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Masonic Foundation Of Alberta — Your Foundation

The MFA is an important component of Masonic Charity and Masons should remember that it needs constant help to perform its objectives. It is exclusively a Masonic Charity and its only source of funding is through your donations or endowments and through the fund-raisers it implements. The profile of this fund is not presently as high as that of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund, as no period is specifically set aside as "Foundation Month." Nevertheless, it needs your support to aid those who have greater problems than many Masons. Remember the Foundation when you are determining the priorities of where you can place your charitable dollars.

During 1993 the Foundation made the following grants on behalf of the Masons of Alberta -

Calgary Children's Cottage Society	\$1,500
S.T.A.R.S. Air Ambulance	\$2,000
University of Alberta	\$12,000
Vincent Massey School, Medicine Hat	\$2,000
Calgary Children's Foundation	\$1,000
Youth Emergency Shelter Society	\$1,000

Major contributors during the year have been the brethren of Edmonton, Edmonton's Ionic Club, Edmonton's

AASR, the St. Albert Cornerstone Society and the Calgary AASR Almoner's Fund.

Through their Foundation Representative, the brethren of Palliser District initiated a project to raise funds to assist children with hearing and visual impairment attending Vincent Massey School in Medicine Hat and, at the time of writing, have met about 50 per cent of their funding pledge. The brethren of Saskatchewan Lodge are, similarly, about 90 per cent toward their \$2,000 target for the treatment of a child with cognitive disability in Edmonton.

Lodges are encouraged to use their Foundation, where possible, as the vehicle for their collective charitable objectives. All brethren are encouraged to contact their Lodge Secretary, District Deputy, or Foundation representative, for more information about the Masonic Foundation of Alberta and its objectives. Brethren are reminded that all purchases made with the Grand Lodge of Alberta 'Affinity Mastercard' cause a contribution to be made to the Masonic Foundation — currently amounting to about \$1,600 per year.

If you don't have one, 'Affinity Card' application forms are available from the Grand Lodge office, on request.

Bro. Brian Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, MFA.

Job's Daughters, DeMolay Honour Veterans

On November 11, 63 International Order of Job's Daughters and Order of DeMolay members from all Calgary Bethels and Chapters, as well as some from Edmonton, assembled in full regalia at the Calgary Cenotaph on 12th Avenue S.W. to honour our war dead and those who served. The Royal Canadian Legion had invited them, for the first time, to put on a ceremony, and special dispensation was received from their Grand Guardian and Executive Officer, to appear in public parade in regalia. They processed across the street to the cenotaph from Calgary Freemasons' Hall. The DeMolay then formed an honour guard while the Job's Daughters performed their "Cross" Ceremony. The Daughters, in this beautiful and touching ceremony, form a cross, to the music of the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" and once, in formation, continued on bended knees to sing "Nearer My God to Thee". There were few in the crowd who were not moved.

One Past Honoured Queen accompanied the prayer in American Sign Language. She was not unnoticed, for a mother in the crowd touched her young daughter, about 6 years old, on the shoulder to get her attention and pointed to the Honoured Queen. The little girl gazed in wonder and, wide eyed and open mouthed, stared intently at the words of the prayer, with quick glances at her mother to make sure that she, too, was paying attention; the little girl was deaf and obviously was now able to be part of Remembrance Day.

These young people are not the ones we so often read bad press about; these young people, thank God, are the majority. They are among the ones who go quietly, without seeking praise, the ones who are benefactors and builders of society, the ones who profess and practice a morality. The members of both these organizations, as well as their councillors and advisers, deserve an accolade from us all,

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for they surely honoured, not only the veterans, but themselves and our Masonic Fraternity.

These young ladies and young men deserve support from our organizations, our encouragement in their endeavours and our assistance in strengthening their membership. When was the last time you (or have you ever?) visited a Bethel or a DeMolay Chapter meeting? Their ritual work would put most of us in awe.

Please, put at least one or two visits to their meetings on your itinerary this year. Why not encourage an official lodge visitation, and put into **practice** the support of our youth organizations that our Constitution states we support.

For more information call Bro. Proudlock at 273-6296 and he will put you in touch with an appropriate contact.

Submitted by Bro. Peter J. Proudlock
Director Fraternal Relations
Bethel 1, Calgary.

