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Brethren in the News

Two Edmonton Brethren have recently been featured in the local newspapers and are both deserving to be similarly accorded publicity in *The Alberta Freemason*:

RWBro Clarence Comrie, of Patricia Lodge No. 91, is no stranger to being written up in *The Edmonton Journal*, as this had been done by staff writer Liane Faulder in the August 8, 2000 issue of that paper, reprinted in the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* of November 2000. He was then given public credit for his untiring visiting of ailing friends and sometimes strangers, on a grand scale: in 1999 alone he had seen and comforted 2,562 sick persons and shut-ins. Not bad, in a 365-day year! Faulder then quoted him as saying, "I would like to express the importance of visiting. You can see what it does for people less fortunate than we are." The accolades he then received were from a local source, however, this

year he has been honoured nationally.

Again, the *Edmonton Journal* (March 28, 2003) and the *Calgary Herald* carried brief reports on the presentation of the **Governor General's Caring Canadian Award** to outstanding Albertans, by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson in Calgary on March 23, 2003, among them Brother Comrie, about whom was written: "Clarence Comrie has demonstrated remarkable loyalty to many friends and acquaintances he has met throughout his life. As they have grown older or become sick, he has continued to look in on them and to ensure that they are well cared for... often visiting three hospitals, veterans' homes and seniors' residences in one day."



RWBro Clarence Comrie with Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, C.C., C.M.M., C.D., Governor General of Canada.

The picture shows the Governor General with Clarence Comrie wearing his special lapel pin and holding the framed certificate with which he was presented. It may be added that Clarence is, after having been so honoured, by no means resting on his laurels but continues his visitations, and attendance at Lodge meetings, A&ASR reunions and Shrine functions with undiminished energy, befitting a much younger man. Soon his next birthday will roll around (let us mark the day on our calendars): he was born on August 4, 1907!

An honour of a different kind came the way of **Bro André Juchli** of Strathcona Lodge No. 77, one that is quite out of the ordinary, as it came 58 years after the fact. Both the *Edmonton Journal* (March 28, 2003) and *The Edmonton Sun* (March 24, 2003) found it newsworthy that a WW2 veteran had been kept unaware of having been "**mentioned in dispatches**" ever since that night of April 12, 1945 when he prevented disaster to happen to the

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André Juchli, left, as Petty Officer aboard his torpedo boat in 1945, and, above, taken in March this year, deservedly displaying his wartime medals.

Editorial Last Call

This is just a friendly reminder that Grand Lodge will meet in Annual Communication, in Red Deer, on Friday and Saturday, June 13th and 14th. Who is "Grand Lodge"? According to article 6.1 of the Constitution: *Grand Lodge shall consist of its Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters of Constituent Lodges, and the Constituent Lodges as represented by the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden and all Master Masons who have an elected or appointed office thereof.*

Juchli, from page 1.

torpedo boat which was then cruising off the Schelde estuary. What happened was that when his and two other Canadian boats intercepted up to a dozen German E-boats on a mine-laying mission and attacked them with machine-gun and 20-mm cannon fire at a range of 20 metres, Petty Officer Motor Mechanic André Juchli was below deck when a 20-mm incendiary cannon shell tore through the side, through the engine room and into the wooden bulkhead which separated the engine room from 23,000 litres of gasoline. He had to act quickly. He donned a pair of welder's goggles, so he could see the shell amongst the flames, and with a pair of tongs pried the projectile out of the bulkhead, dropped it into a metal pail, carried it on deck and pitched the still burning shell into the sea.

André Juchli has received two distinguished service awards previously, but as his flotilla had often been used by British spies returning from Europe, his wartime records came under the Official Secrets Act and were only declassified recently when he had applied to Ottawa for their release. So, belatedly, at a March 29, 2003 dinner, which also celebrated the 80th anniversary of Edmonton's naval reserve unit, HMCS

Wow! That's a lot of human beings entitled to exercise their voting rights and their privilege to attend! Imagine them to all show up to register for the session and to take their rightful place in Grand Lodge... where would we find a venue spacious enough to accommodate each and every one of those who had accepted the responsibility of supporting Lodge and Grand Lodge? How about the length — and elasticity — of the cable tow of the no-show?

