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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, it is so nice to see several of the initiatives that we've been working on all year within Hamilton District C coming to fruition.

At our recent Spring District Meeting, we had a lot of discussion surrounding the Long Range Plan which was drafted through the combined efforts of several brethren in our District. After a lot of positive



DDGM R.W. Bro. Devin L. Tuinstra

discussion, the plan was unanimously approved by the Lodges for adoption. This District Long Range Plan, together with the individual Lodge Long Range Plans that members pledged to draft after our February workshop, solidify an important foundation for our District well into the future.

At the close of our District Meeting, the booklets for the Masonic Legacy Tour at the Head of the Lake were distributed and many members took part in a great afternoon of fellowship, education and fun. I am proud to have worked on the development of this booklet and R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie should be commended for the vast efforts that went into

developing the timeless content contained therein. Learning from our past is an essential component of appreciating our future.

As our Masonic year begins to draw to a close, and events begin to take the form of barbecues, and installations. Our District C Annual Family Picnic is fast approaching on Sunday June 12. The event format has been adjusted this year such that Lodges and members need only bring a side dish or dessert to join in the fun, and we have a committee handling the rest. A pavilion with washrooms, indoor and outdoor seating and a liquor license has been obtained. A small team has also been gathered who will be cooking up meats on the BBQ, and the only cost is a small park entrance fee. I encourage all brethren of our District whether you come on your own, with your family, or with your Lodge brethren, that you come and enjoy a casual day of festivities as we celebrate another great Masonic year.

Contained within this edition of the Chronicle is a great deal of information on the events of the upcoming Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Tickets are on sale now for \$65 for the Grand Master's Banquet and can be obtained by emailing me directly. I would also encourage you to consider attending the educational sessions conducted on the Tuesday afternoon if your time permits.

Brethren, at this time of year there is commonly a change in location for many of our events as Lodge barbecues and socials at private residences become common. I would encourage you to consider those members who do not commonly attend, are shut-in, or who use public transit to attend your meetings and consider offering them a ride. Many times, we lose sight of those brethren who fall off of our radar, though a phone call can make all the difference.

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra



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From the Grand Master

Well Brethren, here we are in May and we still have not enjoyed very much Spring weather as far as warmth is concerned. Fear not, I know it will be appreciated when it arrives.

We are now approaching the completion of Official Visits and getting into Installations and that dreaded BBQ season many Lodges enjoy before the summer months' recess. A



time of fellowship and social time that is important to all of us and welfare of our future. The opportunity to enjoy each other's company is a valued aspect of Masonry that should not be overlooked. To know and understand our brethren on a more personal level will benefit your own lives, your Lodge membership and thus Grand Lodge in general.

Recently a number of Seminars and Workshops have been conducted in various locations of the Grand Jurisdiction. In an effort to share many of the programs, Grand Lodge emphasizes these sessions will better inform our membership of different areas where Grand Lodge can offer support to them. I have heard there was good attendance to these gatherings in Mitchell, Chatham, Sault Ste. Marie, Ingleside, Waterloo and Belleville. Timmins has yet to happen in late May. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended for their own interest and personal development and then conveyed the information back to their membership, mutually benefitting their Lodge. Along with these seminars and workshops, the District Deputy Grand Masters Orientation Team has completed their seminars throughout the Province. For the most part these sessions were quite well attended. I congratulate those attendees for their interest and I know that there are always items presented in the workshops that will benefit the membership, particularly, those who aspire to move forward as candidates for District Deputy Grand Masters or District Secretary.

I have had the opportunity to recently visit a number of Grand Lodge Communications in other Jurisdictions. While we have the same Principles, as our Fraternal Brethren, every Grand Lodge has their own specific manner or process of conducting business. I was recently in Connecticut and New York and found they have basically the same issues we are challenged with here in Ontario. The differences were interesting to me but when you sit back and review their efforts, the results and tactics used

to correct or remedy a situation, are only marginally different. Some of the differences center around State laws vs the Charter of Rights of Canada that relates to the governance of the respective Grand Lodges. Many of the issues are similar but the mechanisms of how we amend them are not the same. While many of our Provincial and National statutes are to be respected you can imagine the situation in the USA where they deal with over 50 legislative bodies. This was a real eye opener for me but I have a better understanding after having some discussion with our American neighbours.

