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## Calvin D. Shaver Grand Master 1991-1992

M.W.Bro. Shaver was born in Edmonton in 1950. He resided in Westlock and in due course met Mary Laun and they were married in 1970. They have a strong and happy partnership and two sons, Wayne and Richard. He has been in the banking and financial profession for over 20 years.

Our Grand Master was particularly influenced by one man who showed him how to live on the square and who has always been devoted to our Craft, and there is no prouder father than Bro. Nard Shaver of Westlock Lodge No. 114.

Bro. Shaver was initiated, passed and raised in Westlock Lodge No. 114 in 1973. He affiliated with Mosaic No. 176 in 1977 and Fiat Lux No. 1980 in 1987. He is an Honorary Life Member of Symbol Lodge No. 93 and Excelsior Lodge No. 80, also a Charter Member of Loyalty No. 197. He is a Past Master of Mosaic Lodge No 176 (1983).

He has served the Craft in various offices and is a member of the York Rite (First Principal, Eheyeh Chapter No. 27 — 1987 and 1988); the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (TPGM — 1985); and the Shrine. Bro. Shaver was President of Big Country Shrine Club — 1989. He has also served on various committees including Chairman of Finance (1987), and General Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop (1986). Wherever his work has taken him, he has become involved in community and service organizations.

M.W.Bro. Cal Shaver is the youngest Grand Master that Alberta has had. His age is strengthened by understanding, a continuing search for knowledge and a desire to expand the boundaries of his actions and deeds, to renew our Fraternity and increase its scope.



## Grand Master's Message

Brethren, several years ago I was attracted to Freemasonry largely due to the influence of my father, V.W.Bro. L.B. Shaver, by the way he approached life and his consideration of his fellow man, and by the calibre of men he associated with. Due to my vocation, which involved various transfers, it was several years before I began to learn how great an honour had been bestowed on me. Subsequently, in 1977, when I affiliated with Mosaic Lodge No. 176, I became increasingly active and began to have the opportunity to put the teachings of Freemasonry into

practice. This process is never ending, and I trust I will always continue to expand my own abilities as every Freemason should.

Personally, one of the greatest treasures I have is to be called "Brother" among so many distinguished men. For the honour of having been "Worshipful Master" of a Lodge, a can only show my appreciation by my support and availability to the members of that Lodge, if needed. However, to be granted the esteemed distinction of being installed "Grand Master" goes beyond expectations, and I am not sure how to show my appreciation. I can only say "Thank You" and pledge myself to represent the Grand

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Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M., to the best of my ability. It is with honour that I was presented with and have the privilege to wear the regalia of M.W.Bro. Frederick Glenn Fox who was our Grand Master in 1972-73 and was an active supporter of Freemasonry throughout his life.

The team of officers, elected or appointed, are all dedicated Freemasons, and a Grand Master could not ask for a more enthusiastic or conscientious group of men to provide assistance or leadership for the coming year than those officers serving with me. This team of officers are ready, willing and able to promote Freemasonry wherever they be located or whenever they are asked by individuals or Lodges.

During the 1991-92 Masonic year, I have not selected any specific theme, but I propose a "thrust." I am requesting each and every Freemason within the jurisdiction of Alberta to put action before words, to translate our basic teachings into involvement with our fellow men (whether they be a Freemason or not), be it within our family, community, work place or church. Brethren, the time is now that we must start getting into gear, to enable us to be fully rolling as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (barely eight years away) and well prepared for the Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 2005.

There are great things happening in many Lodges throughout Alberta as well as in other jurisdictions; and these should be characteristic of ideas of what other Lodges can do to improve their attendance and relationship within their location. I, for one, have heard enough negative comments. I encourage that all of us must emphasize the positive. Other-

wise, it becomes too easy to think of and communicate only the negatives. Let all of us work on the ideal of Freemasonry and we will overcome the unfavourable and misinformed conception that many individuals have about our great fraternity.

Freemasonry must be enjoyable for the Brethren to maintain membership and to attract new candidates. Our rewards come through achieving personal growth and improvement by way of our own efforts. We are given an appreciation of accomplishment through participation in worthwhile activities, and personal fulfilment by belonging to an organization that does make a difference. With contributions to the overall betterment of mankind, especially in the community in which one resides, we are attaining true Masonic influence.

Brethren, by each of us working together and pulling towards a common objective, Freemasonry will maintain its rightful place in society: that of being an upright, honourable organization founded on true moral values. Then we *will* make a difference.

