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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren:

Finally Summer has arrived in all its glory and the weekend of June 21-23 provided perfect weather to start the season. This will be my last message to you as I look forward to passing the DDGM cuffs and jewel onto my successor in a few weeks time!



June was another busy month of Installation & Investiture of Lodge Officers for 4 of our District Lodges, starting with Valley Lodge No. 100 on June 10th, followed by Temple Lodge No. 324 on June 11th, Meridian Lodge No. 687 on June 12th and Harodim Lodge No. 513 on June 27th. Congratulations to all the newly invested officers and I wish you all a successful and rewarding year ahead.

June has also provided several opportunities for golf and fund raising for charity with Masonic brethren and Ladies. I am not a very good golfer but I certainly enjoy the game, the exercise and the social aspects of a day on the course! All of the Masonic golf events were charitable fund raisers with the money being donated to very worthy causes. I participated in the Valley Lodge No. 100 annual golf tournament on June 15th, which raised \$1250 for the District Charity – Autism Spectrum Disorder Research. The Scottish Rite Golf Tournament on June 21 was very well attended and raised funds for the Scottish Rite Foundation and the Hamilton Learning Centre for Children with Dyslexia. The Royal Arch Masons of District 6 Golf Tournament was held on June 29th raising funds for the Release A Miracle charity. All were extremely enjoyable and my wife

was able to join me for 2 of these events which made them extra enjoyable.

On June 22nd Buchanan Lodge No. 550 held their 100 year Centennial celebration at the Scottish Rite, and our Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro David Cameron presided over the special afternoon ceremony for the



Dedication of the Centennial Regalia, which was followed by a reception/dinner/dance gala in the evening. Special guests from Western Star Lodge No. 21 in Boardman Ohio made the trip to attend the event and present Buchanan Lodge with a new case for the Centennial Working Tools. The annual visitations between Western Star and Buchanan started in 1939 A tradition in its 80th year ! Also in attendance were brethren from St. Mark's Lodge No. 105 in Niagara Falls who have had a close fraternal association with Buchanan Lodge since 1984. R.W. Bro Michael Ferguson – DDGM Niagara District B and member of St. Mark's Lodge was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. I was humbled and honoured by the Brethren of Buchanan Lodge when I was presented with a Lewis Jewel at the event, assisted by my Mother and in memory of my late Father W. Bro. George Colville. My sincere thanks to the brethren of Buchanan Lodge No. 550 for this beautiful gift and I look forward to wearing my new jewel with pride in my future travels!

As we head into July we look forward to the annual communication of Grand Lodge July 15-18 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The District Meeting for Hamilton "C" will be held on Wednesday July 17th at 5:00 PM in the Saskatchewan Room ... please make every effort to attend as we will be electing our new DDGM at this meeting! Any brother wishing to buy a ticket to the Grand Master's Banquet on the evening of July 17th please contact me directly as soon as possible. We also look forward to fellowship with brethren from other Lodges on the Hospitality evening of Tuesday July 16th, but don't forget to carry your current Lodge dues card to gain entry. Remember to have fun, but also act as a Mason should and be respectful of the other Hotel guests.

I want to sincerely thank my District Secretary W. Bro Bill Fulton for his great assistance throughout the year, to all the members on the District Leadership Team for their hard work and assistance on the various District Committees, to all the brethren of our Lodges in Hamilton District "C" who have

provided me with unconditional support, and lastly the members of Buchanan Lodge No. 550 for nominating me last July and giving me the opportunity to serve as your DDGM! It has been a very enjoyable year filled with indelible memories, visitations, special events and new friendships!!

I wish you all a very enjoyable summer and may the GATU provide us with health and happiness. As always, please be ever mindful of those in less fortunate circumstances and do your part to assist those in need to the best of your ability.

Fraternally

R.W. Bro Robin John Colville

From the Grand Master

In parts of our Grand Jurisdiction, it is the time of Installations at the Lodge level, as well as at the Grand Jurisdiction level in July.

Elections, in most Districts, have taken place and the time has come for a new Master and Officers in the Lodge. The outgoing Master, soon to be the junior Past

Master, has spent a year in charge and he knows what works well in his Lodge and what doesn't work well and he probably has ideas on how to fix what doesn't work well and so, with a little diplomacy, he can make this information known to the new Master.

At the District level, we also begin the process of ending the year of service(s) of the District Deputy Grand Masters. He has seen the good, the bad and perhaps the ugly in his District. He has written reports, summarizing the work of his District, and has tried to help Lodges needing help and praised Lodges who have done outstanding work.