Brethren, as you now know or will very shortly know which Brethren are letting their names stand for elected Grand Lodge Office. I want to remind you there are certain courtesies we need to respect leading up the elections at our Grand Lodge Communication at the Royal York on July 19 and 20. There have been times when some people who favour a particular candidate have, on occasion, openly endorsed that individual. This is generally not well received because of the respectful manner we come to expect from one another when anyone allows their name to stand for an elected office. We are fortunate to have members who wish to let names stand and hopefully serve. To openly display your particular feelings in favour one candidate over another has two possible affects. First, it may create a negative connotation for your candidate for the actions displayed. Second, it may convince some delegates to support a candidate favourably which we, as Masons, frown upon promoting in a manner when most Masons look upon as less than even playing field. This has been an issue, many times, in past years. I sincerely ask that you conduct yourselves properly as men and Masons and uphold the integrity of our Grand Lodge.

For those who are so inclined to golfing and all other outdoor activities I can assure you the better weather is coming but, like the weather man, I can't predict how soon that might be.

Brethren, never be afraid to display the pride you have of being a Mason to those around you in your daily path of life.

John C. Green

Grand Master's Banquet

Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Canadian Room Fairmont Royal York Hotel

R.W. Bro. Stuart A. Wright
Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of California
Guest Speaker

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets \$65.00 and available from the D.D.G.Ms.
Cash sales only.

Deputy Grand Master

Brethren: Spring has finally sprung here in the Ottawa Valley - that is if you don't mind a couple of days of light snow.

All Committees of Grand Lodge will by now have prepared their reports for the Preliminary Proceedings and presentation to the Board of General Purposes for acceptance and recommendation to be presented at the Annual Communication for approval.

The composition of the Board of General Purposes is described in your copy of the 2015 Constitution Section 131. The President of the Board - the Deputy Grand Master - will call the Board meeting to order on Monday July 18th at 9:00am. The Board will then begin deliberations of the reports of the various Committees of Grand Lodge. The second session of the Board will convene again on Tuesday at 10:00am.

The Board of General Purposes meetings are open to all Masons for observation and a small number of seats often described as the "peanut gallery" are provided for your listening pleasure.

Your Lodge will by now have received a package from the Grand Secretary which contains valuable information regarding: those who are allowing their name to stand for various offices; time and location of District meetings; proposed amendments to the Constitution along with other general information. Also, you are reminded, this year, there are **FIVE VOTES ONLY** for Members of the Board of General Purposes. Please ensure you are aware of the material contained in the Grand Secretary's Information Package and you will have, my Brethren, made a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

This month I had the distinct privilege of attending the 34th Annual All Canada Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

This was, of course, my first time and I am pleased to report that it was a very productive and informative Conference. Several of the attendees, particularly the Brethren from Newfoundland & Labrador, had difficulty arriving due to a snow storm in their home Province but in time all, except the representative of the District Grand Lodge Scotland of Newfoundland & Labrador, made it safely to Winnipeg.

The first day and a half was spent listening and questioning the various Grand Masters as they updated the conference with what is working well and what are the more

challenging issues they were undertaking. It was very interesting that many issues were found to be in common with all the Grand Lodges.

The Deputy Grand Masters gave their reports based on a previously provided question and I paraphrase. "In your jurisdiction, what is considered Masonic Education, Ritual or Masonic Knowledge gained from a person or literature and how does your Jurisdiction support Masonic Education?"

Your Deputy advanced the discussion that both are Masonic Education and you can only imagine me expressing just how much our Grand Lodge supports Masonic Education. However, as was the case at the North American Conference of Grand Masters earlier this year, it was the breakout sessions which proved most informative. Four groups the Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and Observers were divided into separate break out groups.

Each group designated a scribe along with a presenter and tried to answer a previously proposed question. The question for the Deputies was "What do you see as the greatest opportunities facing Grand Lodges over the next five years and how do you propose we should take advantage of them"

After much discussion, where we learned a lot about each other and our Grand Lodges, the Deputies group was ready to answer the question. We looked at "greatest opportunities" from both a positive and negative view point and, in the end, our response was both informative and well thought out.

