

## Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## Program For The Eighty-Eighth Annual Communication June 11th & 12th, 1993

#### Mayfield Inn; 16615 - 109 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

#### Thursday, June 10, 1993

6:00 pm Grand Master's Banquet (by invitation)

#### Friday, June 11, 1993

8:00 am Registration opens in the Foyer.

9:00 am Board of General Purposes Meeting (**No other notice will be given**)

9:00 am Balloting opens in the Foyer

10:00 am Opening of the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication (Ballroom)

- Grand Lodge Procession
- Reception of Past Grand Masters
- Reception of Visitors
- Presentation of Colours
- Confirmation of the 1992 Proceedings
- Recognition of Grand Representatives
- Motion of Loyalty

**Noon** Grand Master's Luncheon (by invitation only) Others — Lunch on your own

- 1:30 pm 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Reconvenes
  - Service of Commemoration & Thanksgiving
  - Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
  - Adoption of the Following Reports (As printed in the Preliminary Reports) One Motion:
    - a) Grand Treasurer's Report
    - b) Grand Secretary's Report
    - c) Audit Committee Report
    - d) Auditor's Report
    - e) Grand Librarian's Report
    - f) Masonic Research & Education Committee
    - g) Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
    - h) Bulletin Committee
    - i) C.O.M.E.L.Y. Committee

Presentation of the following Reports:

- a) Board of General Purposes
- b) Finance Committee

- c) 1994 Capital & Operating Budget
- d) Committee on Fraternal Relations
- e) Committee on the Work
- f) Committee on the Condition of Masonry
- g) Board of Benevolence
- h) Committee on Charters & New Lodges
- i) Masonic Foundation of Alberta
- Notices of Motion (Part A)

#### 3:30 pm Grand Master's Address

- Vote on recommendations of the Grand Master
- Motion to refer the Grand Master's Address to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.
- 4:30 pm Adjournment

#### 6:30 pm Grand Lodge Banquet And Crawford Amateur Hour

Toastmaster: R.W.Bro. Gordon Macaulay, JGW

- Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award

10:00 pm Balloting and Registration Suspended.

#### Saturday, June 12, 1993

8:00 am Balloting and Registration Resumed

9:00 am 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Reconvenes

- Any Reports not completed from Friday's session
- Motion to Appoint Auditor for 1994
- Report of the Committee on the Grand

Master's Address

- Notices of Motion to Amend the Constitution (Part B)

10:00 am Registration and Balloting Close

- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Report of the Scrutineers Committee

11:00 am General and Unfinished Business Election of Grand Tyler

**11:30 Sharp**: any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled

Noon Break for Lunch (On your own)

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88th Communication Agenda Continued

1:30 pm 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Reconvenes —

Tuxedos Requested

Installation of the Grand Master and

Investment of the Grand Lodge Officers

for 1993/94

Grand Master's Comments

3:30 pm Grand Lodge Closes

3:45 pm 1993/94 Officers' Pictures

## **Grand Master's Itinerary For** March & April

#### March

- 2 Gleichen Lodge No. 36 (Gleichen)
- 10 Dominion Lodge No. 117 (Edmonton)
- 12 King George Lodge No. 59 (Calgary) 19-21 All Canada Conference (Winnipeg)

#### April

- 3 Connaught Lodge No. 69 (Viking)
- 8 Jasper Park Lodge No. 143 (Jasper)

16-18 Masonic Spring Workshop, Kananaskis

24 Dynamic Lodge No. 96 (Holden)

#### Reminder

All those who are wishing to advertise events that are of general interest to a large number of Masons should be sure to submit their requests for consideration at least three months before the event date. The Bulletin has to be developed, proofed, formatted, printed, mailed to Lodge Secretaries and then mailed out to the members with the Lodge summons. Each member knows when he receives his summons and it is not necessarily before the beginning of a month. Therefore events should be advertised in the Bulletin of the month PRIOR to the date of that event. Please remember to send in the information with full information on the sender so that due acknowledgement can be given.

#### **Awards**

The following brethren have been awarded jewels for their long involvement in Masonry. The congratulations of all Alberta Masons go out to each of these brethren.

