



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

Freemason Hall
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Red Deer, Alberta



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

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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;

March 27, 2006

Ladies Night Wine & Cheese

6:00 pm

Lodge Tyles at 7:30 pm

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Business: *As may come before the Lodge.*

Notice of Motion: *none*

Presentations: *none*

Balloting: To receive the report of the Investigating Committee and, if found favourable, to ballot on the petition for initiation of :

James Sinclair Jordan

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

Degree Work: none:

Memorial:

Bro. Peter Bysterveld
1920-2006

Good of the Order:

Masonic Education :

- Masonry In The Mountains

Festive Board: Finish off the wine & cheese

Ladies Night Wine & Cheese

March 27, 6 -7:30 pm

Five to seven select cheese varieties and ten (five white and five red) different wines from southern climes.

Lodge will tyle at 7:30 for a short meeting while the Ladies finish up the wine and get to know each other.

Cost: \$10.00 per couple

Please confirm attendance to JW
Bro. Bob Cantwell (403) 314-4850

Rrc1@telus.net or bcantwell@badgerinc.com

Coming Events

April 1 - Drop-in Coffee 9—11 am

- Freemason Hall, Red Deer

April 24 - Regular Meeting

- Election of Officers
- 2nd Degree

April 29-30

- MSW - Masonry In The Mountains

May 29 - Regular Meeting

- Installation of Officers

June 9th & 10th

- Grand Lodge Communication—Calgary

June 26 - Regular Meeting

- 3rd degree
- Step-up Night

July 24 - Zoo Cruise

Last Month:

The meeting started off with two pleasant events:

First after an affirmative ballot on affiliation we are please to welcome back Bro. Joe Tlabot, the newest member of Beacon #190.

Second was a petition for initiation from Mr. James Jordan, which if the balloting is successful will ensure some more degree work in the future.

RW Bro Mark Vickers, DDGM, made two presentations, first to WB Linden Lonsberry and secondly to Beacon #190 for the best notice in the District for 2005/6

SW Bro Grant Dixon reported on the most recent meeting of the Committee of Operations pertaining to our Freemason Hall, owned by Red Deer #12 and Kenilworth #29. In short, the building is in need of upgrading. Problem: it would be very expensive and funds are just not available for such an undertaking. Some discussion followed. It was suggested that a joint meeting be held by all stakeholders to attempt to come up with some recommended solutions and asked that Bro Dixon pass this recommendation on to the Committee of Operations for consideration.

A donation was made to the Masonic Foundation to support the "We Can Help Program" which gives First Aid training to grade 3 students. Donation was in requested amount of \$0.35/member or \$21.35.

The Auditors presented a favorable annual report on the Lodges financial books.

A proposal was made, and referred to the Board of General Purposes, to establish guidelines for the JW fund.

Lodge finished with an educational presentation / discussion on the differences between the Canadian and Ancient York rites practiced under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta

The festive board features a variety of Rums which could be purchased for sampling. *(I think it may take me about 3 meetings to appreciate the variety)*

Farewell My Brother



Peter Bysterweld
1920 - 2006

- Born 5 Oct 1920- Carolside AB
- Initiated 19 Sept 1960,
- Passed 21 Nov 1960,
- Raised 16 Jan 1961. All at Cavell #125, Trochu, Alberta.
- Affiliated Beacon #190 25 March 1985
- Died 10 March 2006 - Delburne, AB

He will be missed

Birthdays

March

Frank Parry	March 4
Bert Dueck	March 8
Dale Kennedy	March 17
Linden Lonsberry	March 30

April

Curtis Bouteiller	April 1
Clark Johnston	April 13
Helmut Schmidt	April 17

Happy Birthday

***** Obtain Monthly Summons via E-Mail**

We now have the capacity to send Summons via E-Mail instead of Snail Mail.

- 18 members already signed up
- contact the Secretary to complete the form.

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

The Sponsor/Mentor

His duties and obligations to his candidate and, ultimately, the Craft.

