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#### From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings District 'C' Brethren

My Fraternal Visits in the month of September were an excellent

opportunity to meet this year's District 'C' Lodge officers and members and a great preparation to get rid of the butterflies before my first official visits.

October started with an Official Visit to Ionic Lodge 549 on October 4th and



then another to Hugh Murray Lodge 602 on October 17th. Great visits, wonderful banquets and degrees and my first speeches all under the belt.

Then onto the remainder of my Fraternal visits to Seymour Lodge 272, October 10th and Westmount Lodge 671, October 24th.

There was an Installation for Dufferin Lodge 291, October 19th, where we saw W. Bro. Lorne Evans installed as the Master of the Lodge and the Investiture of his Officers. Congratulations to Lorne and the new slate of officers.

The Past Masters Association held a September breakfast meeting at the Shrine Club. The speaker was Tim Burrows and he gave us a glimpse of the future with a talk on electric cars, even showing off a new Tesla.

The Hamilton Masonic District Board of Relief held our Fall Divine Service was at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Sunday October 29th.

Valley Lodge 100 on October 16th held a special evening of recognition for R.W. Bro. Roger Parliament for his work in the Lodge and for 60 Years as a Mason. Congratulations to Roger. A well-earned honour.

A reminder to all the Brethren, that the District Blood Donor Committee is working hard at the Clinic's. Brethren, if you can donate, please do so especially at this upcoming busy time of the year. Please visit www.bloodservices.ca for the address of the clinic nearest to you.

Lastly please watch out for our future masons and eastern star members running about the streets on Halloween. They are more focused on the Great Pumpkin than the Great Architect at this age but we need our future membership safe guarded.

Fraternally

#### R.W. Bro John W. Hlohinec



Hamilton Districts – Divine Service (L to R) R.W. Bro. Tom Marshall, Past President, R.W. Bro. Eric Marshall, Hamilton A, W. Bro. The Rev. Charles Hogg, R.W. Bro. Glenn Jarvie, Hamilton B, R.W. Bro. John Hlohinec, Hamilton C.

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## From the Grand Master

Brethren,

I begin this Communique by mentioning all Canadians have been subjected to the weather. Eastern In Ontario, and I suspect most of Ontario, the "summer" consisted of much rain and cool temperatures;

however the last two weeks have been the weather we were looking for earlier in the season.

September was a

busy but enjoyable month for your Grand Master especially for the Investitures of newly appointed Grand Lodge Officers. I had the privilege of doing two, both in St. Lawrence District -Rising Sun Lodge No. 85 and Salem Lodge No. 368. Unfortunately that was all I could do, due to a full schedule of invitations, Lodge meetings and office duties.

Your Grand Lodge Constituted and Consecrate a new Lodge, Templum Lucis No. 747 in Stratford this past month, a Lodge with much potential for growth.

It works on the Traditional Observance model and is one of two TO Lodges in Ontario - the other being Templum Fidelis No. 746. They both work on strict guidelines, of personal mentoring, proper decorum in Lodge and the banquet room and meditating silence; an experience that is well worth a visit.

Those in attendance at Templum Lucis Lodge No. 747 were witness to a Ceremony only performed once in the last nine years. Officers of Grand Lodge were summoned to Especial Communication to attend the solemn Ceremony. Templum Lucis Lodge opened Lodge under dispensation. A delegation was then sent to where Grand Lodge had been opened, requesting the Grand Master attend to Constitute & Consecrate the Lodge.

The Pageantry, Ceremony and Symbolism of the event was done in ancient form, which left an indelible impression on all who attended the meeting.

Please take note that your Grand Lodge will create a second new Lodge on Wednesday, October 4th 2017, in Parry Sound, where Goodfellows Lodge No. 748 will be Constituted and Consecrated after working for a year UD (Under Dispensation). For more information on this event please see the Grand Lodge Website. This is great news for Ontario Freemasonry and this Grand Master in particular - the formation of two new Lodges in this Masonic year in less than a month.

As a country boy, here in Eastern Ontario and a former Chairman of the International Plowing Match Masonic display here in Carleton Place, it was with great pleasure to accept the invitation to attend this year's event in Walton. It is always an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones and this year was no different but, as you may know by now, we were in for a big surprise.

The weather on the day I was to attend was unbelievable, with torrential rain and high wind. In the interest of the safety of everyone and with the site of the International Plowing Match under water, the event was closed for the day. However, the Meet and Greet was re-located and went on as planned at the Seaforth Legion.

As we enjoyed a great social event at Seaforth, the "the men who work the land" were busy turning a small lake back into a respectable field. This was no surprise to me having, over the years, got to know many of these men. Thanks to all their efforts, the Plowing Match reopened the following day.

