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Editor, R.W. Bro. Norman J. Senn

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## Proclamation

### Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month

Brethren, it is important that Freemasonry is practised all year. However, during the coming month it is vital that every member make an extra effort to put one of the basic principles of our fraternity into action. Especially remember the Northeast Lecture in the Entered Apprentice Degree and the reply you made when questioned.

While the current economic times will be having an effect on each of us in some way, please remember the trust placed in us as Freemasons to help others. There will be a large number of you that do not have any direct contact with an individual striving to improve himself through further education. Currently, this is very close to the Shaver family as my youngest son Richard is enrolled at the University of Calgary. I can assure you the monies required for tuition, books and other needs are escalating every year. There are many potential students who would not be able to attain the secondary education desired if it were not for the continued support of the Masonic Higher Education

Bursary Fund.

Brethren, I ask each of you to donate something. Any amount you are able to give will be utilized in this very worthwhile endeavour. Donate because you want to. Let us show the world the pride we all have in being recognized as a Brother in this great fraternity. This is one manner in which we can spread the positive image of Freemasonry in Alberta.

To quote a portion of the closing charge from the Ancient York Ritual. "These general principles are to extend further, for every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all..."

Accordingly, I, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M., give notice to all Freemasons that I proclaim October as Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month.

Calvin D. Shaver  
Grand Master G.R.A., A. F. & A. M.

## Message from the Chairman

While October is proclaimed as Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month, brethren are encouraged to contribute to the fund throughout the year. Income tax receipts will be issued for the taxation year in which the donation is received by Grand Lodge Office.

This year, some 240 applications were received for consideration by the Bursary Committee. Following an initial screening, some 100 were personally interviewed. In the end, only 56 students (23 per cent of the applicants) could be approved for bursaries in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.

The smaller number of bursaries approved for 1991 was a result of only \$46,617 being donated to the fund during 1990, a decrease of over 20 per cent from the 1989 total of \$58,940.

Brethren, on behalf of the Higher Education Bursary Committee I would urge each Mason in our jurisdiction to consider, very seriously, the importance of education in our society and endeavor to increase substantially his personal support to the Bursary Fund.

Please help to make 1991 the most successful year of the Bursary Fund.

Thank you.

Ray Congdon, Chairman  
Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee

## Suspension N.P.D.

If, last January, you did not contact those brethren who became one year overdue at that time and have not done so since, this is a critical time in the Lodge's life. It is about to lose another member.

What is the Lodge doing about it? What are you as a Brother, sponsor or friend doing about it? Things in our world do not happen on their own and your action is required.

Contact those almost two years overdue now. Do it in a positive, supportive way and really try to determine the reason for non-attendance. Dig a little to give the Lodge information on how to keep this member and/or ensure that others do not leave for the same reason. Remember — because initiations occur regularly — a major loss is through not keeping Masons in the Craft!

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## Change

"Mark this well, and chisel it into your memory bank now! Change is inevitable if we are to survive, if we are to loom into the 21<sup>st</sup> century — if we are to steadily progress with success in this technological society of computerization, electronic media, with all the alternative interests and pressures that constantly challenge us daily for a portion of our valuable free time. If we are not amenable to change, we will most assuredly go the way of the pocket watch, the copper boiler or the flat iron.

It is no secret Masonry constantly needs new candidates to perpetuate itself — young, energetic, open minded candidates, interested candidates and whose interests must be maintained and sustained. I caution you Golden Senior Citizens, you "Old" Past Masters, don't stifle the enthusiasm of youth. If they speak, you listen.

It is possible to permit change in Masonry. Not change for change's sake, but rather change for progression and change for advancement — change for efficiency and for dynamics. Many of our young Masons have excellent ideas bubbling in their cauldrons — loosen their reins a little and let them run!"

Dr. W.R. Pellow, P.G.M., Ontario  
Masonic Spring Workshop, Banff 1991

## Discussion of the Month

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The topic is:

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## Proverb of the Month

Trouble brings experience and experience brings wisdom.

