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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren of District 'C',

I hope everyone had a safe summer and were able to enjoy some quality time with friends and family.

August came and went by very quickly, and it proved to be a very busy time for myself and the District Secretary W. Bro. Roy Metcalf. Behind the scenes we have been arranging the District Leadership Team and adding new committee members. We have also spent a great deal of time preparing the Trestle Board, arranging official and fraternal visitations as well as our District meetings.

We had our first Leadership Team meeting at the Ancaster Hall, to proof read the new Trestle Board before it goes to print and for the team to meet the newest members.

I look forward to working with all the Masters of the Lodges in our District, in promoting Grand Lodges objectives of establishing proper Protocol and Etiquette in our Lodge and Banquet rooms.

Our Annual Corn and Beef Roast at the Ancaster Fair Grounds was, as usual, a great success and well attended.



Congratulations and thanks for all the hard work and organizing to Roy Oldfeld and his team.

September is the start of the new Masonic Year and Ionic Lodge No. 549 will host my first visit.

I would like to remind everyone that our first District Meeting will be on Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 at Hillcrest Masonic Hall at 9:00 am.

These meetings are not only for the Master and Secretary of the Lodge but also provide good information for those future Masters, the Wardens, to see what is going on in our District.

I encourage your attendance.

I would also like to remind everyone of the date of the first meeting of the year for Valley Lodge No .100, September 11th, 2017.

At that meeting V.W. Bro. Lance Mullett will be invested for his Grand Lodge appointment as Grand Pursuivant, a well-deserved honour.


I am sure he would appreciate your recognition.

Once again, I would like to thank all the district brethren for giving me the opportunity to be the Grand Lodge representative for Hamilton District "C".

Talley Ho and let's get to work together.

Sincerely and Fraternally

R.W.Bro John W. Hlohinec



PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE

P&E is:

DOING THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/lodge/protocol-and-etiquette/>

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Canada's Sesquicentennial Freemasonry and Confederation

On July 1, 2017, Canada will celebrate the sesquicentennial of Confederation when the Dominion of Canada was formed by the confederation of the Province of Canada (Canada East and Canada West), New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

This was one of the key periods in our history which would help to define what it is to be a Canadian. The process would continue with the addition of Manitoba and the North West Territory (July 15, 1870), British Columbia (July 20, 1871), Prince Edward Island (July 1, 1873), Alberta and Saskatchewan (September 1, 1905) and Newfoundland (March 31, 1949). These ten provinces are considered co-sovereign divisions deriving their power and authority directly from the Constitution Act of 1867 where the "Crown" is represented by a Governor General and Provincial Lieutenant-Governors. The three Territories—Northwest Territories (formed July 15, 1870), Yukon (formed 1898) and Nunavut (separated from the Northwest Territories on April 1, 1999)—derive their mandates and powers from the federal government and are headed by a Commissioner.

Throughout the process leading to Confederation, and afterwards, the thirty-seven men who were directly involved were ones who saw beyond the limits of religion, race, nationality and language. They sought a common ground with benefits to an evolving "country." Compromise achieved results which accepted diversity in society. Eleven of these men were Freemasons. The majority were not. But when we look at their activities we see men for whom brotherly love, relief and truth were truly present and practiced in their daily lives.

Who were they? What were they? Why did they take these steps?

The "event" of July 1, 1867, is "book-ended" between political actions in the late 1830's in the two Canadas (Rebellions in 1837 and 1838 and the investigative visit of John George Lambton, 1st Earl Durham and his famous Durham Report which saw Lower and Upper Canada united into the Province of Canada in 1841) and in 1949 (when Joey Smallwood won the referendum to bring Newfoundland into Confederation with an affirmative vote of 52.3%). Lord Durham was a sixth generation Mason, a member of Marquis of Granby Lodge in Durham and a one-time Provincial Grand Master of Durham. Right Worshipful Brother Joseph Roberts Smallwood was a Past Master of Lodge Northcliffe, No. 1086 (Scottish), Grand Falls, Newfoundland.

