



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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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;

January 22, 2006

43rd Annual Robert Burns Evening

Cocktails 5 pm \$2.50

Dinner 6 pm \$15.00

Lodge Tyles at 7:30 pm

Balloting: none

Conferring Degrees: none

Unfinished Business:

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New Business: (As may come before the Lodge)

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- District Education Challenge

Notice of Motion - It will be moved, Effective January 1, 2007

1. Late penalty on annual dues to be set at 50% of annual dues. (i.e. \$50.00 after June 30, 2007)
2. Installation fee to be raised to \$150. Plus cost of apron.
3. Affiliation fee to be set at 50% of Installation fee. (\$75.00)

Presentations:

- VW Bro. John Alexander - 25 year pin
- W Bro. Joe Stalter - PM Certificate

Masonic Education:

Address by the Grand Master,
MW Bro. Malcolm Berry

Coming Events

January - 2007

21st - Practice for Lodge Officers & 2nd Degree candidates 7:00

22nd - Regular Meeting

Annual Burns Dinner - (see page #3)

February

12th - 2nd Degree practice 7:00

24th - District Curling Bonspiel - (see page #3)

25th - 2nd Degree practice 7:00

26th - Regular Meeting - **2nd Degree**

March

25th - 3rd Degree Practice 7:00

26th - Regular Meeting,

Masonic Education Night???

April

20 / 22nd - Masonry In The Mountains

22nd - 3rd Degree practice 7:00

23rd - Regular Meeting - **3rd Degree**

Election of Officers

May

28th - Regular Meeting - **Installation of Officers**

June

25th - Regular Meeting - **Step-up, WM Dinner**

July 22nd - Zoo Cruise

Last Month; Our November saw a good turnout of Brethren along with six visitors. A well presented 1st Degree was held and we are pleased to welcome Bro. Christopher Patrick Amos and Bro. Jeffrey Harry Hood as the to Beacon 190. As well we balloted on Bro. Eldon Churchill Richards and are pleased to welcome him to Beacon 190 via affiliation.

A Memorial Service was held for the late W Bro Gordon Gilbert Gimbel who passed away at Calgary on Nov 2006. He will be missed.

Bro Honert announced the cancellation of our 1st Saturday of the month coffee get together and encouraged everyone to support the Saturday Morning drop-in coffee sponsored by Red Deer #12 every 2nd Saturday at the Red Deer Freemason Hall.

W.Bro. Terry Balgobin was presented with his Past Master's certificate.

A motion was passed to cap the JW's fund at \$500. With excess funds to be transferred to the general fund.

Three notices of motions were presented (refer to new business on page 1).

Due to time constraints, Masonic education program was deferred to the Mentor night held Dec. 3 and we retired to the festive board at 10:55 pm. Overall a very enjoyable evening.

Also during the month of December a "Mentor Night" was held for the candidates and their coaches, which by all reports was well received and will become an ongoing event this year. A special thanks to the Brethren who volunteered to work as coaches for our new candidates. Its amazing what one can learn when trying to help others.

A successful Christmas tea was held at Freemason Hall on Dec. 10th. Although the turnout of Beacon Brethren was low, a good time was had by all those who attended.

Now that winter has decided to make itself known (its -24C as I write this) its time to think of the Burns Dinner January 22nd, the District Curling Bonspiel Feb. 10th, and the 2nd degree Feb. 26th.

Practice & Mentor dates are Jan. 21st, Feb. 12th and Feb. 25th.

Come on out and take part

Master's Theme:
"Carpe Diem"

Brethren:

I hope that each of you was blessed with a joyous Festive Season filled with good times together with Family and Friends. I would like to extend my wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all of the members of Beacon Lodge and every person associated with our great Masonic Fraternity.

