



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

Freemason Hall  
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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;

**October 24, 2005**

**Lodge Tyles at 7:30 pm**

**Business:** *As may come before the Lodge.*

- Sponsorship of Fiat Lux Lodge**

**Notice of Motion:** *none*

**Presentations:**

*Master Mason's Certificate*  
**Bro. Richard Nigg**

**Balloting:** *none*

**Degree Work:** *none.*

**Masonic Education :**

*Presentation by the Junior Warden*  
**Bro. Bob Cantwell**

**Coming Events**
**Oct. 29 District Meeting**

Stettler Lodge Hall

Registration 12 noon-Meeting 1 pm

R.W. Bro. Bob Drury S.G.W. in attendance.

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2006/07 DDGM Candidates

W. Bro. Tom Clark - Lochearn #51

W. Bro. Dave Travers - Kenilworth #29

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All Master Masons are now eligible to vote

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**Nov. 28 - Regular Meeting**

- 1st Degree**
- Picture Postcard Night

**Dec. 6 - Kenilworth #29 - Moose Supper**

Grand Master to attend

**Dec. ?? - Beacon is Dark**, however, rumor has it the JW is planning a Christmas Party

**Jan. 23 - Regular Meeting**

- Annual Burns Night Supper**
- Grand Master to attend**

**Feb. 27 - Regular Meeting**

- Tropical Night—Rum Tasting

**March 27 - Regular Meeting**

- Ladies/Friendship Night-Wine Tasting

**April 24 - Regular Meeting**

- Election of Officers
- 2nd Degree**

**April 29-30 - Masonry In The Mountains**
**May 29 - Regular Meeting**

- 3rd degree**

**June 26 - Regular Meeting**

- Installation of Officers**
- Step-up Night

**Fiat Lux Lodge Of Research**-is looking at Beacon #190 to sponsor their meeting in Red Deer at Freemason Hall on Saturday December 3rd. Registration 1 PM Meeting 2 PM. We provide the hall (booked), arrange a caterer (participants pay for meal) and run a cash bar. We provide bodies for set-up and clean-up. All Master Masons are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meeting to expand their knowledge and find out more about the Lodge of Research. At our October meeting we will be looking for a commitment to host this event.

## Master's Theme

### How does a good man become a better man

**Last Month;** - The year kicked off with a good turnout to a Buffalo Burger BBQ hosted by the JW. (well done Bob) and an Official visit by the DDGM RW Bro. Mark Vickers. Bro. Iowerth Carney's application for affiliation was approved—welcome back Bro. Carney. W Bro. Linden Lonsberry was installed as Tyler and Bro. Rick Nigg as Inner Guard. WM Terry Balgobin advised that a 1st degree would be held in November - with further 1st degrees as necessary with the 2nd degree in April and 3rd in May. Presentation of Bro. Nigg's MM certificate differed to November due to time constraints.

We were treated to an short paper by VW Bro. John Alexander relative to who & what we are as Masons & how we present ourselves out side the building that is important. He proposed a new committee to "rekindle the fire of brotherhood".

The JW Bro. Bob Cantwell outlined his plans for the GMOB (Good Men of Beacon) and SOB's (Son's of Beacon) to do helpful things for our brethren and the community and to assist brethren through pre-arranged visits.

The Secretary reminded the Finance committee that our By-laws now require a report at the October meeting outlining

- Review of Dues, Fees & Finances
- Present Budget for the Calendar year
- Recommendation & Notices of Motion as may be required.

WB Bill Douglas from Kenilworth #29 treated us to a paper he composed entitled "Teachers & Students", where he spoke on the intent of our ritual, which in effect is the heart of Freemasonry. He admonished all to execute our signs clearly & make the spoken work both clear & audible. Paper

was very well received.

The festive board was highlighted by a birthday cake and a round of song for all those enjoying a birthday in September and through the summer.

#### A Message from the JW

At our October 24th Festive Board, following our regular meeting, we will hear from a representative *Toastmasters International*, who will explain the workings of Toastmasters. If enough interest is shown we will look at chartering a Masonic Toastmasters International Club, to meeting at the Red Deer Freemason Hall. We are looking at including all of the Masonic Family (Masons, OES & Job Daughters), do feel free to invited them to join us at approx. 9 PM.

Once again it is *Higher Education Bursary Fund Month*. Last year we raised \$1720.52 or approx. \$21.50 per member. This year lets try for the \$36.50 per member or 10 cents per day... Use the enclosed envelope.

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

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

- 17 members already signed up
- If you are interested contact the Secretary or webmaster to complete the required form.

