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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren,

After a busy, and cold January, February springs forth upon us. Here is hoping the ground hog calls for an early spring!

And yet we carry on!
The District work and events in January have been plentiful. Our District meeting was held January 10th and well attended with all lodges being represented. Almost 50 of us met in the Ancaster Lodge hall. We had a busy agenda and my thanks and appreciation to all who attended.



Asking everyone to give up 2 hours on a Saturday to discuss how the year is progressing is not done lightly. I hope everyone who attended got some value from the variety of discussions and presentations.

So many events this past month, The Hamilton District 'C' Niagara hockey rematch... (Won by Hamilton of course!) The Officer Progression event hosted by Landmarks / Doric, The presentation on Historical Buildings in Hamilton by R.W. Bro. Ken Adamson at the Past Masters Breakfast, and three

opportunities to toast Robbie Burns. To top all this off, both Official Visits and the Installation at Seymour Lodge this month were well attended. It is good to see the support and fellowship visitation is bringing across the District.

A special note of thank you from my wife and I to the Officers and brethren of The Electric Lodge No. 495, Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 and St. Andrews Lodge No. 593, for their hospitality and warmth at their respective Robbie Burns dinners. My wife Michelle and I had a great time at each event. The pipes, the drums, the Haggis, and the fellowship, makes for a great evening.

Looking forwards to February, (and onwards) the District has a few more things going on. There are official visits at Valley Lodge No. 100, Feb 9th and Meridian Lodge No. 687, Feb 11th, and the Hamilton Masonic Districts Board of Relief Winter Meeting, Feb 22nd. 2:00 pm at the Stoney Creek Masonic Hall.

So please come out and participate, and support your fellow lodges on these important dates.

Also, in support of Neighbour2Neighbour. R.W. Bro Geoff Allan is Captaining a team for the Coldest Night of the Year winter walk-a-thon. This is an opportunity for all of us to lend a hand. On February 22nd, a challenge of a good, chilly winter walk (with a reward of a warm bowl of chili and fellowship afterwards). Check out the details on page 5 of the Chronicle.

Lastly, in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the District and as an opportunity to bring friends and family together for some fun, I am looking for help in setting up a district Picnic and BBQ on May 30th, 2015. At this event, we will be drawing the winning ticket for the District Charity trip to NYC!

The details for the trip for two to Manhattan are on page 6 Think about it brethren, a chance to share some fellowship, have a new adventure and help people in need, all for a \$20 ticket.

Thanks to you all for your support, feedback and enthusiasm. Let's stay safe and warm through the winter and enjoy each other's company!

R. W. Bro. Glen J. Notman

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From the Grand Master

An eventful year has passed and a new one has come. I wish all our members and their families be blessed with good health and happiness.

Welcoming this year, the first thing that we must do is to challenge the ever changing communication market head on with the aim of overcoming any obstacles that the future presents. We have the experience to overcome any future difficulties with confidence. I am sure that we have the qualifications and capability to make a history of successful and positive decisions. In



2015, let's continue working to together and be the fraternal organization we are known as, this is, being happy within ourselves and communicating that happiness to others. The first Masonic symbol encountered by the petitioner for Freemasonry is the application form for which he has asked from a friend in the Craft. The Craft asks no man for his petition. Other non-Masonic organizations, clubs and many other worthy groups may attempt to win members by advertising and persuasion. But a man must come to the door of a Lodge of his own free will and accord, and can only be the aid of a friend whom he has enlisted on his behalf. The symbols of Freemasonry are many, such as, all of the Working Tools and casual signs. Referred to in the story of the building are used to convey the messages of morality and virtue to the Freemason. It is this very form of symbolism that leads to the mystery that surrounds Freemasonry and the misunderstanding of its purposes by those who are not members of the Craft, and indeed, I believe, by some who are members of the Craft.

