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Editor, W. Bro. Kingsley Dean

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Proclamation

Greetings and Salutations: Be it known by all Master Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction that I, Donald Ryan Millar, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., do hereby proclaim October "Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month" and furthermore I request that each and every one of said Masons contribute in accordance with his charitable inclination to this worthwhile fund.

I hereby direct District Deputy Grand Masters and Masters of Lodges to promote the Fund to the best of their skill and ability throughout this Masonic year.

In 1990, 68 bursaries of \$1000 each have been granted to qualified students entering post-secondary courses on the basis of financial need, family situation and academic progress.

Money for scholarships and for student loans is plentiful, but bursary funding is scarce and inadequate to meet the need. Each year the Bursary Committee has to turn down too many worthy requests for financial assistance. The success rate of students who have been assisted is excellent! The monies donated to the fund have been effectively utilized, so please be generous!

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund

During his term of office as Grand Master (1956-57), M.W.Bro. Ross Sheppard appointed a committee to investigate the feasibility of funding a scholarship program. The committee recommended the establishment of a **bursary** fund thereby formulating the principle that monetary grants should go to **needy** high school graduates with preference being given to members of Masonic families.

The 1957 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge instituted both the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund and the M.H.E.B.F. Committee. The first bursaries were granted in 1958. The Department of National Revenue authorized the issuance of tax receipts for donations in 1959. Eighty percent of monies received each calendar year has to be distributed to Alberta residents. There can be no discrimination as to race, colour, or creed. Members of Masonic families no longer receive preference.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin commenced publicizing the "Bursary Month" in 1964 and donation envelopes began being circulated through lodge secretaries. In 1969 awards dinners or luncheons started. Since 1987, a student was selected to be present at the Annual Communication formal banquet as a representative of the students to receive the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Award. D.D.G.M.s and Masters of Lodges have been encouraged to actively promote contributions to the Fund and to give adequate recognition to the bursary recipients in their area.

The number of bursaries granted has increased from the

original four to the current 69 or more. The monetary value of the bursary has doubled from the original \$500 to \$1000. The student morale-builder factor has remained constant. The number of applicants escalate in proportion to fee increases at post-secondary educational institutions. The average tuition fee alone is now far in excess of \$1000.

Fortunately, the charitable donations from individuals, in memoriam, lodges, and other supportive groups have shown commendable inflation. But the Fund is always underfunded and it should have a guaranteed income that the Committee can count on each bursary season. A per capita levy by Grand Lodge was denied many moons ago and a dollar-per-member contribution from each lodge never saw the light of day. Perhaps the newly created Charitable Foundation could transfer monies to the Bursary Fund. Individual Masons might reconsider the concept of contributing at least 10 cents per day (\$36.50 per annum) and lodges \$1 per dues paying member. Possibly some lodge of benevolent brothers whose finances are in good order might elect to sponsor a bursary recipient and carry through with a recognition ceremony and public relations project.

The cementing bond of Freemasonry is **Charity**. It is the topmost round of the mystic ladder. The sentiments of benevolence and commiseration should lead us to assist young people who have insufficient resources to continue their advanced education.

The M.H.E.B.F. Committee has been blessed with a

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goodly number of elected and appointed members who have given freely of their own financial resources, time, energy, organizational skills and other abilities. Worthy of particular note are past chairman, R.W.Bro. L.D. Jeater, and the current chairman, W.Bro. R.E. Congdon. The incumbent Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. A.F. Aylesworth, has been a tower of strength. Please continue to support them generously in their charitable endeavours on behalf of members of the Craft.



Fare-Thee-Well Charles

On Saturday, August 18th, M.W.Bro. Don Millar attended a farewell gathering for R.W.Bro. Charles Young, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 and Past Master of Hinton Lodge No. 26.

Charlie Young was well known throughout this Masonic jurisdiction and on behalf of all members of the Craft, Don thanked him for his exemplary service and wished him God-speed, good health, and a long happy retirement in the Okanagan.

