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Message from the Masonic Higher Education Committee

MW Bro. Gordon Macaulay, Grand Master, has proclaimed October as Masonic Higher Education Month and requests all Brethren of this Jurisdiction to contribute liberally to this most important cause.

Higher Education seems certain to be an essential key to success in the 21st Century. At a time when tuition and program fees are rising dramatically and students are having increasing difficulty finding summer employment, Masonic and other bursaries are assuming critical importance.

The charity and good citizenship of all who have contributed in the past is to be commended but the need is ongoing and urgent. This year we received 250 applications that were accepted as complete and valid, but we had money for only 60 bursaries—or 24 per cent of the need.

May I conclude by letting Miss Holly Budd, this year's representative Bursary Recipient, express the thanks of all recipients, as she did so ably, at Grand Lodge:

Proclamation

Following the good tradition set in our jurisdiction, I have proclaimed October as "Higher Education Bursary Month." I am requesting that, during the month, all Masons in this jurisdiction make a contribution to this fund. May I remind each Brother of the lessons taught in the NE Angle Lecture.

Between increased tuition fees for students attending post secondary education and our depressed economy, more and more young people desperately need our help. Last year we received 250 applications for help. We could only assist 60 students. Why? Because many of our Brethren are not practising "Charity." Twenty dollars is a small request of each Brother—yet, if each Mason would contribute that amount, we could help almost 200 students next year. Please, Brethren, help our leaders of tomorrow by making that donation today!

"I would like to thank you for bestowing upon me such an honour. It takes vision to recognize a need, such as funding for post-secondary studies but, even more than

that, it takes a commitment to fill that need. For this, I commend you. I honestly believe that there is no smarter investment than in the youth of today. Of course, my opinion may be slightly biased! There are so many young people with incredible potential. Thank you for assisting us in bettering ourselves and for keeping the door of opportunity open. In this, a decade of cutbacks and closures, more than ever, education must be encouraged. By your generous contributions to the schooling of many of Alberta's youth, you have demonstrated your commitment to further education. I am certain I speak for all of the students that you have supported when I say, 'Thank you and I intend to make this money well spent.'"

W. Bro. H. Kent, Chairman,
MHEBFC

Common Ground

The common ground that exists among Masons, regardless of their religious persuasions, is evident when we consider the teachings of the Holy Books that guide the philosophy under which men live.

Brahmanism: This is the sum of duty; do naught upon others which would cause you pain if done to you.

Buddhism: Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.

Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man; that is the entire law, all the rest is commentary.

Islam: No one of you is a believer until he desires for his Brother that which he desires for himself.

Christianity: All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them; for this is the law of the Prophets.

The meanings of the five statements are so nearly alike that the interchanging of a few words does nothing to alter their complete compatibility. There has never been, nor can there ever be, a valid division within our Order because of

a point of doctrinal interpretation by a particular denominational group.

York Lodge, Lethbridge

Proceedings Of Grand Lodge

The proceedings of Grand Lodge are now in the hands of all Lodge Secretaries and Worshipful masters. Copies also go to all Grand Lodge Officers. In the back, you will see a complete listing of all the new elected and appointed brethren who are serving in office or on Committees or Boards. Congratulations go to each of them and also thanks to all those who were willing to let their names stand. It was truly an ELECTION this year on the Committees—keep those names coming in, if you think that you, or one of your Brothers, can serve the Craft.

Remember that each Lodge should review, in general, the contents of the Proceedings in open lodge—have you a Brother or Committee who will do that?

Congratulations also go to the Grand Secretary and his staff for having the Proceedings out to the Lodges in record time—in July!!!

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Outdoor Meeting of Alberta Lodge

Alberta Lodge had its usual outdoor Lodge on June 21, 1995 on the Dersch Ranch, northwest of Fort Macleod. The Grand Master paid a fraternal visit and was accompanied by the DDGM of Three Rivers District, RW Bro. George Blakley. Two new Brothers, Allan Mitchell and Robert Stedman proved up in the MM Degree during the course of the meeting. The reason that this was an unusual meeting is that a visitor overlooked the meeting from the crest of a small hill but the meeting continued. Where, you may ask, was the Tyler? He decided that, as the elk was of the four legged variety it did not come under the restriction against intruders, cowans or eavesdroppers and thought it better not to challenge him!

