



Mighty Peace District



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Masons & Shriners well represented at the Grande Prairie Canada Day parade

Bro. Deric Delaney

Grande Prairie Lodge No.105

Senior Warden

The temperature was a balmy 27 degrees on July 1, 2008 as six masons, including our D.D.G.M., sharply dressed in a tuxedo and with full regalia on, marched through downtown Grande Prairie with four Shriners participants and the Al Shamal Shriners "Giant Fez" float.

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103rd Annual Grand Lodge Communication

The 103rd Annual Grand Lodge of Alberta Communication took place June 12-14, 2008 in Lethbridge, AB at the Lethbridge Lodge Hotel. Several Brethren were in attendance from the Mighty Peace District to see R.W. Bro. Harold Ljuden pass the torch onto R.W. Bro. Robert Buchan.



Congratulations to our new D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Buchan

Highway Cleanup 2008

R.W. Bro. Richard Ashby

Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106

Senior Warden

The clean up went quickly with seven participants. Reminder to everyone, the more people we have come out to help the quicker the clean up. With 7 people it took just over 2 hours. If we'd have had 12 to 14 people, the time would have been about an hour! Maybe next year we can get more people out to help. In the past we have had as few as 2 people, and that time it took 5 hours. The Lodge made the commitment a number of years ago and the motion passed with a majority vote, so we'd expect more than 5 brethren out to help. If we continue to get so few people out to assist, it may be time to reconsider the project. Participants: Richard Ashby, Matthew Ashby, Christine Wiebe (Matthew's fiancé), Bennie Everton, George Parker, Bob Buchan and his wife Karen.

The Caring for Alberta Highways (Adopt-a-highway) program allows a group, company or individual to adopt a 3 to 5 Kilometer section of highway by agreeing to pick up the litter a minimum of once per year. Participants provide the service on a voluntary basis. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation provide "Caring for Alberta's Highways" identification signs adjacent to the highway section adopted. These signs include a tab showing the group name.

*Special thanks to Bro. Lee Abram and his wife for completing the Grande Prairie road side clean up project for 2008 on their own!

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After the parade, a barbecue was held at the McCullough's residence and a great time was had by all. It is important to note that other masons took part in the parade, as a part of the many other wonderful community organizations that our members are proud to belong to. The blisters on our feet healed quickly and were well worth the excitement and honor of representing our fraternity.

The next opportunity to participate in a public event will be the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Grande Prairie Crystal Center on November 11, 2008. Please contact Worshipful Master Nik Sellwood for details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5TH ANNUAL HEB GOLF TOURNAMENT

PIPESTONE GOLF CLUB – WEMBLEY, AB
SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2008 AT 12 NOON.

It would be an understatement to call last years HEB Charity Golf Classic a phenomenal success. This year the momentum is in full swing and another excellent year is expected. For more information or for registration details, please contact Myles Ralph at (780) 402-7204.
Or E-mail, mylesralph@yahoo.ca

LAKE SASKATOON ANNUAL CAMPOUT

PIPESTONE GOLF CLUB – WEMBLEY, AB
SEPTEMBER 5-7TH, 2008

As part of an effort to facilitate those attending the Annual HEB Golf Classic, the Lake Saskatoon Campout is being held at the Pipestone Campsite group area. For more information, please contact the Lake Saskatoon Lodge Junior Warden, Bro. Ron Thoreson (780) 354-8004.

MIGHTY PEACE DISTRICT MEETING

GRANDE PRAIRIE LODGE No. 105
SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

All members of the Mighty Peace District are encouraged to attend and show your support for this years district office. Please check your summons for meeting times. Contact the D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Robert Buchan at (780) 513-1417 or the District Secretary, R.W. Bro. Richard Ashby at (780) 532-0142 for more details.

Widows Sons of Alberta

W. Bro. James Proudfoot

Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106

Secretary

In March of 2006 a group of Alberta Masons with a heart for riding motorcycles formed the first Canadian Chapter of the Widows Sons; an International Masonic Motorcycle Association. Since then participation has grown in Canada and there are currently also Grand Chapters in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba. In the first year the Alberta Grand Chapter has tripled. Membership is open to Master Masons in good standing who ride a motorcycle capable of highway cruising. Our goal is to: Introduce motorcycling to our Masonic Brothers, Introduce Freemasonry to the motorcycle community, Contribute to our society by way of fundraising and charity work & Support craft Lodges through active participation.

While we wear identifying patches or regalia, the Widows Sons are not a gang. We are required to represent the fraternity in a positive light at all times. The Widows Sons serve as a Masonic Booster Club by helping to raise Masonic Awareness while we attend public motorcycling events, and by supporting our craft Lodges in whatever capacity we are able. Widows Sons have helped to increase Masonic membership through our presence and visibility during public motorcycle events and rallies. In every location where we have a chapter, the Widows Sons have proven themselves to be a positive asset to the fraternity.



D.D.G.M. Official Visits

Peace River No.89: November 20, 2008
Grande Prairie No.105: September 10, 2008
Lake Saskatoon No.106: October 2, 2008
Northlands No. 147: December 16, 2008

To submit an article and/or photo for issue No. 2 of the Mighty Peace District Newsletter for September-December 2008, E-mail the district C.O.M.E.L.Y. representative, Bro. Deric Delaney at ddelaney@mightypeace.ca by December 19.

