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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings District 'C' Brethren

Some wonderful September weather was paralleled by some wonderful masonic visitation and events, making the start of my journey as District Deputy highly enjoyable and very memorable.



I made 11 fraternal visits to our district lodges. The evenings included good degree work and proving's, highly interesting Masonic education and presentation of Master Mason Certificates.

Some special memories will be the presentation of the Grand Pursuivant Regalia to V.W. Bro. Lance Mullett at Valley Lodge No. 100, attended by Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro David Cameron and the happy and proud faces of Lance's family.

Also a very special evening at Buchanan Lodge No. 550 saw the presentation of a 50 year pin to W. Bro. Norm Thomas, an amazing achievement.

My Fraternal visit to Landmarks/Doric provided another good memory, the presentation of the "654 Award of Merit" to W. Bro. Paul Simpson for his outstanding work in his Lodge and his community.

I attended a Rededication Ceremony for Hamilton's Fallen Officers set up by the Hamilton Police Services. One of those officers fallen in the line of duty was Bro. David Gregory, a member of Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602.

We held the Fall District Meeting late in the month where we introduced the District Team and had some productive discussion regarding our position on funding for the Divine Services, the storage of old District Files, the District Guidelines update and our financial standing.

I had the great pleasure to present R.W. Bro. Craig Knapman with the District C Past DDGM lapel pin.

Our Chronicle editors presented R.W. Bro. Knapman and V.W. Bro. Mullett with bound hard copies of their years issues.

Looking forward, the month of October looks just as exciting with more Fraternal and Official visits and installations.

I truly appreciate the fellowship with our lodge members and I look forward to greeting and seeing you again.

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro John W. Hlohinec



Rededication Ceremony for Hamilton's Fallen Officers

V.W. Bro. Michael R. Martin, W. Bro Sandy MacMillan, R.W. Bro. Glenn T. Jarvie, R.W. Bro. John W. Hlohinec, W. Bro. Gary McLean, Bro. Scott Balinson

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From the Grand Master

Brethren, as the daylight grows shorter and the temperature begins to drop we know that fall is around the corner.

However, I want to begin this Communique with a look back, specifically to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in July 2017.

It was of course a special event with the Installation of a new group of District Deputy Grand Masters, a new Deputy Grand Master and the event I remember the most, of course, is the installation of a new Grand Master.

I will never forget that day. It was made even more important with family and friends, from all over Ontario, present. I am simply truly blessed and will do my best for the Masons of Ontario. Thank you, Brethren!

There was one experience those of you who were in attendance, at Grand Lodge, will always appreciate and that is **democracy** was alive and well in Ontario Masonry.

As you are no doubt aware several amendments to the Constitution were proposed and all those declared regular were passed with the exception of one. Although it was thought to be a good idea by some, such was not the case for the Brethren on the floor of Grand Lodge.

As social media may have played a part, there was much negative talk about the amendment and when it came time to vote there was an amendment proposed to change some of the wording. In the end, the amendment to the amendment failed and the vote came back to the original amendment and the original amendment was lost. What happened last July at Grand Lodge was an example of true **democracy** in our Grand Lodge.

During the last week of July, a team consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and led by the Custodian of the Work, conducted the Regional Travelling Road Show. When finished we had delivered our message in the following areas; London, Hamilton, Huntsville and Napanee. As always, it gave our team an opportunity to meet and inform the District Deputy Grand Masters of our Grand Jurisprudence as they began their Masonic year. Unfortunately, in some Districts, there were not enough qualified candidates for the position. Four Districts did not have a new District



Deputy Grand Master. Three repeated another term and one Past District Deputy opportunity” (problem) continues to grow and we, as a Grand Lodge, need to get out in front of this issue.

There are several reasons for not having sufficiently qualified aspirants for the position of District Deputy Grand Master in forty-two Districts. One of the main reasons is our Grand Lodge membership is now under forty thousand which is less than half of what it was in our highest days of membership.

As a Deputy Grand Master and now Grand Master I have spoken in several Districts across this province about a possible change in the term of the District Deputy Grand Master. Since it would appear that we no longer have enough qualified aspirants for DDGM and discourse has begun, much more discussion and reflection is needed before a decision can be made by you and Grand Lodge via an amendment to the Constitution.

Another issue being discussed is instead of having forty-two District Deputy Grand Master change each term, perhaps we would be better served to change only half the number each year. In other words, staggering the changes.

The Immediate Past Grand Master, in his farewell speech to Grand Lodge, suggested that the Past Master Course has run its course and perhaps should be changed and combined with the DDGM Orientation Course.

Last week I, along with the Deputy Grand Master as Chairman, met with a Committee of representatives from the College of Freemasonry and the DDGM Orientation Committee to discuss and begin a dialogue on a possible solution to Past Grand Master Green’s recommendation. Progress is being made!

