



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## Fort Edmonton Masonic Museum Society

The year 1990 was a most successful one in the history of the Masonic Hall located in Fort Edmonton Park and of the Museum Society. Over 2,000 Masons from all over the world were greatly impressed with the Masonic Hall and Museum. Many more members of the public at large visited the facility.

For the past several years, R.W.Bro. Bill Towers has been in charge of manning the Hall. Each Lodge in Edmonton is responsible for supplying two men each day for a week. A different Lodge takes over each week. Visiting hours for 1991 from Friday May 17 to Monday, September 2 inclusive are from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After Labour Day, the facilities will be open on Sundays only from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until Thanksgiving Day (or sooner if the Fort authorities decide otherwise). Special arrangements can be made for visitations outside these times and dates, if circumstances warrant.

Fort Edmonton Masonic Hall and its Museum has always been intended to be a living museum — the holding of Masonic meetings or those of concordant bodies are welcomed. (The building is air conditioned for comfort.) Several Lodges meetings as well as District Meetings have already been held there. A barbecue was also held after Grand Lodge.

Artifacts are still surfacing for the museum. We have obtained a copy of a photograph of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Calgary in 1902; a copy of a photograph of the first Grand Lodge of Alberta meeting; and a copy of a photograph taken of a meeting of Cascade Lodge No. 5 held in "The Hole in the Wall" cave on the mountain side, in 1921.

The donation or loan of more pre-1930 artifacts are welcome. Artifacts are not limited to the Edmonton area, but are intended to cover the Masonic history since 1880 of what is now the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

We urge brother Masons and their families to visit this facility, if they have not already done so. A very pleasant surprise will be in store for them.



Fort Edmonton Masonic Museum Society Executive for 1991: W.Bro. Michael Mott, R.W.Bro. Bill Towers, M.W.Bro. Ken Crockett (Past Chairman), R.W.Bro. Jim Forbes (Chairman), R.W.Bro. Jim Matheson, Bro. Rick Warring. Photograph by Bro. Jack Horley

## Grand Master's Itinerary For April 1991

- April 1 Mountain View No. 16, Olds
- 2 Oyen Lodge No. 104
- 3 Redwood No. 193, Edmonton
- 4 Zetland No. 83, Calgary
- 6 Lethbridge No. 39 & Century No. 100  
Amalgamation, Lethbridge 1:30 PM
- 9 Crossfield Lodge No. 48
- 11 Finance Committee, Red Deer 7:00
- 12-15 Grand Lodge Communications, Minnesota
- 16 Cairo Lodge No. 32, Claresholm
- 18 Committee on the Work, Calgary 11:00  
Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15
- 19-20 Masonic Spring Workshop, Banff Centre
- 25 Jurisprudence, Red Deer 10:00
- 29 Board of Benevolence, Calgary 11:30

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## Northern Visitation

Our Deputy Grand Master has put forward a splendid idea. R.W.Bro. Cal Shaver suggested Alberta Masons make a special effort in 1991 to visit the Lodges in Fort McMurray and Yellowknife over the September long weekend.

Arrangements are being made to charter a 52 passenger Time Air Convair 580 to fly to Fort McMurray on Friday afternoon, August 30 for a meeting with our brethren, then onward Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> for a meeting with the brethren of Yellowknife. Sunday will be set aside for leisure and sight-seeing returning home on Monday September 2. The aircraft and crew will be at our disposal for the entire 4 days. It must be pointed out that the ladies are most welcome.

A tentative schedule would involve a late Friday morning departure from Calgary International, a noon-hour stop at Edmonton Municipal to pick up brethren and ladies there and on to Fort McMurray by early afternoon. A Friday evening Lodge meeting would be followed by a banquet and dance. Following a Saturday morning tour of Fort McMurray and the tar sands we propose a mid-day departure for an early to mid-afternoon arrival in Yellowknife. A Saturday evening meeting at Yellowknife Lodge would be arranged while our ladies are being entertained by their counterparts in Yellowknife. A tentative church parade on Sunday morning is being considered together with a tour of Yellowknife and area followed by a BBQ. The Monday Labour Day holiday would see us departing mid-morning for Edmonton and on to Calgary for a mid-afternoon arrival.

The cost per person of the airfare portion of this trip is \$430 out of Edmonton and \$475 from Calgary, GST included. By comparison and using commercially scheduled flights, the same trip would cost in excess of \$900 from Calgary and create much difficulty in timing (such as Fort McMurray/Edmonton Municipal/Edmonton International/Yellowknife just to get from Fort McMurray to Yellowknife). The cost (twin sharing) at good hotels appears to be approximately \$150 per person including taxes for the 3 nights.

Response deadline is April 15th. Don't miss a good Masonic weekend.

## C.O.M.E.L.Y Program

*(Calling on Masons of Each Lodge Yearly)*

DDGMs are responsible for ensuring that Lodge Visiting Committees are formed and functioning.

**Lodge Secretaries have been supplied with forms and instructions.**

The objective of the program is to ensure that lost brethren are returned to a Masonic fold.

Lodge committees should make contact with non-participating Masons in their jurisdiction and offer them a warm hand-shake and friendly invitation to reactivate their participation. No one should be pressured in any way!

