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From our District Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Glen James Notman

October, a month focused on giving thanks.

Thank you for the warm reception received across the District, the fellowship, support and encouragement I received was heartwarming. I thank you all for your kind wishes and guidance.

I am thankful to have the time to visit all the lodges this month, either as part of a fraternal visit, a surprise drop in after a meeting, and by attending invitations to lodge picnics and barbecues, fellowship at its best. And especially I am thankful for having the support of my family.



Throughout the District this month, I have seen Degrees, Masonic Education, Memorial Services, Awards and Recognition given; and an emphasis on doing the Work well. I must say that you can tell when a Lodge has invested time and energy through practice.

Highlight has to be seeing 5 lodges come together due to a set of circumstance to perform a degree, the assistance we lend each other, last minute requests met, and support given, makes me thankful to be in the company of such men.

I encourage the Lodges to take the time to update our District Website. Seeing the variety of offerings this month, I want to share what is going on. Don't be shy, give people a reason to

visit your lodges. What may be ordinary in your Lodge may be extraordinary when seen through visiting eyes.

For example the Grand Lodge Brother to Brother Program will be making a presentation to Landmarks/Doric Lodge and other brethren present on Tuesday Oct. 28th. "Retain, Revitalize, and Renew Membership in our Lodges" by R. W. Bro. Leyland Muss. Check the trestle board on the www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org website for details.

Brethren, I was delighted to see such a well-attended District Fall Meeting at the Masonic Centre of Hamilton (aka the Scottish Rite) on September 13th. It is good to see people coming out to contribute to moving the District forward. We had healthy discussion on a variety of subjects and that makes for a strong District.

Thank you to the District Chairmen for taking up the challenge and moving things along briskly.

Our District Project 'Neighbour 2 Neighbour' is well under way and food bins are in place at our respective lodge halls. Planning is underway with to have a spring event to promote the charity, fellowship and bring our families together.

Looking forward to a busy October, check the calendar on our website for details. We have the Official Visits, Installations, the District Board of Relief Fall meeting, Fall Divine Service...and more.

Two things I really want to highlight, at the Fall Divine Service on Oct 19th, St.Paul's Church Caledonia, the three Districts will each be dedicating a travelling bible. Hamilton District 'C' will be dedicated to R.W. Bro. Don Jagger.

Also, the three DDGM's of Hamilton Districts A, B and C, in conjunction with the Grand Lodge of Instruction, are conducting a Lodge of Instruction focusing on the Masonic Memorial Service and First Degree Floor Work Monday, October 20th. Hillcrest Lodge 7:30 p.m. It is open to all the brethren in the District.

If you want to do the Work well, you need to see it done well. I encourage you all to visit, to share and to practice. The Work is our cornerstone, and Craft Lodge is our foundation.

Thank you all for being part of this great fraternity.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Glen J. Notman

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From the Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell

Social Media: In today's social media networking, we need to use all available mediums, including the Grand Lodge Web Site. If our membership wants to communicate with Grand Lodge by e-mail, or by the use of the website, twitter, telephone or even 'snail mail', it will be their choice. But, we



must remember that social media is a great tool to get us to a meeting, but social media is not a place

to hold a meeting. We need that face to face contact. We must make our resources available to all our members and improve our customer service delivery. We have the material to educate members about Freemasonry, but we have to improve disseminating it.

The message of the Freemasonry is eternal and never needs changing! Yet, how we communicate Freemasonry must continually change. We're living in the midst of a I believe we have no choice but to become a

Digital Grand Lodge or we will be left behind. Today's Mason must use the digital road that lies in front of them. The world is digital, so we must become a Digital Mason. At our last Communication, M.W. Bro. Robert Conley asked: "Would you belong to any organization, group, committee, fraternity that looks behind instead of ahead? Would you follow someone that says, "Look at how great we used to be"? I know I wouldn't.