Recognition

The congratulations of Alberta Masons go to the following Brethren who recently were recognized by their Lodges:

- **Bro. S. Simmons** of Acacia Lodge, Edmonton, received his 60 year Bar on November 17, 1993. Present for the presentation ceremony were RW Bro. Elmer Bly, G. Historian; W.M. Jack Fitzsimmons, Acacia Lodge; W.M. Allen Bell, Norwood Lodge; and Bro. Earl Wilton, JW, Acacia Lodge.
- **W. Bro. Donald Hart**, a long time member of Dominion Lodge, Edmonton was presented with his 50 year Jewel, 50 Year Pin and a 50 year Certificate at the regular meeting in September 1993. At a young 75, Bro Hart remains an active member of the lodge. The presentation was made by RW Bro. John Hopkins, DDGM with the WM Dennis Dickens and other members of the Lodge present.
- **W. Bro. Thor Forseth** was presented with his 50 Year Jewel by Bro. Herb Convery, WM, assisted by VW Bro. Charles McCullagh, at a ceremony held at Crescent Lodge, Calgary on September 1993. W. Bro. Forseth was a member of Sexsmith Lodge and Peace River Lodge before coming to Calgary. He is presently the Librarian at Crescent lodge.

Grand Master's Itinerary

March

- 1 Corinthian Lodge, Regular, Okotoks
- 5 Concord Lodge, Calgary
- 6 Tri-District Church Parade, Calgary
- 7 Pembina Lodge, Regular, Sangudo
- 9 Meridian Lodge, Regular, Stony Plain
- 12 Ye Olde Craft Lodge — Installation, Acacia Hall, Edmonton
- 14 Fidelity Lodge, Regular, Bashaw
- 15 Bowden Lodge, Regular, Bowden
- 18-20 All-Canada Conference, Winnipeg
- 22 Crescent Lodge, Regular, Calgary
- 26 Nanton Lodge — Ladies Night, Nanton
- 28 Hussar Lodge, Regular, Hussar
- 29 Ancient Degree Demonstration, Calgary-Highwood District
- 30-31 Mizpah Chapter, Rose Croix, Edmonton

April

- 3 Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix, Easter Breakfast
- 7 Diamond City Lodge, Coalhurst
- 11 Robert Burns Cresset Lodge, Carmangay
- 12 Victoria Lodge, Fort Saskatchewan
- 16-17 Hands Across the Border — Unity, Saskatchewan
- 22 Opening Ceremony, Masonic Spring Workshop — Kananaskis
- 30 Kitchener Lodge — Ladies' Night, Rimbey

May

- 10 Gateway Lodge, Installation, Acacia Hall, Edmonton
- 12 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 12 Nanton Lodge, Nanton
- 13-14 Grand Chapter R.A.M., Marlborough Inn, Calgary
- 17 Perfection Lodge, Calgary
- 18 Bow River Lodge, Calgary
- 19 Zetland Lodge, Calgary, PM Night
- 30 Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Session — Calgary

Reminder:

The 89th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta will be held on June 10 & 11, 1994. Remember the promise of the Worshipful Masters, in front of the lodge members, to attend Grand Lodge Communications. Here is the most important one of the year. The Wardens and all other officers have voting rights and should also attend. Plan to attend — see you there!

An Unusual Problem

The Notice of Cascade Lodge contains a series of questions on the number and availability of cemetery plots owned by the lodge. Obviously these are not recently acquired and the lodge is now considering subdivision of some of these for those brethren who prefer cremation.

There must be other lodges which, over the years, have acquired various items of property for use of their members — has yours? If so, write to the Editor so that these interesting facts may be published.

Building Our Canada

Excerpt from an address given by The Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Gordon Towers, PGM, to members of the Knights of Columbus and Padres. (See article January '94)

My friends we can philosophize all we like about Christian values in the past and what it should and could mean to modern day society but we are going to fall short of our potential, if we do not adopt the philosophy of that worker on St. Pauls who was building a temple.

