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Our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, as a great many of you were in attendance, yesterday's A Day of Masonry is in the books and with immediate feedback suggesting the day was successful on several fronts.

I believe the measure of the day as a success can be broken down into four components: Grand Lodge's involvement, logistical support, enthusiastic attendees and the positive impact of the day on the future of our Craft.



First, our hard working and dedicated members of Grand Lodge played a significant role yesterday by creating seminars aimed at offering means to improve member retention, activating Cornerstone as a way to help ensure the vitality of a lodge, providing best practices on how to deliver high quality masonic education and the effective management of a lodge's present and future via strategic planning. To the presenters, a heartfelt thank you for developing meaningful presentations and creating the environments to allow for thoughtful discourse, for your time and effort and for your passion in pursuing a healthy masonic future.

Thanks to R.W. Bros. Oldfield, Straughan and Munroe for promoting the day throughout your districts – the day was well attended and the dinner sold out in large measure to your support.

A special thank you to our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland for attending the day, participating in the seminars and offering his insights as our brother and as a leader.

To our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Hogeboom, thank you for the vision to shift away from galas and

balls and banquets and towards learning, thinking and discussion. Thank you as well for making yourself available to answer questions from members, family, friends and public alike and sharing your thoughts on the best path(s) forward. Your attendance was appreciated and impactful!

Brethren, your Grand Lodge came through in a big way in Hamilton yesterday.

Second, a lot of the heavy lifting yesterday was accomplished by many of our younger members – Bros. Bailey, Light, Morin, Trepanier and Riddell in particular. Our future is in good stead with fine young men such as these within our ranks. The logistics of the day were further supported at the Spring Divine Service by W. Bro. Raymond Corrin, President, Hamilton Districts' Board of Relief along with his team as well as W. Bro. Glen Howie, Worshipful Master of the sponsoring lodge, Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 and his brethren and finally, W. Bro. John Lumsden for stepping in at the last minute to lead the Spring Divine Service which had approximately 125 attendees and was created by Hamilton 'C' Chaplain, Bro. Edwin Alexander.

The success of the day was further complimented by the presence of 10 information booths where attendees could make the choice to engage a booth and learn more about the various organisations. I was especially pleased to welcome and assist in the promotion of our brethren within the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons and the Order of Women Freemasons of Canada.

The Central Masonic Temple, Scottish Rite Hamilton Valley and Club as well as Towers staff and Blue Collar catering helped ensure the day ran smoothly and then ended the day with a delicious and well-served meal.

Third – our attendees! Thanks to our members, family, friends, interested potential applicants and the public at large, we topped 160 registered guests. Your attendance, participation and conviviality were the single most important factor in the success of the day. The organisers cannot express adequately our appreciation for your presence!!

Finally, in the coming days we will attempt to capture the lightening in a bottle from yesterday and distribute 2 summary emails. The first to all those involved as a thank you and to provide various contact

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information from the day and second, to member attendees to provide them with materials from the 4 Pillar seminars. This is all being done to assist in the promotion of best practices so that member attendees are armed with information to help support the vibrancy of masonry locally. After all, there is no difference between a good idea or practice and bad one without resulting action.

Thank you again from all of us on the organising committee and we'll see you around the district!

Fraternally, Bill,

R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Paul

From the Grand Master April Communique

My Brethren:

Welcome back to my running review of leadership and the five crucial ingredients of effective leadership - challenging, inspiring, enabling, modelling and encouraging.

Not only must we challenge, but we must inspire. We must inspire what is called the shared vision - the Strategic Plan - in our case, The Next Regular Step. But before we can inspire that shared vision, we must have a vision. We must have a plan of action, a longterm plan. Organizations don't succeed because they plan to fail, they don't succeed because they fail to plan. Every organization needs a long-term plan. Plans and visions are so necessary for the success of any organization. Not one of us would build a house without having some idea in mind what it would look like when it is finished, nor would we go on a trip unless we knew where we were going. The same thing must apply to Freemasonry - at every level.

That plan must be a shared plan. It can't be one man's idea. It can't last for one year; the theme or mission of one Worshipful Master or Grand Master. All members must work together on that plan or that vision. Every Freemason must participate in the establishment and support of that shared vision.