Sojourners in Alberta from other jurisdictions, transients between Lodges in this jurisdiction, local Masons who do not attend the Lodge in which they are a registered member should all be contacted and visited. They will appreciate Masonic concern.

R.W.Bro. Ed Hunter will co-ordinate the program through the Grand Lodge office.

## Hands Across The Border

The second annual "Speak-Off" involving Brethren from Masonic Districts on both sides of the Alberta/Saskatchewan border takes place at Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44, Wainwright on April 13 and 14, 1991.

R.W.Bro. A.M. Daniels is chairman of the organizing committee for this friendship oriented function. Masons, Ladies, Guests are all welcome. The competitive speakers will concentrate on subjects of Masonic interest. A luncheon, awards banquet, and brunch are in preparation. A service of worship will conclude the weekend.

Let's have another monster turnout for this social occasion.

## Family Brothers

At the Installation of Officers of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 on December 20, 1990, the following father and son combinations were present.

- R.W.Bro. Ed Bate and his son Geoffrey and his step-son Scott Mathieson.
- Bro. John Harms and his son John.
- W.Bro. Ken Williamson and his son Rundle.
- Bro. Gary Corlett and his father W.Bro. Les Corlett of Abbotsford Lodge No. 70, G.R.B.C.
- W.Bro. Norman Smith and his son Graham.
- Bro. Gordon Wright and his son Jim of Anahuac Lodge No. 3, York Grand Lodge of Mexico.
- Bro. Bud Cameron and his son-in-law Gerald Jacobson.

It is unfortunate that a photograph was not taken to record this group of members.

### Other Notable Family Brothers

The Editor has also noted that in Calgary Lodge No. 23, W.Bro. R.W. Aylesworth was Master in 1965, W.Bro. R.W. Aylesworth Jr. was Master in 1972 and R.W.Bro. A.F. Aylesworth was Master in 1981.

## Lodge Seal Plaque Presented



During his term of office as W.M. of Highlands Lodge No. 168 for 1990, W.Bro. G.R. Kampjes had the pleasant occasion to accept, on behalf of the Brethren, a close replica of the existing Lodge seal consisting of a Stag's head and appropriate surrounding wood carving. The replica or furnishing is now permanently displayed upon the S/W wall of the Lodge room for all to admire and enjoy.

The furnishing is the result of a donation of the Stag's head to the Lodge by Brother Hermann Schubert (l.) and the carving craftsmanship of Brother Clinton Murphy (r.).

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

This year Lamont Lodge No. 94 will celebrate its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary. To commemorate this worthy occasion, a Banquet and Dance will be held May 25, 1991 at the Recreation Centre Hall, Lamont, Alberta. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30.

An open invitation is extended to all brethren and their ladies to participate in this 75th Anniversary Celebration. Details can be obtained through the Secretary, W.B.S. Mundy (363-2421) or W.Bro. J. Lopetinsky (895-2554).

## Thoughts On The Gulf

*Red Deer Lodge No. 12*

"Let us reflect on how fortunate we are to have this safe and sacred sanctuary to give us a brief respite from the troubles of the world. Consider that if the cement of Brotherly Love was spread a little wider around the world, we might not be witnessing the current turmoil in the Persian Gulf. Take a moment to give thanks for the Allied Forces (and Brethren) assembled, to protect our way of life and preserve the freedoms we enjoy."

W.Bro. N.A. MacDonald, W.M.

## Masonic Grand Lodges

What is the purpose of a Grand Lodge? A primary function is diplomatic recognition. No Mason traveling in another jurisdiction can hope to be received into Lodges without recognizable assurance from his Grand Lodge that his Lodge has been regularly formed and is acceptable by other Grand Lodges.

Another important function is the management of Masonic benevolence. The administration of designated funds for the relief of indigent Masons, widows and orphans; the granting of education bursaries; and charitable foundations are examples.

Regular organized meetings of a Grand Lodge are an important feature. Many Masons are critical of the Annual Communication as a waste of time, effort, and money. However, such meetings for the transaction of Masonic installation of officers and for social purposes are valuable and help to strengthen the fraternal bond. The power to constitute a new Lodge belongs to the Grand Lodge, the function of consecrating it is vested in the Grand Master. Unfortunately, Grand Lodges have to supervise the amalgamation of Lodges and/or receive Lodge Charters when they are surrendered.

Grand Lodge's legislative function is to pass laws for the good government of the Craft, and in its executive capacity, to administer them. In its judicial capacity it has the power to settle Masonic disputes and to discipline Masons who transgress the rules. In carrying out these functions, Grand Lodge appoints boards and committees for specified purposes such as employing personnel, maintaining records, financial management, fraternal relations, et cetera.

In the interests of reasonable uniformity, Grand Lodge lays down rules as to regalia and ritual, the way in which Lodges are governed, the records the Lodge must keep, and the maintenance of Masonic traditional landmarks.

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## Fidelity

When we enter this world, we automatically become subjected to the laws and logic of nature, like it or not! Then, as we grow older and hopefully wiser, we soon realize mankind needs rules and laws to keep peace, order and fairness. In other words, a successful human being is one who soon learns in life to participate in fairness, understand tolerance and submit to authority.