Following each Grand Lodge Communication, the Proceedings (for posterity to read) clearly list the attendance of everyone present and each

Lodge "represented." If a Lodge fails to have even one of its three Principal Officers in attendance, it is stigmatized as "Not Represented." What a pity. Surely, even the most outlying Lodge and Lodge with but small membership can muster the attendance of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden, or at least one or two of these. Moreover, it is not merely the physical presence of these Brethren which matters, but their input into the proceedings of what is not the prerogative of a chosen few, but a meeting of the minds of ALL concerned — it's everyone's Grand Lodge!

Nonsuch (coinciding with his joining the Navy 60 years ago), Juchli was presented with his MID medal clasp.

Bro André Juchli, who wears the 50-Year Jewel of the Grand Lodge of

Alberta, is active in his Craft Lodge and in concordant bodies. Aged 79, his Brethren congratulate him and wish him well in all his future undertakings.

Grand Master's Itinerary

June
5-7 Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Brandon
12-14 Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Annual Communication, Red Deer

Grand Master-Elect's Itinerary

June
12-14 Grand Lodge of Alberta, Annual
Communication, Red Deer
21 Edson Lodge, Installation

July
5-11 Shrine, Minnesota

Masonic Stampede Meeting

On **Tuesday, July 8, 2003** Jordan Lodge No. 177 will host a special meeting to welcome visiting Masons and Alberta Brethren during the Calgary Stampede festivities. The meeting will be held at St. Mark's Masonic Hall, **2612 - 14A Street SW, Calgary.**

Dinner at 18 00 h (\$10.00), Lodge tyled at 19 30 h. Western or casual dress. Please call 403-238-3149 prior to July 8th to confirm your attendance.

Summer Lodges

June
21 Bassano Lodge, Armstrong
Memorial Open Air Lodge. Meet at
Bassano Lodge Hall at 09 30 h. Tyle
at 11 00 h.

July
1 Vulcan Lodge No. 74, 20 00 h.
3 Excelsior Lodge No. 80, Regular
Meeting, 20 00 h.
3 Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106,
Wembley, Regular Summer Meeting.
7 Rockyford Lodge No. 123, Western
Night, Bowmont Hall, Calgary.
8 Jordan Lodge No. 177, Stampede
Lodge, Dinner 17 00 h, Lodge tyled
at 19 30 h.
10 Nanton Lodge No. 17, Annual
Outdoor Meeting, BBQ after
16 Redwood Lodge No. 193, Klondike
Lodge, 19 30 h, Highlands Hall.
23 Forestburg-Alliance Lodge No. 128,
Regular Meeting, 20 00 h.

August
5 Edgerton Lodge No. 102, Regular
Meeting, 19 30 h.
7 Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106,
Wembley, Regular Meeting, 20 00 h.
7 Excelsior Lodge No. 80, Daysland,
Regular Meeting, 20 00 h.

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A Season of Conferences

By RWBro Norman Thomas, DGM, Griesbach Lodge No. 191

The **Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America** was held from 15th to 19th February, 2003, in Minneapolis, MN, the largest of its type in the world, drawing delegates and observers from the jurisdictions of the United States, Canada and Mexico, as well as observers from around the world. The *Grande Loge de France* failed to obtain recognition, the contention revolving around Belief in a Supreme Being, the position of the VSL in the lodge room and the intervisitation with “irregular” Lodges who, among other irregularities, admit females into membership. This source of disharmony among the assembly has been resolved, for the time being at least.

The subject of “One Day Classes” had mixed reaction at the concurrent **Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America**, but the statistics of membership retention favour the departure from normal practice. Several Grand Lodges vow they will either repeat or inaugurate “One Day Classes” in the next few months, including Ohio and New York, with some classes exceeding 7,000 initiates. While the Conference was clearly aware that the making of Freemasons is a lifetime process, the real issue comes down to the practice of the precepts of Freemasonry, inside and outside of the Lodge, as of paramount importance. (For further details consult <http://bessel.org/confgms/2003conf.htm> on the Internet.)