## Grand Master's Itinerary October, November and December

### October

- 1 Perfection Lodge No. 9, Calgary Temple, Dress — 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 Stavelly Lodge No. 33, Stavelly — Formal
- 8 Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, Medicine Hat — Formal
- 9 Kelvingrove Lodge No. 187, Bowmont — Formal
- 11 Masters Wardens and Deacons, Palliser Hotel
- 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 ° 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

### November

- 1 Calgary Lodge No. 23, Calgary Temple
- 2 District No. 8, Claresholm — Suit
- 4 Hanna Lodge No. 78, Hanna — Suit
- 5 Vulcan Lodge No. 74, Vulcan
- 6 Redwood Lodge No. 193, Highlands
- 7 Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, Wembley
- 8 Strathcona Lodge No. 77, Acacia
- 9 District No. 20, Leduc — Formal
- 11 Renfrew Lodge No. 134, Calgary Temple
- 12 Cyprus Lodge No. 66, Three Hills — Suit
- 14 Nanton Lodge No. 17, Nanton
- 15 Ymir, Salmo, B.C. — Formal
- 19 Bowden Lodge No. 42, Bowden — Suit
- 21 Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, Wetaskiwin
- 23 District No. 18, Calgary Temple
- 25 Northmount Lodge No. 189, Crescent
- 30 Norwood Lodge No. 90, MacDonald Hotel — Formal
- Norwood Lodge No. 90, Central Temple

### December

- 2 Strathmore Lodge No. 53, Strathmore
- 4 Dynamic Lodge No. 96, Holden — Suit
- 5 Foothills Lodge No. 174, Bowmont
- 7 Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195, Fort McMurray — Formal
- 9 Robert Burns-Cresset Lodge No. 49, Carmangay
- 10 Crossfield Lodge No. 48, Crossfield — Suit
- 12 Symbol Lodge No. 93, Drumheller — Suit
- 13 Patricia Lodge No. 91, Central Temple
- 14 Commercial Lodge No. 81, Central Temple — Formal
- 17 Star of the West Lodge No. 34, Leduc
- 19 Innisfail Lodge No. 8, Innisfail
- 20 Quarry Lodge No. 70, Medicine Hat

## ACTION!

*The Grand Master is asking for ACTION not WORDS in the Craft. The following two articles are an example of such action. Both were researched and written by W.Bro. Don Jackson, King George Lodge No. 59, Loyalty Lodge No. 197*

## Our Lost Brother

In May 1884, nine months after the first meeting of Masons was held in Calgary and the first newspaper arrived, a middle-aged barrister arrived from Halifax to set up practice. Being a widower and leaving two daughters, he came west to seek fame and fortune (and probably to try to forget). He became the first barrister in Calgary and the oldest in the Northwest Territories.

For the next 23 months, Bro. Fitz Cochrane practiced law and, according to the Calgary Tribune of Saturday, April 17, 1886, "was a man of much more than ordinary ability, naturally a good speaker and a forceful and fluent writer, qualities which unfortunately, the rest of his life and uneven habits never permitted to be as useful as they should have been." Unfortunately, his "uneven habits" must have caught up with Bro. Fitz because on Friday, April 16, 1886 he developed a severe pain in the head. He must not have been endeared to everyone in Calgary because when he became ill, Bro. Dr. Henderson tried to get him a room in the Royal Hotel but "...for private reasons, no doubt, the unfortunate man was refused admittance." Bro. Dr. Henderson then put Bro. Fitz to bed in his office and went to get Bro. Dr. Nev Lindsay for consultation. When the two arrived back at the office, Bro. Fitz Cochrane was already in the hands of the M... H...

The obituary in the Calgary Tribune, Saturday, April 24, 1886, said, "The funeral of the late Mr. Fitz Cochrane was held Sunday and was conducted with Masonic Honours of which Order the deceased was a member." The Bow River Minute Book of Sunday, April 18, 1886 reads "Minutes of the Emergent Meeting... R.W.Bro. Lindsay having occupied the Oriental Chair called... to Masonic Labor... to

attend the funeral of Fitz Cochrane." This is the first Masonic funeral in Calgary and the first one recorded in Alberta.

You are probably wondering why I titled this article *Our Lost Brother*. For two reasons. First, Bro. Cochrane was interred in Calgary's second cemetery on the site of the present Shaganappi Golf Course. As the soil was extremely rocky, Council purchased more suitable land which is now the present Union Cemetery. In 1892, council offered free removal of bodies, at which time most were reinterred in the new cemetery. A few were not, probably because no relatives or friends could be located. Our Order must have forgotten about Bro. Cochrane for he was one of these. By a chance finding of an obscure microfiche file in the Glenbow Archives I discovered the only record of Bro. Cochrane's body being later transferred to Union Cemetery was on June 1, 1911, by the City of Calgary. He was still in an unmarked (except for plot number) grave.