Today, the successful human being is one who has come to terms with submission and tolerance in his life. In fact, the earlier you see this as unavoidable the quicker you can enjoy a contented and rewarding life.

For most of us to survive in today's world, above all in employment, tolerance and submission are the first basic skills to master. Most do. Yet many make the effort at the earliest possible moment to ignore this skill, resulting in a personal neglect to themselves. Submission and tolerance is fine in their business life, but it is ignored in their private or family life. Along with the word submission and toler-



ance comes "Fidelity" — a word well-known in Masonry.

Fidelity means loyalty or devotion to duty. We take it for granted, because everyone has for years learned slowly to master submission — those that are successful, that is.

Fidelity in Freemasonry is rewarded. We bestow 25-year pins or, if you are blessed, 50-year jewels. Brothers receiving them have indeed mastered Fidelity — showing duty, tolerance and submission to our craft while at the same time not neglecting themselves, as some do. This neglect of values is typical of that person who has not yet come to terms with fidelity and submission, not knowing if they belong in Masonry. Yet, what is more important to those who have not mastered fidelity is the neglect within themselves to their more important spiritual self. This is ignored by many and they are described in our society as "Lost Souls." Fidelity shines as a word highly prized in our fraternity. Our newspapers are full of articles of people who have not yet seen the need to submit or understand tolerance and fidelity. The present war is an example. How lucky some of us are.

Perhaps at this present time, we are seeing a necessary purging period where fidelity is put to the test, where membership proves how important fidelity is in our craft. As a result, we may move to a future with our true Brothers.

Let us respectfully honour those Brothers who so rightly and proudly deserve to wear their 25-year pins or jewels — Brothers visually proving they have mastered fidelity. Perhaps from now on these pins and jewels should be titled fidelity pins. I am as equally proud to present them in my Lodge as those receiving them.

W.Bro. Robert Crisp  
Beacon Lodge No. 190

## The Tabernacle

Whatever happened to the Tabernacle of Moses, the portable, tent-like, desert sanctuary utilized for the worship of Jehovah during the wanderings of the ancient Israelites? Its last known whereabouts was Gibeon, a hill town near Jerusalem in the time of David and Solomon.

Richard E. Friedman, Ph.D., a biblical scholar, has written copious research papers about this interesting object of symbolic significance in Capitular Masonry.

God directed Moses to build a Tent of Assembly to house the Ark of the Covenant. Aaron and successive High Priests offered up daily burnt offerings to YHWH. Kings David and Solomon also sacrificed in the Tabernacle at Gibeon. Dr. Friedman gives detailed descriptions of the structure, its contents and usage.

He suggests that the conundrum can be solved by studying the relative size of the Tabernacle and the Holy of Holies in the first Temple. The venerable and venerated Tent of Meeting was constructed of 48 wooden frames 10 cubits long and 1 1/2 cubits wide; 20 of each in the two side walls and 8 in the western wall. Friedman suggests that there was a 1/2 cubit overlap of the frames resulting in a finished structure of 20 by 8 cubit structure.

These measurements correspond to those of the Holy of Holies in Solomon's Temple set forth in the Book of Kings and the Chronicles as being 20 by 20 cubits. Within the Holy

of Holies are two 10 cubit high golden cherubim. The wingspread of each is ten cubits; their extended wings touch the walls and each other. Thus, the sanctified space between each cherubim is 10 cubits in height, 20 cubits in length, and less than 10 in width as the bodies of these angelic beings take up a portion of the space.

On the day of the dedication of the Temple at Jerusalem, the tabernacle, the ark, and the sacred vessels were incorporated into that memorable structure to establish its legitimacy as the only place of worship and sacrificial offering to YHWH. This conclusion is supported by quotations from Chronicles, Psalms, the Talmud, and Josephus.

Bro. L.W. Kline

## From The Lodges

### *Kitscoty Lodge No. 131*

Father's lodge, I well remember, wasn't large as lodges go;  
There was trouble in December getting to it through the snow.

But he seldom missed a meeting; drifts or blossoms in the lane,

Still the Tyler heard his greetings, winter ice or summer rain.  
Father's lodge thought nothing of it: mid their labors and their cares

Those old Masons learned to love it, that fraternity of theirs.  
What's a bit of stormy weather, when a little down the road  
Men are gathering together, helping bear each other's load?  
Father's lodge had made a village: men of father's sturdy brawn

Turned a wilderness to tillage, seized the flag, and carried on,  
Made a village, built a city, shaped a country, formed a state.  
Simple men, not wise nor witty—humble men, and yet how great!

Father's lodge had caught the gleaming of the great Masonic past;

Thinking, toiling, daring, dreaming, they were builders to the last.

Quiet men, not rich nor clever, with the tools they found at hand

Building for the great forever, first a village then a land.  
Father's lodge no temple builded shaped of steel and carved of stone;

Marble columns, ceilings gilded, father's lodge has never known.

But a heritage of glory they have left, the humble ones—  
They have left their mighty story in the keeping of their sons.

Douglas Malloch



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