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Editor, RW Bro. Norman J. Senn

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91st Annual Communication

The Ninety-First Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, AF & AM, will be held in the Fantasyland Hotel, 17700 - 87 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta T5T 4V4, commencing on Friday, June 14th, 1996, at 10:00 am and continuing on Saturday, June 15, 1996.

1) Agenda: The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations R1.1.4, will be conducted by MWBro Gordon V. Macaulay from the following Agenda, governed by the rules of order as per the Regulations and/ or those listed in the Preliminary Report. The Grand Master may revise the Agenda.

2) Notices Of Motion: The Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution and Regulations are to be found elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

3) Registration/Balloting: Shall commence in the foyer of the Fantasyland Hotel (Beverly Hills Ballroom) at 8:00 am, Friday, June 14, 1996. Balloting shall begin one hour (1) prior to the opening of Grand Lodge and will continue until 6:00 PM on the first day of the Annual Communication. Registration and Balloting will resume on the second day, June 15, 1996 and continue until 10:00 am, R1.2.9. **Note:** On the Friday evening, there will be no balloting after 6:00 PM.

4) Nominations: A list of the names of those Brethren nominated for Grand Office, Boards and Committees, as per section R1.2 of the Regulations, is to be found elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

Attendance Statistics of the 1995 Annual Communication

At the 90th Grand Lodge Communication held in Red Deer last year, 16 Lodges had no representation out of 145 Lodges.

Of the 129 Lodges showing some representation, there were 95 Worshipful Masters, 50 Senior Wardens and 39 Junior Wardens. We should really try to improve attendance at this year's Communication. If we increased the percentage of Lodges represented from 82 per cent to 90 per cent it would be a great step forward. Can't your Lodge get at least one of its three Senior Officers to attend? Look at the agenda and activities — it will be worth coming!

Comments On Lodge Notices

It has again been my privilege, over the past Masonic year, to review the Notices of all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction. I am constantly confronted with the problem of what anniversaries, Masonic penning, poems, etc., I should pass on to the Editor, knowing what limited space is available in the *Bulletin*. The Editor has fed his computer with more chips, so at least its memory has increased and the selected material is all on file.

Thanks to the ongoing stimulation by the Grand Lodge Office, more Lodges have been sending in the required **two** (2) copies of their Notice to Grand Lodge, which ensures that one comes to the *Bulletin*. Most of these additions have come from rural Lodges and I can only say, "You have been hiding your light under a bushel" for far too long. Some of these notices contain really interesting and stimulating articles which should have wider circulation.

Most Lodge notices have improved considerably in quality of presentation — layouts, clarity of print, content and information. For example, I can always find the Notice of Red Deer Lodge in the pile on my desk — it is well laid out in dense black ink on bright yellow paper. Few members of the Lodge could mislay this notice! Many Lodges are now producing wonderful Notices that are of superb quality but Gateway Lodge is the Lodge to which goes the *Bulletin* Committee's accolade for an outstanding publication.

Bro Trevor Morris, Bulletin Committee.

Special Stampede Lodge Meeting

Canada Lodge, Calgary, will be holding its Annual Stampede meeting on Saturday July 6, 1996 at King George Lodge Hall, 2323 Osborne Crescent, SW. The Lodge will tyle at 1:30 PM. There will be Masonic Education to reflect our western heritage. Dress will be Western — but come as you are — be comfortable. Spare aprons will be available for out of province visitors who have no regalia with them. The meeting will be followed by "Traditional Western Fare". The cost is \$10.00 this will include the meal, a bandana and a pin.

For more information, Contact RWBro Jack McGregor at 243-7385 (Fax 243-0700)

Nominations For The Year 1996-97

Grand Master 1996-97

Automatic as per Section C7.2.2

RWBro Basile Costouros, Jasper Lodge No. 14, Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196, Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

Elected by Acclamation RWBro Hugh Young, Concord Lodge No. 124

Senior Grand Warden

Elected by Acclamation **RWBro James Roberts**, Red Deer Lodge No. 12

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Grand Master	MW Bro. Gordon V. Macaulay			
Deputy Grand Master	RW Bro. Basile Costouros			
Senior Grand Warden	RW Bro. Hugh Young			
Junior Grand Warden	RW Bro. James W. Roberts			
Grand Secretary	RW Bro. Gerald T. Webber			
Editorial Committee — Editor: RW Bro. Norm Senn, 282-8170				

Bro. Bob Millsap; Bro. Trevor Morris; W Bro. Dick Reynolds; W Bro. Bev Snyder; Bro. Peter Proudlock

Nominees For Junior Grand Warden

Two nominees — One to be elected

RWBro J.A. (Art) Jones, Patricia Lodge No. 91

His Masonic Career began when he joined Patricia Lodge in 1981. Since then he has served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge and was the District Deputy Grand Master for the Northern Lights District of Alberta. He is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, a Charter Member of Al Shamal Shrine Temple and serves as Secretary Treasurer of the Al Shamal Provost Corps. He is currently an appointed member of the Board of General Purposes.



