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What Did It Cost When You Were Educated?

The Grand Master, MW Bro. Ray Burton was most interested to find the following information in the Calgary Herald during the same month that he had proclaimed as Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month. It should be an argument for **every** Mason in Alberta to contribute generously to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund. The costs for young people today to attend academic institutions have risen significantly. This applies not only to the Universities listed below but also to the Technical Institutes and Colleges. There is no better way to invest in those who are the future of our country than by practising the Charity which is the keystone of the Craft. Remember that ontributions to our Fund are received throughout the year — it is never too late to share.

Joint Bursary Presentation

Freemasons' Hall in Calgary was the scene of a 'Gala Night' on the last day of August, when a score of deserving young students became recipients of Masonic Higher Education Bursary Awards on behalf of the three Masonic

Districts of Alpha, Calgary-Highwood and Phoenix.

The evening began with a short address by **MW Bro. David Bruce** and was followed by the presentation of the cheques by Grand Master **MW Bro. Ray Burton** who was assisted by the three DDGMs, **RW Bros. Kelso, Glanzer and Hargreaves. RW Bro. Les Jeater**, Chairman of the Bursary Committee, then thanked his Committee and Grand Lodge staff.



Fifteen of the happy Bursary recipients are flanked by RW Bro. Gerry Webber (l) and MW Bro. Ray Burton (r) following a public presentation ceremony at Calgary's Freemason Hall.

The occasion, which was described as lucky, promising and favourable, was enjoyed by 96 enthusiastic students, parents and members of the Fraternity and concluded with light refreshments.

The Grand Master said that the more than \$20,000

Annual Tuition for Undergraduate Arts Programs

Province	University	1990-91	1993-94	% Increase
PEI	UPEI	\$1,840	\$2,490	35%
NS	Dalhousie	\$1,770	\$2,655	50%
NB	UNB	\$1,975	\$2,470	25%
Que	McGill	\$1,012	\$1,515	50%
Ont	Guelph	\$1,638	\$2,026	24%
	McMaster	\$1,627	\$2,027	24%
	U of T	\$1,640	\$2,025	23%
Sask	Regina	\$1,624	\$2,340	44%
Alberta	U of A	\$1,229	\$2,038	66%
	U of C	\$1,168	\$2,064	77%
	U of L	\$1,216	\$2,190	80%
BC	UBC	\$1,848	\$2,448	32%
	Simon Fraser	\$1,650	\$2,040	24%
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Source: StatsCan Tuition and Living accommodation costs at Canadian Universities, Sept. '90 and Nov. '93 in *Calgary Herald*, September 1994

which was presented, had been donated by individual members of the Masonic Fraternity and constituted about a third of the bursary dollars which will be awarded to students attending higher institutions of learning during the 1994-95 semesters.

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Excelsior Lodge, Sedgewick

On June 14, 1994 Excelsior Lodge held its Installation meeting and were very proud to have **RW Bro. Len Hall** place **Bro. Colin Cramton** in the Chair. The two facts that made this meeting so memorable were that, first, Bro. Colin Cramton was the third generation Cramton to be Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The second fact was that RW Bro. Hall had placed each of these particular Masters in the chair. **W Bro. George Cramton** was installed in 1954, **W Bro. Harry Cramton** was installed in 1971 and now some 40 years later, WM Colin Crampton occupies the same chair. Is this the end of the Cramton saga? Of course not, for **Bro. Adrian Cramton**, the new WM's brother is the Senior Warden! Congratulations to the Cramton family for contributing a great deal to Excelsior Lodge's Masonic history.



Photo taken at the Excelsior Annual August Brass Night, which most of our recent Grand Masters and a number of GL Officers have attended, shows from 1-r: MW Bro. Ray Burton, GM; W Bro. George Cramton; Bro. Colin Cramton, WM; W Bro. Harry Crampton; RW Bro. Len Hall, PDDGM; and Bro. José Castels, a visitor from the Philippines.