I took the opportunity to tour the Plowing Match and spent time at the Masonic display, where to my surprise there was a very large picture of your Grand Master. All the displays were excellent and the hospitality was second to none; even with the kidding of a certain Past Grand Master that the picture of me had no legs. As always, the Masonic Display is a must see at any International Plowing Match. Well done Brethren!

An afternoon Lodge meeting of Waterloo Lodge No 539, on the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Lodge, saw the silver turn to gold. The event was well attended and not to be out done. The celebration, that evening at a great Gala, was enjoyed by all; especially my new piper friend who, at 92, had way more fun on the dance floor than anyone else.

As Grand Master I have the opportunity to attend many events but none more meaningful than a William Mercier Wilson Medal presentation. I was privileged to attend such an event in Sault St. Marie this month at Hatherly Lodge No. 625. Bro. Kenneth Jewett, a modest Brother, was best described by those in the audience who gave testimony to his quality as a man and as a Mason. Brethren and friends had a difficult time emotionally with their words of love for Ken and, with the assistance of his Lady, he received his WMW Medal. I was humbled to have the privilege to sit beside him. It was, for this Grand Master, a night I will always remember.

In Windsor recently, I had the privilege of dedicating the Cornerstone for the New City Hall. The well-organized event began with a gathering of Masons from Ontario and the United States, along with the Rainbow Girls, at the Cenotaph and then, lead by Brother Piper, we walked a short distance to City Hall were a traditional Masonic Cornerstone was conducted. My personal congratulations to W. Bro Adamson for all his efforts. Truly an example to all Masons.

Paul E. Todd

# From the Deputy Grand Master

"Get KNOWLEDGE; Get WISDOM; but with all thy getting, Get UNDERSTANDING. ... Proverbs: 4



#### Brethren,

A daily advancement in Masonic knowledge has several levels. To start with, there is Masonic training and then there is Masonic education.

The medieval education consisted of two parts: the Trivium (meaning three roads or ways) and the Quadrivium (meaning four ways).

The Trivium consisted of the study of grammar, rhetoric and logic: those basic

skills which are needed to formulate and work with ideas. The Quadrivium contained the arts and sciences which built upon these: arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy.

In like manner, one's Masonic knowledge must start with the basics: the grips and tokens, the words of the Ritual, the floorwork. Grand Lodge provides several programs which elaborate on these: Lodges of Instruction, the Mentor's program, and "For the New Entered Apprentice". Lodges of Instruction are now in full swing; avail yourself of one if it is within your cable tow. The documents for new Masons and their mentors are on the website, and R.W. Bro. George Warner and his Friend-to-Friend/Mentor Committee are available for presentations to your Lodge or District. Just ask.

The Committee on Masonic Education builds upon this basic knowledge to allow a Brother to further his research into the history, symbolism and philosophy of Freemasonry.

The study of our history is obvious. Learning how we developed and how we have interacted with our community helps us understand who we are and why we exist. Study of symbolism unlocks the many hidden secrets incorporated into the Craft by our forbearers. And the study and discussion of philosophy helps us discover ourselves and our purpose in life.

Grand Lodge has programs to assist us in these researches as well. Three whole modules of the College of Freemasonry are devoted to finding out about our history. There are two on philosophy and symbolism, as well as one on Esoteric Studies. And, of course, the Grand Lodge Library has countless volumes on these subjects. Several books are also available for purchase through W. Bro. Kevin Furlong's Book Sales Team or the Grand Lodge Office. And our excellent educational newsletter, Reflections, regularly publishes articles of interest. Our partnership with Brock University has piqued the interest of students to the extent that there is now a course on Freemasonry and fraternalism at Brock. The varied and interesting yearly Sankey Lectures offer us a window on how the academic community views us. You have no doubt heard that the College of Freemasonry and the DDGM Orientation Committee are reviewing the requirements for being elected as DDGM. This is progressing very well and we will have some changes to recommend for next year. But please note, as they involve a constitutional amendment, they will not come into effect until next July, if at all, depending on the will of the voters. So, those of you interested in running for the positions of DDGM, Grand Register or Board of General Purposes, get the course and get started. It will still be required. And you will enjoy it if you give yourself time.

"Never regard study as a duty, but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs."

- Albert Einstein

The opportunities to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge abound. Make use of them.

