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Grand Chaplain's Address

As the Chaplain is invested in his office, we are reminded of the Open Book at the centre of the Lodge. Our ceremony indicates that, without an avowed belief in the Divine inspiration therein contained, we cannot become Masons. This book tells us the story of how God, at many times and places, has broken into the human situation. The Christmas story is God's breaking into human life in the form of a child. This child is God's gift to us. The life of this child and man become a pattern of self-giving, self-sacrificing love reaching out to others. We exchange gifts with each other at Christmas to celebrate and give thanks for God's gift to us.

As we share and care at this season of the year, let each of us remember, as I read somewhere, "each day is a gift from God, that is why we call it the present." How are we as Masons using the gift of the 'present' to demonstrate the Divine wisdom of Virtue, Morality and Brotherly Love? The Divine wisdom has demonstrated for us that these truths become real, when they come to life in a human being. The challenge for me and you is to make these truths come to life in the thoughts and actions of our daily living. This is the best gift that we can give to God, to our Craft and to the world at Christmas and every day throughout the New Year. May God bless us all in our endeavours.

Rev. Ted Wigglesworth

Merry Christmas From The Grand Lodge Office Staff

We so enjoyed meeting with many Masons at our "Open House" last year that we have decided to do it again this year. We have scheduled our "Open House" for Thursday, December 22, 1994. We look forward to meeting with you and encourage you to bring your wife, companion and friends.

To all members who will be unable to join us at our "Open House," I would like to express our thanks for your service to the Craft. On behalf of your office staff, **Judy Rivers (l)**, **Valerie Levson (r)** and myself, to wish you all a wonderful Christmas. As the old year passes, let us pause to reflect on the true meaning of brotherly love, relief and truth.

May your New Year be filled with happiness and joy.
RW Bro. Gerald T. Webber



Rose Bowl Parade

Turn on your TV on New Year's Day, view the parade and look for the Masonic Float again. Those who saw it last year thought it quite spectacular and it promises to be even better this year.

The float is entitled **Service Through Sports** and will feature the Shrine East-West Football game and its contribution to the Shriners Hospitals. The 75th Anniversary of the International Order of Job's Daughters will also be featured at the front of the float. In the centre of the float, the Grand Master and the leaders of the York Rite and Scottish Rite will be located between the pillars.

Many jurisdictions and individual Lodges are now contributing to the development costs of this wonderful

Masonic promotion, which is seen throughout the world.

Should you wish to contribute, in any way, please make cheques payable to the Rose Parade Masonic Float and mail to Robert, C. Coe, Treasurer, PO Box 661567, Arcadia, CA 91066-1567.

New Year's Levee

Remember the Levee to be hosted by Saskatchewan Lodge, Edmonton. This very special event will be held as usual from Noon to 2:00 PM on January 1, 1995 at Freemasons' Hall, 10318 - 100 Avenue, Edmonton.

All Masons, Mason's wives, families and friends are most welcome to join with the Grand Master in visiting with the Brethren of Saskatchewan Lodge on New Year's Day.

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Grand Master's Itinerary

December

- 1 Diamond City Lodge, Coalhurst
- 3 Fort McMurray Lodge, Fort McMurray
- 5 Strathmore Lodge, 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

January

- 3 Perfection Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 4 Avon Glen Lodge, Acacia Hall, Edmonton
- 5 Zetland Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 7 Concord Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 10 Chief Mountain Lodge, Cardston
- 12 Acacia Lodge, Acacia Hall, Edmonton
- 17 Cairo Lodge, Claresholm
- 23 Beacon Lodge, Red Deer
- 25 Onoway Lodge, Onoway

Installation Month

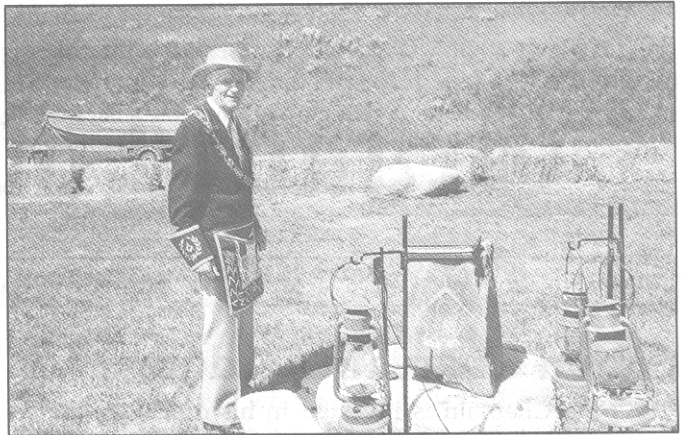
This is one of the two months in which the majority of our Masonic Lodges change their officers. It is a highly significant time for those who are occupying new offices, especially the Worshipful Masters. It is a real pleasure for those being installed into the senior Lodge office to see their brethren present in a crowded Lodge hall. You can contribute to the pleasure of this day for those moving into new office by attending as many Lodges as reasonably possible and supporting these new leaders of the Craft.

