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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren,

Masonry is an open, and multi faith organization, in my household we celebrate Christmas. So to many of you I offer a Merry Christmas and to those of you of other faiths, I offer a heartfelt Happy Holidays. To everyone I wish nothing but good will and blessings not just in December, but throughout the year.



My thanks to all the brethren in the District who have made the past few months fly by. I have been welcomed by all thirteen lodges in the District with real warmth and friendliness. November was a busy month with Official Visits to Temple and The Electric Lodges, Installations at Westmount and Corinthian Lodges, a celebration of our 40th anniversary as a District, the beginning of Christmas season with a great party hosted by Valley Lodge, more formal Education with Landmarks / . Doric Lodge hosting a Cornerstone presentation and a Hockey game with Niagara District 'A'. Note Hamilton District 'C' won, so Niagara wants a rematch in January. It would be great to have members in attendance for such a fun night in January.

Looking at the Trestle Board online, December looks to be chock full of events as well, with an Installation at Ionic Lodge on December 3rd, an official visit at Buchanan on December 4th, Breakfast with Santa and MasoniC.H.I.P. on December 6th at the Scottish Rite building, and another installation at Hugh Murray Lodge on December 16th. Throw in Christmas Caroling with Temple Lodge and Landmarks / Doric on Tuesday December the 9th and you have a full dance card before planning for Christmas and year end parties. I am pleased to officially announce that in support of this year's District Charity :Neighbour to Neighbour" we are planning a raffle for a weekend for two in Manhattan , featuring dinner on Friday night, a tour of the Grand Lodge of New York and an optional walking tour of Masonic points of interest on Saturday morning.. Watch the District Trestleboard for details of the event. The date for the draw is Saturday May 30th with the weekend away being set up for Friday June 19th and Saturday the 20th. We are looking for sponsors to offset some of the costs of flight and accommodation. Tickets are \$20, and in limited supply, please contact W.Bro Chris Cleaver, or myself if you have questions. Thank you to all the brethren who have taken the time to support me on this journey. Time is a non-renewable resource and I appreciate the effort and sacrifices people make to keep the Masonic heart burning strong in Hamilton District 'C'. As Brothers we need to show up and be present in our Lodges. To greet each other, especially the newer brethren. To take a part, maintain our ethics and integrity, volunteer for a committee, and make the personal commitment to raise the torch high; and help light the way for current and future generations. Visit! Get Involved! and remember as men to "practice outside the Lodge those excellent precepts that we are taught inside the Lodge."

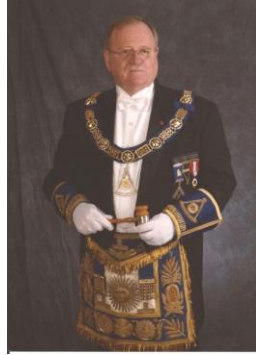
R. W. Bro. Glen J. Notman

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From the Grand Master

Brethren: Improper use of internet, Twitter, Facebook etc... has become for prevalent, which is not only shedding a negative light on the image of Freemasonry in Ontario, but they are doing a great disservice the many good masons across our jurisdiction.



The following excerpts from the November Communicate speaks to issues of Candidate Behavior, Piques & Quarrels, as well as emails and Social Media.

Think before you Press send or post!

I would like to mention that the internet is no place to discuss personal disputes. Benjamin Franklin said, *“Remember to say the right thing in the right place but more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at a tempering moment”*.

I remind all that Grand Lodge has a standard Registered Trademark logo described in Section 3.1 of the Constitution. We have had complaints of improper use of this logo, and non-recognized logos as well being used. The main lesson being, every time you send an email you are putting your personal reputation into play, and that of all Masons.

Nobody has a problem with using Twitter, Facebook or internet, as long as the message is appropriate and in good taste. Ask yourself before posting or sending: would I want this on the front page of the Toronto Star? Would I want my mother, sister, wife, or child to read this?

Further take the time to read Section 409 of the Constitution, where it states: *“A member of a Masonic Order accepts the responsibility for maintaining a mode of life and conduct that is not only above reproach but is an example of good behavior within the community”*.

Donald A. Campbell
Grand Master

From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren; Seminars and workshops are going on the road this year. Workshops presented as follows:

- Officer Progression: R.W. Bro. Kevin Smith as team leader.
- Cornerstone Programme: R.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland as team leader.
- Long Range Planning Tool Kit: R.W. bro. Steven Warren as team leader.
- Leadership and development: R.W. bro. Bill Bowick as team leader.
- Brother to Brother: R.W. Bro. Leyland Muss as team leader.

These presentations will benefit you and your Lodge if you attend. Check Grand Lodge Web Site for more information.

In 2015; Presentations will take place in other geographical areas in our jurisdiction also.

