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From our District Deputy Grand Master Hamilton District 'C'

It is a great and very humbling experience to be elected as a District Deputy Grand Master, and my heartfelt thanks goes out to each of the brethren in the District for electing me to serve in that high office.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to V.W. Bro. Mihai (Mike) D. Samoila on his recent appoint as Grand Steward. Your service and dedication to the office of District Secretary over the last year has been exemplary, and this appointment is most fitting.



Hamilton Masonic District C has a rich history of strategic and visionary leadership working closely with very capable chairmen of carefully crafted committees. I feel proud of what has been accomplished in years past and the groundwork that has been formed. This year I hope that we will continue those good works, benefit from the guidance of past leadership, and possibly even advance with progress which can be reflected back upon in years to come.

To the brethren who have pledged their support in chairing a committee this year, you have undertaken an important role

within our Craft to administer, uphold, and effectively advance the efforts of your respective District committee towards goals and objectives set forth by your predecessors as well as yourself. I look forward to working with each of you in the forthcoming Masonic year to support you in those efforts and also to ensure that we carefully consider succession planning in everything that we do. Efforts quickly fade with the passing of time if the groundwork is not in place to promote similar or greater success for those that will follow in your footsteps.

To the WM's and officers of the 13 Lodges of our District, the responsibilities that you have to the District are quite often overlooked when you are installed into the higher chairs within your Lodge. I look forward to closely working with you to support you in your endeavours this year. I would also encourage you to consider reflecting on your relationship with the other Lodges in our District as we will all grow far stronger through working closer together.

We are all men existing in our own imperfection, and each of our Lodges while each having unique strengths also have weaknesses borne of that imperfection. This year I hope to cultivate open dialogue amongst the Masters of our Lodges towards fostering relationships, and sharing of ideas. This effort however requires an open mind amongst the members of our Lodges for adoption and success to occur.

I am asking the WM and incoming WM of each of our Lodges to ensure that they are in attendance at the upcoming Fall District Meeting. The meeting will be held at Hillcrest Masonic Temple on Saturday September 26 at 10:00am with Buchanan Lodge No. 550 as our hosts. Important material will be distributed to the lodges at that time. Immediately following the meeting I will be meeting with the Masters and incoming Masters of the lodges with information from the Custodian of the Work, followed by a productive though informal discussion.

Lastly brethren, I would like to draw your attention to the Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts' Deacons Floor work workshop in Waterdown on September 19 as well as the upcoming Grand Lodge of Instruction at MCH on September 29 for Master Masons. Both are exemplary events that should be attended by our members and I ask you to spread the word appropriately.

R. W. Bro. Devin L. Tuinstra

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Introducing Our Grand Master

M.W. Bro. John C. Green



John was born in Paisley, Ontario. After attending high school in Chesley and Walkerton, John moved to Drayton taking employment in Elmira, retiring as Operations Manager of a textile plant after 38 years. John and Barb have two daughters Robyn in Ottawa and Barb and her husband Gregg with three granddaughters in Brisbane, Australia.

John's community life includes Kinsmen President, Deputy Governor, District Governor and National President. He was active in hospital work for over 40 years including Finance Chairman 5 years, Board Chairman 6 years and Foundation President for 17 years. John was the first chairman of the CKNX Million Dollar Heroes Radiothon which is a joint fundraising venture of 14 hospitals in Western Ontario. John was Publicity Chairman of the 1984 International Plowing Match. He is the founding chairman of Drayton Entertainment in 1990 which now operates 7 theatres in South Western Ontario. John remains on their board of Directors. John is a director of Drayton Community Citizens Association which is foundation that provides funds to worthwhile causes in the local municipality such as healthy living for seniors and youth groups.

John has been in an elected in municipal politics for 36 years, 22 as Mayor. John is also elected to the board of the Association of municipalities of Ontario representing 440 municipalities. This board made up of 42 politicians who lobby and negotiate issues and agreements with the Provincial Government. John was Warden of Wellington County for three years and is currently Chairman of Finance. He has served many years on the Wellington Police Commission and the Wellington, Dufferin, Guelph Board of Health and was appointed to the Advisory Committee on Rural Planning for the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture and Food for four years.

