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Masonic Foundation of Alberta Appoints a New Patron

At the Annual General Meeting of the Masonic Foundation of Alberta, held at Red Deer on August 24, 2002, the President, RWBro Douglas Brown, was pleased to introduce the new Patron, **RWBro James Herbert Laycraft**. It is an honour for the Foundation, and indeed the Freemasons of Alberta, to have such a distinguished Brother give his consent to be Patron of this organization.

Brother Laycraft is a native Albertan, born in Veteran; he is married and the father of two children. His personal and professional accomplishments are extensive. Most recently, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada, in July 2002. Amongst the many honours he held during his legal career were the distinguished positions of Chief Justice of Alberta and Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories. During his Masonic career he has held many positions, including Worshipful Master of Zetland Lodge No. 83 in 1964; Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1967-68; and Worshipful Master of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 in 1998-99. He has attained the 33rd degree in the Scottish Rite and is a Past Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.

The members of the Masonic Foundation look forward with anticipation to working with him. At this meeting the following Brethren were re-elected for another term: President, RWBro Douglas W. Brown, Vice-President, WBro William Gardiner; Secretary-Treasurer, RWBro Brian Smith.

The picture, upper right, shows (1 to r): Brian Smith, Bill Gardiner, Herbert Laycraft, and Douglas Brown.

The second picture below shows (1 to r): WBro Ray Beatson, Lakeland District representative to the Masonic Foundation of Alberta; Cathy Weetman, Manager of the Vegreville Youth Centre; and RWBro Doug (Skip) Wilson, DDGM of Lakeland District. Cathy was presented with a \$1,000 cheque on July 6, 2002, by Beatson and Wilson, matching the grant made by St. John's Lodge No. 25 in Vegreville to assist in the operation of the centre. The



Masonic Foundation of Alberta has a number of youth organizations to which it makes donations, and will be giving the Vegreville Youth Centre consideration in the future, with respect to grants.

The Soldier



It is the soldier, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the soldier, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.
It is the soldier, not the lawyer,
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves under the flag.
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Charles M. Province

Lest We Forget



Editorial Ready to Defend Masonry?

The reader is referred to the item, *Anti-Masonry Heating Up*, elsewhere in this issue. Attacks on Freemasonry are nothing new, indeed the first ones date back to the mid-18th century and the “exposure” writings of Samuel Prichard (*Masonry Dissected*) and others. Then came several papal bulls or encyclicals in the 18th and 19th centuries, the ravings of the German WWI General Erich von Ludendorff and wife Mathilde who denounced Freemasonry, linking Masons and Jews in a common practice to betray Germany, relying on religious and racial prejudice against Jews to destroy Freemasonry and laying the groundwork for Hitler’s persecution of Freemasons. The fascists and falangists of Mussolini Italy and Franco Spain followed suit, as did their archenemies, the Communists. In more recent times primarily fundamentalist Christians and evangelists joined the chorus but, surprisingly, these extremists found more exalted company, as witness what transpired in England, not so long ago.

Many of us have been confronted with the difficulty of

counteracting attacks on our gentle Craft, which may not always take the form of a direct assault by church leaders but may come out in harmless conversation with someone who, having listened to our “adversaries,” has doubts of his own. Aye, there’s the rub! How can we convincingly disperse such doubt, if we don’t know how to go about it? How do we explain what Freemasonry is all about, how it works and what it does and does not do? In the instance here discussed, the Masonic Service Association of North America, and its Masonic Information Center, come to our assistance. Let us make use of what they have to offer, for a very small cost indeed. All Lodges should place orders for the book, the booklets and brochures mentioned in the article, and so should our Grand Lodge Bookstore as well as the bookstore attached to the Masonic Spring Workshop.

The reading Mason, the informed Mason, is the one who can counteract attacks, who can confidently dispel doubt and correct misinformation, to set things right. Get all the ammunition you need in your fight against ignorance and superstition. Get with it. Surely, you are ready to defend Masonry!

Organizational Culture and the Need for Change

By Glen McConnell, WM, Jordan Lodge No. 177

Change usually occurs slowly, if at all. For an organization such as Freemasonry, this is not only good but also necessary. In previous articles I have highlighted the need for specific changes related to meeting frequency, member participation, membership development and other issues. In this article I will discuss the need for a more generic change.

