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From Our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren,

As we all know, Hamilton District 'C' has a long and rich history of families in Masonry and, in some cases, even several generations.

In May we had the pleasure of witnessing another great example of this as now W. Bro. Rob Ellison was Installed as Worshipful Master of Wardrobe No. 555 by his Father, W. Bro. Rick Ellison while his Grandfather W. Bro. Campbell also took part. This was an emotional evening for many who were in attendance.



May also saw another three installations which again reminded many of us of our family histories with Masonry.

W. Bro. Joe Murdoch was Installed as Worshipful Master at Buchanan No. 550, my father's Lodge.

W. Bro. Alex Mouriopoulos was Installed for a second term as Worshipful Master of The Electric No. 495, a Lodge well known for its family ties.

Finally, W. Bro. Joe Kippax was Installed as Worshipful Master of Landmarks/Doric No. 654 by W. Bro. Cory

McCarthy who's father is, of course, R.W. Bro. Norm McCarthy of the same Lodge.

Congratulations to all the new Worshipful Masters and their Officers, to all the Installing Masters, as above as well as R.W. Bro. Mike Kingsley for Buchanan Lodge and R.W. Bro. Bill Millar for The Electric Lodge, and their teams.

I would also like to congratulate The Electric Lodge No. 495 on being recognized by The Masonic Foundation of Ontario for its several contributions to The Grand Master's charity, Prostate Hope. R.W. Bro. Lindsay Reiach, Chair of Prostate Hope, was on hand to present The Electric Lodge with a beautiful plaque in appreciation of its generosity.

Staying with Prostate Hope, many thanks to Westmount No. 671 for its kind donation to this important cause at its Table Lodge. Special thanks to W. Bro. Jeff Heimpel and his team for organizing this fun and educational event where The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Paul Todd, was the guest of honour.

Hamilton District 'C' is also known for so many of it's Brethren being active in other bodies of Masonry as well as our Craft Masonry. That being said, thank you to all of you who were able to take time from your busy schedules to attend The Spring District Meeting especially with so many of you having Scottish Rite commitments at the same time.

Before closing, please be reminded of The Grand Master's initiative of the province wide Lodge Open Houses on Saturday June 3. The Lodges that meet at The Masonic Centre of Hamilton, MCH, are combining efforts to host an open house that morning. Please try to drop by if you are able to do so. A round of thanks to W. Bro. Gary Chiarot and the committee of Brethren who have given their time, along with the assistance of CMT and Towers, on making this time possible to showcase our Craft.

As our purpose in Masonry is to make good men better, our focus this year is to bring out the best in ourselves, thereby bringing out the best in others.

See you in Lodge!

R.W. Bro. Craig L. Knapman

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From the Grand Master

Brethren, here we are in the merry month of May, hopefully with less rain than April. May is traditionally a busy time in many Lodges as Official Visits being completed and a number of Lodges are having their Elections and Installations. The Grand Master's Receptions are nearing completion with five more in May. In March, April and May we are attending sixteen



Receptions throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. We have very much enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many Brethren and their spouses. It is great to renew old acquaintances and meet a number of Masons for the first time. It is also wonderful to be introduced to so many new Masons and view how proud they are of their membership in our fraternity. I am immensely impressed with their enthusiasm and optimism about being involved in Masonic activities whether it is degree work or social events. We must encourage and compliment these Brethren for their involvement, as we all know, they are our future.

I am continuing to be impressed with the number of Open Houses various Lodges are planning for June 3rd. A number of Lodges are working collectively, within their respective Masonic Centres, to open their doors to the community and showcase the many aspects of the Masonic family. It is good public relations when we open our portals to others and it helps the general public better understand every aspect of Freemasonry and the Concordant bodies. Brethren, we should proceed with pride to inform all those interested about principles by which we conduct ourselves as a moral and honourable institution.