I think much of the discomfort of Masons with technology, and possible ill effects can be ascribed to the social and cultural turmoil that accompanies a paradigm shift of this scope, a revolution. Are we wholly ill equipped to manage information with new technology with old constructs? Has this led to confusion, inefficiencies and many stressed out secretaries? Are we on a collision between new technology and those who still in the analog world, causing a paradigm clash?

Technology is here and it is continuing to play a bigger part in our lives. You can't ignore it. You must embrace it, especially if it enhances the customer experience. If we don't, this generation will not be part of Freemasonry.

M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell

Grand Master

The full communique is found on the G.L. web site > Log in Communications > Grand Lodge committees > communique folder > Sept 2014 download

From the Deputy Grand Master

Greetings brethren, I hope your time this summer was well spent and enjoyable spending some relaxing hours with family and friends. Having time to just let your mind get recharged for a few days is always a good endeavor and provides the opportunity to reflect on the past and look forward to the future with confidence and enthusiasm whether it be your daily walk of life or any other situations that require your attention and support.

Well brethren we are about to embark upon another masonic year, Grand Lodge was very exciting from my prospective and I hope those who attended had a memorable experience that will benefit your masonic journey and perhaps some information that will assist your lodge in the days before us.

Some items noted:

- Past Master's Course -the requirements for eligibility to become District Deputy Grand Master now requires you to complete Modules 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18.. If you think you are interested in allowing your name stand for DDGM I think you should start as soon as your place in life permits. The ideal situation in my opinion is register immediately and complete one module a month for six months and your course would be completed by April without a whole amount of stress as we have experienced in the past trying to qualify two or three months before Grand Lodge. A Constitutional amendment that qualifies for the certificate of completion that will be required by June 15th of the year you are planning to be elected DDGM.

- Grand Lodge is going out on the road again with Seminars and Workshops. This provides an opportunity for masons to receive information and education personally other than attending Grand Lodge

- Members and lodges to assist with contributions to the Grand Master's Project PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH. It is our hope to raise ONE MILLION DOLLARS that is directed to three researchers in London Hamilton and Kingston

John C. Green



The Deputy Grand Master takes the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge and throws out a challenge to other Members of the Board of General Purposes.

Around the Hamilton Districts

Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

OCT 25, 2014

Invitation to all Past Masters

Guest Speaker: DR. BRENDA VRKLJAN

8:30 a.m.: Meet and Greet

9:15 a.m.: Breakfast available \$12 p.p. M.C.H.

Breakfast reservations by contacting

Jon Stewart (905) 543-0606 jstewart41@cogeco.ca

Gary Magwood (905) 561-6593 gary.magwood@gmail.com



Shifting gears,
changing
perceptions
about older
drivers in
Canada.

Craft Association Hamilton Masonic Districts

OCT. 29, 2014

Stoney Creek Temple in Stoney Creek @ 7:30 p.m.
"TOASTMASTER"

Hosted by Dundurn Lodge No. 475

Tony Bratschitsch District Governor of District 86

Toast Masters International and Valley Town

Toastmasters is attending the CAHMD Seminar

Our main goal of the CAHMD is to provide a method of training and education that allows the novice mason or the season veteran an opportunity to experience a new approach to public speaking

YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE!

Defibrillator & C.P.R training

November 15th, 2014

9.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre



C.M.T is covering any cost for two members from each body of the C.M.T. with a limit of 24.

We will take a waiting list other than C.M.T. members,

Register NOW!! Directly or through the Lodge Secretary.

Anyone committed with a no show will personally incur the cost.

Contact: David Midgley for your lifesaving opportunity.(905) 966-0820 or midge44@gmail.com

Wentworth Lodge No. 166 Hamilton Masonic District "B"

150th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Liuna Gardens Stoney Creek, Ontario

Reception at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets \$50 per person

The Grand Master will be in attendance

For further information contact

W. Bro. Les R. Vass at 905-630-7828



18th Annual Masonic Beef and Corn Roast

The Hamilton's District Deputy Grand Masters along with almost 800 others enjoyed another fill of corn and food at the Ancaster Fair grounds on Aug. 27th

The Masons of District A, B and C have over the years helped to raise over \$ 49,000 in support of St. Peter's Hospital Foundation.

