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## **Our District Deputy Grand Master**

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"Knowledge is destiny...the Ascent of Man will go on. But do not assume that it will go on carried by western civilisation as we know it. We are being weighed in the balance at this moment. If we give up, the next step will be taken – but not by us. We have not been given any guarantee that Assyria and Egypt and Rome were not given. We are waiting to be somebody's past too, and not necessarily that of



Brethren, please afford me a simple replacing of 'west

simple replacing of 'western civilisation' with 'freemasonry' in the quote above to assist me in setting the theme for this month's message.

Jacob Bronowski's The Ascent of Man, first published in 1973 puts into stark relief the gift of intelligence we humans possess against the backdrop of 'nothing is a given'.

At the invitation of R.W. Bro. Phil Munroe, District Deputy Grand Master, Waterloo District, I attended Mystic Tie Lodge No. 279 on Monday, October 24, for their Installation. It was my pleasure to also see our Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David J. Cameron in attendance. As the evening drew to a close and various Brethren provided announcements and congratulations, M.W. Bro. Cameron remarked during his comments that our return to lodge is in some ways just like recovery from a virus that weakens the body

temporarily – time and remedy heals and strengthens the host.

This got me to thinking about how I could share with you the role your district and Grand Lodge can play in supporting our lodges as we return to a healthier existence. That, in turn, compels me to talk about the very real and tangible role your district and Grand Lodge has been and continues to be playing in your best interests.

As lodges continue to re-establish their trestleboard (rounded out by a significant influx of Initiations), some are finding it a challenge to fill all required parts. Please remember many months ago, your district developed a degree resource document where lodges can call on willing brethren to assist. All Worshipful Masters and lodge Secretaries have this document. If you would like to help out in this effort, please have your lodge send along your name and the parts you can conduct to the District Secretary for inclusion.

As Bronowski points out above, "Knowledge is our destiny". To this end, and as a supplement to each lodge's own masonic education endeavours, your district will be holding a Masonic Education evening on Wednesday, November 23rd – 7:30 p.m. at the West Flamborough Temple, 200 Hwy. #8, West Flamborough. Your Masonic Education committee, will offer 3 presentations, each followed by a short Q&A. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided and casual dress is in order. Take advantage of the expertise of your fellow masons and consider bringing a masonic friend, especially one who is newly admitted.

Yet another resource your district team is providing is the on-going Masters' and Wardens' 'Think Tank' with the 7th edition slated for Thursday, December 8th. This open forum discussion provides the opportunity for all lodges to talk about their successes and challenges as well as share ideas and solutions on how best to advance the Craft on our watch. All Masters and Wardens are invited to attend and weigh in on how best to move forward. Again, as Bronowski states above, "We are being weighed in the balance at this moment."

Finally, in the persons of V.W. Bro. Ray Wilson, Masonic Education Chairman and W. Bro. Steve Badger, Lodge Resource Chairman, you, brethren,

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have a standing invitation from each to call upon them to assist your lodge's efforts in moving forward.

Whether it is to request support in terms of providing Masonic Education for one of your regular meetings or to learn more about the various programmes being offered by Grand Lodge. These fine men are at your disposal – as is the rest of the team – to advance your efforts. It is incumbent on lodge leadership to take that first step by asking for support.

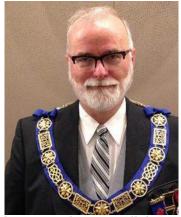
Brethren, our future is as equally bright as it is not guaranteed. We all have a part to play today in ensuring the brethren of tomorrow are able to enjoy what we and our forebearers have enjoyed. I look forward to seeing you soon in my travels throughout the district.

Bill

R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Paul

# From the Grand Master October Communique

After Ι re-read my Communique last month when it landed in my email in-box, I thought it seemed quite incomplete as I didn't ever want to give the impression I was like my grade thirteen English Literature teacher, Mr. Hank Onstein (doesn't take a lot of imagination to guess his nickname), who could only see things his way. For we must be



honest with ourselves and accept that we all have varying styles of leadership. Some of you are idea men, capable of thinking up innovative new programs to aid in increasing membership or solving our financial challenges. Your specialty lies in 'thinking outside the box' and for that you are to be commended and encouraged. However, many of us, myself included, find strength in finding a need and learning what needs to be done to fill it.

