



Beacon #190 A.F. & A.M. G.R.A

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REGULAR LODGE MEETING
4th MONDAY, at 7:30 PM

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Secretary / Treasurer
W. Bro. Jim Innes
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ANCIENT CHARGE

From ancient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from his Lodge,
especially when warned to appear, without incurring censure,
unless it appeared that pure necessity hindered him.....

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am directed by the Worshipful Master to request your attendance at the next Regular Communication of this Lodge, to be held at the Freemason Hall in Red Deer on;

June 26, 2006
Lodge Tyles at 7:30 pm
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Business: *As may come before the Lodge.*

Notice of Motion: *none* **Presentations:** *none*

Balloting: *none*

Degree Work: To Initiate

James Jordon Sinclair
120 Andrews Close
Red Deer, AB, T4R 2R2
Occupation: Sales Manager,
Proform
Age: 46

Masonic Education : Mentor Plan explanation of the 1st Degree



*A special thank you to
Sandy Cantwell
Wife of our JW Bob Cantwell
for preparing several of our Festive Board meals
Her work has been appreciated*

Coming Events

June 18 - 1st Degree Practice 7:30 pm

June 25 - 1st Degree Practice 7:30 pm

June 26 - Regular Meeting

- **1st degree** - contact Bro. Lloyd Dickson, 403-343-3221
- **Step-up Night**

July 24

- **Zoo Cruise** - Contact Bro. Bob Cantwell 403-314-4850

***Note: The June meeting and degree will be run by the 2005/06 Officers, with the 2006/07 Officers stepping up after the degree and closing the Lodge ***

Board of Benevolence

Congratulations to our very own RW Bro. Russ Fisher on being re-elected, at Grand Lodge, for a two year term on the Board of Benevolence.

Grand Lodge

New Grand Lodge Officers shown on page 4 of this summons.

Link of the Month:

Lodge Renewal Reading List

<http://www.tsmr.org/renewal/>

Check out item 3.7- a new Lodge in Winnipeg.

Master's Theme: How does a good man become a better man

A thank you to all Brethren, who, during the past year, filled an Office, served on a Committee, &/or participated in a Degree, es-

Incoming Master's Theme: "Carpe Diem"

I would like to express my appreciation to the Brethren of Beacon Lodge for bestowing on me the great honour of placing me in the East for the upcoming Masonic Year. I am intending to work hard in order to live up to your expectations and realize that I have some large shoes to fill.

In Masonry, as in mountain climbing, you can only attain the full exhilaration and stimulation by your own effort and exertion. As in mountaineering, every step you take will extend your vision and expand your perspective. When you reach the summit, your horizons will be unlimited.

You will find many Brothers who are prepared to help you in your climb. These wonderful men will cheerfully lend you a hand when the way is rough, throw you a rope to cross a crevasse, or show you a smoother path up the mountain-side.

The choice is yours, my Brethren. I, together with the Officers and Brethren of Beacon Lodge #190 and all worthy Masons around the world hope that you decide to *START CLIMBING*.

Carpe Diem

Fraternally, W Bro. Grant Dixon

Last Month: Our May meeting was Installation night for the new officers for 2006/07 with Bro. John Alexander acting as installing master. The new officers, elected and appointed are shown on page 4 of this summons. Bro. Alexander did an excellent job of handling all parts of the installation with Bro. John Smith doing his usual fine presentation of the General Charge.

A report was also given on the presentation of the defibrillator to the Hansen Family from the Masonic Foundation of Alberta. The cost of the unit, including training was \$5,000. And 50% of that was provided by Beacon #190.

The DDGM was also present and suggested the Brethren to become familiar with the "COMELY" (calling on masons each lodge year) program and the "DORIC PLAN" for discussion with the incoming DDGM.

Lodge was adjourned at 10:20 and followed by an informal festive board.