The Ancient Charges & Regulations:

Promise a regular attendance on the communication and committee of the Grand Lodge upon receiving proper notice.

Brethren, please remember that your support is needed at a Lodge Committee of General Purposes, a Lodge meeting and at Grand Lodge each year.

Paul E. Todd

"Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve."

~ George Bernard Shaw

Scottish Rite -

LOVE OF LEARNING GALA

Save the Date, October 15, 2016

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is working to open a Learning Centre for Children, in Hamilton. As our present schooling systems aren't funded to support the programs necessary to assist these children in desperate need of help, we have thus far, established eight Learning Centres across Canada. We felt it was time the children in the Golden Horseshoe received the same benefits. I have included a link to take you to the website of the Hamilton Learning Centre, intended to address additional questions about Dyslexia. <http://dyslexiacentrehamilton.com/index.htm>

As you might appreciate, this is a huge undertaking that requires considerable funding to start up, and then sustainable funding to operate annually. Our immediate need is for start-up funding and to that end we are holding the First Annual LOVE OF LEARNING GALA, Saturday October 15, 2016 at the Liuna Station in Hamilton.

Dave Warrington

Learning Center for Children

161st Communication of Grand Lodge

July 18th -21st - Nominations

Meet the Nominees in Salon A – Convention Floor
 Tuesday July 19, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Board of General Purposes (Elect 5 Only)

- Leslie Franklin Armstrong
- Barry Francis Burchill
- Robert John Cresswell
- Leonard Elliot Feldt
- John L. Richard Hay
- Richard Wayne Kaufman
- Robert Kliaman
- Brian Vilho Koivu
- Michael James Locke
- Robert Frank Manz
- Leyland Anthony Muss
- David John Neave
- Thomas Andrew Siemiernik
- Paul Ronthaler Alfred Edward Skazin
- Terrance Van Horne

Grand Secretary - Acclamation

Terence Shand

Grand Treasurer - Acclamation

Thomas Wallace Hogeboom

Grand Registrar - Acclamation

Edward Thomas Evans

Grand Senior Warden

- Maher Eid
- John Peter Romano

Grand Junior Warden

- Adriaan de Vries
- Theophilus Hall

Voting at the Fairmount Royal York

Tuesday July 19, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Wednesday July 20, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

NOTE: Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.

The rules relating to the issue and use of proxies are defined in Sections 56 and 57 of the Book of Constitution.



GRAND LODGE SEMINARS



Discussion and Participation for the Members

Time	B.C. Rm	Quebec Rm	Alberta Rm
1:30 - 2:20	The Memorial Service L. Armstrong	Engaging the New Mason A. Nasrallah	Building a Website Two Hour Session
2:30- 3:20	District Secretary Preparation T. Siemiernik	Central Investment Lodge Funds J. Sutherland	
3:30 – 4:20	Cornerstone Project J. Ireland	Historic 300th Anniversary of Masonry M. Jenkins	Project Hope A. Dvorak
1:30- 4:20	Continuous Information Computer Resources in the Algonquin Room, Main Mezzanine R.Kilaman		

Preregistration not required.

District Balloting

Wednesday 4:00 p.m. -

Hamilton District C Masons will meet in the Saskatchewan Room to elect our D.D.G.M. for 2016-17 and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Secretary and/or Grand Treasurer

AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Moment of Silence for those who have passed to the Grand Lodge above.

Adoption of Agenda

Minutes of May 15, 2015 Meeting
 (Adopted as Written and Distributed)

Nominations & Election for the Office of

DDGM 2016 – 2017

DDGM Elect's Remarks

Announcements

Adjournment



Ionic Lodge No. 549 Official Visit



Hugh Murray No. 102 Official Visit



Markham No. 100 Official Visit



Temple No. 324 Official Visit

**R.W. Bro.
DEVIN L. TUINSTRA
2015-2016**



**D.D.G.M.
HAMILTON
MASONIC
DISTRICT "C"**



The Electric No. 495 Official Visit



Mechanical Lodge No. 100 Official Visit



Valley Lodge No. 100 Official Visit



Corinthian Lodge No. 513 Official Visit

Official Visits



Meridian Lodge No. 637 Official Visit



Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 634 Official Visit



Hamilton District C





Come on out to the Hamilton District C Annual Family Picnic!