As part of Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation it support capital redevelopment projects, purchase medical equipment and invests in research and education to enable quality care for patients who rely on specialized and complex geriatric ,rehabilitation and palliative care.



R.W. Bro. Glen Notman and Lady Michelle enjoying the event on the level.



"B" R.W. Bro. Tom Young



"A" R.W. Bro. Michael Kirk

**District C Calendar
OCTOBER 2014**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 IONIC No.549 Official Visit (The Electric No.495)	2 BUCHANAN No.550	3	4
5 Fall Board of Relief meeting. 2:00 p.m. 19 Dawson Ave. Stoney Creek	6	7	8 MERIDIAN No.687	9	10	11
12	13	14 TEMPLE No.324 SEYMOUR No.272	15 THE ELECTRIC No.495	16 DUFFERIN No.291 Installation	17	18
19 Fall Divine Service St. Paul's Anglican Church. Assemble at 7:00 p.m. 27 Orkney St. E. Caledonia.	20 VALLEY No.100 Lodge of Instruction for EAM degree and a Masonic Service. 257 Mohawk Rd. W. in Hamilton. 7:30 p.m.	21 HUGH MURRAY No.602 Official Visit (VALLEY No.100)	22	23 CORINTHIAN No.513	24	25 Past Master Association 8:30 a.m. breakfast at MCH
26	27 WARDROPE No.555 Official Visit (WESTMOUNT No.671)	28 LANDMARKS / DORIC No.654 WESTMOUNT No.671	29 Craft AHMD 7:30 p.m. Seminar "Toast Master" Stoney Creek Temple	30	31	BLOOD SERVICES 35 Stone Church Rd. from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All Saturdays Call: 18882DONATE

Nov. Official Visits:

- Tuesday November 11th 2014: Temple No.324 (Homecoming) 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting.
- Wednesday November 19th 2014: The Electric No.495 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 meeting.

Nov. Installations

- Tuesday November 25th 2014: Westmount No.671 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Meeting
- Thursday November 27th 2014: Corinthian No.513 7:00 Meeting, meal following

Chaplain's Corner

My Brethren:

Passed to the G.L. above are:

Bro. Emmanuel "Hubert" Addo, August 23rd 2014. Married to Wendy for 28 years, 3 grown children and 1 grandchild. Initiated in Seymour Lodge No.272 October 13th 2009, passed March 9th 2010, raised May 11th 2010. Hubert was also a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite member.

V.W. Bro. John David Livingstone, September 3rd 2014. Predeceased by wife Flora of 67 years. Seymour Lodge No.272 member for 53 years, and an honorary 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite. Missing him are 4 children and many grandchildren. John lived in Ancaster for 102 years.

W. Bro. Jason McCulloch

SPECIAL PRESENTATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Three Travelling Bibles were purchased by The Hamilton Masonic District Board of Relief and will be dedicated at the Fall Divine Service on Sunday October 19th. They will be dedicated to the memory of three brethren who were very great supporters of the Divine Services over the years.

District A:

R.W. Bro. John A Muir

District B:

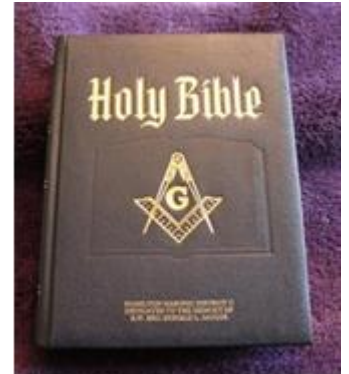
R.W. Bro. Keith Cosier

District C:

R.W. Bro. Donald L. Jagger

Sunday October 19th 2014

St. Paul's Anglican Church
27 Orkney St. Caledonia at 7:30 p.m.



