



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## Klondike Lodge

Klondike Lodge will be held July 25, 1990 at the Central Masonic Temple in Edmonton. Redwood Lodge No. 193 will be the host Lodge and they will be conferring a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. All Masons in the Edmonton area are invited to attend this special event. Please bring any visiting Masons so that they may enjoy a fraternal visit.

## Summer Lodges

The following lodges are scheduled, according to their By-Laws, to hold meetings in the summer months. If you are having Masonic visitors, or wish to visit another lodge on your own, consider these lodges. Spare aprons are available, so don't let this deter your visitor from accompanying you.

No.	Lodge Name	Tyling	Rite
04	Oyen	1 Tue 8:00 p.m. - Aug	Y
196	Ye Olde Craft, Edmonton	2 Sat 9:00 a.m. - July/Aug	C
127	Granite, Blackie	1 Wed 8:00 p.m. - July	Y
128	Forestburg	4 Wed 8:30 p.m. - July/Aug	Y
74	Vulcan	1 Tues 8:00 p.m. - July	Y
106	Lake Saskatoon, Wembley	1 Thur 8:00 p.m. - July/Aug	C
102	Edgerton	1 Tue 8:00 p.m. - Aug	C
123	Rockyford	1 Thur 7:30 p.m. - July	C
80	Excelsior, Daysland	1 Thur 8:30 p.m. - July/Aug	Y
131	Kitscoty	4 Tue 8:00 p.m. - Aug	C
82	Berry-Crocus, Chinook	L Tue 8:00 p.m. - July	C
17	Nanton	2 Thur 7:00 p.m. - July	Y
126	Pembina, Sangudo	1 Mon 8:00 p.m. - July/Aug	C

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

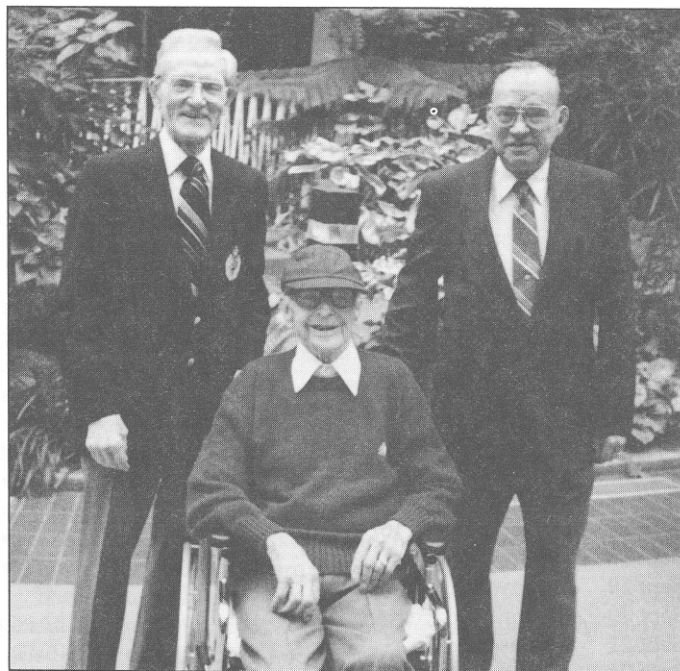
### Crescent Lodge No. 87

In 1914, at the threshold of a period of human tragedy and devastation remembered as World War I, fourteen Freemasons petitioned for the institution of a new Lodge in Calgary's then northern limits. One-half were of Lodges in Scotland; the others from Lodges in Eastern Canada. Nine were tradesmen, three merchants, one was a farmer and one was a teamster. Their petition resulted in the consecration on June 8, 1915 of Crescent Lodge No. 87, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M. Over the years since, their vision for Freemasonry has been realized leagues beyond what surely must have been the modest expectation.

On June 9, 1990, at its regular meeting, Crescent Lodge will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its consecration. In the company of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master and, we hope, the

## Birthday of a Celebrated Alberta Mason

An Alberta Mason, who carried the Winter Olympics Torch and was seen by millions of T.V. viewers in his 100<sup>th</sup> year, turned 103 years young in February. Our congratulations to Bro. Joe Chase of Perfection Lodge No. 9. He is shown cheerfully visiting with R.W.Bro. Wally Paylor (L) and V.W.Bro. Bud Cartwright (R), members of his Lodge.



many guests who respond to the general invitation, the brethren of Crescent Lodge will commemorate the contribution of those who, over the years, have given so generously in their dedication to Freemasonry.