By now all Lodges will have received the information and invitation to Grand Lodge Communication at the Royal York, the third week of July, in Toronto. It is my pleasure to invite as many as possible to join us on July 18th, 19th & 20th. This is an opportunity to attend the Grand Lodge business meetings, join some of seminars that might be of interest, sharing fellowship with many of the Brethren you know, as well as other Masons from all over the province. Meeting Masonic Brothers for the first time is always a memorable experience. You can exchange thoughts and initiatives that might assist other Lodges and you can gain the benefit of their successes that may be suitably applied to your Lodge and District. I would

encourage you to consider attending the workshops on Tuesday afternoon. There are a number of interesting topics that can benefit Masonry. The Brethren assigned to present these workshops have gone to extensive effort to provide timely topics that will better inform you of options that could be applied to situations in your respective Lodge.

I must also remind you of your conduct when attending Grand Lodge. For the most part we are an honourable fraternity, presenting ourselves in a proper manner but every once in a while our judgement goes astray. Noise, language and beverages in the halls are situations we have been called upon in previous times and asked to keep under control. Although a particular action may seem funny at the time, we should always remember the image we want to project to the public at large and conduct ourselves accordingly. You will have received information about the voting and what brethren are letting their names stand for election. I must remind you there should not be any campaigning for any candidate. Such activities are considered improper and can cause difficult situations that could get Grand Lodge involved to resolve a particular incident.

Be proud of who you are and conduct yourself accordingly. It will benefit you and will enhance our public image as honourable and upstanding citizens who are members of an important institution that promotes good will and happiness.

Brethren, I also want to remind you that time is running short to make a personal contribution to Prostate Hope the Grand Master's project for the past number of years. I have viewed the attractive certificates you can receive for contributions of \$200 and \$1000. Brethren, anything you can do to assist those who are striving to give our researchers necessary funding to continue their efforts to hopefully find a cure and comfort to those afflicted.

Brethren, we are good people living good lives and we should be bursting with pride and demonstrating to everyone as an example how to live life in a kind and distinguished manner and respect to others.

Talk to you in June

John C. Green

Grand Master's Banquet

Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Canadian Room Fairmont Royal York Hotel

M.W. Bro. Bryant D. Webster
Grand Lodge of North Carolina
Guest Speaker

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets \$65.00 and available from the D.D.G.Ms.
Cash sales only. Sales cease July 12, 2016

Reserved tables of (8)– Direct from Grand Lodge

From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, although we have had a very wet spring with the continuous rains of April, I have no doubt it has filled the rivers and lakes which were so low after a dry summer last year.

Spring is also the time of what we describe as the “April Mailings” from your Grand Lodge and by the time you read this Communiqué your Lodge will be in receipt of it and no doubt the Lodge Secretary will send it along to the Lodge Brethren and read the necessary notices in Lodge.

In the information package you will be reminded that, as you were last year, you vote for only **FIVE** Brethren for the Board of General Purposes. This year we will complete the reduction of our Board of General Purposes to a more efficient number of twenty-five members. This is down from a high of thirty-five.

Along with starting times of the various Board and Grand Lodge meetings you will find the schedule for the different seminars, room locations and start times.

The Seminars & Workshop Committee has gone ‘outside the box’, this year, with a Seminar called “**Music Resources and Construction & Function of a Pipe Organ**”. Sounds to me like a ‘can’t miss’ one.

All these seminars listed in the information package are very informative and to most Brethren who go to Grand Lodge they are a must attend event.

You will also find in the information package the starting times and location of your District Voting rooms.

The report from the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee as it relates to the Constitution amendments is also included in the package.

This year as in previous years several Brethren have allowed their names to stand for Grand Lodge offices, once again YOU have a responsibility to make yourself knowledgeable and then vote.

You will also find three documents which will be read in full at the next Lodge meeting; Candidate Behavior; Rules regarding Hospitality Suites and finally the Annual Direction & Guidelines about the use of alcohol in Masonic Buildings.

If you make yourself aware of the information contained in the Grand Secretary’s Information Package (April mailing) then you will have, my Brother, made a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

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

The composition of the Board of General Purposes is described in your copy of the 2016 Constitution Section 131.

The Deputy Grand Master, President of the Board, will call the Board meeting to order on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 9:00 am and the Board will then begin deliberations of the reports of the various Committees of Grand Lodge. The second session of the Board will convene on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Section 16: Informs the Brethren that the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge shall be convened in the forenoon of the third Wednesday in July and there will be a Thursday morning session.