Birthdays

June

Vern Osbaldeston	June 1
Bruce Keen	June 1
Gordon Gimbel	June 4
Tom Kean	June 13
Walter Foster	June 15
Ruben Stromquist	June 18
Barry Dempsey	June 24
Darrell Hughes	June 25
Cyril Hughes	June 25
Luc Hollebeke	June 27
Kevin Younghusband	June 27
Ryan Keith	June 29

July

Roy Beckwith	July 6
Jack Franks	July 3
Raymond Tessier	July 3
Russ Fisher	July 18
Joe Talbot	July 24
Harvey Brink	July 29

August

John Johnson	August 3
Robert Cantwell	August 6
Don Beamish	August 7
Herb Wright	August 7
John Alexander	August 9
Ron Bower	August 19
James Jordon	August 20
Percy Pilatzke	August 30

**BIRTHDAYS ARE GOOD FOR YOU, THE MORE YOU
HAVE THE LONGER YOU LIVE.**

Masonic Education

[Snippet from M.W. Bro. Gary Atkinson's speech at Seymour Lodge No. 277 Ladies Night]

Sandy and I, attended a festive seasonal party at one of the Lodges to which I am a member. The wife of a relatively new Mason, came up to me, and said, "I hear you are the Head-Poopa of the Lodge."

I quickly assured her, I was merely the 'Head-Poopain-Training', as at that particular time, I was still the DGM.

She then said, "Can I ask you a question?"

I replied, sure – why not.

She said, "What do Masons do, and what are they all about?"

Now – you can imagine the thoughts that were rapidly racing through my mind. What does she already know? Does she think we are a service club? Does she have negative ideas about Freemasonry, or is she trying to figure out what her husband does the 2nd Wednesday of every month?

As I was formulating a response to her in my mind, the wife of an older member, stepped forward and said, "May I respond to that?"

With a feeling of adventure, mixed with caution and apprehension, I replied, "Sure, by all means."

Her response caught me by surprise, she said, "Masons years ago built Temples. Today they build better men."

I couldn't have said it any better myself. And as the young lady stood there in a pensive state, I said, "That is correct.. but let us take that a step further."

As our conversation progressed –we talked about many things.

We talked about the origin of Freemasonry –how it is a society of men concerned with moral and spiritual values.

How members are taught its precepts by a series of ritual dramas, which follow ancient forms, and use stonemason's customs and tools, as allegorical guides.

We talked about the three degrees in Masonry.

How the First degree – the Entered Apprentice Degree teaches moral principles.

And, in the Second degree – the Fellowcraft Degree, we stress the study of every useful art that would make us good and peaceful citizens, productive and useful to our families and communities.

And, in the Third degree – the Master Mason Degree, we are concerned with the spiritual values that separate man from other creatures, and makes us worthy of our Creator.

I mentioned to her, that she may witness her husband talking to himself a lot and assured her, he wasn't going over the edge. But merely preparing himself for advancing – to take the next step in his Masonic career.

We talked about the qualifications for membership in our Fraternity. How our membership is open to men of

any race or religion who can fulfill essential qualifications, and are of good repute.

She then asked me, "Is Masonry a substitute for religion?"

I said, definitely not, and added; we encourage our Members to follow their own faith. And she was surprised to know that religion was not discussed at our meetings.

We talked about the three Great Principles that Masons have followed for years:

Brotherly Love – every true Freemason will show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others, and behave with kindness and understanding to his fellow creatures.

Relief – Masons are taught to practice charity, and to care not only for their own, but also for the community as a whole, both by charitable giving, and by voluntary efforts and work as individuals.

Truth – Freemasons strive for truth. High moral standards are required and each Mason aims to achieve them in his own life.

We talked about Masonic Charity, our Masonic Foundation of Ontario, the role of the Mason in his Community, his duty as a Citizen, and much, much more.

As our conversation concluded, she "Thanked" me for taking the time to talk to her. She felt she had a better understanding of Freemasonry, and I encouraged her to browse through our Grand Lodge web site, and if she had any questions, to please give me a call.