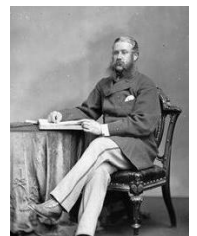
Of the thirty-seven Fathers of Confederation, nine were born in the UK, one in Bermuda, one in Jamaica and one in the USA. The rest were born in the "Canadian colonies." By occupation, 20 were lawyers, 5 journalists, 8 merchant businessmen, 2 doctors, 1 land promoter and 1 soldier. Although they would vary the terms used to describe their political affiliations from time to time, fifteen could be labelled Conservatives, twelve Liberals, five Reform, two Liberal-Conservatives, two Reform-Liberals and one "radical independent/conservative." Six had entered politics as appointed members of government and 31

were elected when entering the political arena. Twenty-seven were supporters of Confederation almost from the beginning of their political careers.

As a result of the creation of the Dominion of Canada, fifteen of the "fathers" would be elected to the new Canadian Federal Parliament in the elections of 1867. One of the fifteen would be our first Prime Minister (Sir John A. Macdonald) and one would be our first MP who was assassinated (Thomas D'Arcy McGee). Six were appointed to the new Canadian Senate. Three were appointed to other senior offices (federal Commissioner, federal Deputy Minister of Justice and one as Lieutenant-Governor of Rupert's Land and the North West Territory, although he was never installed). One chose a career in provincial politics. Three delegates lost in the 1867 elections. Eight were not eligible for any federal office by election or appointment as they were from PEI and Newfoundland which did not enter Confederation in 1867. After Confederation activities and "active" political careers, three would later become Senators, nine would become Lieutenants-Governor of Provinces (including one for Manitoba and the North-west Territories and was later appointed for Nova Scotia), three would become Provincial Premiers, one would become a Federal Supreme Court Justice and six Provincial Supreme Court Justices, two were appointed as Canadian High Commissioners to London, one became Governor of the Bahamas, one returned to his military career, one returned to business as a railway promoter and one was appointed to collect and classify Canadian statutes of the time.

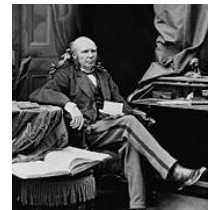
Who were the eleven Freemasons?

- Hewitt Bernard, friend, colleague and brother-in-law of John Alexander Macdonald, of Ionic Lodge, No. 25 (Ontario) of Toronto. He resigned during 1859 when he left Toronto for Quebec to work in government;



- Sir Alexander Campbell (later 6th Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario) of St. John's Lodge, No. 3 (Ontario) of Kingston (now The Ancient St. John's No. 3). He resigned in 1858 when he removed to Quebec with the government;

- Sir Frederick Bowker Terrington Carter (later Prime Minister of Newfoundland) of St. John's Lodge, No. 579 (England), now No. 1 (Newfoundland), of Saint John's;



- Edward Barron Chandler (later Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, 1878-1880) of Sussex Lodge, No. 480 (England), now No. 4 (New Brunswick) of Dorchester, NB;

- Alexander Tilloch Galt was reported in the media to have been a member of Victoria Lodge, No. 16 (Quebec) of Sherbrooke, PQ;





- John Hamilton Gray of New Brunswick's Albion Lodge, No. 500 (England), now No. 1 (New Brunswick) of Saint John, NB. He later affiliated with Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 (Ontario) of Ottawa;



- Thomas Haviland of Victoria Lodge No. 383 (Scotland), now No. 1 (PEI) of Charlottetown;



- William Alexander Henry of Nova Scotia listed himself as a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 161 (England) now No. 2 (Nova Scotia) of Halifax at the time he affiliated with Civil Service Lodge No. 148 (Ontario) of Ottawa on March 13, 1883;



- Sir John Alexander Macdonald (Canada's first Prime Minister) of St. John's Lodge, No. 758 (England) of Kingston (now The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3 (Ontario) of Kingston). He was also a member of Zetland Lodge, No. 326 (Ontario) of Toronto for a time. He subsequently joined Dalhousie Lodge, No. 731 (England), now No. 52 (Ontario), of Ottawa after his removal there in 1867 as Canada's first Prime Minister. In 1867 he was presented with the honorary rank of Past Grand Senior Warden of our Grand Lodge. He was named by the United Grand Lodge of England as their Grand Representative near to the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada (now the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario). He later joined Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 (Ontario) of Ottawa.