C.F. McCullagh, Crescent Lodge No. 87

## Open Air Lodge

Bassano Lodge No. 55 will be conducting a Master Mason's Degree at an outdoor location on August 11, 1990 at 11:00 a.m. The Lodge meeting will be followed by a B.B.Q. to which the ladies and friends are also invited. All brethren are welcome to attend. For information on location and registering attendance please contact: Bro. Nip Husband, Secretary at 641-3671 or W.M. Doug Watson at 641-3581.

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## Grand Master's Itinerary

*Tentative - Subject to Change*

June 7-9	Grand Lodge of Alberta
June 12	Crescent No. 87 75th Anniversary
June 16	Crescent No. 87 Banquet
June 17-19	Grand Lodge of Manitoba
June 20	Avon Glen No. 170
June 25	District No. 13 High Prairie
June 27	Dominion No. 117 Pancake Night
July 6	AAONMS Chicago
July 18-20	Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario
July 25	Redwood No. 193 Klondike Night
Sept 4	Past Grand Masters
Sept 7	Lodge of Perfection A & A.S.R.
Sept 10	Jasper No. 14
Sept 11	Red Deer No. 12, Kenilworth No. 29
	Olds No. 16 (joint at Red Deer)
Sept 14	Temple No. 167
Sept 18	Unity No. 51
Sept 19	Tawatinaw No. 71
Sept 20-22	Banff Conference
Sept 21	Cascade No. 5
Sept 24	Hussar No. 130
Sept 26	Griesbach No. 191
Sept 29	District No. 3 Stony Plain
Sept 29	Royal Order of Scotland
Oct 2	Fort McMurray No. 195
Oct 4	Carstairs No. 20
Oct 9	Northland No. 147, Peace River No. 89 (joint at Fairview)
Oct 12	Temple No. 167
Oct 13	District No. 12 Edmonton
Oct 18	Ivanhoe No. 142
Oct 23	Edmonton No. 7 Installation
Oct 25	Acacia No. 11
Oct 27	District No. 19 Westlock
Oct 29	District No. 1 Bowmont, Calgary
Oct 30	District No. 6 CMT, Calgary

## Topic for Lodge Discussion

In certain countries the following questions are asked of a candidate before he is initiated. Now the members of your Lodge have been raised to the Master Masons Degree, some many years ago. Perhaps the questions have even more significance if shared with others.

1. What are a Mason's responsibilities to mankind?
2. What are a Mason's responsibilities to himself?
3. What should a Mason leave in this world after his death?

## From the Notices

The greatest thing in the world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are going.

Vulcan Lodge No. 74

Men are born with two eyes, but only one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they say.

Concord Lodge No. 124

If you want to improve someone's hearing, praise him.

Mosaic Lodge No. 176

## Quote of the Month

Every quotation contributes something to the stability or enlargement of the language.

## Proverb of the Month

The first degree of folly is to hold one's self wise, the second to profess it, the third to despise counsel.

## Hasty Judgment

Many of the tragedies of life are due to hasty judgment and unconsidered criticism. Men are prone to jump TO conclusions, judging from an incomplete and imperfect knowledge of the facts and supplying their own version of the motives which impelled another to a certain action.

The bad man who is "quick on the trigger" makes mistakes which cannot be corrected. The man who forms and expresses hasty opinions, who condemns without hearing and perhaps without evidence, is liable to murder a reputation and inflict an irreparable injury. Suspicion is like fire, quickly kindled and hard to control. Frequently it is harder to quench, always it leaves stains and scars that last forever. Masons, of all men, should be deliberate in judgment, candid in consideration, charitable in construction, moderate in condemnation.

If you feel moved to criticize a Brother, suppose you see him first. Talk over the matter in question and discover his point of view. Probably it is a different angle from that which presented itself to you. Perhaps, after all, it is the right angle and you may be spared the ignominy of doing him an injustice. Perhaps he can tell you things you did not know. On the other hand, perhaps you can enlighten him and lead him to see the error of his way.

How much better to convince and reform than to convict and destroy.

At any rate, it is a satisfaction to be sure you are right before you go ahead.

# Question of the Month

Can a Lodge have a vote of non-confidence in its Worshipful Master?

**Answer to Question of the Month for March: What meaning do the components have of the statue of the weeping virgin with Time behind her?**



First, it was quite a challenge to interpret the question! It related to the statue of the maiden with Time standing behind her.