As I have written about the outgoing Lodge Masters, the worst thing that can happen to our Grand Lodge is for the current District Deputy Grand Masters to disappear with all their knowledge. District Deputy Grand Masters, may I suggest that information you have obtained would be very useful to several of the Grand Lodge Committees and you will have an opportunity to speak to the Chairman in July.

Your Grand Lodge is also preparing to hold its Annual Communication soon. It is an opportunity for those Brethren, who are eligible to vote, 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, to Master of the Lodge, District Deputy Grand Master of the District, Deputy Grand Master and then Grand Master. I am well aware that all **votes DO count!**

As we do every two years, the position of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master are up for election. Please make yourself acquainted with those Brethren who have allowed their name to stand for all the different positions. Go to the Grand Lodge Website, where these Brothers have written their bio for you to read; who they are and what they will do to make our Grand Lodge better. It is your chance to shape Masonry in Ontario at all levels.

I urge you to exercise your responsibility and vote!

Remember the words of German-American poet, Charles Bukowski: *"The difference between democracy and dictatorship is that in democracy you vote first then take orders, in a dictatorship you skip the vote"*.

As the words of the Frank Sinatra song go, *"and now the end is near and so I face the final curtain"*, the end of my term as Grand Master is only a month away and this is my last Communique. I would be remiss not to say a few thank you.

I will begin with my home Lodge of St. John's Lodge No. 63 in the thriving metropolis of Carleton Place where, only a few years ago, we had our first stop light. At the Lodge level, in my opinion, is where true Masonry is practised and St. John's Lodge is no exception. I thank you for your support for all my years of Masonry and, yes, I'm finally coming home.

To the Districts of Ottawa 1&2, I thank you for all those five-hour car rides; District sponsored bus rides to Grand Lodge and especially in the final two elections, your outstanding support has been second to none.

I have always been proud to say in general, that I am from Eastern Ontario but more specifically the Ottawa Districts.

To our Grand Lodge, I thank the several District Deputy Grand Masters for all your hard work and will always remember you made a difference.

To the staff of Grand Lodge including but not limited to the Grand Secretary, Office Manager and the Ladies of the Office, thank you for your patience and guidance.

Finally to the Masons of Ontario, I thank you for all your support, especially to Lady Gloria and I, as we travelled throughout this wonderful Grand Jurisdiction.

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. ~ Abraham Lincoln

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

Paul E. Todd Grand Master



From the Deputy

Brethren,

This year the Youth Initiatives Committee sponsored an essay contest: “What is the most inspiring thing you've ever been told?” This seemed like a good lead-off to highlighting some SUCCESS STORIES of our Committees.

The Board’s Committee structure was modified to better reflect the Strategic Plan and the Committees mandated to use the plan to guide their work.

A former student of the Freemasonry and Fraternalism course at Brock University has been accepted into their MA Program as a result of our Scholarship. She will continue to study Freemasonry and its impact.

The Public Awareness Committee has examined all facets of their mandate and made important recommendations to other teams such as the website.

The new fire doors installed at the Weston Temple saved the building, allowing it to be rebuilt into a gorgeous facility.

Automated External Defibrillators installed in many Lodges have already saved several lives.

The Lodge Finances Committee notes that, it is the lack of understanding, budgeting and financial planning as it relates to the health of a Lodge and the implementation of a program to address these issues, is the greatest challenge. They have found that the Directors of Temples are often unaware of their legal and tax obligations. This results in numerous legal, tax and liability issues. They have focused on those which indicate financial problems or responded to direct requests for assistance. They have even provided marketing and property management advice, which has enabled Temples to achieve a positive cash flow and become profitable.

The Benevolence Committee reported that income from investments exceeded payouts by approximately \$5,000 this year. While this is fiscally good, they would rather have been able to assist Brethren in need, if only the relative applications had been received.

The Strategic Planning Committee developed the Strategic Action approach to planning for our Lodges. This guides the Lodge through the process of evaluating their strengths and weaknesses, and then prioritizing action.

Facebook and LinkedIn pages for our Grand Lodge were launched, to much success.

The E-mail Distribution Team implemented two initiatives to further improve the effectiveness of our messages in reaching the brethren - consistent monthly publication deadlines for each of our Events and Resources Digests; and the addition of a Lodge Secretary Email Distribution list.

Thanks to the work of our Grand Archivist, two documents on the preservation of Masonic assets are now available: “Guidelines for the Preservation of our Masonic Heritage” and “Going Into Darkness: The Preservation of Lodge Assets.” Written presentations of all kinds were submitted to the Publishing Review team for recommendations for

improvement in terms of grammar, spelling, font sizes, format and consistency. They returned them to the authors in 4.4 days on average.