Grand Master's Itinerary

(subject to change without notice)

October

- Oct. 2 Fort McMurray No. 195
- Oct. 4 Carstairs No. 20
- Oct. 12 Temple No. 167
- Oct. 13 District No. 12, Edmonton
- Oct. 18 Ivanhoe No. 142
- Oct. 20 Joint meeting at Peace River No. 89
Northland No. 147
(75th Anniversary of Peace River)
- Oct. 23 Edmonton No. 7 — Installation
- Oct. 25 Acacia No. 11
- Oct. 26 Alberta Consistory Reunion
- Oct. 27 District No. 19, Westlock
- Oct. 29 District No. 1, Bowmont, Calgary
- Oct. 30 District No. 6, CMT, Calgary

November

- Nov. 2 Lodge of Perfection, Edmonton
- Nov. 5 Al Shamal Temple, Edmonton
- Nov. 6 Vulcan No. 74 — Game Supper
- Nov. 7 West Edmonton No. 101
- Nov. 9 Temple No. 167
- Nov. 10-13 Grand Lodge of Nevada
- Nov. 14 Provost No. 61
- Nov. 16 Norwood No. 90 — Roast
- Nov. 26 Renfrew No. 134

December

- Dec. 3 Al Shamal Temple, meeting
- Dec. 6 Joint meeting at Edson No. 68
Hinton No. 178
- Dec. 7 Lodge of Perfection, Edmonton
- Dec. 8 Commercial No. 81 — Installation
- Dec. 13 Saskatchewan No. 92 — Installation
- Dec. 14 Temple No. 167 — Installation
- Dec. 20 Ivanhoe No. 142 — Installation

Scottish Rite Masons

All Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Edmonton have been summoned to be present at the meeting on October 5th to honour those 33rd Masons who have brought honour to the Rite. Ladies, guests, and prospective members are invited to attend the special 85th anniversary festive board.

The special guest will be M.W.Bro. Don Millar, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Coming Deadlines

The Bulletin Editor will be visiting India on October 18th. Copy for the January issue should be at his residence — 1140-87 Street, Edmonton, T6K 2R8 — by November 13th, the date of his return from India.

The deadline for the February issue is December 4th. Thank you for your co-operation.

"If we are not our brother's keeper, let us at least not be his executioner."
Marlon Brando
From the Proceedings of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research.

Constitutional Amendments

The following motions to amend the Constitution were carried at the Grand Lodge Communication, June 1990.

Section 529 (1) now reads:

"All business of the lodge may be conducted in the first degree of Freemasonry at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. The degree of work must be consistent with the business being transacted."

Section 207 (2) now reads:

"Those persons entitled to vote at the Annual District Meeting shall be the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Past Masters and Master Masons who hold an elected or appointed office in their Lodge of the Lodges within the District with the proviso that Past Masters holding an elected or appointed office shall be restricted to one vote."

I See You've Travelled Some

Wherever you may chance to be, wherever you may roam, far away in foreign lands, or just at home, sweet home, it always gives you pleasure, it makes you heart-strings hum, just to hear the words of cheer — *"I see you've traveled some."*

When you get the Brother's greeting, as he takes you by the hand, it thrills you with a feeling, that you cannot understand. You feel that bond of brotherhood, that tie that's sure to come, when you hear him say in a friendly way, *"I see you've traveled some."*

And if you are a stranger, in strange lands all alone, if fate has left you stranded, dead broke and far from home, O, it's a grand and glorious feeling, it thrills you — makes you numb, when he says, with a grip of fellowship, *"I see you've traveled some,"*

And when your final summons comes, to take a last long trip, adorned with lambskin apron white, and gems of fellowship, the tiler at the golden gate, with square and rule and plumb, will size up your pin, and say *"Walk in — I see you've traveled some."*

Masonic Higher Education Fund Bursaries 1990

Through the generosity of individual Masons, constituent Lodges, and benevolent groups such as the Ionic Club, the following sixty-nine award winners have recently received a bursary from the custodians of the Fund. The cheques are made payable jointly to the institution and the student. To make these presentations a demonstration of your concern, please contact individual recipients and congratulate them on their preferment.