We all can also enjoy fellowship and build relationships, meet old friends and new faces, by visitation. Official Visits and Installations create these opportunities. Without suffering of family or personal life, please communicate, connect, grow our Fraternity where you can.

Those interested in letting their names stand next July for District deputy Grand Master, we urge you to enroll in the next Past masters Course when possible.

I also note that many lodges hold Instruction and Masonic Education events. As Grand Lodge cannot be everywhere. I also know that these advantageous opportunities are presented well. Knowledge for mentoring tools often present themselves in this way. Don't be left out of the loop, and use this information to further your education, and prosper our Fraternity.

Visit our Grand Lodge Web Site often for many more opportunities.

John C. Green
Deputy Grand Master

***Masonic Calendar
DECEMBER 2014***

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------------------------|--|---|--|--------|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 IONIC No.549 INSTALLATION Dinner is before Lodge at the Pheasant Plucker on Augusta St. | 4 BUCHANAN No.550 OFFICIAL VISIT (Landmarks /Doric No.654) | 5 | 6 BLOOD SERVICES MasoniCHip breakfast with Santa. MCH 8:30 a.m. (See page 5) |
| 7 | 8 VALLEY No.100 | 9 SEYMOUR No.272 TEMPLE No.324 | 10 MERIDIAN 687 | 11 | 12 | 8 BLOOD SERVICES 35 Stone Church Rd. from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. |
| 14 | 15 | 16 HUGH MURRAY No.602 INSTALLATION Dinner is before Lodge at the Zum Linzer Restaurant on Main St. East. | 17 THE ELECTRIC No.495 | 18 DUFFERIN No.291 | 19 | 20 BLOOD SERVICES 35 Stone Church Rd. from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. |
| 21 | 22 WARDROPE No.555 | 23 LANDMARKS/DORIC No.654 WESTMOUNT No.671 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 BLOOD SERVICES 35 Stone Church Rd. from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

In January 2015

- Tuesday January 13th 2015. Seymour Lodge No.272 Installation in Ancaster. 7:30 pm and refreshments to follow.
- Thursday January 22nd 2015. Official Visit to Corinthian Lodge No.513, at MCH. 7:30 pm and refreshments to follow.
- Friday January 23rd 2015. The Electric Lodge No.485 Robert Burns Dinner, Michalangelo Banquet Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa St. in Hamilton. \$25.00 per person with cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Contact Bill Gordon at 905-385-7953.
- Saturday January 24th 2015. Hugh Murray Lodge No.602 Robert Burns Dinner, at the CMT Grand Ballroom. \$45.00 per person or \$85.00 per couple. Contact Mike Cuberovic at cuberovicm@hotmail.com
- Tuesday January 27th 2015. Official Visit to Landmarks/Doric No.654, at MCH. 7:30 pm.

Interesting Events

Breakfast with Santa Scottish Rite



December 6, 2014
8:30 am to 10:30 am

Clown's with balloon art.
Christmas music.
Generous breakfast.
Tickets – S.R. Club office

MasoniCHIP:

58th annual

Adam Zimmerman Memorial Bonspiel
Landmarks/Doric No. 654
Winning Team 2014



L.to R. W. Bro. Devin Tunistra, W. Bro. Rick Jones Ed. Maciulis, and Art Raymond.



Hamilton Scottish Rite

4 Queen St. S.

Saturday, Dec 6th, 2014

9:00 am 4:00 pm
Walk-ins welcome.

Sponsor: Temple Lodge No. 324

MasoniCHIP: This is an absolutely free identification programme, with approved police techniques, providing your family with the necessary information on a disc, which assists Law Enforcement in returning missing children.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Brethren:

Please remember V.W. Bro. David James Brown, who passed to the G. L. above November 10, 2014, at the age of 82.

Beloved husband of Ina for 59 years.

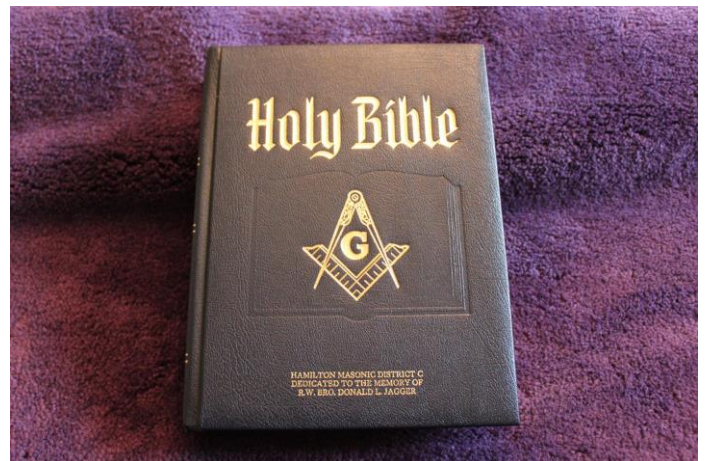
Initiated in to Dufferin Lodge No.291 June 20th 1957,
Passed September 19th 1957, and Raised October 17th 1957. Past Master of 1967-1968.

