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#### From Our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, it is with mixed feelings that I write this final message for the year. This year has been a tremendous Masonic journey and that is because of all of you.

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.

June was another exciting month for us here in Hamilton 'C'



It was truly a gratifying month to be a Mason. The 24th of June saw the 300th Anniversary of the founding of The Grand Lodge of England. You can only imagine the vision of those Brethren at The Goose and The Gridiron with this monumental step in shaping our beautiful Fraternity into what it is today.

The Grand Master asked that Lodges across Ontario open their doors on June 3 in celebration of this most monumental occasion. Hamilton District 'C' responded in full form by hosting an Open House at The Scottish Rite.

The Open House turned out to be an even much greater success than anyone anticipated as Lodges across The District joined forces with members of the other two Hamilton Districts as well as several other Masonic concordant bodies. People were waiting outside even before the doors opened and were clearly anxious to learn more about our Craft.

The real heroes of the day were W. Bro. Gary Chiarot, Cochair of The Events Committee, and the Brethren who graciously gave their time and hard work to form the well oiled team that made this happen. This was a much greater endeavor than one may think. These Brethren are to be truly commended.

I also want to thank V.W. Bro. Art Moore for recognizing the need to bring Towers on board and stepping up to quarter back that for us. It goes without saying, that without access to The Scottish Rite, this event would not have happened. Many thanks again Art. There were plenty of other great happenings around The District in June.

We had the pleasure of witnessing four Installations. Congratulations to all the newly minted Worshipful Masters & your respective teams of officers. I know you are all looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year ahead. Congratulations to all the outgoing Worshipful Masters and your officers for your important parts in the management and advancement of your Lodges. Also, congratulations to all the Installing Masters and your Installation Teams. The pride the Brethren take in participating in Installations shows through every time in your detail to the work.

We have three new Lodge Secretaries take office this month, two of which are Immediate Past Masters. As we are well aware, this is an office that requires much commitment and is often one that is served for several years. Both the incoming Secretaries and the outgoing Secretaries are to be commended and thanked for their commitment to their Lodges and to Masonry.

Valley Lodge held its golf tournament and charity event early in the month. This is always a fun experience and is well known for its commitment to raise money for charity. This year the Brethren of Valley chose to donate the proceeds of the event to The District Charity of Prostate Hope. I would like to heartily thank the Brethren of Valley Lodge for their hard work and kind donation which was presented at the tournament. This was very much appreciated.

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The hard work and gracious assistance of our District 'C' Brethren through all events held in The District this year, along with the generous donations of Lodges and individual members, Hamilton District 'C' was honoured at the Annual General Meeting of The Past Masters' Association this month with the presentation of a beautiful plaque from The Masonic Foundation of Ontario. This presentation was in appreciation of all the fundraising District 'C' has contributed in support of Prostate Hope. A hearty round of applause to all of you Brethren. Well done!

I am also pleased to let you know that it was announced at the Annual General Meeting of the Past Masters Association that, it looking like, by the time the books are closed for the term, the donations to Prostate Hope will have met the One Million Dollar mark which was The Grand Master's goal at the outset.

It has been an amazing Masonic journey for me personally this year.

I've been asked many times what my highlight for the year was. The answer is an easy one. It was at my Homecoming at Valley Lodge in February where, my Son Brendan who is a Past Master of Valley Lodge and now lives in Alberta, completely shocked me by coming out of nowhere to lead the Brethren in Grand Honours. Thank you, thank you, thank you to the four Brethren who orchestrated that surprise of a lifetime.

Brethren, I feel there are three integral parts of Masonry. The Lodge and the Work and the Fraternal Relationships we are so fortunate to have.

I have to say Brethren, that as much as I have enjoyed the many evenings in Lodge, the Fraternal Relationships I have made also mean so much to me. The welcoming and hospitality by all of you on Lodge nights, invitations to your social events, working with so many of you on committees, phone calls and emails and the strengthening of friendships and the forging of new friendships both within and outside The District has been extraordinary.

Brethren, we have said many times this year that running The District is a "Team Sport". I can confirm, in looking back over the past year, these words are absolutely true.

I can't express my thanks enough to all of you. The District Team, including the Chairmen and the Committees, for being such strong contributors, the Worshipful Masters, the Lodge Officers and all of you Brethren individually have all been fantastic. I am also always going to be grateful to the Brethren of Valley Lodge for having the confidence to put me in this position.

I want to express a special thanks to R.W. Bro. Bill Millar and R.W. Geoff Allan, the two District Advisors for accepting this role. I thank them for their guidance, their wisdom, their support, and also for their patience. Both these fine men are truly committed to The Craft in general and to District 'C' in particular.