Name	Hometown	Institution
Andrus, Holli Jean	Duchess	U of Lethbridge
Ball, Elizabeth	Calgary	U of Calgary
Baron, Denise Lyn	Airdrie	U of Calgary
Bekesi, Alytta Nadine	Strathmore	UBC/Mount Royal
Bespalko, Shelley Patricia	Elk Point	Lakeland College
Bessey, Spencer Bruce	Calgary	SAIT
Bishop, Carmen Adella	Calgary	U of Alberta
Blaskin, James Chris	Calgary	U of Lethbridge
Boettcher, Tammy	Edmonton	NAIT
Breton, Garth Allen	Leduc	Camrose College
Brownlee, Spring	Calgary	Mount Royal College
Burgess, Arthur Dean	Etzikom	NAIT
Cheng, Amy	Calgary	U of Calgary
Clark, John Wesley	Hussar	U of Lethbridge
Coast, Marnee Leah	Edmonton	U of Alberta
Codere, Sheldon Lee Donald	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat College
Cross, Wesley Todd	Bluffton	Red Deer College
Dalton, David Stefan	Donnelly	U of Alberta
Evans, Angela Marie	Caroline	Lethbridge College
Fong, Chet	Calgary	U of Alberta
Fyith, Annace Omar	Lac La Biche	U of Alberta
Gagyi, Lisa Carol	Huxley	Red Deer College
Gallant, Melanie Jean	Acme	U of Calgary
Gotobed, Christine Lynne	Viking	Lakeland College
Gotobed, Francine Marie	Viking	U of Lethbridge
Greyland, Pamela Ann	Calgary	U of Calgary
Hauber, Darren Richard	Camrose	Camrose College
Havens, Laurie Marie	Whitecourt	A.V.C.
Heward, Kevin John	Innisfail	SAIT
Ho, Chiu-Yee Laverne	Edmonton	Concordia
Hong, Van D.	Edmonton	U of Alberta
Hunt, Tammy Lynn Margaret	Coleman	U of Lethbridge
Hunt, Tammy Marie	Calgary	Mount Royal
Hunter, Angelic Elizabeth	Swan Hills	A.V.C.
Kangaroo, Shahball (Bill)	Calgary	U of Calgary
Keen, Alma Rose	Cherry Grove	U of Lethbridge
Kessler, Byron Jody	Grimshaw	G.P. Reg. College
Kuniec, Peter I.	Lethbridge	U of Lethbridge
Labrecque, Laura Marie	Guy	U of Alberta
Laird, Melanie	Busby	Lakeland College
Lam, Chanh-Phong (Peter)	Red Deer	U of Alberta
Lauer, Laura Lee	Pincher Creek	NAIT
Leader, Brenda Lee	Strathmore	U of Calgary or U of Leth-
bridge		
Leard, Irene Joyce	Calgary	U of Calgary
Low, Nora	Calgary	U of Calgary
Luft, Sheila Lynn	Bluffton	U of Alberta

The Temple and the Lodge: A Review

by Dr. Loren W. Kline

On a recent business trip to New York City, I spotted a new book entitled, *The Temple and the Lodge*, by Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh (Little Brown and Company, NYC, 1989). These authors were two of the three who wrote *The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail* and *The Messianic Legacy*. The former volume dealt with the hypothesis that Jesus was never crucified but escaped and his heirs founded the Merovingian Dynasty in France. It also included some information on the Knights Templar. The latter tome discussed the implications of the first book, more on the Knights Templar, and efforts to place descendants of the Merovingians in positions of power in France. Both make interesting reading but their arguments are somewhat tenuous. Their arguments tend to be very speculative with questionable references to make the work appear more convincing. Main line views of history are ignored.

However, the newest effort seemed to be too good to be true. The fly-leaf promised an expose of the Knights Templar and Freemasonry in general. The first section of the book provides a clear history of the Knights Templar, including some of the less than noble aspects. A discussion of the events involved in the Order's demise is also clearly presented. The authors also suggest that the Templars provided the basis for the first system of international banking.

The second section of the book deals with what happened to the Templars after the execution of Jacques de Molay. An interesting discussion of their flight to Scotland

ensues. A suggestion is made that the Templars fought with Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn. The presence of the Templars in Scotland provides the basis for the third section of the book.

While neither of the authors is a Mason, by their own admission, the third section shifts its focus to a long and fascinating discussion of the early history of Freemasonry in Great Britain, including contributions made by the Templars. It is one of the most interesting discussions this reviewer has read.

As if this was not enough, the book concludes with an account of the role of Freemasonry and American independence. These British authors suggest the valuable lessons of the Craft focused the thinking of the American leaders in ways which gave rise to the basic principles of the American republic. While this is not new, this account was very readable.