BRETHREN.. my story doesn't end here... but now the rest of the story is also meant for you.

As we were preparing to return home that evening, the wife of the brother who had given the answer that I found so outstanding, was also getting ready to leave. So I made a point to ask her how she came up with that wonderful answer.

She said, "Years ago, my husband and I were going through some rough times. Our marriage was in shambles and we were drifting apart. A neighbour of ours was a Mason. He suggested that maybe my husband should consider becoming a Mason – he might get something out of it."

She added, "I really didn't care what he did, for I had just about enough of our Marriage. But after he became a Mason – our lives changed. And changed for the better."

She looked at me and said, "You told me more tonight, than I have ever known about Masonry. All I knew was –it had made a better man for me."

Brethren the great lessons of Freemasonry are not confined to the Lodge room alone. A hand of assistance, a clasp of friendship, the desire to be helpful, the little acts of courtesy to all we come into contact, are 'part and parcel' of our Masonic lives. And they are just as important, in our schools, in our communities, and in our place of business – as they are in our Lodge rooms.

Brotherhood is not confined to sharing with Masons alone –to be effective, it must be extended to all people.

Gary L. Atkinson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario

Officers 2006 / 2007

Elected:

Worshipful Master W Bro. Grant Dixon
403-887-4407

Sr. Warden Bro. Bob Cantwell
403-314-4850

Jr. Warden Bro. Curtis Bouteiller
403-302-3400

Secretary/Treasurer W. Bro. Jim Innes
403-343-3086

Tyler W. Bro Linden Lonsberry

Appointed:

Sr. Deacon Bro. Mark Hornet

Jr. Deacon RW Bro. Lloyd Dickson

Sr. Steward RW Bro. Ray Congdon

Jr. Steward Bro. Derek Davidson

Chaplin Bro. David Yakimetz

Organist MW Bro. Jim Roberts

Registrar RW Bro. Russ Fisher

D of Ceremonies VW Bro. John Alexander

Inner Guard W Bro. Clark Johnston

I.P.M. W. Bro. Terry Balgobin

Almoner ???

Committees:

Auditor ? 2 to be elected

Research & Education ?

Nominating Committee ?

Summons & Web Page ?

Social ?

Sick & Visiting ?

*Suggestions / Ideas / Recommendations
Volunteers ???*

To Be One - Ask One

The catch phrase of Masonry
Perhaps the 2nd catch phrase should be:

“No one asked me”

I would if only they would ask.
How many times have we heard this phrase or used it ourselves - used it as an excuse for not stepping up and taking an active part in the Lodge? Strange isn't it that we expect an outsider to “Ask” to take part while we on the inside “wait to be asked”. Why not contact the WM and ask to be on a committee or take a part in a degree. We will put on all 3 degrees this year so why not pick your part now and use the summer to learn it?

Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Master M.W. Bro. Malcolm Berry
Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Robert Drury
Senior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. John Hart
Junior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. Brian Shimmons

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Central District Lodge Meetings

Innisfail #8	Innisfail	3rd Thursday
Eureka #10	Lacombe	4th Tuesday
Red Deer # 12	Red Deer	2nd Tuesday
Mountain View #16	Olds	1st Monday
Britannia #18	Ponoka	1st Wednesday
Applo #27	Stettler	3rd Thursday
Kenilworth #29	Red Deer	1st Tuesday
Kitchener #95	Rimbey	2nd Tuesday
Lochearn #151	Rocky MH	2nd Thursday

Found at the Red Deer Saturday morning Farmer's Market - a booth selling Wind Chimes &/or Spinning Wind Ornaments showing the Square and Compass.

Check out District Events at:
www.mastermason.com/Beacon190/ddgm

Correspondence/Dues to the Secretary

- **Dues:** \$100.00 payable January 1st
- **Arrears:** Dues paid **after July 1st** subject to a \$10.00 penalty, suspension automatic after two years.
- **Initiation Fee:** \$75.00 + cost of Apron.
- **Affiliation Fee:** \$50.00