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Southern Alberta Fund Raising Dinner

The Southern Alberta Fund Raising Dinner, held at the Calgary Masonic Temple on March 6, 1993, was a great success. Even though the number of tickets sold did not reach the originally anticipated number, those in attendance all agreed enthusiastically that the dinner was a tremendous success.

The evening was particularly highlighted by Alvin Law, who was a thalidomide baby born without arms. The words "he is amazing" were heard from many of those present. He set a tone and inspirational level that few could ever surpass.

During the course of the after-dinner festivities a cheque in the amount of \$1500.00 was presented to the Children's Cottage of Calgary, an organization dedicated to help young people who may be subject to abuse from dysfunctional homes. It is through such programs that young people may be able to grow and develop into worthwhile, capable human beings, in spite of their home environment. Alvin Law is a proud example

of a young person who, originally, had faced a very desolate future, only to be retrieved by a loving and caring family.



His Excellency, M.W.Bro. Gordon Towers, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, PGM, with Alvin Law.

Those in attendance were catered to in a very professional and formal manner by Candlelight Catering. They were also very honoured to have present His Excellency, M.W.Bro. Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor, Province of Alberta, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and Honorary Patron of the Masonic Foundation of Alberta. His most eloquent and meaningful remarks closed this gala event.

Plans are under way for a similar dinner to be held in Calgary during 1994. The committee is currently searching for a featured speaker. Suggestions regarding a speaker or any other matters relative to the event should be communicated to: Frank Gathercole at 242-9238, Brian Smith at 230-5254, or Dave Bruce at 251-1581.

R.W.Bro. Frank Gathercole

Crossfield Lodge No 48

The meeting of April 13, 1993, was a very special one. The Grand Master, M.W.Bro. James R. Crawford, accompanied by 11 Grand Lodge Officers visited Crossfield Lodge where he and W.Bro. O'Neil, Worshipful Master of Crossfield Lodge, are pictured between two visiting brethren from the United Grand Lodge of England: W.Bros J. R. Broadley, Prince of Wales No. 1648 and Horace Bunnage, St. John's of Penge No. 5537. W.Bro. Broadley, without his son's knowledge, had travelled to Canada especially to be present for the raising of his son, Bro. Stephen Broadley in Glenbow Lodge No. 184, Calgary.

Preceding the Crossfield Lodge meeting, over 70 Breth-



ren enjoyed a traditional western BBQ.

R.W.Bro. G. Webber, Grand Secretary.

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Comely Committee

Editor's Note: This Committee has the responsibility to ensure that brethren from other jurisdictions are contacted to attend lodge and affiliate if they wish. They also ensure that other jurisdictions know of Alberta Masons who are now resident in their area.

The members of the COMELY Committee have remained fairly active in pursuit of the mandate given to them when the Committee was initially established in 1991. A meeting was recently held with some of the Senior Grand Lodge officers and a few of the current District Deputy Grand Masters, in order to familiarize them with the objectives of the COMELY Program as well as to inform them of the current status of the Program in this jurisdiction. An invitation was extended to all District Deputy Grand Masters to attend this meeting but, unfortunately, a number of them were unable to be present. A further meeting with the newly invested district deputies is planned for the fall of 1993.

The COMELY Committee members are encouraged by some aspects of the Program, particularly with respect to requests being sent out to other Jurisdictions. Progress can be claimed in that area.

However there is much concern over the limited lodge participation and involvement with the Program. With the number of demits being issued remaining at a very serious and significant level, Committee members believe that much more work must be done at the lodge level to contact every member of the lodge at least once a year. Perhaps one of the reasons for the number of demits may very well be the lack of routine communication with all members.

It is recommended that each lodge, at a future meeting, as part of Masonic Education, take the time to discuss the following questions:

1. Has there been a COMELY Program Coordinator appointed by the lodge?
2. Is that individual completely aware of the Program and enthusiastic about it?
3. Has a strategy or technique been developed to contact every member of the lodge at least once a year?
4. Has some form of record keeping been established for the contacts with the members?