#### David J. Cameron



Gathering of the Grand Masters at the UGLE (M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, row 3, 5<sup>th</sup> from left)



# **Dates to Remember**

### 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** How to rate your lodge

Jon Stewart 905 5430606 or Gary Magwood 905 517-6091

#### **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

# **300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**

Landmarks / Doric No. 654 Tuesday November 28, 2017 Dinner 6:30 pm Tyle 730pm Tickets \$35.00 MCH

Brethren and visitors will assemble in the round dining room, for a special celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England, enjoying roast beef with all the trimmings. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST, and must be submitted to W. Bro Lorne Evans at lornegevans@gmail.com or jw.ld654@hotmail.com by Nov 21st

#### **Eight Annual Valley Lodge Holiday Dinner and Dance**

Dundas Golf and Country Club Saturday November 25, 2017 Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Dance 9 pm - 1 am Tickets \$60.00 per person Contact V. W. Bro Lance Mullett for tickets at 905-572-5535 or Lmullett@bgisefs.com

# December 2017

#### **D.D.G.M.** Official Visit

Buchanan Lodge No.550 Thursday December 1, 2016. 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 Tyle Hillcrest



#### **Breakfast with Santa**

Scottish Rite Saturday December 2, 2017 8:30 am to 10:30 am MCH Tickets via Scottish Rite Club Office

# **Installation of Officers**

Ionic Lodge No. 549 Wednesday Dec 6, 2016, 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Tyle MCH

# **Installation of Officers**

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 Tuesday December 19, 2016. Dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle 7:30 p.m. MCH

W. Bro Edward Patterson; Installing Master, the Line Officers, and Brethren of Hugh Murray Lodge Cordially invite you, and your Lodge Brothers to

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 AJ&AM GRC

The INSTALLATION of Bro. Tribuwan Kumar Persaud as Worshipful Master

On Tuesday the 19th of December 2017 7:30p.m. Dinner before lodge at 6:00p.m.

> At The Scottish Rite Club 4 Queen Street South Hamilton, ON

For more information or to RSVP please con W. Bro. Edward Patterson 905-517-6728 or tardis\_01@bo

Dinner Subscription \$20.00 S.V.P. by Tuesday, 12th of Dece

# **Around the District**



Valley Lodge No. 100 Special night for R. W. Bro Roger Parliament 60 Years and for all he has done in lodge Oct 16th



Seymour Lodge No. 272 Fraternal Visit



Westmount Lodge No. 671 Fraternal Visit



Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 Official Visit



Ionic Lodge No. 549 Official Visit



Dufferin Lodge No. 291 Installation of Officers



Bro. Murray McDougal, a member of Dufferin Lodge, currently works in Alberta and back visiting his father, Bro. Berry McDougal. This gave the Lodge the opportunity and pleasure to confer his Master Mason Degree at an emergent meeting.



Temple Lodge - Friend to Friend Event at Flamboro Downs

# **Remembrance Day**



Bro. Richard L. Moll Second Lieutenant (Ret) RHLI 13th Battalion Ceremonial Guard (1862) Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment) Standards Officer 62 RHLI RCACC Member of Ancient Landmarks / Doric Lodge

#### PROUD OF OUR CANADIAN SOLDIER

THE FATHER AND HUSBAND THAT HE IS. ASKED ME IF HE COULD GO. The soldier who knew where he belonged would do so. ASKED HIM ONCE 'PLEASE DON'T GO, WE NEED YOU MORE.' THE LOOK IN HIS EYES SHAMED ME TO THE CORE. MY CANADIAN SOLDIER KNEW WHERE HIS DUTY LAY. I HIDE MY TEARS, FEAR AS YOU PROUDLY WALKED AWAY. I HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I CARE. ERE ARE TIMES MY FEELINGS, I DON'T SHARE ABOUT THE ACCIDENTS AND LIVES LOST ave read the news a ray and hope to Gos ou have missed so m YOU NEVER HAVE TO PAY THAT H SINCE WE HAVE I But as a soldier, you knew in your heary what you wanted to do. You have heard some Canadians voice their thoughts that this war is wrong. wing this you fought for all Canadians. It proves just how you are strong is is the first time that Canadians soldiers have fought since the Korean Waf THE MORE YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS THE HIGHER YOUR SPIRITS WILL SOAR. THE WAR YOU FIGHT FOR ALL OF US WE FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND. BUT YOU, MY CANADIAN SOLDIER, WILL DO THE BEST YOU CAN. AS A WIFE, I NOW HAVE A GREAT FEAR ANSWERING A DOOR OR PHONE BUT WHEN OR IF THEY COME KNOCKING MY FEELINGS WILL BE KNOWN. I LOVE YOU LIKE NO OTHER YOU ARE MY OTHER HALF. ACCEPT OUR WAY OF LIFE AS YOU LEAD US DOWN THIS PATH. YOU HAVE GIVEN UP YOUR HEART, SOUL, AND MIND. MY PRAYER IS ALL CANADIANS WILL SOMEDAY KNOW AND SEE YOU IN KIND. I AM NOT A STRONG MILITARY WIFE EVEN THOUGH I TRY. THERE ARE TOO MANY TIMES I JUST WANT TO GIVE UP AND CRY. YOU ARE SO STRONG YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO SHOW ME THAT BY LISTENING AND LEARNING FROM YOU, YOU HAVE SET ME FREE. THERE ARE NEVER ENOUGH WORDS TO SAY THANK YOU. YOU HAVE FOUGHT A HARD FIGHT AND HAVE PAID YOUR DUE. WE ALL NEED TO REMEMBER EVERY SOLDIER WHO HAVE FOUGHT IT WAS FOR OUR FREEDOM, SAFETY, AND FUTURE THEY SOUGHT



by Roland Majeau Talk of trouble is sent through the country And we need an army To fight for the right Young men enlist and are sent to the battle To fight the offender and help our allies

And the young men cry, \*"Oh Canada, We'll gladly go and fight for thee." And the young men cry, "Oh Canada, We'll fight to keep you free."