John has been honoured with Kinsmen Life Membership, a Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary, Provincial citation for contribution to the arts in Ontario, a Provincial Long Service Award for over 25 years in elected Municipal Politics. He has been recognized for 40 years of service at the Palmerston District Hospital. He received the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2003 Other community activities in include playing competitive fastball and hockey as well as coaching minor teams. He is a member of the local historical society and the Drayton United Church. John joined Conestogo Lodge in 1975 serving as Master twice 1983 and 2005. He has membership in Aldworth Lodge, Paisley, Royal City Daylight Lodge in Guelph, Oak Branch Lodge in Innerkip and Heritage Lodge. He was DDGM in 1998-99. John was a member of the Board from 2003-2013 chairing five committees and served three years on the Management Committee. Other Masonic current involvement includes Director of the Masonic Foundation, Director of Masonichip Foundation. He is a member of Scottish Rite Guelph Valley, Moore Sovereign Consistory, Royal Arch Enterprise Chapter, Royal Order of Scotland, and Mocha Shrine. John was President of Pal Mocha Shrine Club in 2004. John was elected Deputy Grand Master in July 2013 and elected as Grand Master July 2015.

Bro. James Maxwell

William Mercer Wilson Medal Recipient

On September 22, 2015 the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John C. Green will be in attendance to personally present the William Mercer Wilson Medal to Bro. James Maxwell (Westmount Lodge Chaplain) in appreciation of his dedication to Freemasonry in general and Westmount Lodge No. 671 in particular

The evening will be dedicated to honour our distinguished Brother. There will not be any degrees conferred that evening. The Lodge will be tyled at 7:30 p.m.

Immediately following the opening of lodge, The Grand Master and G. L. Officers will be admitted. Lodge business will be conducted then Lodge will be called-off to admit Bro. Maxwell's family and guests.

All Masons are invited to attend this special occasion.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the presentation ceremony

LODGES of INSTRUCTION

From the Grand Master
M.W. Bro. John C. Green

ONE THE BENEFITS we promote in Freemasonry as a fraternity is that we make good men better. Of course from your early introduction to Masonry we instill great pride in our long standing ritual and the elements that surround it. We ask all members to be ever mindful to perform both the mechanics and memory work to the best of their ability. The best way to find the proper manner of our ritual is to attend a Lodge of Instruction that instructs you about the various aspects of Masonry with valued information you can carry with you throughout your entire Masonic experience.

Good ritual builds pride in the individuals performing the different elements and it also impresses the membership who witness good work which subsequently challenges them to see that ritual is improved and performed properly in their respective lodges. When one is visiting other lodges we might be subject to some particular variations of ritual that may not be in ample form. By attending a Lodge of Instruction you will see the work demonstrated in the various degrees as well as the Installation ceremony. The actions and explanations will help you understand the manner in which the ritual should be portrayed to the brethren. In an effort to maintain our time honoured fraternity, the ability to follow one ritual is vitally important to the future of what we as Masons believe to be near and dear to us. The protection of proper mechanics of Masonry is what makes membership so valued in the best and oldest fraternity in the world.

In the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario we are very fortunate to have dedicated Masons led by our Custodian of the Work, Most Worshipful Brother Garry Dowling, and his committee who dedicate a great deal of time and effort to maintain our ritual and instruct the membership of its importance at the various Lodges of Instruction. I cannot impress enough the value of attending a Lodge of Instruction.

This will make you a better Mason and provide you with knowledge you can relate to your respective lodges that will benefit Freemasonry well into our future.

John C. Green
Grand Master

Hamilton District 'C'
Lodge of Instruction
Tuesday Sept. 29th
Masonic Centre Hamilton
2nd floor

From the Custodian of the Work

AS THIS MASONIC YEAR draws to a close, allow me to thank all those Brethren who supported the LOI Team with their attendance at our sessions last fall and throughout the year.

Thanks also to the Brethren who submitted their questions and comments on our Rites and Ceremonies throughout the year.

Once again this fall we will continue our annual programme of bringing Ritual Instruction and Protocol and Etiquette education to the Brethren across the Province. The dedicated LOI team provides sessions focused on the Mechanics of the Work (i.e., our floor work). Proper Mechanics, when combined with excellence in the delivery of the lectures creates the environment that allows us to maintain a high standard of delivery in the practice of our rites and ceremonies.

This year we will travel north along the QEW from Toronto to the Hamilton area and then along a path in the northern part of SW Ontario. We try and cover most of our vast Province in a four year rotation. If we are not in your area this year, please remember that the team will respond to any request during the year to assist with a District LOI in our attempt to reach as broad an audience as possible.