We must ask questions - What is the membership really looking for? What are they looking for in Freemasonry? I think there are about five things. Friendship, fellowship, enjoyable activities, community involvement, leadership opportunities and perhaps the ability to network with their peers in a prestigious organization. If we don't meet those needs; that 'me first philosophy'; 'what's in it for me?' 'what do I get out of it?' If we don't meet these needs, I'm not sure how long we will survive. Keeping in mind of course brotherly love, relief and truth and those other virtues that we aspire; the strengths of our institution.



Once we have, that shared vision, one that reflects the entire organization, and people feel part of it, I believe we can do it. Once we have the shared vision; leaders, it is then up to you. You've got to go out there and share it. Gandhi was a great man of inspiration. He took people beyond their limit, he took them to a point that they would be where they wished to be and that my Brethren, is your task - to inspire, get to the heart of our members. Reach inside of them. Help them to realize that this is their vision; that they are part of that vision; that we are one great group with a joint vision. That, my Brethren is your responsibility; to go out there and inspire the Craft; that is why your leadership is so necessary. We will not succeed without your leadership, inspiring that shared vision.

The next ingredient is enabling. Enabling others to act; to give them the tools and the power and the authority to work up the action plan for the vision. Some organizations develop such a sterile environment that the people never have a chance for failure; it always must be based upon success. People must learn to feel failure before they can feel success. When people accept things, they are better prepared to act upon them.

A research experiment was done a few years ago that involved two groups of people. They were each given the same task. One group used the tool of brainstorming. A chart was put on the wall and people came up with ideas, one after the other for the implementation of the plan of action. There was no judging, there was no evaluation of any of the ideas that came up. This brought out the meek and the mild and the timid. Each person had the opportunity to offer something because it was not to be judged or evaluated. At the end of the session all the ideas were prioritized; they had an action plan because the leader enabled the group to act; by getting everyone involved in the process.

The second group only had the task in front of them. It was just wide-open discussion. with evaluation and judgement, etc. There were several negatives put forward - we can't do that; we can't change the rules; we've never done that before; it will never work; and so on. In the final analysis, the second group never reached a consensus, and they never came up with a plan of action because the group was not enabled effectively to act upon the vision.

Lee Iacocca was the man who brought Chrysler back from near financial ruin. He used to go into the trenches. He would talk to the men in the factory. He would give them the authority, he would give them power, he would give them the tools. They would come up with plans of action; and see what happened. Chrysler came back to be a success again. Brethren, as Grand Lodge Officers and leaders, we must get into those trenches and give the members of our Gentle Craft who want to be part of that vision, the tools and the authority to act.

Please come back next month for the rest of the story on 'modelling and encouraging' for success.

Thomas W. Hogeboom

April Communique From the Deputy

Brethren,

April is upon us and the signs of spring are here... at least for the southern part of the Jurisdiction. The Chairman of Masonic Education, R.W. Bro. Broomhead, keeps notifying me when yet another winter storm blows through the north. Hopefully soon spring will be in the air for everyone.

My spring tour of the Northeastern part of the Jurisdiction will be here soon as well, let's hope for warmer weather. Brethren, if you would like to accompany me on this tour, it will be starting on May 1st and concluding on May 6th. You can participate in the whole tour or just part of it, whatever suits you best. We will be starting in Sudbury and making our way over to the Sault by way of Elliot Lake, Blind River and Thessalon. Then we head up to Wawa, Chapleau, Timmins, Englehart, Elk Lake and finishing our journey in Powassan. Please Brethren if you're able, plan on joining us, it's going to be a great trip. The tour of the Northwestern part of the Jurisdiction is already in the planning stages and I'm excited to be heading up that excursion as well.