Brethren, in no way am I suggesting any change to the foundation on which Freemasonry is based, but with reshaping of the attitudes and approach to who we are, what we represent, and how we can befriend ourselves and mankind as a whole, you and I will make a contribution to Freemasonry. We must always represent Freemasonry in a positive manner and display with pride the honour of being a member of our celebrated fraternity. Always remember, you and I are someone else's impression of Freemasonry. We must strive to perpetually portray the image that will create the admiration and response that there is a man who respects his fellow man.

Once again, Brethren, thank you for the great honour of being your Grand Master, and I sincerely trust I can make some contribution.

With your assistance, guidance, but above all, your friendship, I am sure we will have a successful year.

Calvin D. Shaver

## Quote of the Month

The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that's the essence of inhumanity.

George Bernard Shaw

## District Meetings: September and October

District	Date	Location	Register	Meal	Meeting	Dress
3	Sept. 28	Edmonton Masonic Temple	12:00	6:00	1:00	Tux
12	Oct. 12	Edmonton Masonic Temple	12:00	6:30	1:00	Suit
2	Oct. 19	Medicine Hat Temple	1:30	5:30	2:30	Suit
9	Oct. 19	Alix	1:00	6:00	2:00	Suit
6	Oct. 26	Corinthian No. 22 Okotoks	11:00	12:00	1:30	Suit
10	Oct. 26	Edmonton Masonic Temple	12:00	5:00	1:00	Officers: Tux
14	Oct. 26	Craigmyle Lodge Hall	5:30	6:30	8:00	Suit

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### August

- 27 Kitscoty, Dress — Suit
- 28 Forestburg — Suit

### September

- 3 Mosaic Lodge No. 176, Crescent — Formal
- 4 West Edmonton, Central Temple, Edmonton — Suit
- 5 Zetland Lodge No. 83, Calgary Temple — Formal
- 9 North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge — Suit
- 10 King Hiram Lodge No. 21, Didsbury — Suit
- 12 Camrose Lodge No. 37, Camrose — Suit
- 13 Jubilee Lodge No. 173, Crescent, Pharmacy Night — Formal
- 16 Loyalty Lodge No. 197, King George — Formal
- 17 Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Medicine Hat — Formal
- 18 Bow River Lodge No. 1, Calgary Temple — Formal
- 19-21 Banff Conference
- 21 Loyalty Lodge No. 197, King George — Formal
- 26 Board of General Purposes
- 28 Hiram Lodge, Courtenay, B.C. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary — Formal

### October

- 1 Perfection Lodge No. 9, Calgary Temple — Formal
- 2 Glenbow Lodge No. 184, Meadowlark — Formal
- 3 Ionic-Landmark No. 45, Alix — Suit
- 5 Concord Lodge No. 124, Calgary Temple, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary — Formal
- 7 Stavely Lodge No. 33, Stavely — Suit
- 8 Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, Medicine Hat — Formal
- 9 Kelvingrove Lodge No. 187, Bowmont — Formal
- 11 Masters Wardens and Deacons Banquet and Dance, Palliser Hotel, Calgary
- 12 District No. 12, Edmonton Central Temple — Formal
- 15 Eastgate Lodge No. 192, Central Temple — Suit
- 17 Peace River Lodge No. 89, Amalgamation
- 18 Norwood Lodge No. 90, Central Temple — Suit
- 19 Calgary Valley, A & A.S.R., 14<sup>th</sup> Reunion & Ladies Night.
- 21 Chinook Lodge No. 47, Cowley — Suit
- 22 Edmonton Lodge No. 7, Central Temple — Formal
- 25 King George Lodge No. 59, King George — Suit
- 26 Beaver-Monitor Lodge No. 56, Castor — Suit

## Motions Approved at the 1991 Grand Lodge Communication

- The new Constitution was adopted without change.
- Up to \$90,000 will be removed from the Capital Reserve Fund to be used solely for retiring the current overdraft. This releases other funds which were used as security for the overdraft. The development of the General Capital Reserve Fund to continue as per the Constitution.
- The 25 year recognition is now a "pin" and there is no certificate accompanying it. Lodges purchase the pins in bulk and determine the eligibility of members to receive it.