Our sessions cover all three degrees, the Ceremony of Installation and some aspects of Protocol and Etiquette. Any Master Mason can and is encouraged to attend these sessions. Note that we have had difficulty in the past attracting Junior Officers and we extend to them an open invitation – for it is these Brethren who will lead our Lodges in performing our ceremonies in the future.

Each new Mason's first real exposure to the Craft is the ritual of the first degree. Our ritual is the embodiment of the core values of our fraternity. As such, striving for excellence in its performance is a duty incumbent on each of us. Instilling that same drive and desire in our new members is a moral obligation to which we are bound.

D. Garry Dowling
Custodian of the Work

Sept 29th, Time Programme

6:30 - 6:55 p.m. REGISTRATION.
7:00 - 7:10 Welcome Introduction of G.L. Officers & Team
7:10 - 7:35 Protocol and Etiquette
7:35 - 8:00 Entered Apprentice Degree.
8:00 - 8:25 Fellow Craft Degree.
8:25 - 8:40 BREAK
Installation Ceremony (Installed Masters only)
Break Out Sessions (for Master Masons).
9:05 - 9:30 Master Mason Degree.
9:30 - 9:55 Question Period
9:55 - 10:00 Appreciation

DISTRICT 'C' PROJECT:

Prostate Hope

The Grand Master's Charitable Project

In the lead up to the Masonic Foundation's 50th Anniversary, the foundation has decided to provide meaningful funding to Prostate Cancer Research in Ontario through a select group of research projects.

The three research projects chosen to participate in this semi-centennial commemorative initiative are as follows:

- **McMaster University:** Ph.D. candidate, Jen Hoogenes under the supervision of Dr. Bobby Shayegan at McMaster University in Hamilton has developed an assessment tool for trainees as they learn how to do robot assisted radical prostatectomy's. Currently in the validation phase, this will be the first tool of its kind and will eventually be incorporated into urology curriculum of the Medical school.
- **Queen's University:** Dr. Robert Siemens supervises a survivorship group which includes cognitive psychologists who are attempting to understand the needs and gaps for men and their spouses in terms of their care after treatment. This includes a better understanding of "quality of life" issues.
- **Western University:** Master's student Sean Leith under the supervision of Dr. Joseph Chin at Western University in London is delving into why some prostate cancers metastasize and others are less likely to do so. Many genes that promote cancer cell invasion have been isolated, but there is less known about suppressor genes. His research involves selectively silencing single suppressor genes in cultures and measuring the resultant invasiveness of the cell line. The supervisors are very excited at the prospects such funding will open for the researchers in their charge.

Through Prostate Hope, we can share in this excitement by making a contribution to this worthwhile project by giving a donation, a pledge or a bequest.

Masonic Foundation Project # 2550

See more at:

http://www.masonicfoundation.on.ca/prostate_cancer.html

Table Lodge

An evening of fellowship, fun and comradery combined with the usual 4 course dinner and various toasts.

This is an all-inclusive evening with meal, liquid refreshments, commemorative cannon (shot glass) and a chance to win a door prize.

Date: October 16, 2015

Location: Hillcrest Masonic Temple

Time: 8.00 p. m.

Ticket: \$40.00 per person

Tickets available from any Westmount Lodge Officer.
Net proceeds donated to benevolence (District Charity).

OUR COMMITMENT TO BLOOD SERVICES
AND OUR FELLOW CREATURES

*Remember to register as a "Partner for Life"
on your next visit!*



Calendar of Clinics

35 Stone Church Road, Ancaster Time: 8:00 – 13:00	Every Saturday
McMaster University Medical Centre Ewart Angus Foyer Time: 9:30-15:30	Fri Sept 18, 2015 Fri Oct 23, 2015 Fri Nov 20, 2015
Stoney Creek Mountain F.H. Sherman Recreation Centre Saltfleet Secondary School Time: 15:00-19:00	Fri Sept 11, 2015 Fri Nov 13, 2015 Fri Jan 8, 2016 Fri Mar 11, 2016
Downtown Hamilton Hamilton Convention Centre Time: 8:30-12:30	Mon Sept 14, 2015 Mon Nov 9, 2015 Mon Jan 11, 2016 Mon Mar 14, 2016
Redeemer College Executive Dining Hall Time: 10:00-16:00	Thurs Sept 24, 2015 Thurs Nov 19, 2015 Thurs Jan 14, 2016 Thurs Mar 10, 2016

We are always looking for volunteers. We now need a minimum of 2 volunteers from sponsoring lodges at the permanent clinic, **if you or your Lodge are interested, in participating please contact:**