#### Link of the Month

<http://www.dummies.com>

Do a search on the "Dummies" home page for "Freemasons" and then click on "Freemasons For Dummies". In addition to the description, review the Table of Contents and read a chapter.

**A MASON WITHOUT APOLOGY**

**I AM A MASON!** This plain and simple statement is said with pride, not apology! But to make such a statement is not enough. Reasons are expected and I give them briefly and almost in outline form.

**Because of the Friendships the Fraternity Has Offered Me**

These friendships reach back 50 years to a rural community where I was raised a Master Mason. Those plain, simple men took me into their circle of friendship and sustained me through many of the difficulties a young minister will find in his first year out of the seminary. Across half a century, my life has been blessed by friends from all walks of life and many denominational groups.

Freemasonry is truly ecumenical in its membership. In a day of mistrust, suspicion, discrimination, separation, and even hatred, Freemasonry removes the distance between men. Friendship, morality, and brotherly love are the hallmarks of our relationships. There is a basic integrity in the Fraternity so often lacking in many of life's relationships.

**Because of the Beautiful Ritual Rooted in Biblical History**

These Rituals relating to each Masonic degree are not forms without substance. Out of the ancient landmarks they come with honored words that plumb the depths of human emotion.

As one who loves the beauty and meanings of words, I never tire of watching and listening to the granting of any degree, the opening and the closing of lodge meetings.

Ancient Biblical history comes alive in the drama and language of Freemasonry. The beauty and order of a Masonic lodge added to the symbols so familiar to the Fraternity have meant so much to so many.

**Because of the Practice of Brotherhood and the Charitable Endeavors.**

Masons are not interested in shallow social activity, although they need and enjoy good fellowship. They are not interested only in a community service club, although they want to be proud of the service record and community image of the Fraternity to which they belong.

**Because of the Deep Religious Tone**

Let me quickly and emphatically say

that Freemasonry is not and has never been a religion, however, Freemasonry has always been a friend and ally of religion. In 50 years as a minister and a Mason, I have found no conflict between my Masonic beliefs and my Christian faith. I have not found and so not now find that Freemasonry is "incompatible with Christian faith and practice".

Freemasonry has never asked me to choose between my lodge and my church. Masonry has never and will never usurp the place of God. Possibly there are those who have made a god out of Masonry. You can make a god out of anything - your business, your labor union, your civic club, your lodge, and even your church.

My Masonic activities have never interfered with my loyalty to and my love for my church. Quite to the contrary, my loyalty to my church has been strengthened by my Masonic ties. Good Masons are good churchmen.

- Freemasonry is having faith to live by;
- Freemasonry is being a self to live with;
- Freemasonry is a never-ending pursuit of excellence.

***This, then, is my testimony. I am a Mason without apology!***

By Bishop Carl J. Sanders; United Methodist Church; Dothan, Alabama; Published in THE NEW AGE; Grand Lodge of Iowa; Republished in THE TRACING BOARD; GRS; March, 1987.

**Birthdays****October**

Peter Bysterveld	October 5
Josef Stalter	October 11
Keith Wattie	October 15
George Braithwaite	October 16
Terry Balgobin	October 22
Don Fowler	October 23

**November**

Ernest Richard	November 4
Garry Klepper	November 16
Larry Knudsen	November 22
Bryon Farguson	November 24
Linden Lonsberry	November 30

Why not take a moment and let a brother know you are thinking of him.

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Registrar R.W.Bro. Russ Fisher

D. of C. VW. Bro. John Alexander

I.G. .... Bro. Rick Nigg

Tyler..... W.Bro Lindon Lonsberry

I.P.M.....R.W. Bro Joe Stalter

**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:** Bro. Johnston

**Social:** Bro. Cantwell, Bro. Rick Nigg and Bro Ryan Keith

**General Purposes:** Bro. Grant Dixon, plus all Lodge Officers & all Past Masters.

**Sick & Visiting:**

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**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

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Bro. L. Knudsen  
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**Grand Lodge Officers**

**Grand Master** M.W. Bro. Rex Dawson

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**Notice:** Dues of \$100..are payable **January 1st** of each year. Arrears, **after July 1st** are subject to a **\$10. penalty**. As per the by-laws, suspension is automatic after two years of arrears.

**Web Access:** If you are unable to access the Beacon #190 or DDGM web pages, try inserting "www." in front of **mastermason.com**, i.e.

**<http://www.mastermason.com/Beacon190/>**  
instead of  
**<http://mastermason.com/Beacon190/>**

The www should not be necessary on this server, however for some reason the server, on occasion, rejects the URL address if it is not present. Our host is working on the problem.

Check out District Events at:  
**[mastermason.com/Beacon190/ddgm.htm](http://mastermason.com/Beacon190/ddgm.htm)**