Offensive Saturn Ad in "Visions"

A number of Masons were offended by an advertisement for Saturn cars in which a Masonic photograph was shown entitled "Royal and Ancient Order of Old Dudes". The Masonic Information Centre took Saturn to task over this photograph which was intended to show the diversity of Saturn owners.

A letter of apology has been received from Saturn stating that their agency had looked for photographs representing groups who had the same sense of camaraderie and community as Saturn owners. They assure Masons that their intent was playful and was meant in no way to be disparaging or derogatory.

Dominion Lodge, 75th Anniversary

Dominion Lodge, Edmonton, proudly announces that its 75th Anniversary Festive Celebration Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 4, 1995, at Edmonton Freemasons' Hall. Cocktails will commence at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, with dancing to follow to the Edmonton Shrine Band. Dress: Business suit. Tickets \$30 per person.

The Lodge extends a warm invitation to all Masons, their ladies and friends.

To order tickets or for more information contact VW Bro. Don Dobie, 452-0205, VW Bro. Bro. Don Hart, 466-2835 or W. Bro. Al Yule, 476-5239. W. Bro. Al Yule, Secretary

Grand Master's Itinerary

October

- 2 Hinton Lodge, Hinton
- 3 Peace River Lodge, Peace River
- 4 Balmoral Lodge, St. Albert
- 6 Calgary Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 10 Kitchener Lodge, Rimbey
- 11 Jordan Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 14 Leadership Seminar, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 16 Astra Lodge, Cold Lake
- 17 St. George's Lodge, Elk Point
- 19 King Solomon, Cochrane
- 21 Athabasca District Meeting
- 21 Palliser District Meeting, Oyen
- 23 Northmount Lodge, Crescent Hall
- 24 Edmonton Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 25 Jubilee Lodge, Crescent Hall
- 27 King George Lodge, King George Freemasons' Hall
- 28 Calgary-Highwood District Meeting, Calgary
- 28 Central District Meeting

November

- 1 Bow River Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 2 Ionic Landmark Lodge, Alix
- 3 Battle River District Meeting
- 4 Beaverhills District Meeting, Wetaskiwin
- 6 Scottish Rite, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 7 Vulcan Lodge, Vulcan
- 9 Carstairs Lodge, Crossfield
- 10 Consistory Degree, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 11 Scottish Rite, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 11 Glenbow Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 13 North Star Lodge, Lethbridge
- 14 Mount Lebanon Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 15 Redwood Lodge, Highland Hall
- 16 Cornerstone Lodge, High River
- 17 Phoenix District Meeting,
King George Freemasons' Hall
- 18 Lakeland District Meeting, Acacia Hall
- 20 Consistory, Calgary
- 21 Irricana Lodge, Irricana
- 22 Kelvingrove Lodge, Bowmont Hall
- 23 Ashlar Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 25 Cornerstone Lodge, High River, 90th Anniversary
- 27 Hussar Lodge, Hussar
- 30 Alpha District Meeting, Calgary Freemasons' Hall

District Meetings

October

- 21 Palliser District, Oyen
- 21 Athabasca District
- 28 Central District, Red Deer
- 28 Calgary-Highwood District
- 28 Chinookarch District, Vulcan

November

- 3 Battle River District
- 4 Three Rivers District
- 4 Beaverhills District
- 17 Phoenix District
- 18 Lakeland District
- 18 Northern Lights District
- 30 Alpha District

1995 Masonic Spring Workshop Videos

Those who would like a copy of the tape of the theme speaker and other sessions of the most recent Workshop should contact RW Bro. Vic Ramsbottom, 8 Gladstone Gardens SW, Calgary, T3A 7E4. He will be pleased to meet your request for a nominal cost.