W. Bro. David Macdonald

macdonald@airwhistle.com, 905-399-9908

Stay Informed:

www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org



District Leadership Team

Our DDGM

Past DDGMs

Our History

Trestle Board



Scottish Rite Masonry

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Ken Adamson

There are several theories as to the origin of the Scottish Rite, but it appears to have evolved in France around 1754 when the Chapter of Claremont was founded in Paris with seven degrees. By 1758, the system had become a Rite of twenty-five degrees known as the Rite of Perfection whose Grand Regulations were issued in 1762. In 1761 Stephen Morin was designated to introduce the Rite into the New World. He first established the Rite in Kingston, Jamaica as well as in San Domingo. On the mainland, bodies were set up at New Orleans LA in 1763, in Albany NY in 1767, in Philadelphia PA in 1782 and in Charleston SC in 1783.

In 1786 "Grand Constitutions" were enacted in an attempt to bring order out of the chaotic condition of the degrees in Europe. It was these Constitutions which brought "The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite" into formal existence, enlarging the number of degrees to thirty-three, with the thirty-third degree as a governing Supreme Council.

The Grand Constitutions of 1786 were issued in the name of Frederick the Great of Prussia as titular head of the Rite but he was suffering from terminal illness at the date they were promulgated and died soon afterwards.

No degree of the Scottish Rite seems to have had its actual origin in Scotland. The term "Scottish" is a translation of the French "Eccossais" in the French titles of some of the degrees of the Rite of Perfection. There may well be a traditional connection here. One or two of the degrees were long supposed to have been devised by the Chevalier Andrew Michael Ramsay, a learned Scotsman, tutor to Prince Charles Edward, the Young Pretender. These degrees seem to have afforded a rallying point for various loyalists to the Stuarts who were in exile in France and were plotting for the restoration of James II and his son to the throne of England.

In 1801, a Supreme Council was opened in Charleston SC, under the above constitutions, absorbing the previously existing Rite of Perfection. This Supreme Council subsequently issued warrants for other Supreme Councils. All other regular Supreme Councils of today are descended, directly or indirectly, from this Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America.

In 1813, the Southern Jurisdiction established the Supreme Council 33° for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. In 1845 the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction warranted a Supreme Council in England and Wales which, in 1874, authorized the formation of the Supreme Council of Canada.

At the time our Supreme Council was chartered, Scottish Rite Bodies were already operative in Hamilton ON (1868), London ON (1868), St. John NB (1868), Halifax NS (1870), Toronto ON (1873) and Montreal QC (1873). Our Supreme Council is in amity with more than forty other Supreme Councils throughout the world as well as four National Grand Lodges in the Scandinavian countries.

The Scottish Rite consists of three bodies, the Lodge of Perfection, the Chapter of Rose Croix and the Consistory. These bodies confer the degrees of the Rite as follows:

Lodge of Perfection

Lodges of Perfection confer the 4th to the 14th degrees inclusive. The degrees continue the story of the building of King Solomon's Temple and amplify and conclude the legend of the Master Mason degree. They are designed to impress more forcefully the teachings of the first three degrees of Craft Masonry. The 4th, 5th, 7th, 13th and 14th degrees are obligatory. The other degrees, if not given in full, are "communicated" by obligation and explained.



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| 4° <i>Secret Master</i> | 10° <i>Elect of the Fifteen</i> |
| 5° <i>Perfect Master</i> | 11° <i>Elect of the Twelve</i> |
| 6° <i>Intimate Secretary</i> | 12° <i>Grand Master Architect</i> |
| 7° <i>Provost and Judge</i> | 13° <i>Royal Arch of Solomon</i> |
| 8° <i>Intendant of the Building</i> | 14° <i>Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason</i> |
| 9° <i>Elect of the Nine</i> | |

Chapter of Rose Croix

Chapters of Rose Croix confer the 15th to the 18th degrees inclusive. The 15th and 16th degrees relate to the rebuilding of the Second Temple of Zerubbabel. The 17th degree is an approach to the 18th degree. The 18th degree is a recognition of Christian ethics in universal terms thereby assisting in the building, in our hearts, of the Third Temple not made with hands. The 18th degree is supplemented on an annual basis by the beautiful Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday Ceremonials. The 15th and 18th degrees are obligatory.

