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From our District Deputy Grand Master

With the Holiday Season now behind us and we enter the 2018 Masonic Year, it is hard to believe that my term as DDGM for District 'C' is halfway through.

I am very grateful to all the lodges that included my wife Linda and myself in their



Christmas Banquets. We enjoyed your good company very much. We hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday with your family and friends.

The 2018 Masonic Year started with the Grand Lodge mid-term meeting of all the District Deputy Grand Masters from across the Province meeting with the Grand Master in Pickering to update on the current status of the Craft.

We also had our second District Meeting at the Ancaster Temple where we worked on many of the issues pertaining to our own district and heard the reports of the District Chairmen.

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Please note: The opinions and views expressed in any article in the District 'C' hronicle are those of the writers and therefore do not necessarily reflect the opinion of Grand Lodge. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions

There are installations and official visits upcoming as well as visitations to lodges outside our district rounding out the month.

I would like to remind all the Brethren about the next Past Masters Association meeting happening Saturday January 20th held at MCH and starting at 8:30 am.

The three wise men from Hamilton's Districts 'A', 'B' and 'C' will be speaking on "How Our Years are Progressing".

This is not just for Past Masters but for all masons of the Districts.

As Lumiere says:

"Put me to the TEST, Be my Guest, Be my Guest, Be my Guest."

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro John W. Hlohinec



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Brethren, there is an urgent need for blood. One unit can save three lives. Please give if you can

From the Grand Master

Brethren:

Recently I was honoured to be your representative at the United Grand Lodge of England's celebration of 300 years of the formation of Grand Lodge.

It was a once in a lifetime experience, one hundred and thirty-six Grand Masters from all over the world gathered for three days of celebration in London, England.



The first event was the Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England welcoming dinner guests at the Grand Connaught Room where over five hundred invited Masons and their companions enjoy a champagne reception follow by an excellent dinner. Dinner music was provided by a military band in the balcony.

The entrance of the Deputy Grand Master and his Lady was announced by two trumpeters who led the entourage to the two empty seats at the table where Gloria and I were seated. To say the least we were very impressed.

The next morning the Grand Masters and their guests assembled in the Grand Temple of the Freemason's Hall on Queen Street to be greeted by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent at the Grand Master's reception. Each Grand Master had a few moments with H.R.H., he asked me if there were any plans for the 300th Anniversary in Ontario and I was able to reply that a Gala Ball was planned in Toronto in November.

That evening, more than 400 invited guests were taken by coach to the mansion of the Lord Mayor of London for a champagne reception. The room that we assembled in was breath taking and much time was spent taking pictures. The Lord Mayor, with only three more days left in office, gave a welcome speech which soon identified him as a Brother. It was truly a magical evening and the perfect ending to an amazing day

In the late afternoon of the third day, through evening traffic and from five hotels, the Grand Masters & Masons were taken by coach to Royal Albert Hall for the premier event of the Tercentenary Celebrations. The first balcony of Royal Albert Hall is designate as the Grand Balcony and the Grand Masters were seated in the first row of the balcony boxes to

watch the evenings events unfold while the remaining four thousand Mason took their seats on the floor and the other balconies. Our Ladies and other invited guests took in the Royal Albert production at the Freemasons Hall, displayed on a giant screen, and then dinner next door at the Grand Connaught room. The great celebration began with Grand Lodge being opened in a

private room and then called off and the procession of all Metropolitan, Provincial and District Grand Masters entered the Hall while the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H the Duke of Kent entered the Queen's Royal Albert box.

Then began the theatrical and musical celebration titled "Bringing Light To The World" starring Sir Derek Jacobi whose theatre work as King Lear; film work in Murder on the Orient Express and the Hunchback of Notre Dame; as well as television work, is well known.

Jim Daniel, this year's Prestonian Lecturer, when speaking with the show producers, described in these words the vision for the play, "We would like to send our members home astonished and delighted and with even greater pride in their membership". In my opinion, they accomplished their vision and much more.