Freemasonry is not a religion unto itself, but it calls on its members to practice their religion and live by its teachings. Freemasonry is a way of living, an excellent set of rules of conduct which unfortunately few of us practice to the degree that we should, which makes better men of us even for trying. I suggest to you, a world of better men, will be a better world. It is a rule in Freemasonry, that a Lodge may dispense with the examination of a visitor, if any brother present will vouch that he possess the necessary qualifications. This is an important prerogative that every Freemason is entitled to exercise, and yet it is one which may so materially affect the well-being of the whole Craft. By its injudicious use, impostors might be introduced among the faithful. It should be controlled by the most stringent regulations. To vouch for one is to bear witness for him, and in witnessing to truth, every caution should be observed, least falsehood may cunningly assume its garb. The brother who vouches

should know to a certainty that the one for whom he vouches is really what he claims to be. He should know this, not from a casual conversation, or a loose and careless inquiry, but from strict trial, due examination or lawful information. These are the three requisites which the institutions have laid down as essentially necessary to authorize the act of vouching. Brethren, never should an unjustifiable delicacy weaken the rigor of these rules. For the wisest and most evident reasons, our Criminal Court system says that it is better that ninety-nine guilty men should escape than that one innocent man should be punished. So in Freemasonry, it is better that ninety-nine true men should be turned away from the door of a Lodge, than that one 'Cowan' should be admitted.

M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell
Grand Master



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From the Deputy Grand Master

Here we are in 2015 and I wish you all the best in the coming year. As we look to 2015 with optimism and anticipation we should always remember there will be those who will have challenges before them who deserve our friendship and assistance. It is always great to receive gifts and tributes on special occasions throughout the year but the warmest feeling one can experience is to give to those less fortunate or comfort someone who might be having situations with health or injury. To offer support to others in need is the true measure of our Masonic virtues Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Brethren we are now about six months from our annual communication of Grand Lodge. As we all realize this is the time when the Grand Lodge officers relinquish their duties to newly elected and appointed officers. I just want to remind those who are considering candidacy for DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER that you must have a certificate for the PAST MASTERS COURSE to be eligible to let your name stand for that office. I strongly recommend that if you are not already qualified with that certificate you should consider to enroll in the near future. We have had some candidates qualify at the last minute and find it quite stressful in order to let their name stand. The course is not overly difficult if one allows the proper time to complete and submit it to the College of Freemasonry. The choice is yours when to enroll and complete this exercise but I certainly know the sooner the better.

I have also heard from a number of Masons that those who are enrolling for Past Masters Course are soliciting the answers to a number of questions from Masons who have already qualified for their respective certificate. Brethren please do not cheat yourselves or Freemasonry by endeavouring to achieve your qualifications in a manner which will not give you a feeling of self- satisfaction and achievement. In our lifetime we are asked to face many challenges and this course is just another step in life's path.

Brethren to start the year off in a positive direction let me suggest some thoughts I recently experienced from friends and colleagues through the holiday season. A number of my friends were traveling in October and November many to countries that have greater challenges than we would ever experience here in Canada. As two couples related to us, they visited places where jobs were low paying and the general population quite poor but after some time witnessing their way of life these people were happy and upbeat almost all the time. Thankful for what they had although not much in contrast to our life. Their conclusion was the benefits of life in Canada are perhaps not appreciated as much as they should be when we see and hear what is happening in the world around us.

Brethren my message is, complain less and appreciate more of what we have in life and how blessed we are to have the situation we live in Canada. You know brethren we are spending a lot of time and effort resolving piques and quarrels that in the big picture are not as significant as one might think. There are always situations that might stress us from time to time and that is one of life's experiences. So if there is strife and tension that causes difficulty between you and your fellow

man, look at that particular situation and then think how many others would say your current concerns pale in comparison to others in the world must experience each and every day. My friends living life to the fullest is intended to be our direction in the few short years we are given in history. Being tolerant, understanding and charitable to others are virtues that will put you in a happy place. You will realize the joy and pleasure of friends, neighbours and Masons is satisfying and you will experience a life well lived.

That's it for now brethren, all the best in 2015.

Next month a groundhog will tell us what the future holds for us. Now that is a reasonable conclusion for what the future holds for us.

*R.W. Bro. John C. Green
Deputy Grand Master*

HAMILTON MASONIC DISTRICT C PROJECT "Neighbour to Neighbour"



*R.W. Bro. Geoffrey Allan
R.W. Bro. Glen Notman
W. Bro. Mike Samoila*

District Deputy Grand Master; receives \$200.00 for Hamilton District C N-2-N Project, from Vice-President and Treasurer of the Widows Sons Riding Association, Hamilton Chapter.