- 15° *Knight of the East or Sword*
- 16° *Prince of Jerusalem*
- 17° *Knight of the East and West*
- 18° *Knight Rose Croix*



Consistory

Consistories confer the 19th to the 32nd degrees inclusive. These degrees, often elaborate and highly dramatic, cover a variety of approaches to Masonic teaching. Some have the Crusades as a background. The 31st degree is the judicial branch of the Scottish Rite; the 32nd degree is the military branch. The 30th, 31st and 32nd degrees culminate the teachings of the Scottish Rite hence they are obligatory and must be conferred in full ritual form.

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| 19° <i>Grand Pontiff</i> | 28° <i>Knight of the Sun</i> |
| 20° <i>Master ad Vitam</i> | 29° <i>Knight of St. Andrew</i> |
| 21° <i>Patriarch Noachite</i> | 30° <i>Knight Kadosh</i> |
| 22° <i>Prince of Libanus</i> | 31° <i>Inspector Inquisitor Commander</i> |
| 23° <i>Chief of the Tabernacle</i> | 32° <i>Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret</i> |
| 24° <i>Prince of the Tabernacle</i> | |
| 25° <i>Knight of the Brazen Serpent</i> | |
| 26° <i>Prince of Mercy</i> | |
| 27° <i>Commander of the Temple</i> | |

If you would like to know more, just ask a Scottish Rite brother or contact the Scottish Rite Office at 905-522-1622 Ex 22.

Material for this article was largely drawn from www.scottishritecanada.ca



Dates to Remember

September 2015

Grand Steward Presentation

**Tuesday, September 8th,
2015 8:00 pm**

Masonic Centre Hamilton Temple Lodge invites you to join us as we congratulate and invest our V.W. Bro. Mihai (Mike) Samoila with his Grand Steward regalia.



Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

Fall Seminar: "Deacons Workshop"
Saturday September 19, 2015. 9:00am
Waterdown Lodge No. 357
929 Highway 6, Millgrove

William Mercer Wilson Medal

Tuesday September 22. 7:30 pm

Hillcrest Masonic Temple

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John C. Green will be in attendance at Westmount Lodge No. 671 to personally present the award to Bro. John Maxwell.

The evening is open to family and friends.

Grand Lodge: Mentors Program

Tuesday Sept 22nd, 2015, 7:30 pm

Landmarks / Doric No. 654

Presentation by the

Grand Lodge Resource Committee.

The Mentors Program

R.W. Bro. John Trotter

Presentation to follow Lodge business 7:30

Dinner at 6:30 (\$25.00 person)

Contact secretary:

R.W. Bro William MacPherson 905-648-6771 or

wjmac@sympatico.ca

Dinner R.S.V.P. by Friday September 11



MasoniCh.I.P.
September 26-27,
Ancaster Fall Fair
630 Trinity Rd.,
sponsored by Buchanan Lodge

Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Meeting

Saturday, September 26th, 2015, 10:00 am

Hillcrest Masonic Temple,

*WM & incoming WM to attend from all lodges

Hamilton Masonic Districts' Board of Relief

Fall Board Meeting

Sunday September 27, 2015. 2:00 pm

Stoney Creek Masonic Hall,

19 Dawson Ave, Stoney Creek

GRAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

Tuesday, September 29th, 2015

Masonic Centre Hamilton (MCH), 2nd floor

6:30 p.m. Registration, 7:00 p.m. Start

Hosted by Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654

October 2015

Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

Masonic Gravesite Presentation

Tuesday October 13, 2015. 7:00 pm

Hamilton Shrine Club,

82 Melvin Ave. Hamilton

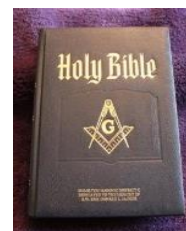
Hamilton Masonic Districts' Board of Relief Fall Divine Service

Sunday, October 25, 2015. 7:00 pm

Laidlaw Memorial United Church

155 Ottawa Street, Hamilton

Hosted by Battlefield Lodge No. 714



The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

Breakfast Meeting

Saturday October 31, 2015. 8:30 am

Masonic Centre Hamilton (MCH)

Speaker: Glenn Gibson, Hamilton Tiger Cats



Around The District



Presenting the District C 2014-2015 Project cheque to Neighbour 2 Neighbour Centre.