Art, together with his wife, is a member of Allenby Chapter, No. 38, Order of the Eastern Star.

Art was born in Lloydminster on February 4, 1928, where he received his education and began his business career. He and his family moved to Edmonton in 1961 and subsequently moved to an acreage near Onoway in 1975.

He was employed by the Edmonton Real Estate Board from 1976 until January 1993 when he retired as Executive Vice President. He maintains his contact with the real estate industry by serving as the Executive Manager of the Edmonton Realtors Charitable Foundation. Art was recently elected as a Trustee for the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation and serves as a member of the Edmonton Advisory Board of the Salvation Army.

He is an Honorary Life Member of the Edmonton Real Estate Board, the Alberta Real Estate Association and the Canadian Real Estate Association.

Art has been married to his wife Jennie for 44 years and they have 5 children and 10 grandchildren.

RWBro James A. Lore, Acme Lodge No. 60

His Masonic history is: initiated 1966, Acme Lodge, W Master Acme Lodge, 1975 and 1983-84; DDGM, District 15, 1979-80. Banff Workshop Theme Speaker, 1980; Finance Committee, 1980-89; Grand Treasurer, 1987-88; Board of General Purposes, 1982-85, 1987-92; President Board of General Purposes, 1991-92; Theme Speaker, All Canada Conference, 1995.

Jim was born in Bassano in 1931. He graduated from U of A in 1954 (B.S. Agriculture). Jim and June were married in 1953 and have 5 children. They have farmed at Carstairs since 1954. In 1969 Jim and others started



an Agriculture Consulting Firm. He set up his own company in 1984, consulting in agricultural and environmental matters. He retired in 1995.

His service to the community and the agriculture industry includes: Appeal Board of Farm Credit Corp. 1967-79; Development Appeal Board County of Mountain View, 1958-74; Alberta Environment Land Use Panel, 1983-84; Canadian Limousin Association President, 1977.

In his professional life he has served as follows: Director, Agriculture Institute of Canada, 1975-76; President, Alberta Institute of Agrologists; Charter Member and President (1989), Canadian Consulting Agrologist's Association. He is a Chartered Arbitrator of the Canadian Arbitration Association.

His awards include the Professional Recognition Award from the Alberta Institute of Agrologists 1987. He was named a Fellow by the Consulting Agrologists in 1988 and the Agriculture Institute of Canada in 1989. He received the Distinguished Professional Achievement Award from the Faculty of Agriculture, U of A, in 1990.

Grand Treasurer

Elected by acclamation

RWBro G. Rex Dawson, Westlock Lodge No. 114

Past Master of Westlock Lodge (currently Secretary); Past Junior Grand Deacon; Past DDGM, Past Chairman Masonic Spring Workshop Committee; Grand Treasurer since 1991.

Businessman for 27 years as Franchised Auto Dealer; 18 years as General Motors employee; 4 years as Municipal employee. Over the years, involved in: Community work; Church activities; Town Councillor; Motor Dealers Association as Director; Dealer Council—local and national; member of Lions Club.

Currently actively involved in business.

Board Of General Purposes

Elected members of the Board shall be elected by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, eight (8) of whom shall be elected each year. Elected members shall serve a term of two (2) years and no elected member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

12 Nominees — Eight to be elected.

RWBro Don Buck, Calgary Lodge No. 23

Served on the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge for 5 years. DDGM, District 6, 1991-92.

General Manager of a Calgary Metal Fabrication Shop.

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WBro Ross Cawley, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101

Initiated Nov. 20, 1968; passed January 15, 1969; raised February 19, 1969; WM 1978-79; Lodge Secretary/Treasurer 1982-83 and 1994-96. Worked with RWBro Norm Senn and WBro Hugh Puffer on Planning Committee for Banff Spring Workshop in late 1970s. Acted as Assistant Instructor with RWBro Al Jones at one of Schools of Instruction at Banff Spring Workshop. Chairman of Masonic Renewal Committee for Northern Lights District 1994/95.