Most importantly, I want to whole heartedly thank W. Bro. Lance Mullett, The District Secretary. Lance understands the true meaning of "Team". He is the epitome of a team player. His support, commitment, organizational skills, ability to

anticipate and "sixth sense" are second to none. We have sat in many meetings together, prepared many reports together, had countless phone conversations, and, of course, had the pleasure of attending several Lodge meetings and social functions together.

True friends are not easy to come by but Lance, Bill & Geoff are three that I am blessed with the great fortune of finding through Masonry.

Last, but certainly not least, I ask you Brethren to also thank your Ladies for me. We all know Lodge cuts into Family time and that without their support we wouldn't be sitting in Lodge.

It has been a true honour to represent you at Grand Lodge.

After building on those who went before us, I am confident The District will be in strong hands going forward.

Even greater times lie ahead for Hamilton Masonic District 'C'.

"May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rain fall soft upon on your fields,
and, until we meet again Brethren,
May The Great Architect of The Universe hold you in the
palm of his hands".

See you at Grand Lodge!

#### R.W. Bro. Craig L. Knapman



Our District Deputy Craig Knapman with his Son W. Bro. Brandon Knapman

#### From the Grand Master

Well Brethren, after 39 attempts to present information to you by way of the Communique I am now signing off on this my 40th effort. It has been a wonderful experience relating what I thought valuable

information to the Grand
Jurisdiction in this format. In my travels many Masons have commented about items I addressed

in this monthly

vehicle



communication. This makes me feel good as it means the Brethren are reading it regularly. Thank you for doing that.

As you already know, June 3rd is our Open House Ontario for the Masons as part of the Three Hundredth Anniversary Celebration. When I was in the office, May 31st, I was informed that at least over 300 Lodges are taking part in these events all over Ontario. I am sure there are many others who are also participating in various locations. There are Open Houses, Friend 2 Friend events, dinners, breakfasts, lunches and several other celebrations throughout the Province. The most significant is likely in Renfrew where there are events all day for the community to take part. Food, parades, children's activities are taking place all day long. I don't like to show favouritism to one particular Lodge but Renfrew No. 122 has made it known their desire to open the doors to the entire community. We at Grand Lodge would like you forward any reports, photos and such to Ron Findlater or myself to assess the success of the day.

Recently there has been a significant amount of activity in the Masonic Foundation Office in regards to Prostate Hope, our Grand Lodge project. I know many of the Lodges and Districts are still having a wide number of events to complete. I just want to inform everyone we appreciate the effort demonstrated by many of our members who have worked diligently to make this project a successful venture. There is still the opportunity to make personal contributions which are eligible for tax receipt with an impressive certificate to identify those Brethren who have the resources to donate \$200 or \$1000. As you have heard me many times this money, earmarked for research, is an important aspect with our hope that cure and comfort will come to those afflicted.

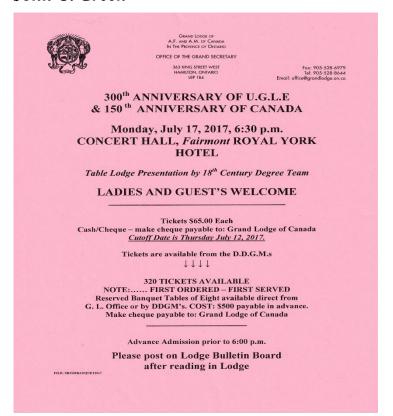
We also know that such situations affect the entire family of those who suffer through these difficult challenges. Through the last two years there have been a number of changes in our Grand Jurisdiction. We have employed a new Chief Operating Officer, which has been talked about for years. I am very pleased that Evan Woodhead is now with us and working enthusiastically to learn and understand the various responsibilities that are performed on our behalf. I wish him well in his future endeavours. I know we will benefit from his previous experience.

We have also, as you know, gone through the process of reducing the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes. The elections at our Grand Communication this July will complete that two year process. Although there have been challenges long the way I am totally convinced that we are on the path or direction necessary to lead us to a fruitful future in the administration of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. I will be making other comments about the future in my Grand Master's Address.

Finally Brethren, I realize and appreciate that very few Masons ever have the opportunity to experience a four year term as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master. That is something that you the Masons have made possible for me. For that reason I am ever indebted to you for the wonderful opportunity to enjoy your company and friendship. Masonry offers us teachings and principles and how to live our lives as honourable citizens promoting brotherly love, relief and truth. We should all be thankful that Freemasonry has come into our lives. I know I am.

#### BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU DO BE PROUD TO BE A MASON

#### John C. Green



#### From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren: I realize as I write this June Communique it will be my last one as Deputy Grand Master. I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to write about the Chairman & Team Leaders who have worked on your behalf as Leaders of the several Grand Lodge Committees.

Even though we are in the final months of our Masonic year these Leaders have continued to work - some even presenting workshops as late as last weekend in the far north of this great Province.