Due to the new DDGM Preparation Course as well as the long-standing College of Freemasonry course, we have qualified candidates in all Districts. The College’s Masonic Arts and Sciences Course had 47 new registrants and 16 new graduates.

The Leadership Development Committee has particularly targeted Wardens at that very teachable moment of their Masonic careers.

The Masonic Education Committee worked across Committee lines to seek out and supply articles for the Ontario Mason Magazine, Facebook, the website and e-mail distribution.

This is the third year of the “CoM Lodge Report” which is sent to all Lodges to encourage discussion within the Lodge and to assist in the development of long-range plans for the Lodges. For the second consecutive year, the number of Lodges receiving an overall “Healthy” rating has increased. This year 55.1% compared to 53.4% last year and 52% the previous year.

“The Worshipful Master has asked me to express the view that working towards our Cornerstone Designation has been a very worthwhile exercise for our Lodge. It has inspired us to do some new things, but more importantly, it has forced us to reflect on and take pride in things we have already done.” “Unfortunately, with our Installation in December, we missed the deadline for filing our intention. Is it still possible for us to participate? We have in previous years, and while not quite attaining certification, found it to be of great value.”

Seminars and Workshops are all set up for Tuesday at the Annual Communication, and there is an addition of a guest speaker on Wednesday afternoon – Bro. Sam Friedman of New York, author of “Millennial Apprentices: The Next Revolution in Freemasonry.”

I thank all the Brethren who participated in making this year a great one for Freemasonry in Ontario.

David J. Cameron Deputy Grand Master

ANNOUNCEMENTS			
Tuesday, July 16th— discussion and participation seminars for all brethren at the F.R.Y.H. Preregistration not required.			
Time	B.C. Rm	Quebec Rm	Alberta Rm
1:00 to 1:50	Condition of Masonry <i>M. Locke</i>	Friend to Friend <i>Warner/Todd</i>	Strategic Planning <i>Kaufman/Feldcamp</i>
2:00 to 2:50	College of Freemasonry <i>Cadotte/Kirk</i>	Youth Initiatives <i>B. Burchill</i>	Strategic Planning <i>Kaufman/Feldcamp</i>
3:30 to 3:50	Masonic Foundation <i>B. Koivu</i>	Leadership Development <i>A. Di Cecco</i>	

Communication of Grand Lodge July 2019 Discussion / Participation Seminars

Dates to Remember

July 2019

Grand Lodge 164th Annual Communication

Fairmount, Royal York Toronto
July 15th to 18th, 2019

Check out the list of presentations on page 3

Open Hospitality

Tuesday July 16, 6:30 pm – 11 pm

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

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES CARD!

Grand Lodge Communication

**Canadian Room Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Wednesday July 17, 2019,**

Seating 8:30 am, Assembly 8:45 am – 11:30 am
Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Presentation by Bro. Sam Friedman

“Millennial Apprentices: The Next Revolution In
Freemasonry”

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Town Hall session with

Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David J. Cameron

*Appropriate Dress: Admission to the GL
Communication is subject to Jacket, Dress Pants,
Shirt, Tie & Regalia*

District Balloting

Wednesday July 17, 5:00 pm

Hamilton District C Masons will meet in the
Saskatchewan Room to elect our D.D.G.M. for 2019 2020
and other such business which may be brought before us

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

CANADIAN ROOM Fairmont ROYAL YORK HOTEL

R.W. Bro. Allan L. Casalou

**Grand Lodge of California, Grand Secretary
Guest Speaker**

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets \$70.00
and are available from the D.D.G.M.s.
Cash sales only. Sales cease **July 8, 2019**

Reserved Tables of eight (8) can be ordered directly
from the Grand Lodge Office.

August 2019



23rd Annual **MASONIC** BEEF AND CORN ROAST



In support of St. Peter's Hospital Foundation and
Learning Centre for Hamilton

Wednesday August 28th, 2019

Ancaster Agricultural Society Fairgrounds

(Marritt Hall) 630 Trinity Rd. & Corner of #2 Highway

Opens: **4.30 pm** Corn: **4.30 pm** Dinner: **6.00 pm**

Family & Friends Are All Welcome

ADULT TICKET \$20.00

(13 Years and Over)

No Tickets Sold at the Door

No. 0491

Tickets available from any corn “husker” or contact

masonic.beef.corn@gmail.com

Shriner's Club of Hamilton Car Show

**ROCKING ON
THE
WATERFRONT
HAMILTON
PIER 4 PARK**

Every Wednesday

June 5 –

September 4 2019,

5:00 pm till dusk



Sponsored by:
Maintenance Metals
Rameses Legion of Honour
Shriner's Club of Hamilton
Plus 5 anonymous

September 2019

Temple Lodge at Flamboro Downs

Friend to Friend Event

**Come Dine, Chat and have an amazing
view of the track! Bring Family, Bring a
Friend!**

Saturday Sept 22nd.

