



## GRAND MASTER'S EASTER MESSAGE

Brethren of Alberta AND of the NWT, it has been my pleasure over these past 9+ months to serve as the head of our Craft in this jurisdiction as we continue our progress into a healthy and happy future, as individual Brothers and as a Brotherhood.

Easter is the time of rebirth. For Christians, the resurrection of Jesus. For all, the spring where life begins anew (in the Northern Hemisphere), hence the egg as a symbol of such new life. Another word for rebirth is "renaissance".

I believe that from the trials and tribulations of Covid during 2020-21, we have enjoyed a renaissance, stronger in our bonds and in our collective vision than before that "Shock to the System". This was clearly evident at our recent Weekend Without Titles that I was happy to attend as "just another Brother" and truly enjoy the camaraderie with many fellow Masons.

But more than that, between the "Harmony through Grace" under MW Bro. Murray, the "Strengthening the Foundations of Masonry" under MW Bro. Uchman and now "Its Hip to be Square", we are a more energized group of good men spreading our message more effectively than we have in many years to ensure that we are practicing outside of our Lodges those virtues so frequently inculcated within our hallowed halls.

Brethren, I am proud of the efforts of so many of you to improve the visibility and viability of our Craft this year and trust this work will continue long after I have "surrendered the gavel". We are enjoying a large surge of interested candidates, and most of our Lodges are prospering. Let us enjoy this Renaissance, both of life in springtime, and of Masonry.

My family will be sharing Easter together this weekend, with the kids and (born since I became Grand Master) first grandson. It is my sincere hope that all of you will be able to enjoy time with family this weekend – both those who are family by birth or marriage, and those who are our family (our Brothers) by virtue of having been raised as Masons.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Kyle

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## CEREMONY OF INSTITUTION OF CABLE TOW LODGE U.D



Freemasonry or Masonry refers to the fraternal organizations that trace their descent from the guilds of stonemasons that, from the end of the 14th century, regulated the qualifications of stonemasons and their interaction with authorities and clients.

There are two (2) main recognitions of Modern Freemasonry, namely: Regular Freemasonry, which insists that a volume of scripture be open in a working lodge, that every member professes belief in a Supreme Being, that no women be admitted and that the discussion of religion and politics do not take place within the Lodge. The 2nd one is Continental Freemasonry, which consists of the jurisdictions that have removed some or all these restrictions. Freemasonry's basic, local organizational unit is the Lodge (Wikipedia). This Lodge is the foundation for creating quality Masons or members to support the success of our Fraternity in every Grand Lodge.

Freemasonry comprises members from all nationalities, ages, careers and religions. March 2, 2024, marks an important day because this is when a new Masonic Lodge was institutionalized.

It's through the blessing of our M.W. Brother Kyle Scott, The Most Worshipful Grand Master, The Grand Lodge of Alberta. The Cable-Tow Lodge U.D was once a dream for those who wanted to start it.

It was a historic ceremony held to allow the Cable-Tow Lodge members to establish a new Lodge in Edmonton.

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A Lodge that would instill in its members a moral and ethical way of living, giving much importance to family and the community's wellbeing. Being institutionalized means giving character to and incorporating it into a structured and highly formalized system. The new Lodge's institution means we can carry out the values and reforms we want to impose that conform to the Masonic way.

The highest attendance and support from our brethren from different Lodges in our jurisdictions and other jurisdictions was a big surprise. To all the brethren who attended, we sincerely thank you and your Lodge's for sharing your time with us that day. and constitutionally according to the customs of the Fraternity and the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

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## CEREMONY OF INSTITUTION OF CABLE TOW LODGE U.D

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The Cable Tow Lodge U.D. officers are as follows.