- William Henry Pope of Victoria Lodge No. 383 (Scotland), now No. 1 (PEI) of Charlottetown; and



- Sir Leonard Tilley (later Lieutenant - Governor of New Brunswick), is apocryphally reported to have been the father of the title of Canada as a "Dominion." Macdonald wished to call the country the "Kingdom of Canada" and Tilley was later reported to have been reading his Bible, and lucked upon Psalm 72 which, in verse 8, describes a "... dominion from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth." As Canada was perceived as stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the word "Dominion" was proposed by him and adopted by all attendees. According to R.W.Bro. Hon. Donald M. Fleming in his article *Masonry in the Centennial Setting*, Tilley was a Freemason but details of his membership have proven elusive.

As prepared by R.W. Bro. Michael Jenkyns, Grand Historian, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

(Ed Note: Photos from The Canadian Encyclopedia)



GTA Masons 300th Anniversary
1st Grand Lodge

"Grand Ball"



Masons, Friends & Family

Saturday November 25, 2017

Le Parc Dining & Banquet Hall – dinner, dancing to 2 live bands & festivities, silent auction, souvenirs, event program

At 5:30pm

8432 Leslie Street (at HW 7) Markham, Ontario L3T 7M6

Includes hors d'oeuvres, sumptuous dinner, dessert & wine
(Dress – formal or period costume)

Price \$100.00

Join us for a once in 300 years party to commemorate the First Grand Lodge!

For tickets contact Syd Schatzker (905) 881-1929,

Harry Keleshian (416) 230-2433, Wayne Dobson (416) 606-7996



TEMPLUM LUCIS LODGE, U.D.

invites you to join us for the

CONSECRATION

CEREMONY

by the

GRAND Lodge A.F. & A.M. of CANADA,

in the PROVINCE of ONTARIO

on

September 21, 2017

commencing at 6:00 p.m. EDT

M. W. Bro. Paul E. Todd,

GRAND MASTER,

Guest Speaker (Festive Board)

Location: The Stratford Masonic Hall

15 Church Street, Stratford ON N5A 2P9

Tickets: \$40 (includes 4-course meal)

Payment (Chq, M.O., Interac EMT) made payable to Templum

Lucis Lodge must be received by September 18, 2017.

Please email the Treasurer, Chad More, at ddgm716@gmail.com for instructions if using Interac Email Money Transfer. Otherwise mail your payment to Chad More, 49 Cowan Ave London ON N6C 4E8

Dates to Remember

September 2017

Grand Pursuivant Presentation

**Monday September 11th, 7:30 pm
Valley Lodge No. 100**

The Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Valley Lodge are pleased to invite you to our September meeting. Join us as we congratulate and invest our **V.W. Bro. Lance Mullett** with his Grand Pursuivant Regalia



Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Fall Meeting

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017, 9:00 am
Hillcrest Masonic Temple

Sept 22, 2017, The Lodge of Strict Observance No. 27 are moving into the Central Masonic Temple in Hamilton.



This is indeed a historic event for Strict and nothing would make this momentous occasion more meaningful than to have brethren from both CMT and Stoney Creek celebrate with us.

It would be very much appreciated if you could confirm your attendance with our Secretary, V. W. Bro. G. Wyatt Lowry, at "wyatt.lowry@rogers.com"

Past Masters Association

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Breakfast Meeting at the Shrine Club of Hamilton

82 Melvin Street,

8:30 Meet and Greet, 9:00 am Breakfast

Cost \$15.00

Speaker – Tim Burrows

Topic: Tim Talks Tesla



Hear from Tim Burrows about his experience driving a battery powered Tesla over the past four years and 120,000 km. He is a member of GHEVA (Golden Horseshoe Electric Vehicle Association) as well as the Southern Ontario Tesla Owners Club.