The COMELY Committee through its Co-ordinator, R.W.Bro. Ed Hunter, is willing, and available to assist any lodge in planning and developing the Program at the lodge level. Contact with Brother Hunter can be made through the Grand Lodge office.

Each lodge's acceptance of, and enthusiastic involvement in, the COMELY Program will eventually have a significant impact upon the Deputy Grand Master's thrust with the Masonic Renewal Program.

M.W.Bro. Dave Bruce, PGM.

Grand Master's Itinerary

June

- 1 Mosaic No. 176; Crescent Hall, Calgary (I)*

Itinerary of R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk, Grand Master-Elect.

May

- 29 Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980; Stony Plain (Official Visit)

June

- 1 Mosaic No. 176; Crescent Hall, Calgary (I)*
- 3 Ivanhoe No. 142; Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton (R)
- 4 Rose Croix (I); Perfection (R); Edmonton
- 5 Edgerton No. 102; Edgerton (75th Anniversary)
- 7 Evergreen No. 166; Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton (R)
- 8 Patricia No. 91; Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton (I)
- 9 Mystic Tie No. 188; Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton (I)
- 10-12 Grand Lodge of Alberta Communication; Mayfield Inn, Edmonton
- 14 Lamont No. 94; Lamont (I)
- 15 Norwood No. 90; Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton (I)
- 16 West Edmonton No. 101; Freemasons' Hall, Edm (I)
- 17-19 Grand Lodge of British Columbia; Nanaimo, B.C.
- 23 Alberta No. 3; Fort Macleod (at the Derch Ranch)
- 24-26 Grand Lodge of Montana; Great Falls, Montana
- 28 Mighty Peace District Meeting; Peace River

July

- 1 Drumheller No. 146; Drumheller (Dinosaur Dedication Ceremony)
- 2-10 Shrine Imperial Session; San Antonio, Texas
- 24 Redwood No. 193; Fort Edmonton (Klondike Lodge)
- 30 Daughters of the Nile; Fantasyland Hotel (Supreme Queen's Visit)
- 31 Masonic Steam Train Tour; Stettler to Rowley

Important Future Dates

October

- 5 Consecration of Baseline Lodge; Spruce Grove (Subject to confirmation)
- 23 Church Parade, Central United Church; Edmonton (In Regalia, with families)

* (R) = Regular; (I) = Installation

Quote Of The Month

The so-called new morality is too often the old immorality condoned.

Lord Shawcross

Wanted: Lodge Secretary

Being a Craft Lodge Secretary can be an enjoyable experience. Unfortunately, there may not always be enthusiasm shown by members to fill that office. Notwithstanding the fact that I do not consider myself to be an "ideal" secretary, I offer some personal observations to potential Secretaries to encourage these brethren to allow their names to stand for nomination. Hopefully, they will be able to see how an efficient performance can result in the duties of the Secretary being less onerous and more rewarding for them.

ORGANIZE: Plan well in advance. Maintain a chronological "To Do" reference or file by months. Request the cooperation of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and any others who submit information for the monthly summonses to have material to you in sufficient time for printing so that you are not under pressure to mail them on time. The Secretary should not have to scramble for any deadline.

KEEP THE MASTER "LOOKING GOOD": Each Worshipful Master has the potential to bring his personal approach to the office, which should enhance the communications for the benefit of the members. Humour, wisdom, fraternal dedication, kindness and charity are but a few of the attributes that he may bring. However, oversights do occur. There are various ways of discreetly advising the Worshipful Master of omissions or irregularities. This should not be done in a way for all to hear or see. Fraternal collection forgotten? Hold up a two dollar bill for the WM to see when he looks over to the Secretary's desk. Refrain from any negative criticism of the WM while the lodge is at labour. Verbal chastisement results in embarrassment and detracts from the harmony of the lodge. Does the Secretary have a good idea or suggestion? Share it with the WM and, if he decides to pursue it, do not be concerned if you do not get the credit — Secretaries usually receive a lot of praise anyway!