In raising the question of change I would first ask whether we resemble the following profile:

A paternal, passive company...

A bank grew with a suburban area of a large, mid-western city. It is regarded as an established local institution, more like the community hospital. It is ably but conservatively run and has a reputation of employing personnel until they decide to change jobs, retire or quit. There is no required retirement age and many of the employees are older than 65. The bank has attracted college graduates from outstanding universities in the geographical region but has

failed to retain most of these young graduates for more than five years. Because of the difficulty in advancing in the bank, college students and bank personnel have been known to refer to the bank as the ‘old folks home.’ The employees have come to accept the dominance of older employees on committees, community action groups and in customer contacts. Thus, the atmosphere at the bank is definitely controlled by older employees and is reflected in the ‘don’t rock the boat’ practices of the bank.¹

This profile provides a brief look at a particular, well-defined organization culture. Some authors claim that organizations with strong cultures are better managed² while others have identified possible problems such as decision makers overlooking misalignments between the organization’s activities and the changing environment.³

Our fraternity is a very old organization with an exceptionally strong culture. However, its evolution in recent

decades has been such that we have witnessed a depletion of our historic diversity of membership with respect to age, educational background, career experiences and other relevant dimensions. As diversity within our brotherhood declines, we lose the balanced contribution of a more broadly defined fraternity.

As we examine ourselves, we see that a high average age alters the fabric of our priorities and decisions. Where age can generate important historical perspectives on issues and problems, it can also contribute a reluctance to participate in problem-solving due to a sense of having “been there, done that” many times before — which, in turn, produces the tendency to believe that “age knows best.” This latter tendency must be resisted by Past Masters for it effectively suppresses senior officer initiative.

Diversity allows more meaningful discussion. It has been concluded that

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Refurbished Organ Star of Concert

The historic organ at the Calgary Freemasons' Hall was the star attraction for a Benefit Concert last May. WBro Don Mitchell, IPM of Perfection Lodge No. 9 (original owner of the organ, 1910–1928), organized the event and put together teams of volunteers to both perform and run the event. His inspiration was the refurbishing of the old organ, a process that began in the summer of 1994 when volunteers from Calgary Lodge (23) moved the organ console back into the organ loft. Then, thanks to the tireless efforts of VWBro Trevor Bennett, Past Grand Organist (1997, 1998, 2000), restoration was begun in the summer of 2000. Today, all

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decision-making groups should be heterogeneous in order to generate constructive dialogue.⁴ A heterogeneous membership provides more balanced views, and decision-making, which are more likely to coincide with our communities' current needs. For example, it is our younger members who are active in the workforce, and familiar with current family and societal needs and trends.

If we can, therefore, acknowledge the importance of a more broadly defined membership we may then also recognize the need for direct action to rebalance our membership. This cannot be done casually. Nor is it a question of quality vs. quantity. It is a matter of maintaining strong Craft Lodges⁵ and offering our Masonic values in a more consistent and structured manner to good men in our communities who wish to improve themselves. We can meet this challenge. Let's do it.

¹Gibson, L., J.M. Ivancevitch and J.H. Donnelly Jr. *Organizations: Structure, Processes, Behaviour*. London: Irwin Dorsey International, 1973, p.324.

²Sathe, V. *Culture and Related Corporate Realities*. Homewood Ill: Irwin, 1985, Chapter 2.

³Schein, E.H. "On Dialogue, Culture, and Organizational Learning", *Organization Dynamics*. Autumn, 1993, pp.40–51.

⁴Eisenhardt, K.M., J.L. Kahwajy and L.J. Bourgeois, "Conflict and Strategic Choice: How Top Management Teams Disagree", *California Management Review* 39, Winter, 1997, pp.42–62.

⁵For Lodge development information, please refer to the "Masonic Renewal Guidelines" currently being issued by the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Calgary.

that remains to be refurbished are the chimes, perhaps the last set of Casavant chimes known to exist. Money from the benefit is to be used to finish the job and to maintain the organ.

One of the guests at the concert was noted Calgary organ historian, Stuart

Benefit Concert Featured Casavant's Oldest Masonic Pipe Organ

One of Calgary's few "historic" organs was heard Wednesday evening, May 29, 2002. It is Casavant's Opus 398, 1910 — located in Freemasons' Hall at 330 – 12 Avenue SW. Thanks largely to the persuasiveness of one Trevor Bennett, well-known Calgary organist, the brethren were convinced to have this vintage instrument restored to its original fully playable condition.

