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Excerpts from a Letter Requesting a Demit

"I came from a family with five generations of Masons...

"My first impressions of the Craft were very positive. The Degrees I went through were interesting and full of symbolism to contemplate and explore—but that is where it ended. It seemed I was condemned to sit and watch the same three degrees ad infinitum. **There were no explanations and masonic education always took a back seat...**

"Meetings were more concerned with administrative business than doing something constructive with all the members. If you were not in a chair your involvement was strictly passive...

"...the bureaucracy was more interested in pumping out new members than in keeping the existing members interested and involved...

"I decided to actively do something and produced a piece of Masonic Education... I was even asked to present it again in another Lodge. People said they enjoyed it but it did not stimulate even one question on what I was trying to say. I was trying to stimulate discussion to help myself grow—it never happened...

"I wanted to discuss the four cardinal virtues that are demonstrated in our Lodge rooms, I am not exactly sure what these things are; I wanted to discuss the Rough and Perfect Ashlars and explore their applications to our lives; I wanted to find someone who would help me grow as a person—I never found him...

"I am hungry for knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences and of the spiritual temple that I must forge, but like the hungry animal, if I cannot find sustenance in one place, I must seek it in another..."

These excerpts are printed, with the writer's permission and form a sad commentary of one Lodge as seen by one Brother who was about to demit. It is so important that we take these comments to heart and allow for discussion, explanation and Masonic Education, for these are surely vital supplements to the lessons of our Ritual.

The happy ending of this event is that a well-versed Brother took it upon himself to act and the Brother did not demit. Obviously the Lodge must still consider the contents of the letter, for we can each see how easily this could be our Lodge.

Editor

Checking the Records

A letter from Bro. William S. Wallace, a life member of North Star Lodge No. 4 said in part:

"Over the past sixty or more years it has been my belief, right or wrong, that my esteemed father-in-law, Judge John Ainslie Jackson of Lethbridge, was appointed to the Alberta Bench and elected Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta, in the same year, 1913 or 1914. I was told that M.W.Bro. Jackson did not assume his seat in the Courts until the expiration of his Masonic duties in Grand Lodge. M.W.Bro. Jackson was born on 25 March 1875, so if my understanding is correct these two momentous events in his career came to pass while he was still on the sunny side of forty years, the excerpt quoted could therefore be in error. In such case I think it would be in order that a correction be published in a forthcoming issue of the **Bulletin**. M.W.Bro. Jackson was very proud of the honour given to him by the Brethren at such an early age. I should not like to see any loss of that recognition."



Bro. William S. Wallace was correct, for on carefully checking the records M.W.Bro. Jackson was born on 25 March 1875 and installed as Grand Master in May of 1914. This would make him 39 at that time. M.W.Bro. Shaver was born on 18 December 1950 and installed as Grand Master in June of 1991. He was therefore 40 at the time of his

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installation. We therefore make the necessary correction
that M.W.Bro. Calvin Shaver is the second youngest Grand
Master to be installed in Alberta.

Editor

Character

Great characters were built in days when men and women travelled in covered wagons. They advanced the frontiers and carved homes out of the wilderness when food and clothing were of the coarsest; when school children walked two and three miles to school and sat on benches hewn from logs; when a preacher travelled long distances in covering his circuit; when men and women provided their own entertainment and the Bible formed a major part of the family reading; when there was a greater belief in the power of prayer than in the power of self. Great characters were built in overcoming trials; in surmounting great obstacles; in hurdling obstructions that others said could not be overcome; in achieving great ends against great odds. We can build character by doing things that others have done, but we cannot build character by doing things merely because others have done them. In the volume of the Sacred Law, we oft find the concept of human life and conduct likened to a building—something that is raised and fashioned gradually, stone by stone. So it is with each individual Mason. We are all builders in our thoughts, our emotions, our words and our actions; we are constantly working away at a house not made with hands—namely the "House of Character."

R.W.Bro. J.R. Crawford, DGM
at the 50th Interprovincial Conference, 1990

Question of the Month

The "G" in many lodges is suspended from the ceiling. Which way should it face? Should the Master see it as a correct "G" or should the Brethren?

