



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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*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;

April 23, 2007

Lodge Tyles at 7:30 pm

Balloting: none

Conferring Degrees: If present and found proficient, Raise to the Master Mason Degree

Bro. Derek Davidson

Bro. James Jordan Sinclair

Bro. Jeff Hood

Bro. Christopher Patrick Amos

Unfinished Business:

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New Business: (As may come before the Lodge)

- **Election of Sr. Officers**
- **Election of Tyler**
- **Election of Auditors (2)**

Presentations: none

Masonic Education:

AN EXPLANATION OF ECCLESIASTES
XII, 1-7—W. Bro. Jim Innes

Fraternal Assistance

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

Coming Events

April

20 / 22nd - Masonry In The Mountains

- Brethren planning to attend for the full weekend contact WM Grant Dixon if you need a ride. 887-4407 or 887-4200
- Brethren planning to attend just on the Saturday. Contact the SW Bob Cantwell 314-4850 or Clark Johnston 347-7099 to arrange transportation.

22nd - 3rd Degree practice 7:00

23rd - Regular Meeting

- **3rd Degree**
- **Election of Officers**

May

28th - Regular Meeting

- **Installation of Officers**

June

9th & 10th - Grand Lodge Communication

25th - Regular Meeting

- **Step-up night for new Officers**
- **WM Dinner**

If I don't Go I Don't Get

An old man lived on the bank of a wide river and his only source of income was from ferrying passengers across the river. When asked by a passenger "How many times a day do you cross the river"? He replied, "I go as often as I can. The more I go, the more I get. If I don't go I don't get".

An inspiration to Masons attending Lodge

(Robert G. Cole)

Master's Theme:
"Carpe Diem"

Last Month: Our March meeting saw a good turnout of Brethren which included 8 visitors. W W Bro. Cannings from Mountainview # 16 joined out WM in the East.

Bro Honert reported that RW Bro John Smith has suffered a stroke, but is recovering well. RW Bro. Bert Dueck is still in the hospital recovering from a broken Hip. Bro. Honert is also looking for volunteers to assist Brethren and to get involved in the Red Deer River spring clean-up.

RW Bro. Russ Fisher gave a report on the Masonic Foundation (don't forget your donations Brethren) and also advised he is stepping down this spring as the representative for Central District. Bro. Bob Cantwell will be taking over. Well done Bro. Fisher, we appreciate the devotion of time and energy you have given.

Bro. Innes stressed the requirement for signed and accepted nominations for Lodge Officers being on his desk before the start of the April meeting. As well he gave notice that after the 2007/8 Masonic year, he will not allow his name to stand for Sec/Treas.

We had two Masonic Education presentations; the first being W Bro. Grant Dixon presenting a paper on the Knights Templar relating to their potential place in the origins of Freemasonry. A concept objected to by VW Bro. John Alexander based on accepted Masonic history. (*Ed Note: isn't it great that Masons are taught to be free thinkers, allowing us to make up our own minds and explore the alternatives*).

Our second presentation was from RW Bro. Roger Kinny, from Mountainview #18 (Olds), as part of the District Education / Visitation Challenge. He presented a very interesting and informative talk on his recent visit to the Holy Land. It always seems more real when you hear it from someone you know, who has really been there. Thanks to Bro. Kinny and the Brethren fro Mountainview who joined him for the visit.

Don't forget our visit to Mountainview has been rescheduled for Monday May 7th. Why not join in the fun?

New Postings on the Beacon #190 Web Page

<http://mastermason.com/Beacon190/>

History of the Grand Lodge of Alberta 1905-1980

By W.J. Collett, P.G.M. (Alberta)

Masonry Past

By W.J. Collett, P.G.M. (Alberta)

Early Freemasonry in the Canadian West

by M.W.Bro. William Douglas, P.G.M. (Man.)

SOME DISTURBING REMINDERS FROM THE ERA OF THE GREAT SCHISM

Bro. William Neil Love, P.G.M.

Freemasonry in the Evolution of Democracy in Canada

By: Wallace McLeod, FPS

SOME THOUGHTS ON MASONIC LIGHT

by John W. Alexander, PM

Is there anything you would like to see posted???

The Lost Cord

One man gets nothing but discords from the keys of a piano; another gets harmony. No one claims the piano is at fault. Life is that same way. The discord is there; so is the harmony. Play it correctly and it gives forth beauty; play it falsely and it will utter ugliness. But life is not at fault. The trouble lies with the player.