RWBro N.A.(Angus) Gordon, Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2

He is a PM of Medicine Hat Lodge and PDDGM, Palliser District. He has been a member of the Board of General Purposes for two years.

He is a Certified General Accountant with his own Accounting practise which he operates with his two sons who are also members of the Craft.

VWBro Donald F. Hart, Dominion Lodge No. 117

Initiated, Passed and Raised in 1943; joined AASR, 1951; joined North Star Chapter, 1945. Served as WM of Dominion Lodge, 1951; has taken part in various degrees in Scottish Rite. Grand Steward, 1994-95.

Married to Doreen; employed by CNR; Regional Comptrollers Dept. for many years, before transferring to the Federal Dept. of Revenue, where he served as a Payroll Auditor.

WBro John A. Hausberg, Concord Lodge No. 124

Joined Concord Lodge in January 1989; WM in 1995; currently Sec-Treas; also on Calgary Masonic Temple Board. Was a member of Vancouver Police for 14 years, developed the first program for Crime Victims in Canada. 20 years in Private Security as Shareholder and Senior Officer of a company with 250 employees. Active in the Lapidary hobby for 30 years, including a term as President of the Gem & Mineral Fed. Of Canada. Has also been active in community affairs and juvenile sports; active in the Boy Scouts for many years.

VWBro Donald M. McKay, Loyalty Lodge No. 197

1975, Master Mason; 1987, WM of King George Lodge; 1988, Charter Member of Loyalty Lodge; 1992, presently JW of Loyalty Lodge; Grand Steward; has served on and continues to serve on the Masonic Medal of Merit Committee and Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee. Member AASR, Calgary; 1989, member Al Azhar Shrine; 1990, member of 100 Million Dollar Club; 1990, member of RAM; 1993, member of Preceptory.

1968, Bachelor of Education; 1972 Diploma of Educational Administration; 1974, Master of Arts, 25 years experience as Education Administrator.

RWBro Russell M. Paulley, Glenbow Lodge No. 184

PDDGM, 1990, 10th District, GRM; WM, 1973, Empire Lodge No. 127, GRM. Member of Board of General Purposes 1971-1973, GRM. Appointed Ambassador to DeMolay and Job's Daughters—Southern Alberta 1995-96; appointed Board of General Purposes, 1995-96; Chairman, Speechcraft Course 1996.

RWBro Norman Senn, Mosaic Lodge No. 176

Initiated into Eastgate Lodge, 1965; affiliated 1968 to Mosaic Lodge, WM Mosaic Lodge 1975-76; Affiliated 1979 to Fiat Lux Lodge of Research; DDGM District 18 (Phoenix District) 1984-85; WM Fiat Lux 1992-93; Chairman, Masonic Spring Workshop, 1974 and Theme Speaker on two occasions; Member of *Grand Lodge Bulletin* Committee 1969-74; Editor, *Bulletin* 1985-90 and 1991 to 1996; Member Board of Benevolence, 1978-79; Member Masonic Research & Education Committee 1974-80; Co-Chairman, Special Committee on Forms and Publications 1992 to present; Member, Board of General Purposes 1979-85, 1987-1993, 1994-1996, President, 1995-1996. Member Golden West Chapter, RAM; Member Cyprus Preceptory, KT; Member Calgary AASR, PMWS, PCinC, 33 Degree; Member Royal Order Scotland, Member Red Cross of Constantine. Past Associate Grand Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Head, Medical Science Dept. SAIT, 1970-88 - Retired 1988.

RWBro Charles G. (Chuck) Stuart, Calgary Lodge No. 23

Initiated into Craft, April 17, 1953; WM of Calgary Lodge in 1976 and 1996. DDGM, Calgary-Highwood District 1989-90; Past Captain Al Azhar Patrol Arabs 1992-93; Past Assoc. Guardian Job's Daughters Bethel No. 14. Actively involved in Concordant Bodies. Present member of Jurisprudence Committee. Volunteer driver for Cancer Society.

Native Calgarian, born November 16, 1927; raised and educated in Calgary; married to Faith; retired from city of Calgary Fire Service as Fire Marshal January 16, 1986 after 36 years service.

RWBro Ernie Tyler, Palestine Lodge No. 46

Raised 1951; Past Master, Vermilion Lodge No. 24, PM of Palestine Lodge (twice). Board of General Purposes — two 1 year terms. Past Grand Registrar. Member of several Concordant Bodies.

