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## MWBro Thomas Frederick English, Grand Master 1926 — Founding Senior Grand Warden of Alberta

By WBro Garth Cochran (23, 1980, ILoR)

MWBro Thomas Frederick English, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Grand Master of Alberta, was also elected by his Brethren, and installed as the Founding “Grand Senior Warden” of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Despite that, little is known about him. There is no biography of him in any volume of the *Proceedings*. When he died — 7 January 1947 — he was not listed in the Memorial pages, neither as a Grand Lodge Officer nor as a member of Calgary Lodge No. 23. He was briefly mentioned in the Necrology section of the Address of the Grand Master, MWBro Arthur G.R. Bond and in the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead. Their very brief description remains the total biography in our official records.

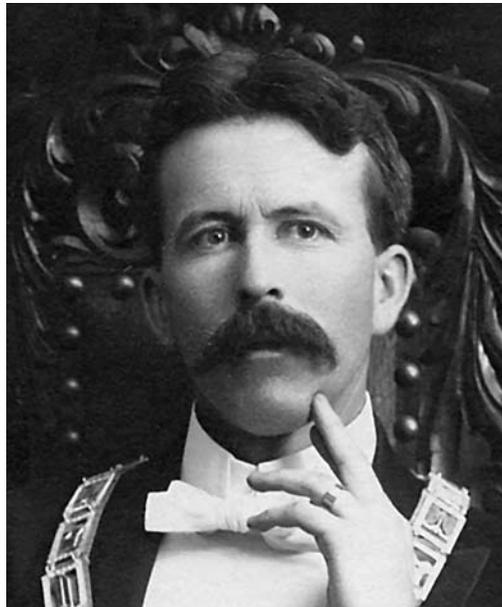
*T. F. ENGLISH, P.G.M. of Calgary Lodge No. 23, of Calgary, who passed away Jan. 6th, 1947. He was a pioneer resident of the West, a well-known railroad official, and later Collector of Customs in the city. For a long period of years he took a leading part in Masonic activities.*

Not much of an epitaph for a lifetime of service to the Craft.

Thomas Frederick English was born in September 1870, in Parkhill, Ontario, the son of John English, a native Ontarian, and Mary English (nee Seney), who came from Ireland at the age of four. Fred received his education in the public schools in Parkhill and in Winnipeg where he also attended business college. He came west to Calgary in 1887 and took a position as messenger with the Canadian Pacific Railway telegraph office. On getting his getting his telegraphy ticket, he continued with the CPR as agent and operator. An appointment as Agent took him to Banff ca. 1890 where he was stationed four years. He next moved back to Calgary for four years, was agent at Edmonton for seven years, and then returned to Calgary. In December 1911 he resigned from the

CPR to accept a position as Collector of Customs and Excise with offices in the Customs building, in which position he maintained his good reputation.

In September 1892, Fred married Maude Ransford, daughter of Hascall



Ransford, the first manager of the Anthracite Coal Company at Anthracite, Alberta. Fred and Maude had four children: Rankin, Marian, Hattie; and Jack.

John Blue (*Alberta Past and Present: Historical and Biographical*. Volume III. Chicago, Illinois: Pioneer Historical Publishing Co., 1924) sums up the social side of Fred English as follows:

*Fraternally Mr. English is identified with the Masons and he is readily conceded to be an exemplary member of the craft. He holds membership in the blue lodge, the chapter, the Knights Templars, has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and belongs to the Consistory. His religious faith is that of the Anglican church. Although the greater part of Mr. English's time and attention is taken up by his official duties, he is public-spirited and takes an active*

*and prominent part in the furtherance of any movement for the development and improvement of the community at large. He is a member of the Rotary Club and socially is identified with the Calgary Golf & Country Club. Mr. English has reached the position of prominence he now occupies as the result of his own intelligently directed efforts, close application to the thing at hand and laudable ambition. He has invested in considerable city property in Calgary and vicinity and he is a firm believer and booster of Alberta.*

Fred English's Masonic career was surely sparked by his future father-in-law, Hascall Ransford who was the Founding Master of Cascade Lodge No. 42, GRM. English was initiated on 19 February 1891, passed 19 March 1891, and raised 23 April 1891 and was number 45 on the list of members. Shortly after joining Lodge, English served briefly as Secretary. He became Worshipful Master in 1894, his last year in Banff.