The second reason for the title is to demonstrate another Masonic benevolence. Bro. Cochrane was a widower with no relatives and apparently few friends in Calgary. The Brethren of Bow River Lodge took it upon themselves to make sure their lost Brother was interred with dignity and to look after his estate. During researches on Bow River Lodge, Bro. Cochrane's name never appeared, either in Murdoch's Diary or Bow River's Minutes, saying that he had had Masonic communication or attended Bow River Lodge. A check with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia records, which were skimpy, showed that Bro. Fitz George Cochrane affiliated from St. John's Lodge No. 22 to St. John's Lodge No. 2. The only other entry on the card, giving no reason, is "...suspended on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, 1882 in St. John's Lodge No. 2."

## The Brother Remembered

### *A sequel to the Lost Brother*

After the story in the above article was presented in Loyalty Lodge No. 197, the Brethren of that Lodge decided to have him returned to our memory for two main reasons. First, here was a Brother in a strange, isolated part of the coun-

## District Meetings: October & November

Dist.	Date	Location	Regis.	Meal	Mtg.	Dress
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
8	Nov. 2	Claresholm Comm. Hall	2:00	6:30	3:30	Suit
17	Nov. 2	Holden Masonic Hall	2:00	6:00	3:00	Suit
20	Nov. 9	Leduc Masonic Temple	11:30	12:00	1:30	Officers Tux
15	Nov. 8	Three Hills Comm. Hall	4:30	6:00	8:00	Suit
*14	Nov. 9	Craigmyle Lodge Hall	5:30	6:30	8:00	Suit
4	Nov. 16	Red Deer Masonic Temple	4:30	5:30	7:00	Officers Tux
7/11	Nov. 16	Lethbridge Mas. Temple	1:00	5:30	2:00	Suit
5	Nov. 23	Camrose Masonic Temple	1:00	5:30	2:00	Officers Tux
18	Nov. 23	Calgary Masonic Temple	1:00	5:30	2:00	Officers Tux

\*Please note change in date of District 14 meeting



Bro. Fitz Cochrane's new headstone





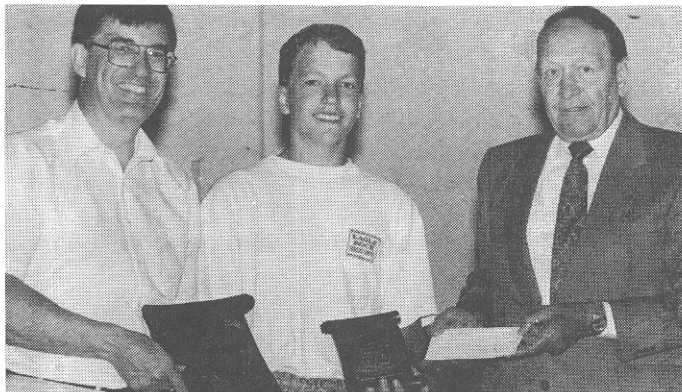
try with no relatives and few Lodge Brothers. Second, his was the history-making event of being the first Masonic funeral in Alberta.

The Brothers of Loyalty Lodge arranged for the memorial stone and a grave-side memorial service. On Monday, June 10, 1991, 105 years after his passing, his final resting place was appropriately marked with a headstone.

The service took place at the Union Cemetery in Calgary with the newly installed Grand Master of Alberta, M.W.Bro. Calvin Shaver, officiating. A number of Brethren took part in the service with this writer having the honour of giving the eulogy. At the end of the service all brethren passed by the grave, and placed the sprig of evergreen thereon in the formal Masonic manner.

The Brethren of Loyalty Lodge No. 197 and Alberta Freemasons are indebted to Somerville Monuments for the donation of the fine marker and the Calgary Cemetery Board for their assistance in placing the marker which enabled us to mark this little known historic event in the history of Alberta.

## New Memorial Established



Rockyford's Masonic Lodge representative, Pete Ediger, presented Rockyford Grade 9 student Nathan Kathol with a plaque and a \$300 cheque in recognition of achieving the highest academic standing with an 88 per cent average. The Lodge also presented the school principal, Robert Moggey, with a large version of the plaque to be kept in the school's trophy cabinet. The Lodge started the annual award in remembrance of its roots in Rockyford now that the members have sold their building and moved their meetings to Strathmore.

From the Strathmore Standard, July 3, 1991

## Quotation of the Month

He who has no charity in his heart has the worst type of heart trouble.  
Bob Hope

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## Surprise Presentation

About forty Masons from Wainwright, Chauvin, Edgerton, Provost, Irma, Vermilion and Marsden, Saskatchewan gathered at Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44, Wainwright, to surprise W.Bro. Leon D'Albertanson when presenting him with his Fifty Year Jewel. W.Bro. D'Albertanson, joined Masonry in Albion Lodge No. 97, Chauvin in 1941 and was Master in 1947. In 1949 he moved to Wainwright and affiliated with Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44 and served as Master in 1972. He has been an active member of that Lodge over the entire period and has been the Registrar since 1973.