NO SURPRISES FOR THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER: A day or two before the regular communication, meet with the WM and discuss the business that will be occurring. ~~Advise him of any important items that have come to your attention, right up to the time when he commences to open lodge.~~

THE MASTER IS THE MASTER IS THE MASTER: "I greet you"; "I hail you"; "I obey you" should always be remembered by a Secretary. No Secretary should want to run a lodge. A Worshipful Master may ask the Secretary for advice and whenever possible the Secretary should provide alternatives, with "either/or" choices. The Worshipful Master will then be able to make the decisions on the action to be taken.

BE A FRIEND TO ALL MEMBERS: The Secretary is often the only contact over lengthy periods for many members. For various reasons, some resident members do not attend lodge and non-residents cannot. However, they still have contact with the Secretary, if only to pay their dues. Whenever convenient, a Secretary should endeavour to send those brethren an upbeat personal note.

THE "SECRET" IN SECRETARY: Through the course of

events, a Secretary often becomes aware of a members' private affairs. These should always remain strictly confidential. The Secretary should apply the well known lesson, "I will uphold your good name in your absence as I would in your presence."

REWARDS?: To each his own. Satisfaction for a job done to the best of a Secretary's ability should be at the top of the list. A minor reward, for me, is to reflect on unusual events associated with my being a Secretary. An example of one of many was the time a Crescent member presented a cheque at a bank for cashing. The teller was not certain of this man's identity and asked for I.D. As he proceeded to remove his driver's license from his wallet, his Crescent Lodge dues card fell out in front of the teller. Noting both the man's signature and my signature inscribed on the dues card, the teller said "That is sufficient" and gave the cash to the man. The teller was my daughter.

If you hear the words "Secretary wanted" — in the words of the energetic generations — "Go for it."

W.Bro. Don McLaren, Secretary
Crescent Lodge No. 87.

Question Of The Month

What is a paradigm, and how does it apply to Masonry?

Answer To April's Question

Do lodges pay Grand Lodge fees for Honorary Members?

The answer is that the "Mother Lodge" will normally pay the GL fees and assessments of a member and as long as this is done no further fees or assessments are required from other lodges giving Honorary Membership. Now, according to Section 1.04.03 of the Regulations, if an Honorary Member is not a member in this jurisdiction, **EACH** lodge granting such membership must pay the full fees and assessment of the brother!

Confusion Of The Month

Under Sickness and Distress, reporting on the condition of a long-time member of the lodge who was in a nursing home, a brother said, "Bill walks around thinking about nothing, and, when he remembers it, then forgets that what he thought of was something entirely different from what he wanted to remember."

G.L. New Hampshire

Fort Edmonton Museum

Fort Edmonton Museum is open for viewing daily from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, May 23 to September 6. Sundays only September 12, 19, and 26 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Many Brethren and their families from all over the world have visited with us. May we add your name to our guest register?

The Museum is manned daily by Brethren from the area. It would be our pleasure to meet with you and show you around. For further information, contact Bro. Bill Towers at (403) 454-1601, Edmonton.

Outdoor Lodges

On Wednesday, June 23, Alberta Lodge No. 3, Fort Macleod will be holding an outdoor meeting. Members and visitors should assemble at the Lodge Hall at 6:00 pm and then they will travel to Derch's Ranch for the meeting, either in convoy or in shared cars. Refreshments will follow.

On Saturday, June 19, Bassano Lodge No. 55 will be holding the Annual G.M. Armstrong Memorial Outdoor Lodge. All members and visitors should meet at the Lodge Hall at 9:00 am. A York Rite MM Degree will be conferred on one candidate. Refreshments and a barbecue will follow the event.

Wives and family are welcome at the home of Shirley and Arnold Armstrong. There is ample parking for RVs.