#### Fifty year Jewel, 1992

Agnew, Walter K. Acacia Lodge No. 11 Ardiel, Maurice B. Corinthian Lodge No. 22 Bercovich, Max Cyprus Lodge No. 66 Berscht, Leonard King Hiram Lodge No. 21 Crescent Lodge No. 87 Bird, F.S. Corinthian Lodge No. 22 Boller, Alton D. Charity Lodge No. 67 Bond, Carlos A. Cole, Edward B. Jasper Lodge No. 14 Dennison, William N.F. Centennial Lodge No. 194 Eaket, James A. Jasper Lodge No. 14 Cyprus Lodge No. 66 Earn, A.A. Haines, George Mayerthorpe Lodge No. 148 Fidelity Lodge No. 76 Holt, Norman S. Huntley, Harrison W. Mayerthorpe Lodge No. 148 Innisfail Lodge No. 8 Jackson, John G. West Edmonton Lodge No. 101 Johnston, Roy Beacon Lodge No. 190 Knudsen, Larry J. McLennan, S.O. Alliance Lodge No. 135 Edgerton Lodge No. 102 Miles, Norman H. Oel, Louis Renfrew Lodge No. 134 Diamond City Lodge No. 65 Parker, Thomas H. Eureka Lodge No. 10 Patrick, A.F. Apollo Lodge No. 27 Proctor, John J. Prowse, A.E.

Gleichen Lodge No. 36 Quarry Lodge No. 70

Renfrew Lodge No. 134 Jasper Lodge No. 14 Eureka Lodge No. 10 Unity Lodge No. 51 Norwood Lodge No. 90

Ward, Eric C. Jasper Lodge No. 14 White, William A. White, William J. Diamond City Lodge No. 65

Bow River Lodge No. 1 Wilson, S. Dalton 50 Year Past Master Jewel

Fidelity Lodge No. 76 Sharp, Cleo H.

Fraser, Carrol G.

Raisbeck, William P.

Van Dusen, Bryce E.

Rohloff, John H. Sheddy, Osborne

Soley, Horace W.

Park, J.A. Wright, A.A. Bird, F.S.

Sixty Year Bar

Peace River Lodge No. 89 Rocky Summit Lodge No. 30 Cyprus Lodge No. 66 Crescent Lodge No. 87

## **Grand Lodge Affinity Card**

Do you know about the Grand Lodge Affinity Master Card? Did you realize that the funds generated from this card aid the Masonic Charitable Foundation of Alberta?

The following is a brief explanation of the Affinity Card and its relationship to the Foundation.

During the period 1987 through 1989, various discussions were occurring at the Grand Lodge Board of General Purpose regarding ways and means of increasing revenue for the Grand Lodge of Alberta. At the same time, the Board of General Purpose was approached by representatives from the Bank of Montreal (Master Card Division) to find

the degree of interest that the Board would have in promoting an affinity credit card among the Masons of Alberta. This card could be used by members in purchasing goods and services from retail establishments. The Grand Lodge would, in return, receive 1/4 of 1% of the funds from each recorded purchase through the use of the card. It appeared to be an effective way to raise money for Grand Lodge. During 1990, a Tax problem was discovered that could have caused a predicament for Grand Lodge. The Board of General Purpose subsequently voted that all revenue generated from the use of the affinity card be directed to the Masonic Foundation of Alberta which had just been established.

At the present time, the Foundation receives approximately \$350.00 to \$400.00 quarterly from the Bank of Montreal (Master Card Division) through the use of the affinity card by members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. If you use this affinity card, you are contributing to and assisting the primary objectives of the Foundation. These objectives are to assist in developing the Youth of our Province and Country.

If you would like further information about the Masonic affinity card, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation — Brian E. Smith, 130 – 8th Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 0P5; Phone: (403) 230-5254.

### **Question Of The Month**

How many symbols of the level are there on a Worshipful Master's or Past Master's Apron?

## Answer To The Question Of The Month For January

Who was the first Provincial Grand Master appointed in Canada by a British Grand Lodge, and when?

Thanks go to W.Bro. N. Light of Lochearn Lodge No. 151 and R.W.Bro. L. Watson of Canada No. 165 for their responses to this question.

The answer comes from two books. The first from **The Craft**, by John Hamill (page 95). "The history of English Freemasonry in Canada is complex, involving intense rivalry between lodges and Provinces under the premier and Antients Grand Lodges and problems of communications both within Canada and among the Provinces and the Grand Lodges in London. The first Provincial Grand Master was appointed for Cape Breton and Louisbourg in 1746."