Seven Steps To Stagnation

1. We're not ready for that.
2. We've never done it that way before.
3. We're doing alright without it.
4. We've tried that once before.
5. It costs too much.
6. That's not our responsibility.
7. It just won't work.

From St. George's Banner

Bassano's Outdoor Lodge In June



Bassano Lodge held its annual outdoor Lodge and a great time was enjoyed by all who attended. Four Brethren were raised with full ceremony. The seafaring man even had a boat to refer to! While other pictures submitted show those in attendance and the new candidates, this picture is selected to show the Altar used, the three lesser lights, the boat and a real western DDGM in the person of **RW Bro. Abe Dyck**, DDGM of Palliser District.

Recognition

A fifty year jewel presentation was held during Irricana Pioneer days, by Irricana Lodge, and it was open to the general public. An audience of 117 men, women and children was on hand to see the Grand Master present fifty year jewels and certificates, plus 3 life memberships, to **RW Bros. Emmert Gault** and **Walter Anderson** and **W Bros. Cecil Anderson** and **Wilfred Longson** (now a member of Cornerstone Lodge, High River). In keeping with the Pioneer days theme the dress for the meeting was shirt sleeves.

Submitted by **Tim Holt**, Sec-Treas, Irricana Lodge.



(l-r) **RW Bro. Emmert Gault**; **W. Bro. Wilfrid Longson**; **MW Bro. Ray Burton**; **RW Bro. Walter Anderson**; **W. Bro. Cecil Anderson**; and **Worshipful Master David Boone**. (Yes, the Andersons are brothers.)

Sunday Is Not A Lodge Day

A ruling from the Grand Master, **MW Bro. Ray Burton** is:
On **NO** occasion shall a Lodge hold a regular or emergent meeting on a Sunday.

All brethren are asked to remember this fact when organizing Lodge meetings.

Alberta Masons Reach Out To The Young Freemasonry's New Venture

WE CAN HELP is the replacement program for the very successful LIFESAVER CHALLENGE that was delivered to over 20,000 elementary grade school children last year in Alberta. 1994 is the fifth and final year of LIFESAVER CHALLENGE.

LIFE SAVER CHALLENGE was discontinued because the demand was much greater than the supply of St. John Ambulance volunteer instructors. The WE CAN HELP program utilizes the regular teaching staff and this way is likely to get more students through the program.

With the Masons' help, the children of Alberta will soon be able to say WE CAN HELP!

St. John Ambulance's program "We Can Help" is a first aid safety awareness program geared towards children aged 7-10. For the next two years, St. John Ambulance will offer this program to all Grade III students in Alberta free of charge. The program, which deals with the basics of first aid and safety is a perfect introduction for children of this age. Children today are often given a great deal of responsibility. We would like to help ensure that their knowledge of first aid and safety is as strong as possible. The program consists of:

1. Children's Activity Booklet
2. Instructor's Resource Booklet
3. First Aid and Safety Poster Kit
4. Participation Certificate

As part of this initiative, St. John Ambulance will be offering seminars to all Grade III teachers in the province. At these sessions, instructors will go over the program in detail and answer any questions that the teachers may have. Following the sessions, the teachers will be invited to request materials for their classes. The initial pilot program has been successful in Calgary and the full program will be introduced to all Alberta schools in the fall of 1994.

St. John Ambulance had sought sponsors for this program and estimated that the material costs for the two year period would be \$24,000. They are looking to train approximately 45,000 grade three students per year.

- The sponsors' names and logos will be placed onto the participation certificate.
- The names and logos will be included in documentation provided to teachers.
- Print advertising will be placed to identify program sponsorship.

Beyond these options, sponsors' names will be mentioned in conjunction with the program to all media, school boards and schools. It goes without saying that any program that focuses on injury prevention — especially at this age — gets a great deal of media and community attention.

At the October Board of General Purposes Meeting, a very well-presented case for involvement in a specific activity was brought to the Board by MW Bro. Stan Mottershead. After consideration of the presented material, outlined below, it was approved that Grand Lodge would co-sponsor this activity for its three year period, in conjunction with the Shrine and other concordant bodies.

Fort McMurray Masons Show Themselves



On September 3rd, members of Fort McMurray Lodge appeared in full regalia on the Ashlar Building Club float in the Fort McMurray Blueberry Festival Parade. The Fort McMurray Brethren joined forces with the Al Shamal Shrine Club, Eastern Star Chapter 137 and The Fort McMurray Ashlar Club. The Ashlar Building Club consists of members of all three groups, who are raising money to construct a community building, which will also have a Lodge and Chapter room.

The parade was seen by an estimated five thousand people and was shown on the local cable TV channel.

This was the first time that Masons have appeared in regalia in Fort McMurray and the intention was to promote the aims of the Ashlar Building Society and to raise the profile of Masonry in Fort McMurray.

Correction

In the October *Bulletin* there was an article relating to donations to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund. In this article reference was made to a fifty dollar donation only costing the donor \$12.00. This was an error and should have said that there would be a saving of \$12.00 so that a fifty dollar donation would really cost \$38.00.