The evening's program took the form of a Variety Concert featuring John Hall, organist of the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer; a group of five male singers from both the Cathedral and Christ Church choirs; Soprano Nancy Tardiff; Bass Norris Bick; and Bass Arnold Dvorkin.

To best illustrate the tonal variety of this organ, music selected was typical of the turn of the Twentieth Century. As such, it was enthusiastically received by a capacity audience.

Mr Hall explained that much of the music heard was derived from the *New Masonic Music Manual* (NY, 1907) and featured some well-known hymn tunes with different texts. These were artistically rendered by the well-balanced vocal group. Ms Tardiff was heard in: two arias from Mendelssohn, "If with all Your Hearts" and "O rest in the Lord"; Haydn's "With Verdure Clad"; and, in the second half, "I Could Have Danced all Night." Norris Bick sang "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," "When the Bell in the Lighthouse Rings Ding Dong" (with appropriate percussion from the organ) and "If I were a Rich Man." Arnold Dvorkin sang "Bless This House" and "Danny Boy," and he concluded the evening's presentation with Sullivan's "Lost Chord."

As may be seen, the busiest person of the evening was the organist John Hall who, in addition to furnishing a suitably varied accompaniment to all of the above, displayed the tonal textures of the organ in Mascagni's Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana," Chopin's "Nocturne" and Händel's

Kennedy, who has written about the organ in the past (*Grand Lodge Bulletin*, 50(8), April, 1985). The following is excerpted from an article he wrote for publication in the newsletters of the Calgary Society of Organists and the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

"Largo." He also displayed the theatrical properties of the instrument using several themes from Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" with an appropriate fast tremulant "a la Wurlitzer."

This programme was presented before an appreciative "full house" — not always usual for an organ concert. The accompanying raffle contributed significantly to the benefit aspect of the evening's concert. The proceeds are to be used for maintenance of the organ.

At this point recognition should be accorded to Arthur Sick who for many years nursed the instrument along and kept it playing, though ailing. Also the careful craftsmanship of Pipework's Stephen D. Miller, Casavant's Western representative, who undertook the recent complete restoration, should be noted.

We would strongly urge the Brethren to consider making this an annual event at least — maybe even more often — so that this gem of an organ might be heard more frequently, especially in the hands of one as gifted as Mr Hall.

Congratulations are due to the Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, for having the vision and foresight to restore and preserve this instrument, and for sharing it with the public at large.

D. Stuart Kennedy

Grand Master's Itinerary

November

- 2 Dinosaur District Meeting
- 5 Vulcan Lodge, Game Supper
- 14 Board of General Purposes

District Meetings

November

- 2 Beaverhills District, Wetaskiwin
- 2 Dinosaur District, Strathmore
- 2 Lakeland District, Vegreville
- 2 Three Rivers District, Cowley
- 8 Battle River District, Wainwright
- 9 Athabasca District, Edmonton
- 9 Central District, Ponoka
- 21 Phoenix District, Crossfield



11th, 12th & 13th April 2003 Delta Lodge at Kananaskis

MWBro Jack Collett saw a need for a yearly gathering of Masons to discuss the basic principles of Freemasonry. From the first retreat at the Banff School of Fine Arts in April 1966, the workshops were and are meant to be a retreat to share individual views and ideas with our Brethren, thus everyone, except the Grand Master, was addressed as Brother.

At that first Workshop there were 434 Masons in attendance. Small discussion groups were organized and Brethren spent the weekend talking about Freemasonry. From this beginning the workshop has continued as a retreat where Brethren can meet in a relaxed atmosphere of fellowship. There is an opportunity to be challenged, excited, amused and exposed to new ideas. The Brethren are offered options for expression and mentored in the ways and ideals of Freemasonry.

Schools of Instruction, group discussions, hospitality rooms and gatherings in individual rooms provide an opportunity to learn, discuss and reflect as the day and evening progress. Often lodge problems are aired and possible solutions offered. Also, there is ample opportunity for fellowship.