Remembering the N/E angle, look to your heart for direction for your fellow creatures.

THE LEWIS

BY: M.W. Bro Ian Scott Robb, MPS

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

What is a Lewis?

An instrument in Operative Masonry. It is an iron cramp which is inserted in a cavity prepared for that purpose in any large stone, so as to give attachment to a pulley and hook whereby the stone may be conveniently raised to any height and deposited in its proper position. It is well described by Mr. Gibson in the "British Archaeology (Vol. X., Pg. 127)"; but he is in error in attributing its invention to a French architect in the time of Louis XIV., and its name to that Monarch. The contrivance was known to the Romans, and several taken from old ruins are now in the Vatican. In the ruins of Whitby Abbey, in England, which was founded by Oswy, King of Northumberland, in 685, large stones were discovered, with the necessary excavation for the insertion of a LEWIS. The word is most probably derived from the old French "levis", any contrivance for lifting. The modern French call the instrument a "louve".

In the English system, the LEWIS is found on the tracing-board the Entered Apprentice, where it is used as a symbol of strength, because, by its assistance, the Operative Mason is enabled to lift the heaviest stones with a comparatively trifling exertion of physical power. It has not been adopted as a symbol by the American Masons, except in Pennsylvania, where, of course, it receives the English in2 The son of a Mason is, in England, called a Lewis, because it is his duty to support the sinking powers and aid the failing strength of his father, or, as Oliver expressed it, "to bear the burden and heat of the day, that his parents may rest in their old age; thus rendering the evening of their lives peaceful and happy." In the rituals of the middle of the last century he was called a "louffton." From this the French derived their word "louffton", which they apply in the same way. They also employ the word "louveteau", and call the daughter of a Mason a "Louvetine." Louveteau is probably derived directly from the louve, the French name of the implement; but it is a singular coincidence that louveteau also means young wolf, and that in the Egyptian mysteries of Isis the candidate was made to wear the mask of a wolf's head. Hence, a wolf and a candidate in these mysteries were often used as synonymous terms.

Macrobius, in his "Saturnalia", says, in reference to this custom, that the ancients perceived a relationship between the sun, the great symbol in these mysteries, and a wolf, which the candidate represented at his initiation. For, he remarks, as the flocks of sheep and cattle fly and disperse at the sight of the wolf, so the flocks of stars disappear at the approach of the sun's light. The learned reader will also recollect that in the Greek language "Tukos" signifies both the sun and the wolf. Hence some etymologists have sought to derive "louveteau" the son of a Mason, from "Louveteau" a young wolf. But most direct derivation from "Louve" the operative instrument is preferable.

On Browne's "Master Key" which is supposed to represent the Prestonian lecture, we had the following definition:

What do we call the son of a Freemason? A Lewis.

What does that denote? Strength.

How is a Lewis depicted in a Mason's Lodge?

As a cramp of metal, by which, when fixed into a stone, great and ponderous weights are raised to a certain height and fixed upon their proper basis, without which Operative Masons could not so conveniently do.

What is the duty of a Lewis, the son of a Mason, to his aged parents?

To bear the heavy burden in the heat of the day and help them in time of need, which, by reason of their great age, they out to be exempted from, so as to render the close of their days happy and comfortable.

His privilege for so doing?

To be made a Mason before any other person, however dignified by birth, rank, or riches, unless he, through complaisance, waives this privilege.

(The term occurs in this sense in the "Constitutions of 1783" at the end of the Deputy Grand Master's song -- in allusion to the expected birth of George III, son of Frederick, Prince of Wales.)

"May a Lewis be born, whom the World shall admire, Serene as his Mother, August as his Sire?"

It is sometimes stated that a Lewis may be initiated before he has reached the age of 21; but this is not so under the English Constitution, by which a dispensation is required in all cases of initiation under age, as was distinctly stated at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of England held on Dec 2, 1874.

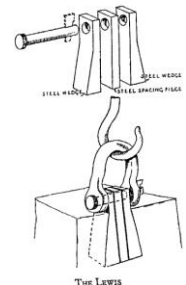
The Scotch Constitution, however, does allow a Lewis to be entered at eighteen years of age.