In that vein, we must never forget the importance to our personal temples that we have under construction or repair every day of our lives. We can look longingly at the top rung of the ladder of life but, if we don't take the first step at the bottom, we will never get to the top. Never forget that Canada is made up of 25 million people just like you and me. We all have our own opportunities, responsibilities, and obligations. Our response will determine our success or failure. The commonest things, which are within everybody's ability to achieve are more valuable than all the gold and power many people long for.

Far too many people do not know the basic principles of holding gold power, political power or industrial power.

Any one of these powers mishandled can destroy individuals or anyone else about them.

Greta Woodbridge put it this way:

"Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings
And common folk like you and me
Are builders for eternity.
To each is given a bag of tools
A shapeless mass and a book of rules
And each must make, ere life has flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

Friends, life has given us a choice.

One important factor is that we are living in ever-changing times. Our country cannot separate itself from the world scene - in fact we can be proud of our Canadian efforts to make the world just a little better place to live. Our job is to make Canada a harmonious place to live in, beginning in our own families, our homes and our churches.

Many third world countries are looking to Canadians as an example to establish a democratic form of government and a fair system of justice. We must not let them down. Our obligation is to set a proper example for them to see and understand. They need to witness a way of life that exemplifies love, understanding, honesty and a way of life that brings joy to every heart.

The Junior Warden's Toast?

"Toasts at the Festive Board" was the topic of conversation over coffee, when my young friend inquired about the peculiar format of the Junior Warden's Toast. I recalled reading a paper presented by Bro. John McKechnie to Fiat Lux (Oct '91), where he addressed the same concerns. "When any Toast is given", he wrote, "the individual or group drinks to the health of the Toastee with a few well chosen words. In a group toast, one person proposes the

wording of the toast which is then given by the group. A recipient of the Toast should, spontaneously and without prompting, express appreciation for the kind sentiments."

When correctly performed, the Junior Warden is toasting every brother present; in responding, each brother drinks to the health of the Junior Warden and of each other.

Unfortunately, the Junior Warden does not often give the Toast — despite it being designated as his Toast. Usually, he merely joins with everyone in uttering words — really, just a response to a Toast not given.

"M.W. Bro. Dave Bruce also addressed the issue of the Junior Warden's Toast at a Banff Spring Workshop," I said. "I must agree with both him and McKechnie — the Junior Warden's Toast is handled improperly in most Lodges!"

I noted that by Bro. McKechnie's protocol demands that, when a Toast is given, it be followed by a spontaneous response. We should therefore extend the same courtesy to the Junior Warden by permitting him to give his Toast after which the brethren appropriately respond.

McKechnie suggested that the Toast be handled as follows:

J.W.: HAPPY HAVE WE MET!
HAPPY HAVE WE BEEN!
HAPPY MAY WE PART,
HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

The spontaneous response by the brethren would then be:

HAPPY TO MEET!
SORRY TO PART!
HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN!

"That makes a lot of sense," my young friend observed. "So, how do we get our Lodge on track?" "Well," I replied, "You will be electing a new Junior Warden at this meeting; he certainly has some new and innovative ideas. As activities at the Festive Board are his responsibility, maybe you should say something to him...!"

From the notice of Lethbridge Lodge

(Editor's Note: This format of presentation makes most interesting reading and Lethbridge Lodge is to be congratulated on their interesting and informative notice.)

Quotations

"There is perhaps no phenomenon which contains so much destructive feeling as 'moral indignation', which permits envy or hate to be acted out under the guise of virtue."

Erich Fromm

A Quote from the Grand Master which should be applied to our lodges. (Found in the Anglican Cathedral, St. John's, NF.

Enter this door
As though the floor within — were gold,
And every wall
Of jewels — all of wealth untold,
As if a choir
In robes of fire — were singing here.
Nor shout, nor rush — but *hush* —
For God is here.

Leadership Program In Victoria, Australia

The Victorian Mason has an article entitled *Wardens — Future Lodge Managers*. This article announces a revamping of their Masonic Leadership Program and its presentation on 19 occasions in 12 different locations. There is an explanation of how the course was reviewed and its purpose. It is this statement of purpose which is printed below, that should be carefully considered by all who are Wardens.

Managing a lodge is not much different from managing a small business. In fact, a lodge is a small business that provides a range of specialised services to its members. And, like any other business, it will only remain in business as long as the quality of those various services meet the needs of its current and potential members.