The Editor thanks the many accountants, mathematicians and income tax experts for identifying the error so promptly.

According to one set of calculations, the net cost of a \$50 donation would be \$37.20 if total annual charitable donations were less than \$250.00 and only 28.17 if a brother donated more than \$250.00 annually.

It is the hope of the Higher Education Bursary Committee that many members will endeavour to take advantage of one of these tax savings through their generosity to a most worthy Masonic charity.

Quotes

Great minds have purposes, others have wishes.

- Washington Irving

No wind favours him who has no destined port.

- Michael De Montaigne

Perfection Lodge No. 9 G.R.A., Calgary, Centennial Celebration

Perfection Lodge No. 60 under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba received its Dispensation on June 26, 1894, and was Constituted August 7, 1895. It was later renumbered Perfection Lodge No. 9 under the Grand Lodge of Alberta on October 12, 1905.

Its centennial installation will take place at the Calgary Masonic Hall on Tuesday, January 3, 1995, tiling at 7:30 PM, with the Grand Master attending on his fraternal visit. This meeting will be preceded by a banquet at 5:30 PM after cocktails at 5:00 PM.

The centennial year will culminate with an emergent Centennial meeting on Saturday, August 5, 1995 (the long weekend), tiling at 1:00 PM followed by a gala celebration at the Palliser Hotel with banquet and dance.

For more specific information and ticket reservations contact Chairman of the Centennial Committee, **Bro. Jack Pidgeon** at 242-7854 or **Bro. Arnold Niemi** at 244-0807.

Updates will appear in the *Bulletin* during 1995.

Passion Play

What an appropriate time of year to start talking about the special presentation again being proposed for Drumheller this year.

Last year was the first presentation of the Canadian Badlands Passion Play that ran on July 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10, 1994, which all had sell out performances. There was no rain at all over this period. Members of the local Lodges were volunteers in the production and have nothing but praise for the undertaking.

A passion play is the Life of Christ told in drama and music. There are Passion plays in Germany and Dakota, in particular, and many other places hold them as well, but few can boast the scenery of Drumheller which lends itself so perfectly for this event.

Rave reviews were in the press and the organizers will be doubling the audience space for the coming year, due to the capacity attendance in the first year.

If you wish to attend in 1995, you should be sure to book early. Reservations normally commence on April 1st and can be made with MasterCard or Visa by calling 403-823-7750.

If you live in the Drumheller area, volunteers are required in many capacities and, if you are interested, please call the above number.

Information submitted by **Bro. Doug Wade**
Sec-Treas., Symbol Lodge, Drumheller.

From The Mail

Referring to the "Letter to the Editor" in the October 1994 Bulletin, I think a reply is necessary.

RW Bro. Elford seems to be under the impression that the same committee members have been elected year after year, thus preventing other brothers from serving. However, if he checks back in the Annual Proceedings, he will find that names change in all Boards and Committees. Also

the Constitution and Regulations point out that a brother can only serve a maximum of three terms on the Board of General Purposes.

Limiting an elected person to only a two year term would not be satisfactory. The first year on a committee is spent learning and studying what your predecessors have done before. The second year enables you to contribute more knowledge to the matters that come up. Also you need a continuity among the members and two years is not enough.

The remarks made by a couple of brothers, when asked to run for election, i.e. "What's the use, the same people get elected every year", in my opinion, is a "cop-out".

There are two very important Grand Lodge Committees that point out what Masonry, where practised, is all about. They are the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee and the Board of Benevolence. If the younger and newer members, who are qualified, would serve on these committees, they would find that it would enhance their Masonic lives more than anything else within Grand Lodge.

As far as being elected to these two committees, they will find that there are many openings. The members are always elected and, when you check back, you will find that most members are elected by acclamation for the simple reason that the brothers do not seem to be interested in running for these offices. As a matter of fact, we don't seem to get enough nominations to fill the vacancies. I would suggest the brethren read my report to Grand Lodge as President of the Board of Benevolence, in the 1994 Proceedings, to see how uninterested the brethren are. For example, in 1993, three were to be elected to the Board — only two nominations were submitted. In 1994, three were to be elected — only one nomination was submitted. If any brother is interested in committees he must show it and submit his nomination. We do not have to bother "resoling the old shoes" — we get new pairs every year.

I must point out to all brethren that these two committees are MASONRY IN ACTION!

RW Bro. C.H. White

Laugh Of The Month

An Australian lady was driving in Canada for the first time and had considerable difficulty negotiating her first Calgary one-way system. Unfortunately she got into awful confusion and caused a massive traffic jam. The law arrived in the shape of a very fresh-faced and young police officer, who had recently been initiated into St. Mark's Lodge. He explained that she had committed several traffic offenses and, taking out his pad of traffic tickets, said that he would have to ask for her name, address and driving licence.

"Certainly," she replied, in a beautiful Australian accent, "I am Mrs. Farquharson-Colquhoun and I live a' Wrai-Wrai, Coppymurambilla, Bogabilla, Gundawindi, New South Wales."

"In that case, madam, please be more careful in future and drive on."

Adapted from *Pass the Port — Again*