Your Grand Lodge has begun a “constructive reflection” of our Grand Lodge & Committee structure to create a more Effective & Efficient Grand Lodge which will bring the word “Change” into our Masonic Dictionary.

Read now the words of Nathaniel Branden, a writer known for his work in the psychology of self-esteem, on how to implement Change:

CHANGE

The first step toward Change is Awareness

The second step is Acceptance.

The third step is to CHANGE.

We are, my Brothers, at the Awareness step.

Paul E. Todd

From the Deputy Grand Master

“Good seasons start with good beginnings.”

- Sparky Anderson

Although the calendar year starts in January, for most of us the year really starts in September. That is the season when children return to school and many of us return to our work-a-day routine and our Lodges start up again after a summer hiatus. What an opportune time to look at our members that have not been out to Lodge for a while and see what can be done to re-activate them.



Have you ever considered running a Rusty Mason program? Brethren who have been away from Lodge for a while often are reluctant to return, thinking people will quiz them on why they haven't been out, or they fear they may not know anyone, or even that they have forgotten the signs and words and will embarrass themselves! By running a Rusty Mason program you can alleviate some of these stresses.

The Rusty Mason program is only one of the suggestions for your Lodge that the Brother-to-Brother Team has. Under the capable direction of V.W. Bro. Dan Hutt, Team Leader, they will continue to update and promote aides that will help your Lodge to function better. The Five Steps to Application document lays out a suggested process to help potential candidates learn about Masonry before they apply, and to help the brethren to get to know the candidate before they have to ballot on him. It's not mandatory but if you look at it, I think you will see that it could be very useful. It's on the website under Brother to Brother.

When faced with a request for a demit, do you send a Committee out to interview the brother to see why he has asked for a demit? Or do you just say, “Oh John hasn't been to Lodge in months. Let's just grant it?” There are many reasons why a brother may stop coming out to Lodge and many of those reasons involve the embarrassment of having to explain in a large forum. If contacted by a few friends, he may admit that he has fallen on hard times and can't afford to come. Benevolence can solve that. Or maybe he lost his driving license. A willing brother to pick him up would maintain his interest and activity. Apart from the fact that such a Committee is mandated in the Constitution (Sec.190b) it just makes good sense to look after the members we have.

They have also developed a resource for new Masons to work through with their mentors. The first module of this is on the public area of the website so some of the questions a new

initiate has can be answered for him the very night he goes home from his first Lodge meeting. Things like, who were those guys with fancy collars? How do I enter the Lodge? There is also some philosophy to entice him. He is constantly pointed back to his Lodge mentor for further information and I would recommend it to both Entered Apprentice and long-term mentor as a starting point for discussion. It is under “About Freemasonry” on the Grand Lodge website. And there is one for Fellowcraft in the members only section under “Education”. The Master Mason resource is being developed this year.

September is also the start of the season when our youth sign up for their yearly activities – hockey, ballet lessons, Scouts and Guides. Do you know about the Masonic youth organizations in your area? Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters are groups in the Masonic family for girls and young women. DeMolay is for boys and young men. The ages for each group differ slightly but are generally from around age 10 to 21. And one no longer must be related to a Mason to join. If you are in contact with any young people, look into whether there is a group for them in your area. R.W. Bro. Les Armstrong, Chairman of Youth Initiatives, can help you with this. And consider volunteering as a leader yourself. The energy you get from working with young people is infectious.

Get active with our youth organizations. Get active with our new members. Get our lapsed members active again. Just get active!

David J. Cameron



SCOTTISH RITE

Hamilton Valley of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of
Freemasonry of Canada.

Congratulations to Hamilton District C's
newest 33° Honorary Inspectors General
Brian Kiernan and Bob Gordon



The 33rd degree is an honour that cannot be campaigned for, purchased or pursued, but must be granted. It is a recognition of years of service and contribution to the Craft and living our Masonic values.

Picture from :<http://hamiltonvalleyscottishrite.com>

Dates to Remember

October 2017

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

| Date | Lodge | Location |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Tue Oct 10/17 | Seymour No. 272 | Ancaster |
| Tue Oct 24/17 | Westmount No. 671 | Hillcrest |

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

Hamilton Masonic Districts' Board of Relief

Fall Divine Service
Sunday October 30, 2017. 2:30 pm
Norman E. Burns Cathedral
Scottish Rite
4 Queen Street South, Hamilton

November 2017

The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts Breakfast Meeting

Saturday November 4, 2017, 8:30 am
Masonic Centre Hamilton
Speaker: R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman
Topic: The Status of Lodges