All Masters & Past Masters are aware of and have promised the following at their Installation: The Ancient Charges & Regulations: In part reads: “Promise a regular attendance on the communication and committees of the Grand Lodge upon receiving proper notice”.

Grand Lodge needs your support at the Annual Communication. Hope to see you there.

As the Deputy of your Grand Lodge, I have just returned from the Thirty Fifth Annual Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges of A.F. & A.M. of Canada at the Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites in Manitoba. All Canadian Grand Lodges were in attendance with the exception of Prince Edward Island who unfortunately find it difficult to attend with such a small membership base. Since there are two Jurisdictions in Newfoundland & Labrador, the District Grand Lodge of Scotland was also represented by their District Grand Master. Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance along with their Deputy Grand Masters. Grand Sr. & Jr. Wardens with succession line-ups were observers including the Sovereign Grand Commander and Sovereign Grand Secretary-General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

The first day and a half was spent listening and questioning the various Grand Masters as they updated the conference about their Grand Lodges on what was working well and issues they were working on.

The following reports were also received: the Grand Masters of North America Conference, the Grand Secretaries of North America Conference and the Western Canada Conference.

It was a very informative Conference with much discussion about common issues with informative direction being taken by Grand Lodge.

“Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve.” ~ George Bernard Shaw

R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd



GRAND LODGE NOMINATIONS – 2017



CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DAVID JAMES CAMERON

GORDON COLLINGS CRUTCHER

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

KELLY FELDCAMP

NICHOLAUS PAWLUCH

STEPHEN DAVID THOMSON

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN

THEOPHILUS HALL

ELITO LIM

GRAND REGISTRAR – ACCLAMATION

DENNIS MAURICE SAIKALEY

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES- 2017

WILLIAM DAVID ARMSTRONG

PHILIP RAYMOND BORLAND

DAVID JAMES BRADLEY

RICHARD HENRI CADOTTE

ARTHUR MICHAEL DI CECCO

LEONARD ELLIOT FELDT

JAMIE ROBERT IRELAND

ROBERT KLIAMAN

PERRY MILTON JOHN MCCONNELL

DAVID JOHN NEAVE

PETER JOHN SIALTSIS

IAIN DONOVAN WATES

CHARLES ALEXANDER WOODS

ALLEN BRYAN WRIGHT

Meet the Nominees in Salon A Convention Floor

Tuesday July 18, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Discussion / Participation Seminars

Time	Tudor 7/8	Confederation 5/6	Territories
1:30 - 2:20	Leadership Development <i>C. Woods</i>	Cornerstone Project <i>Art Di Cecco</i>	DDGM Orientation <i>J. Ireland</i>
2:30- 3:20	Brother to Brother <i>L. Muss</i>	Officer Progression <i>P. McConnell</i>	DDGM Orientation <i>J. Ireland</i>
3:30 – 4:20	Condition of Masonry <i>R. Kaufman</i>	Lodge Finances <i>B. Koivu</i>	Youth Initiatives <i>T. Van Horne</i>
1:30- 4:20	Confederation Room 3, Main Mezzanine Computer Resources <i>R. Kliaman</i>		
1:30- 4:20	Ontario Room Convention Floor Music Resource and Construction & Function of a Pipe Organ. <i>A. Graham</i>		

Open Hospitality

Tuesday July 18, 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.

District/Lodge hosted hospitality suites throughout the hotel, come meet your fellow Masons from across the province.

Registration and Balloting

Tuesday July 18, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor

Wednesday July 19, 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor

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

District Balloting

Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

Hamilton District C Masons will meet in the Saskatchewan Room to elect our D.D.G.M. for 2017-18 and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Master and/or Deputy Grand Master

Installation and Investiture

Thursday 8:45 a.m.