Retired Public Servant (Alberta).

VWBro Walter L. Woodward, Kelvingrove Lodge No. 187 Master Mason since 1966; Past Grand Tyler; WM of KelvingroveLodge in 1973; Secretary-Treasurer of Kelvingrove Lodge since 1988.

CMA — forty five years in accounting

RWBro Charles H. (Chuck) White, Perfection Lodge No. 9 WM of Perfection Lodge, 1964 and 1993; appointed to Board of General Purposes 1 year, elected Grand Treasurer twice; Board of Benevolence 8 years, 5 years as President of Board of Benevolence.

Owned own business for thirty years, long time retired.

Board of Benevolence

Shall consist of 6, three to be elected for a three year term 3 Nominees - Three to be elected.

Elected by Acclamation

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P	rogram For The Ninety-Fir	st Ann	ual Communication
	June 13 th , 14 th		
	Fantasyland Hotel & Resort, West E	dmonton N	Mall, Edmonton, Alberta
	Thursday, June 13 th , 1996		(Summary)
7:00 PM	Grand Master's Banquet — by invitation		c) Committee on the Work
	only.		d) Committee on the Condition of Masonry
	Friday, June 14 th , 1996		e) Committee on Charters and New Lodges
0.00 111			f) Board of Benevolence
8:00 AM	Registration Opens in the Foyer —		g) Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund
8.00 AM	Fantasyland Hotel Board of General Purposes Meeting		Adoption of the Following Reports printed
0.00 AIVI	(members only & invited observers) —		in the Preliminary Proceedings
	Chianti Room		One motion covers all: a) Grand Treasurer's Report
9:00 AM	Balloting shall open in the Foyer		b) Grand Secretary's Report
	Preliminaries — Beverly Hills Ballroom		e) Auditor's Report & Financial Statements
	(Untyled)		f) Finance Committee Report
	Welcoming Remarks, MWBro G.V.		g) Grand Librarian's Report
	Macaulay		h) Grand Historian's Report
	Presentation of Colours — Royal Canadian		i) Grand Lodge Bulletin Committee Report
	Mounted Police — VWBro W. Patton		Adoption of the following Special
, 2017)	Anthems		Committee Reports printed in the
	Introductions — VWBro Gerry MacKenzie,		Preliminary Proceedings
	Grand Director of Ceremonies		One motion covers all:
	Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, Al Shamal		a) Masonic Renewal and Education
	Shrine, Grand Guardian (accompanied		Committee
	by Honoured Queen), Al Azhar Shrine,		b) Ambassadors to DeMolay and Job's
	Concordant and Appendent Bodies, DeMolay (accompanied by Master		Daughters
	Councillor)		c) Publication & Forms Committee
	Conclusion of informal reception	3:30 PM	d) Leadership Training Grand Master's Address
9:55 AM	Formation of Grand Procession	5.50 I WI	-Motion to refer the Grand Master's Address
	Opening of the 91 st Annual Communication		to the Committee on the Grand Master's
	(Tyled)		Address.
	- Grand Lodge Procession	4:30 PM	
	- Reception of Past Grand Masters and		Balloting and Registration suspended.
	Distinguished Visitors		Grand Lodge Banquet
	- Motion of Loyalty		(Ladies Welcome)
	- Confirmation of the 90 th Annual		Toastmaster:
	Communication		RWBro James Roberts, Junior Grand Warden
	- Recognition of Grand Representatives		- Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award
	- Service of Commemoration and		- Dance to the Big Band Sounds -
	Thanksgiving		Saturday June 15th 1006
	 Report of the Jurisprudence Committee Rules of Order 	8.00 ANA	Saturday, June 15th, 1996
NOON	Break for lunch	6:00 AM	Balloting and Registration resumed in the Foyer
	Reconvene the 91 st Annual Communication	9:00 AM	91st Annual Communication reconvenes
1.001111	Reading of the following reports	2.00 1 1111	- Any Reports not completed from Friday's
	Each report & recommendation requires a		session
	separate motion:		- Report on the Grand Master's Address
	a) Board of General Purposes —		- Notices of Motion
	• confirmation of appointment of Grand		- COMELY Committee Report
	Secretary		- Masonic Foundation of Alberta
	 appointment of Auditor for 1997 	10:00 AM	Balloting and Registration Close
	 approval of 1997 Capital and Operating 		- Report of the Credentials Committee
	Budget		- Report of the Scrutineers Committee
	b) Committee on Fraternal Relations	11:00 AM	General and Unfinished Business
	Remove this page and take with y	ou to the A	Annual Communication