Elected and Appointed Officers — 1991/92

M.W.Bro. C.D. Shaver (176/197/1980)	Grand Master
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R.W.Bro. N.S.B. Lonsbury (194)	District 3
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R.W.Bro. R.E. Grattige (37)	District 5
R.W.Bro. D. Buck (23)	District 6
R.W.Bro. W.A. Shaver (67)	District 7/11
R.W.Bro. D.W. Thompson (32)	District 8
R.W.Bro. K.A. McCord (45)	District 9
R.W.Bro. E.F. Bly (90)	District 10
R.W.Bro. J.C. Fry (188)	District 12
R.W.Bro. R.J. Fulks (106)	District 13
R.W.Bro. C.P. Thompson (132)	District 14
R.W.Bro. B. Parry (66)	District 15
R.W.Bro. L.R. Watson (165)	District 16
R.W.Bro. R.A. Anderson (96)	District 17
R.W.Bro. W.C. Johnston (124)	District 18
R.W.Bro. M.R. Rogers (71)	District 19
R.W.Bro. R.V. Broberg (34)	District 20

Elected Officers

R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk (166/1980)	Senior Grand Warden
R.W.Bro. R.H.M. Burton (187/197)	Junior Grand Warden
R.W.Bro. G.R. Dawson (114)	Grand Treasurer
R.W.Bro. R.E. Congdon (190)	Grand Registrar

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V.W.Bro. T. Brown (5)	Grand Steward
V.W.Bro. A.G. Leighton (131)	Grand Steward
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V.W.Bro. J.H. Sargent (16)	Grand Steward
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V.W.Bro. P. Wallis (60)	Grand Steward
V.W.Bro. W. Patton (101)	Grand Historian
V.W.Bro. L.B. Shaver (114)	Grand Tyler

Quotation of the Month

Today we are faced with the pre-eminent fact that, if civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships — the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together, in the same world, at peace.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Proverb of the Month

He that seeks trouble never misses.

Boards and Committees

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 R.W.Bro. D. Murray (73)
 R.W.Bro. K. McCord (45)

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 R.W.Bro. R. Taylor (11)

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Grand Master's Itinerary for November, December & January**November**

- 1 Calgary Lodge No. 23, Calgary Temple — Formal
- 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

January

- 1 Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Central Temple, New Years Levee
- 4 Rockyford Lodge No. 123, Strathmore,
- 6 Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds
- 8 Symbol Lodge No. 93, Drumheller
- 9 Nanton Lodge No. 17, Nanton
- 14 Connaught Lodge No. 69, Viking
- 16 Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, Central Temple
- 20 Empire Lodge No. 63, Central Temple
- 21 Cairo Lodge No. 32, Claresholm
- 22 Jordan Lodge No. 177, Calgary Temple
- 25 Al Azhar Temple, Calgary
- 27 Beacon Lodge No. 190 — Suit

Fifty Year Jewels, 1990

Burrown, Charles Gordon	Camrose	37
Leonard, R.	Gleichen	36
Lowery, Jack N.	Diamond City	65
Hanson, Darre Olaf	Grand Prairie	105
Iverach, James Munroe	Tawatinaw	71
Millar, Allan J.	Whitecourt	153
Noble, Harry John	Cornerstone	19
Oddie, James Sutherland	Spitzie	6
Oddie, Ronald A.	Spitzie	6
Patterson, Andrew	Irricana	137
Patterson, George Ralph	Grand Prairie	105
Smith, Robert Gimson	Grand Prairie	105
Winspear, Francis	Ivanhoe	142

Fifty Year Jewels, 1991

D'Albertanson, Leonard	Buffalo Park	44
Fisher, Gerald Norman	Kenilworth	29
Hanna, Charles Stephen	Jubilee	173
Hayhoe, George Milton	Kenilworth	29
Hutton, John Robert	Elbow River	180
Jones, Albert P.	Bow Island	57
Neil, John	Bow Island	57
Nesbitt, Walter S.	Foothills	174

**The Lodge at Kananaskis
10, 11 & 12 April 1992****Registration**

To attend the workshop, you must have received all three Degrees of Masonry. Registration fee of \$185.00 is based on **double occupancy**, and it includes two nights accommodation and five meals starting with supper on Friday evening and ending with brunch on Sunday. Single accommodation is available for a surcharge of \$65.00.

Fee must accompany your registration. Post-dated cheques will **not** be accepted. Please make cheque payable to the M.S.W.P. Committee. Your cancelled cheque or charge card billing is your receipt.

