



MWD Association of Calgary & District

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Mandate: The by-laws of the MWD Association state that its [primary] objectives are to address “mutual [lodge] interests” and provide “Masonic education and to stimulate interest therein”.

The Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Calgary and Area continues its supportive role in providing 1) a forum for lodge officers to discuss issues and ideas of mutual interest, 2) website resources pertaining to lodge management, 3) educational events and 4) coordination for the Heritage Park Lodge program and Stampede Parade.

We are grateful to RW Bro. David Hochman for his time and effort in scheduling brethren at the Heritage Park Masonic Lodge site during the 2009 season. We commend WBro. Wade Bell for undertaking active promotion of Freemasonry at the Highland Games held at COP.

The ‘Hotline’ telephone information service was discontinued thereby providing a substantial monthly saving. Brethren have been readily able to access information on lodge meeting dates and activities via the Grand lodge website throughout 2009 and this has effectively directed visitors to our various lodge meetings.

Our Annual Report for 2005 noted “the need for broad member retention initiatives”. In November, 2008, Bro. David Mapplebeck, MWD President, determined that a major educational workshop would be developed and presented in October, 2009. In early 2009, MW Bro. Brian Shimmons, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, introduced a strategic plan and ten best lodge practices which included a strong emphasis on member retention. Subsequently, MWD, in conjunction with Alpha District, proceeded with plans to produce an officer development workshop which was held on October 31, 2009. Workshop presentations focused on **candidate selection, mentoring, education and lodge management** and **planning**. The sessions were attended by fifty-five officers and brethren. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with requests for follow-up educational events. With such encouragement and in consideration of the talented brethren available to provide officer development, MWD plans to proceed with more training programs for lodge officers.

MWD – Calgary will continue with supportive initiatives for both craft Lodges and Alberta freemasonry. We are most appreciative of the strong moral and financial support received from both lodges and individual brethren in recent years. Our annual request for Lodge donations is attached and we look forward to your continued support.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Bill Kirk

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President