Each Team Leader's preliminary report will be reviewed by the members of the Board of General Purposes at their annual meeting held on the Monday and Tuesday preceding Grand Lodge. Each Chairman and Team Leader will present a summary of their report during those two days. At the end of each presentation the Chairman or Team Leader will move that the Board recommend the report to Grand Lodge for approval. The District Deputy Grand Masters will be participating in the vote since they are, by Constitution, members of the Board of General Purposes. If you are in Toronto on the Monday and Tuesday, during the week of Grand Lodge, you are more than welcome to observe the Board of General Purposes' meetings along with the annual meeting of the Masonic Foundation, The Masonichip Foundation of Ontario and the Masonic Holding Corporation.

An area is set aside for the observers (respectfully called the peanut gallery) some observers have been coming for years, please feel free to come and enjoy the workings of Grand Lodge.

The presentation of the several Committee reports to Grand Lodge is given by a member of the Management Committee who has been responsible for the several Teams.

At the end of the report presentation, a motion for acceptance by Grand Lodge will be moved, seconded and when passed it will be published in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The 2017 Grand Lodge marks the second year in which our Grand Lodge will reduce the number of members of the Board of General Purposes. We will only vote for FIVE members and only FIVE will be appointed to the Board of General Purposes.

Those of you who can, by Constitution vote, play a very important part in our Grand Lodge. It is your responsibility to educate yourself on whom to elect, not only for the Board but also, for Grand Master, Deputy

Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden. The Grand Registrar was acclaimed this year. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are up for election next year.

Your Grand Lodge has provided you several ways to educate yourself with those Brethren who have allowed their names to stand for the different offices. A picture of the Brother and information of his qualifications may be found on the Grand Lodge Website or can also be obtained in electronic or paper form from your Lodge Secretary who received it in the April mailing to your Lodge.

After the Grand Master's banquet this year, the members of the Board of General Purposes will gather to vote for a member of the Management Committee since the term one of the elected Members of the Management Committee has expired and is up election.

It cannot be said enough nor can enough importance be given to the fact that your Grand Lodge is determine by THOSE OF YOU who are qualified to vote. Your vote can make a difference. As in any election, exercise your PRIVILEGE and vote.

Every year, those who let their names stand for different positions at Grand Lodge are invited by the Brethren of Ottawa 1&2 District to come and enjoy eastern hospitality and mingle with the Brethren in what has become known as the Eastern Ontario Tour.

In a short in a three day period, the Tour attends four Lodge Installations. At each Installation those who "allow their name to stand" are introduced to the Brethren assemble.

One of the Installations was always "up the Valley" at Bonnechere Lodge No. 433 in Eganville, in Ottawa District 2, where the hospitality was second to none and the banquet was always a highlight of the Tour.

Sadly in June of this year, the light of Masonry in Eganville will go dark. I just wanted to take a moment to thank the Brethren of the Bonnechere Lodge No. 433 for all the hospitality over the last decade and a half. Many a "Best Friend" began there.

See you at Grand Lodge!!!

#### R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd



Looking for a Ride to Grand Lodge!

# Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario 1717 – 2017 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House – Masonic Centre of Hamilton June 3, 2017











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#### **Dates to Remember**

July 2017

### 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Communication of Grand Lodge**

Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>

The One Hundred and Sixty-Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario will be held in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017, at 8:45 a.m. (DST). Representatives will take their seats before 8:30 a.m. All Master Masons desirous of attending will be officially welcomed following the opening of Grand Lodge.

Appropriate Dress: Admission to the Grand Lodge Communication is subject to wearing; Jacket, Dress Pants, Shirt, Tie & Regalia.

## **District Balloting**

Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

21st ANNUAL MASONIC BEEF & CORN ROAST WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23rd, 2017



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ADULT TICKET - \$20.00 (13 Years and Over) CHILDREN'S TICKET - \$10.00 (12 Years & Under) CHILDREN 5 and UNDER - (NO CHARGE)

EVERYONE WELCOME, COME AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT ROAST BEEF DINNER, FRESH CORN ON THE COB AND AMAZING DOOR PRIZES

RAFFLES -- CASH BAR

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#### **Reflections – Online**



Masonic Education Articles For Ontario Masons - By Ontario Masons Vol. 30 No. 4. June 2017

M.W. Bro. John C. Green Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Brethren,

Welcome to the new electronic version of Reflections, a publication that has had a longstanding presence within our jurisdiction. As the cover of this publication states; Reflections aims to present articles that are written by Ontario Masons, for Ontario Masons and I strongly encourage you to be active in both your contributions and use of this publication.

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Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario



#### **Around the District**

#### **Installations**



Valley Lodge No. 100



Corinthian Lodge No. 513





Temple Lodge No. 324



**Masonic Foundation - Project Hope** Presentation of District Achievement awards to the Hamilton Masonic Districts held at the Masonic Past Masters' A.G.M. on June 23, 2017 L. to R.