RSVP to:

Jon Stewart 905 -543-0606 jstewart41@cogeco.ca
Gary Magwood 905-561-6593 gmagwood@gmail.com

Hamilton Masonic District 'C' D.D.G.M. Fraternal Visits

| Date | Lodge | Location |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Wed Sept 6 /17 | Ionic No. 549 | MCH |
| Thurs Sept 7 /17 | Buchanan No. 550 | Hillcrest |
| Mon Sept 11 //17 | Valley No. 100 | Dundas |
| Tues Sept 12 / 17 | Temple No. 324 | MCH |
| Wed Sept 13 / 17 | Meridian No. 687 | Ancaster |
| Tues Sept 19 / 17 | Hugh Murray No. 602 | MCH |
| Wed Sept 20 / 17 | The Electric No. 495 | Hillcrest |
| Thu Sept 21 /17 | Dufferin No. 291 | Flamborough |
| Mon Sept 25 //17 | Wardrope No. 555 | MCH |
| Tues Sept 26 / 17 | Landmarks / Doric No. 654 | MCH |
| Thurs Sept 28/17 | Corinthian No. 513 | MCH |
| Tue Oct 10/17 | Seymour No. 272 | Ancaster |
| Tue Oct 24/17 | Westmount No. 671 | Hillcrest |

October 2017

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Ionic Lodge No.549

Wednesday October 4, 2017

Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
MCH

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Hugh Murray No.602

Tuesday October 17, 2017

Dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
MCH

Dufferin Lodge Installation

Thursday October 19, 2017

B.B.Q. Post Meeting, Tyle 7:30 pm
Flamborough

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Wardrope No.555

Monday October 23, 2017

Tyle 7:30 pm
MCH

Around The District

21st ANNUAL MASONIC BEEF & CORN ROAST



IN SUPPORT OF
ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION
LEARNING CENTRE FOR HAMILTON

Masonic Historic Celebration

Post cards from RW. Bro. R. Kliaman
 Masonic Post Cards - Depicting Temiskaming District
 Lodge Buildings and events in Timmins & Haileybury ON



Building the Masonic Hall on the Foundation of the Methodist Church September, 1922 Haileybury, ON Rebuilding the Masonic Lodge The Haileybury Masons used the Cobalt Lodge until theirs was completed. The new Lodge was built on the foundation of the former Methodist Church. It was completed in 1923

<http://www.timminspress.com/2015/09/27>

In 1915, several men put a \$700 deposit down on a piece of property in Timmins with the intent of building a Freemason lodge in the city. Little did they know that very same building would still be standing 100 years later, and a new generation of proud Masons would continue to gather there to celebrate their mantra of brotherly love, truth and providing relief to the less fortunate. More than 100 sharply dressed Freemasons from across Ontario, their spouses and fellow community members gathered at the Days Inn in Timmins on Saturday evening to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the city's Golden Beaver Lodge.

“We're very pleased, we've had a very great turnout from our jurisdiction, from Southern Ontario and from The Grand Lodge,” said John Mavrincac, the Master of Golden Beaver Lodge 528, “It's a very special occasion for us, and we're very happy because a lot of lodges don't make it that long. The Masons gathered earlier in the day for the official centennial ceremonies, which included switching their regalia from silver to gold, at the local lodge in Timmins before heading to the Grand Master's Banquet Saturday evening.

Masons from across the province travelled to the city to attend the event, including the night's special guest John Green, who is the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Green joined the Conestogo Masonic Lodge in 1975 and has served the organization in various roles over the past 40 years. “This is the icing on the cake here tonight,” said Green, who resides in the small community of Drayton in Southwestern Ontario. “It's a celebration with our wives and spouses to break bread and celebrate the 100th anniversary.

“It's significant here because we're not only celebrating the age of the lodge but the age of the building they are housed in. The building was purchased for what it's used for today, which doesn't happen much in other parts of Ontario.”