Once the play was over then began the pomp and circumstance, with the entrance of the Grand Master, the Duke of Kent to the gold Masters Chair. The Grand Master welcome all and then followed two well know hymns; I vow to thee my country" and Guide me O thou great Jehovah

The Soane Ark which contained the Great Lights and the Wren Maul was destroy in a fire. In an impressive ceremony, the Grand Chaplain blessed and received the Great Lights and Wren Maul into a new Ark built to the exact dimensions of the original Soane Ark The ceremony concluded with the singing of the hymn Jerusalem and two verses of God Save the Queen. The Grand Masters were once again on a coach to the Battersea Evolution which is a spectacular building which seated two thousand Mason's for dinner. I was privileged to sit at one of the four tables designated as a head table, my seat mates were the UGLE Assistant Grand Master, the Grand Master of Cuba, the Grand Master of Virginia and the Grand Master of Luxembourg. The dinner was excellent, the speeches were minimal and the general feeling was a bit sad that this well planned, once in a life time event was now over.

Gloria and I were very blessed to be in a position to make these wonderful memories as we watch history unfold. To the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario we say thank you.

From Gloria and I, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and prosperous and Happy New Year."

Paul E. Todd

Watch the full 2 hour and 33 minute UGLE program here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciNkEPBGc-o>

From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren,

In most religions, the quest for knowledge is expressed in terms of light: seeking enlightenment. And this season abounds with festivals of light, despite or perhaps because, it is the darkest time of the year (in the Northern Hemisphere anyway.)

Bodhi Day commemorates the day that Siddhartha Gautama obtained enlightenment and became the first Buddha.

Christmas is the Christian celebration of the birth of the “light of the world”. Trees and houses are lit and candles form an integral part of many church services.

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, celebrates the time when there was only enough oil to light the temple for one night, but it lasted for eight. Jews light the candles on the Menorah to remember this miracle.

Milad un-Nabi is a celebration of the birthday of the Prophet Muhammed. It is a quiet day as it also marks his death. While the major focus is on the Prophet’s life and teaching, in some countries the streets and mosques are illuminated at night.

Hindus celebrate Diwali with prayers, gifts and lights. Millions of lamps shine from houses across India during this festival. Diwali is also important to Jains as the end of the year and as a commemoration of enlightenment and nirvana.

Lohri is an official festival in the Punjab. It involves big bonfires and lots of food. It is celebrated by Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims and Christians.

In Japan, huge bonfires burn on Mount Fuji each December 22nd.

Fires were lit to mark the Scandinavian festival of Juul – hence the Yule log.

A Kinora with seven candles is lit to remind us of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The Zuni and Hopi people of the Southwest U.S.A. observe Soyal with fasting, prayer and ceremonial dancing.



Saturnalia in ancient Rome was celebrated with gifts of imitation fruit, dolls and candles.

Yalda, which is still observed in Iran as a secular festival, had its roots the triumph of Mithra over darkness.

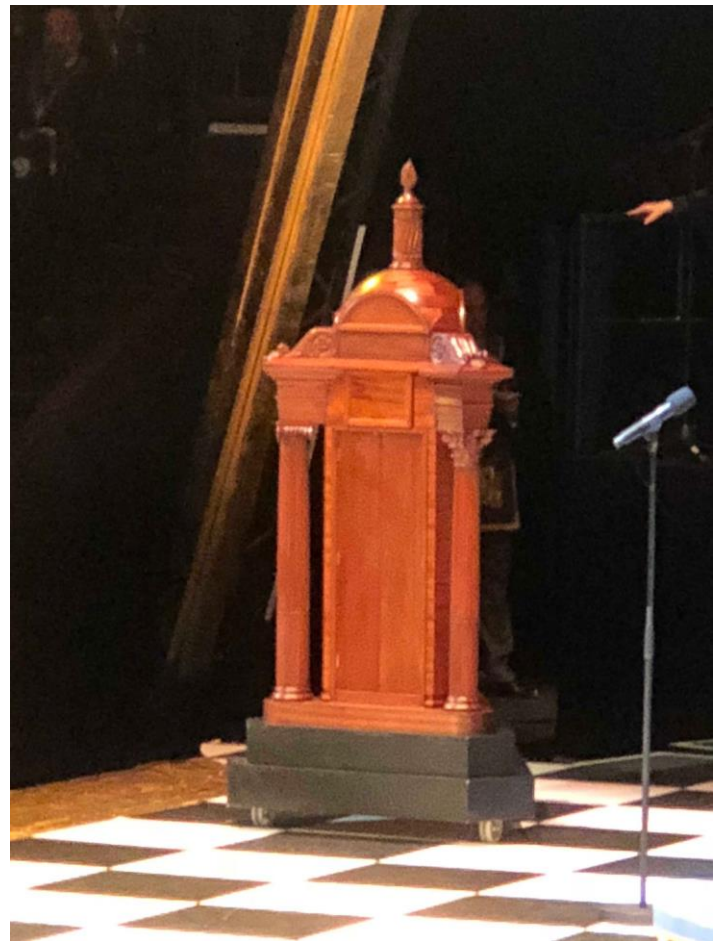
The Winter Solstice is one of only four times a year that access to Stonehenge is allowed. Neo-Druids gather to watch the midwinter sun rise perfectly between the two upright stones of the Great Trilithon.