Worshipful Master	V.W. Bro. Joselito Balbuena
Senior Warden	Bro. Hazel Gayla
Junior Warden	Bro. Isidro Castro
Secretary	VW Bro. Roger Adlem
Treasurer	Bro. Don Gutierrez
Senior Deacon	Bro. Brian Jay Boado
Junior Deacon	Bro. Edgar Porquez
Senior Steward	Bro. James Jasper Navarro
Junior Steward	Bro. Randy Acain
Director of Ceremonies	RW Bro. Art Stevens
Chaplain	W Bro. Herald Casana
Inner Guard	Bro. Humphry Toribio
Tyler	W Bro. John Paipals
Historian	Bro. Nicolai Lacson
Registrar	Bro. Camilo Esteban

The highest attendance and support from our brethren from different Lodges in our jurisdictions and other jurisdictions was a big surprise. To all the brethren who attended, we sincerely thank you and your Lodge's for sharing your time with us that day. We also acknowledge the unwavering support of the following sponsors lodges, namely, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Redwood Lodge No. 193 and Victoria Lodge No.13. Their support empowered us to assemble as a regular lodge and discharge the duties of Masonry regularly and constitutionally according to the customs of the Fraternity and the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

After the institution ceremony, the festive board followed, where a sumptuous variety of meals and entertainment were offered to the guests. The program was spearheaded by the Junior Warden and Toastmaster, Bro. Isidro Castro.

On behalf of the members of Cable-Tow Lodge UD, we look forward to welcoming our future visiting Brother's. We meet on the first Thursday of each Month except July and August at Al Shamal Shrine Centre, Edmonton.

Yours S&F,

Bro. Joselito (Justin) Balbuena, PM  
Cable-Tow Lodge U.D



**Attendees at the Institution of Cable-Tow**

# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

RECONSECRATION:

SATURDAY, MAY 25 @ 1:00 PM

CALGARY MASONIC HALL

330 12TH AVE SW, CALGARY



CELEBRATION:

DANISH CANADIAN CLUB, 727 11 AVE SW

COCKTAILS: 6:30 PM

DINNER: 7:30 PM

DRESS: FORMAL

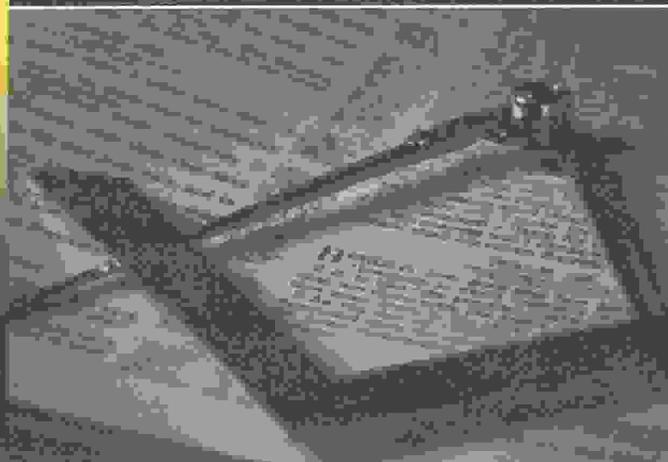
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## **WWT 2.0 held March 22-24, 2024 in Red Deer, AB**

The second annual “Weekend without Titles” was a remarkable event and a resounding success. Held at the Red Deer Resort and Casino in Central Alberta from March 22-24, it brought together over 162 Masons from Alberta and other jurisdictions in Canada and the United States. The event was a unique gathering where everyone set aside their titles and ranks, embodying the spirit of camaraderie and mutual respect.

The weekend began with a panel discussion on the future of Freemasonry in North America and globally, featuring Brothers Chris Uchman, Matt Parker, and Joe Martinez. This interactive discussion set the tone for the event, emphasizing the importance of dialogue and shared insights in our fraternity.

The highlight of the opening evening was a presentation on “The Old Charges & Anderson’s Constitutions” by our special guest speaker, Brother Joe Martinez of Manasseh Lodge No. 182 under the Grand Lodge of Virginia AF&AM. His insights undoubtedly enriched the understanding of all the brothers present, emphasizing the educational aspect of this unique gathering.

The evening concluded with fellowship and a Masonic Jam Session, showcasing the musical talents of our brethren. This blend of education, fellowship, and entertainment truly encapsulates the spirit of the “Weekend without Titles,” making it a memorable event for all attendees. It is a testament to the core values of our brotherhood, celebrating unity, respect, and shared love of the fraternity.