District Meetings

November

- 4 Battle River District, Castor
- 5 Beaverhills District, Acacia, Edmonton
- 5 Alpha District, Bowmont, Calgary
- 19 Northern Lights District, Whitecourt
- 19 Lakeland District, Acacia

Grand Master's Itinerary

November

- 1 Vulcan Lodge, Vulcan, Annual Game Supper
- 2[°] Glenbow Lodge, King George Hall
- 3 Foothills Lodge, Bowmont
- 4 Battle River District Meeting, Castor
- 5 Beaver Hills District Meeting, Acacia
- 8 Victoria Lodge, Fort Saskatchewan
- 9 Tawatinaw Lodge, Athabasca
- 10 Carstairs Lodge, Crossfield
- 12 A. & A.S.R., Calgary
- 14 St. Mark's Lodge, Calgary
- 15 Irricana Lodge, Irricana
- 17 Cornerstone Lodge, High River
- 19 Lakeland District Meeting, Acacia
- 22 York Lodge, Lethbridge
- 23 Kelvingrove Lodge, Bowmont, Installation
- 28 Hussar Lodge, Hussar

December

- 1 Diamond City Lodge, Coalhurst
- 3 Fort McMurray Lodge, Fort McMurray
- 5 Strathmore Lodge, Strathmore, Annual Game Supper
- 6 Corinthian Lodge, Okotoks
- 7 Redwood Lodge, Highland
- 9 Sentinel Lodge and Rocky Summit Lodge, Frank
- 10 Commercial Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 13 Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer
- 14 Dominion Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall

Masonic Medal Of Merit Recipients — 1994

At the 1994 Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, AF & AM, **Brothers Frank Parry**, **George Conley**, **William James Herbert** and **Dave Smith** were honoured as the recipients of the Masonic Medal of Merit. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta the presentation ceremonies were conducted by **Most Worshipful Brothers Lusk**, **Burton**, and **Shaver**. The Brethren reading the following information will note the accomplishments of these Brethren, in their Lodges and their communities, are extensive and varied.

Brother Frank Parry was employed as a sea-faring man. He has served as an Outer Guard, Steward and ritualist for Red Deer Lodge. He has an outstanding record of visiting the sick, assisting with the festive table events, attending funerals and supporting Grand Lodge Officers. For his work in the Craft and to his Lodge in particular, Brother Parry was presented with a Life Membership commemorating his excellent service to the Craft. Brother Parry has contributed to the life of his community by serving as a member of the Parkland Savings and Credit Union (received a Certificate and Pin for 40 years of distinctive service). He holds a life membership in the Central Alberta Pioneers and Oldtimers Association. He received a Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Services rendered as a volunteer to the 1988 Alberta Winter Games. He has visited many senior facilities to bring the joy of music into

Okotoks

Calgary

Calgary

Camrose

Rimbey

Coalhurst

Red Deer

Rycroft

Calgary

Edmonton

Lethbridge

Fort Macleod

Cherry Grove

Westlock

Castor

Calgary

Calgary

Edmonton

Fort McMurray

Lloydminster

Bursary Recipients

The following list shows the 1994 Bursary recipients. The Masons of Alberta congratulate each one and wish them success in their studies.

Komili, Suzanne Suzan K.L. Calgary

Kuipers, Daniell Jakoba Bow Island

Morgan, Sandra Christene Edmonton

Bassano

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Fort McMurray kuse Calgary

Dear Masons:

Edmonton

Parry, Kimborough Diane

Pham, Diane Thi Thuy

Rumsey, Paulette Dawn

Scheper, Annette Diana

Singer, Chelsey Chatlin Gordondale

Sellers, Stacey Nadine

Sorgen, Blaine Orvis

Soriano, Julio Cesar

St. Amand, Belinda Lee

Surmava, Joseph Temo

Tolley, Jennine Larae

Weber, David William

West, Carley Wray

Wizniak, Sheri Lee

Wolska, Agnieszka

Thank you very much for your support. I am very grateful that you chose me for your Masonic Higher Edu-

cation Bursary. I will begin my second year on August 29th

and I will have completed the Petroleum Technology

Quach, Phung

Ruff, Joel Kyle

Sakatch, John

Sharma, Suraj

Tam, Sandy

Quarin, Michell R.