We remember David's family in our prayers.

W. Bro. Jason McCulloch

District C

Travelling Volume of the Sacred Law



Presented to

Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654

Presented to the District C Lodge which has the greatest attendance at the Fall District Divine Service. The first ever recipient was Landmarks/ Doric Lodge No. 654 It will then be the Lodge's responsibility to return the Volume of the Sacred Law to the next Divine Service, where it will again be presented to the District C Lodge with the greatest attendance

Roy Rogers was born in 1911



A cowboy, movie actor, song writer and singer, Mason, and a Shriner:

Rogers was born Leonard Franklin Slye, he would not take the name Roy Rogers until 1938. It was when Gene Autry entered the United States Army that Leonard Slye would become Roy Rogers. He quickly became competition for Autry for

America's favorite singing cowboy. Prior to his first movie role in 1935 Rogers, in 1931, auditioned for the Midnight Frolic radio show. This was at the encouragement of his sister Mary. Rogers was shy and was not comfortable with the idea. The day after the auditioned he was asked to join The Rocky Mountaineers a local country music group. Rogers would be in several bands until he the Sons of the Pioneers in 1934 (the year prior is the Pioneer Trio). The Sons of the Pioneers would continue to perform replacing members when they retired or passed away. Rogers would appear with them or they would be his backup group until his passing in 1998. In 1940 Rogers signed a new contract with the studio he worked with, Republic Pictures. In the clause he would have the right to his name, likeness and voice for merchandising. Roy Rogers would be second only to Walt Disney in regard to the amount of merchandise that bore his name and likeness.

In 1932 Rogers acquired a palomino colt called "Golden Cloud" which he renamed Trigger. Shortly after acquiring Trigger, Rogers went on tour and met his first wife, Grace Arline. The couple would have three children together. Unfortunately Grace would pass away due to complications from child birth in 1946.

Rogers would meet his second wife, Dale Evans, while making a movie in 1944. Shortly after Grace Arline's passing Evans and Rogers would fall in love and be married just a year later. Rogers, Evans and Trigger appeared together regularly in Movies and Public appearances.

Rogers was a member of Hollywood Lodge No. 355, a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Los Angeles and Al Malaikah Shrine Temple

Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty are themselves symbols of creation, since without them nothing of worth comes into existence. "Wisdom to contrive and strength to support" is obviously as true of the universe as it is of a temple. "Beauty to adorn" is often misunderstood, because of a too limited thought of the fundamentals of beauty. In any final analysis, what is beautiful becomes so in men's thoughts because of its fitness for its purpose. It is in this sense that "Beauty to Adorn" is used Masonically. Excerpted from "Handbook for Candidate's Coaches" By the Committee on Ritual and Donald G. Campbell, Past Grand Lecturer. Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of California.

Andrew Horn notes:

I like to liken these three pillars to a western Yin and Yang, a true illustration of balance in the universe, exemplifying the western ideal, and how we need three elements to provide harmony and balance. Somewhat obtuse, but as the Yin and Yan symbols shows the Eastern idea of Black and White, with shades of grey in between, showing with the two dots the intermingling of the two, in the three pillars we have the dynamicism that requires the balancing act of action. Wisdom, Strength and Beauty all are only truly manifested when complementing the other. As a matter of similar interest, I have noticed that conversational circles in a group setting always seem to settle in a 3, 5, or 7 person pattern, when two guys are talking, a third invariably turns up to balance out the dyanamic. This is a metaphysical illustration of the principle that a two legged table won't stand, but a tripod is one of the most stable structures imaginable, limited only by it strength. Even with strength and the wisdom, it has yet to satisfy the HUMAN yearning for beauty -in addition to the first two - to then function as a stable tripod. As in the third degree, it is this humanity which give the world its beauty, and the beauty which makes us human.

Andrew Horn

A MASONIC MINUTE

A Personal Note to a Potential Candidate from an Old Past Master

I understand that you would like to explore your interest in Freemasonry. I was hoping that we might arrange a personal chat, but time and circumstances seem to make that a long-term goal. And so I will revert to this means. First let me hope that you are settling in after graduation to life in the real world using the skill and ability that you possess in such ample form. Above all, that you are enjoying life.

Like many serious-minded, well-educated, well-read young men of your generation, many have expressed a curiosity and an interest in what Freemasonry is all about. I expect that you have explored some of the vast amount of information posted on the World Wide Web – both positive and negative – and probably discussed it with your friends. It is a matter not to be entered into lightly. Being a thoughtful young man with superior intelligence, you will have many questions. That fact, in itself, qualifies you as a potential candidate.