The statue referred to in our York rituals can be seen on the top of the old Masonic Hall at Mendocino, California. This particular statue, carved out of a solid block of redwood — 1872, shows Time, standing behind a maiden, braiding her hair. She is behind a pedestal on which is an open book, she holds a sprig of acacia in her right hand and an urn in her left. Beside her is an hourglass and in front of her a broken column.

These symbolize time, patience and perseverance and, overall, immortality. The broken column reminds us of H.A., the sprig of acacia is a symbol of hope and regeneration, the hourglass the symbol of the unstoppable passage of time and Old Time that time comes up behind all of us. The open book is, of course, the great light and the urn is a symbol of mourning, as it was used to catch the tears of mourners in early times. The holding of the maiden's hair possibly symbolizes the continuous link between youth and age. The whole statue is a monument to H.A.

There are many such meanings to be found for every symbol of Masonry and all are for us to contemplate. An excellent book on Masonic symbols is *The Craft and its Symbols* by Allen E. Roberts, published by Macoy, available through the Grand Lodge Office.

**Continuing answer to Question of the Month for February: What is Prince Hall Masonry?**

Special thanks go to W.Bro. A.J. Friesen, Hinton Lodge No. 178 and W.Bro. Stan Wheatly of Jubilee Lodge No. 173 for their answers. R.W.Bro. Bob Shaw, DDGM, District 10 continues with the history of Prince Hall Masonry in Alberta to meet a number of requests for more information. It should be noted that R.W.Bro. Shaw was originally a Prince Hall Mason who was required to repudiate his membership in

that Craft to join Alberta Masonry.

Black Freemasonry flourished in the U.S. to the point where most of the 50 states have Prince Hall Grand Lodges, as well as in Liberia, Continental Europe, South America and Canada.

Black Masons came into Canada during the American Civil War days. They came primarily into the Province of Ontario. In that province the 18<sup>th</sup> Prince Hall Grand Lodge was formed, which has the legal title of "Grand Lodge of Ontario." It has 18 subordinate Lodges on its register. It is interesting to note that while our Grand Lodge is called the Grand Lodge of Alberta, the Regular Grand Lodge in Ontario is not called the Grand Lodge of Ontario. It is called the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. This is because the Prince Hall Grand Lodge registered the name "Grand Lodge of Ontario" first.

Black farming families trekked into western Canada and settled in the four western provinces. These black people brought Prince Hall Masonry with them. In 1921 there were four Prince Hall Lodges operating in Alberta: Bow River Lodge No. 19 in Calgary; Pride of Alberta No. 20 in Edmonton; Stalwart No. 22 in Drumheller; Time and Patience No. 23 in Judkins.

Many black Masons who were members of these older Lodges have left an impression in Alberta history. Lionel Jones obtained the Charter for Pride of Alberta Lodge. His son, Jesse Jones, became a renowned teacher and athlete and was elected Secretary of his Lodge. Jesse's son, Lionel, is a distinguished judge. Jesse was made a citizen of Sports History by the City of Edmonton.

Some other prominent black Masons in Alberta were Joe "Kid" Cotton, a successful boxer and farmer; Dr. John Cobb; and Dr. Amos Walker. In Ontario, Lincoln Alexander, a prominent Conservative and a Lt. Governor of Ontario, is a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Prince Hall Mason.

During the depression years of 1937, 1938 and 1939, the four Prince Hall Lodges in Alberta surrendered their charters to their Grand Lodge due to the economic situation and the decline in their numbers.

In 1967, to celebrate the Canadian Centennial, some of the members of the original Lodges, requested the re-dedication of the charter for Pride of Alberta in Edmonton. The Grand Lodge approved the request and, with Regent Lodge No. 5 of Winnipeg acting as host, the Grand Lodge Officers initiated 25 new Masons and then re-dedicated the charter. The Lodge continues today and has now formed a second lodge in Edmonton and one in Calgary.

- The Lodges operate in the York Rite.
- They use the Daggett Ritual which is written in cipher.
- The signs, grips, words and due-guards are the same as ours.
- All other differences are very minor.

These three Alberta Lodges are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, but the earlier Lodges were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Some of you may say, "If they are regular and legitimate, why don't we recognize them?" It's not that easy. If the Grand Lodge of Alberta were to recognize the Minnesota Prince Hall Grand Lodge, what response would we get from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota? Would they continue to recognize us? Although there are changing conditions, we cannot be sure. Our current position is that Prince Hall Masons would have to sever all ties with Prince Hall Masonry and then take all three degrees in our Lodges.