Helmle, Shawn Robert

Jean-Jacque, Natacha

Kassam, Kathleen Anne

Jutt, Salma Asghar

King, Erin Louise

King, Anselm

Kong, Anselm

Kozak, David Noel

Leard, Irene Joyce

Ma, Audrey Hoyan

Ma, Emily Man-Wai

Mowery, Virginia

McKillop, Sheila Deanne

Muwanga, Laura Lunkuse O'Driscoll, Caroline

Levson, Reanne Hope

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Arkinstall, Brian Lee	High Level
Arora, Ritu	Calgary
Bialy, Anna Marie	Camrose
Bryan, Kelley Jane	Calgary
Balmer, Jerusha Tamar A	manda
	St. Albert
Clark, Jo-Ann	Calgary
Clarke, Lisa Gayle	Edmonton
Curtis, Kendra Shannon	Edmonton
Doll, Cindy Maureen	Hines Creek
Florea, Diana Sonia	Calgary
Friars, Crystal Dawn	Stettler
Frig, Shauna Marie	Edmonton
Gallant, Kimberly Elizab	eth Acme
Gareau, Roq Georges	Edmonton
Grimm, Larna Lee Clorid	a Grimshaw
Hall, Douglas Vaughn	Cardston
Helmle, Crystal Dawn	Bassano

Letters Of Thanks

To the Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.: Please accept this card of thanks for selecting me once again as a recipient of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary. This is my final year of nursing and your members have been instrumental in helping me attain my goals. I will be in touch as the year progresses.

Thank you,	Irene Leard	l Sincerely,	Sonya King

the residents' lives. Brother Parry has readily and freely given of himself to assist distressed community members in the maintenance of their homes. He is truly a practising Mason with generosity of spirit as a natural part of himself!

Brother George Conley was employed as an Engine Room Artificer (RCN) and worked for the Calgary Water Department. He has served as a member of the Sick and Visiting Committee, Tyler and ritualist for King George Lodge. He has an outstanding record of visiting the sick, assisting with the Lodge work parties, supporting the Committees of the Lodge in their work and participating in the ritual work of the Lodge. For his work in the Craft and to his Lodge, in particular, he was presented with a Life Membership in both King George Lodge and Glenbow Lodge, commemorating his dedicated service to Craft.

Brother Conley has contributed to the life of his community by providing support to the United Churches in the Calgary area. Brother Conley has provided financial support for many Masonic and Community Institutions. He is truly a dedicated Mason in every sense of the word!

Brother William James Herbert served in the Royal Canadian Navy as an electrician. He has served as a member of the Edmonton Power Degree Team, as an Inner Guard, ritualist and a replacement officer for Norwood Course. Thanks again. Sincerely, Sonya King Lodge. He has an outstanding record of Lodge and widow visitations, assisting with the festive table events and supporting the Lodge fund raising endeavours. Brother Herbert has consistently given of himself as a volunteer at the Fort Edmonton Masonic Hall and has also served as a volunteer in a variety of Masonic events. He has contributed to the life of his community by serving conscientiously as a member of the Norwood School Reading Program. He assists and supports the Hardisty Nursing Home. Throughout his life he has served his community well by being a member of the United Church Men's Club, a past Sunday School Superintendent, a past Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Scouting Movement.

Bro. Herbert is a Mason of whom Norwood Lodge is justifiably proud!