The **Twenty-first Annual Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges AF&AM of Canada** took place in Winnipeg, MB, on April 4th–5th, 2003. There were eight position papers and three breakout sessions. The papers included:

- *Ritual and Tradition* (Don Beattie, SGW, MB), emphasizing updating of language and style of the ritual;
- *Lodge Meeting and Attendance* (Don Mumby, DGM, ON), encouraging the tailoring of Lodge activities to the nature of the membership and included the concept of Daylight Lodges to benefit older members, and open educational programs for younger Masons;
- *Politics in Freemasonry* (Bill Ferguson, DGM, BC/YT), dealing with the question of replacing the present benign dictatorship style

of leadership of the Craft with greater democracy;

- *One Day Conferral of Degrees* (John Liede, DGM, QC), affirming that such ceremonies are here and now, and a question of “how”;
- *Masonic Renewal* (Bob Conley, PGM, guest from MI), reiterating the value of the MRNA program (the “Doric Plan” in Alberta), emphasizing that “managers do things right” while “leaders do the right things” and reminding the delegates of Stormin’ Norman’s (Gulf War) leadership dictum “I took you in and I’ll bring you out!”;
- *Religious Persecution* (Jerry Kopp, GSec, AB), providing an historical background of the subject with pertinence to the ill informed attack of the antimasonists, demonstrating that “we are under constant scrutiny of the antimasonists” such that our fundamental concern in all things is to practice outside of the Lodge those excellent precepts inculcated within it, which constantly invite us to pursue truth, engage in study and be critical in self-examination;
- *Finances* (Cooke Howatt, DGM PE), an accounting that membership in the Lodge is much too cheap and re-evaluating the need to raise the

bar and practice excellence; and

- *Crisis in Masonry* (Stu MacLachlan, PGM, SK), highlighting that our failure to adapt to the present is resulting in decreasing membership and devaluation of the Craft.

The breakout sessions included discussion of:

- *Public Awareness*, leading to the conclusion that community involvement is the method of promoting the cause;
- *European Style Lodges vs. North American Style*, reemphasizing that membership in Freemasonry is out of line with membership in other organizations and is sending the wrong message that Freemasonry is irrelevant and without real worth; and
- *Young Men in Freemasonry*, demonstrating from statistics, provided by Masonic Renewal, that young men are generally more concerned with building a family, involvement in more physical activities and in pursuing education for the purpose of advancement in their chosen vocations, in contrast to their older antecedents who, realizing one’s mortality, pursue the meaning of truth and embrace the reality of spiritual life.

So much food for thought, requiring slow internal digestion and an assimilation of where we are and where we are bound.

Did You Know?

In 1872, a Lodge having been held in the King’s Bench Prison, London, the Grand Lodge of England passed a resolution declaring that “*it is inconsistent with the principles of Freemasonry for any Freemasons’ Lodge to be held for the purpose of making, passing or raising Masons in any prison or place of confinement.*” The resolution is founded on the principle that there must be perfect freedom of action on everything that relates to the admission of candidates, and such freedom is not consistent with the necessary restraints of a prison.

WBro Manfred Jesswein, Sec-Treas
Harmony Lodge No. 75.

Is there a distinction between Masonic oath and Masonic obligation?

The “oath” is the “So help me, God” at the end of any solemn promise made

with your hand upon the Book of the Law. The “obligation” is the substance of the preceding promises. “Oath” is thus symbolical of man’s fear of God; “obligation” signifies the promises and agreements made preceding the oath.

Why is a Lodge meeting called a “communication”?

In Old English, “communication” was “to common” — to share with others. In the church, “communion” is the common partaking of a sacrament. In a Masonic Lodge “communion”, “to common”, is gather in a “communication”, signifying not just a meeting of men to legislate, but a gathering of men with a common purpose, governed by a common idea, believing in a common ideal. It is one of the precious and delightful ways in which Masonry keeps alive an old, old idea in the words of long ago.

101 Questions About Freemasonry

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Another “Tartan” Team

Calgary’s Tartan Degree Team, specializing in Ancient York Work, has found a distant cousin (300 km distant) in the newly founded **Northern Alberta Tartan Degree Team**, working the Canadian Rite.

“After many severe taunts to the ‘Scots’ Corner’ in general...” WBro R. Mills, Worshipful Master of Avon Glen Lodge No. 179, dared WBro Stewart Moir, Past Master of Highlands-Unity Lodge No. 168 and affiliated member of Avon Glen Lodge, to put together a “Scots” degree team! In consequence of this exchange, WBro Moir set out to do just that and, as a result, the Northern Alberta Tartan Degree Team conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on Brothers Deerie and Redford on March 19th, 2003, in Avon Glen Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, officers and members of Avon Glen Lodge seemed well satisfied, and the candidates stated their appreciation for the uniqueness of their being passed.

