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Grand Chaplain's Address

VW Bro. Rev. David J.H. Cook

From childhood, I have enjoyed the sights, sounds and smells of Christmas. As the darkest days of winter encircle us, the hustle and bustle tends to excite me. The stores put out their best displays, coloured lights cheer the gloomy nights and even the tinny, rasping, wheezing sounds of recorded carols speak well of joy.

When the long nights promise only cold and snow, when many of our forest friends have sneaked off to hibernate away the long hours of winter, humans turn the world upside down. We turn the winter solstice into a time of hope. We bring our own lights to break the spell of darkness, we display our brightest colours when spring and summer have forsaken us and we add our own music to the night air, now the birds and insects are silent.

We make the dark world a more cheerful place to live.

The past year, as in most years, has been encircled by the dark clouds of passion, war and fear. Often times, the metaphorical darkness has been overwhelming.

Then comes the year's end, when, by the seasons, the world is at it's darkest point. This was the time when Jesus came into the world to show how to break the cycle of darkness with one singular gift all humans possess. A gift that changes the world — Love!

The frivolities of Christmas reveal more than our human struggle to overcome the prevailing darkness. They reveal the innate strength of humans to be kind and charitable: to give love to others without expecting return.

This is the heart of the Christmas Story. In love, Jesus came, that, from him, we might learn to love other people as God loves us.

Such love, or charity, is the keystone to our Masonic Craft. Let us try to love others for a year and see the difference we make. Let us brighten this world with kindness — the way a few coloured bulbs transform our city on a winter's night.

As one wise man said, "Surely it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." Let us be that candle.

Merry Christmas From The Grand Lodge Office Staff

With the Christmas Season fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity, once again, to extend an invitation to join us in the Grand Lodge Office for an "Open House", Thursday, December 21, 1995. We enjoy the relaxed atmosphere at our Open House. It is always a pleasure to meet with Freemasons, family and friends at this time of year and have the opportunity, personally to wish you a Merry Christmas.

On behalf of Judy Rivers, Valerie Levson and myself, I extend to all of you our wish for a very joyous holiday season. We wish you success and happiness in the New Year.

RW Bro. Gerry Webber, Grand Secretary

Christmas Gift Ideas

Grand Lodge Office has a variety of colours and sizes in golf shirts. The shirt has a square and compasses, with the Alberta Rose beneath it (the same as the Alberta Masonic Tie). They come in red, green, black, royal blue, navy blue, light blue and green. Sizes range from small to double extra large. These shirts do tend to fit small. The cost is \$21.40 and includes GST. (All prices include GST.)

Ties:	Alberta Ties, royal blue & dark blue	\$20.33
	Black Square & Compasses	\$20.33
	Navy blue acacia tie	\$20.33
Baseball Caps:	White and Black	\$10.70
Mugs:	Gold Square & Compasses on both sides	\$ 4.28
Stocking Stuffers:	Car Marker	\$ 7.49
	Car Marker with Maple Leaf	\$ 8.30
	Alberta Masonic Belt Buckle:	\$10.70

Masonic Pen:	\$17.12
Business Card Case:	\$12.84

There are also various Masonic Lapel Pins available for, generally, under \$10.00. Please feel free to contact the Grand Lodge Office for more information and/or assistance.

Masonic Promotion

The Grand Master is striking a Committee to review Promotion of the Craft, both inside and outside the membership. This will be challenging work for the Committee and, in the future, additional members will be required. Are you experienced in this kind of work? Do you know of a Brother who is an excellent person to recommend to the Grand Secretary for future involvement? If the answer to either of these questions is "Yes", please contact the Grand Secretary as soon as possible.

Holy Days

It is with regret that the *Bulletin* carries messages of hope only about the faith of the Christian Brethren in our Order. It is most desirable that we, as a non or rather multi-denominational organization, share the words of importance from the Sacred Writings that are of significance to our Brethren of other faiths. Our problem seems to be that there are few of other religions who are willing to write. The Editor would welcome discussion with those of other faiths, who would be willing to share thoughts with all the Brethren of Alberta.

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Grand Master's Itinerary

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- 5 Kenilworth Lodge, Red Deer Freemasons' Hall
- 6 Edmonton Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 7 Zetland Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
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- 19 Bowden Lodge
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- 2 Perfection Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 4 Centennial Lodge, Edmonton
- 11 Bassano Lodge
- 12 Strathcona Lodge, Acacia Hall, Edmonton
- 13 Ye Olde Craft Lodge, Acacia Hall, Edmonton
- 15 Brooks Lodge
- 18 Wetaskiwin Lodge, Wetaskiwin
- 22 Beacon Lodge, Red Deer Freemasons' Hall

From The Notices

I find Masonry to be like a large onion. Each time a layer is peeled off, there is another, glistening and fresh, underneath. Same onion, new layer! Every Freemason is provided with a knife and the onion, so to speak, but he must do his own peeling.
Evergreen Lodge, Edmonton

Things I Wish I Had Learned As A Child — And Am Glad I Have Learned Since

1. No one is perfect.
2. Mistakes are not bad.
3. Feelings are okay.
4. Feelings don't control behaviour - I do.
5. I am responsible for my own happiness.
6. I am responsible for what I do.
7. People cannot control me - I allow it.
8. I cannot control people - they have to allow it.
9. I don't have to be good, right or perfect to be okay.
10. Life can be fun, enjoyable and exciting.

