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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren,

It has been my honour, as well as a pleasure and a great privilege, to act as the representative for M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd and Grand Lodge as the District Deputy for Hamilton District "C" for the year 2017-2018.

I would like to thank all the Brethren in District C for giving me this opportunity to serve as your District Deputy Grand Master and to my District Team for all



their hard work which made my year a successful and enjoyable one. We also made it a team policy to "Encourage not Discourage" and I was very moved by the compliments given by many of our Brethren in this regard, particularly the positive feedback from many of our younger members.

To the Old and New Worshipful Masters, thank you for all you have done to make my visits so enjoyable. The condition of Masonry in our District is Healthy with the use of their Long Range Plans.

Later this summer we are having an Amalgamation of two of our Lodges, Corinthian and Wardrope, to form a new Lodge called Harodim No 513 on August 17, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Masonic Center Hamilton, 4 Queen St. South Hamilton. The Grand Master is planning to attend.

I completed my duties at the last three Installations at Valley Lodge, Temple Lodge, and Meridian Lodge, and before I head up to my Northern office for a little R&R just a reminder about the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge July 16-19, 2018.



This message would be not complete if I did not thank the one person that kept me looking good, my wife Linda, and was very forgiving when I forgot to write down all of my meeting dates.

Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again

R.W. Bro John W. Hlohinec



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From the Grand Master

Brethren:

The months of May and June, in many parts of our Grand Jurisdiction. the time of Installations where each Lodge thanks the Masons who have conducted the business of the Lodge be it the ceremonial or business side and to that end your Grand Master also thanks them.

However, this is not a time for the "new" Past Master to step aside. He has spent a year in



charge and he knows what works well in his Lodge and what doesn't work well and probably has ideas on how to fix what doesn't work well. So, with a little diplomacy, he can make himself available to the new Master and give him a heads up on what needs improvement and also what is working well.

The worst thing that could happen, in my opinion, is that he leaves office and disappears with all his knowledge.

At the District level, we also begin the process of ending the year of service of the District Deputy Grand Masters. The District Deputy Grand Master, who only a few short months ago, may have been wondering if he could ever make it through the Masonic year, now has much information.

He had seen the good, the bad and perhaps the ugly in his District. He has written reports summarizing the work of his District, has tried to help those Lodges needing help and has praised those who have done outstanding work.

Your Grand Lodge is also preparing to hold its Annual

communication soon, it is an opportunity for those eligible voting Brethren to exercise their democratic right however such is not always the case.

"My vote means nothing," says a Brother. My response as a Brother, who has faced many elections in Masonry, for close to twenty years, be it to be Master of the Lodge, District Deputy Grand Master of the District, Deputy Grand Master and then Grand Master is simply to say your *vote counts. All votes count!*

It is your chance to shape Masonry in Ontario at all levels, I urge you to exercise your responsibility and vote. My remarks to the outgoing District Deputy Grand Masters are exactly the same as to the outgoing Master with this notation, your knowledge is perhaps more important since it involves the management and direction of this Grand Lodge via your District.

You MUST NOT walk out the front doors of Grand Lodge with all the knowledge of what works, what doesn't work. You MUST keep involved with Masonry.

Shortly you will sit across the table from the several Committee Chairman of this Grand Lodge, pick a Committee you would be interested in and then go and talk to that Chairman, tell him why you want to be part of the Team. Yes, it's true he may not pick you for his Committee this year but believe me there is a pretty good chance the Chairman may be looking for new members.

To those Brethren who are eligible to vote - remember - if you are annoyed with the way Grand Lodge works and you have a better idea; well then, this is your opportunity to make a change. Perhaps, a change for the better.

Make yourself acquainted with those Brethren who have allowed their name to stand, for the different positions, and go to the Grand Lodge website where those same Brothers have written pieces for you to read. You will find out who they are and what they will do to make our Grand Lodge better.

My travels this month have given me an opportunity to witness how other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions conduct an Annual Communication. It also gives me an opportunity to hear how they are solving issues, similar to ours. I can tell you our problems are very much the same as theirs, however our successes in my opinion are far ahead of some Jurisdictions.