For many years the theme speaker was a local Mason. More recently the speakers have been Masons from other parts of North America and Britain. These Brothers are well versed in their topic and provide a challenge to all in attendance. This coming spring, Victor Popow, a notable Canadian Mason from Manitoba, will be the theme speaker. His topic: ***“Is Truth a Core Value of the Craft?”***

The breakout sessions on Saturday include subjects such as:

- Planning for the year ahead — of special interest to SWs and Deacons;
- Using festive boards to attract visitors and members — special interest to JWs;
- Training for the real world, How to

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know when others are lying — general interest;

- The Lodge and Native Circle of Truth — general interest; and
- Discussion Groups — feedback on theme speech.

The obvious benefit of attending the Workshop is the information that is presented by the guest speaker and at the Schools of Instruction. But the real or most valuable benefit in attending the Workshop is the depth of Masonic knowledge and understanding that is realized. While the Schools of Instruction provide the material, it is the interaction with your Brethren in a retreat

setting that provides the depth. The depth of knowledge realized through this process is, in fact, the building and continual re-enforcement of the foundation for one’s Masonic career. It is this foundation that assists us in effectively and confidently teaching and living the principles of Masonry. We all talk of Masonic Education. The Masonic Spring Workshop is this jurisdiction’s most focused and effective learning opportunity. It is conducted in a beautiful setting—luxury accommodations, abundant food, and no park fees — the total cost of which cannot be matched at other locations.

Anti-Masonry Heating Up

From: FOCUS, Vol. 9, No. 2, June 2002

The Masonic Information Center has had a dramatic increase in the number of requests for information to respond to attacks from anti-Masonic critics — particularly attacks from the religious community.

In an attempt to try to understand why these attacks are increasing and what is behind the nature of them, the Masonic Information Center invited **Chip Berlet**, author of *Right Wing Populism in America: Too Close for Comfort*, to participate in a discussion at a recent Masonic Information Center Steering Committee meeting.

Mr Berlet brought with him a number of books, originally published in the 18th century, claiming that “the enlightenment was a conspiracy promulgated by Freemasons to undermine established belief structures.”

He then went on to discuss how religious extremists view the reading and interpretation of religious texts and how people fuel their religious philosophy around what is wrong in society. The concept is to define which organizations (in their view) create social and religious instability in the world, and then work to get rid of these organizations. Once a group is demonized, then it becomes the central focus of challenge between right and wrong. To the conspiracist, the hero becomes the person who sounds the alarm that a group is evil.

It was also pointed out that many religious extremist groups had very high hopes for a major catastrophic event to occur at the beginning of the

new millennium. When nothing they had anticipated occurred, their anger, frustration, and disappointment were unleashed in the form of attacks on groups they label as anti-Christian or involved in a “worldwide conspiracy” to take over the world. When this happens, Freemasonry is almost always at the top of their “enemies” list.

The Masonic Information Center is deeply concerned about these new attacks and realizes that many Masons would like to have good information to help them respond locally. We have a wide variety of publications available to respond to the attacks from religious extremists and conspiracy theorists.

[Some of the publications available, which can be ordered from the Masonic Service Association of North America, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910-4785, USA — Phone 301-588-4010, Fax 301-608-3457, E-mail msana@ix.netcom.com, are listed hereunder, prices listed in US dollars. Lodges and individuals may order directly. Ed.]

Brochures:

- *A Response to Critics of Freemasonry*, #BR-120. Brochure responding to several of the alleged points of conflict between Freemasonry and Christian theology. \$0.05 each (in any quantity) plus shipping.
- *Facts about Freemasonry*, #BR-110. Brochure answering many of the most frequently asked questions about the Fraternity. \$0.05 each (in any quantity) plus shipping.

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Our DDGMs

Following tradition, we are introducing the District Deputy Grand Masters invested on June 15th, to serve as the Grand Master's representatives during the 2002–2003 term. This will be continued in the December and January issues following.

Alpha District

RWBro John D. Hart was born in Regina, SK, on May 31, 1943. He received his primary and secondary education in Saskatchewan's capital city, but moved to Toronto, ON, for his post-secondary education, studying graphic arts at the renowned Ryerson Polytechnical Institute from which he graduated in 1968. Having thus been well prepared, he is currently the owner of a printing plant, is a member of the Advisory Board



— Graphic Arts — of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) and, in the year 2000, was president of the Calgary Club of Printing House Craftsmen. His avocations include those of having served as Treasurer of the Parkland Community Association, and having coached fastball and soccer at the Community from 1970–75.