It is hoped that interest in this degree team will grow, both in participation and in demand for the team’s services.



Front: Bro Deerie; WBro A. McPhee; WBro G. Findlay; WBro S. Moir; Bro A. Write; WBro D. Rendall; Bro Redford. Back: WBro N. McMillan; Bro D. Robertson; Bro S. MacMoneacle; RWBro D. Roth; RWBro T. Campbell; Bro E. Gorrie; WBro I. Bannatyne.

Hundred Years Mountain View

On February 22, 2003, a bright cold day, **Mountain View Lodge No. 16, AF&AM, GRA** celebrated one hundred years of Freemasonry in Olds, Alberta. Beginning at 3 PM, the ceremony of Confirming the Constitution and Consecration was ably conducted by the Grand Master and his officers. The Lodge room was filled to near capacity by members and visitors from throughout the jurisdiction.

Mountain View Lodge No. 86, GRM, had been instituted under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on February 24, 1903 and had thus become one of the eighteen Lodges which, in 1905, formed the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The charter had subsequently been issued on June 19, 1904. Ever since, generations of faithful Brother Masons have served the Craft and their community steadfastly.

While the Brethren were in Lodge, the ladies were treated to a tour of Olds College, and following the ceremony, the members joined the ladies and guests at the Olds College for an evening of fine dining, entertainment and fellowship. A young magician, Kenley Browne, baffled and amused his audience, displaying great talent in the art of conjuring and illusion. Everyone left with positive feelings of a day to be remembered.



The Grand Master, MWBro Terry Drolet, and WBro Wes Oulton, WM, with Officers and members of Mountain View Lodge.



The Grand Master (centre) and Grand Lodge Officers

Lodge Alfresco

On **June 21, 2003** Bassano Lodge No. 55 will again hold an outdoor meeting to confer the Master Mason Degree. Visiting Brethren can meet at the Lodge hall at 220 – 3 Street, in Bassano, at 09

30 h, from where they will be escorted to the Outdoor Lodge site. The Lodge will be tyled at 11 00 h, with a break for lunch at high noon, followed by the 2nd Section of the Degree in the afternoon and barbecue and fellowship thereafter. Dress informally and bring a hat

and Masonic regalia. Be prepared for a memorable time. For information:

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IPM	Jason Hale	403-378-3830
PM	Ed Maurer	403-641-3821 (r)
		403-362-6677 (b)
PM	Dick Alberts	403-362-5076



More Good Men

By Glenn McConnell, IPM
Jordan Lodge No. 177

Active Masons appear to share the sentiment that Masonic membership affords considerable personal benefit. There is appreciation and gratitude for exposure to the many opportunities for moral and spiritual growth and personal development. There is also delight and satisfaction when we initiate a new Brother into the light.

Notwithstanding these feelings, some Brethren resist the notion of actively raising the visibility of our Masonic Order in the community. This resistance may well be connected to confusion over Masonic "secrecy." Many senior Brethren remember earlier days when secrecy seemed paramount. One may still hear, occasionally, a Brother speak with pride about his family never having known about his Masonic participation. Joseph Fort Newton states: "Thus it has come to pass that the main aims of the Order are assumed to be a secret policy or teaching, whereas *its one great secret is that it has no secret.*"¹

While we do have a number of secrets — those points left blank in *The Work* — our Masonic membership is not one of them. Neither are the benefits, which accrue to us as a result of that membership, a secret. A recent poll completed in the USA suggests that only 3 per cent of the general public has heard of Masonry. The figure in our jurisdiction is, no doubt, similar.