Saturday started where Friday left off with 16 educational sessions divided into 3 streams. These educational sessions highlighted the immense talent of the brethren from this jurisdiction. The biggest difficulty was deciding which one to attend. The afternoon was capped off with an outstanding exemplification of a Masonic degree set in 1765 by the “1765 degree team” organized by Lodge Pythagoras 345. The grand finale of the weekend was surely the largest table lodge ever done in Alberta, hosted by “The Mostly Venerable & Ignoble Fellowship of the Silver Spoon,” a Masonic dinner group, and featuring the Research and Education presentation “Reclaiming Yourself from the Rubbish of the Temple” by our Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker Bro Matthew Parker of Wendell Lodge No. 565, Grand Lodge of North Carolina AF&AM.

Our jurisdiction and fraternity are stronger and more harmonious due to events like this. Mark your calendars and start spreading the word that planning is well underway for Weekend Without Titles 3 to be held once again in Red Deer, Alberta, March 21-23, 2025. Let’s make it the biggest and best yet. The committee for Fraternal Gathering thanks all of those in attendance for making this event a hallmark of masonry in Alberta.

We welcome all comments and suggestions on how to continue to improve this spectacular weekend of brotherly love. Please send them in writing to [wwtgla@gmail.com](mailto:wwtgla@gmail.com).

See you all next year...

Submitted by

Bro. Chris Uchman, PGM

### Overview

This presentation is a re-enactment of a lodge meeting and initiation ceremony from the year 1765. The minutes are based on the actual minutes from an English lodge of that year. Although constituted under a Modern Warrant, Union Lodge worked with the Antient Ritual.

The Players make no pretence of showing the actual ritual work by Union Lodge as there is too little historical information available about that lodge. However, based on the available research on the rituals of that period, the group strives to show what might have been seen if you were visiting a lodge anywhere in England or its colonies in 1765.

That is 259 years ago!

The setting for the performance is a meeting room above the Union Hotel, in St. Helier, Colonial North America. It is the evening of March 23rd, 1765. It was only six years after Bro. Wolfe defeated Bro. Montcalm at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, eleven years before the American colonies were lost in the War of Independence, and five years before Captain James Cook discovered Australia. It is hoped that this demonstration will provide Masonic education as well as entertainment.

#### Tonight you are a member of Union Lodge in 1765

When lodge is called up, you will stand. When asked to sing, please join in. (The words are on the back of this program). Vote with us. Toast with us. Most importantly – enjoy yourselves!

**We respectfully request that no recording devices be used during the presentation. Thank You for your cooperation.**

### Union Lodge 349 Officers Roll

#### March 1765

(The cast in order of appearance)

<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Bro. Garry Bonnell</b>
<b>Right Worshipful</b>	<b>Bro. Chuck Rose</b>
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Bro. Mark Toon</b>
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	<b>Bro. Lee Elliott</b>
<b>Junior Warden</b>	<b>Bro. Ryan Baker</b>
<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Bro. Scott Jackson</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Bro. Stephen Broadley</b>
<b>Pass Master</b>	<b>Bro. Dennis Milbrandt</b>
<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Bro. Irwin Vines</b>
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Bro. Austin Ramirez</b>

*Produced and directed by Bro. Mark Toon  
with the assistance of the cast.*



Union Lodge 349 working



Union Lodge 349 Officers

## **Celebration of a 50-year Jewel**

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 48 Brothers packed the small lodge of Lochern #151 to witness the GM of AB bestow the 50-year jewel to RW Bro Ron (Scottie) Vickers. Brothers came from Edmonton, Calgary, and Red Deer to honour a very well-respected Brother.