(From the Freemason)

Birthdays

March

Bert Dueck	March 8
Jim Roberts	March 12
Dale Kennedy	March 17
Linden Lonsberry	March 30

April

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

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

HOW DOES FREEMASONRY ADD VALUE TO OUR LIVES?

Undoubtedly, the most visible benefit associated with Freemasonry is the friendship, morality, and Brotherly Love we learn simply by attending Lodge and interacting with the members. It is not unusual for Freemasons to develop lifelong friendships and bonds with other Masons. This should not be surprising as the fraternity represents a society consisting of men with common interests, and such commonality is comforting to us all.

Aside from this, how does Freemasonry add value to our lives? Frankly, there are several subliminal ways we are affected personally and professionally by our participation in the fraternity; some examples:

Socialization Skills - through the structured decorum of our formal meetings and the informality of others, we learn to respect, cooperate, participate and network with people. In other words, it influences our behaviour in terms of how we interact with our neighbours, friends, coworkers, customers and vendors. This tends to make us more socially adjusted and proactive in our communities and companies.

Speaking and Memorization Skills - our catechisms and degree work, although trying at times, helps sharpen our brains as well as our tongues. Although our terminology may seem somewhat archaic, it is useful for improving one's vocabulary. Further, returning catechisms, and delivering degrees and lectures helps overcome the human fear of audiences and materially assists in making us better public speakers, something that is particularly needed in our professional lives regardless of our occupation.

Dress - Again, because of the decorum of our meetings, we learn the value of dressing appropriately to cultivate a positive image. I have met several Brothers who have cleaned up their act simply by their association with the fraternity, thereby turning a slovenly image into one that is more positive and professional.

Organization & Leadership - For those members who become Lodge officers, it is not uncommon to learn basic organization and leadership skills, such as: planning and scheduling, managing records and finances, building maintenance, communications and persuasion, etc. All of this is useful to us in both our personal and professional lives.

History - as the world's oldest fraternal organization, we impress the need for customs and traditions on all of our members. But beyond this, many Masons become fascinated with our history and learn to research and write on a variety of subjects related to the fraternity. Masons, therefore, appreciate the lessons of history and develop effective writing skills which also help us in the outside world.

Volunteerism - our philanthropy is legendary and it is impressed on every Mason to help others as generously as their ability permits. Aside from the monies we donate, Masons learn to volunteer their time to assist others, knowing if they help another, they may expect assistance from others in return. This concept alone is in sharp contrast to today's "dog-eat-dog" corporate culture. Basically, Masons learn a little kindness can go a long way.

Negotiation Skills - in order to persuade people to move in a specific direction, Lodge officers must learn how to negotiate with others. Such skills are vital not only in our professional lives but also in our personal lives as well.

Sociologists who have studied Freemasonry have admitted that Freemasonry "takes a good man and makes him better." No, the fraternity is not intended to teach us business skills, but surprisingly it does nevertheless. Nor do I believe anyone joins the fraternity for this purpose. Regardless, these are some of the subliminal perks associated with the fraternity that does, in fact, add value to our lives as well as others we come in contact with.

Keep the Faith.

by W.: Tim Bryce, PM, MPS
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"A Foot Soldier for Freemasonry"

Sign over a Lodge Room Door:

There are no strangers here;
You are among friends you have not met as yet

District Education/Visitation Challenge
The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage visitation and participation between the Lodges. Check out the schedule under "Coming Events" on page one or on the DDGM web page at the link below. Its time to get out and take part. Don't wait to be asked ... remember our motto
"To be one - Ask one"
<http://mastermason.com/Beacon190/ddgm.htm>

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 Honert**
(403) 343-3557
RW Bro. Russ Fisher
(403) 346-4964

*Suggestions / Ideas / Recommendations
Volunteers ???*

“Solomon you know, was considered the wisest man on earth”
“Yes. His wives (30) probably kept him informed concerning
all that was going on”

**HONORARY LIFE
MEMBERS**

MW Bro. W.E. Foster RW Bro. H.J. Dueck
MW Bro. J. Roberts W Bro.V. Osbaldeston
VW Bro. D.M. Friesen RW Bro. Russ Fisher

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

D.D.G.M. Central District

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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 \$50.00 penalty, suspension automatic after two years.
- **Initiation Fee:** \$150.00 + cost of Apron.
- **Affiliation Fee:** \$75.00

Links of the Month:

https://freemasonry.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=100&Itemid=55

www.thelodgeroom.com/index.html