An interesting note is that he failed at his first, and likely only attempt at politics. In the election for the Territorial Assembly of 31 October 1894, he ran against the incumbent Dr. Robert George Brett (a Brother Mason who later served two terms as Lt-Governor of Alberta) and lost — 288 votes to 133.

English affiliated with Perfection Lodge No. 60 in Calgary on 25 March 1895, register number 18. In fact, he was the first Mason to affiliate with Perfection Lodge and had a big hand in the writing of the new Lodge's by-laws.

In June 1895, English was elected DDGM for Manitoba's District Nine (Alberta). He performed his duties meticulously, examined the books carefully, and did not hesitate to call things as he saw them. Yet he also gave credit when due and, when given, it was well

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## Editorial

# Masters Addressing the Craft

Our Brother **Trevor Morris** of Calgary, member of Mosaic Lodge No. 176 and long-time worker on the “Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin,” performs a labour of love by perusing the Summonses of all Lodges in the jurisdiction every month. He pays special attention to the Worshipful Masters’ messages and draws those of particular merit to the editor’s attention. Then, at no fixed intervals, these are reprinted for the benefit of all readers of *The Alberta Freemason*

under the omnibus heading *Alberta Miscellany*, such as in this issue.

Much credit should go to those Worshipful Masters who, every month in their Lodge summons, communicate to their members “words of wisdom,” namely, their own original thoughts on a wide variety of topics concerning their Lodges in particular and our Masonic Craft in general. Such content, going far beyond the mere notice of meeting, reflects most favourably on the Lodge

and its Worshipful Master, and should be expected of all summonses, without exception.

Alas, there are those where a Master’s Message, in the sense of being of essential value, is sadly absent. The members of such a Lodge are not being paid “the wages that are their due.” We are still in the early stages of the New Year, and it may be quite permissible to accept a belated New Year’s Resolution to — from now on — enrich the Brethren with addresses of pith and meaning, never fearing that someone might not agree. Be original. Be yourself. Be your Brother’s servant.

## Fred English, from page 1.

deserved. The following year, 1896, RWBro English was elected Grand Junior Warden of Manitoba. As was most often the case in those days, a Brother did not automatically “climb the ladder.” Travel was difficult and personal circumstances were liable to change quickly, as did his.

His next Masonic involvement was to advise the Brethren forming Acacia Lodge, a process that began in the Hotel Edmonton on 16 April 1896 at a meeting called by W.E. Ross where RWBro English joined WBro Alexander Cameron Rutherford (Alberta’s first Premier) and others to discuss possibilities. English was one of ten Charter Members of the Lodge. In 1897, Acacia Lodge made him an Honorary Member for his involvement in its formation and for framing its by-laws. He was installed as the second Worshipful Master of the Lodge in December 1898 and a second time in December 1903.

On 12 October 1905, by a simple motion, the new Grand Lodge of Alberta was formed. An election resulted in RWBro Dr. George Macdonald as Grand Master; RWBro Hedley C. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master; RWBro T. F. English, Senior Grand Warden; and RWBro Oswald W. Kealy, Junior Grand Warden. Again, life interfered and Fred English did not con-

tinue in the Grand Line at this time.

Indeed, in 1905 Fred found himself back in Calgary as Railway freight agent. The City was growing rapidly, nearly doubling its 1905 population over the next three years. Among the influx of people were many unaffiliated Masons. The city had two only Lodges and nearly a quarter of the Masons in the province. The premises, the Victoria Block leased by Bow River Lodge, were bursting at the seams every time there was a meeting. Pressure was building rapidly for a new Lodge.