No refund available after 23 March 1992.

To register, cut out this form, fill out the other side and send it with the required fees direct to the MSWPC.

(Do not submit to your Lodge Secretary.)

Oberg, Claude Clayton	Forestburg	128
Reid, Jack	King George	59
Roberge, Alfred Ernest	Dominion	117
Smith, Bernard C.	Dominion	117
Smith, John Rodney	Beacon	190
Spooner, Joseph Henry	Beaver-Monitor	56
Turnbull, Robert Harold	Acacia	11
Wocks, James Robert	Ionic Landmark	45
Wyllie, Peter	Star Of The West	34

Sixty Year Bar, 1990

Brown, John	Cascade	5
Butterfield, Myron R.	Jordon	177
Cadogan, Ivor John	Edson	68
Crawford, James Watson	Cornerstone	19
Hanson, D.O.	Grand Prairie	105
James, Arthur Reginald	Norwood	90
Llewellyn, Lewis John	Innisfail	8
McCulloch, Louis Greig	Ivanhoe	142
McCulloch, L.G.	Corinthian	22
Murray, Allan	Corinthian	22
Newcombe, Fred	St. John's	25
Ohler, Gentry	Stavely	33
Ross, S.M.	Grand Prairie	105

Sandeman, Thomas L.	Corinthian	22
Smith, Albert Elias	Corinthian	22

Sixty Year Bar, 1991

Braithwaite, George B.	Meridian	129
Calver, Gilbert G.	Harmony	75
Gilchrist, William R.	Commercial	81
Stoker, James G.	Lake Saskatoon	106

Seventy Year Bar, 1990

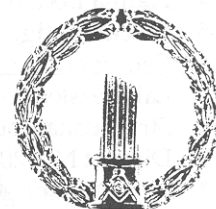
Keating, Roy Edmund	Mizpah	35
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Seventy Year Bar, 1991

Cambell, Walter S.	Unity	51
Hughes, Sidney	King George	59
Risler, Ernest Henry	York	119

Did You Know?

The Grand Lodge has a Widow's Pin available? The gold coloured pin is of a wreath surrounding a broken column with a square and compass at its base. To accompany the pin is a card to



be signed by the Worshipful Master with the following text:

"This pin was created as a symbol of our concern for the widow of a Brother Mason; a Brother who added lustre to The Craft as he laboured with us in the Quarry. Now that he has passed to The Grand Lodge Above we cannot forget those he loved so deeply, nor be unmindful of our duty to him. It is my distinct privilege to present this pin to you to wear with great pride. It is our wish that it be a reminder of your ties to us; a relationship wherein you will find friends to help you in times of need and join with you in times of gladness. We invite you to continue your association with us as we pursue our labours of Friendship, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

You are not alone. When moments may cause you to doubt, look at this emblem and be assured that we are there and we care. The Masonic Widow's Pin was created in the hope that it would be worn by the widow of a Freemason on all appropriate occasions, especially when travelling, so that she may be recognized, greeted and, when necessary, assisted by Masonic friends throughout the world. It is an emblem of honour, and should be worn separately, not in conjunction with other jewellery."

If you wish to give such a pin to the widows of your members, contact the Grand Lodge Office for costs.

Masonic Spring Workshop 1992 Registration Form

Last Name First Name Second Name

Name as it should be on your Name Tag

Address

City/Town Province Postal Code

Yes ☐

Lodge Name & No. Office Attended before?

Rank: M.M. ☐ W.M. ☐ P.M. ☐ Other ☐

Special requirements due to health (near elevator, etc.)

Non-Smoking ☐

I wish to room with (name and Lodge):

(Cards must be received together to ensure request filled.)

☐ Visa /
☐ MasterCard Number Expiry

Signature Date

Mail (along with cheque or credit information) directly to:

Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee
Box 265, Didsbury, Alberta
T0M 0W0

Special Committee of the Grand Master

A Special Committee has been established to review all the forms and publications of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. This Committee is co-chaired by M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner and R.W.Bro. Norman Senn. The Committee seeks input from you, the Masons of Alberta, and especially from the hard-worked Secretaries. Please send comments on any changes that you would like to see in the existing forms and recommendations on any publications of the Grand Lodge.