Brethren enjoy this time of renewal in Lodge, your District and Grand Lodge. Please attend Grand Lodge and if eligible, please vote and remember the following.

"The difference between democracy and dictatorship is that in democracy you vote first then take orders, in a dictatorship you skip the vote" ~ Charles Bukowski (German-American poet)

Paul E. Todd



Image from the Ontario Freemasons Facebook Site. Credit to Tony Fernando of Dufferin Lodge No. 291

From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, What can you learn at the Annual Communication? Lots!

On the afternoon of Tuesday, July 17, 2018 starting a 1:30 there will be a series of seminars which are open to all.

Do you ever encounter conflict in your life? In your Lodge? Learn how to better deal with this from the Leadership Development Committee as they do a presentation on Conflict Resolution.



Want to learn more about the Cornerstone Project? If last month's Communique piqued your interest, come hear the Cornerstone Team expound on this excellent activity.

Do have children or grandchildren? Do you have young people in your neighbourhood? Masonry has organizations for them, which the Youth Initiatives Committee can tell you about. Better still, young people from these organizations can fill you in. You will be amazed.

What are these L forms and this report card? And what has Grand Lodge learned about the Condition of Masonry in Ontario? The CoM Committee will explain all!

Is your Lodge financially sound? Are you sure? Do you know how to tell? Does Grand Lodge have any tips for you? Of course! The Lodge Finances Committee will give a seminar and answer your questions.

Okay, what about insurance? Is your Lodge covered? Is your Temple covered? Are *you* covered? Many think they are, but they're not! What is non-owned auto insurance and is it important? Bro. Dayle Semple will explain.

So, your Lodge is lucky enough to have a lot of investments. Are they in the bank or GICs? Can you do better? Marcia Wisniewski, the advisor of Grand Lodge's investment portfolio, will show you how your Lodge or Temple can take advantage of professional money management with Grand Lodge's new Investment Account.

What exactly is the Role of the Worshipful Master? The Seminar and Workshops Committee have developed a new presentation that they will be premiering at the Tuesday seminars.

Have you heard about the Five Steps to Application? How should we deal with applicants whom we don't know? The Brother to Brother Team will go over this guideline with you.

And there will be an on-going seminar on Computer Resources which are available free of charge for your Lodge.

And don't forget all that you will learn from your brethren in the break times and hospitality suites. Sharing stories from across the province, and if you are lucky, from across the world.

But there's more! What more? Want to know how the Board of General Purposes works? Come and watch us on Monday and Tuesday mornings. There is a gallery for interested Brethren. Be the first to know who wins the awards and which Lodges have qualified for the Cornerstone designation. And what about the Masonic Foundation and MASONICh.I.P.? They have their annual meetings there too.

Have you ever seen the parade of officers, guests and visitors at the opening of Grand Lodge? I can tell you that on my travels the foreign Grand Masters rave about the pomp and circumstance of our opening. If you can, get there early on Wednesday to watch the parade. Then stay for the Grand Master's address. Well worth it. (wear a jacket and tie and bring your apron. If you are a Worshipful Master, make sure to bring your collar and get there before 8:20 am so you can be in the parade!).

On Wednesday evening, the guest speaker at the Grand Master's Banquet will be W. Bro. Andrew Hammer, a force for renewal in Masonry in Canada, the United States and Britain. He is a wonderful speaker and if you haven't heard him, it is well worth the price of the dinner. Even if you have heard him, it's still worth the price. Get your tickets from your DDGM or the Grand Lodge Office.

And the final day, Thursday, what is there to see? Well, the investiture of your new District Deputy Grand Master! You'll want to be there for that.

Come on down and enjoy yourself and learn something in the process!