The result was Calgary Lodge, formed with 28 members, none of whom belonged to a city Lodge. RWBro English was Founding Master and served three terms — 1906, 1907 and 1910. He presided over the degrees of the Lodge’s first initiate, Donald M. Hawkins, and on 1 May 1907, when conferring the Master Mason Degree, Bro Hawkins was informed that he had to pass a satisfactory examination on his work before he could receive his apron. This practice, then introduced in Calgary Lodge by Bro English, took root and was generally adopted in Alberta’s York Rite Lodges, especially in the larger centres.

After arriving in Calgary, Fred English reduced his involvement at the Grand Lodge level of the Craft. He joined the Rotary and a number of concordant bodies and these, along with his business

interests, kept him fairly busy. Nevertheless, he remained active in Calgary Lodge itself and maintained a close affection for Acacia Lodge, visiting whenever possible. He was also a director of the Calgary Masonic Temple Association — one of the fourteen Brethren involved in the building of what is now Calgary’s Freemasons’ Hall who served among the first 50 Grand Masters of Alberta.

In 1923, RWBro English was elected Junior Grand Warden, culminating in his election and installation as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Grand Master of Alberta in 1926.

The last service that MWBro English performed for Calgary Lodge was to preside as Master during the celebration of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 1 November 1946. Two months later he was dead.

The public record of the life of MWBro Thomas Frederick English is sparse, as are the Lodge records. The story thus far uncovered only hints at the esteem and Brotherly Love this particular Mason received from his Brethren — honours that were very well deserved. In a sense, this makes the paucity of the official record almost tragic — that a worthy Brother such as he could be so easily forgotten.

[Note: a more complete, documented biography of MWBro English may be found in *Vox Lucis* Vol 25, available from Fiat Lux Lodge of Research.]

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## Old Stalwarts

At the regular meeting of **Gleichen Lodge No. 36**, on October 6, 2005, a 50-Year Past Master's Jewel was presented to **WBro Hugh Brown** by the DDGM, RWBro James Ratchford. Earlier, in October 2004, **WBro Hugh Brown**, WM in 1948, and **RWBro Albert Thorssen**, WM in 1955, had already been presented with their 60-year Bars to the 50-Year Jewel, and both had been initiated on the same date in 1943.

WBro Brown is in very good health and gave an interesting talk when presented with his 50-Year Past Master's Jewel. Since the presentation of his 60-Year Bar in 2004, RWBro Thorssen has moved to Yakima, Washington, but keeps in touch.

RWBro Larry Watson, Secretary



## A Wintry Visit to Washington, DC

Once again, Gloria and I were fortunate enough to be headed to the East Coast of the United States. On our way to Baltimore, we had time for a brief stop in Washington. It was pleasantly warm for this time of year and the weather had everyone talking about the cherry blossom season.

I had planned a visit to the Valley of Washington, DC, Scottish Rite Temple. Our tour was very interesting and the members were friendly. While there, one of the Brethren invited me to attend a meeting of his Lodge, Potomac Lodge No. 5 of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. It is located in Georgetown and is one of the oldest Lodges in the area. We had the time, so I planned to attend.

The taxi ride to Georgetown was uneventful, and I was delivered to the address I had been given. Where was the Lodge? I found a door with the familiar square and compasses on it, but it was locked. The building looked designated for commercial use and appeared deserted. A quick call from a telephone booth, an increasingly rare item as cell phones are making them extinct, and a Brother said he would meet me at the door. It turned out that the Lodge meets in the back of the building and one must venture up a rather dark alley to reach it. A dark alley is not where I usually venture in a strange city.