John married Marilyn on May 17, 1969. They have two daughters, Candace and Holly, and two grandsons, Andrew and Cole. Bro Hart received the three degrees of Freemasonry in spring of 1991, in Perfection Lodge No. 9, which Lodge he served as Worshipful Master in 1997. His Masonic career includes having served as Vice Chairman of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee. He is a 32nd member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Calgary, a member of Al Azhar Temple, AAONMS, the Foot-hills Shrine Club, and is a member and past treasurer of the Oriental Band of Al Azhar.

Athabasca District

RWBro Clifford G. Edwards was born at Islay, AB, on August 6, 1939 and grew up in Mayerthorpe, where he received his public school education. In 1957 he entered the University of Alberta, from which he received a BA in History, and a Professional Teaching Certificate. He started teaching in Medicine Hat in 1962, and after two enjoyable years returned to the University of Alberta to complete his MA and do some teaching in Canadian History. In 1965, Bro Edwards joined the staff of the Edmonton Public School System, teaching at Queen Elizabeth High School, which he left in 1969 to teach for the Department of National Defence in Germany. Returning with a wealth of new experiences and interests, he joined the Staff of Ross Sheppard Composite High School, from which he would retire 28 years later.



Cliff is married to Gale Arneson and they have one son, one daughter, two stepsons and one grandson.

Bro Edwards, following in the footsteps of his grandfather and father, was initiated into Freemasonry in Griesbach Lodge No. 191 in 1967, and served as Worshipful Master in 1978. His interest in higher education led to him serving as District 19 Higher Education Bursary Chairman in 1987–88, and as Secretary of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee since January 1998. He was Athabasca District Secretary in 1997–98 and served as District Masonic Education Coordinator in 2000–2001. Bro Edwards is also a member of the three bodies of the Valley of Edmonton, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Family, Church, education and Freemasonry have been the cornerstones of Cliff's life.

Yellowhead District

RWBro John A. (Jack) Watt was born in Edmonton on November 21, 1940 and has been happily married to the former Marg Bridge for 40 years. They have two married sons and a married daughter — Robb/Karen, Hugh/Jackie, Jane/David — and six delightful grandchildren. Careerwise, Jack had a distinguished 33-year service with the former ED TEL (Edmonton Telephones, now Telus), retiring as Systems Design Supervisor at age 55, so he could devote more time to his family, community and esteemed Masonic fraternity. He has been active in numerous community activities within Edmonton over the years and is currently in his third year as President of the CFRN-TV Good Neighbour Fund, a fully registered charity and one of the few North American charities that operate with no cost or overhead. Jack Watt's philosophy with the Good Neighbour Fund, as it is with everything he's associated with, is to continually practice the precepts and philosophy of Freemasonry, by providing assistance to those in need, or those who have fallen through the cracks — regardless of race, colour or creed.



Masonically, Bro Watt has devoted much to the Craft since becoming a Master Mason in (then) Centennial Lodge No. 194 in 1981. He has twice been Worshipful Master of that Lodge, in 1989–90 and 1990–91, and, following amalgamation, he is now a member of Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167. He is also a proud member of the Northern Alberta Veterans' Degree Team. Jack is a Past Chapter Dad of Edmonton Chapter of the Order of DeMolay and received their prestigious Cross of Honour in 1989.

Bro Watt is a member of the three bodies of the Edmonton Valley, A&ASR, and served as Most Wise Sovereign of Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix HRDM in 1994–95. He also belongs to Capital City Chapter No. 13, RAM, and Edmonton Preceptory, KT. A charter member of Al Shamal Shriners of Northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories (NT), Jack rose to the office of Potentate in 1999 and initiated their Patient Trans-

portation Fund as a fully registered charity. He also plays a side drum in the Al Shamal Pipes and Drums, which is highly regarded through Northern Alberta through their move-outs and hospital performances. Jack's commitment to the Family and Community has always been a creed of Jack Watt – this year's DDGM for Yellowhead District.