Submitted by  
Bro. Kent Plosz  
Lochern #151



**The Brethren congratulate RWBro Vickers on 50 years in Freemasonry**

**Grand Lodge of Alberta  
Annual Communication  
June 14th to 15th, 2024**

## The Grand Lodge of Alberta

### Guest Room Block

Dates: Thursday, June 13, 2024—Sunday, June 16, 2024

Standard One King or Two Queens \$150.00  
Premium One One Queen or Two Queens \$160.00

Rates are based on availability and applicable taxes and fees are not included.  
The above rates are net, non-commissionable, and quoted in Canadian dollars.  
Based on single or double occupancy. \$20.00 extra person charge applies.  
Children 17 years and under stay for free in their parent's room.

Our complimentary hot buffet breakfast will be included for up to two registered guests.  
Children three & under eat free.  
7:00 to 11:00 am available in THE Restaurant ~ Dine-in only, gratuity not included.  
Please note: Our Famous Sunday Brunch Buffet is not included with guest room rates.

### Booking Instructions

Call: +1-403-253-1101 or toll free 1-800-661-9566

Email: [reservations@carriagehouse.net](mailto:reservations@carriagehouse.net)

Please reference **The Grand Lodge of Alberta** when booking hotel accommodations  
Please reserve rooms prior to **Monday, April 29, 2024**

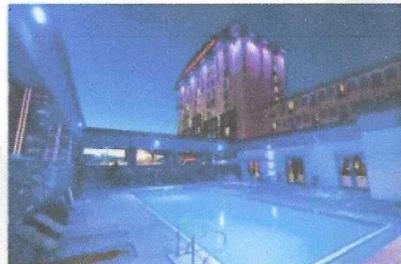
**Online Booking Link:** [The Grand Lodge of Alberta](#)

Check-in begins at 3:00 pm. Check out time is 11:00am.  
Early check-in requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed and subject to availability.

*'We take great care of you'*

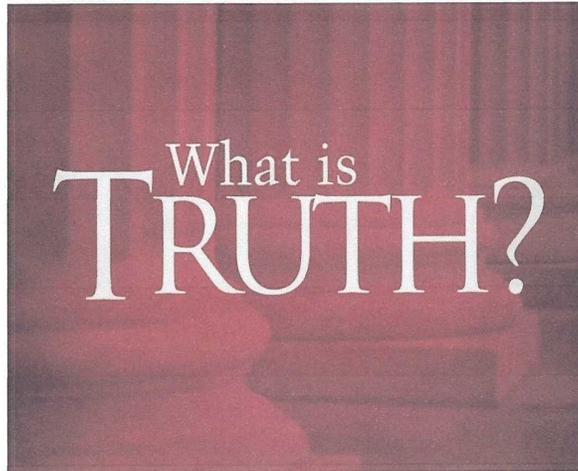


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Pictures from left to right: Premium Two-Queen guest room, Ballroom space, Peanuts Public House, year-round heated outdoor pool.

## A Great Truth



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A Great truth of Freemasonry is that we welcome men  
who believe in a higher power.

In our Craft, we call that entity,  
"The Great Architect of the Universe,"  
"The Most High,"  
"The Grand Geometrician of the Universe,"  
and of course the name that most folks recognize,  
"God."

Another great truth: Masons are taught high principles  
including to love our brother Masons  
and to practice what we're taught (in and outside Lodge).

Here's how some faiths explain love:

Christian: "God is love, and we are born of the Most High."

Judaism: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all your  
heart and with all your mind, and thy neighbour as thyself."

Islam: "Love is this: that thou shouldst account thyself very little and God very much."

Buddhism: "Let man cultivate before the whole world a Heart of Love."

*Author - unknown.*

*Source - Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Tracing Board (date not recorded).*

*Picked up in passing (March 24, 2024), submitted by Bro. Calvin D. Shaver, PGM*

**Words of Wisdom from 60+ Guru**

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

**From the Editor**

Scams, scams ... they are everywhere ... on your phone, on your email.

**DO NOT FOOLED BY THEM.** They are just after your credit card, banking or address information.

These scams can be sourced to crime gangs.

If you do not recognize the email address or the phone number ... just delete them or hang-up.

Email scams are the worst because, if you open them, a "hacking trojan" can be installed on your phone or laptop.

These "hacking trojans" can disable your firewall and make your banking or credit card information available to them or the "dark web".

As ever

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