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m., in the Canadian Room, Convention Floor, for the installation and investiture of all newly elected Grand Lodge officers

Dates to Remember

June 2017



Hamilton District A, B & C Open House

Masonic Centre Hamilton
Sat June 3rd 9 a.m. to noon
Open to all



VALLEY LODGE No. 100 GOLF TOURNAMENT & CHARITY EVENT

When: Saturday June 3rd, 2017
Where: Copetown Woods Golf Club

In Support of Prostate Hope

Cost: \$150

This includes, 18-holes of golf, riding cart, dinner
Dinner only: \$60

Contact: Kevin Gray (905) 541-4547
kevin@beansofchange.ca



Spring Divine Service

Organized by the Hamilton Masonic
Districts' Board of Relief

Sunday June 11th, 3pm
Scottish Rite Cathedral
MCH

Family and friends most welcome
*Regalia is to be worn at this event



The Past Masters Association of the Hamilton Districts

Annual General Meeting
Meet the Grand Lodge Nominees!
All Past Master are invited to attend
Friday June 23, 2017
Scottish Rite

Annual meeting and a great opportunity to meet many of the
Grand Lodge nominees 5:30 p.m., dinner.6:30 p.m.
(reservation W.Bro. Gary Magwood
gary.magwood@gmail.com)

Installation

Valley Lodge No. 100
Monday June 12, 2017
Tyle at 7:30 pm,
Dundas

Installation

Temple Lodge No. 324
Tuesday June 13, 2017
Tyle at 7:00 pm, Celebration to follow
MCH

Installation

Meridian Lodge No. 687
Wednesday June 14, 2017
Tyle at 7:00 pm,
Ancaster

Installation

Corinthian Lodge No. 513
Thursday June 22, 2017
Tyle at 7:00 pm,
MCH

Around the District Installations

International Fraternal Relations



Buchanan Lodge No. 550



Fraternal Visit of Landmarks/Doric No. 654 to Ancient Landmarks No. 358 in Buffalo N.Y.



The Electric No. 654



Temple Lodge No. 324 Visits Niagara LaSalle Lodge No. 132 of Niagara Falls N.Y.



Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654

Westmount's 3rd Annual Table Lodge



W. Bro. Doug Bennie of Westmount Lodge, with W. Bro. Jeff Heimpel present Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd with the proceed of the Table Lodge, for Prostate Hope



Wardrope No. 555

70th Annual Communication
Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Canada in the Province of
Ontario,
held in the City of Hamilton, July 15-16, 1925



Two and a half miles from the location where Grand Lodge was founded, sits Memorial Elementary School, built in 1918 at the easterly limits of the City of Hamilton, as shown in the picture above. Although not completely decorated until Grand Lodge held its meeting in 1925, the tablets on the pillars in the central auditorium represent the names of 1,800 valiant men of Hamilton who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. This is the 11th time that the Annual Communication had been held in Hamilton and the Square and Compasses on the Commemorative Token displays the standard logo that Grand Lodge adopted in 1989.



1925 Commemorative Token Reverse and Front

There were 546 warranted lodges represented by 385 Regular Officers, 84 Proxies, and 33 Past Masters; and 2,300 registered having a total vote of 2,987.

The Grand Master M.W.Bro.W.J.Drope was ill at his Grimsby home, but in his G.M.'s address commented on the continued growth and prosperity of our beloved institution. From the 1500 in the founding 41 lodges of 1855 to 107,00 in 546 lodges of 1925, showed that by honest endeavour, based on sound principles of morality, could be built a community which acknowledges the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, thereby making for useful citizenship and a decided asset of the Country in which it is placed. In closing M.W.Bro. Drope expressed how he was looking forward with anticipated pleasure to meeting at Hamilton, but fate decreed otherwise. The spirit may be willing, but the flesh is weak. Let us have no vain regrets for an ill spent past, but let us spend our today's in

such a manner that we may be prepared for the endless tomorrow when it arrives!

Some notable highlights:

The Grand Treasurer showed an income of \$150,000 with \$140,000 in disbursements of which almost \$108,000 was for the relief of the needy and distressed.

Ironically, presently we are currently reducing the numbers elected (10) and appointed(10) to the Board of General Purposes to the same numbers prevailing in 1925.

This was the year that the John Ross Robertson bequest of his Masonic Library was catalogued and made available at the Yonge Street Temple.

Past Grand Master M.W.Sir John M.Gibson introduced Bro. Adam Brown, who as a Trustee of the School Board, 60 years previously, had gone to Central School on the Queen's birthday and presented the children each with an orange. As the Chairman of the Water Works, he asked the Principal to select a most promising boy to turn the first tap after the opening of the Water Works by the Prince of Wales. That student was John M. Gibson, now reveling with the 100 year old Bro. Brown, who addressed Grand Lodge with a most enjoyable message which can be found in the 1925 Proceedings of Grand Lodge at <https://archive.org/stream/grandlodge1925onta#page/n47/mod/e/2up>

Humourous Musings

Confusions & Vagaries of the English Language.