(RULE 180)

No such right is recognized in America, where the symbolism of the Lewis is unknown, though it has been suggested, not without some probability, that the initiation of Washington when he was only twenty years and eight months old, may be explained by a reference to this supposed privilege of Lewis.

To all of this I must add, you who

wear and are entitled to wear this Lewis Jewel do so with pride and honour.



Son, Bro. Constantine Khayutin
Father, Bro. Vladimir Khayutin



Masonic Lewis Jewel

Interesting Events and Programmes

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21st February 2015

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winter walk-a-thon fundraiser that partners with missions and inner-city charities in dozens of cities and towns across Canada, in support of the hungry, homeless and hurting in their communities.

I'm building a team of people to fundraise with me who appreciate the challenge of a good, chilly winter walk (and who might appreciate a nice warm bowl of chili afterwards).

Would you join me for the WALK? It's going to be a (winter) blast!

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By all means, do not hesitate to contact me directly if you should have any questions.

Sincerely & Fraternaly; Geoffrey Allan
PDDGM, Hamilton District C, Mobile: 905-339-7724

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654

Hosting on Feb. 24 a Lodge Resource Committee Presentation by; R.W. Bro. James (Sandy) McTavish P.D.D.G.M. south Huron District, LRC – Mentorship Program

Presentation will be part of our Lodge program. Dinner will be available at 6:30 p.m. for \$25 by contacting the Secretary before Feb. 16th 2015.

The Charles A. Sankey Lecture Series Dr. Susan M. Sommers

*The Masonic Empire of Thomas Dunckerley:
England to Quebec and the Broad Oceans In-between*

Sunday, March 22, 2015; 3 p.m.

David S. Howes Theatre, Brock University

Dr. Susan M. Sommers is Professor of History, Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Dr. Sommers is the author of

Parliamentary Politics of a County and its Town: General Elections in Suffolk and Ipswich in the Eighteenth Century (Greenwood Press, 2002) and *Thomas Dunckerley and English Freemasonry*



(Pickering & Chatto, 2012). Her current book projects include: *Dr. Ebenezer Sibly and his Circle: A Family's Life in Books in Georgian London*, and *The Radical Brotherhood: The Society of the Gentlemen Supporters of the Bill of Rights*. Both of these projects involve placing Freemasonry and Freemasons into a larger contemporary context.

This annual lecture series is named in honour of R.W. Bro. Charles A. Sankey (1905-2009) and is part of the partnership between the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Brock University. Dr. Sankey served as Chancellor of Brock University from 1969 to 1974. A renowned Masonic scholar, he was active in all the concordant bodies of Masonry including the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, the Royal Order of Scotland, and Royal Arch Masons. His extensive collection of rare Masonic books and papers is in the Special Collections of the James Gibson Library at Brock, providing a rich resource for research scholars and students.

Tickets are required, but to enable university students to be exposed to this exemplary speaker and program, they will be free. We are again asking Masons who are able to do so, to make a tax-deductible donation to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Brock University Partnership Project Number 2937, in lieu of the price of a ticket. General contributions to the overall project can be made through the same project number. Tickets will be available in early 2015. There will be a limit of 5 tickets per request.

All contributions should be made through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Project Number 2937. The Foundation can be contacted at 361 King St. West. Hamilton, ON. L8P 1B4. (905) 527-9105 or Fax: (905)527-8859

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More information about the Sankey Lecture Series can be found at sankeylectures.ca

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\$40.00 per person

HAMILTON MASONIC DISTRICTS BOARD OF RELIEF

WINTER MEETING

Feb 22nd 2:00 p.m.
Stoney Creek Masonic Hall.

SPRING DIVINE SERVICE

Sunday, April 26, 2015
St. John's Presbyterian Church,
10 Mountain Street, Grimsby, ON.

Hosted by Wentworth Lodge A.F. & A.M., No. 166, G.R.C.

Proceeds will be applied to the charitable work of the Board.

WE REMEMBER

R.W. Bro. Chester Buck

Chester was born February 19, 1920 in Buffalo New York.

Initiated: 1941/12/11 Ancient Landmarks
Lodge No. 441 Buffalo N.Y.

Passed away: 2014/12/18

W. Bro. Charles (Chuck) Harold Walker

Valley Lodge No. 100

Initiated: November 11th, 1968

Passed away: 2015/01/24

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solace and understanding



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