If this is the camp that you find yourself in, never underestimate the power of your contribution to our great work. Often, the most seemingly insignificant efforts have the most far-reaching effects. This is enhanced by the fact that those who perform such deeds are often men who on the surface appear to be insignificant. Within our Lodges and the Fraternity, we have our fair share of Brethren with great ideas, but let's be honest, most of us belong to a group whose greatest virtue lies in perseverance and devotion to building up the Lodges we belong to. Without the efforts of all members of our Lodges, we would be at a standstill. If you don't believe me ask any of our great leaders and they will be the first to tell you they couldn't do what

they do for us by themselves – it is a team effort. Success takes the effort of all members in many ways and areas.

For example, you may not know how to host an open house, but you do know how to talk and be friendly. You may not be comfortable in organizing a Lodge cookout but I'm pretty sure you can call and invite Brethren to attend or work a spatula. The point is to make yourself useful by expanding your horizons and discovering what you are capable of.

One of the great things about our Fraternity is that it continually gives us as individuals the opportunity to step outside our personal boundaries and achieve our full potential as the

Great Architect's Craftsmen. We are continually given the chance to rise to the occasion and learn on the fly, as it were. I thank the Great Architect of the Universe every single day for this wonderful privilege of serving you and our Grand Lodge. To lose ourselves in the service of something greater than we, as individuals are, is indeed a great honour. I am inspired by all that I see accomplished by you, year in and year out in the name of Brotherly love.

But your importance to our beloved Craft is not determined by brilliance near as much as your hard work, performed with likeminded individuals. Your Lodges and your Grand Lodge need your skills and talents to prosper and grow. Even if you feel you are nothing more than the 'average Hiram,' you are an important labourer in this great work. Without you, we are nothing. It is important to remember that history is made by the labours of those who seek to serve, not those who seek to drape themselves in glory.

The next time you are called upon to do something that you feel is above your abilities, just remember that we are all part of the big picture, and we all have a part to play for us to be successful. Even your most seemingly insignificant efforts have far reaching consequences for good or evil. Therefore, we must choose our actions wisely for the benefit of those who will most assuredly follow in our footsteps.

Never forget that you and your fellow members are the future of Freemasonry in the Province of Ontario. Continue to persevere. Continue to serve. And above all else, continue to lead by example and push the great work of Ontario Freemasonry forward into the future!

Thank you for the support and hospitality you have shown me during my Masonic career and in particular over the last twenty-five years that I have served on your Board of General Purposes. Thank you for all that you do for this great Fraternity and for me in particular.

'Be careful how you live your life. You may be the only Mason some people will ever meet.

## Thomas W. Hogeboom

# From the Grand Lodge Website

These items have a direct link for your convenience October 5, 2022

Grand Master's Itinerary 2022-2023 - October 5, 2022

# October Communique From the Deputy

My Brethren:

Hope all is going well for everyone so far. The Lodge meetings are in full swing again, the banquets and the fraternal visits are going great, the Installations are taking place so what's next? The Official visits will be taking place soon. Brethren let's talk about Official visits for a moment. The District Deputy Grand Master will notify the Lodge that the Official visit is approaching. He will hopefully send a checklist of the things that he would like to see when he arrives, for example the current Grand Lodge Publications that every Lodge should have, he is looking for a clean and tidy building and Lodge room, he wants to see great ritual being done and he wants the "L forms" to be completed honestly and before he arrives at the Lodge meeting. Then after the Official visit is completed the District Deputy and the District Secretary will collaborate and fill out their forms. Now the Condition of Masonry Committee takes those "L forms" and examines them to see how healthy that particular Lodge Recommendations are made and the Report Card is sent to the Lodge for their reflection. It is important to note that this is for the Lodge's use. It is to help them see where they are in comparison to other Lodge's and as an arbitrary benchmark, so they can reflect and improve how they conduct their meetings and activities. If the Lodge does not agree with the assessment, fine, the point is self-reflection. If they want they can contact the Chairman of the Condition of Masonry Committee and he will explain how they arrived at that rating. In my Lodge we always looked at this Report Card as a part of Masonic Education. We always discussed what the Report Card stated and we tried to improve and learn from it. We used it as a positive teachable moment instead of a negative. We used it to make us a better Lodge and I hope you will

Brethren, since we are still at the beginning of the Masonic year, I am asking the Districts to please keep their websites current. This was raised at the regional meetings that the District Deputy is responsible for all District and Lodge websites. Please take the time to search the web for anything pertaining to your District; old, new, unused and forgotten. Nothing gives the wrong impression of an organization more than an old and neglected website. It may not be your current website but it may come up on a District or Lodge search. Please work with your District Web Master and Lodges to assure that there is only one website for each body and that the material on it is current. If not, track down the owner and have it taken down. If you can't find someone in the District or Lodge who will keep the material on their site current, shut it down. Nothing is worse than old and/or incorrect information when people are searching for dates, contacts and addresses. Many District websites have Lodge sites linked to them, please check that as well when doing your investigating.