- Lodges, or Masons working within a group recognized by Grand Lodge may produce commemorative pins upon receiving approval of the Grand Master.
- Grand Lodge may now use a chartered bank or any financial institution which is a member, or is represented by a member, of the Canadian Payments Association.
- Requests for Demits may now be referred to a committee within the lodge for investigation and the decision made at the next regular meeting. The Demit will be dated for the end of the period to which dues have been paid, if in advance, and no criminal charges are pending.
- Those entitled to vote at any Communication are the W.M., Wardens, Past Masters and all Master Masons who hold elected or appointed office in their lodge and who have registered. If a Past Master held one of these offices he will receive only ONE vote.
- The Per Capita Fee — Lodges will be notified in March by the Grand Lodge Office of the fee as determined by the cost of living index which will be applicable to the next December 31<sup>st</sup> Semi Annual Return.
- Hundred year Lodges may have gold coloured chain collars, or gold coloured centre seam and snap or swivel. Also its jewels may be gold or gilt.
- The accountant for Grand Lodge may now be a Chartered Accountant, Certified General Accountant or Certified Management Accountant.
- That a new catalogue of all books available from the Grand Lodge Library be produced and distributed to Lodges.
- A copy of each book sold by the Masonic Spring Workshop not currently in the Grand Lodge Library, will be purchased for the Grand Lodge Library up to a total cost of \$2,000.00.
- Motions listed as B10, 11, 12 in the notice calling the Communication, were deferred to the next Communication, due to shortage of time.

## Have a Library Background?

A motion was passed at the Grand Lodge Communication regarding the production of a new book catalogue for the Grand Lodge Library. Have we any members of the Craft with a work background which would enable them to build on the existing catalogue. If you can help, contact the Grand Secretary immediately.

## Statistics of the 1991 Grand Lodge Communication

124 Lodges were represented (83%)  
 26 Lodges were not represented  
 801 Ballots issued  
 661 Members present  
 21 Master Masons present  
 439 Past Masters present  
 112 Worshipful Masters present (75%)

## Proverb of the Month

Little sticks kindle the fire; great ones put it out.



## Grand Master's First Visit

According to our Constitution, Alberta Masonry supports the two youth organizations, Job's Daughters and DeMolay.

The first visit of our new Grand Master was on June 10, 1991, when he and the new Junior Grand Warden, together with other Grand Lodge officers and Master Masons, attended a meeting of Bethel No. 1, International Order of Job's Daughters, in King George Lodge Hall.

The Daughters performed two ceremonies: the first was "A Tribute to Masons" and the second was the "Symbol Ceremony."

The Daughters were delighted to have the highest ranking officer of our Grand Lodge attend and this memorable evening will be remembered by all in attendance.



(Left to Right): V.W.Bro. Harold Glanzer, R.W.Bro. Ray Burton, M.W.Bro. Cal Shaver amongst a sea of happy Job's Daughters.

## From the Notices

This month, this section is somewhat different as it is just a list of things observed in reviewing the notices:

*Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58* puts a photograph of new members in its notice. Regular Xerox type machines give excellent copies of photographs. What an excellent idea!

*St. Marks Lodge No. 118* has a really full notice with much participation. Each of the Wardens has a section with his own information.

Two or three Lodges print the inside the opposite way to the cover side. This keeps the brethren on their toes (or their heads).

*Unity Lodge No. 51* allows members to pay their dues by MasterCard — a move into the modern world.

*Star of the West Lodge No. 34* has an excellent photograph of its Lodge Hall on the front of its notice.

BRETHREN — how many times have I seen it spelled incorrectly as BREThERN. If not sure, it is far better to say "BROTHERS."

*Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195* printed an interesting breakdown of its membership by age, which showed the majority of members in the 40s and 50s. This is information any Lodge can produce.

## Question of the Month

Do you have suggestions about the contents of the Grand Lodge Bulletin? Are there features you would like, items you do not like, or recommendations for expansion or reduction of any type of material.

In the past, requests for this information have not met with any response, or perhaps one or two letters from our 11,000 plus members. PLEASE write, even if only to say "carry on doing what you have done in the past." Your response will help to improve the **Bulletin**.

R.W.Bro. N. Senn, Editor

## Topics for Lodge Discussion

The sections of the new Constitution relating to Lodge operation should be discussed as soon as it becomes available. It is vitally important that these be understood by all members. This could be broken down into sections with members explaining each section and then allowing discussions. Masonic discussions should be a part of every Lodge meeting.