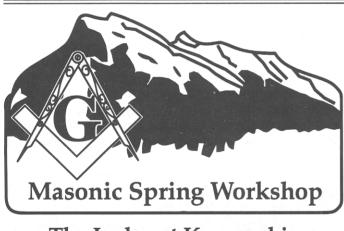
Brother Dave Smith was employed as a bus driver. While he never held one of the higher chairs he was always ready, willing and able to assist behind the scenes with the work of his Lodge. He is considered to be a cornerstone of Evergreen Lodge and has provided a powerful positive example to his younger Brethren. For his work in the Craft and to his Lodge in particular, he was presented with a plaque commemorating his forty years of service to Evergreen Lodge. He has contributed to the life of his community by serving conscientiously for many years as a Scout Leader, a Member of the Seniors Granite Curling Club, a Steward of St. Andrews United Church and a volunteer for the W. W. Cross Cancer Hospital. He is a genuine Mason to the core!

Brethren, as is demonstrated by this year's recipients, we have many Brothers who have served the Craft and community, well and faithfully, in a quiet manner over many years. These Brethren truly represent the essence of Freemasonry in Action and all Members of the craft congratulate them most heartily.

Submitted by VW Bro. Don McKay, Recording Secretary Masonic Medal of Merit Committee,

Grand Lodge Proceedings

The Grand Secretary and his staff are smiling happily at their new record in distribution of the **Grand Lodge Proceedings**. The proceedings were mailed to Lodges before the end of August so that the final copies had been produced in approximately two months.



The Lodge at Kananaskis 21, 22 & 23 April 1995 Time For Change

Workshop Committee Chairman, VW Bro. George Reid, has chosen the theme *Time for Change* and his Committee is hard at work putting together the speakers and schools for

the April workshop. In fact, they are negotiating to get noted Masonic Author and Lecturer Edmund Ralph Gilbert as our theme speaker. Brother Gilbert is currently Worshipful Master of Quatuor Coronati No. 2076, UGLE and operates an antiquarian bookstore in Bristol. As soon as details are finalized, they will be sent to lodge secretaries, DDGMs and published in *The Bulletin*. The complete agenda will be published in the February *Bulletin*.

The Workshop application form is published on page 5. Note that there is an Early Bird Draw, now held annually, for those whose paid application is in by



When the usual workload is considered in addition to this special task, we should all congratulate **RW Bro. Webber** and the **Office Staff** on this achievement.

The best way to reward him is to READ the key items in Lodge, as required on the page preceding Page 1. The way to know what is going on in YOUR Grand Lodge is to review the Proceedings—the Secretary should have a copy on his desk at every meeting, and the WM has another copy.

The format is new — do you like it? Please let the Grand Secretary know.

While on the matter of the Proceedings, the Grand Master, at a recent meeting with the Editor, recounted his recent visit to one lodge where no-one knew anything of the Proceedings. They had never even seen a copy. This meant that the new amendments, the rulings of the Committee on the Work and the reasons for much of what happens within our jurisdiction is a complete mystery to these members. it is the hope of the Grand Master that this Lodge was an exception and that other Lodges, through their WMs, are ensuring that their members know about the Proceedings.

March 17. Wives can benefit from your attendance and just for getting your fee in early. Don't wait until the last minute — get your money in soon and perhaps your picture might be in *The Bulletin* next year!

The happy winner of last year's draw, W Bro. Stewart Gemmell, has recently enjoyed his prize by spending the September long weekend with his wife, Irene, at the Lodge in Kananaskis. The weather was wonderful, the surroundings magnificent and the prize so worth winning. W Bro. Gemmell said that it was great being able again to enjoy the facilities that he has attended for the last two Workshops. He stated, "The Workshop gives a Mason the opportunity to enjoy this excellent facility that might otherwise be out of reach of a person's income during the busy summer months." Already, he is looking forward to next April at Kananaskis.

Irene wishes to thank the **Masonic Spring Workshop Committee** for she found the weekend totally different to those in Banff or Jasper - relaxing ... slow pace ... very fresh air ...VERY slow pace!

To attend, you must have at least received your EA

Degree. The registration fee of **\$220.00** is based on **double occupancy**, and it includes two nights accommodation and five meals starting with supper on Friday evening and ending with breakfast on Sunday. Single accommodation is available at a fee of **\$295.00**. This fee must accompany your registration. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted. Please make cheque payable to the MSWPC. Your cancelled cheque or charge card billing is your receipt.