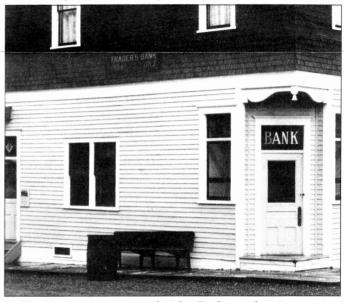
The second is from *Freemasonry in Canada Before* 1750, by M.W.Bro. R.V. Harris, published in 1955 in **The Papers of the Canadian Masonic Research Association**, we learn (page 550) that: "The first Provincial Grand Masters for any part of Canada (1737-1738) were Captain Robert Comyns, 'Provincial Grand Master for Cape Breton and Louisbourg,' appointed by the Earl of Darnley, Grand Master of England, and Major Erasmus James Philipps, Provincial Grand Master for Nova Scotia appointed by Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master of New England, and later of North America."

**Editors's Note:** You will observe a slight discrepancy in dates that I am unable to resolve.

### Masonic Hall, Heritage Park.

Above the Trader's Bank of Munson in the 1910 Railway Town, part of Calgary's Heritage Park, is a replica of an 1844 Masonic Lodge. Directly across from the Wainwright Hotel, the site is close to Shepard railway station and the main traffic route.

The room is not a working Lodge, nor is it the site of any past Lodge in Alberta. There is an over-abundance of some donated artifacts, many priceless, and the public entrance room is rather unattractive. These two situations should be soon remedied when some items will be placed in display cases in the foyer. The Lodge will work closely with Park administration to present best to the public a typical Masonic Lodge room of that period.



The Lodge represents for the Park another interesting facet of life in early Alberta. What it means to the Lodge is of far greater importance. Because our members are permitted to man the Lodge whenever the Park is open, we can derive three major benefits from our presence:

- 1. As members of Alberta Lodges, we meet fellow Alberta Craftsmen with whom we can exchange ideas, discuss our own Lodges, and issue and accept invitations.
- 2. Since Heritage Park is a popular tourist attraction, visitors from far afield, including Masons, find their way to the Park and to the Lodge. By acting as genial hosts, we can send our message of goodwill throughout the world.
- 3. Perhaps the most important aspect today is that we are offered a captive audience when members of the public, potential members and interested strangers, climb those stairs to ask questions and learn not only about Masonic life in 1844 or 1910, but also about the Order as it is in 1993. Here we are given an opportunity to act as ambassadors, to interest newcomers, to welcome warmly and to respond intelligently to public curiosity. It costs us nothing, it is challenging, it is rewarding! If you are one of those Albertans who has not yet visited Heritage Park and the Lodge room, do make a point of going soon and then let us have your suggestions and next year your participation.

Submitted by W.Bro. Stan Wheatley W.M. Jubilee Lodge No. 173

### A Special Event



Dominion Lodge No. 117 of Edmonton had an extremely significant event on October 28, 1992 for all those who were in attendance for the Third Degree ceremony to raise Bro. Brian Supervich.

The Lodge was honoured by the presence of His Excellency, the Lt. Governor of Alberta, M.W.Bro. Gordon Towers and the Grand Master M.W.Bro. James R. Crawford.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a Masonic ring by His Excellency. The ring, which had been worn by W.Bro. Walter Rabidou, Past Master of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, was presented to Bro. Supervich. The wife of Bro. Supervich is the great-niece of M.W.Bro. Towers and the granddaughter of the late W.Bro. Rabidou. Submitted by Bro. J. Berry, SW, Dominion Lodge No. 117

#### Hands Across The Border

This annual event between Alberta and Saskatchewan, will be held on March 20 & 21, 1993 in Provost, Alberta. Provost Lodge No. 61 will host the festivities and invites all who can attend to be there. The invitation extends to Masons and their Ladies and non-Masonic friends. Each Lodge has been sent the necessary application forms and you should contact your Lodge Secretary for full information. The Lodge will be tyled at 11:00 a.m. at the Lodge Hall and Registration will take place in the Provost Recreation and Culture Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will be immediately followed by lunch. The "speak-offs" will be held during the afternoon. The banquet commences at 6:00 p.m. and the guest speaker will be the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, His Excellency, Gordon Towers, Past Grand Master. This weekend of fellowship, good faith and fun — will end with a morning service at the Provost United Church.