These cold, dark days of January are such an anticlimax to the joy and excitement of the Festive Season. Luckily, the Officers and Brethren of Beacon Lodge are compounding a nostrum for the treatment of the January blues: our Burns Night Supper. Last year, we welcomed many members and visitors, including a whole tour bus full of Calgary Masons. This year, we want to welcome YOU to one of Red Deer's premiere Masonic events, full of good food, good haggis and great fellowship. If you don't yet have your ticket, now is the time to contact our Junior Warden, Bro. Curtis Bouteiller.

We have three brethren to be passed to the Fellowcraft Degree at our February Communication. There are still a few blank spaces on the Second and Third Degree Team slates. If you are not yet a member of at least one of the three Degree Teams, contact Bro. John Alexander or myself. It does not need to be a large part. Your participation in the Degrees will be of benefit to yourself, the candidates and the Lodge in general.

The crown and glory of life is Character- It is man's noblest possession. The building of character begins in infancy and continues until we draw our last breath- A man is what he is, not what man says he is- His Character, no man can touch. His Character consists of what he is before God. His reputation is what men say it is; that can be damaged, for reputation is for today

Character, however, is for eternity. Difficulty attracts men of Character simply because it is in the overcoming of difficulties that we display our character. The development of Character by the true exemplification of basic Masonic principles is just as positive and just as certain as that day follows night

Carpe diem,
W. Bro. Grant Dixon

Some things to ponder

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. It could be a right number.
13. Think about this... No one ever says "It's only a game." when his team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of OLD LADIES running around with tattoos? (And RAP music will be the Golden Oldies!)
18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.
19. After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.

Fraternal Assistance

A reminder Brethren, as decreed by the WM, the box of Fraternal Assistance will be passed at each Lodge meeting.

Annual Burns Night Dinner

Monday January 22

Refreshments 5:30

Address to the Haggis 6:30

Lodge Tyles 7:30

\$15.00/person Cash Bar

Grand Master will be in attendance

Tickets; Bro. Curtis Bouteiller 403-302-3400

Bro. Bob Canwell 403-314-4850

Annual District Curling Bonspiel

Saturday February 24th

Hosted by Apollo #27

10 am -Brunch & Registration at Stettler Lodge Hall

11:30 Curling at Stettler Curling Club

3 - 4end games with 1/2 hour refreshment breaks

Any combination of Masons & Families

Cost per 4 person team \$80

Should be finished by 5 pm

Register teams with Bro. Hal Neis 403-788-2126 by

Feb. 17th

Birthdays

January

Carl Briggs
F.G. Osborne

January 3
January 24

February

Robert Crisp
Me Hough
Jeff Hood

February 19
February 23
February 25

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

From the Secretary / Treasurer's Desk

Once again our Lodge is in facing a tight financial position. Not because the dues are to low, but because a small group of Brethren (5) do not feel it is necessary for them to pay their 2006 dues on time.

Dues are due Jan 1st of each year—which means 2007 Dues are now due.

Please Brethren, our Rent and Grand Lodge assessments have to be paid on time.

If you are having difficulties please contact the WM or Sec.

*If you are not sure of your dues status
Please contact the Secretary*

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
Chaplain	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

Committees:

Finance	WM, SW (chair), JW, Sec/Treas.
BGP	WM, SW (chair), JW, Sec/Treas + 2 PM - open to all
Auditor	RW Bro. Ray Congdon Bro. Mark Hornet
Building Rep.	Bro. Bob Cantwell
Research & Ed.	W Bro. Clark Johnston
Nominating Comm.	?
Summons/Web Page	W Bro. Clark Johnston
Social	Bro. Curtis Bouteiller
Sick & Visiting	Bro. Mark Hornert (403) 343-3557 RW Bro. Russ Fisher (403) 346-4964

*Suggestions / Ideas / Recommendations
Volunteers ???*

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

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

See Page #1 for proposed changes

Link of the Month:

<http://www.freemasonrysaust.org.au/>

With winter going strong, its time to check out Freemasonry in warmer climes