David J. Cameron

Discussion / Participation Seminars ANNOUNCEMENTS

Гime	B.C. Rm	Quebec Rm	Alberta Rm
1:30	Leadership	Cornerstone	Youth
to	Development	Project	Initiatives
2:20	C. Woods	A. Di Cecco	L Armstrong
2:30	Condition	Lodge	Dist/Ldge/Bldg
to	of Masonry	Finances	Insurance
3:20	M. Locke	B. Koivu	D. Semple
3:30	Investment	Role of	Bro. to Bro.
to	Management	the W.M.	5 Steps/App
4:20	M. Wisniewski	J. Sercombe	D. Hutt

IN MEMORIAM C. Edwin Drew, 6 May 1931-1 June 2018

Beloved husband of Ellen Orr for 59 years, father to Mark, Laura (Mike) and Wayne (Trisha), grandfather to Andrew, Danielle, Katelyn, Coulton, Tyler and Lilah. In passing Ed now joins his father, Charles, mother Anne and brother Alan.

Ed grew up in Blackpool and Manchester, England, before serving in the Royal Navy in 1949. After his service he immigrated to Canada where he found work at Avro Aircraft in Malton. It was there he met Ellen Orr Patterson and their life together began. Ed went on to have a successful career in insurance sales, spending over 35 years as a sales agent with Allstate Insurance.

His father, Bro. Charles Drew sponsored his application to Georgina Lodge No. 343, G.R.C., in 1955, where he was initiated, passed and raised, served as Worshipful Master in 1972, and as District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District 3 from 1976 to 1977. Son Wayne, son-in-law James and brother Alan are also members of Georgina Lodge. He is also a charter member of Heritage Lodge No. 730, G.R.C., in Cambridge, serving as Worshipful Master in 1985, charter member of the Heritage Masonic Corporation, and Chairman of the Black Creek Pioneer Village Project.

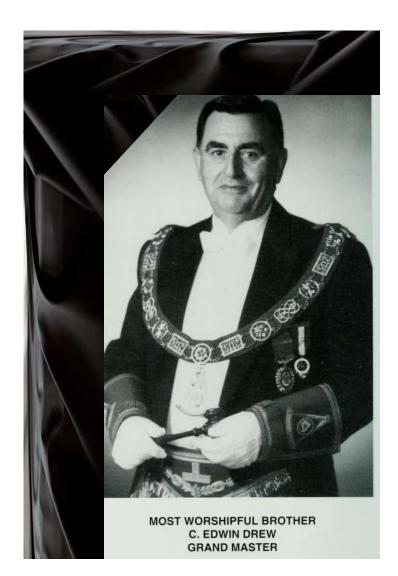
As a member of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge since 1985, he served as the Chairman of various committees, namely the Mentors Programme, Printing and Publications, Condition of Masonry, the Communications Committee and, in 1991, as the first Chairman of the Management Committee.

In July, 1991, he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and at the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication, in 1993, was elected for a two-year term as the sixty-sixth Grand Master. He was a member of University Chapter No. 241, R.AM., serving as First Principal in 1983 and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1990.

Bro. Drew was an active member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Toronto, Hamilton and Barrie, and served as Most Wise Sovereign of the Toronto Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix in 1985. In 1988 he was Coroneted Honourary Inspector General 33°, Supreme Council for Canada, in Vancouver, British Columbia. M.W. Bro. Drew wass also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland; Holy Land Conclave No. 3, Red Cross of Constantine; Rameses Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.; The Philalethes Society; York Council No. 133, Allied Degrees; and the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle..



https://heritagelodge730.ca/black-creek-pioneer-village/



Black Creek Masonic Heritage

The purpose of the Masonic Lodge at Black Creek Pioneer Village is to present Masonry in a favourable light to the many visitors who tour the village each year and to give them a better understanding of the place of Freemasonry in the social fabric of an 1867 crossroads rural community. The Lodge Room is furnished with pre-Confederation furnishings and is staffed by volunteer Masonic Interpreters. The Black Creek Masonic Heritage Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary, five Weekly Captains, the Supervisor of Education and Interpretation at Black Creek Pioneer Village and several Interpreters who are interested in serving on the Committee.