Once in the building, the members were very warm and friendly. I was urged to eat some genuine southern fried chicken as the members have a full meal prior to the meeting. The food was good and the fellowship great. A Canadian at their meetings was a rare event. I was presented with the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia pin, a commemorative coin celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lodge (founded

in 1789), and a gavel shaped pin. This pin represents the gavel George Washington used in the laying of the Capitol building's cornerstone, and is held by the Lodge.

The meeting consisted of the usual business and the raising of four candidates to the Master Mason's degree. The work was very interesting, very well done, and bore a resemblance to our Ancient York ritual, without the costumes. It was a rather long evening, but one filled with good fellowship. One member gave me a lift back to the hotel.

The next day the weather was again warm and sunny. Gloria and I managed to see another museum for which Washington is famous. The day after we left. It seemed that during the night we had been transported back to Edmonton. It was snowing and blowing very hard. The six-block walk to the Metro station was truly wintry. As we walked, I reminisced with Gloria about my visit to both the Scottish Rite Temple and Potomac Lodge No. 5. The memories provided some warmth that the weather did not.

Loren Kline, PM

*(Bro Kline 33° is the Deputy for Alberta, A&ASR — Ed.)*

## The Grand Master's Tour for 2006

The 2006 Grand Master's tour, which will be hosted by RWBro Malcolm Berry and his good lady, Dawn Berry, will take place in September, beginning on the 8<sup>th</sup> and ending on the 22<sup>nd</sup> for those residing north of Red Deer, and the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> for those from Red Deer and south of Red Deer.

Consisting of 15 days and 14 nights, the tour will take in primarily those parts of British Columbia which are seldom visited. Highlights of the trip include a wine tour in Oliver, the wine capital of Canada, an afternoon and overnight on Saltspring Island, two nights in Tofino on the glorious west coast of Vancouver Island, a day-long cruise up the Inside Passage from Port Hardy to Prince Rupert, as well as numerous other activities of interest

and surprises. **Joy and satisfaction are assured.**

The cost is **\$2,250** per person (twin-sharing) and includes:

- 14 nights hotel accommodation
- Baggage handling
- Deluxe highway coach transportation
- All required BC Ferry sailings
- Winery tour
- Breakfast daily, two dinners, one lunch
- \* **All applicable taxes**

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# Brief History of the VSL

By Bro H. Harper, Grandview Lodge No. 96, GRBC&Y, Vancouver, BC

A little reflection about the history of the Volume of the Sacred Law will bring to mind the fact that in the beginning it was not a single volume but rather a shelf of scrolls. These were the work of about forty writers living in various cities of the ancient world, stretching from Babylon to Rome. How these "books," written in Hebrew and Greek, have come into their present form makes an interesting story.

The Hebrew Bible, that is in a general way, our Old Testament, was made up of about fifteen scrolls. These never were united into one volume until the invention of printing made that possible in the fifteenth century. In the earlier centuries the Hebrew sacred writings were in use in the form of a Greek Old Testament. This translation was called

the *Septuagint*, from the tradition that seventy scholars were associated with its preparation. This volume changed the order of the books and added some not found in the Hebrew Scriptures — the so-called *Apocrypha*. This Greek word expresses the idea that these books were not generally admitted to be authentic inspired writings, in contrast to the other parts that comprised the Old Testament. These excluded books have had a marked effect on certain portions of our Bible, for example, *Romans*, *Colossians*, *Hebrews* and *Ephesians*.

The great Bible of the Middle Ages was the *Vulgate*, the Latin translation produced (mainly) by St. Jerome about the end of the fourth century. These Latin manuscripts were organized and arranged, and put into printed form in

1456. About three-quarters of a century later, the first printed English Bible came into being. It was the work of (William) Tyndale, appearing in the year 1525. In 1604 King James summoned a conference of churchmen. In the course of their discussions the leader of the Puritans moved that the Bible be retranslated. The King took up the suggestion and named committees who completed their revision in 1611.