### Quote Of The Month

Others can stop you temporarily, but you are the only one who can do it permanently.

Zig Ziglar

#### **Masonic Rededication Service**

A Masonic Rededication Service of Alpha, Calgary-Highwood and Phoenix Districts will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 21, 1993 at the Southminster United Church, 3818 – 14A Street SW, Calgary.

This Special Evening Service will be conducted by V.W.Bro. Rev. J. Martin Lynas with the assistance of other local clergymen, the DDGMs and the Church Choir. It will be followed by a social hour for the purpose of renewing old acquaintances, reaffirming Masonic ties and wishing V.W.Bro. J. Martin Lynas and his wife well in their future.

The V.W.Bro. Rev. J. Martin Lynas will be retiring in June of 1993 from his service to the church. It is felt that, as Masons, we all should support him in a 'GRAND' farewell by showing our appreciation — not only for his service as a Grand Lodge Officer in the past and for his dedicated service to the Craft, but for his long term dedicated service to his church.

All Masons and their families are most welcome — regalia will be worn.

Submitted by R.W.Bro. Doug. Sherris DDGM, Phoenix District.

### **Camp Tamarack Association**

Camp Tamarack is a wilderness camp, originally founded by the Shrine Club of Grande Prairie, and now operated by the Camp Tamarack Association, a non-profit and charitable organization. Camp Tamarack is a camping facility that accepts children of all ages, regardless of their physical or mental ability, or their parents' ability to pay the registration fee for summer camp. This year there were 203 campers and 48 of these applied for and received financial assistance.

In September, a letter was sent to each Masonic Lodge in Alberta seeking financial assistance from the brethren and the response has been very gratifying. The Association, and most certainly the children, appreciate the support of the Masons of Alberta. It is obvious that the brethren support the views of our Past Grand Master and our present Grand Master in practising charity in the Community.

Thank you brethren for your support.

R.W.Bro. Stewart, CHA, Executive Director. Editor's Note: Any further donations can be sent to: Camp Tamarack Association, Box 1333, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z1

#### Born In Blood

John J. Robinson, the author of the widely read book **Born in Blood** and the more recently published **Dungeon**, **Fire and Sword** was a non-Mason at the time the books were written. In mid-November, the author was initiated into Masonry and then became critically ill. He had the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degree conferred upon him by the Grand Master of Ohio in his hospital room. Brother Robinson was on life support in early December and is now slowly recovering. The prayers of his many friends and brothers are with him.

## **Charity At Christmas**



The Edmonton Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association really showed the true spirit of charity when they deposited 250 loonies into a Salvation Army Christmas Kettle just before Christmas. The donation was received by Major John Goulding on behalf of the Salvation Army. A truly generous gift from those who communicate the lessons of the Craft.

Bro. W. Alan Bell, SW Norwood Lodge No. 90

## Special Committee On Substance Abuse

The Grand Master's Special Committee on a 'Substance Abuse Program' needs the input of interested brethren. Should we be involved in such a program? If so, what should be our involvement?

The Committee wants to contact all brethren interested in attending a brainstorming session on this topic. Please forward your name and address to the Grand Lodge Office or contact the Co-Chairman, W.Bro. L. Blumenthal at Rollyview, Alberta T0C 2K0 or R.W. Bro. Gordon Macaulay at 2907 Palliser Drive, SW, Calgary T2V 4B3.

#### Where There's Smoke!

A certain Grand Lodge Officer, of a Jurisdiction which shall remain nameless, had been to a number of Burn's dinners, and at this current one, he had listened to the address *To A Haggis*, the "Immortal Memory," the "Lassies," etc. for what seemed to be hours. On being called upon to reply to a toast to the visitors, he said, "I have often read of people being taken to hospital suffering severely from burns. Now I know what it means."

From Pass the Port — Oxfam

## Fire Destroys Westlock Lodge

On December 15, 1992, the Westlock Memorial Hall was burned to ashes and with it, all the effects of Westlock Masonic Lodge No. 114.

This is a tragedy for Westlock Lodge because it lost many pictures and other memorabilia, besides its furnishings and regalia. Fortunately, R.W.Bro. Rex Dawson, the Secretary, had decided to take the Historical Register home after the previous meeting. The loss of this valuable Lodge history was thus fortunately averted.