A visit to Black Creek Pioneer Village is a step back in time to 19th-century Ontario. More than 35 authentically restored homes, workshops, public buildings and farms recreate the atmosphere of life in a rural Victorian community of the 1860s. Craftspeople and workers wearing period costumes demonstrate skills such as open-hearth cooking, bread-making, looming, milling, blacksmithing, sewing, printing and more.

Walk through the village and into the homes and buildings, visit the inn, and stroll through farms and forests. During the holiday season in November and December, the village offers many special events to celebrate Christmas as it was 130 years ago.

Dates to Remember July 2018

Grand Lodge 163rdAnnual Communication

Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Toronto 100 Front Street W, Toronto Wednesday July 18th, 2018 8:30 am Assembly, 8:45 am Tyle

Open Hospitality Tuesday July 17, 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.

District/Lodge hosted hospitality suites throughout the hotel, come meet your fellow Masons from across the province.

District Balloting Wednesday July 18, 4:00 p.m.

Hamilton District C Masons will meet in the Saskatchewan Room for elections

August 2018 Amalgamation Ceremony

Harodim Lodge No. 513

Comprising Corinthian No. 513 and Wardrope No. 555 Friday August 17th, 2018, Tyle at 6:00 call off for dinner at 6:30pm to 7:30pm Dinner \$40

Tickets must be purchased in advance MCH

Two of Hamilton District C's lodges will be amalgamating on <u>Friday August 17th 2018</u>. Corinthian No. 513 and Wardrope No. 555 will join and form a new Lodge named Harodim No. 513. All brethren are invited to join us for this historical event.

The Grand Master M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd and several of his Grand Lodge officers will be in attendance and will be conducting the amalgamation ceremony.

Corinthian and Wardrope both meet at the Hamilton Masonic Centre will be celebrating this historical occasion with dinner followed by the ceremony of Amalgamation and the Installation of the new Master, R.W. Bro. John L. MacPherson and his Officers. Lodge will be Tyled at 6:00 sharp and be called off for dinner at 6:30pm until 7:30pm, with the Amalgamation and Installation to follow.

The Scottish Rite Club will be preparing an excellent banquet, the cost is \$40 and the **tickets are for the dinner and are by RESERVATION ONLY**. If you can attend for the dinner, please RSVP by August 1st to Corinthian's Junior Warden (W. Brother Randy Hayes) via email harodimlodge@gmail.com. Payment in advance is preferred via e-transfer or PayPal, alternately payment must be made when purchasing/reserving a ticket.

Note there will be no tickets available on the night itself.

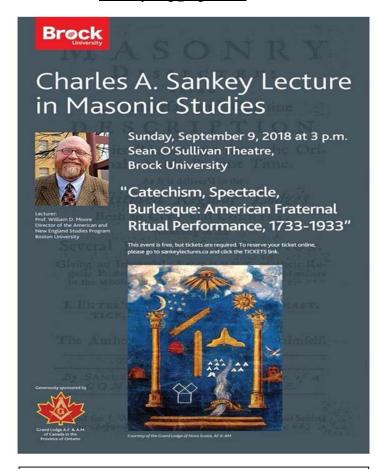
We look forward to welcoming visitors and friends to join us on this momentous occasion for our new lodge.

MASONIC BEEF AND CORN ROAST ANCASTER FAIR GROUNDS

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 630 Trinity Road Corner Of #2 Highway Doors Open at 4:30 P.M. Corn Served at 5:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

TICKETS any Corn Husker or
DISTRICT "C" BILL BRIMER
wnbwnb370@gmail.com
DISTRICT "A" ROY OLFIELD
masonic.beef.corn@gmail.com
DISTRICT "B" THOMAS R. YOUNG

thomas.young@rogers.com



Love of Learning Gala

Presented by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation

Saturday Oct 13, 2018

Early Bird Tickets available
\$250 each Tables of 8 available

TICKET PURCHASE OPTIONS

- 1. e-transfer to: loveoflearninggala@gmail.com please include you email in the notes area.
- 2. cheque to: 148 George St, Hamilton, L8P 1E5
 - 3. cash to Dave Monette Scottish Rite staff

The Learning Centre for Hamilton is now open and tutoring children with Dyslexia. This GALA is in support of our continuing effort to help these special children.