## Public Service Recognized

Our congratulations to R.W.Bro. Hart Cantelon, a Charter and Life Member of Evergreen Lodge No. 166, who was awarded a Premier's Award for Humanitarian Service. He is Director of Native Outreach in Calgary.

## Honorary 'District' Membership

Well, that is not quite the way it is but, upon Eureka Lodge No. 10 recently conferring Honorary Life Membership on M.W.Bro. W.E. (Curly) Foster, he is now a Life or Honorary Life Member of every Lodge in District No. 4. Eureka No. 10 gave him his tenth such honour exactly ten years after he served as Grand Master. Our congratulations go to M.W.Bro. Foster.

## Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980

Fiat Lux will be holding its Installation meeting on Saturday, October 5 at High River Lodge Hall, when R.W.Bro. David Ingoe will become Worshipful Master. Installation is from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. The Research Lodge regular meeting commences at 2:00 p.m.. All Master Masons are welcome and will have an interesting afternoon. Contact the Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. N. Senn at 282-8170 if you wish to dine at 12:30 p.m.

## 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea — 1992

The Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, Australia has extended a general invitation for Masons to visit Brisbane for a proposed special Masonic Meeting during the period of this special event. Those

interested in obtaining more information on this event which will be remembered and recognized over the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1992, should contact our own Grand Secretary.

## Lodge Anniversaries

The significant anniversaries in the life of lodges are the 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup>. The Grand Lodge Bulletin will be pleased to publish information on these particular Anniversaries if Lodges will send information on the events at the earliest possible date. The Grand Lodge Bulletin will publish a general advance notice of such an anniversary once the Lodge has established its necessary committees.

Please remember to pass the information through the Grand Lodge Office to the Editor, if you wish to have wide distribution of your information.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kootenay Lodge No. 15

Many Brethren have visited Kootenay Lodge No. 15, G.R.B.C., at Revelstoke over the years but this is a very special year. An invitation is extended to Grand Lodge Officers and Alberta Brethren to attend on October 5 and 6, 1991. Further information is available from the Secretary, W.Bro. G.C. Booth, Box 625, Revelstoke, B.C. V0E 1B0, (604)837-4284.

## Leadership

Behold! And it came to pass that there came amongst them a new member, and as he more and more mastered the profound teachings, and experienced the softening influence of Masonry, he prospered, and grew even unto being asked to serve as an officer.

And there were older members who had not prospered, and those who spent their days passing out alibis, who were greatly astonished. They said to one another, "What the heck! How does he get that way?" And they crabbed and got exceedingly sore in the head. One evening as the officers and members were gathered together for refreshments, sipping Maxwell House and dunking doughnuts, it came to pass that a soothsayer came amongst them. He was one wise guy who knew whereof he spoke.

And they spake unto him and questioned him saying, "How is it that this bird now enjoys position?" And the soothsayer made answer to them, saying, "He of whom you speak is one hustler. He wasteth no time crabbing and thinking up excuses, or doing slipshod work. But whilst you sitteth around dreaming idle dreams of greatness, he is out on the business at hand.

"The one of whom you speak knoweth, speaketh, worketh and liveth Masonry like heck. Verily, I say unto you, go thou and do likewise.

"Compromising the quality of our leaders and our ritual to promote participation and increase membership is a sensible as stopping a clock to save time."

From The Silver Trumpet (California)

## One of Our Senior Masons



On February 24, the Worshipful Master of King George Lodge No. 59, attended by three members of the Lodge, presented Bro. Sid Hughes with his 70 year bar and certificate. Bro. Hughes is 103 years old, was initiated into Masonry in 1921 and remained an active member until approximately 10 years ago.

He is a retired City of Calgary Fireman and has travelled throughout the world, but principally to South Africa where his son resides.

Bro. Hughes is an Honorary Life Member of King George Lodge and a Past Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star.

He is in good health and although failing in sight and hearing, remains very active of mind.

The newest raised Master Mason of King George Lodge, Bro. David Mette, presented Bro. Hughes with his certificate. As the Master of the Lodge, W.Bro. Don Jackson, said, "From our newest member to the oldest, the unbreakable line of Craft Masonry continues".