The whole Lodge has pulled itself together rapidly and is moving to a new facility at Hazel Bluff, 8 km west of Westlock. The new Lodge room has started with the bare minimum of furnishings and a rustic setting. Although the Lodge had insurance, it is still looking for some furnishings, regalia and equipment to continue its Degree work. R.W.Bro. Dave Cross (349-2587) is co-ordinating the replacement of the lost equipment and should be contacted if you think your Lodge can help.

The members of Westlock Lodge thank all those who have supported them at this time of loss. All Lodges in Athabasca District have been most supportive, as have many other Lodges from across the Province. The members of the Lodge are most impressed to see and feel Masonry in action.

Submitted by Bro. Brian Trueblood, W.M. Westlock No. 114.

# Correction Fiat Lux Lodge Of Research No. 1980

On March 27, Fiat Lux will be holding its meeting in the Lodge Hall at **Vulcan** (not Viking as previously printed). The **Bulletin** regrets any confusion which may have occurred because of this error.

The meeting commences at 2:00 p.m. and concludes with a Banquet at 5:30. The Lodge will hear a number of papers presented by members. These papers always prove to be interesting and can lead to much discussion. All Master Masons are most welcome. Aprons of no higher rank than P.M. are preferred. As meals must be pre-booked, please phone the Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Tom Hargreaves at 282-8091 if you will be attending and dining.

#### What Is It?

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## 1993 Rotary International Convention

In May 1993, the Rotary International Convention will be held in Melbourne, Australia. The delegates and their families are being invited to attend a special Masonic function on the morning after the Convention concludes, namely 27 May 1993. This special function is sponsored by the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, A.F. and A.M. and, knowing the quality of their ceremonial, those who attend are in for a treat.

The event is open to masons, their families and all friends of freemasonry and there is a nominal fee to defray costs. Should you be visiting Melbourne, either with Rotary or for other reasons, please contact the Grand Lodge Office for further information.

### **Seventy-Fifth Anniversary**

Dynamic Lodge No. 96 will be holding its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, 24 April 1993. The Historical Society will be in charge of the Banquet at the new Holden Community Centre. The banquet will be open to the community, as well as to Masons and their ladies.

Tickets are available from the Lodge Secretary, R.W.Bro. Lyle Groslund (688-3690). Plans are still being developed at the date of publication (20th January).



The unusual reason for the involvement of the Holden Historical Society is that the Lodge gave the downstairs of the Lodge Hall to the Holden Historical Society to enable the village to establish a museum. Upstairs, there has been established a special Masonic Lodge Gallery as a component part of the Museum. The opening ceremonies on May 18, 1992 were attended by over a hundred people including the Mayor, Joe Fornal; the MLA for Vegreville, Derek Fox; and the then Deputy Grand Master of Alberta, M.W. Bro. James Crawford.

Submitted by R.W.Bro. Robert Anderson.



## Masonic Spring Workshop April 16, 17 and 18, 1993

### Theme Speaker

The Workshop is fortunate in having Dudley D. Davis, who is well known for being the national consultant on the Masonic Renewal Task Force. Dudley Davis has, at his fingertips, the results of the extensive investigation of Masonry that has been carried out over the past few years. In addition, he is deeply involved in the implementation of the recommendations which have come out of the findings of the Task Force.

A fascinating speaker, Dudley Davis comes to us with an extensive background in business development, strategic planning, public relations and organizational development. He has been involved with these activities for over 25 years and has usually emphasized working with developing companies. He has had extensive experience in working with non-profit organizations to develop strategic changes and improved marketing. In business he has been CEO of a large independent insurance agency and has been involved in the organizational development and marketing with the world's largest car and truck fleet management and leasing company.

Prior to entering the business field, Dudley Davis was an educator and later, an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland and University of Baltimore.

Dudley Davis does not cover up the facts. He is clear and to the point. All those who love their Masonry should get to Kananaskis to hear Dudley Davis talk on "Renewal." Those who do not get there should ensure that those who do give a presentation in their Lodges of what went on at Kananaskis in '93. It will be a year to remember and could be a turning point in Alberta Masonry.

If you have not yet applied to attend, find your November Bulletin, which has a printed application form, or contact your Lodge Secretary. Grand Lodge has additional forms for those who desire them.

One additional feature at this year's Workshop will be a number of Bookstore "specials." Certain items will be discounted, so bring your cheque book and your credit cards.