If we believe Masonry to be beneficial to men and if secrecy is not an impediment to the communication of the 'Masonic Way' to good men, why then would we not seek out those men? Quoting again from Newton:

*Everyone can do a little, and if each does his part faithfully... the sum of our labours will be great, and we shall leave this world fairer than we found it, richer in faith, gentler in justice, wiser in pity... All we need to do is remove the scaffolding from the historic temple of Masonry and let it stand out in the sunlight where all men can see its beauty and symmetry.*²

At the 2002 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, the Public Awareness Committee submitted its report recommending "programs and procedures to meet current needs while

maintaining accepted processes."³ Among the many proposed Public Awareness Committee responsibilities are the following: "The Public Awareness Committee in concert with other Craft organizations... will host seminars on the developing of effective Public and Media Relations programs."⁴

The framework of activities and responsibilities established for this Committee is a major step forward in "removing the scaffolding" and bringing us into "the sunlight." A broad-based program to increase public awareness of our Masonic Order will create a more productive opportunity for exchange between Mason and non-mason.

In October 2002, the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Calgary issued "Masonic Renewal Guideline No. 2 — Public Relations"⁵ to all Alberta Lodges. It outlines both individual and Lodge initiatives which may be taken to help increase the public awareness of Masonry. Through the combined efforts of the Public Awareness Committee, our Lodges and individual Brethren may both accept and

succeed in our mission "to make men friends, to refine and exalt their lives, to deepen their faith and purify their dream, to turn them from the semblance of life to homage for truth, beauty, righteousness and character."⁶ And while we pursue this mission, let us remember a final admonition:

*By its ministry to the individual man — drawing him into the circle of a great friendship, exalting his faith, refining his ideals, enlarging his sympathies, and setting his feet on the long white path — Masonry best serves society and the state.*⁷

Brethren, more good men await us. Let's do it.

Footnotes:

¹ Newton, Joseph Fort. *The Builders*. Richmond, VA: Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., Inc., 1951, p 235.

² *Ibid.*, p xxiv.

³ The Grand Lodge of Alberta, *Proceedings* 2002, pp 105-108.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p 107.

⁵ Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Calgary. "Masonic Renewal Guidelines, 2002-2003."

⁶ Newton, op.cit., *supra* note 1, p 234.

⁷ *Ibid.*, p 239.

Recognition With A Difference

Every year, in the April issue of *The Alberta Freemason*, we pay tribute to the recipients of long service awards. Occasionally we report on not so usual circumstances, as in this case where a Brother is recognized — not by one but — by two Grand Jurisdictions.

This was the case last February, at Highlands-Unity Lodge No. 168, when **Bro Bruce Hogle** was presented with his 50-Year Jewel and Certificate from the Grand Lodge of Alberta, as well as a 50-Year Certificate from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon by RWBro Jack Watt, DDGM of Yellowhead District and WBro Rod Small, WM of Highlands-Unity Lodge. Brother Hogle is a



member of both Highlands-Unity Lodge and Fidelity Lodge No.32 in Trail, BC. PM Bro Jeff Schoonmaker recalled Bro Hogle's Masonic history.

Shown in the picture, L-R are: RWBro Norman Thomas, DGM; RWBro Jack Watt, DDGM; Brother Bruce Hogle; WBro Rod Small, WM; and WBro Jeff Schoonmaker.

Alberta Miscellany

Westlock Lodge No. 114

Man is inherently an inquisitive and social being. He inquires into the nature of things which interest him, but which he does not understand. He does not like to be alone, but rather seeks the companionship of his fellow man. It

is, therefore, natural that his curiosity should be attracted to a fraternal organization which advocates and promotes friendship, morality, and harmony among human associations — an ancient institution founded upon the principle of The Brotherhood of Man: **Freemasonry!**

RWBro Rex Dawson, Secretary

Letters

The extremely interesting report of the institution of Far North Lodge UD at Latitude N. 68°20' and the informative editorial in the March issue of *The Alberta Freemason* brought to mind the account of MWBro Collett's *History of the Grand Lodge of Alberta* of the 1938 meeting of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 at Coppermine. That occasion is claimed as the "first Masonic Lodge meeting ever convened north of the Arctic Circle in Canada" and the *History* has a photo of the commemorative plaque placed almost sixty-five years ago on the site. The plaque reads Lat. 67°48'. (See page 58 — Ed.)

These factual records are certainly worth preserving, both as enduring tributes to the staunchness of those involved, and as witness of the extent to which our Brethren will support and encourage Freemasonry.

WVBro Chris Gordon-Craig, Edmonton

More Alberta Miscellany

Kitchener Lodge No. 95

Masonry's Mission: She strives to enlighten men's minds; to warm their hearts with the love of good; and to inspire them with the great principle of human fraternity. Of her devotees, she requires that their actions and their language shall conform to the principle. Their sacrifices shall be the base and disorderly passions; self-interest shall be their offering upon the altar of humanity; and constant effort to attain that moral perfection of which man is capable — Masonry's perpetual injunction.