Top O' Turn Dining Room

5:00-8:30pm with a post time of 6pm.

\$35 Ticket includes prime rib buffet meal, gratuities, group
photo in the Winner's Circle and racing programs.

For tickets contact: Temple.Lodge@outlook.com



Around the District

District Lodge Installations



Valley Lodge No. 100



Temple Lodge No. 324



Meridian Lodge No. 687



Harodim Lodge No. 513

25 -Year Pin Presentation



W.M. Omari Aman of Temple Lodge and R.W. Bro. Robin Colville present W. Bro. William Berkhold with his 25-year pin

Buchanan Centennial Gala Pics



The Head Table at the Buchanan Centennial Dinner and Dance



David J. Cameron Deputy Grand Master addressing the audience



W. Master Yaz Nabhan and Mrs. Angela Colville Presenting R.W. Bro. Colville with his Lewis Jewel



Guests from Western Star Lodge No. 21 of Youngstown, Ohio

Freemasonry in Hamilton Series



100th Anniversary

Dedication of Regalia Ceremony



The Buchanan Lodge History – Early

Submitted by W. Bro. Gary Magwood,
(Historical Highlights from the Buchanan History on the District Website)

Early in the year 1919 a few Master Masons on the Hamilton mountain conceived the idea of forming a Masonic Lodge in their neighbourhood at avoid having to go to the city or to lodges at a considerable distance in the Rural District. As a consequence, a meeting was held in the Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall Upper James Street on February 20, 1919.

After much discussion and subsequent meetings, a petition for a charter was signed by 22 Master Masons on February 27, 1919. With the permission of W. Bro. James Isaac Buchanan

of Pittsburgh it was decided to call the new Lodge "The Buchanan Lodge" in honour of the Buchanan Family, who were early pioneers of the district and highly esteemed citizens.

On June 23, 1919 the Lodge was formally Instituted and Dispensation from Grand Lodge was presented by the District Deputy Grand Master Judge John G. Gauld.

At the regular meeting of September 2, 1920, the Lodge was constituted, consecrated and dedicated and our charter No. 550 G.R.C was presented by R. W. Bro. H.A. Graham District Deputy Grand Master.

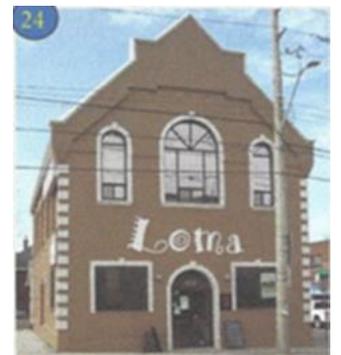
Historical Highlights:

On May 5th, 1938, the officers of Buchanan Lodge started to wear the Buchanan Tartan to welcome the visit of the Scottish Masonic Craftsmen of St. Catharines and District. The Buchanan Clan that wore this tartan from the 13th century came to an end in 1919 when the last Chief of the clan, J. H. Buchanan passed away. By strange coincidence, Buchanan Lodge No. 550 started in that year.

The first visit of Western Star Lodge No. 21 of Youngstown, Ohio took place on April 29th, 1939 and the biennial fraternal visits by both lodges continue to this day. On May 25th, 1940 we visited Youngstown and in attendance at that meeting, were 810 visitors representing 119 American lodges and 7 Canadian lodges.

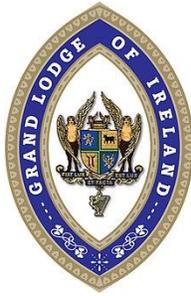
December 1929, Buchanan lodge purchased their meeting Hall, where the lodge remained until 1984 when it was sold and Buchanan Lodge moved to the Hillcrest Temple on Mohawk Road.