Many generations have seen that the Almighty has revealed His divine will in this Holy Book, and down through the years much of the spiritual content of the Bible has been woven into our democratic way of life. In summary, it is no exaggeration to say that this volume, around which our ritual is woven, is one of the great literary masterpieces of our language and one of the greatest books of all time.

*Canmas*, October 14, 2005

## So what is Job's Daughters?

Many Masons may not know that an organization exists within the Masonic family that is especially for girls between the ages of ten and twenty. This is *Job's Daughters International*.

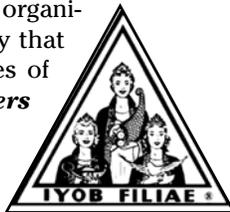
They may not know that to become a member of *Job's Daughters*, a girl must be able to trace her right to membership to a Freemason. Her father, stepfather, adoptive father, a grandfather or great-grandfather, an uncle or granduncle, or a brother must be a member in good standing in a Masonic Lodge, or have been a member in good standing at the time of his passing.

They may not know that our girls are proud of their heritage and their membership in the Masonic family: that they regard all Freemasons with respect and that Masons are welcome at all meetings; that *Job's Daughters* run their meetings and organize fund raising projects to support the Bethel and the activities in which they take part, just as Masons do.

It may not be known that each girl owns a ritual and is responsible for memory work; that the Bible is open during our meetings; that we honour our country's flag and that charity and benevolence to those less fortunate is part of our creed; that we support HIKE Canada, the Hearing Impaired Kids Equipment fund which is a charity helping children with a mild to severe hearing loss.

Our eight Alberta Bethels now have the smallest membership since we began over fifty years ago. Now more than ever we need the help of the Masonic Lodges in this province. Help us by helping our membership grow. We would be happy to receive the names of your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, etc. We know they will benefit from membership in *Job's Daughters* and in turn greatly help this branch of the Masonic family tree to grow.

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## Freemasonry in the News

*U.S. News & World Report* — September 5, 2005

**Secrets of the Masons** by Jay Tolson

One of the most accurate, informative, and interesting articles about Freemasonry to be published in recent years. Jay Tolson writes about Freemasonry after having done extensive research and having interviews with several leading Masonic scholars and writers. Mr. Tolson says about our fraternity — "The real history of Freemasonry is arguably more interesting than all the tales woven about it."

*U.S. News & World Report* — Collectors' Edition

This collectors' edition discusses Dan Brown's book *Angels and Demons*. There are two articles about the Illuminati and (their) relationship to Freemasonry. The discussion is fair and accurate and clearly states the Illuminati were not part of Freemasonry.

Dan Brown's new Book

There is an enormous amount of interest in the new book by Dan Brown titled *The Solomon Key*. All that we know, at the present time (September 2005) is the book is to be released in 2006.

There is much speculation that the book will be released just prior to the release of the movie version of *The Da Vinci Code*. The movie is thought to be scheduled for release in May 2006.

There is no doubt that a great deal of publicity will be given to both releases at a time chosen by the publisher and filmmaker.

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## Grand Master's Itinerary

**February**

- 2 Westlock Lodge No. 114 Bean Night; Memorial Hall, Westlock
- 11 Bow River Lodge No. 1 Installation; Freemasons' Hall, Calgary; 13 00 h
- 11 Bow River Lodge No. 1 Ladies Night; Freemasons' Hall, Calgary; 18 00 h
- 19–21 Grand Masters of North America; Nashville, TN

# Brand New Look for Calgary Freemasons' Hall

Calgary Freemasons' Hall is wearing new livery, thanks to recently completed exterior renovations and landscaping. A new entrance has been constructed to provide a well lighted area with new steps, a larger landing area and wheelchair access to the building. This is the latest phase in the longer term project of making the entire building accessible to the handicapped — a project that started with the installation of the elevator. Inside, new handicapped accessible washrooms are being completed adjacent to the downstairs banquet and committee rooms.

The new front has improved the look of the property without changing the historic nature of the building.