Summer Lodge Meetings

Nanton No. 17	July — 2 nd Thursday, 8:00 pm
Vulcan No. 74	July — 1 st Tuesday, 8:00 pm
Excelsior No. 80	July and August — 1 st Thurs, 8:00 pm
Edgerton No. 102	July and August — 4 th Tues, 8:00 pm
Lake Saskatoon No. 106	July and August — 1 st Thurs, 8:00 pm
Rockyford No. 123	July — 2 nd Thursday, 7:30 pm (Western Night)
Granite No. 127	July — 1 st Wednesday, 8:00 pm
Forestburg No. 128	July and August — 4 th Wed, 8:00 pm
Kitscoty No. 131	August — 4 th Tuesday, 8:00 pm
Ye Olde Craft No. 196	July and August — 1 st Sat, 9:00 am

Editor's Note: The above information is as submitted in 1992 and no changes have been submitted. Please check with the Lodge for confirmation of the meeting before travelling long distances.

Masonic Renewal in Alberta

Alberta's Masonic Renewal Program was launched at the 28th Annual Masonic Spring Workshop. W.Bro. Garth Cochran, appointed 1993/94 Chairman of Masonic Renewal by Grand Master-Elect, R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk, explained a core of volunteers is being trained in the use of two programs: the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America's Membership Development Kit; and the Trestle-Board for Masonic Renewal — the program now operating in Manitoba and based on Oklahoma's Hiram II Program.

The Alberta Committee is now looking for ten Lodges willing to participate in a pilot project scheduled to commence in the fall. Such lodges will be required pass a motion to participate, purchase necessary materials (about \$425) and sign a contract with the Committee. Those wishing further information may contact W.Bro. Cochran through Grand Lodge Office, by phoning 274-0563 or by faxing 275-2163.

Lodges wishing to set up their own Masonic Renewal Program may purchase the MRCNA Membership Development Kit from the Grand Lodge Office. Regular updates on the activities of the Alberta Renewal Committee and of Lodges running programs will be carried in the **Bulletin**.

W.Bro. Garth Cochran

Anniversaries

Fort McMurry's 25th Anniversary

On Saturday, September 4, 1993, Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195 will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. W.Bro. Jim Cowie invites all members and interested brethren within the Jurisdiction to join the Lodge in celebrating the first quarter century of Freemasonry in Northeastern Alberta.

3 Sept	6:00 pm	Hospitality Room — Sawridge Hotel
4 Sept	1:00 pm	Lodge meeting — Lodge Hall
4 Sept	evening	Banquet — Sawridge Hotel
5 Sept	morning	Departure breakfast — Sawridge Hotel

M.W.Bro. Phil Kendal, PGM, and M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner, PGM will be present to assist the Lodge in dedicating a new set of Officers' collars. M.W.Bro Kendal will have the pleasure of seeing the Lodge he Chartered in 1968 as Grand Master celebrate this milestone in its life.

At the Lodge meeting, the Lodge will honour Charter Members with life memberships.

Please contact Bro. Keith Griffiths, Celebration Chairman, at 791-2750 for more information.

J.R. Hopkins, Secretary.

75 Years Of Masonry In Grande Prairie

1993 is the 75th Anniversary of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 and Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, both of which were consecrated on the same day in June 1918. The brethren of the two Lodges have formed a joint committee to prepare for the Anniversary celebrations, which will take place September 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1993.

Starting in February, 1993, Lake Saskatoon brethren have been enjoying the reading of the minutes of those meetings held under dispensation leading up to the June 1918 consecration. These minutes will continue to be read throughout the year.

On Saturday, June 26, there will be the first joint installation of officers for Grande Prairie and Lake Saskatoon Lodges. This will be held in the Masonic Hall in Wembley. This will be followed by a banquet, later that evening, at the Grande Prairie Lodge Hall.

The major event for the 75th Anniversary will take place during the Labour Day weekend to allow brethren throughout Alberta the opportunity to attend. Tickets, which cover all events except accommodation, are \$50.00 per person.

Sept 2	8:00 pm	Regular Lake Saskatoon meeting
Sept 3	7:30 pm	Social evening at Lake Saskatoon Hall, Wembley
Sept 4	10:00 am	Pancake Breakfast and presentation to the Pioneer Museum.
	12 noon	Ladies Program.
	2:00 pm	Joint 75 th Anniversary Meeting.
	6:00 pm	Banquet at Camp Tamarack.
Sept 5	10:00 am	Church Service and breakfast.