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Temple Lodge No.324
Tuesday November 14, 2017
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
MCH

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

The Electric Lodge No.495
Wednesday November 15, 2017
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
Hillcrest Temple

Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts Future Planning 2

Thursday November 16, 2017. 7:15 pm
Stoney Creek Masonic Hall,
19 Dawson Avenue, Stoney Creek

Westmount Lodge Installation

Tuesday November 28, 2017
dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle 7:00 pm
Hillcrest Temple

The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge

BY MARK BROWN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017
2:30 PM

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Around the District



Valley Lodge No. 100 Investiture of
V.W. Bro. Lance Mullett as Grand Pursuivant



Valley Lodge No. 100 Fraternal Visit



Presenting our Past D.D.G.M. with his District C Lapel Pin
and Chronicle Memory Book at the District Meeting
Congratulations to R.W. Bro. Craig Knapman
and V.W. Bro. Lance Mullett



Buchanan Lodge presentation of a 50-yr. pin to
W. Bro Norm Thomas.

L to R, W. Bro. Brian Thomas, R. W. Bro. John W. Hlohinec,
W. Bro. Norm Thomas, W. Master Joseph Murdoch



Buchanan Lodge No. 550 Fraternal Visit



Corinthian Lodge No. 513 Fraternal Visit



Ionic Lodge No. 100 Fraternal Visit



R.W. Bro. John Hlohinec presenting the “654 Award of Merit” to W. Bro. Paul Simpson for his contributions to Landmarks/Doric Lodge and for his work with the March of Dimes – Jason’s House



Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 Fraternal Visit



Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654 Fraternal Visit



The Electric Lodge No. 495 Fraternal Visit



Dufferin Lodge No. 291 Fraternal Visit



Wardrobe Lodge No. 555 Fraternal Visit



Temple Lodge No. 324 Fraternal Visit



Meridian Lodge No. 687 Fraternal Visit

Quadrivium and Trivium

Taken from the GL of Manitoba e-news
For your daily advancement in Masonic education

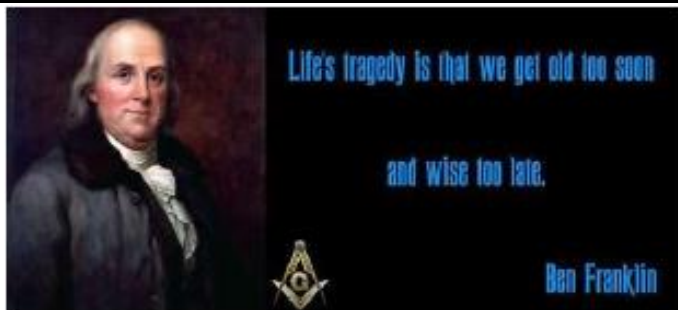
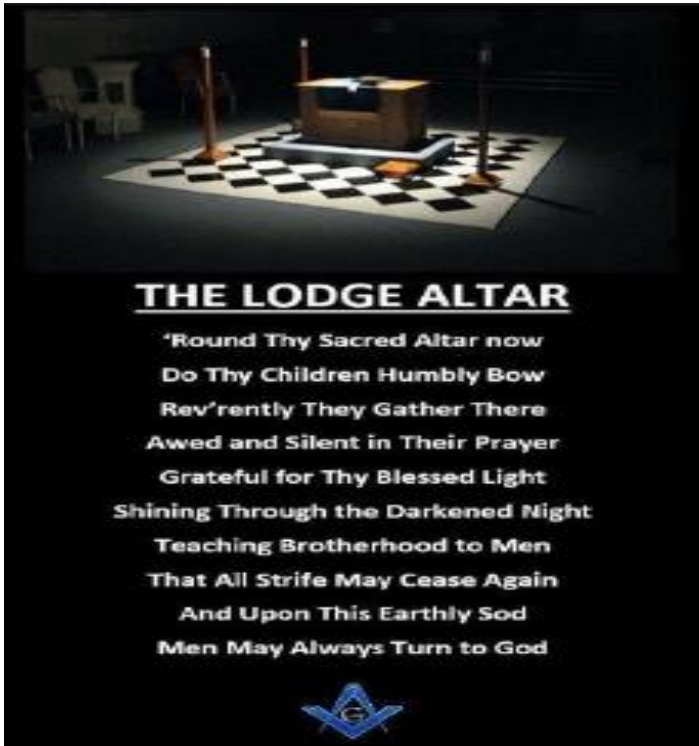
What are the QUADRIVIUM AND TRIVIUM?

The seven liberal arts and sciences. The Quadrivium, in the language of the schools, are the four lesser arts, arithmetic, music geometry, and astronomy; while the Trivium is the triple way to eloquence by the study of grammar, logic, and rhetoric.