R.W. Bro. C. Woods, R.W. Bro. L. Hinkley District A,

R.W. Bro. L. Reiach, R.W. Bro. R. Young District B, R.W. Bro. C. Knapman District C, R.W. Bro. D. Cameron.



Meridian Lodge No. 687

#### **Masonic Calendars**

An explanation of dates used in various Masonic bodies - Source Masonic Dictionary.com

Many Masons are curious as to the different dates used in Freemasonry. This year craft lodges date the year, 2008 as 6008, while Knights Templar refer to the same year as 890. The following explanation should provide further light into these peculiar Masonic customs.

#### **Craft Freemasonry = Anno Lucis**

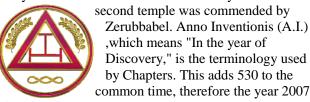
Craft Masonry's calendar commences with the creation of the world and uses the term Anno Lucius (A.L.) - "In the year of Light."

To arrive at this date they add 4000 to the common time, as the Earth was believed in conventional theology to have began in 4000 BC.

Therefore the year 2007 becomes 6007.

#### **Royal Arch= Anno Inventionis**

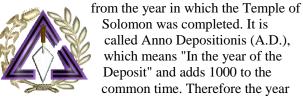
Royal Arch Masons date time from the year the



becomes 2537.

#### **Cryptic Freemasonry = Anno Depositionis**

Royal and Select Masters or Cryptic Masons date



2007 becomes 3007.

#### **Templar Freemasonry = Anno Ordinis**

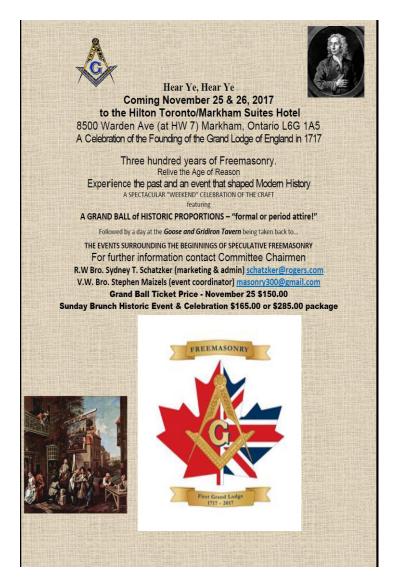
Knights Templar start their calendar with the formation

of the order in 1118 AD. Anno Ordinis (A.O.), which means "In the year of the Order" is the terminology used. This deducts 1,118 from the common time; therefore the year 2007 becomes 889.

#### **Scottish Rite = Anno Mundi**

The Scottish Rite date the same as Craft Masons,

except for the use of the Jewish Chronology. Anno Mundi (A.M.), which means "In the year of the World" is their calendar terminology and adds 3760 to the common time. Therefore the year 2007 becomes 5767.





#### **Humourous Musings**

### As I get older I realize:

- 1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
- 2. Sometimes I roll my eyes outloud.
- 3.I don't need anger management, I need people to stop pissing me off.
- 4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
- 5.The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- 6. When I was a child I thought naptime was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
- 7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
- 8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
- 9.Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- 10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

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ALL MASONS ARE INVITED
TO OUR REGULAR MEETING FOR THE VIEWING OF

"LODGE OF CONFUSION"



A light hearted look at how "not" to manage a Masonic Lodge meeting

Narrated and directed by Bro. Sheldon Kofsky, FCF

Saturday, July 8, 2017 Lodge tyles at 10:00 am

Luncheon to follow the meeting

#### From the Editor

Brethren.

Something from the Grand Lodge of England celebrating our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Really interesting video. Here is their message and link below.

"the United Grand Lodge of England commissioned a documentary about all aspects of Freemasonry which is being shown on Sky TV. Following up on the Rulers' wish to shine a light on Freemasonry for the benefit of the public's perception of the Craft, the Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Martin Blank, has produced a video outlining many aspects of Freemasonry in this Province. The full video lasts 16 minutes but for convenience it can be viewed in clips lasting 3 minutes or less. Links to those clips are listed below as well as one to the full video. Please watch them and feel free to tell your friends and acquaintances where to find them.

As for accessing the page, it is part of the main website so no login required. Just go to this link

www.cheshiremasons.co.uk/cheshire-freemasonry-video/

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Michael G. Leese PAGDC

Provincial Grand Secretary"

S&F

Glen

#### IN MEMORIAM

Gordon Edward Satchell Seymour Lodge No. 272

Passed to the Grand Lodge above June 6, 2017

Bro. Dr. A. Ronald Elford Corinthian Lodge No.513

Passed to the Grand Lodge above May 20, 2017

We will remember their families in Prayer



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