Events



LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

DATE: 20 October 2014
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
VENUE: Hillcrest Temple;
257 Mohawk Rd. W., Hamilton

Presentations:

- E.A.M. DEGREE
- MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

Remember anyone may ask to join you in the quarry. Let prudence be your guide and be nice, it's contagious!



Landmarks/Doric No. 654 58th Annual Bonspiel



November 22nd 2014.
Dundas Granite Curling Club
Lodges may enter teams or individual entries welcome.

Cost: \$40.00 per person.
Contact: W. Bro. Dennis Monteith.
djmonteith@rogers.com

From the Editor

Please consider this **ALS Cleaver Family Challenge** Take the challenge or just support our cause in support of a family member, of a dedicated brother.

Venetian Club
269 John St. N., Hamilton

TICKETS: \$10.00
DATE: 25th October 2014
TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Food & door prizes, raffle, silent auction, dancing.

Bits and Pieces!

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada

LIBRARY, MUSEUM & ARCHIVES



Your Grand Lodge Library Committee, in order to improve communication and better meet the needs of the masons of Ontario, is pleased to announce the launch of our new website at www.grandlodgelibrary.ca on

Tuesday July 15, 2014.

We trust you will find the content to be informative and useful and that you will revisit our website frequently.

The Grand Lodge Library Committee is looking forward to your frequent visits and to your comments and suggestions on the website.

Brief History

Upon the death of M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, Grand Master from 1890-1891, in 1918 a very fine collection of over 1,000 volumes of Craft literature was bequeathed to Grand Lodge. This collection formed the core of the Grand Lodge Library established in 1931 and administered by a special committee. Its first report to the Grand Lodge of its stewardship was presented in 1932. In 1937, a Library Committee was set-up as a sub-committee of the Board of General Purposes.



The Library was originally located in the Masonic Temple at 888 Yonge Street in Toronto. In February 1985, under the chairmanship of R. W. Bro. Wayne Elgie, the Library was moved to Hamilton and located in the lower level of the Grand Lodge Memorial Building at 363 King Street West. In May 1995, the Library was moved from the lower level to the second floor. Also at that time, M. W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew dedicated the second floor of the Memorial Building as a Museum. That same year, under the chairmanship of R. W. Bro. Frank Dunn, the Library, Museum and Archives Committee became a reality. This structure remains in place to this day.

Library, Museum and Archives articles on the Grand Lodge Web Site is linked from:
<www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org>

Masonic Education

Resource Committee Presentations

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654 is pleased to make available to all members in the Hamilton Districts a series of presentations which will focus on the Grand Lodge Resource Committee's programs.

The lodge will host 5 presentations by the Grand Lodge Resource Committee Team Leaders:

October 28, 2014

R. W. Bro. Leyland Muss will make the first presentation: **Brother to Brother, "Retain, Revitalize and Renew Membership in our Lodges"** and it will be held in the **Upper Lodge Room of M.C.H., on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 8:00 pm.** Lodge opens at 7:30 pm. For those wishing to partake in the 6:30 pm dinner (\$25 p.p.), reservations must be made a week in advance with the Lodge Secretary, William MacPherson (Bill), wjmac654@gmail.com

November 25, 2014

R. W. Bro. Jamie Ireland will be making the second presentation on the **Cornerstone Project**, and it will be held in the Round Room of M.C.H on Tuesday November 25, 2014, at 7:00 pm. For those wishing to partake in the 6:30 pm dinner (\$25 p.p.) reservations must be made a week in advance with the Lodge Secretary, Wm MacPherson wjmac654@gmail.com
We plan to open the foyer doors at 7:00 pm to welcome all.

These presentations are open to all Masons and it is hoped they will help to energize lodge members and get them more involved in their lodge activities.

Subsequent presentations in the Round Room will be:

January 27th, 2015

Officer Progression R. W. Bro. Kevin Smith

February 24th, 2015

Mentors R.W. Bro. Leonard Feldt

March 24th, 2015

Friend to Friend R.W. Bro. William Atkinson

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If anyone has jpeg pictures or informative news items, interesting to our readers, please forward them to djack4649@gmail.com