



Fraternal Reviews

SASKATCHEWAN, 1957

The Most Wor. Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan held its 51st Annual Communication at Regina on June 19, 1957. It was presided over by Most Wor. Bro. R. C. Hodzman, Grand Master. The Grand Representative of the Philippines was nowhere among the several distinguished Masons who were welcomed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. In greeting the delegates and other honored guests the Grand Master said, and we quote: "The democratic principles on which our order is founded are outstandingly exemplified at these annual gatherings where the elected representatives of our constituent Lodges gather to hear and consider the reports of the officers and the many committees of Grand Lodge, to consider proposed changes in our Constitution and to elect or re-elect the officers who, together with the elected committee members, will be responsible for the carrying on the business of Grand Lodge for another year. The world-wide extent of our brotherhood is exemplified by the representatives of other Jurisdictions who gather from far and near to join with us in a spirit of happy fraternal intercourse.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a total membership of 17,585 at the end of February 1957, with a slight gain during the year. There are 205 chartered Lodges. Reports show of the continued progress of Masonry in Saskatchewan, also, that a high degree of fellowship is evident in all Lodges of the jurisdiction. Likewise, Lodges to a very large degree appear to be actively taking part in youth programs. — Most Wor. R. C. Hodzman, Grand Master, presiding; Most Wor. T. R. Luke, Grand Master, elected; Most Wor. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1957

The half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia was held on October 17, 1956, when, in the absence of the Grand Master (Most Wor. Bro. His Excellency Air Vice Marshal Sir Robert Allingham George, K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.B., M.C.), Rt. Wor. Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Ross, L.L.B. Deputy Grand Master, officiated as Grand Master on the Throne. The annual communication was held on April 17, 1957 and Most Wor.

George, Grand Master, presided. In his address, the Grand Master acknowledged graciously the unstinted loyalty and support accorded him which undoubtedly further advanced the interests of the Order in South Australia, during the period under review. The Grand Master said: "I am confident that such expressions are in no way mere lip-service, but very real proof that the heart of the Craft in South Australia beats soundly, and that we are indeed members of a healthy and vigorous body, with a single mindedness of purpose." On the other hand he also expressed his regrets for his inability to officiate at the Half-Yearly Communication in October last.

The Grand Master in exhorting the Craftsmen to continue with their zeal and devotion to the Fraternity said, and we quote: "Brethren, we are a dedicated people — pledged to promote the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Ours is an obligation which none may shirk without being recreant to the trust reposed in him. Let us, then, re-dedicate ourselves to the principles and tenets of Freemasonry and humbly resolve to demonstrate, in our lives and actions, the beneficent influence of the Craft and the excellence of the faith we may profess."—Most Wor. Robert A. George, Grand Master, re-elected, Rt. Wor. F. J. Ellen, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA, 1957

The Grand Lodge of Alberta held its 52nd Annual Communication in the City of Calgary on June 12, 1957. There were many honored guests and among them was Rt. Wor. L. J. Rosling, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

On the problem of Masonic education or Masonic instruction, Most Wor. Ross S. Sheppard, Grand Master, said that "the conferring of degrees on a candidate does not make him a Mason except in name. It is only by learning something of the traditions, legends, philosophy, symbolism and purposes of Masonry that we can fully appreciate the beauty of our organization and become a real Mason." Most Worshipful Sheppard made extensive Lodge visitations and found that the Craftsmen are working harmoniously and making good progress. He also attended all the 19 District meetings in the jurisdiction aside from visiting other Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Master was an active participant in the last Conference of Grand Masters of North America.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, the membership in Alberta has increased to 18,049 as of December 31, 1956. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows that the Grand Lodge is financially sound.

Rt. Wor. Samuel G. Bannan, Deputy Grand Master was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta by acclamation. — Most Wor. Ross S. Sheppard, Grand Master, presiding; M. Wor. Samuel G. Bannan, Grand Master, elected; Rt. Wor. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1957

The 93rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada took place at Reno on June 13-15, 1957. It was presided over by Most Wor. Charles E. Fleming, Grand Master. The Grand Representative of the Philippines was among the distinguished guests who were greeted by the Grand Master.

Most Wor. Fleming had a busy year. Aside from his official visits to the Subordinate Lodges, he also accepted invitations from the Grand Lodges of California and Utah. He also busied himself installing the officers of Subordinate Lodges. He officiated in laying cornerstones of seven principal buildings in the State; namely: Carson City High School, E. Otis Vaughn School, Reno; State Office Building, Carson City; First Building, Southern Nevada Campus, University of Nevada; Silas E. Ross Hall, Reno Campus, University of Nevada.

The Grand Lodge made a net gain of 194 members with 29 active Subordinate Lodges. It is financially sound. — Most Wor. Charles E. Flemming, Grand Master, presiding; Most Wor. K. O. Knudson, Grand Master, elected; V. W. Edard C. Peterson, Grand Secretary.

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OFFICIAL VISITATION

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January 25—Dapitan Lodge No. 21 in Manila.

January 28—Service Lodge No. 95 in Manila.

The Grand Master found increased interest in Freemasonry in the places he visited, not only among the members of the Fraternity but also among the profane as shown by the big attendance wherever he went. He urged the Brethren to take stock in the favorable reactions towards the Institution. He also cautioned them to practice the tenets and principles of the Fraternity in dealing with their fellows, family and country that the outside world may realize what Freemasonry is doing not only for its members but also for the country at large. The Grand Master reminded the Brethren that Freemasonry does not campaign for members but only the behaviour of the individual Mason can induce a profane to knock at the door of the Institution. The Lodges pledged support to the Most Worshipful Grand Master — J. E. R.