Planning for the construction of the Golden Beaver Lodge in Timmins began in 1914 and after nearly a year of work the lodge officially opened on May 12, 1915 with a special meeting attended by 134 Masons from the community. The Masonic Hall hosted its first regular meeting about a month later, on June 9, 1915. “We have plans to upgrade our building when we get the funds to do it,” Mavrincac noted, “After all, it is 100 years old, and it needs some tender loving care.”

The theme of the evening was not geared toward business, however. Rather, it was a celebration of the brotherhood that exists between the Masons across Ontario. “It's a renewal of friendships because some of us have met before,” Green said. “But it's always nice, in my position, to meet people that I've never met before, to have some conversations with them about the way their doing things, the way their life is unwinding and how things are going with the people who are representing masonry in the North.”

When asked what he envisions when looking toward the future of the lodge, Mavrincac said simply: “We're happy to have celebrated this event tonight, and we're hoping to be here for another hundred years.”

King George VI - Victory Stamp



The King George VI “Victory stamp” was designed by Mr. Reynolds Stone, a descendent of the painter Sir Joshua Reynolds, following a decision in 1946 to celebrate the ending of the World War II and the beginning of a necessary period of reconstruction. 24 million 3d. “Victory Stamps” were issued by the Post Office in 1946, over a period of two months. It was one of a number of designs submitted to King George VI, who approved the design from several submitted to him, for this commemorative issue. H M King George VI was a member of Navy Lodge No. 2612, London, England.

When the stamp was issued, King George VI was not Grand Master as, like his predecessors, he had resigned all masonic offices on his accession. In 1936 when he succeeded his brother, he was Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, England, and Grand Master Mason of Scotland. He was invested as a Past Grand Master of England at an Especial Grand Lodge held on 30th June 1937 in celebration of his coronation.

The 3 penny denomination of this special issue stamp, details several masonic symbols of unmistakable prominence. The appearance of masonic symbols on a British postage stamp in such a distinctive manner, is without precedent. The dominating feature of the three penny stamp is the face of King George VI. If the stamp is oriented as a map with North to the top, the King is positioned in the east. In the centre flies a dove carrying an olive branch, from time immemorial the symbol of peace. The position of the square and compasses indicate the Kings favourite degree, also the unequal arms of the square indicate the jewel commonly worn by the Master of English Lodges.

While the trowel and brickwork are not without significance, being an important symbol in both the Scottish and American Crafts, emblematically spreading the cement of brotherly love among mankind and signifying the planned rebuilding following the end of the War, especially as the 3d. stamp was used only for postage to foreign lands, where the full significance of these emblems would be better appreciated.

Officially the 1946 Victory Stamp is not a masonic stamp as it was issued to commemorate the end of World War II and the, hoped for, return to peace and reconstruction to follow, however, it clearly details several symbols relating to the Masonic order.

Campbell Caraher.

<https://www.featherstonelodge.co.uk/1946-victory-stamp/>

Protocol and Etiquette

(Extract from Issue 32, June 2014)

TYPICAL BANQUET PROGRAM.

Grace.

One verse of the Royal anthem.

Toast to “The Queen and The Craft”.

Dinner.

Introduction of the brethren at the main Head Table

Introduction of any brethren at a secondary Head Table.

Toast to Grand Lodge.

(Note: It is NOT called the Toast to the Grand Master.)

Response, (if a CURRENT Grand Lodge Officer is in attendance).

Toast to the Visitors.

Response.

If a degree night – Toast to the Candidate.

Response.

On Installation night – Toast to the Newly Installed and Invested Officers.

Response.

Announcements.

The Junior Warden’s Toast.

One verse of “O Canada”.

TOASTS

1. Toasts should be brief, sincere and reflect the occasion.

2. The correct wording for toasts given at banquets is:
“The Queen and The Craft.” (No response is necessary.)

To a foreign Head of State, (if nationals of that country are present), e.g. “To the President of the United States”.
(No response is necessary.)