Rocky Summit Lodge, Frank

Golf

An ineffectual attempt to direct an uncontrollable sphere into an inaccessible hole with instruments ill-adapted to the purpose!
Rocky Summit Lodge, Frank

Brethren, our Lodge is not a museum, an exhibition of saints, a social clique, or a group of salesmen looking for clients. Our Lodge is a school — a group of people in various stages of development, from beginners in the Masonic life, with the dirt of selfishness still on them, to those clad in white robes of warmth, compassion and brotherly love. We sincerely covet the presence of every member and visitor. We have a genuine need for each other. Our shared wall of mutual support is weakened by missing bricks.

Bro. Geoff Wilson, WM Unity Lodge, Edmonton

The next time things do not run smoothly in Lodge, remember:

Together
Everyone
Accomplishes
More

Bro. Crawford Caswell, WM Bowmont Lodge, Calgary

When all is said and done — more is said than done!

Bro. Bill Glover, WM, North Star Lodge, Lethbridge

Masons Welcome Wearing Of Regalia At Job's Daughters & DeMolay

Since MW Bro. Macaulay has granted permission for Masons to wear regalia at meetings of Job's Daughters and DeMolay, they have been a welcome and conspicuous sight at their meetings. [One of] the first of such occasions, in the Province of Alberta, was at the September 9, 1995 Installation of Officers at Bethel No. 1, IOJD in Calgary. Numerous visitors honoured the Bethel, including RW Bro. Pai Lin Li, DDGM of Phoenix District. He is seen pictured here with newly installed Honoured Queen Andrea Jones and Immediate Past Honoured Queen Shelly McKendry at centre, along with visiting Masons in regalia and Senior and Junior Princesses from Bethel No. 1 and visiting Bethels.

Let's hope the GM's push to put "You Back in Youth" continues to gather momentum. Brethren, PLEASE, get out really soon and support our youth — the enthusiasm of our Masonic young people may even help rejuvenate you.



The GM has also appointed two "Ambassadors to Job's Daughters and DeMolay": RW Bro. Russ Pauley for Southern Alberta (258-2240 Calgary) and VW Bro. Jack Raskin for Northern Alberta (452-9253 Edmonton). They both have been seen all over their areas of jurisdiction, working hard to raise awareness — of both our youth and Masons — of each other. Please contact your Ambassador for information, or to arrange a meeting or exemplification.

Bro. Peter Proudlock, Associate Bethel Guardian No. 1

IN MEMORIAM



MW Bro. Claude Rodney Austin Green Grand Master 1984 - 1985 June 12, 1931-October 13, 1995

MW Bro. Green was born in Duncan, British Columbia on June 12th, 1931. He was initiated at Manyberries Lodge No. 133 on July 29th, 1957. He was a member of Bow Island Lodge No. 57 and was its WM in 1960-61. He then affiliated with Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, on June 4th, 1978. He was elected DDGM of District No. 2 in 1970-71. MW Bro. Green was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1980 and appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in 1981. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in June 1982. MW Bro. Green retired after twenty-seven years of service in the RCMP in 1977. He was a partner in Harline Truck and Tractor Ltd. of Grande Prairie. Bro. Green was a very active Scout Master from 1964 to 1968. He married Jean Henderson of Lethbridge in October of 1955. Soon after his term as Grand Master, he moved to Campbell River, British Columbia and lived there until his death.

It is with sadness that the members of this Grand Jurisdiction say farewell to a well-loved Brother, who served his Brethren faithfully and who has now been called to higher service.

Reminder To Lodges Secretaries

If you are not already doing so, please include TWO (2) copies of your lodge summons in your mailing to Grand Lodge. One copy is for the Grand Lodge files and the other for the Bulletin Committee. It is not necessary to send a separate copy to the Editor as that costs another stamp. Yours assistance with this matter is really appreciated.

What Sort Of Wood Are You?

I would like to... ask all brethren which type of wood best describes them. Are you hardwood, driftwood or deadwood?

The Hardwood Brother is the backbone of our fraternity. He is the Master Mason who attends, participates and is considered to be the life blood of the lodge — a member who is committed to his family, his work and to himself. He is a brother who does the best with what he has — caring, understanding and part of the team — a brother who has positive thoughts and believes in the fundamental principles of our Order, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. He is the ideal Freemason.

The Driftwood Brother is another active member who shows up only on those special nights, such as installations, receptions, official visits or those meetings, at which he was asked to participate in a degree. Rarely does he visit other lodges, especially those lodges within his district. He may, once in a while, be part of a committee but never chairs it. A brother who comes out only when asked but never volunteers.

The Deadwood Brother includes both Master Masons and Past Masters. They are the brethren who continue to pay their dues but never come out. They receive their monthly summons and occasionally open it up. They make excuses as to why they can't attend a certain meeting. They are the brethren who are proud to consider themselves a Mason but don't tell anyone they are one.