No refund after 7 April 1995.

To register, fill out a registration form (on the other side) and send it with the required fee directly to the MSWPC.

Sixtieth Installation

RW Bro. McInnes of **King Hiram Lodge** has reached a record number for performing the installation ceremony. The sixtieth time was on June 14th when he placed **W Bro.** John Alwood — for the second time — in the East.

He has performed the ceremony 42 times in Didsbury, 16 times in Carstairs and twice in Crossfield.

RW Bro. McInnes laughingly said that he only had three day's notice for a Crossfield installation but his lodge members are convinced he could do it with no notice at all! This special occasion was enhanced by a surprise visit of the Grand Master, **MW Bro. Ray Burton** and accompanying officers.

One additional note was that W. Bro. Alwood's son was installed Master of Edgerton Lodge on the same evening both had to reject invitations to be at each other's installation!

Hans Lucas, Secretary, King Hiram Lodge

Recognition

On May 30, 1994 **RW Bro. Lester Snyder** of **Hussar Lodge** was presented with his 70 year bar and certificate. Lester's son, **RW Bro. Ray Snyder** and grandson, **W Bro. Lorne Snyder** representing three generations of Masonry were among those in attendance. It was a special honour for W Bro. Lorne Snyder to make the presentation as WM of Hussar Lodge with **RW Bro. Donal Stewart**, DDGM of **Dinosaur District**. RW Bro. Snyder who was initiated in

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1924 has also been recognized as being 60 years a Past Master in 1990 and 50 years a Past District Deputy Grand Master in 1991. RW Bro. Snyder is still very active in his Lodge and the Brethren of Hussar Lodge thanked him for his ongoing contributions and congratulate him on achieving another Masonic milestone.



l to r: RW Bro. Ray Snyder, RW Bro. Lester Snyder, W Bro. Lorne Snyder and RW Bro. Donal Stewart, DDGM. Submitted by Bro. Lorne Snyder, WM

On May 18, 1994, **Bro. E.F. (Mort) Morter** of **Bow River Lodge**, Calgary was presented with his 70 year Bar by MW **Bro. Myron Lusk**, the Grand Master. Prior to the meeting, a birthday party for Bro. Morter was held to celebrate his 99th birthday which was just two days later on the 20th. In addition to the Grand Master and a number of GL officers, Bro. Morter's two sons were present with many friends and relatives



Back row (1 to r): Bro. Emerson Morter, nephew; RW Bro. Howard Morter, son; MW Bro. Myron Lusk, then Grand Master; RW Bro. Roy Monro; WM Jim Dickey; Bro. Donald Morter, son; and Bro. Bill Butcher. Front row: Bro. Mort Morter

At the Grand Lodge Communication held in June, an eminent and much loved brother received recognition. **MW Bro. Jack Collett** was presented with his 50 year Jewel by the members of "his" Lodges, **Zetland**, **Cairo**, **Elbow River**, **Glenbow** and **Fiat Lux Lodge of Research**. The story was told of him, as a young minister in Claresholm, being totally unable to hold functions on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. His search for the reason for this phenomenon resulted in his initiation into Cairo Lodge in 1944. He

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became its Master in 1947 and, on being appointed Vice-Principal of Mount Royal College, he came to Calgary and affiliated with Zetland Lodge in 1950. He became a Charter member of Elbow River Lodge, Honorary Life Member of Elbow River Lodge and a member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research. He has served on many Committees and Boards, both before and after being elected Grand Master in 1961. He is the author of our most readable History of the Grand Lodge of Alberta 1905 — 1980. Amongst accolades from many Brethren, Bro. Collett was warmly applauded and presented with the refurbished Jewel of his friend and companion, **RW Bro. O.J. Smith**.

Britannia Lodge Has Another Great Idea

In September of 1994, Britannia Lodge, Ponoka issued a Masonic Visitation Passport to its members.

This "Passport" requests the Tyler of any visited Lodges to record the visit and sign the verification of the visit. There is place for a photograph, the name of the Brother and space for recording 10 visits. The back of the double folded passport has an outline of Masonic Etiquette for the visiting Brother.