Around the District Installation of Officers



Valley Lodge No. 100Monday June 11th, 2018, Dundas



Temple Lodge No. 324 Tuesday June 12th, 2018, MCH



Meridian Lodge No. 687 Wednesday June 13, 2018, Ancaster

What is Harodim?

We owe the Masonic use of this word to Anderson, who first employed it in the Book of Constitutions, where he tells us that "there were employed about the Temple no less than three thousand and six hundred Princes or Master Masons to conduct the work," and in a note he says that "in First Kings (v, 16) they are called Harodim, Rulers or Provosts" (see Constitutions, 1723, page 10). The passage here alluded to may be translated somewhat more literally than in the authorized version, thus: "Besides from the chiefs or princes appointed by Solomon who were over the work, there were three thousand and three hundred harodim over the people who labored at the work."

Harodim, in Hebrew , is a grammatically compounded word of the plural form, and is composed of the definite article if, HAR the or those, and a participle of the verb rho, radah, to rule over, and means therefore, those who rule over, or overseers. In the parallel passage of Second Chronicles (ii, 18), the word used is Menatzchim, which has a similar meaning. But from the use of this word Harodim in First Kings, and the commentary on it by Anderson, it has come to pass that Harodim is now technically used to signify Princes in Masonry. They were really overseers of the work, and hence the Masonic use of the term is not altogether inappropriate.

An excerpt from: An encyclopedia of freemasonry and its kindred sciences, By Albert Gallatin Mackey

A degree of Freemasonry very popular in the north of England, especially in the county of Durham, and probably founded in Gateshead in 1681. It was brought under the Grand Lodge in 1735. Members were the custodians of the Ritual of All Masonry, or the Old York Ritual. There were nine lodges in all. A London version of this society was the Harodim-Rosy-Cross, of Jacobite origin, probably carried to London by the earl of Derwentwater. In 1787 a Grand Chapter of the Ancient and Venerable Order of Harodim was founded by William Preston, author of Illustrations of Masonry (1775).

From Preston, William. Illustrations of Masonry. London, 1775



Harodim in Hamilton: An amalgamation of two Lodges, uniting together to form something new and exciting!

Remembering R.W. Bro. Frank Richard Fordham



August 29, 1924- June 3, 2018

With deep sadness but much gratitude for the long, active life he lived, the family of Frank (Red) Richard Fordham announces his peaceful passing with loved ones by his side at Juravinski Hospital, Hamilton on Sunday, June 3, 2018.

The cherished husband of Hedy for 35 years, Frank was the beloved and devoted Dad of Ruth Pearson, the late Byron, his wife Barb Fordham, Gary and wife Michele Fordham and stepchildren Valorie Dyck and Gerry Dyck. Frank was the proud Grandpa to Eric (Sarah) Fordham, Tyler Fordham, Spencer (Sheena) Fordham, Heather (John) Panteleit and Diane (Len) Kilby. His great-grandchildren Ryan, Jack and Kate Panteleit and Seamus and Nolan Kilby brought him great joy. He was predeceased by his parents, Frank William and Alice (Greenaway) Fordham, his beloved late first wife Elsie (Bayliss), his son Byron and his brothers Herb (Lillian) Blake and Cecil (Mern) Blake. Frank was proud to be the "patriarch" of the extended family and will be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

A man with a strong faith, Frank was a longtime, active member of King St. Baptist Church and in recent years worshipped at MacNab St. Presbyterian Church, Hamilton. After retiring from Bell Canada with over 35 years of service, Frank enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, gardening, pursuing his interest in History, and in particular sharing his knowledge of Winston Churchill in presentations to various groups.

Also he was a keen traveller exploring many parts of the world. A highlight of his trips was his last one, a journey to Britain, the homeland of his parents, and to France with Hedy and Ruth for the 100th anniversary ceremonies at Vimy in April 2017.