On the Grand Lodge Committee side of business, the Lodge Building Compliance Committee, Chaired by R.W. Bro. Peter Sialtsis, is making progress. There are approximately 70 % of our Lodges in compliance. That also means that there are roughly 30 % of our Lodges that are not in compliance. Brethren, this Committee is striving towards it's goal of keeping every member of our vast Jurisdiction as safe as possible. We want you to be able to go home to your families after every meeting. This mandate isn't designed to punish anyone, it is simply to keep you, the member, as safe as possible. The Lodge Building Compliance Committee has a three part mandate to follow. Step one is the Building Fire Inspection carried out by your local municipal officials. Every building where a Lodge meets needs an inspection. If one has been scheduled or is in the completion stages then that would be taken into consideration. If the building is owned by a Temple Corporation then every Lodge that meets there would use that building's fire inspection as their own. Every Lodge in this Province that meets in a building needs an inspection in order to be step one compliant. Step two is simply a checklist that needs to be completed. The Worshipful Master, Lodge Secretary, or a designated Lodge member would do a walk around, check off the items on the list and complete step 2. We have had some push back on step 2 and that is not being accepted as a reasonable argument against compliance. It is a simple, easy to complete checklist that can easily and quickly be done. Step 3 is a review and update of the fire plan for everyone in that building. Many Lodges go over the fire plan at the start of every meeting and our Grand Lodge is pretty happy about that. We should all know that if a fire or any other disaster happens, we should leave the building through the proper exits, bring the required books and we'll all meet at that one

spot in the parking lot just down the street, across the road or wherever the safest place may be. Please remember that this is all for your safety, nothing more and nothing less. Grand Lodge is requiring every Lodge to be compliant before the first of July which is closing in on us fast. You can ask for a 45 day extension but don't count on getting it, you would have to prove that you have an appointment scheduled, are waiting for the paperwork to show up or that some other circumstance would enable your Lodge to be compliant in the near future. Failure to satisfy these 3 requirements will put the Warrant of the Lodge in jeopardy of being removed from the building and no Warrant means no meetings. This mandate is laid out in the Book of Constitution and our Grand Master will be following our Constitution. Don't let this happen to your Lodge, once the Warrant has been removed it's not an easy procedure to recover it. Please Brethren, take the time necessary to complete these three requirements for your own safety and wellbeing.

In conclusion, as always my Brethren, let us rub and cherish our shiny penny, plan for a bright, safe future, keep our Lodges vibrant and make someone smile today and tomorrow. Let us all inspire someone to do better !!!

Jamie R. Ireland Deputy Grand Master

Masonic Cornerstone Re-Dedication Ceremony



Saturday, May 13th / 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / and 1:30 p.m.

Blackwood Lodge

A.F. & A.M No. 311

A.D. 1874 – 1899

A.L. 5874 – 5899



Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland is practising his trowel work for the Ceremony.

Heritage Lodge

A.F. & A.M No. 730

A.D. 1983 – 2023

A.L. 5983 – 6023

In 1983, M.W. Bro. Ronald Groshaw and 1,300 masons dedicated the Cornerstone to this pre-confederation building. Members of Blackwood Lodge No. 311 used to employ the light of the full moon to find their way home on rough country roads. Heritage Lodge No. 730 now sheds a contemporary light on this important history.



10:00 Pioneer Village parking & gates open
10:30 Parade masons preassemble at the Entrance
11:00 Parade proceeds along a Village roadway to the Lodge
11:30 Opening remarks... Public welcome
12:00 Cornerstone Rededication Ceremony
12:30 Closing remarks
1:30 Cocktail Reception, The School of Fine Dining at 4121 - 14th Avenue, Markham. **Tickets: \$25.00**

- **Parking \$10 ...** Organize a Car Pool
- **Free Admission** for Masons who pre-register: www.eventbrite.ca/e/ceremonial-rededication-of-the-masonic-cornerstone-and-parade-tickets-6133854608877
- **General Admission (+HST):** Children \$12.00 / Students & Seniors \$13.10 / Adults \$16.40
- **Cocktail Reception \$25... after you pre-register.** Eventbrite will email an offer to purchase tickets

EVENT SUPPORT: 416-522-1532
www.heritagelodge730.ca/events

VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS:
Help keep our Pioneer Village Lodge doors open to the public. Guides receive training and supervision. Set your own hours.
Inquire at: 647-228-2777.