This is a great idea that could certainly stimulate visiting and make the visit a collector's item as well. Who will visit the most — who the furthest — who the highest numbers — and who the lowest, etc.

The Advantages Of Being A Volunteer And Bringing Your Masonry To Life

Some 25 to 30 Masons in Calgary and nearby communities volunteer their time driving patients to the Tom Baker Cancer Centre at Foothills Hospital in Calgary. Masons have become an integral part of the Canadian Cancer Society's volunteer driver program over the past two years. Some drive one day per week and others three to five days. A number help out in the Society's office to assist the volunteer driver coordinator in scheduling and arranging driver assignments. Being involved is most rewarding for the volunteers. They make new friends, while assigned to patients, who rely on their caring, dependable presence and cheerful disposition through an often difficult period. The ranks of the volunteers are bolstered by members from Didsbury Lodge, Bassano Lodge, and Acme who stand ready to drive patients from their areas when called upon.

You might ask, "What is the typical day in the life of a volunteer driver?" Well, it starts the day before with an call from **Sugi Magesan**, the Volunteer Driver Coordinator at the Society's Office at 1305 – 11 Ave, SW or maybe from **Ken Mortimer** of Jubilee Lodge, if he is filling in for Sugi. The call gives you the name, address and phone number and appointment details for your patient for the following day. You contact your patient and arrange for a pick-up time that gets you to Tom Baker Cancer Centre comfortably ahead of the appointment. You park in the volunteer driver parking lot and accompany the patient to the particular department for treatment or tests. A volunteer driver lounge

provides TV and reading area where you can often spend time talking with other Masons and volunteer drivers. You then return your patients to their residences when they are ready to leave and carry on with your day or another patient assignment, as the case may be.

Masonic involvement started in the spring of '92 through a project of the Calgary Masonic Board of Relief to recruit volunteers from among the retired, semi-retired and between-job members of the Craft, who could contribute at least part of one day per week. The Board has made an ongoing commitment to the project and now has appointed a Coordinator of Cancer Patient Drivers, **W Bro. Karl Hansen**, who is presently concentrating on locating volunteers in Banff, Cochrane, and Vulcan as well as Calgary.

Anyone with an interest should call him (Bus. 266-5544 or Res. 281-4549) or write c/o 75 Bayview Dr. SW, Calgary T2V 3N9 for an information package. W Bro. Hansen can outline the requirements, orientation program and ongoing training provided for volunteers. Drivers are reimbursed for mileage or receive tax receipts if they prefer.

The Masonic Foundation

The Masonic Foundation has been assisting charitable organisations and causes dramatically over the recent years in their "Double your Charity" program. If a Lodge has a special charitable cause and they have written to the foundation and received approval, subject to the availability of funds, the Foundation will match the contribution, dollar for dollar. This makes the efforts by Lodges to seek out worthwhile charities doubly worthwhile to the recipients.

Every Lodge should have a person knowledgeable about the Foundation and the District Masonic Foundation Representative should be known to every Lodge in each District. Seek him out and get involved personally — don't wait for others — you may be the leader required.

Amalgamation of Coronation Lodge and Beaver-Monitor Lodge

A sad note is always sounded when Lodges are forced to amalgamate but it is always interesting to see how the assets are used. Coronation Lodge No. 72 amalgamated with Beaver-Monitor Lodge No. 56 of Castor in October of this year. The Coronation Lodge Hall has been sold and the remaining monies are disbursed as follows:

- \$1000 to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund;
- \$1000 to the Masonic Benevolence Fund;
- \$1000 to the Veterans' Library;
- \$3600 for the purchase of two doctor's examination tables to be placed in the local doctor's office; and
- the balance of the funds (approximately \$2500) to go to general funds of Beaver-Monitor Lodge.

Congratulations to the members of Coronation Lodge on these final charitable acts, which ended with the presentation of the two Masonic cheques at the amalgamation meeting.