Any doubts about this basic rule of business can be quickly put to rest by drawing on your personal experiences of shops or restaurants that you once patronised but discontinued doing so because they failed to live up to your expectations. A quick look at the statistics on the failure rate of small businesses (even long before the recession) will indicate that it, obviously, requires more than the desire to be in business to stay in business.

That is as true for Masonic lodges as it is for the corner milk-bar. In fact, lodges face a more difficult path than many other small businesses. We change our managers every twelve months, we give them total control, and we appoint them regardless of whether or not they have business experience — or at least sufficient training in management to enable them to face the task with a reasonable chance of success.

And yet, anyone seriously contemplating the future of his particular lodge could but hardly agree that never has there been so great a need for the application of management skills in our lodges than there is today.

The aspiring Master must successfully meet the challenge of managing his lodge — a task which requires him to consult with his members, gain a proper understanding of their needs and those of the lodge as a whole and, having done that, to plan for the year ahead ever mindful that his plan (or the lack of one) will have consequences beyond his year in office.

Such a plan must, of necessity, take into consideration the need to set appropriate standards for all aspects of lodge activities, to communicate his plans and decisions effectively, to activate his members, and to manage the lodge's financial and other resources — always with an eye to the future.

It is with this stated purpose that the Grand Lodge of Victoria has created its program.

Hallmark Of An Open Mind

Are you reading more and enjoying less these days — especially, editorial pages? Perhaps the reason is your purpose in reading. Possibly you are reading to find somebody who agrees with you, who buttresses your opinion, rather than to discover what other people think.

If you would get more out of your reading, try to feel that the writer is talking to you, as a person — and be courteous. It is possible that he may share your views and drop some ideas that you, yourself, hadn't thought of before. But, if he rubs you the wrong way, hear him out. Slamming intellectual doors on personally unpopular ideas is easy. That is why so many people do it. Soon their stubbornness is matched by their ignorance.

That famous quotation, attributed to Voltaire, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it," points to the hallmark of a fair-minded person.

The Little Gazette
From the Notice of Kitchener Lodge

Good Things Come In Threes

Of course there are many father and son combinations in lodges all over the Jurisdiction, but it is rare to hear of three sons being raised on the same night with their fathers present.

At Ivanhoe Lodge, Edmonton on November 18th, 1993, just such an occasion occurred.



The happy group from left to right is: Bro. Wayne Maurice (MM Ivanhoe Lodge); then his father Bro. Fred Maurice of Eastgate Lodge No. 693 G.R.C. in Ontario; Bro. Geoff Massey (MM Ivanhoe Lodge); then his father Bro. C.W. Massey of Lodge No. 1856 — English Constitution of Calcutta, India; Bro. Neil Maskell (MM Ivanhoe Lodge); then his father RW Bro. Don Maskell of Ivanhoe Lodge .

Submitted by RW Bro. Don Maskell
Secretary / Treasurer, Ivanhoe Lodge.

St George's Lodge, Elk Point

This is a lodge that seems to have a way of getting into the public eye. In recent editions of the Elk Point Review, there was excellent coverage of two Masonic events held in the community. First was the Sunday afternoon Open House for the spouses and children. The members thought it was about time that the children found out where dad went on Tuesday nights. The newspaper article covered the history of the lodge, general principles of Masonry and the Masonic Charities and stated that this highly successful event is to be followed by an open house for the general public sometime in the spring. Local residents will be looking forward to finding out more about the Craft.

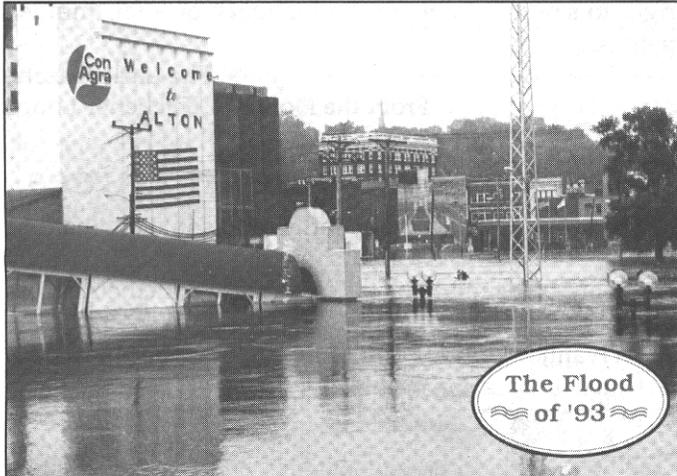
The Second event covered was the Lakeland District Meeting on November 6, 1993, with a picture of our Grand

Master, MW Bro. Myron Lusk and the DDGM, RW Bro. Kim Willmer. Needless to say, the meeting was hosted by St. George's Lodge in Elk Point.