Brethren, please check out the Grand Lodge Website, there you will find Masonic Education for every meeting, every month. You will find the "L forms" and you will find the many Grand Lodge Policies, especially the one dealing with Websites. Also on the website you will find the schedule for the District Deputy Grand Master Preparation Presentation which is heading back out onto the road again. The pandemic stopped this Committee in it's tracks, they were headed to Brockville and were called back due to the pandemic. Well, once again they are on the move. R.W. Bro. Victor Tavares and his team will be in Harriston on October 29th, Paris on November 5th, Ridgetown on November 19th and Oshawa on December 3rd. Please mark your calendars and attend if you are aspiring to the high office of a DDGM, Grand Registrar or District Secretary. The Spring schedule will be available in the very near future. I would highly recommend that anyone aspiring to hold one of these offices would take both paths, the other being the Past Masters Course from the College.

Thank you for now Brethren and we'll continue this talk in November.

Jamie R. Ireland Deputy Grand Master

# "Freemasonry and Remembrance"



W. Bro. Gordon Michie is a member of the research Lodge Hope of Kurrachee No. 337. Bro. Michie is currently also a member of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and a member of Internet Lodge (EC). Gordon is the head of Fundraising and Learning for Poppyscotland. One of his duties there is to ensure that the nation's symbol of Remembrance, the Poppy, is available across the country whilst ensuring that the organization can introduce new and diverse income streams.

"Freemasonry and Remembrance" is a journey through the Masonic connection with the development of Remembrance that grew out of the Great War.

To register for this virtual online presentation, go to: <a href="http://bit.ly/GLMasonicSpeakers">http://bit.ly/GLMasonicSpeakers</a>

Upon successfully registering you will receive an instant and automatic confirmation. If you do not receive this your registration was not completed

# Hamilton District 'C' – Dates to Remember November 2022

D.D.G.M. Official Visits

#### The Electric Lodge No.495

Wednesday November 16, 2022 Dinner TBA, Tyle 7:30 pm Accompanying: Meridian Lodge No. 687 Hillcrest Temple

#### Dufferin Lodge No. 291

Thursday November 17, 2022 Tyle 7:30 pm, Reception to follow Accompanying: Hugh Murray Lodge No.602 Flamborough Temple

#### District 'C' Masonic Education Evening

To the Brethren of Hamilton Masonic District 'C', your Masonic Education Committee is pleased to present an evening of Education sponsored by

Ionic Lodge No. 549.

Your guest speakers will be: W. Bro. David Beland W. Bro. Istvan Horvath V.W. Bro. Ray Wilson

Wednesday, November 23rd - 7:30 p.m. Flamborough Temple 200 Hwy. #8, Flamborough L9H 4V7

DRESS - Casual

#### Installation of Officers

Westmount Lodge No. 671 Tuesday November 22, 2022 Dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm Hillcrest

# Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

Wednesday November 30, 2022 Flamborough Hosted by Dufferin Lodge No. 291

# " Considerations for Visiting Lodges, around the Corner or around the World

VW Bro Garry Perkins FCF"

This 25 minute presentation simply reminds us of what needs to be done or considered before we pass through the pillars of other lodges. Visiting lodges either around the corner or around the world has created life long friendships and proven time and time again that we are all brothers no matter where we dawn our aprons."

#### December 2022

## D.D.G.M. Official Visits

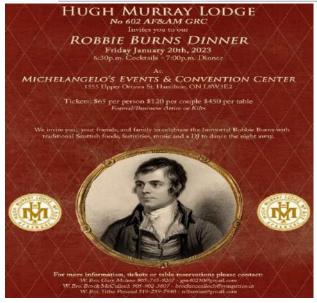
Harodim Lodge No. 513

Thurs December 22, 2022 Dinner TBA, Tyle 7:30 pm Accompanying: Ionic Lodge No. 549 Masonic Centre of Hamilton

## **Installation of Officers**







## Around the District



Congratulations to V.W. Bro. Craig McPhail on being presented with his regalia



Meridian Lodge No.687 D.D.G.M. Fraternal Visit



Temple Lodge No.324
Installation of Officers
Congratulations to W. Bro. John Lumsden



Hugh Murray Lodge No.602 D.D.G.M. Official Visit



Westmount Lodge No.671 D.D.G.M. Fraternal Visit

Another great night at Westmount. We had a fraternal visit from our DDGM, did a first degree and ran our elections! Thank you to all that came out.