The book was a surprise. This reviewer thought it would be a collection of wild speculations with just enough fact to make the arguments convincing. In addition, the usual diatribes against the Craft were expected. Instead, while very far ranging in its scope, the book is better researched than the two previous efforts. The discussions on the Craft were reasonable, sympathetic to extremely positive, and well researched. Anyone interested in Masonic history should enjoy this book.

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"What Is a Mason?"

...A Mason is a Man and a Brother who meets you on the Level and acts upon the Square. Truth is his Compass and he is ever Plumb. He has a true Grip on all that is Rite. He is loyal to his Order and whatever his Degree he is Master of himself. In the Lodge of life he wears unstained the white Lamb-skin of Innocence. From his initiation as an Entered Apprentice he travels ever East toward the Light of Wisdom until he receives the final, the Divine Password that admits him into the Ineffable Presence of the Eternal Supreme Grand Master of the Universe...GOD...

Noted on the Margin

"Until man learns to accept his fellow man with all his faults as well as his virtues, there can be no peace, no joy, no real understanding."

Henry Miller

Ecce Home, 1967

From the Proceedings of
Fiat Lux Lodge of Research

Luu, Hong	Edmonton	Kings College
McEachern, Keri Gail	Sherwood Park	U of Alberta
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Nixon, Christopher	Grimshaw	NAIT
Nixon, Darla Mae	Rimbey	Red Deer College
Ollikka, Todd Teynard	Waskatenau	U of Alberta
Parr, Gena Lesley	Edmonton	U.A.H./Nursing
Philipsen, Joanna E. M.	Acme	Mount Royal
Poon, Betty	Edmonton	U of Alberta
Quan, Rana Carmen	Lethbridge	U of Alberta
Robinson, Charlene Ann	Stony Plain	U of Alberta
Robinson, Mary Ann	St. Albert	U of Alberta
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Smith, Derek Leslie	Warner	Medicine Hat College
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Tse, Kung Mong	Edmonton	U of Alberta
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Willoughby, Kimberly Marie	Nanton	SAIT
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Wong, Ricky P.C.	Calgary	U of Calgary
Young, Janice Maureen	Spirit River	U of Calgary

From The Lodges

Bassano Lodge No. 55



A unique event occurred on Saturday, August 11, 1990 in a coulee some 18 miles from Bassano. M.W.Bro. Don Millar, at the open-air meeting of Bassano Lodge No. 55, dedicated and proclaimed the site to be **The G.W. Armstrong Memorial Lodge**.

The Grand Master was accompanied by M.W.Bro. W.C. Graves, M.W.Bro. S.E. Mottershead, R.W.Bro. C.D. Shaver, R.W.Bro. G.V. Macaulay, R.W.Bro. K.W. Oliver, and R.W.Bro. J.R. Johnston, V.W.Bro. Gene DeDieu, W.Bro. G. Webber, the Worshipful Master of Bassano No.55, W.Bro. D. Watson, lodge officers, and many Brethren.

The lodge was traced around a hewn rock altar carved with Masonic symbols. The entrance was two pine posts and three aproned horsemen served as sentinels to ward off intruders. Bolders served as pedestals for the Master and Wardens. The three lesser lights were lanterns. The pillars were formed of tree stumps. Horse shoes with anvils served as knockers. The Brethren sat on bales of hay which shaped the perimeter. Canadian and American flags were displayed.

The Master Mason Degree was conferred on three Brethren, one of whom was the grandson of the honouree. He was raised by the Grand Master in the presence of his father and two uncles. The second section was conferred by members of Perfection Lodge No. 9. Unusual was the fact that the figurative grave was actually a hole in the ground.

Bro. G.W. Armstrong was one of the earliest Masons in the Bassano area.

The ladies of the lodge brethren hosted the visiting ladies and took them on a tour, a highlight of which was "the dam site."

Everyone went to the Armstrong ranch where a delectable barbecue was prepared and served out-of-doors.

Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44

At the request of the Lodge Secretary, our Grand Secretary promptly contacted Tilsmore Lodge No. 4499 in Heathfield, Sussex, England. The Worshipful Master of that lodge, W.Bro. Douglas Mayne, immediately visited our Brother Jim Harkness, aged 93, who was quite ill in a nursing home. Arrangements were made to enable Mrs. Harkness to visit her husband three days a week. Tilsmore Lodge also undertook the maintenance of her house, lawn and garden.