### From the Past

## Moon Lodges

In past issues we have remarked about Moon Lodges. R.W.Bro. O.A. Strandquist of St. George's Lodge No. 41 has drawn our attention to his article on this subject which appeared in the Bulletin of January, 1980. Moon lodges, as he has pointed out, were not unknown in British Columbia. A review of Grand Lodge Proceedings reveals there were twelve Moon Lodges in the province between 1888 and 1947. They were — Spallumcheen No. 13, Hiram No. 14, Pacific No. 16, Ionic No. 19, Miriam No. 20, Columbia No. 38, Enderby No. 40, St. George's No. 41, Salmon Arm No. 52, Granite No. 54, Summerland No. 56 and Nechako No. 86.

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## Masonry in History

Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, was born in India of English parents. He was educated in England but returned to India in 1880. He was initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India in 1886. A special dispensation was necessary, as he was only twenty years and six months at the time. When he took the degrees, there were four Holy Books on the Altar, representing the dominant religions in the area. Upon his Raising, he was immediately elected Secretary, and he prepared the minutes of the meeting himself.

Many years later, he wrote: "I was entered by a member of the Brahmo Somaj, a Hindu, passed by a Mohammedan and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met of course on the Level, and the only difference anyone would notice was that at the banquets, some of the brethren, who were debarred by caste rules from eating not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates."

Truth is Stranger than Fiction  
Alphonse Cerza

### Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2

## Eight Hours for the Service of...

Take the time! You have heard the expression "take the time," or "make the time." In our lives, we have many demands on time. Some of us find 8 hours in our regular vocations to be too little. Some discover that "sleep and refreshment" is really a luxury, not devoting a full 8 hours when 4 or 6 will do.

But what about 8 hours for "the service of God and a distressed Brother"? We can recollect many instances when time was taken to help someone to whom we owed a social obligation. A child or a parent is frequently given aid in the form of labour, counsel and comfort. We should assist whenever these persons appear needy, and always enquire after family well-being.

Being a good family person may seem to take all our extra time, but, if you "take the time," you can, in minutes or fractions of an hour, help others. This is, after all, "the distinguishing feature of a Mason."

## What Precisely Have I Joined

I see an institution which no man founded and which no man has been able to destroy; an institution which has survived all the insults that bigotry, ignorance or fanaticism has been able to devise.

The institution has never been more triumphant than it has today. It attacks no man, and yet has flourished in majestic splendour all down the centuries.

I see an institution, unchanging and unyielding in a time of international flux and turmoil, an immovable rock amid the whirlwind and the earthquake.

I see an Freemasonry in memorial, immeasurable, immovable, immutable and I believe immortal. Freemasonry is not a Lodge, Freemasonry is an ideal.

An ideal to be strived for and hopefully obtained. Freemasonry is not give and take. Freemasonry is give, in

its entirety. If Freemasonry is give, it will work; it has to work.

What could possibly be better than Freemasons being Freemasons? What better example could we set to the world than, not only to think like a Mason, but to act like a Mason. Not for personal reward or esteem, but for the benefit of the craft. When we benefit, do not our Brothers benefit?

Let us follow the path of Freemasonry as we think it should be followed. Let us show our new candidates by our example what Freemasonry has to offer. Only by adopting this attitude will we retain Freemasons, as you Brethren have retained me.

From a paper by Bro. Armour  
Sherwood Lodge No. 183.

## Affinity Bank Cards

The MasterCard Application Form enclosed with this copy of the Bulletin is for your consideration and possible completion. An affinity credit card is identical to the regular card except for three things. First, it gives a reduced rate of interest on your unpaid balance. Second, it gives 1/4 per cent of all expenditures on the card to the Grand Lodge of Alberta and third, it is a card with the name of the group, in this case, The Grand Lodge of Alberta. Additional benefits are listed on the application form.

The 1/4 per cent, which goes to the Grand Lodge Charitable Fund, is from the banking institute's profits and in no way affects the cost of items to you. It is an easy way to donate without feeling any burden. This percentage, though small could add up to a considerable sum if many members took advantage of this offer.

If you already have a MasterCard, you simply ask to have it converted. If you have a credit card from another company, please give consideration to changing and thus financially supporting your Grand Lodge.

The choice is yours.

## Action, Not Words

The Grand Master in his speech after being installed said that he was not having a theme or a catch phrase. He wants **action** in practising Freemasonry by all Masons. He said that he was only one person and would do his best to practice his Freemasonry but it was up to all Masons to support him by doing the same.

"I do not want to hear the negatives about Masonry because there are so many positives. Let us find them, talk about them, and then take action to emulate them.

Remember, you and I are someone else's impression of Freemasonry."