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	- Election of Grand Tyler		- Grand Master's Comments
11:30 Sharp	Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge		- Installation of the Grand Master and
	will be tabled		Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers
	- Masonic Medal of Merit Presentation		for 1996/97, under the direction of
	- Other Masonic Awards		MWBro Ray Burton.
Noon	Break for Lunch	3:30 PM	Grand Lodge Closes
1:30 PM	91 st Annual Communication Reconvenes	3:45 PM	1996/97 Officers' Pictures
	(Tuxedos Requested)	5:30 PM	Incoming Grand Master's Evening.

To book accommodation phone 1-800-661-6454 and refer to "The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Block Booking". To book for individual meals, banquets, or the meal package, see the information in the hands of your Lodge Secretary or contact Jack Raskin at 9517 - 146 Street Edmonton, T5N 2Y9, phone 452-9253.

Ladies Program

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	Friday, June 14, 1996		Saturday, June 15, 1996
7:00 AM	Breakfast — Ladies are invited to attend	8:00 AM	Breakfast: Ladies are invited to attend with
	breakfast with the men (tickets required)		the men — tickets required
8:00 AM	Juice, coffee, muffins and socializing in the	9:00 AM	- 4:00 PM — Hospitality room open,
	Hospitality Room No. 16 (Champagne)		entertainment all day: DeMolay and
	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~		Job's Daughters functions, shopping,
Noon	Lunch — Ladies are invited to join the men		swimming, mini golf, "behind the
	<ul> <li>— tickets required</li> </ul>		scenes" tour of West Edmonton Mall,
1:15 PM	Fashion Show by the Fantasyland		and many more attractions. Information
	Boutiques.		will be posted in the hospitality room
2:30 PM	– 4:00 PM — Hospitality Room open.		for all events.
	Reception, Grand Lodge Banquet	Noon	Lunch — ladies are invited to join the men
6:30 PM	Dinner, Dance to follow; Dress, Semi Formal		- tickets required
		5:30 PM	"Greek Glendi", incoming Grand Master's

Special Evening

"May you enjoy our Communication's Special Activities and Hospitality Room"

# Notices Of Motion To Amend The Constitution And Regulations Presented By Lodges And Committees 1996

#### West Edmonton Lodge No. 101:

a) AMEND Section R3.7, Petition and Processing to read as follows

- .1 Initiation
  - 1. A candidate who can comply literally with all ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge, and who is morally worthy of admission, is a fit subject to become a Mason.
- b) Delete sub-section .2 in its entirety and renumber the following sub-sections to comply.

#### Dominion Lodge No. 117:

AMEND Section R4.3.8, 50 year jewel to read as follows:

4.3.8.1 Fifty Year Jewel — all Master Masons shall be eligible to receive this jewel who have accumulated a full fifty (50) years active membership regardless of any break in membership in any Grand Lodge, the jurisdiction of which is recognized by this Grand Body, provided he has received the recommendation of the Lodge of which he is a member in this Jurisdiction.

#### Palestine Lodge No. 46:

a) AMEND the Constitution and Regulations

" to have the Glennet Fundraising program adopted for use by the Grand Lodge Higher Education Bursary Fund".

b) AMEND R1.7.14.1, Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee, to read:

"The Chairman and the Vice Chairman be elected at the first meeting following the Grand Lodge Communication".

# Grand Master's Itinerary

# May

- 1 Dynamic Lodge, Holden
- 2 Rockyford Lodge, Strathmore
- 3-5Masonic Spring Workshop, Kananaskis
  - 7 Elbow River Lodge, Bowmont Hall, Calgary
  - 9 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 10 Sentinel Lodge, Rocky Summit Lodge, Frank
- 13 Sherwood Lodge, Edmonton
- 14 Red Deer Lodge
- 20 Fort Edmonton Parade, Edmonton
- 30 Foothills Lodge, Bowmont Hall, Calgary

June

4 Baseline Lodge, Spruce Grove 13-15 Annual Communication

#### **VWBro Samuel Neill**, Patricia Lodge No. 91

Initiated Patricia Lodge, February 1956; WM 1965-66 and 1967-68. Grand Tyler, 1975-76. Member Royal Air Force 1940-46.