Space at the banquet is limited so early registration is important. Contact R.W.Bro. Bob Fulkes, 11209 - 94 Street, Grande Prairie, T8V 1Z1 or Bro. Richard Ashby, home: 532-0142; business: 539-3193.

Recognition

Beacon Lodge



On February 22, 1993, W. Bro. Larry Knudsen (centre) was presented with his 50 year jewel by M.W.Bro. W.E. Foster (right) while V.W.Bro. Arnold Hendrickson, Beacon's Worshipful Master, offered his congratulations. W.Bro Knudsen was initiated into Masonry in Lochearne Lodge No. 151 on the 18th of May, 1937. He moved to Delburne and affiliated with Cavell Lodge No. 125 on December 19, 1966. When Cavell Lodge gave up its charter in January 1985, he affiliated with Beacon Lodge No. 190.

V.W.Bro. Osbaldeston, Lodge Historian

Ionic-Landmark Lodge



Life memberships were presented by Ionic-Landmark Lodge No. 45 in February and March, 1993 to two long term members and one Past Grand Master. The first presentation was to Bro. Bob Oldring of Lacombe who was initiated in 1950. The second presentation was to W.Bro. S.F. Herbert, who had been Lodge Secretary from 1966-1977. The final presentation was to M.W.Bro. Cal Shaver in recognition of his contribution to Alberta Masonry. Pictured here are: (l-r) W.Bro. Denis Robinson, Worshipful Master; Bro. Bob Oldring; and R.W.Bro. Wes Jackson

Bro. John Hardie, Secretary-Treasurer

Vulcan Lodge

On the 3rd of November, 1992, Bro. Robert P. Gilbraith of Vulcan Lodge No. 74 was presented with his 50-Year jewel. The members of the lodge were pleased to make this presentation to a brother whose Masonic history goes back through to his father, R.W.Bro. D.H. Gilbraith, who was the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1913.

2nd Annual Masonic Steam Train Tour

The Second Annual Masonic Steam Tour will be held on August 1, 1993. This event is organized by members of Symbol Lodge No. 43 and Drumheller Lodge No. 146. The tour will leave Stettler at 1:00 pm and there will be a barbecue held at Rowley, soon after arrival. The tour and a barbecue will cost adults \$43.50, 4 to 10 years old \$30.00 and children 3 and under are free.

Tickets can be purchased through the Alberta Prairie Steam Tour at 4611 - 47 Avenue, Stettler, Alberta T0C 2L0 or phone (403) 742-2811.

If lodges sell any tickets, please put your name and lodge number on the tickets. At the end of the ticket sales, the lodge with the largest number of tickets sold will receive a cheque for fifteen percent of all tickets sold by that lodge.

For additional information, contact Bro. Larry McKee at Rowley, Phone: 368-2276.

Bro. Larry McKee

Wallflowers

No Mason should ever be allowed to remain by himself during a social period or break for more than a short minute, nor should he be ignored during a meal. More good men have been discouraged from attending lodge functions by being left to themselves, than by any other factor. We are supposed to be Masons! We must always be on the alert for the wallflowers. If you see a member, especially a new one, who is by himself, draw him into the group you are in, or go to him by yourself and talk to him. If you don't know, or have forgotten, his name, introduce yourself. He will reciprocate. If you have no propensity for small talk, the weather is always a suitable subject. Everyone has some interests. Find out what his are. He will be glad to talk with you about them. He is one of the valuable members of our fraternity and he must be encouraged to become an active member.

From *Short Talk Bulletin*, July, 1992
Masonic Service Association

Laugh Of The Month

At a performance of "Faust" at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, the trap-door in the stage stuck, permitting only the lower half of Mephistopheles to disappear into the nether regions.

A voice from the gallery: "Hurrah, boys, hell's full!"

From *Pass the Port*, Oxfam.