On May 1st, our elderly brother passed away. W.Bro. Mayne telephoned the secretary of Buffalo Park Lodge immediately and informed him that Tilsmore Lodge would make the funeral arrangements. Since that time, Mrs. Harkness has been visited regularly and all her needs taken care of.

This is a marvellous example of Freemasonry in action which should be brought to the attention of all members of the Craft. Buffalo Park Lodge will forever be grateful for the kind offices of Tilsmore Lodge.

Camrose Lodge No. 37



Recognition of 50 years in Masonry

W.Bro. M.W.(Mac) McDonnell was presented with a fifty-year jewel, certificate and lapel pin from Camrose Lodge No. 37 by W.Bro. W.G. Hay. Bro. Mac McDonnell was initiated in Palestine Lodge No. 46 at Tofield in February 1939, and served as Master of that lodge 1943-44. W.Bro. McDonnell affiliated with Camrose Lodge No. 37 in 1947 and served as Secretary for nine years.

From left to right: W.Bro. W.G. Hay, W.Bro. Mac McDonnell, and the Worshipful Master Jens Servold.

Kitscoty Lodge No. 131

Take Time TO PLAY....

It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take Time TO READ....

It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take Time TO PRAY....

It is the greatest power on earth.

Take Time TO LOVE AND BE LOVED....

It is a God-given privilege.

Take Time TO LAUGH....

It is the music of the soul.

Take Time TO GIVE....

It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take Time TO WORK....

It is the price of success.

Take Time TO BE A MASON....

Anonymous

Masonic Emblems

As the emblem of the oldest and largest fraternity in the world, the Masonic

Square and Compasses

is doubtless the best

known of all fraternal

emblems. Whether it

be the Square and

Compasses of the

C r a f t

Lodge,

the Delta or

the Scottish

Rite, the Cross

and Crown of the

Knights Templar, or the

Crescent and Scimitar of

the Shrine, the most mem-

bers of those various Orders wear a lapel pin, ring or other

insignia proudly, for it marks them as members of the great

character building organizations of all time, second only to

the Church for its impact upon men of this, and many

foreign countries.

When we travel about and see a total stranger wearing

a Masonic emblem, we are predisposed to accept him as a

man of honour, integrity and trustworthiness, for that

emblem says, in effect, that here is a man who believes as

we do, in One Supreme Being, a man who has been judged

by those who know him best, and found to be worthy and

well qualified, a man who like ourselves, has dedicated

himself to the service of his fellow men.

When we meet such a man, we may count on him as a

friend and brother and he should be able to judge us in the

same fashion and place the same confidence in our integ-

egrity that we place in his. So wear your Masonic emblem

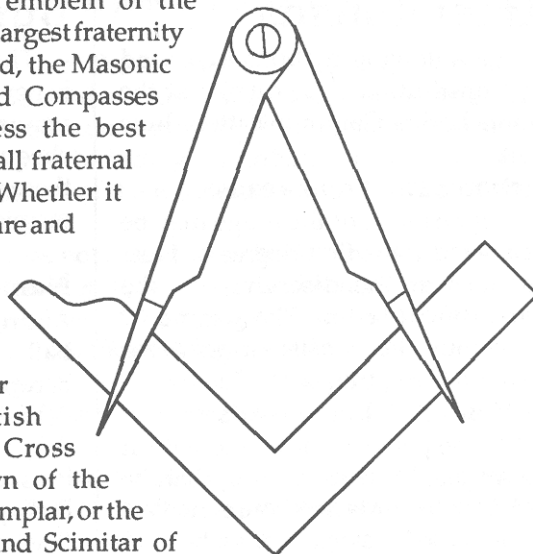
with pride and humility, pride that you belong to a group

of men who have accepted as a design for living the

wonderful lessons portrayed in our various degrees, and

with a humility of spirit that you have been chosen to

participate with them in this glorious Masonic fellowship.



Vulcan Lodge No. 74

Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common people like you and me
Are builders for eternity.

Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules,
And each must make, ere life has flown,
A stumblingblock or a steppingstone.

R.L. Sharpe

Connaught Lodge No. 69

Thought For The Day

Once we relax our standards ever so little, a long and difficult struggle is ahead before their lofty positions can be regained.

Charity is the most enriching ingredient of life. Give to a worthy charity; it is a pleasant element and gives the heavenly joy of satisfaction. Give it while you are alive to enjoy the giving with warm hands instead of cold.

Frank E. Lucas

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