Whatever your feeling toward black men who are Prince Hall Masons and their Craft, you cannot currently sit in Lodge with a Prince Hall Mason. Our Grand Lodge does not recognize that body of Masons. The traditional view held in Canada is that the situation is wrong but it is an American domestic problem. Fortunately, in Canada there is no Masonic colour barrier. To have one would be a violation of the spirit of Freemasonry and we

have many black Masonic brethren in the Craft.

In spite of all the controversy over Prince Hall Masonry and the concern as to how to handle the situation, if you asked Bro. Shaw he would say that he was proud to have sat in Lodge with these brethren and to have called Prince Hall his brother.

**Editors Note:** The Grand Lodge of Quebec is presently in the preliminary stages of recognizing Prince Hall Masonry, and the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario is reviewing its relationship with Prince Hall Masonry. These Grand Lodges together with Nebraska, which has given full recognition, and Connecticut, which has given visiting privileges, are working to joining with Prince Hall rather than destroying this old order.



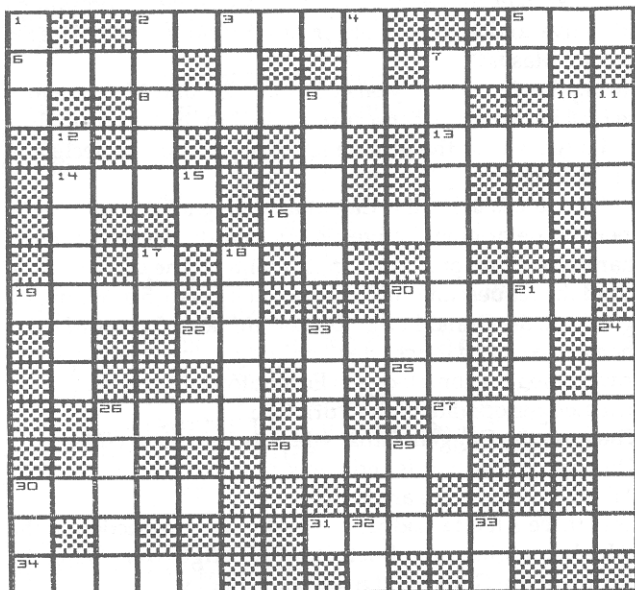
V.W. Bro. Hugh Puffer, Bro. Stephen Ramsankar

## Avon Glen Lodge No. 170

February 7 saw the recognition of a distinguished Mason in the person of Bro. Steve Ramsankar. V.W. Bro. Hugh Puffer, a former colleague of Bro. Ramsankar, outlined the achievements of this outstanding Mason during his years in Canada. He has become recognized world wide for his work and leadership in developing "The Loving School" in the inner city area of Edmonton. An old school has been turned into a haven for skid row children, troubled parents, destitute elderly people and bewildered immigrants. The school is a model for other Canadian and U.S. cities. Bro. Steve Ramsankar has received many awards, not least among them being the Order of Canada and an Honourary Doctor of Laws. He has appeared on *Man Alive*, been featured in *Reader's Digest* as *A Loving Principal* and was named one of Canada's 50 men of influence. This outstanding Mason is honoured by all Alberta Masons for his great humanitarian efforts and his practice of Masonic principles.

## Masonic Crossword

*A prize will be awarded to the first correct answer selected at random on July 15, 1990.*



### Across

2. Kind of pavement
5. Goes there?
6. Wrong rock for an ashlar
7. Former Head Ruler (abbr)
8. Sign (Cdn)
10. Label for you (abbr)
13. Number of blind mice
14. Solomon
16. Navigation instrument
19. Grasp
20. You are known by this
22. Fraternal relation
25. Location of 3rd ruffian (abbr)
26. Principal representative (abbr)
27. Place for 3 Great Lights
28. Perfect number
30. Place to meet
31. Column support
34. Past 26 across (abbr)

### Down

1. Pub drink
2. Lodge member
3. Total
4. Sever
5. In East (abbr)
7. A system known to Masons
9. Best bib
10. That is (abbr)
11. Supreme Ruler
12. Working tool (Cdn)
15. Leave
17. Above
18. One of three rulers
20. Golf peg
21. Compass direction
23. To guard
24. Country significant to Masons
26. Rock thrower
29. Finish
30. Part of a certain porchway (abbr)
32. First step (abbr)
33. J.W.'s right hand man (abbr)

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