Video Projector For Lodges



A new Sharp video display projector and VCR was symbolically presented by V.W.Bro. Bruce Johnson (r) to R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk, Grand Master-elect and current Chairman of Masonic Renewal in Alberta. The unit was purchased by the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Edmonton demonstrating the Association's commitment to Masonic Renewal and to the encouragement of Freemasonry. This machine will enable lodges in the northern part of the Jurisdiction to use videotapes in their lodge and visitation programs without the need for multiple monitors or large screen TVs. The new machine projects the video image onto a normal movie screen — something most lodges already own.

Those who attended the Masonic Spring Workshop saw the unit in use for the first time. Over 300 Masons were able to view the image at one time and its value was proven.

Of The Past

From an Address by M.W.Bro. J. Crawford to Edmonton Lodge No. 7 on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

There was a day, back in the early years, when members of [a] lodge could not and would not shirk their Masonic duties. Those were the days when a brother would have missed a meal rather than a lodge meeting. Indeed, in reading the history of some of the lodges, we find that some did miss their meals in order to commune with their Brethren within the mystic circle. There no doubt was a day, in the early history of this lodge, when Brethren walked or rode horseback for miles to attend their monthly meetings. They didn't step into high-powered cars and get there in a few minutes. There was a time when meetings were held according to the full moon, so that Brethren might be aided in getting to and from their lodge. These meetings were not held in attractive Temples such as this but, wherever they met, the warmth of brotherly love reigned supreme. It is easy to believe that, back in those days, a brother's Masonry was a large part of his life. The Degree mill was yet unknown and the monthly stated meeting was a real communion of kindred spirits. As the Craft was few in numbers, each brother had a part of the load to carry and each took his turn at filling the chairs. A

brother was present at every communication, except in cases of real emergency, and each felt it his duty to visit a sick brother, perchance to sit up with him or perform some task for the family. Lasting friendships were developed that we could not know in the hurly-burly world of today. In the life of a conscientious, Mason the battle between pride and humility must be fought and, for the Mason worthy of high honours, humility will be the victor. That Mason will exemplify the teachings of our Ancient and Honourable Order.

The Rusty Square At Work

Bro. Heald approached me some time ago and told me that, while he was unable, for his own reasons, to do lectures or commit himself to an office in our lodge, he nevertheless wished to contribute by hosting a social evening with the express purpose of bringing out brothers who may be avoiding attendance at lodge because they had forgotten the grips, tokens, and words.

If you attend lodge regularly, it is hard to imagine that there are those who know less than you. A tutor used to admonish me with the saying; "From every wise man you should learn a little." I agreed that such an evening might be an opportunity to regain contact with some of our brethren and for us all to learn a little. To this end the phoning committee of the lodge made extra calls to a select group and a special invitation was inserted in the summons to that select group of brothers. The senior officers of the lodge and a number of junior officers were co-opted by the Chairman of the Masonic Research and Education Committee to attend and participate in the evening.

Only five out of some twenty-five specially invited members attended, but what an evening of Masonic education and fellowship. All five who attended advised that they would be out to attend the next meeting of the lodge — they were delighted with the opportunity to ask questions and get answers. Everyone learned a little and even the skeptics had a good time. Jordan Lodge was the real winner.

It takes a lot of work to make a little improvement. The cornerstone can be laid in one evening but it takes a lot of effort to prepare the ground and even more to build upon the cornerstone. When all members of the lodge work together with love and harmony, even the moving of mountains can be a pleasurable task.

Submitted By Jordan Lodge No. 177

Mail Out The Good News

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba has produced a colourful and dramatic set of "stickers" similar to those produced for Easter Seals. There are seven designs and they show Masonic comments around the Canadian flag, the maple leaf and, of course, the square and compasses. They are printed in full colour and would be used on the back of envelopes mailed by brethren. On each of the designs is the map of Manitoba either as the major component or as a component of the background. There are eight sets of stickers to a sheet.

The Freemasons of Manitoba are to be congratulated on this excellent public relations effort.