Congratulations to Bro. D'Albertanson on his long, active involvement with Masonry.



Left to right: R.W.Bro. W.E. Riome, Secretary, W.Bro. L. D'Albertanson, Bro. D.D. Tizzard, W.M.

## Can You Help?

Have you any first hand knowledge of Masonic incidents during wartime? Do you know of special treatment of a prisoner, lives being saved or buildings or homes left unharmed for Masonic reasons? If you do, please contact Bro. Richard Shields, 1902 Plyler Mill Road, Monroe, N.C. 28112, or phone (704)-289-1604



## 1991 Report

This year 302 Masons attended the Spring Workshop at Banff. A new format was tried by eliminating discussion groups and using motivational speakers. The survey results indicated everyone was satisfied and left on a "high note."

M.W.Bro. Bill Pellow from London, Ontario, demonstrated the vibrancy we need in our Lodges. The armless wonder, Alvin Law, captivated his audience by demonstrating that virtually nothing is impossible, while still maintaining a strong sense of humour. Together, these speakers enthralled the Brethren. This, combined with educational sessions, made for a most enjoyable workshop. If the brethren took the message intended, they left with a resolve to fill our Lodge halls.

We have listened to what the participants have asked for and next year the Workshop will be at Kananaskis. This should prove a welcome change.

Video tapes of the speakers are being produced. Information on what is being made available is elsewhere in this Bulletin.

In general, the committee members are delighted with the results of the weekend and again thank all those who attended this year and look forward to many more attending next year.

Rex Dawson Past Chairman 1990/91

## Workshop Videos Available

The Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee is making available two video tapes of the 1991 Workshop. Each tape is about two hours long. Contents are as follows:

- **Tape One:**
  - 1.1. Rex Dawson, Conference opening; 1.2. M.W.Bro. Dr. Bill Pellow, part one; 1.3. M.W.Bro. Dr. Bill Pellow, part two; 1.4. *King Solomon's Blacksmith*.
- **Tape Two:**
  - 2.1. Alvin Law; 2.2. *The Aprons* - R.W.Bro. Norm Senn; 2.3. *The Occult* - W.Bro. Ken Montgomery

The cost of the tapes is \$20 each or both for \$35. They may be obtained by writing

Doug Sherris, Secretary MSWPC  
330-12 Avenue SW  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2R 0H2

## From the Notices

### Surprise

I dreamt death came to me one night  
And Heaven's gate flew wide.  
With kindly grace St. Peter came  
And ushered me inside.  
There to my great astonishment  
Were friends I'd known on earth;  
Some I had labelled as unfit  
And some of little worth.  
Indignant words flew to my lips,  
Words I could not set free.  
For every face showed stunned surprise;  
No one expected me.

Diamond City Lodge No. 65

## Noticed in the Press

On July 23, 1991, the *Killarney Guide*, the local paper of Killarney, Manitoba, reported that the Masons of Manitoba had donated another car to the Cancer Society. For six years, the Masons of Westman have provided drivers to help drive cancer patients who have no other means of reaching the treatment centre. Now, the Masons have donated a car, the first one to be donated outside Winnipeg, to the local Cancer Society. The Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Fred Westwood made this generous presentation.

This is **Masonry in action** in Manitoba, that is seen by the public.

Submitted by Wes Jackson, P.M.,  
Eureka Lodge No. 10

## From the Brethren

Being agreeable is a habit within the reach of all of us; it is a point of view that mirrors back one's self control; it is the gentle art of simply getting along comfortably with others. It is that something which wins one respect and friendship. It is not by accident that some get along so well and find happiness at every turn, for they have learned how to be agreeable. That quality in them is to their glory, and can be within the reach of everyone, for it is as contagious and infectious as a smile. It is the key to happy, confident and inspired living!

From a Paper *You and the Community*  
presented by R.W.Bro. Carl Nelson  
to Vulcan Lodge No. 74, July 5, 1991

## Passing Thoughts:

When someone walks beside us  
On the road that we must keep,  
Our burdens seem less heavy,  
The hills are not so steep,  
The weary miles pass swiftly  
As bravely on we stride;  
And all the world seems brighter,  
With someone at our side.

From Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44

*From Afar*

## More Ephraimites

In a certain Lodge, there were brethren they called "Ephraimites," since these could not pass their proficiency examinations.