In classical Latin, the word quadrivium meant a place where four roads met, and trivium, a place where three roads met.

The scholastics of the Middle Ages, looking to the metaphorical meaning of the phrase the Paths of Learning, divided what were called the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, but which comprised the whole cycle of instruction in those days, into two classes, **calling grammar, rhetoric, and logic, the trivium, and arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy the quadrivium.**

These two roads to the Temple of Wisdom, including seven distinct sciences, were, in the Middle supposed to include universal knowledge.



Ben Franklin, What is Freemasonry?

An excellent link to Ben Franklin explaining Freemasonry

District Charity

Autism Spectrum Disorder Research

The Charity Project of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) encompasses a wide variation in symptom severity and functional impact which includes impairments in social communication, repetitive behavior and restricted interests. Autism does not discriminate, affecting children on a global scale regardless of age, weight, race, ethnic and socio-economic groupings and overall health.

There is general agreement that causes of ASD are genetic and/or environmental factors.

It is more common than previously assumed with a population prevalence of an estimated 1 in 68 or about 67,00 children aged 3-20.

Worldwide there are an estimated 20 million diagnosed cases.

Boys with ASD outnumber girls by as much as 4:1, but the underlying reasons for this difference remain elusive.

Early detection through improved awareness, family studies, and better screening programs, allows early and effective interventions. The best practices for pre-school-aged children with ASD include a focus on improving language, and cognitive and adaptive skills using Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) techniques.

The demands on the health care system in Ontario have increased dramatically. Health care professionals in many capacities encounter children and families coping with ASD. Optimal care depends on a large network of providers, given the breadth and complexity of associated medical issues (epilepsy, ADHD, disturbed sleep, anxiety disorders, depression, gastrointestinal issues, obesity and schizophrenia).

Collaboration between medical, educational and social services is of paramount importance.

The newly revamped Government of Ontario Autism Program, with an investment of some ½ billion dollars over the next 5 years will attempt to streamline consistent delivery of services across the province. However, there is no known cure for Autism and Life expectancy for individuals with autism is considerably lower than the general population.

While the prevalence of autism is high, research funding remains considerably lower than for many less prevalent disorders and disabilities.

Cheques for donations may be written out to: Masonic Foundation of Ontario Project #2300



Humourous Musings

ANNUAL NEOLOGISM CONTEST

The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words.

Here are some sample winners:

1. **Coffee** (N.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (V.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (V.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (Adj.), impotent.
6. **Negligent** (Adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (V.), to walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle** (N.), olive-flavored mouthwash.

Check out the full list at:

<https://carma.newcastle.edu.au/jon/Preprints/Oddments/werds.pdf>

From the Editor

Brethren,

September proved to be a busy Masonic month and I am so thankful for all the submission made this month. Let us know if you want local news, or a longer Chronicle with more detailed articles. As an editorial policy, we try to limit each edition to 8 pages, keeping it newsy and Hamilton 'C' centric.

We did not have room for a submission from the World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges. The article is titled "**Equality and Tolerance. The Masonic Values that may Fundamentally Define the 21st Century, a Century of Dramatic Changes.**" It is an interesting read and worth checking out at:

<http://www.wcrngl.org/magazine/en/19-Equality-and-Tolerance.html#>

2 pages of pictures, a lot of activity in our District. I had to squeeze in one more from the Widows Sons! It is nice to see the events that are happening all around us. A plug from our Website Chairman, please update the Website trestleboard before your events, and we can come visit.

Looking forward to the first Official Visit of this Masonic year in October, and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.
S&F
Glen

**SAVE THE DATE
& REGISTER!**

**Sunday
November 12, 2017**

61st Annual Curling Bonspiel
Hosted by Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654

Open to Men, Ladies and Mature Teens

Join us for a day of curling, fun, friends, food, drink,
and probably far too many prizes.

Never Curled Before? Perfect! (It's easy)
We will be providing a quick demo before we get started.

Location:
Dundas Granite, 24 Head St, Dundas

Price: \$40/per person
Time: 9:00 to 4:30
Food: Lunch Provided
Coffee provided, Cash Bar
Teams arranged by committee

Rough Agenda:
9:00 Demo for beginners
9:30 6 end morning game
11:45 Lunch break
1:00 6 end afternoon game
3:00 Tally the Results!
3:15 Prizes are awarded

Questions & Registration contact:
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The Hamilton Hammers Chapter of the Widow's Sons Motorcycle Riding Association hosted our first Annual Poker Run. This event was very well attended by nearby Chapters and other friends. Consequently, monies were raised and we were pleased to present Neighbour 2 Neighbour with a cheque on September 22 for \$3,000. Our thanks to all of those who participated and their extreme generosity.



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