Going for Gold

A joint installation (quadstallation?) was held in Viking on June 26, 1995. Buffalo Park Lodge, Wainwright; Connaught Lodge, Viking; Dynamic Lodge, Holden; and Gratton Lodge, Irma, met together to have a joint installation and what a meeting it was! This was no ordinary Installation team, for it was composed, almost exclusively, of PGMs. The gold in the Lodge room left an aura of delight on the visiting Brethren. MW Bro. Norm Oslund was the Installing Master and he performed "masterfully." The Grand Master was present, as were MW Bros. Kendal, Crocket, Costigan, McIver, Harbin, Graves, Juthner, Bruce, Mottershead, Millar, Shaver, Crawford, Lusk and Burton. The Guest of Honour was the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, MW Bro. Gordon Towers. In addition, many Grand Lodge officers were also present, including DDGMs from Districts in the vicinity.

Seldom is seen such an array of present and past Grand Lodge officers, other than at our Grand Communication. The work was done with skill and MW Bro. Harbin concluded the ceremony with a beautifully delivered General Charge.

The four newly installed Worshipful Masters were: Bro. Lorence T. Myggland of Buffalo Park Lodge, Wainwright; W. Bro. Wendell Warman of Connaught Lodge, Viking; RW Bro. Robert Anderson of Dynamic Lodge, Holden; and VW Bro. Richard Glasgow of Gratton Lodge, Irma. The WMs and all their officers were quite convinced they were well and truly installed and invested. This is one time when the Proclamation was hardly necessary!

In addition to the golden performance, a small share of gold was given to charity, when \$350.00 was collected for the "We Can Help" Project.

Those who attended felt that this was an outstanding event in the annals of Alberta Masonry.



How many PGMs can you identify?"

Grand Lodges in Receipt of the Grand Lodge Bulletin

It is with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of Alberta receives the many letters acknowledging receipt of our *Grand Lodge Bulletin*. It is most courteous of the Grand Secretaries who write and the Editor enjoys reading the correspondence.

It always emphasises the universality of our Craft when we receive letters from all across the world. Thank you to all who write.

Alberta Mason Honoured

It is not often that a local Mason is recognized in an international forum for his Masonic endeavours, but this is just what happened to RW Bro. Roy Murray of Commercial Lodge, Edmonton.



RW Bro. Murray with his two awards.

In the fall of 1994, Bro. Murray submitted a paper entitled, "The Four Cardinal Virtues and Tassels in the Lodgeroom: Is There an Appropriate Correlation Between the Two?" to Quatuor Coronati Lodge, the Premier Lodge of Masonic Research, in London, England. In October, he was informed that his paper had been awarded the Norman B Spencer Prize Essay Award - 1994.

At their meeting in January, Commercial Lodge honoured Bro. Murray, when MW Bro. Robert Juthner formally presented the award and an award of merit from the Brethren of the Lodge. The award was accompanied by a prize of one hundred pounds sterling.

Congratulations, Bro. Murray, from all your Alberta Brethren.

Submitted by Bro David Roth, JW, Commercial Lodge

Scottish Rite To Hold Supreme Session In Calgary In 1996

The Calgary Valley of the AASR is seeking assistance from Craft Masons who would be willing to help in driving visitors or performing other duties to assist in making this event a great success. If you think you will have some time to give between September 9 and 15, 1996 please contact RW Bro. Russ Philips at 289-2039, RW Bro. Roy Monro at 259-8099 or the Grand Secretary of the AASR, RW Bro. Tom Hargreaves at 269-7486.

Proportions Can Be Painful To Consider

The SW of Charity Lodge, Lethbridge, is bringing the history of the Lodge to the members through five 10-minute talks at each meeting. Then, because not all Masons can be at the meeting, a summary is published in its Notice.

One item observed was that the dues of the Lodge were raised to \$7.00 per year in 1923 and the Initiation Fee was \$50.00.

A little calculation shows that, as dues are, more usually, \$100.00 or more today, the Initiation Fee increasing by the same proportion would be \$715.00!

70 Years a Mason



l-r: RW Bro. Russ Phillips, RW Bro. Bill Henderson, MW Bro. W.E. (Curly) Foster.