Battle River District

RWBro Edgar L. Mitchell, a native of Wainwright, AB, was born on November 22, 1937. His formative years were spent at Wainwright where he graduated from High School in 1955 and where he worked at a local refinery for six years until, in 1961, he enrolled in the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, graduating with a BEd degree in 1965. Further studies at the U of A resulted in obtaining a Graduate Diploma in 1970. Bro Mitchell recalls his first teaching assignment, in 1962–63, in grades 3 and 4, at Fishing Lake, AB. By 1963–65 he taught most subjects and grade levels 7 to 12 at Fort McMurray. From 1965 to 1992 he was a School Administrator, also at Fort McMurray, AB. He is married to Carole. He is now again residing in Wainwright.



Bro Mitchell was initiated into Freemasonry in Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195 on October 19, 1971, passed January 18, 1972 and raised April 4, 1972. He was Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1976–77, and following affiliation with Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44, Worshipful Master of this Lodge in 1999–2000 and again in 2000–2001. He is a 32° Mason of the three bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Edmonton, a member since 1978, and belongs to Al Shamal Temple, AAONMS, Edmonton, since 1990.

Calgary-Highwood District

RWBro William L. Kostenuk was born on April 18, 1952 at Edmonton. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta, and is active in food service sales. He has been married to Lynn for twenty-five years and they have two daughters who are both officers in Bethel 19, Order of Job's Daughters. Residing in the city of Calgary, he is a volunteer at Father Lacombe Nursing Home and is active at St. Patrick's Parish.



In 1991, Bro Kostenuk received the degrees of Freemasonry in Saskatoon-Central Lodge No. 217, GRS, in Saskatoon, SK. Following his return to Alberta, he affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 22, Okotoks, and served that Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1998. He has also affiliated with Internet Lodge of Research, GRA, is a Subscribing Member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980, GRA, and a member of Bannack Historic Lodge No. 3–7–77 of the Grand Lodge of Montana. In addition, he is a Past President of the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Calgary.

Bro Kostenuk has shown considerable interest in the work of concordant bodies. He is a member of Calgary Lodge of Perfection, Delta Chapter Rose Croix HRDM, and Southalta Consistory, all of the Valley of Calgary, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. In Capitular Masonry he belongs to Golden West Chapter No. 5, RAM, Cypress Preceptory, KT, and Zadoc Council No. 5, R&SM. He is also a Noble of Al Azhar Temple, AAONMS, in Calgary. As a Past Associate Guardian of Bethel No. 19, IOJD, he is now Grand Inner Guard of the Grand Bethel of Alberta and Director of Fraternal Relations.

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- *Who are the Masons?* #BR-130. An attractive, easy-to-read introduction to Freemasonry. In lots of 50 only, plus shipping: 50 @ 0.27 = \$13.50; 100 @ 0.25 = \$25; 500 @ 0.23 = \$115; 1000 @ 0.20 = \$200.

Booklets:

- *Get a Life: Thoughts on Freemasonry and Religion*, #BL-203. 12-page booklet discussing the relationship between Freemasonry and the religious community. \$0.60 each (PPD) 40% discount in lots of 50 or more copies, plus shipping
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- *What's a Mason?* #BL-202. 16-page

booklet describing the Masonic Fraternity and its Purposes. Explains what happens in Lodge meetings and answers many frequently asked questions about the Fraternity. \$0.25 each (PPD) 40% discount in lots of 50 or more copies, plus shipping.

Book:

- *Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry?* #BK-510, by Art Hoyos and S. Brent Morris (foreword and addendum by Jim Tresner). A response to some of the more virulent anti-Masons, this book

takes on several of Masonry's critics and refutes their charges. For example, Albert Pike and the "Luciferian" doctrine; James Dayton Shaw's "exposé" of Freemasonry; Ron Carlson's lectures on the "Evils of Freemasonry"... all are discussed and refuted on a point-by-point basis. The 1997 Second Edition is updated with 100 pages of new material added. Available through MIC @ \$7.50 (PPD); quantity purchase (50 or more) 40% discount, plus shipping.

The Alberta Freemason Available on the Web

At a recent meeting of the Bulletin Committee with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary in attendance, it was decided to make *The Alberta Freemason* available on the Web for a trial period. Starting this month and continuing until at least January, *The Alberta Freemason* will be made available in PDF format to the brethren and public on the Grand Lodge of Alberta website — www.freemasons.ab.ca — for download. The Bulletin committee will monitor the hits on these pages to see how well the service is being used before deciding whether to continue the service.