Please use this [LINK](http://masonic-cornerstone-and-parade-tickets) for Free Admission to the Event, the Parade in Regalia, & to purchase Tickets to the Reception:

Hamilton District 'C' – Dates to Remember



MASONIC OPEN
2023

MISSION Services

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Register Now @
Masonicopen22@gmail.com

Registration – 12:00 p.m.
Shotgun Start – 1:00 p.m.
Social Hour – 5:30 p.m.
Dinner – 6:30 p.m.
Charity Event – 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday
June 24th, 2023**

\$180 per player
incl. cart, dinner & charity event

\$70 per person
dinner & charity event

rain or shine

May 2023

Installation

Buchanan Lodge No. 550
Thursday May 4, 2023
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle at 7:30 pm,
Hillcrest

Installation

The Electric No. 495
Wednesday May 17, 2023
Dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle at 7:00 pm,
Hillcrest

Installation

Dufferin Lodge No. 291
Thursday May 18, 2023
Dinner 6:30pm, Tyle at 7:30 pm,
Flamborough

Installation

Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654
Tuesday May 23, 2023
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle at 7:30 pm,
MCH

Hamilton District 'C'

Spring Meeting

May 27th at 9 a.m.
Hillcrest Masonic Hall.

Election of the District Deputy Grand Masters June 2023

*The voting for DDGMs
will take place electronically from
any computer,
tablet or smartphone*

Voter registration

9 am Monday June 12, 2023 to
4 pm Friday June 16, 2023

Balloting

9 am Monday June 19, 2023 to
4 pm Tuesday June 20, 2023



Hugh Murray Lodge
No. 602 A.F. & A.M. O.R.C.
101st Anniversary 1922 - 2023
'Making Good Men Better since 1922'

Ladies Night Dinner

An evening of fine dining to celebrate the amazing Women in our lives.

Friday May 12th, 2023

6pm Meet & Greet 7pm Dinner



The Hamilton Club

6 Main Street East Hamilton, ON L8N 1E8



\$150 per couple (\$75 per person) - Formal Attire - Cash Bar

All Hugh Murray Brethren, family, friends and members of other Lodges are most welcome

*For more information or tickets contact W. Bro Steve Badger at
baggis69@hotmail.ca or 905-746-6828 Limited tickets available.*

Around the District

D.D.G.M. Official Visits



Seymour Lodge No. 272

A Day of Masonry





MISSION 
ACCOMPLISHED

Presented by:
metro

May 12 - 22, 2023

Get active, explore your community and raise funds for the
Good Food Centre at Mission Services of Hamilton

Over 100 missions to complete

Teams of 1 to 5 people

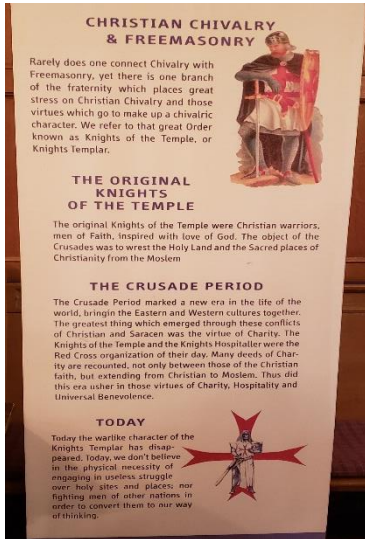
Fun prizes from local businesses

\$40 to register per team



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Grand Lodge Meet the Candidates



Grand Senior Warden

STEPHEN L. SPENCE – Retired Probation and Parole Officer, 2-53 Townline Road South, Courtice, ON L1E 2J1. Orono Lodge No. 325, Ontario District. W.M. 2019.



Grand Junior Warden

EBRAHIM WASHINGTON – Financial Advisor, 2 Bathgate Drive, Scarborough, ON M1C 3H2. Wexford Lodge No. 683, Toronto East District. W.M. 1996.



Grand Registrar

JERRY TSUBOUCHI – Retired Police Constable, 412 Ryerson Cr., Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5R5. Connaught Lodge No. 511, Algoma District. W.M. 2015.



Grand Treasurer

SYDNEY SCHATZKER – Chartered Accountant, 7 Ravenscliffe Road, Thornhill, ON L3T 5N7. Mount Sinai-Pillars Lodge No. 522, Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 2007. Grand Steward 2011. DDGM 2014. Grand Treasurer 2021-2023. Board of G.P. 2018-2023.



BRIAN K. SCHWEITZER – Retired Firefighter, 25 Ferrara Street, Hamilton, ON L8T 4C1. Hillcrest Lodge No. 594, Hamilton B District. W.M. 1988. DDGM 1992. Board of G.P. 1995-2010.