Four great confusions still unresolved

1. At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?
2. In the word scent, is "S" silent or "C"?"
3. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
4. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

Enjoy the pun and fun of the English language!!

Wonder why the word funeral starts with FUN?

Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?

How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?

If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?

If a Vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a Humanitarian eat?

How do you get off a non-stop Flight?

Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the Cupboard?

Why do doctors 'practice' medicine? Are they having practice at the cost of the patients?

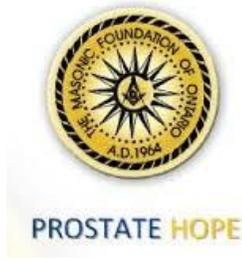
Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest?

How come Noses run and Feet smell?

Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?

What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

Prostate Hope



Brethren,

Prostate Cancer affects 1 out of 6 men, and 1 out of 30 will **directly** die from it. A greater number will die from related cancers, which may have their origin from prostate cancer. This number is complicated and not readily available. **This is a staggering statistic**, not only for men in general, but **OUR MASONIC BRETHREN!**

Prostate Hope sponsors and financially supports **three Prostate Cancer Research** projects. Each one is under the direction of **prostate cancer surgeons**, who have identified areas of specific prostate cancer research which should be targeted.

The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, through **Prostate Hope**, has donated annually to these three projects since 2013, and will continue this financial support **through 2023, TEN YEARS!**

The cost of this financial support is **\$ 1 Million**, which is the reason for the **Goal** set by the **Grand Masters** and the **Masonic Foundation of Ontario**.

The fund-raising for Prostate Hope ends in 2017. We **NEED YOUR HELP** to achieve the **GOAL**.

Prostate Hope

Dr. Bobby Shayegan, in conjunction with **McMaster University**, at **St. Joseph's Hospital**, Hamilton, with Jen Hoogenes, and their teams, is the training centre, for ALL Canada, for **surgeon trainees** as they learn how to perform robot assisted radical prostatectomies.

Dr. Joseph Chin, in conjunction with **Western University**, at **London Health Science Centre**, London, with Carson Gavin, graduate student, Dr. Hon Leong, and their teams. This research delves into why some prostate cancers metastasize and others are less likely. When they do metastasize developing drivers and suppressor drugs to deliver and eliminate cancer cell invasion. This is building the groundwork for further research in the detection and treatment of aggressive prostate cancer.

Dr. Robert Siemens, in conjunction with **Queen's University**, at **Kingston General Hospital**, Kingston, with Dr. Dean Tripp, Dr. Jason Izard, surgeons, Angela Black, RN CCRP, Research Coordinator, and their teams, including cognitive psychologists who are working with men **and their spouses**, which includes a better understanding of "quality of life" issues for men with more advanced prostate cancer. Incontinence, impotence and quality of life issues are a major problem and concern at this stage of prostate cancer. This important study is opening the door to further collaboration with other researchers in Ontario.

Only with your help and assistance can we support these Prostate Cancer projects, which are PROSTATE HOPE.

Fraternally,
Allan C. (Al) Dvorak,
President Masonic Foundation of Ontario

From the Editor

Brethren,

As an aside, **Mentor Notes** from the Grand Lodge website is something every Master Mason should take time to read. It offers insight understanding and areas of focus to consider when developing our newer members. Produced by the Mentor Team of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario for the benefit of Lodge Mentors and all Master Masons. Find it once you login at:

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/lodge/mentors/994-mentor-program-may-2013/file>

Also, I am trying to inject some levity into the Chronicle, so included are some punny submissions received throughout the month. I hope all of you live, laugh and love as much as possible. Looking forward to more submissions, serious, thoughtful or just "funny".

Happy Summer to one and all!

Glen

**In three words,
I can sum up
everything I've
learned about
life:
*It goes on.***

IN MEMORIAM

Lawrence Edwin Thorell

Westmount Lodge No.671

Passed April 9, 2017

We will remember his family in Prayer



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