The Lodge is to be congratulated for obtaining such excellent media coverage within its community.

The Flood Of '93

Many brethren from Alberta and all parts of the Masonic Fraternity generously gave help in the disastrous



flooding of the US which occurred in the July/August period of last year. There were many scenes of the flooding seen on TV but the Bulletin has recently received a postcard showing the impact on a specific lodge. The Lodge is Piasa Lodge No. 27, G.R. Illinois, on the Mississippi River near St. Louis, MO.

The note states "Our lodge, Piasa Lodge No. 27, AF&AM, 300 State St., Alton, IL. 62002, is to the left of the large bank building at the rear centre of the photo. Damage was severe. It was the worst flood we have ever had here. Alton, Illinois was the home of the World's tallest human, and Mason, Bro. Robert Wadlow. He was a member of Franklin Masonic Lodge No. 25."

The souvenir post card was sent by Robert E. Meyer, Piasa Lodge No. 27 and Franklin Lodge No. 25.

Answer To Question Of The Month For December

Several "word pairs" in Masonic ritual make interesting studies: "duly and truly," "worthy and well qualified," "free will and accord," "parts and points," "hele and conceal." At first glance it may seem that these are so arranged only for emphasis. In Middle English writing, especially in the 13th and 14th Centuries, when Freemasonry was in the process of formation, England had two languages. One was Norman-French, the other Anglo-Saxon. To make sure of understanding, word pairs were much in use, a word of similar meaning being taken from each language.

The apparent redundancy of expression, in a number of places in Masonic ritual may be traced back to these Middle Ages. The perpetuation of such usage now, when clarity of

thought and understanding might be served as well with one word, is one of many proofs that Freemasonry delights to cling to the ancient and venerated — because it is venerated and ancient.

One Hundred One Questions About Freemasonry
Masonic Service Association

Changing With The Times

Ill. Bro. Albert Pike, 33°, who did more revising of degrees than any other man or body of men, a great and dominant leader of the Scottish Rite, for many years the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, wrote in 1890, "No human institution lives long without changes in its organic structure, in the processes of its action, in its forms and methods, and even in its principles once regarded as essential and unchangeable. The restless activity of humanity makes stability impossible. From the common lot of all, Freemasonry is not exempt."

The oldest manuscript known, reposing in the library at Alexandria, Egypt, begins: "This is a changing world."

That is also true today. Civilization must change because in spite of the ebbing tides of this generation, it is advancing. Freemasonry must likewise change or it will not keep up with the learning and thought of today; it will not be ready for tomorrow. It must not be stalled in the mud of lethargy. Radicalism rampant is ruin, but conservatism congealed is catalepsy. There must be a proper balance. We must realize that the philosophy of Freemasonry and of our Rite is a matter of time and of place, that its principles and ideals should not be suited to this epoch and to remote antiquity.

Extracted from:

The 1943 Allocution of Sovereign Grand Commander
Melvin M. Johnson, 33°. AASR, S.J.

High Profile Of Masons In Britain

On a recent trip to England, your Editor opened the Daily Telegraph and found the Telegraph Magazine. This is a publication that enters millions of homes in Britain and is considered to be a "good" paper to read. I saw, to my delight, a full page devoted to "Kindred Spirits — Freemasons." There were nine photographs of well known personalities who are Masons, with comments on what they each think of their Masonry. There were only about 1.5 column inches for each but they made sound statements and were very "readable". There was only one that was a little different and that was from a Lady Freemason, who stated that "[we] are exactly the same as male ones."

The comments covered the penalty, (we don't do it), the efforts to keep Masons from public office, and favours and unethical business practices (we don't do it). They state that we enjoy the speeches, the desire for drama and are not mystics, nor is it a religion, but it does enable us to broaden our contacts with people — all great points to share with the public.