Freemasonry, although not a religion, celebrates enlightenment, and symbols of light abound – from the question posed to the initiate at the altar, to the sun in splendour on the Grand Master’s apron. Many Lodges hold their Installations during this season of darkness and light.

One of the hallmarks of Freemasonry is our inclusion of men of many faiths. It is one of our greatest strengths.

In this season which is so special to all of us, Jill and I wish you all the best for the holy days.

David J. Cameron



The Soane Ark Symbol of the vision of Unity and Common Purpose; destroyed in a fire in 1883 and exactly rebuilt according to the original design. With the three pillars of Ionic, Doric and Corinthian architecture representing Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

Dates to Remember

January 2018

Installation of Officers

Seymour Lodge No. 272
Tuesday January 9, 2018,
7:30 pm Tyle
Ancaster

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Corinthian Lodge No.513
Thursday January 25th, 2018.
7:30 Tyle
MCH

District 'C' Mid Term Meeting

Saturday January 13, 2018, 9:00 am
Ancaster Masonic Temple

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

Saturday January 20, 2018, 8:30 am
Masonic Centre Hamilton
Speaker: District Deputy Grand Masters
Hamilton 'A', 'B', 'C'
Topic: How our Years are Progressing

February 2018

Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

Lodge of Instruction: "Deacon Workshop"

Thursday February 15, 2018, 7:15 pm
Stoney Creek Temple,
19 Dawson Avenue,
Stoney Creek

Hamilton Masonic Districts Board of Relief Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 25, 2018 2:30 pm
Stoney Creek Masonic Hall,
19 Dawson Avenue,
Stoney Creek

March 2018

Masonic Essay Contest

Essay Contest Theme:

*Masonic membership is currently on a low point of a cycle.
What do you think are contributing factors and how should we
turn it around?*

Submission Deadline Thursday March 1, 2018
College@Gmail.com

DDGM's Reception and Banquet Saturday March 3, 2018

Reception: 6:00 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm, Dance to follow
Michelangelo Events & Conference Centre
1555 Upper Ottawa Street, Hamilton,
Cost \$40.00 per person

Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

Lodge of Instruction: "Masters & Wardens Workshop"

Tuesday March 20, 2018, 7:15 pm
Shriner's Club of Hamilton,
82 Melvin Ave. Hamilton

"May the best ye hae iuver seen be the warst ye'll iuver see."

Hugh Murray Brethren, Families, Wives and Girlfriends,
We Invite all our Fathers and Mothers,
our Sisters and dear friends most welcome as well,
and let's not forget all of our Brothers!

Please join Hugh Murray Lodge at our
21st Annual Robbie Burns Dinner
Saturday January 27th, 2018
6:30p.m. Cocktails - 7:07p.m. Dinner
at the
The Scottish Rite Club
of Hamilton
Four Queen Street South,
Hamilton, ON

**Tickets: \$45 per person
\$90.00 per couple**

Dress Code: Formal
Business attire or Kilts!

For More Information or tickets contact:
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Bro. Thibault Perreault 519-229-7940 or thibaultp@gmail.com
Bro. Marlene King 616-919-1389 or marlenek@gmail.com

Tickets are limited - Get yours in advance



Around the District

December 2017



D.D.G.M. Official Visit to Buchanan Lodge No.550



Installation of Officers Ionic Lodge No. 549



Installation of Officers Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602



Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602's New Master W.Bro Tribuwan K. Persaud with his brother Amit Persaud and his cousin EA Omkaar Sharma from Grand River Lodge No. 151 along with the D.G.M. R.W.Bro. David J. Cameron and our D.D.G. M. R.W. Bro. John W. Hlohinec

The Seal or Crest of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario



The seal of our Grand Lodge is complex, and laden with Masonic, Old Testament, New Testament, and astrological symbolism. Encircled by an ear of corn, and a sprig of acacia, the arms are quartered, and quartered again on the right.