**By Wor Bro Donald M. Scandrett, CD, LOH
Lodge No's 69, 266 and 444, GLCPO**

All too often a newly made Mason, usually at the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft stages in his Masonic career, drops out and eventually demits or receives a non-payment of dues suspension. Is it his fault??? No, it is *yours*!!! You, as his sponsor and mentor, began ignoring him the minute the ink from your signature had dried on his petition for initiation. You were not there for his initiation, passing or raising. You failed to assist him with his memory work. You failed to introduce him throughout your jurisdiction by not inviting him out to visit other lodges with you. You failed to phone him on a regular basis or visit him, to ensure he is not having any difficulties with his memory work. You failed to invite him and his wife out to a ladies night, to ensure his wife felt part of the Masonic community. He probably does not know the protocol for these types of social functions as of yet and never assume he does. Basically, you left him standing alone, thus leaving him with the feeling he is not part of the Masonic fraternity, subsequently losing interest in his lodge and never returning.

This, my brethren, is OUR fault, not the members who lose interest. They lose interest because they are not stimulated in lodge, their sponsors forget their obligations and most of all, they are being ignored/disregarded amongst the lodge members who should be taking these new members under their wing and making him feel welcomed and part of the circle. It is estimated that there is an alarming rate of approximately 20% of new members, usually EA or FC, who have lost interest in the lodge and have demitted, or not returned.

It is your duty as a sponsor/mentor to ensure, once you petition someone, that you strive to stay with him throughout the entire process. You should be ensuring that the new member is cared for, support and directed throughout the process. This must continue until such time he is either accepted into the circle, which should be automatic, considering

our purpose, or until they are comfortable enough on their own to build their own friendships amongst the brethren.

Don't just assume that because he receives his monthly summons he should feel welcome to attend the stated meetings. Ensure you remind him of the meetings and offer to drive him there for the first few. Be there from his entering the lodge, signing the porch book, introducing him to members he has not yet met and sit with him. After the close of the lodge, sit with him at the festive board until it is time to leave.

I have heard of an incident. A friend of mine moved from one province to another. When he visited a lodge in that jurisdiction, he was surprised to see one of his sponsors from his mother lodge, who also moved away. His sponsor did not recognize him at first and asked him if he would have a problem with a board of trial. Another friend of mine was sponsored a few years ago and one of his sponsors lived across the street from him. Not once did his sponsor visit or phone him to see how his memory work was or if he required assistance. Luckily, this newly made Mason was a fast learner, a keen member and went through all the degrees by himself, without any assistance from his sponsors at all.

In closing brethren, if you are going to sponsor someone, be there for him after the ink on his petition dries, from start to finish. I realize that many of us, due to family and work commitments, cannot be there all of the time. But there is always that second person who affixed his signature on that petition and has the same obligation as you do.

Just remember that every new member we lose, we are also losing the possibility of the ten people he may of sponsored throughout his Masonic career and so on. If we, as a fraternity, are to survive, we must remember the duties and obligations owed to our new members. Just remember before you sponsor someone - will you be there for him???

(Paper suggested by Bro. Ray Tessier)

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S.S.....
J.S.....
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Registrar .. R.W.Bro. Russ Fisher
D. of C... VW. Bro. John Alexander
I.G.....
Tyler W.Bro Lindon Lonsberry
I.P.M..... R.W. Bro Joe Stalter

*There are two theories to arguing with women.
Neither one works*

Committees for 2005/2006

Auditors:

- W Bro. Lloyd Dickson
- Bro. Bob Cantwell

Benevolence:

- W Bro. Terry Balgobin
- Bro. Grant Dixon
- Bro. Bob Cantwell

Research & Education:

- W Bro. Bro. Johnston

Social:

- Bro. Bob Cantwell
- Sr. Steward
- Jr. Steward

General Purposes:

- Bro. Grant Dixon
- Plus Lodge Officers & Past Masters.

Sick & Visiting:

- Bro. Mark Honert,: (403) 343-3557
- RW. Bro. Russ Fisher: (403) 346-9232

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

MW Bro. W.E. Foster
MW Bro. J. Roberts
Bro. F.B. Parry
VW Bro. D.M. Friesen

RW Bro. H.J. Dueck
W Bro.V. Osbaldeston
W Bro. Gordon Gimbel
W Bro. L. Knudsen
RW Bro. Russ Fisher

Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Master M.W. Bro. Rex Dawson
Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Malcolm Berry
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District Rep. to Board of General Purposes

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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

*If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again,
it was probably worth it.*

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

*Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a
mistake when you make it again.*

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