It is important that comments be received on those forms and publications considered to be valuable that you do not want changed, as without such comments, changes may be made when a majority would prefer them to remain unchanged. This particular Committee would prefer being overwhelmed with your recommendations to working in isolation. Please send your suggestions to the Committee on Forms and Publications, c/o The Grand Secretary, or work as Districts through your DDGM.

A Question... and An Answer

How should I wear my Masonic ring — with the points of the compasses towards my knuckles or the reverse?

No Grand Lodge has legislated upon the subject except North Carolina whose law states that a Mason should wear the ring so the tips of the compasses are pointed towards his knuckles. But this is suggestive, not mandatory. The consensus is that if a Masonic ring is worn to advise those who see it that the wearer is a Master Mason, the tips of the compasses should be pointed toward the tips of the fingers. If the ring is worn to remind the wearer that he is a Master Mason, the ring should be worn with the tips of the compasses pointed toward the knuckles.

From *Masonry in Manitoba*, March 1991

Mozart — A Musical Evening

Special evenings are planned in both Edmonton and Calgary as a celebration of the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the contribution his music has made to the world.

The evening will consist of an audio-visual presentation entitled *Mozart — Composer, Freemason, Human Being* by M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner, PGM. This presentation will include excerpts from *The Magic Flute* (the Masonic Opera) and other Masonic music written by Mozart. The interesting narrative includes some of the less known sidelights of Mozart's life as a man and a Mason.

Everybody is welcome, Masons, family, friends and the general public. Admission is **FREE**. Donations to the Masonic Charitable Foundation of Alberta will be appreciated. **Calgary Masonic Temple**, Monday, December 2, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

Central Masonic Temple, Tuesday, December 3, 1991 at 8:00 p.m.

Please try to attend



Community Entrance Signs

If you were a visitor to your town or city and you decided you would attend Lodge there, wouldn't a community entrance sign be a tremendous asset for letting interested people know a Masonic Lodge is alive and vibrant in your community and where and when you meet?

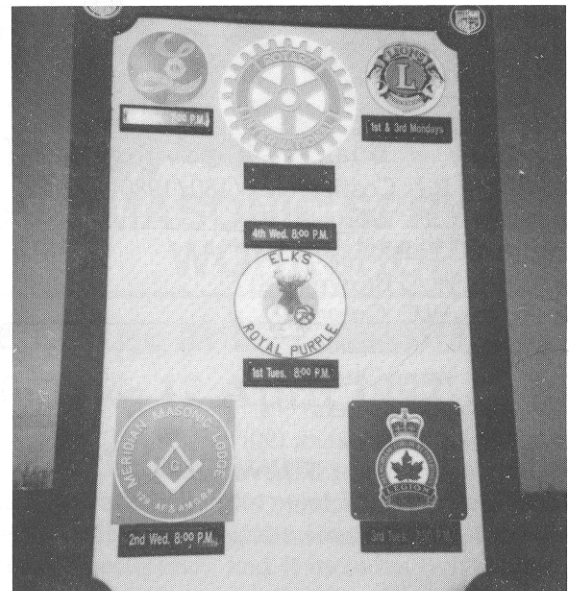
If all community entrance signs were of uniform design, colour and size, the impact throughout the province would be astronomical! New Zealand has Masonic Lodge Community Signs on every highway and byway where the community boasts a Masonic Lodge. Why can't we do this in Alberta, and why can't we convince the other nine provinces in Canada? This is a super idea to... enhance our image!

The problem of a uniform Lodge or community sign must be financed, but finances are not our prime stumbling block.

Do you know what it is? It's our Square and Compass design. We are supposed to be a Universal Fraternity. To date we have allowed each Lodge to choose its own logo design. The choice of design has been at the whim of dozens of Masons.

The time has come to unite under one banner and reinforce our solidarity with a standardized logo design.

W.R. Pellow, PGM, Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario
Masonic Spring Workshop 1991



Town Signs

Meridian Lodge No. 129 posted a Masonic sign on the Stony Plain Community Services Noticeboard at the north entrance access from Highway No. 16. The sign, made of quarter-inch aluminum, is two feet square and has half-inch, raised aluminum letters. A second identical sign was made for the Lodge Hall. The sign was produced in Stony Plain and generously donated by an anonymous donor. How many other communities have signs?