The top left quarter was originally the arms of the London Company of Freemasons. 5 ½ centuries ago, and then of the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) until 1813. The stone castles are a perfect symbol for Masons, and, of course, there are three of them. The chevron represents the Square, and contains the Compasses.

The right half of the Seal was originally the arms of the Ancient Grand Lodge of England. A cross comprised of four mason's squares divides it into four panels. Here, examples of the Ancients' "Christian bias" are evident in the four beasts of the Apocalypse, as articulated by St. John the Evangelist in Revelations. Since the Middle Ages, these four Beasts have been symbolic of the four Gospel writers. For reasons recorded in their writings, St. Matthew was represented by a "man", St. Mark by a golden lion, St. Luke by an ox, and St. John by an eagle, since he soared to Heaven like an eagle. These beasts were originally the totems or symbols of various tribes of Israel, for example, the Lion of Judah, and they surrounded the throne of God in St. John's vision in Revelations.

It's interesting that the four Beasts are also represented in various Signs of the Zodiac: Leo the lion, Taurus the bull, Aquarius the eagle, and Scorpio, with the man's head.

The sole Canadian symbol in the entire Seal is the industrious beaver. The unique qualities of its fur brought traders and explorers to the most remote corners of Canada. Indeed, in the 1820's, the second Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada was Simon McGillivray, the Governor of the North West Fur Trading Company.

Above the seal of Grand Lodge, two golden angels guard the Ark of the Covenant with outstretched wings. These two gold cherubim are composed of elements of the four Beasts: an eagle's wings, an ox's legs, a lion's belly, and a man's head. The Ark was a gold-laminated wooden box which contained the Ten Commandments, and was kept in the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Temple. It was God's resting place, or Mercy Seat, and the Rays of Heaven radiated from it. Hebrew characters above it, meaning "Reverence to the Lord", are represented in our Lodges by the letter G.

In earlier times, the Moderns Grand Lodge of England used the motto "Relief and Truth", or "The Lord is all our Trust", but at their union with the Ancients Grand Lodge of England in 1813, they adopted the same three Latin words as in the motto of our Grand Lodge, meaning: " Listen, Watch, Keep Silent".

Thus, it is evident that the origins and explanations of the symbolism of the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario are as varied as they are fascinating.

Sources:

Masonic Bible; Beyond The Pillars, pp.150-153.

Submitted by: W. Bro. Lorne Evans.



Masonic Essay Contest 2018

The Education Committee announces the Annual Masonic Essay Contest

Open to all Masons of the jurisdiction, who are members in good standing



Essay Contest Theme:

Masonic membership is currently on a low point of a cycle. What do you think are contributing factors and how should we turn it around?

Essays to be submitted to The College of Freemasonry at college@gmail.com

- Only essays submitted in doc or docx formats will be accepted
- The essay length is a maximum of 1200 words
- All quoted sources must be identified in an included bibliography
- The bibliography will not count towards the word count
- Submissions will be accepted until March 1, 2018.

The Top 3 essays will be published in The Ontario Mason Magazine & posted on Grand Lodge website.

1st Place Prize:

The author will be entitled to complete The College of Freemasonry "Masonic Arts & Sciences" course at no cost (or he may give his prize to another brother).

Free ticket to the Grand Master's banquet at Grand Lodge and reserved seat at a front table.

Essay will be published in The Ontario Mason

2nd Place Prize:

The author will be entitled to complete The College of Freemasonry "Masonic Arts & Sciences" course at no cost (or he may give his prize to another brother).

Free ticket to the Grand Master's banquet at Grand Lodge and reserved seat at a front table.

Essay will be published in the Ontario Mason

3rd Place Prize:

The author will be entitled to complete either The College of Freemasonry "Past Master's" course or "Aspiring Worshipful Master's" course at no cost (or he may give his prize to another brother).

Free ticket to the Grand Master's banquet at Grand Lodge and reserved seat at a front table.