# **50 Year Pin** Ionic Lodge No. 549

Visit to Bro. Fred Jason to present his 50 yr service certificate and pin. - 2022 10 26

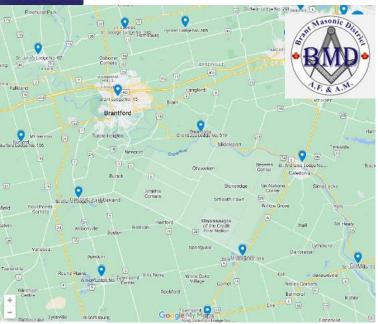


L.to R. R.W. Bro. Wm Paul (D.D.G.M.), W. Bro. Andrew Simpson, Bro. Fred Jason, W. Bro. Scott Simpson (W.M.)



# Masonic Passport Brant District Lodge Halls

<u>Brant-District-Masons</u> Website Take the time to visit a local Lodge!





#### St. John's Lodge No.35 Cayuga Masonic Temple 8 Munsee Street North Cayuga, Ontario NOA 1EO



#### Brant Lodge No.45 Brant Masonic Temple 117 Charing Cross St. Brantford, ON N3R 2H8



# St. John's Lodge No.82 Paris Masonic Temple 98 Scott Avenue

Paris, Ontario N3L 3R1



# Burford Lodge No.106 Ozias Daylight Lodge No. 508 Burford Masonic Temple 421 Maple Avenue South

421 Maple Avenue Soutl Burford, Ontario NOE 1AO



### Wilson Lodge No. 113 Waterford Masonic Temple

25 Alice Street Waterford, Ontario NOE 1YO

# Scotland Lodge No.193 Oakland Masonic Temple 5 King Street North

5 King Street North Oakland, Ontario NOE 1LO



## St. George Lodge No.243 St. George Masonic Temple

1 Thompson Street St. George, Ontario NOE 1NO



## Hiram Lodge No.319 Hagersville Masonic Temple

23 Main Street South Hagersville, Ontario NOA 1HO



### King Solomon Lodge No.329 Jarvis Masonic Temple

23 Talbot Street East Jarvis, Ontario NOA 1JO



#### Lynden Lodge No.505 Lynden Masonic Temple

226 Lynden Road Lynden, Ontario LOR 1TO



### Onondaga Lodge No.519 Onondaga Masonic Temple

19 Tuscarora St. Onondaga, Ontario N3T 5L9



# **District Meeting Nights**

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1 <sup>st</sup> Tues.	7:30P.M.	St. George No. 243
1st Wed.	8:00P.M.	Lynden No. 505
$1^{\rm st}$ Thurs.	7:30P.M.	St. Johns No. 35
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.	7:30P.M.	Scotland No. 193
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.	7:30P.M.	Brant No. 45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.	7:30P.M.	Wilson No. 113
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	7:30P.M	Hiram No. 319
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	7:30P.M.	King Solomon No. 329
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed.	8:00P.M	Burford No. 106
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.	1:00P.M.	Ozias No. 508
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	7:30P.M.	Onondaga No. 519
2nd Tues.	7:30P.M.	St. John's No. 82

#### WHY REMEMBER REMEMBRANCE DAY?

W. Bro. Michael Jenkyns, PM, Acacia Lodge, No. 561 GRC, Ottawa; F.C.F.



When you go home, Tell them of us, and say, For your tomorrow We gave our today (Inscription, British War memorial, Kohima, India)

November 11 honours the memory of those who have fallen in the service of their Country in wars and international peacekeeping operations. For the majority of us in Canada it is now 57 years since the

cessation of hostilities in what has been called —World War III. That is one, two, or even three, generations removed from today and our remembrance of the events is coloured by books, movies and television. During the great conflict of what has become called —World War II, the great war to end all wars, Canada provided 620,000 men and women in the fight to protect our way of life. This was 8% of our population of about 8 million people. Of this number, 60,661 were killed. In addition to this there were 20,115 widows, children and destitute parents of soldiers, who were receiving pensions in 1925. In truth, all were wounded by mental scars they would carry for the rest of their lives.

