

## **Commercial Lodge Social Calendar**

In addition to the Festive Board after every lodge meeting, there are a number of social events, which Commercial holds (or joins) on an annual basis:

### **January**

- Roast of a well-known Brother held at the Festive Board after the Lodge Meeting.
- Attend various Robert Burns Dinners at different Lodges (Acacia, Leduc, Highlands)
- Beaverhills-Battleriver Fun Bonspiel - Curling and dinner afterwards

### **February/March**

- Beaverhills District Curling Bonspiel
- Master's Millenium Cup Debate, during lodge

### **April**

- Masonic Spring Workshop in Kananaskis (weekend, with optional golf game on Friday). A great opportunity to expand your Masonic knowledge and circle of friends. Commercial Lodge is usually well-represented (winning best per-capita attendance by a Lodge from 2000-2004). The golf usually starts 9:30am on the Friday at the Links at Glen Eagles in Cochrane.

### **May**

- Fire, grand fire! Mixed Table Lodge is a guaranteed good time as everyone "charges the cannons" with white powder (white wine), red powder (red wine) or black powder (coffee) as toasts and jokes abound in the tradition of old. Wives and friends are welcome.
- Ladies Night is usually held in May, as an all-out celebration of the special ladies in our life outside of lodge, and the widows of past members. Live music, lots of prizes, dancing/activities and a gourmet dinner can be counted on.

### **June**

- Grand Lodge (Friday and Saturday) followed by the Grand Master's BBQ
- The Family Picnic, for many years held at first Tommy Fox's and then Bill Jones' farm, is another special event. Early each summer we go out for a family get-together. We bring our own lawn chairs and beverages, and a salad or dessert to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs are provided, and games are played. When lots of children attend it's usually a fun afternoon, much like an old time picnic.

### **July**

- DeMolay Slow Pitch Softball Tournament at the Celanese Plant
- The John Graham Memorial Golf Tournament is a scramble-format day of golf and grub. The rules don't necessarily favour experienced golfers (i.e. righties must play some holes left-handed!), but a good time is guaranteed. Held at various local Golf Clubs, this is open to non-masons, and each foursome must have at least one woman.
- Visit to Forestburg on the fourth Wednesday of the month for a day of golf and Lodge that night.

### **September**

- The Car Rally started as an enjoyable social event that we could use to raise money for worthwhile projects. Joe Murray, who created it when he was Junior Warden in 1989, passed away suddenly in 1994 and the event was renamed as the Joe Murray Memorial Mixed Car Rally, Silent Auction Dinner and Dance, or just The Car Rally. It is a great fund-raiser, lots of fun, and another opportunity to introduce friends and their wives to our Lodge.

### **October**

- The Duck Dinner has been put on by Commercial Lodge since 1947. We invite a prominent individual as the Guest Speaker. The dinner is a stag affair and is a good opportunity for us to invite other Masons, and for prospective members to get to know us socially.

- The Annual Turkey Shoot: In recent years, we've gathered before Thanksgiving at the Wild West Shooting Range in WEM to see which sharpshot fellow will walk home with the prize of a turkey. Traditionally won by someone who's never shot before in his life, this is a fun event initiated by R.W.Bro. Caldwell.

### **November**

- Step-up night: A chance to see the new crop of officers for the coming year prove their worth!

### **December**

- Installation & Investiture

- Open House at the new Master's house.