Honour and duty shall be the beacon lights which shall guide their life-vessel over the stormy seas of time; right, because it is right, shall be their watchword; down with vice, ignorance, error and intolerance shall be their battle cry; and to reclaim the vicious, to teach the ignorant, to pity those who err, and to be tolerant even of those who are intolerant, shall be their constant care. By these means, labouring constantly and incessantly, will man, in the course of ages, reach his destiny; then only will the possibility of the race become real; and then only will Masonry have accomplished her mission. Toward such a destiny let us all strive.

W.E. Krupp

Redwood Lodge No. 193

Many institutions rise and fall because of three main attributes: commitment, communication, and planning. We must remember the commitment we made in our obligations at the altar. It is what transforms a promise into reality. It is the words that speak boldly of our

I have been a member of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 for almost 47 years and wish to comment on the most interesting articles in the recent issue of your publication pertaining to the new Lodge at Inuvik.

Ivanhoe Lodge has enjoyed a long association with the North Country and I recall with pleasure a visit Ivanhoe made to Yellowknife Lodge in or about 1970. On March 17, 1984 Yellowknife Lodge returned the visit and I enclose a copy of the notice of that meeting (*not reproduced here — Ed*). It recounts that Ivanhoe, with dispensation from the then Grand Master, held a special meeting at Coppermine on August 30, 1938. Mr. Emil John Walli was initiated at that meeting and was likely therefore the first Brother to be initiated in the Northwest Territories. Thus I believe Ivanhoe was the first Lodge to meet north of the Arctic Circle (although) I concede that Inuvik is about 173 nautical miles closer to the pole than Coppermine!

Glenn A. Irving, North Vancouver, BC

intentions and the actions which speak louder than words. It is making time when there is none. Commitment is the stuff of which character is made, the power to change the fact of things.

Communication is also important. Without it there is confusion and mayhem and misunderstanding. Brethren, as much as possible, keep the Worshipful Master informed about all the pertinent information of the Lodge so that we can see our fraternal institution rise to be the superstructure it deserves to be.

Finally planning, which is probably the most important and most difficult, which I must admit I am not as well versed in as I feel I would like to be. I am learning more as I go through my year, with the help of our skilled Past Masters and the dedication and team work of the Lodge. I know we all will endeavour to improve as time marches on.

WVBro Alan Orrell, WM

Britannia Lodge No. 18

Freemasonry is the peculiar system of morality, not a system of beliefs or faith, but a system of morals. In the early 18th century, in the UK, in a time of lax morals, dishonesty and vice, Lodges of men came together under a solemn oath that they would obey the moral law, trust and assist each other. The early Brethren lived according to their principles and trusted that the favourable opinion of their institution would attract like-minded men to seek membership. Masonry also is, of course, a charitable organization of large magnitude and has a social side based on Brotherly Love.

Why don't we advertise this to the

general public, to build membership rapidly? In fact, we do by showing the world in general how we act to one another and to others. Let's keep on advertising by our actions as much as we can. For once in the world of advertising, this is a form of advertising that can have only positive results for all.

WVBro Terry Gorrell, WM

St. George's Lodge No. 169

As a relatively young Mason (in Masonic terms, not age) I am impressed by many of those who have been part of Masonry much longer, within our Lodge and elsewhere. They exemplify the Masonic saying that we "take a good man and make him better." They seem unflappable, centered in something much greater than themselves alone. Without bombast they illustrate the way, rather than being in the way. I want to be more like they are, so I will participate in Masonry and hope that each of them continues his active participation so that they might share their wisdom with me and with all of us.

WVBro Dennis Heney, WM

Alberta Lodge No. 3

A visitor to the traditional St. John's Night Installation meeting, noted that our Lodge Warrant was like many of us: fading rather rapidly. There is a person known to him who, for a nominal charge of approximately \$80.00 will flatten out the parchment, restore the writing and reframe it with a glass which stops UV rays. This will slow down the process and thus in another 100 years our original warrant will still be as historical as Alberta Lodge No. 3.

WVBro Tony Fanning, WM