Essay will be published in the Ontario Mason

For more information contact: masonic.college@gmail.com

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Brethren, there is a significant amount of activity on our Grand Lodge Website: Monthly Blogs, Events, Updates, the monthly Communique and the Masonic Essay contest.

This is a fantastic opportunity to make that daily advancement in masonic knowledge. After you login, click on "Recent" and view the articles for your reading pleasure"

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- Education Monthly December FINAL
- Ontario Mason Magazine FALL 2017 pdf
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- CRAFT STEWARDSHIP NEWS DECEMBER 2017
- Reflections Edition Vol 31 No 2 November 2017
- Ontario Freemasonry moves into the Future
- Fraternal Review PENNSYLVANIA 2015
- Fraternal Review WASHINGTON 2016
- Fraternal Review IRELAND ANNUAL REPORT 2016
- Fraternal Review SCOTLAND ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Added December 18

- Masonic Essay Contest 2018

Added December 15

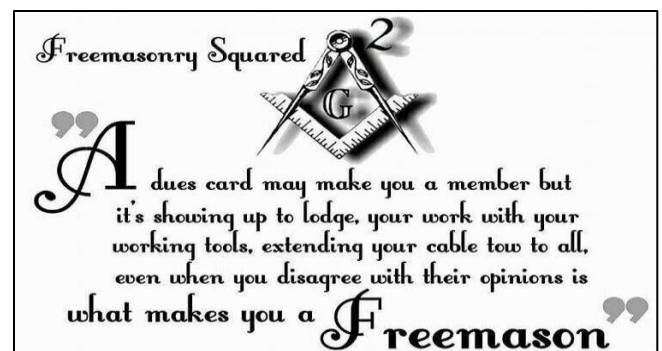
- Office Manager Job Posting Grand Lodge Office

Added December 6

- GM Blog December 2017
- GM Blog Nov 2017
- 2017 CONSTITUTION
- The Communique 2017 12
- Peterborough GM Reception Invitation and reply card 2018

Added November 30

- DGM Blog December 2017
- Deputy schedule update Dec 2017



IN MEMORIAM



HE WAS OUR FRIEND

*"His presence lingers on about the room.
His footsteps echo still upon the floor.
The brightness of his smiles dispels the gloom.
Though he has slipped away, and closed the door.
So biding here today I feel I know,
Which way his fading footsteps wend;
A little time, then the way I shall go.
The working tools have fallen from his grasp.
The journey ended for his weary feet,
Death holds his tired hand in gentle clasp;
His work is done; his temple is complete."*

Hugh Murray Lodge

V.W. BRO. CLIFFORD FOREMAN

Initiated: October 29, 1964

Passed: December 3, 1964

Raised: January 19, 1965

Worshipful Master: December 18, 1973

Appointed Grand Steward: July 1989

Passed to the Grand Lodge above – December 11, 2017

Seymour Lodge

V.W. BRO. DANIEL STANFORD DEVISON

Initiated: February 9, 1982

Passed: April 27, 1982

Raised: June 22, 1982

Worshipful Master 1990

Appointed Grand Steward July 2009

Passed to the Grand Lodge above - December 13, 2017

BRO. WILLIAM ALAN BEESACK

Initiated June 11, 1985

Passed October 8, 1985

Raised November 12, 1985

Passed to the Grand Lodge above - December 16, 2017

Buchanan Lodge

W. BRO. NORMAN HAROLD THOMAS

Past President of the Hamilton Shriners Club,
Worshipful Master of Hamilton Lodge No. 562

Passed to the Grand Lodge above - December 14, 2017

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

From the Editor

Brethren,

Here at the Chronicle we are looking for submissions related to the health and progression of Masonry in Hamilton.

Interesting articles, questions, upcoming activities, successful events. Send it all it, and we can make space. Personally, I would love to see a busy Trestleboard on our website and a chronicle stuffed full of pictures and content from our Hamilton C Lodges.

Harkening back to Edition number 1.... "The intent and focus of the District Chronicle is to keep people informed... We look forward to hearing from you; this is the chance to have your say. Let us know what you would like to see in terms of content. When you have an urge or passion to share, do so. In the end, the Chronicle will be shaped by the participation and events that the brethren of District C want to share, read about and discuss."



Here is hoping 2018 is an amazing adventure for everyone.

Be safe and be well.

S&F

Glen



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