**612 Upper James
The original Buchanan Lodge.**





Passport Masonic Tour of Southern Ireland



Submitted by W. Bro. Bob Gordon

We traveled with Illustrious sir, Noble Doug Foss, potentate of Ismailia Shriners and his lady Heather. Our tour group was 17 strong, a mix of 4 Canadians and 13 "Mericans". We did the southern tour of Ireland from Dublin, south to Waterford, Cork, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Clonmacnoise and back to Dublin. Unbelievable sights, landscapes, ocean views, historic landmarks, Guinness factory tour, Jameson factory distillery and many other historical sights and castles. From the southern most area of Ireland where the land meets the mighty Atlantic, and the hills and small mountains are tree bare but laden with grasses and sheep, to the mid Ireland tourist area where the fields are green and lush, peat in abundance, sheep and cattle by the ton and trees abound, southern Ireland is truly a place to see and visit.



the Grand Lodge of Ireland, (again, prebook this tour), the 10th century Glendalough, an original settlement founded circa 700 a.d. with its tower and graveyard which is still used today by the original descendants of the village, the Jameson factory tour in the town of Middleton which has been producing fine whiskey since the early 9th century (and get a free sample, please visit with a non drinker, that means you get 2), Blarney Castle built in 1446, the Ring of Kerry, beautiful views of mountains, oceans, (sheep), Killarneys National Park with its Jaunting cars and Muckross House and gardens.

Cliffs of Moher, unbelievable sights of ocean erosion and historical castles and the "Burren Region", which should have been named the barren region because of its lack of trees, soil or anything living except sheep; over 150 square kilometers of fissured limestone pavements, disappearing lakes, terraced mountains and underground cave systems.



Special tourist areas include Trinity College in Dublin where the Book of Kells is housed,



Clonmacnoise, an original early Christian site founded by St. Ciaran in the mid 6th century on the eastern bank of the river Shannon, has the largest collection of early graveslabs in Western Europe.

We finished off our trip at an Irish pub/tavern/ at the Merry Ploughboys Pub in Dublin, where the best traditional entertainment was had and copious amounts of Irish whiskey was consumed (again, sit with a non drinker and the bus driver)

Waterford Crystal factory tour in Waterford, Dublin's famous Guinness factory (book ahead for a tour time),

Remembering V.W. Bro. Desmond Washer



V. W. Bro. Des Washer was Master of The Electric Lodge No. 495 in 1975, and again in 2013. He was a 50 year Mason, initiated in 1966 in Sir Stamford Raffles Lodge 7444 in Singapore while stationed there with the RAF.

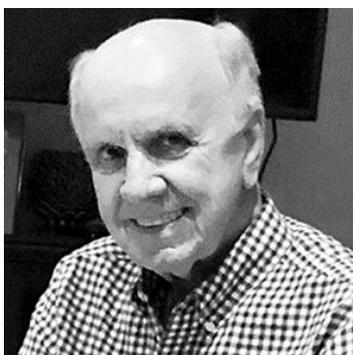
He affiliated into The Electric Lodge No. 495 in April 1969, Des was an active Past Master and long time Secretary of The Electric Lodge.

Within Masonry, Desmond has a distinguished career making contributions at all levels throughout his 50 years.

- He was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary by Grand Lodge in 1992.
- He was First Principal of St. John's Chapter 6 in 1997. He received his MMM on February 12, 1970, his MEM on April 9, 1970 and his RAM on June 11, 1970.
- He was a Royal Arch Mason for 49 years.
- R. Ex. Comp. Des was elected Grand Superintendent of District 6 for the year 2003.
- He was also a Past Preceptor of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory 3
- Past Pre Em Governor of Sir William York Rite College 57
- Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Salem Council 9, Royal and Select Cryptic Rite

He served for several years as Grand Lecturer and also Chairman of the 'Medical Research Fund' and the 'Million Dollar Club' for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

In addition to the above, V.W. Bro. Washer served as District Historian for a number of years, maintaining and updating our District website and reporting on items of importance for our future members to reference.



Des passed to the Grand Lodge Above on May Thursday, May 30, 2019, May He Rest in Peace.

The Electric Lodge is planning a Memorial Service for Desmond on Wednesday September 18, his family will be in attendance also. Further details will be circulated next month.

IN MEMORIAM

Ancient Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654

Bro. Arthur (Art) Cope

Initiated: October 28, 1952

Passed: November 25, 1952

Raised: December 30, 1952

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above Monday June 17, 2019



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

From the Editor

Brethren,

Hoping all is well across the District. Thank you to all the contributors with submissions and assistance with research this month. As always, we invite your feedback and comments; if you have, or want to see, some content; drop Bill or I a note or email. All submissions are welcome.

I trust everyone will have an amazing summer! Looking forward to learning and meeting people at the Grand Lodge Communication.

S&F

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