MW. Bro. William Pellow, PGM, GLC in Ontario.

Well Worn Regalia



At the June 13 meeting of Medicine Hat Lodge, followed by a BBQ as evidenced by the casual dress seen in the photo, Bro. Neil Gordon (centre) was presented with a MM Apron. This apron had been worn by his grandfather as a member of King Hiram Lodge 104, GRS. The apron had been first passed to Bro. Neil Gordon's brother, Scott (right), who is now WM of Medicine Hat Lodge. In addition, Bro. Neil Gordon was presented with a Masonic ring that had been passed down from a great uncle, Bro. Earnest Snead of Commercial Lodge, Edmonton. WM Scott Gordon had conferred all three degrees on his brother and he had then been raised by his father RW Bro. Angus Gordon (left).

This continues a great "Gordon" tradition in Medicine Hat Lodge, as Bro. Neil Gordon's great great uncle was one of the founding Members of the Lodge.

Submitted by MW Bro. W. Graves.

Getting To Know Our DDGMs

This month you will meet another five of our DDGMs. When you see them on their visits, please talk to them and welcome them to your Lodge.

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT

RW Bro. Ross Mouser was initiated in Stavely Lodge in 1964 and became its WM in 1969-1971. He was the Secretary of the Lodge for over 20 years. He was appointed Grand Steward in 1978 and then was elected DDGM of District 8 in 1990. He is a member of the Royal Arch, AASR, Shrine, OES and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is a very active member of the Tartan Degree Team. Bro. Mouser is married to Marilyn and has two sons, Scott and Doug.



MIGHTY PEACE DISTRICT

RW Bro. Bennie Everton (l.) was initiated in Hythe Lodge in 1957 and became its WM in 1965. He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon in 1974 and then was WM again in the years 1981 and 1982. Hythe Lodge amalgamated with Lake Saskatoon Lodge and he is now a member of that Lodge



PALLISER DISTRICT

RW Bro. Ronald M. Parks was initiated into Oyen Lodge (now Oyen-Crocus Lodge) in 1982 and became its WM in 1988. He is a Member of the Royal Arch.



CENTRAL DISTRICT

RW Bro. Russel M. Fisher (l.) was initiated in Apollo Lodge, Stettler in 1954. He moved to Red Deer in 1957 and became a charter member of Beacon Lodge in that City. He was WM of Beacon Lodge in 1971 and again in 1991.



DINOSAUR DISTRICT

RW Bro. Don Russel (r.) was initiated in King George Lodge, Calgary in 1957 and affiliated with Rockyford Lodge in 1978. He was WM from 1980 - 82 and was appointed a Grand Steward in 1989.

Dues

The Red Cross is constantly seeking more donors, because the blood that people possess continues to get lost, due to trauma or disease. The Lodge finances suffer the same fate as the blood — they tend to get expended and there is a continual seeking for more. Sometimes, it is not related to the dues structure but rather to the slow flow of dues to the Lodge. There is no way a Lodge can pay its current budgeted bills, when ten to twenty per cent of the members delay sending in their dues for a year or more. Think what you would say, if your pay cheque was sometimes up to a year late! How could you possibly operate your household expenses!

Think about your Lodge, be fair, get those dues in at the beginning of the year and watch the smiles on the faces of the Secretary and Treasurer — and notice the decrease of complaining about cash flow.

Please do your bit by paying your Dues on time!

Recognition

It is with regret that the Grand Lodge Bulletin is unable to publish the full details and photographs of the many recipients of Masonic Long Service Jewels which have been so thoughtfully submitted to the Editor. The following have been received, however, and the members of the Craft join with the recipients' Lodges in congratulating each one of them:

- 60 years** — W. Bro. Ernie Hanna of Exemplar Lodge, Edm.
- 50 years** — RW Bro. Henry Drever, Quarry Lodge, Med. Hat
W. Bro. Neil O'Neil; RW Bro. Clarence Johnston; VW Bro. Duke Ferguson; Bro. Wes Reid and W. Bro. Gordon Morrison — all of Cairo Lodge, Claresholm
W. Bro. Herb Boon of St. Mark's Lodge, Calgary
RW Bro. Arvard Oulton of Barrhead Lodge
- 25 Years** — Canada Lodge recently honoured 40 of its members with twenty-five year pins.

More than 1500 years of Masonry were shared by these Brethren. That is a staggering amount of time by anyone's reckoning. Congratulations to all of these recipients and to the many others who have recently been recognised with this award.

Error - Error - Error

We thank those Brethren who, with hawk-like eyes, study the *Bulletin* from cover to cover and catch the little "bloopers" that insist on creeping in. W. Bro. Boitoult of Bow River Lodge, Calgary, who now resides in Ontario, spotted the little dating goof in the October Bulletin. Then there were the many comments on the spelling of the word "wield" which was in the photo caption on the front page of the November issue.

We ask you to continue looking — and I can promise that we will continue to let them slip through for your interest and amusement.

The Editor