Bro. Shawn Mahar, Doug Faraway, R.W. Bro. Glen Notman, Denise Arkell, R.W. Bro. Geoff Allan,

With the Coldest Night of the Year, Food Drop offs, Lodge Support and fundraising, our Hamilton District 'C' was able to provide Neighbour 2 Neighbour with great support valued in excess of \$15,000 in 2015

The Centre still needs help with their reading tutor program. If you wish to donate your time and talent to the *Kids Can Succeed Reading Tutor Program*, please visit Neighbour to Neighbour at 28 Athens Street, Hamilton ON, call Deban Brunette at 905-574-1334 ext. 204, or email tutor@n2ncentre.com

Valley Lodge Golf Tournament



Brenda McAlpine, W. Bro. Lance Mullett, Maria Glidden and W. Bro. Bill Paul

Valley Lodge hosted its 10th annual golf tournament and charity event in support of Crohns & Colitis Canada (CCC) on June 13th, 2015 at Copetown Woods Golf Club. Over 90 golfers experienced a terrific day of friendly competition, a beautifully maintained golf course, excellent food and perfect weather. This year's tournament was hotly contested with the

winning foursome of Russ Ormond, Andrew Rutherford, Ben Comeau and Wilson Comeau capturing the 2015 winner's title. After the completion of the tournament, the golfers were joined by an additional 40 diners for a social hour and then all together were treated to an excellent meal and service by the Copetown Woods staff. After dinner and the presentation of golf awards, Maria Glidden of CCC brought our guests up to speed on the efforts of the organization as well as the advances being made in effective treatments. Maria then introduced Brenda McAlpine, our guest speaker for the evening, who shared her story of living with ulcerative colitis. Brenda did a tremendous job of putting a very personal face on this affliction. Immediately after Brenda's talk, Valley Brethren conducted the charity event and, through the generosity of our guests and a 'top off' by Valley Brethren, Valley's Worship Master, Worshipful Brother Lance Mullett was able to present a cheque to Maria and Brenda to deliver to CCC. The day was marked by an overriding spirit of generosity and fellowship.

Valley Brethren wish to extend their gratitude to all attendees and volunteers without whom this event could not be as successful as it has been!

D.D.G.M. Meets with District Chairmen

R. W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra and his wife Cait recently hosted a gathering of District C Committees chairmen and their spouses for fellowship and to discuss his plans for the year and to provide an opportunity for input.



Symbols and Allegory

The Symbolic File Article #1:

Many Masons ask, is Masonry only about the performing of the three degrees? Another question is if I take further degrees in the York Rite or Scottish Rite will I be given the meaning of the degrees in the Craft Lodge?

The answer to these two questions is no.

First of all Craft Masonry is much more than the three degrees. Each aspect of the degrees is “veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols”. This statement answers the second question. It is necessary to understand the allegory and symbols of each degree. The subsequent degrees only add to the information enhancing the knowledge.

What is being said here is if you cannot add, subtract and multiply you will never learn algebra.

One of the main tenets of Masonry is to “Know thy self”. It is this self-knowledge that the allegory and symbols provides. We will look at a few short definitions of allegory and symbol.

The Webster dictionary states that an allegory is a description of one thing under the description of another and a story in which people, things or happenings have a hidden or symbolic meaning.

For a definition of a symbol I will quote Jolande Jacobi taken from Complex Archetype Symbols in the Psychology of C.G.Jung. She states; “Symbols present an objective, viable meaning behind which an invisible, more profound meaning is hidden.”

Masonry provides the allegory of the building of a physical temple, (the temple at Jerusalem) which actually refers to the building of a personal inner structure.

The symbols are the elements of that temple, which can be equated to different aspects of one’s own inner being.

We will look at one example. The Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master are one, two and three steps above the level. Each step gives a more expanded understanding of the physical building and of one’s self. The steps also give each officer the authority to perform his duty. If for example the Senior Warden steps down to invest the candidate he gives up his authority to do so. How many times have you seen this happen? When these symbols can be equated to ones own inner self the veil begins to be drawn aside and the allegory (the meaning) of Masonry starts to become clear.

Article Two will look at setting a course to understand the symbols and allegory of Masonry.

I will state here that the opinions in this column are from my own research developed over many years. There may however be other valid interpretations of the symbols. This is the reason I mentioned above that the inner structure being built is of a personal nature.

Written and contributed by
W. Bro. David Beland, Temple Lodge

19th Annual Beef & Corn Roast August 26, 2015



Three Hamilton District D.D.G.M. ’s enjoying some fine food, family, and fellowship

Call for Submissions

Brethren,

We are looking to reinstate a Questions and Answers section in the Chronicle. Please feel free to submit your questions to the editorial team and where space allows, we will provide some answers, or point you in the right direction.

Thank you to the Brethren for their submissions this month. It makes the Chronicle more meaningful to have your input included.



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