Colourful Colour Party

How fortunate we are in Alberta to have had our Colours presented over many years by the members of the RCMP in full dress. We are privileged to witness their excellent presentation which always inspires us with their work and their uniforms, which are symbols of Canada to the rest of the world. We now add to the colourful display our Pipers, in traditional Scottish dress, with their stirring music. It is appropriate that we thank all those who have participated over the years. Those who were our Colour Party at the 88th Grand Communication in 1993 are shown below:



From left to right: VW Bro. T.J. Johnson — Grand Piper; RCMP members: VW Bro. Bill Patton (101); W. Bro. Jerry Kopp (36 & 53); Bro. Jim Medley (105); Master-elect Bro. Gerry Offin (101); Bro. Rick Nyszczuk (128); Bro. Ronald Worthington (52 G.R.C.); RW Bro. J. McCuaig (180 & 167).
Submitted by W. Bro. Jerry Kopp, Gleichen Lodge.

What Masons Can Do (In Their Own Lodge)

King Solomon Lodge, Cochrane decided it should organise a program to assist brethren who wish to attend lodge but where travelling may be a problem. A central contact person was found and the phone number given. To advertise the plan, a letter was widely distributed as follows:

Catch A Ride With A Brother Program King Solomon Lodge, Cochrane.

Don't like night driving?
Don't like winter driving?
Just don't like driving?

Well, we've got a deal for YOU. As a valuable member of our Lodge and Fraternity, a quick phone call will ensure that you have a ride to and from Lodge. There are many brethren living in the four corners of Calgary who travel to King Solomon regularly. Many would appreciate and enjoy a travelling companion — I know I would. Call me at least two days prior to our Lodge meeting and a ride will be arranged for you. What better way to exemplify the sentiments of the Northeast Corner lecture. Call me at XXX-XXXX and I'll make the arrangements.

What an excellent idea for any lodge!

Up Further In The Air With Freemasonry.

In the December Bulletin, page 6, was an article entitled "Up in the air with Freemasonry" found in one of our Lodge Notices. The Grand Secretary of Queensland, Australia, has sent information to add to that item.

"For the information of your Brethren, I would also state that Australia's most famous aviator, Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, was also a member of Freemasonry in the State of Queensland and our A.I.F. (Australian Imperial Forces) Lodge No. 189 annually carries his apron in a Memorial Service held to celebrate Anzac Day on 15th April each year.

Sir Charles Kingsford Smith was the first aviator to fly from the United States to Australia via the Pacific Route and was lost whilst flying from the United Kingdom to Australia over the Bengal area of India/Pakistan in the mid-1930s.

Graham R. White, OAM, PJGW, Grand Secretary
United Grand Lodge of Queensland

(Editors note: We thank all those who can add to any article we publish.)

Anti-Drug Efforts Honoured

W. Bro. Leonard Blumenthal, a member of Saskatchewan and Star of the West Lodges, recently received well earned recognition for his work in the area of alcohol and drug abuse. Bro. Blumenthal, CEO of the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, received the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse Award of Distinction from Her Excellency, Mrs. Gerda Hnatyshyn, wife of Gov. Gen. Ray Hnatyshyn, in a ceremony in Ottawa on Friday, 12 November, 1993. He is the first Alberta recipient of the award, which was established in 1992 to recognize achievements in the field of substance abuse. On Monday 15th, Bro. Blumenthal received a bronze Alberta medallion commemorating the honour at Edmonton's annual Walk Sober/Join the Circle Rally, which coincides with the National Drug Awareness Week.

The Chairman of AADAC, Bonnie Laing (MLA Calgary-Bow) said, "The Award of Distinction, given after country wide consultations, demonstrates in a tangible way the outstanding regard in which Mr. Blumenthal's achievements are held."

W. Bro. Len Blumenthal, Chairman of the Grand Master's Special Committee on Substance Abuse, is congratulated by all his Alberta brethren on this high honour.

Register Now for 1994 Spring Workshop

22-24 April 1994

The Lodge at Kananaskis

Registration forms are in your November Bulletin, available from your DDGM or call Doug Sherris, 335-4384.