Come and join us for a day of fun in the sun.
Family, kids, and friends are all welcome!

Sunday, June 12, 2016 @ Noon
**Rain or Shine (Large Covered Pavillion)*

Christie Lake Conservation Area *Marine Pavillion
1000 Highway 5 West, Dundas (Across from Flamboro Downs)

An afternoon of friends, food and fun, as well as facepainting for the kids. A model airplane & boat show may also be happening nearby. Bring along beach items, and a side dish or a dessert. We have the rest of the BBQ covered!
*BYOB, we have obtained a liquor license.

Park fee: \$10/vehicle+driver, \$5/pp additional. Kids under 5 free!

Please bring your family and join in the fun!
Don't miss it!



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2016

The Scottish Rite Golf Classic
Celebrates
 THE 87TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
 "RED APPLE GOLF TROPHY"
 SATURDAY JUNE 11TH 2016

CARLISLE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
 523 CARLISLE ROAD | HAMILTON, ONTARIO | L0R 1H0

ENTRY FEE OF \$150.00
 PER GOLFER INCLUDES
 LUNCH, 18 HOLE SCRAMBLE,
 GOLF CART, DINNER, SILENT
 AUCTION AND PRIZE TABLE
DINNER ONLY \$45.00

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE
 Longest Drive And Closest To The Pin Prizes
 For Both Men And Women

Registration	11:30 - 1:00 pm
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00 pm
Shot Gun Start	1:00 pm
Cocktails and Dinner	6:45 pm
Prize Presentation	7:30 pm

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE DONATED TO THE SCOTTISH RITE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FOR USE BY
THE HAMILTON LEARNING CENTRE FOR CHILDREN
 TO BOOK YOUR TEAM OR TO REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL PLEASE CONTACT KEN ADAMSON AT 905 522-1622 EXT. 22

Installation

Meridian Lodge No. 687
 Wednesday June 8, 2016
 Tyle at 7:00 pm, Dinner to follow
 Ancaster

Installation

Valley Lodge No. 100 Installation
 Monday June 13, 7:30 p.m.
 Dundas Masonic Temple

There will be a light repast and refreshments served after Closing. Visitors are always warmly welcomed at Valley.

Installation

Temple Lodge No. 324
 Tuesday June 14, Tyle 7:00 p.m.
 MCH
 Annual Celebratory Party to follow

Installation

Corinthian Lodge No. 513
 Thursday June 23, Tyle 7:30 p.m.
 MCH

July 2016

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July 18th -21st -

Fairmont Royal York Hotel
 Toronto



August 2016

MASONIC BEEF & CORN ROAST WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24th 2016



ANCASTER AGRICULTURAL
 SOCIETY, MERRITT HALL
 630 TRINITY ROAD
 (Corner of No.2 Hwy and Trinity Rd.)

OPEN: 4:30 P.M. CORN: 4:30 P.M. DINNER: 6:00 P.M.

ADULT TICKET is \$20.00 (13 and over)
 CHILD TICKET IS \$10.00 (12 and under)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ALL WELCOME

Proceeds will be shared between:
 St. Peter's Hospital and the Scottish Rite
 Learning Centre for Children

masonicbeef.corn@gmail.com



Around The District Lodge Installations



Buchanan Lodge No. 550



The Electric No. 654



Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654



Wardrobe Lodge No. 555

LOVE OF LEARNING GALA Save the Date, October 15, 2016



Key players in the Scottish Rite's drive for the dyslexia resource centre. From left:
Frank Westaway, Patrick McKenna, Geoff Allan, Don Thornton, Shawn Maher and Jason McCulloch
(source; Hamilton Spectator May 21)

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Sergiu Sopterian

Seymour Lodge No.272
Initiated March 19, 2004
Passed April 13, 2004
Raised March 8, 2005
Passed to the G.L.A. on April 21, 2016

W. Bro. Donald Jack Wesley

Corinthian Lodge No.513
Initiated February 23, 1984
Passed March 22, 1984
Raised May 24 1984
Passed to the G.L.A. on April 26, 2016