In addition to the new entrance ramp and steps, a new door and windows have been installed on the front part of the building making the offices, library and third floor banquet area draft free and more comfortable.



## Give Your Masonry a Booster Shot!

*Register for the Spring Workshop early and be eligible for a free weekend for two at Kananaskis.*

A free weekend accommodation for two at the Lodge at Kananaskis! That is the prize available for a draw among those who register for the Masonic Spring Workshop before March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning on attending in 2006, why not register early and have a chance at the draw. Your wife will really appreciate it if you bring her the prize.

Hundreds of Masons will tell you that the best Masonic event of the year is the Masonic Spring Workshop in Kananaskis. On one weekend in April each year (28 to 30 April in 2006) a couple hundred Masons from ages 21 to 95 gather for three days of the best fellowship, entertainment, food and Masonic Education that time or money can buy. Every year the opinionnaires they fill in, say it over and over again: "this is

the best Masonic event I have ever attended, I'll definitely be back for more."

Why not join them this year. Give yourself a treat and register for the 2006 Workshop. Better yet, why don't you come with a friend? Share a room and a ride, and we guarantee it will be an experience you will never forget.

BTW, that friend could also be your wife. Give her the gift of a get-away weekend so that she may enjoy a get-away weekend at the mountain resort and its amenities? By upgrading your room to a single accommodation, your wife can join you for the two nights. Meals are not provided for her, but there are many dining alternatives available to her. In addition, the resort provides many facilities for her use and programs for her enjoyment. Although the workshop does not have a program for ladies, those who have attended in past years have come simply to enjoy the mountain getaway.

For those of you who are not familiar



MWBro Rex Dawson and WBro Ed Jakubowsky inspect a hand-drawn Masonic apron (ca. 1780) owned by Richard Harris, Master of Philanthropic Lodge from 1778-91 at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA.

with the Lodge at Kananaskis, imagine a lounging in a luxury hotel in the picturesque Rocky Mountains, with mouthwatering meals, swimming pool, hot tub, steam room and a huge stone fireplace



**Masonic Spring Workshop**

**28 to 30 April 2006**

**Delta Lodge at Kananaskis**

in the Lobby all included. Combine that with a stimulating, challenging, enlightening and entertaining weekend filled with Masonic fellowship and you have an unbeatable combination.

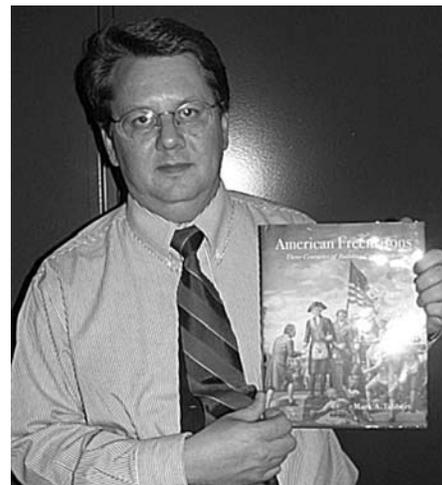
This year's theme is *Freemasonry and the Community — and the Development of Modern Society*. The theme speaker is Mark Tabbert who is one of the very few who have researched the role of Freemasonry in the development of communities over the past three centuries. His research is available in the book *American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities* (ISBN: 0-8147-8292-2). Tabbert is Immediate Past Master of Mystic Valley Lodge and, until recently, Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections at the National Heritage Museum in

Lexington, MA. Despite its title, this book is really the story of the development of Freemasonry from its genesis in the 1600s to the building of communities across North America — a process that included the Canadian west.

RWBro Tren Cole, the Workshop's 2006 Chairman, expects the Brethren to go beyond the history and research to discuss the future of our Craft and whether that future will include the kind of community spirit that originally built the west.