The battle's raging Gun fire is blazing A tired young soldier is clinging to life He's ordered on And obeys by advancing No hope of returning from the enemy fire

> And the soldier cries, "Oh Canada If it must be so, I'll die for thee." And the soldier cries, "Oh Canada I'll die to keep you free."

Far away we have seen a great danger And yet there's a danger much greater within The noise we make as we constantly bicker Would hush not a whisper if we listen to hear...

> All the thousands cry, "Oh Canada, Is that why we have died for thee?" And the soldiers cry, "Oh Canada, We died to keep you free."

And we all miss Oh Canada The land where we all used to be And we all are longing for Canada The true north, strong and free

And the soldier cries, "Oh Canada, be true and strong for me

### Reflections

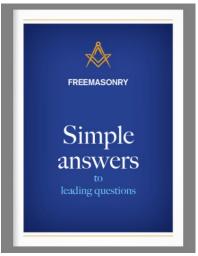
# **Tear Drop Memorial**

Masonic Articles by Ontario Masons Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario Masonic Education & Reflections Committee Vol. 31 No. 1 October 2017 GLCPOO 09 17

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#### Craft Stewardship News

Craft Stewardship Committee of Grand Lodge Effectiveness & Efficiency - Going Forward Strengthening the West Gate Vol. 1 No.1 October 2017



http://freemasonsnz.org/

It is very well put together. It explains Freemasonry to nonmasons and neophyte masons in a succinct manner. It can be accessed/downloaded at the following URL

http://freemasonsnz.org/simple-answers-to-leading-questionsbooklet

Sincerely & Fraternally, R.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman





Time cures everything, but there are things we cannot and must not forget. Standing more than 100 feet tall, "To the Struggle Against World Terrorism" honors victims of 9/11 and the 1993 World Trade Center bombings and serves as a symbol of solidarity in the fight against world terrorism.

Created by Russian sculptor Zurab Tsereteli, the memorial was a gift from the Russian people. Dedicated on September 11, 2006, it stands in direct view of the Statue of Liberty and the former World Trade Center.

A gift from Tsereteli and the Russian people, the memorial is made of steel sheathed in bronze.

Standing 100 feet high, its center contains a jagged tear. In it, hangs a 40-foot stainless steel teardrop, representing sadness and grief over the loss of life, but also hope for a future free from terror.

Etched in granite on an 11-sided base are the names of the nearly 3,000 killed in the 1993 World Trade Center bombings and terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001

Source: Tear Drop Memorial

# **Humourous Musings**

# Grumpy Dragon: Before Coffee



# We'd show you the Grumpy Dragon: After Coffee

picture, but the photographer didn't survive taking the first one. INGHIS



The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge a comedy for the entire family.

Sunday 2:30 pm November 19th, 2017 Scottish Rite Cathedral

Performance and Dinner \$60 or Performance only \$20 Tickets call: 905-537-7876 or email: dwarrington@dyslexiacentrehamilton.com

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### The Electric Lodge

#### **BROTHER STAVROS KONSTANTINIDIS**

Initiated March 16, 1983 Passed September 21, 1983 Raised November 9, 1983 Passed to the Grand Lodge Above September 26, 2017

#### **BROTHER THOMAS MCVEY**

Initiated November 16, 1977 Passed February 15, 1978 Raised March 15, 1978 Passed to the Grand Lodge Above October 1, 2017

#### Hugh Murray Lodge

#### W. BRO. DONALD JOHN GREGORY

Born: January 19, 1927 Initiated: April 7, 1948 Passed: May 5, 1948 Raised: June 2, 1948 Passed to Grand Lodge above – July 10, 2017

#### Seymour Lodge

#### **BROTHER JAMES DONALD COURTNEY**

Initiated - March 10, 2009 Passed - May 12, 2009 Raised - September 8, 2009 Passed to Grand Lodge above September 21, 2017

In Life Respected, In Death Regretted. We Shall Cherish Their Memory in Our Hearts.

# From the Editor

Brethren, It is shaping up to be a busy year. Submissions from the District Lodges, show a lot of events to consider. Many of them are open to everyone, so think about bringing a friend or family member along.

S&F Glen



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