During World War II, Canada provided 1,050,000 men and women, from a population of about 11.8 million people. Out of this number, 42,000 were killed and 53,000 were wounded. There are over 100,000 gravestones in Europe with a simple maple leaf, marking the graves of Canadians. Since 1945 Canadians have served in Korea (1950-53), the Gulf War (1991) and in many peacekeeping operations around the world including the current effort in Afghanistan. Lives have been lost in these actions too – 312 died in Korean, 100 in various peacekeeping operations, and four in May 2002 in Afghanistan.

Canada does not raise its military personnel through conscription. Those who support the military and paramilitary in peacetime do so through a belief in supporting a structure that we have needed. In wartime, a belief in the system and way of life we have enjoyed, and continue to enjoy, has been a prime motivating force, if not the prime force. Almost all of us know of immediate family and friends who have —served the colours and many have lost, at sometime in our family's history, a member categorized as —lost, presumed killed , —killed in action , —missing in action .

Death has taken many who survived the conflicts. Should we forget them? Never! To us they should expect nothing less than that we remember them. And act to make them proud that they did not sacrifice themselves in vain. For those who do not know, the wearing of a poppy is more than just a symbol of remembrance. Funds raised by the Royal Canadian Legion from the sale of poppies are used to give immediate assistance to exservicemen and women in need. They purchase community medical appliances, fund day care centres

for adults, meals on wheels and the purchase, construction and maintenance of housing and care facilities for the elderly. Masons of this Jurisdiction should feel proud to see their members in regalia, wearing medals, and attending Cenotaph Services. All of us should support such attendance, in public. And, in the end, we should be prepared to tell our children:

Went the day well? They died and never knew. But, well or ill, Freedom, They died for you

<u>Masonic Education - Home Golden</u> home.golden.net/~djjcameron/17.3.pdf

Story of The Poppy

Source: Newsletters/ANZAC\_day\_2020.pdf

A pencilled verse in a dugout sparked an idea which has grown into, a practical form of Remembrance that has no equal elsewhere in the world. It was Colonel John McCrae, a well-known professor of medicine at the great Canadian University of McGill who first wrote of the Flanders Poppy as the "Flower of Remembrance".

Colonel McCrae served as a gunner in the South African War, and at the outbreak of the Great War, his desire was to join the fighting ranks, but the Powers that be decided that his great abilities should be used to more advantage, and so he landed in France with the first Canadian contingent as a Medical Officer.

At the second battle of Ypres in 1916 Colonel McCrae was in charge of a small first aid post. During a lull in the battle he wrote in pencil, on a page torn from his despatch book, these verses;

#### Flower of Remembrance

In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses. row on row, that mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing fly Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the dead. Short days ago We lived. felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and we loved, and now we lie In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe; To you from failing hands we throw The Torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith us who die We shall not sleep. though Poppies grow In Flanders' fields.

The verses were sent anonymously to PUNCH, who published them in next issue. printing them in the heavy type they only rarely use. The verses were published under the title "In Flanders' Fields".

In May 1918, Colonel McCrae was brought as a stretcher case to one of the big hospitals on the coast of France. On the third evening he was wheeled to the balcony from his room to look over the sea towards the cliffs of Dover. The verses were obviously in his mind, for he said to the Doctor who was in charge of his case. "Tell them this; If ye break faith with us who die we shall



not sleep"

# In Memoriam, Editor's Note





*Tell us your stories of fellowship and golfing.* All pictures, jokes and shared experiences welcome!



#### IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Randolph B. Fries

#### Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654

Initiated May 23, 1967 Passed Nov. 15, 1967 Raised Feb. 14.1968

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above Oct 22, 2022

Bro Vernon Peter Lampman

#### Seymour Lodge No.272

Initiated September 8, 1953 Passed October 23, 1953 Raised November 30, 1953

Member of Seymour Lodge for 69 years

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above October 4,2022



In Life Respected, In Death Regretted. We will cherish them in our hearts forever.

#### From the Editor

#### Brethren.

First Erratum, apologies to Seymour Lodge. We had an error in the Memorial Announcement for Stan last month. The lodge number was incorrect. This has been fixed in the online edition.

Thank you to Hugh Murray Lodge, they have heard my pleas for submission and provided some rich content for their memorial service, official visit and upcoming Robbie Burns night. It is good to see the District coming to life again.

Events are happening, we received pictures from Official and Fraternal Visits, Installations, the Investment of V,W, Bro. Craig McPhail and a 50 Year Pin Presentation.

This month's Passport page highlights Brant District, one of our Neighbours in Southern Ontario, we are planning to include the Niagara regions in future editions. S&F, Glen– Editor at: <a href="mailto:gnotman@hotmail.com">gnotman@hotmail.com</a>



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