Don't let this one get away! The Masonic Spring Workshop — 28 to 30 April 2006. Check out the developing program at [www.masonicspringworkshop.ab.ca](http://www.masonicspringworkshop.ab.ca) and fill in your registration on-line.

We're waiting for you.



WBro Mark Tabbert with the results of his research into Freemasonry's role in building communities.

## **Alberta Miscellany**

### **Lethbridge Lodge No. 39**

Masonry throughout the ages has been credited with the erection of innumerable edifices throughout the world, many of which are still standing today — thousands of years after their completion. Wherever they stand or have stood, they all have similarities that link them together: skilful craftsmen and a strong base. In our speculative Freemasonry we can draw exact comparisons to our operative brethren. Freemasonry is not the oldest fraternal organization in existence by mere luck, but rather by espousing moral ideals and admitting only men of the strongest character. The base of our Craft lies in our immovable landmarks which no Brother or Brethren have the legitimacy to manipulate — a character that is not shared by other organizations.

By having a base such as this we can guarantee the perpetuity of our Brotherhood from civilization to civilization, millennium to millennium. Every one of us that treads upon this earth with the square and compasses upon his heart is not only privileged, but bound to ensure the future of our Craft, as our ancient Brethren did for us.

WBro Scott Sawatsky, WM

### **Kelvingrove Lodge No. 187**

The author Wilmshurst, in his classic work *Meaning of Masonry*, states that over the old temples of the ancient mysteries was written the injunction "Man know thyself and thou shalt know the universe and God." And he suggests: *Happy is the Mason who has so far purified and developed his own nature as to real-*

*ize in its fullness the meaning of the sacred symbol of the second degree and found God present, not outside, but within himself. To discover this secret, or to phrase it differently, to become whole and at peace with ourselves, or as the ritual says in the lecture on the working tools, to ascend to those immortal mansions whence all goodness flows, requires complete moral integrity, exactness of thought, word and action. It is by careful observance of the symbolic principles of the square, level and plumb rule that this may be accomplished.*

### **Calgary Lodge No. 23**

Visitation in a Lodge in which you do not hold membership is both a right and a privilege, though not a duty. It is a right in that you may seek entrance to any regular Lodge, and a privilege in the sense that your admission into the Lodge is contingent upon your being vouched for, or examined, and being permitted to enter by the Worshipful Master. I encourage you to practice your rights and enjoy the privilege.

WBro L. J. Saggars, WM

### **Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44**

The reputation of the Fraternity, to a greater or lesser degree, is in the keeping of each member. It is within the power of every Mason to glorify or nullify the institution. The public never reads Masonic books, nor studies Masonic philosophy. Its idea of the Fraternity is not well defined, and the whole basis of judgment it falls upon is the character of those who are supposed to exemplify its teachings.

RWBro Edgar L. Mitchell, WM

### **Vermilion Lodge No. 24**

As we travel through life, how do we look upon our own personal growth and how do we evaluate our personal inventory and determine what we have overlooked in our pursuit of Masonic ethereal beauty? It can be summed up very simply by what my father advised me, and probably yours told you, when you first started out on your own: *let your conscience be your guide*, and then you will know.

WBro John Bourne, WM

### **St. George's Lodge No. 169**

There is a thirst amongst many non-Masons for more meaning in their lives, for genuine truth and values. Unfortunately, there is great fear and ignorance of the Masonic Order outside the Lodge. Let's each do our part to overcome this fear and ignorance. Let it be known in the community that you are an enthusiastic Mason. Let us each commit to introducing at least one candidate to the Masonic Order in the ensuing year. It will be a favour to them and to all our benefit.

WBro Dennis Heney, WM

### **Astra Lodge No. 179**

Many of the lessons that Masonry teaches its members are found in the rituals that we recite in conferring our degrees. The more we reinforce those lessons, the better men we are. Every time a man enters into the mysteries of Masonry, we learn by teaching him. It is by this means that we personally benefit from Freemasonry's growth.

WBro Mike Gibbons, WM