Employed Edmonton Journal 1946-83.

#### **RWBro Doug A. Sherris**, King Hiram Lodge No. 21

WM of King Hiram Lodge 1986-87; Charter member Loyalty Lodge; DDGM, Phoenix District, 1992-93; Masonic Spring Workshop Committee — Chairman School for Instruction 1988 & Secretary-Treasurer 1990-96; Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee 1988-92; Grand Representative, Missouri; Board of Benevolence 1995-96. Concordant Bodies: PZ Otuskwan No. 9; Royal Arch Chapter; Grand Steward District 3 1994-95; Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta; Cryptic Rite — Zadoc Council No. 3; Cyprus Preceptory No. 33; Al Azhar Temple, AAONMS; Pompilius York Rite College No. 79.

## Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee

Shall consist of six (6), the elected members shall be elected for a period of three (3) years

2 Nominees — **Two** to be elected Elected by Acclamation

WBro Richard D. Odland, Renfrew Lodge No. 134

Initiated Lodge Renfrew 1967; WM 1974; Member three Scottish Rite Bodies; CinC Consistory 1981-82; Member Fiat Lux Lodge of Research; Royal Order of Scotland; Member Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee 1995-96.

Graduated U of C, U of A—B.Sc., D.D.S (1964) in Dentistry — practised 25 years. Retired 1988. Volunteer member many Boards & Committees both professional and community including Masonic Driver Community Cancer Car.

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# From The Notices

**Brooks Lodge** gave birthday greetings in their February Notice for Bro Earl Fairbairn who was initiated in 1917 into Brooks Lodge. The reason for this special notice was that on February 4, 1996, Bro Fairbairn, celebrated his one-hundredth birthday. Congratulations go from all members of the Craft to one of our most senior members, who now resides in Calgary and is said to be healthy and active. We also congratulate him on getting a good coverage of this special event in the Calgary Herald.

**Kenilworth Lodge** has just given up its Post Office Box. This would not be newsworthy except that they have held PO Box #1, Red Deer for 50 years! Kenilworth Lodge also notes, after quoting from Rudyard Kipling's well known poem on his Masonic membership in India, that, in 1995, Kipling was voted as the most popular poet in the history of English Literature. Alfred Lord Tennyson and William Shakespeare were voted second and third respectively.

**Norwood Lodge** had a Master's Message that is thought provoking:

What is the purpose of the Master's message?

Is it like writing a letter to a friend?

Is it like having a conversation with a friend?

Is it intended to provide interesting topics or issues of the day?

To me, it has always been a dialogue with a stranger. Often, I have wondered why I do not receive a reply, hoping that someone will join in on the topic. It has been many years since I have seen people just stop and talk to each other in a public place.

Television arrived about 1954 and my friends stopped coming out to play games in the school yard. Attendance at our local sporting events decreased. Sunday school all but ended in my neighbourhood. The dialogue between family members stopped. Finally the children were sent to their room to watch the noisy cartoons. The TV became the parents' best baby sitter. Today some parents are asking their child, "What are you doing all night on your computer?" The reply is: "Surfing the Internet, writing messages to friends, chatting and arranging to meet them after school." Are they trying to get away from the solitude of their rooms?

What is the point of my message today? The outlook for the New Year is great. All the advances in technology associated with "Internet" will encourage people to write letters to each other using E-mail. Yes, you may laugh at this point! People will begin to have one-on-one conversation, called chatting! Once our children have met on the Internet, they will arrange to have lunch with each other. The children without a home computer will being to visit the library for community access to the World Wide Web of people. They will communicate the joy of meeting new people.

These new technologies in the hands of children hopefully will focus on ways to bring people together. This is my mission for this New Year. There is still hope that young men will understand why Masons go to Lodge.

Please communicate your thoughts on these questions and issues. E-mail dickens@nait.ab.ca or just meet me at Lodge and say "Hello" — lets have a laugh over the advancements of technology. Fraternal best wishes,

Dennis Dickens, WM

#### Correction

In the April issue of the *Bulletin* in the recognition for 70 Year bar was a reference to a Brother from Sherwood Lodge, Sherwood Park. The name was completely incorrect. Our recognition goes to Bro O.P. Thomas and we congratulate him on 70 years of Masonic service and apologise for the error.

## Sharing In The Record

RWBro Bryce Dougan wants it to be known that Strathmore Lodge can match the present record of 85 years without a repeat year by any Worshipful Master. Can any Lodge beat these two Lodges?