. Costs, such as for stationary, postage, computer-time and attendance in matching requirements, etc. are involved. They are however kept to a minimum and amount to about US\$10.00 per year — a small investment for what could mean considerable savings. Also, there is no obligation to renew. This service has no commercial goals and is meant for use by Freemasons exclusively. Brethren should be aware that contact should only be sought with Regular Freemasonry in the country of their choice. When in doubt consult your Lodge or Grand Secretary.

If interested, please write for further information, but do not send money at this stage to Arie L. de Bles

M-NETWORK
Box 1202
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Arie L. de Bles
(Life Member Lodge Chingola No. 1394
on the Roll of The Grand Lodge of Scotland)

Thought for the Day

If you want to belong to the kind of Lodge
Like the kind of lodge you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind
For there's nothing ahead that's new.
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your Lodge.
It isn't your Lodge, it's you.

Connaught No. 69

From the Notices

See a brother you don't know
Just walk up and say 'Hi,
Hello and how d'you do.'
Walk right up and wade right in,
Greet him with a cheerful grin.
Don't hang back and wait awhile,
You be the first to smile;
Give your hand and give your heart
That's the way to make a start.

And remember! We've got to build a better man before we can
build a better society.

Kitchener Lodge No. 95

The Light

In the centre lies the Book
Open so all may look.
It points the way for us to see.
The way to live. The way to be.
It guides our life day by day
And helps us when we kneel to pray.
It sheds light on gloom and sorrow.
Strength from it we can borrow.
The story it tells is very old
Of men and women, not overbold.
More the meek, the silent crowd.
What is banned and what's allowed.
Of how, on a hill on cross of wood
He died for man's brotherhood.

Palestine Lodge No. 46

Living Philosophy

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 thing 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

Brotherhood

"Human brotherhood is not just a goal. It is a condition on which our way of life depends. The question for our time is not whether all men are brothers. That question has been answered by the God who placed us on Earth together. The question is whether we have the strength and will to make the brotherhood of man the guiding principle of our daily lives."

John F. Kennedy

In Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196, January 14, 1989

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