During one of the Lodge's stated meetings, these "Ephraimites" presented themselves for proficiency examination in the Third Degree because they wanted to join the so-called "Higher Bodies."

The Secretary suggested to the Worshipful Master that a Past Master be requested to conduct the examination. So, the Master announced that W.Bro. "X" would conduct the examination. But he was not aware that W.Bro. "X" had recently suffered a stroke and lost his voice.

The P.M., being a very obedient Mason, stood between the Altar and the East along the South side of the Lodge, while the candidates stood in front of the altar.

The P.M. began the examination. But since he had lost his voice, no word was heard of him. The examinees looked at each other, asking what the P.M. was asking.

After some time, the P.M. faced the Master, gave the due guard and sign and was saying something nobody could hear.

The Secretary then said, "He is reporting that the examination was concluded and that the candidates are proficient."

Everybody in the Lodge applauded, including the candidates who were declared proficient.

From *The Cabletaw*  
Grand Lodge of the Philippines

## More About Masonry

by H.L. Haywood (Revised Edition)

Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., Inc. — 1980

Reader, beware! While your aim for knowledge may be noble you will have to work for it. **More About Masonry** by the late Brother H.L. Haywood — Master Mason, 1915, Waterloo Lodge No. 105, Waterloo, Iowa; ordained minister at 18; preacher until 1919; teacher, lecturer on religion and anthropology for 13 years in U.S. major colleges; scholar, journalist, writer, philosopher - is no ordinary book. Nor is it forgettable. It is a calculated and compelling challenge to calm, collected and committed Freemasons to think hard not only about Freemasonry, but about themselves, their fellowship with others and on those things of the soul of Freemasonry which have their manifestation in all men who would be righteous and great Freemason.

Not for the casual reader, nor for the tepid mind, nor for any, if such there be, who think of Freemasonry only for personal gain, this thoughtful collection of inter-related essays by Haywood is no less doctrinal and scholarly for devout Freemasons than are the Pauline Epistles for Christian Theologians. Relatively few books in the library of Freemasonry can be classified with this one as wisdom literature or source books on matters of philosophy and ethics and few of these are written such that they may be comprehended and enjoyed by ordinary folk.

While Haywood makes no effort to spare the reader from painstaking attention, he lays claim to an audience of all those who care deeply about Freemasonry even though many may weary with abstraction and the presentation of ideas without direct application to issues of immediate concern. Yet, Haywood is as direct as the thump of a setting maul and as immediate in his selection of topics as the familiar injunction, "Let There Be Light!" Mercifully, he offers the reader this feast in bite-sized chunks, to be thoroughly and calmly savoured. Evenso, the reader is captured in the first bite and thereby, compelled to take all the offered nourishment no matter what the effort or consequences.

And what a surfeit of thinking nourishment he serves up! And how timely is this book for Alberta Freemasonry for it addresses at length the key issues raised in the text and reorganization of our new constitution.

Guru-like, Haywood, in **More About Masonry**, leads the reader to examine and become thoroughly acquainted with the principles and fundamental construction of Freemasonry manifest not only in our regular activities but, the moreso, in the foundation on which our constitution rests. The narrative of this book is like the Mason's tools, the means and agency for understanding and properly implementing an important task. As the correct use of the tools must be learned before hand so also may Haywood's book be recommended as a prerequisite to understanding the new constitution and regulations

Charles McCullagh, P.M.  
Crescent Lodge No. 87, Loyalty Lodge No. 197

## Allan Aylesworth Night

Calgary No. 23 is holding an Allan Aylesworth Appreciation Night on Friday, November 1, 1991 tiling at 7:30 p.m. at the Calgary Masonic Temple, 330-12 Street S.W., Calgary. The Lodge will be presenting Allan with his Past Grand Secretary's Apron in recognition of his years of service as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Allan's friends from all over are invited to attend. Lodge is free, but the Festive Board For Fun and Frolic is limited in seating to 225 Masons. To reserve your seat at the Allan Aylesworth Festive Board, please pre-register by sending your Name, Address, phone number and Lodge along with \$10 (for meal etc.) to:

Garth Cochran, Master  
Calgary Lodge No. 23  
1131 Trafford Drive NW  
Calgary, Alberta.

Payment must accompany pre-registration. Seating will be on a first paid, first seated basis.

*Correction*

### Affinity Bank Card

Due to some crossed wires, the application for the Mastercard will not be available until the beginning of 1992. Your patience is appreciated.

The Editor