Frank was a devoted 54 year member and Past Master of Wardrope Lodge No. 555 A.F. & A.m.Honourary Member of Oakwood Lodge No. 553 (York Lodge No. 156, Toronto),

District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton District "C" in 1980. In 1996, he was coroneted an Honourary Inspector General of the 33rd Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Canada. He was also a longtime Chairman of The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

The family wishes to express its deep gratitude to the staff of E3 Medical, Juravinski Hospital for their care and compassion. A private family interment is to be held. A service to celebrate Frank's life was held Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 3 p.m. at The Scottish Rite, Hamilton. The Rev. Steve Baldry officiated. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation (donations can be made online) or to a charity of your choice.



Frank, Hedy and Ruth (Franks daughter), with a Mountie at the Vimy war memorial.

(Image from http://www.hamiltonvalleyscottishrite.com)

A Thank You Message

Masonic Memorial Service R. W. Bro. Frank R. Fordham

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to the brethren who attended the Masonic Memorial Service for our distinguished brother, R. W. Bro. Frank Fordham.

To have so many in attendance and give of their time on Father's Day was a tribute in itself to Frank.

The ceremony was performed with dignity and solemnity.

Hedy and the family were deeply impressed and thankful for the manner that we respected Frank.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

John Macpherson

From the Editor

Brethren,

First to deal with an error from last month's edition. I had quick response to our June publication from some Grand Lodge readers, there will be no "Meet the Candidate" session at our Grand Lodge Communication this year. So, if you want to get to know the candidates, browse their bios at the Grand Lodge website. 2018 Candidate Bios

https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/operations/annual-communication/2018-candidate-bios

Results from the Past Master Association held June 22nd, congratulations to Hamilton's 3 D.D.G.M. elect:

District A - Ian Anderson from The Barton Lodge District B - Les Vass from Wentworth Lodge and District C - Robin Colville from Buchanan

It is good to see our region continues to be well represented by such stellar individuals.

Two issues in a row have had to pay tribute to the passing of Grand Masters. June was especially hard with the passing of R.W. Bro. Frank Fordham. Tireless, dedicated and a real gentleman. Someone we all should try to emulate.

A little fun below, with a link to "Real Men Wear Aprons" one of the best friend to friend videos I have seen in a while. It is from the United Grand Lodge of NSW and ACT in Australia, but full of good ideas. It would be nice to see something similar about Canadian Masonry. We published a distinguished list in our September edition, but I have neither the time nor skill to set it to video.

I hope everyone's summer is fulfilling, and carefree. Send along your pictures, I would love to have more Masonic Passport articles for the Chronicle. Thanks to everyone for your feedback. Feel free to share the Chronicle contents.

S&F

Glen

Real Men Wear Aprons



 $\underline{\text{https://www.facebook.com/MuseumofFreemasonry/videos/13}}\\ 18968381515332/?t=2$

Updated version of the popular presentation "It's No Secret: Real Men Wear Aprons". Please feel free to download. This is the version updated for the 2016 Open Day.

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Lodge No. 324

W. Bro. Ronald W. Bell

Initiated: April 13, 1976 Passed: June 8, 1976 Raised: Nov 26, 1976 W. Master: 1983

Ron was a member of the Hamilton Valley Scottish Rite

and a 32nd degree Mason.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above Friday June 8, 2018

Corinthian Lodge No.513

Bro. Bro. Kenneth H. Yeo (Ken)

Initiated: Jan 25, 1951 Passed: Feb 22, 1951 Raised: Apr 19, 1951

Ken was a Life Member and resided in Bragg Creek, Alberta He remained a member of Corinthian

Passed to the Grand Lodge above, on Monday June 4.

Wardrope Lodge No.555

R. W. Bro. Frank Fordham

Initiated: February 24, 1964 Passed: May 6, 1964 Raised: June 4, 1964 W. Master 1974 D.D.G.M. 1980

In 1996, he was coroneted an Honourary Inspector General of the 33rd Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Canada.

Passed to the Grand Lodge above, on Sunday June 3.



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



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