When I am asked what Freemasonry is about, the best answer I can give in simple terms is that it is a global fraternity – the oldest and largest in the world – an ancient institution rooted in tradition with modern relevance. In this sense it is a gentleman's philosophical society based on high standards of ethical behaviour and moral conduct. It provides a means of self-discovery through self-discipline: self-examination, self-analysis, self-realization, and self-fulfillment. As such it is personal and individual for every man engaged in his own quest for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.

What do young men in the twenty-first century find attractive that draws them to the fraternity? Each year about 1300 candidates are initiated in Ontario. Having the privilege of meeting and talking with many of them, I have discovered that their motivation takes many forms, but falls into a relatively few categories: providing stability in a changing world, continuity in the midst of uncertainty, intellectual and spiritual stimulation, and male bonding. I feel certain that you would find many like-minded kindred spirits among the members of a Masonic lodge.

In our formative years we all need role models to inspire our own hopes and dreams. In modern society, these have become rather few and far between. There is scandal in government and business, sports figures are sullied by allegations of drug abuse or sexual indiscretion, respect for leaders in the church has been reduced by unacceptable moral behaviour, the family unit has disintegrated in the "me first" hedonistic atmosphere. Freemasons make serious promises to act according to the principles of virtue and morality that the Fraternity is based upon. No, none of us are gods or heroes, but there are role models among us worthy of emulation as men in society.

One of the first serious questions that concerns most young men is about religious belief. One of the great glories of Freemasonry is its universality. It professes no dogma, neither does it demand conformity to the specific belief of any religion. It does require what we term "a belief in a supreme being" – in other words, a greater power than mere mortals possess. This is left to each individual to define for himself.

There are religious aspects to our Rites and Ceremonies, but the emphasis is on the spiritual rather than any established religion.

Unlike the established religions, each of which is based upon a prescribed body of dogmatic beliefs, which makes them exclusive, we are inclusive. The language of Freemasonry is careful to avoid a definition of God – preferring to use descriptive attributes: "Supreme Being," "Great Architect," "Grand Geometrician," "Most High". All discussion of sectarian religion and party politics is strictly forbidden in the lodge.

If you happened to read Dan Brown's latest novel, The Secret Symbol, he makes the point: "*In a world where people are killing each other over whose definition of God is better, perhaps the Masons have it right.*" Brown is not a Freemason, but it could not have been said better. Our members include Jews, Christians, Muslims, Pagans, and every other degree and shade of belief, respecting each other in the universal brotherhood of man.

There is a long term commitment required to realize the benefits I have outlined. Freemasonry is known as a 'progressive science.' Its principal purpose is 'the cultivation and improvement of the human mind.' That is a life-long process. There are also certain financial obligations – initiation fee and annual dues. Members of the lodge are required to observe a dress code, usually a dark business suit. Formal dress is worn by the officers.

Having said all this, and based on a lifetime of involvement, and despite giving many speeches and writing many articles on the subject, I must admit that mere words cannot really explain the profound meaning of Masonry. It must be experienced to be understood and appreciated fully. Obviously, I would encourage you to pursue your interest, and I would feel privileged to discuss further any questions you might have.

Freemasonry has played a major role in my life. I truly believe that, with all my inadequacies as a person, it has contributed to making me a better man than I would otherwise have been. I have learned so much from the fraternal affection and example of the good and great men in the fraternity that I have been associated with now for more than a half century.

I look forward to hearing from you. I wish health, happiness, and satisfaction.

M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels; 2014

District C Mid Term meeting
Sat. January 10th, 2015
10:00 a.m. Ancaster Masonic Hall

Today's events are our future history!

The Electric Lodge No.495

Go "C" Go!



On Friday, November 15th, Hamilton District C hosted Niagara District A to a friendly hockey game at Harry Howell Twin Pad in Flamborough. It was great to see both teams have enough players to ice three lines per team as well as the abundance of younger Masons taking part. The first half of the game was a tightly contested affair with goaltending ruling the day. In the second half, the 'young legs' of Hamilton C began to make their impression on the game with Niagara A digging deep and scoring the final 4 straight goals to bring the final score close. Hamilton C was able to squeak out the win!

The evening culminated in a fraternal get together in Dundas where good times and great fellowship ensued.

A rematch has been planned for January 10th, 2015 at Ridley College in St. Catherines, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Any Brethren interested in playing can contact W. Bro. Bill Paul at [\(905\)719-6464](tel:9057196464) as we may have a few spots available. Any spectators interested in coming along are encouraged to attend and join afterwards.

Keep your stick on the ice!



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Remembrance Day in Dundas



Worshipful Brother William W. Paul, W.M. Valley Lodge No. 100, places the ceremonial wreath at the Dundas Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. W. Bro. Paul was accompanied by many Valley brethren at this ceremony.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
From our editorial team

May the G.A.O.T.U. provide you and yours with every necessity and consider your every dream