Bro. Andrew Wotherspoon

Hugh Murray Lodge No.602
Initiated into Hugh Murray Lodge 602 June 21, 1988
Passed September 12, 1988
Raised October 26, 1988
Passed to the G.L.A May 15, 2016

V.W. Bro. John Aikman

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654
Initiated April 24, 1984
Passed November 27, 1984
Raised April 27 1985
Wor. Master- 1996-97
Grand Organist 2006-7
Passed to the G.L.A. on May 22, 2016

We will remember their families in Prayer

Symbolism in Art and Architecture

Symbolic File Article #10:

Symbolism was much used in architecture up to the First World War. It declined between the First and Second War and mostly disappeared after the Second War. The symbolism being referred to was planned and designed into a building. Wooden gingerbread on older homes had specific designs and number systems. Steps were often in sets of three, five and seven. Designs in brick and stone are most common. Net designs can be seen on schools and public buildings. The two columns with the arch and keystone are very common as well as keystones over windows. The double spiral is the oldest and most common symbol and is one the most important. It is used in many areas but more particularly in wrought iron designs. Another important aspect is balance and symmetry in the designs. Some designs are inconspicuous such as squares, levels and plumb rules found in brick patterns. There are of course many others. When in an area of older buildings see how many you can spot.

It may be thought that this symbolism is used to inspire only those who understand them. This is partially true since the initiated would immediately see their value and the symbols do possess a higher esoteric meaning.

The main reason however is much broader in scope. It continually reassures the mind of the initiated and the uninitiated alike of its conscious nature and generally it has a calming effect. This is the reason when visiting old towns one feels more calm and at ease. Compare that feeling to the underground shopping mazes in such places as Toronto or the canyons of glass and steel skyscrapers. The purposely placed squares, rectangles, diamonds and nets patterns along with all the other symbols including balance and proportion calm and reassure the mind. A person without knowledge of symbolism can benefit since symbols work on the unconscious level. This gives all people a sense of place and “stability”.

The conscious and unconscious mind will continually search for stability. The human race has not moved far away from this need down through the ages. In earlier times when the conscious aspect was not as developed as it is today much more symbolism was used in architecture. The symbolism then had other uses as well including marking the course of the sun, when to sow, when to harvest, feast days etc. How the building was situated and all the designs had symbolic value. An example of this is that “King Solomon placed the pillars at the east entrance of the temple so that the children of Israel would have the glory of their fore fathers **continually** before their eyes”.

The word continually does show the importance of such symbolism on the stability of the people. The symbols on the pillars were also important symbols since they were a key that allowed the people to connect to the temple, which represented the Inner Self. In today’s world it may be believed that we are too sophisticated to worry about the stability symbols give us.

This however is far from the truth. Much is heard about stress and depression. It could well be due to the conscious and the unconscious mind not finding stability. When that stability is not found, problems can ensue. C.G. Jung, who I mention in these articles, strongly supports this position. Most newly built areas are void of symbolism not allowing the mind that sense of stability. Symbolism in art performs an entirely different purpose. It is used to send a message to a specific group of people. Those who commission the paintings most often attempt to send a message of strength, power, lineage or simply that they have wealth.

Most interesting however is when an artist inserted symbolism to send an esoteric message contrary to what was commissioned. This hidden message is in symbolic form and of a spiritual nature. Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci are most famous for hidden messages but there are many others such as Vandyke, Poussin and Durer, to name a few.

It does not take a great deal of study to find that there has been a longstanding movement that gives a greater understanding to spiritual concepts. This understanding is much different than the statuesque thinking that prevails even today. This understanding has often shown up in the paintings of the artists named above as well as in other artistic forms and architecture. Hidden symbolism still intrigues people today. It is of special interest to those who are in search of answers and so it should be, since it is this symbolism that connects those on the Path with earlier seekers who have found those answers.

W. Bro. David Beland, Temple Lodge No. 324

Next month: Article Eleven Are Symbols Relevant Today?

Interesting Links:

The Legacy of Raymond S.J. Daniels, PGM

The authorized anthology and archive of the Masonic Works of our beloved Grand Master, M.W. Bro.

Raymond S. J. Daniels

<http://www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org/raymond-daniels.php>

Freemasonry and the Old West

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/43013696>



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