To Grand Lodge. Following some thoughtful and sincere comments about the role of Grand Lodge, the brethren will be asked by the proposer to join him in the time-honored toast to Grand Lodge. The 14 words of this toast are:

“The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.”

(A current / past Grand Lodge Officer should not propose this toast.)

The Visitors. (Always a response – but visitors are never requested to rise and drink a toast to their hosts.)

The Candidate, Brother John. J. Doe.
(He should respond – but forewarn him)

The Newly Installed and Invested Officers.
(The most junior Officer could respond –forewarn him)

The Junior Warden’s Toast. (All brethren participate.)

Humourous Musings

The Mindset List from Beloit College

(Ed Note) Something for our Members to consider about the younger men born in 1996. They “have always had The Daily Show to set them straight, always been able to secure immediate approval and endorsement for their ideas through “likes” on their Facebook page, and have rarely heard the term “bi-partisan agreement.”

Each August since 1998, Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., has released the Beloit College Mindset List, providing a look at the cultural touchstones and experiences that have shaped the worldview of students entering colleges and universities.”

1. Since Toys R Us created a toy registry for kids, visits to Santa are just a formality.
2. During kindergarten, they were upset by endlessly repeated images of planes blasting into the World Trade Center.
3. When they see wire-rimmed glasses, they think Harry Potter, not John Lennon.
4. “Press pound” on the phone is now translated as “hit hashtag.”
5. The Daily Show with Jon Stewart has always been the only news program that really “gets it right.”
6. Hong Kong has always been part of China.
7. Courts have always been overturning bans on same-sex marriages.
8. Hello Dolly...cloning has always been a fact, not science fiction.
9. There has always been “TV” designed to be watched exclusively on the web.
10. Female referees have always officiated NBA games.
11. There has always been a national database of sex offenders.
12. Chicago, a musical about a celebrity getting away with murder, has always been popular on Broadway.
13. Bill Gates has always been the richest man in the U.S.
14. Attending schools outside their neighborhoods, they gather with friends on Skype, not in their local park.
15. The PGA has always offered golfers with disabilities a ride.
16. They have always been able to buy insurance at local banks.
17. One route to pregnancy has always been through frozen eggs.
18. They have probably never used Netscape as their web browser.
19. Everybody has always Loved Raymond.
20. The rate of diagnosed diabetes has always been shooting up during their lifetime.
21. “Good feedback” means getting 30 likes on your last Facebook post in a single afternoon.

Check out the full list at:

<https://www.beloit.edu/mindset/previouslists/2018/>

From the Editor

Brethren,

Pictures, events, upcoming things of interest. Any and all of these would make the Chronicle more interesting to our community.

So if your Lodge, is doing, will do or has done something of interest, let us know at thr Chronicle; we are pretty good at adding space and making your Lodge look great..

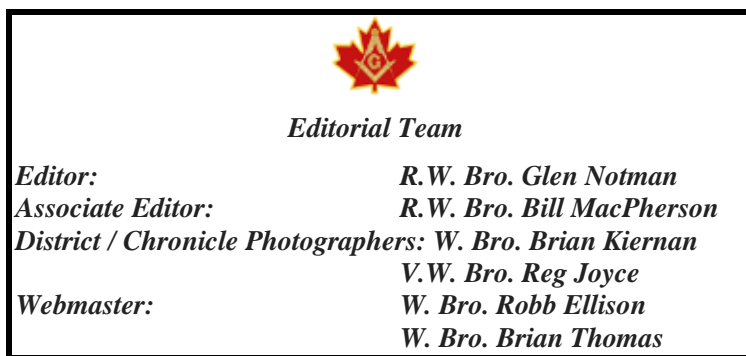
Another set of postcards from R.W. Bro. Kliaman, made a great feature on Lodges from 100 years ago. Based on some conversations, we are hoping to use more of his collection.

Some news, some humour, just need some current event pictures to make it whole.

Thank you for the kind words and feedback over the last month. Looking forward to another great year in Masonry

S&F

Glen



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