On April 18, 1995, RW Bro. W. (Bill) J. Henderson was honoured by Bowden Lodge on the 70th Anniversary of his entry into the Craft. MW Bro. W. E. Foster presented this young (92 years) Mason with a beautiful mahogany desk set, suitably inscribed with a request that he write his memoirs. The Lodge was filled to capacity with Masons from all over Central District and the many visitors included a "surprise" bus load from Calgary area Lodges—in pleasant retaliation for a surprise bus load the previous month from Bowden and area Lodges to Canada Lodge. Three DDGMs, RW Bros. G. Kelso (Calgary Highwood), R.G. Phillips (Central) and T. Hargreaves (Phoenix) represented the Brethren of their Districts.

Bro. Henderson was born in Gotterbie, Scotland, in 1903. He was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Whitewoolen Lodge No. 258, Lockerbie on the GR of Scotland in 1925. He affiliated with Bowden Lodge in 1927 and has been WM in 1931, 1954, 1978-1979 and 1994 to the present. He was Secretary of Bowden Lodge for a total of 30 years and DDGM in 1961. He has received the 125th Anniversary Medal of Canada for his "Significant Contributions to his Community and Canada." He is a life member and past President of Bowden Friendship Centre and has been an active member of Eastern Star for 48 years.

The honours given to Bro. Henderson continued at the "truly" Festive Board and there were few dry eyes. During the meeting, a poem written in 1931 by Bro. Henderson was read.

This extremely active Mason has completed on his own about three full Masonic lives and is to be congratulated on his ongoing dedication to the Craft. He was awarded his 70 year Jewel at the Grand Communication at Red Deer from the hands of Grand Master Ray Burton.

Congratulations, Brother Henderson, from your Alberta Brethren. Submitted by MW Bro. W.E. Foster

Early Bird Draw

Grand Lodge, in order to get the hotel bookings made early for the Grand Lodge Communication, set up an early-bird draw. RW Bro. Orest Lukey of Acme was the lucky winner. He received a gift certificate for two night's accommodation and a Sunday brunch for two people. Congratulations RW Bro. Lukey.

What Masons Do

Kids Ride The Rails — Brethren of Cascade Lodge and Banff Shriners worked for a year with President Peter Armstrong, of Rocky Mountain Rail Tours, to use some of the few vacant seats on our famous "Blue Train." Thirty-five Elementary School students were enabled to travel on Canada's historic rail route from Banff to Calgary. For most of them it was the first opportunity they had had to travel on the trains they so often had seen passing through their town.

Banff Transportation and Tours provided the free return bus ride and snacks for along the way.

The nine and ten year old students had a wonderful day and the Banff Masons can be proud of the success of this community venture. The trip received full page coverage in the Crag and Canyon newspaper.

Helping Out — In Lodge, a few days ago, I heard of an interesting and valuable way of helping out, when a brother is sick and his wife must be constantly with him. The Brethren set up a schedule to visit the sick brother and to allow his wife to go out for a half day or evening. The pleasure of company for the Brother and the release of pressure from the wife is invaluable. Could your Lodge do this for any of your members? We should not forget that, within the community there may be others—non-Masons—who could benefit from this charitable work. Remember that "every human being has a claim on your kind offices."

Highway Cleanup — Chinook Lodge, Cowley, and Spitzie Lodge become involved in the Highway cleanup between Cowley and Pincher Creek scheduled for mid-May. Masonic Signs were placed along the highway and members of the Lodges pitched in with enthusiasm. Thanks brethren for helping to keep our province clean.

Editor's Note: There is also the "Adopt-a-Highway" scheme of the Provincial Government. Are any Alberta Lodges involved?

Library News

The May 1995 issue of the *Northern Light* (published by the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the AASR in the USA) had five eminent Masonic researchers and authors list what they thought were the ten best Masonic books for the new or "average" Mason. This resulted in a list of thirty books.

Of these 30 books, your Grand Lodge Library has 28 and the other two deal specifically with US history. The list of the books available in Alberta is available from the Grand Lodge Library. These books, together with many others, both Masonic and anti-Masonic, as well as audio tapes and video cassettes are all available on loan.

The Library is open to ALL Masons within the province and is open during regular business hours. For the brother who cannot manage those hours, special arrangements can be made to have the library open to meet needs.

The catalogue of all books in the libraries in Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge is available on Computer disk and comes with its own search program. This disk can be obtained from Grand Lodge for \$5.00.

Increase your knowledge of the Craft from the wisdom of others—USE YOUR LIBRARY.