Grand Secretary

LOUIS MICHAEL DOMJAN – Chief Operating Officer, Grand Lodge of Canada, 69 Haldibrook Road, Caledonia, ON N3W 1M9. The Harmony Lodge No. 57, Hamilton B District. W.M. 2002, 2004. Grand Steward 2003. DDGM 2011.



PETER FREDERICK IRWIN – Senior Manager of Department of National Defence, 21 Pine Marsh Lane, Trenton, ON K8V 0A5. Cedar Lodge No. 270, Ontario District. W.M. 1995. Grand Senior Warden 1999.

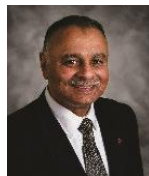


LINDSAY REIACH – Retired Senior Projects Manager, 41 Dunrobin Drive, Caledonia, ON N3W 2N7. St. Andrew's Lodge No. 62, Hamilton B District. W.M. 2010. DDGM 2012.



Board of General Purposes

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AIRES JOSEPH DEMELLO – Retired Brand and Image Manager, Volvo, 40 Snowshoe Cres., Thornhill, ON L3T 4M6. York Lodge No. 156, Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 2010. DDGM 2013. Board of G.P. 2021-2023.



EDWARD FRANKLIN DUNSMORE – Freight Logistics Specialist, 6 Farewell Cr., Smithville, ON L0R 2A0. Brock Daylight Lodge No. 745, Niagara A District. W.M. 2012. DDGM 2018. Board of G.P. 2021-2023.



KENNETH MACKINNON ELLIGSON – Construction Project Manager, 6494 Concession 1, RR 2, Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0. Preston Lodge No. 297, Waterloo District. W.M. 1989, 1990, 2008. DDGM 2014, Board of G.P. 2021-2023.



RICHARD KAUFMAN – Manager, 50 Ironstone Drive, Cambridge, ON N1P 1A2. Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Waterloo District. W.M. 2008. DDGM 2010. Board of G.P. 2012-2023.



STEPHEN HARVEY MAIZELS – Property Developer, 31 Yorkhill Blvd., Thornhill, ON L4J 6X5. Mosaic Lodge No. 559, Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 2017, 2018. Grand Steward 2015. Board of G.P. 2020-2023.



DAVID JOHN NEAVE – Paramedic Service Deputy Commander, 616 Dundee Ave., Oshawa, ON L1J 2X1. Brougham Union Lodge No. 269, Toronto East District. W.M. 2010. DDGM 2013.



GANGADEEN CHARLES SINGH – Broadcaster, 1969 Lauder Drive, Ottawa, ON K2A 1B3. Ionic Lodge No. 526, Ottawa 2 District. W.M. 2007, 2016. DDGM 2013. Board of G.P. 2012-2013, 2022-2023.



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TERRANCE H.R. VAN HORNE – Security Services Officer, 10 Crown Hill Place, Etobicoke, ON M8Y 4C6. Simcoe Lodge No. 644, Toronto Humber Valley District. W.M. 2010, 2011. Grand Senior Warden 2014. Board of G.P. 2016-2021.

Events and Editor's Note



Mother's Day Brunch

Sun, May 14, 2023
\$40 pp

Soup station
Potato and leek soup / new potato salad / chives.

Buffet
fresh fruit platter
chopped asparagus and cucumber salad / pickled onions / dill yogurt dressing
Assorted breakfast pastries / cookies / scones
Roast potato hash browns
Breakfast sausage and bacon
Maple Dijon glazed ham
Eggs benedict / spinach and chives

Dessert
lemon trifle / lavender cake / yogurt / sponge toffee / candied ginger
Subject to change based on seasonal availability

RSVP
905 522 1622 or
adminsec-towers@aastr-hamiltonvalley.ca
by Wednesday May 10th



Reservations Mother's Day brunch

Call 905-522-1622 or

E-mail adminsec-towers@aastr-hamiltonvalley.ca

Plan on arriving any time after 11:45 a.m.

The function will be held in the Club Rooms and Round Room at 4 Queen St. S.



IN MEMORIAM

Nothing to Report



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

From the Editor

Brethren,

May is here and we have the advent of spring and new things springing to life. Coincidentally we have initiations and elections happening throughout the District.

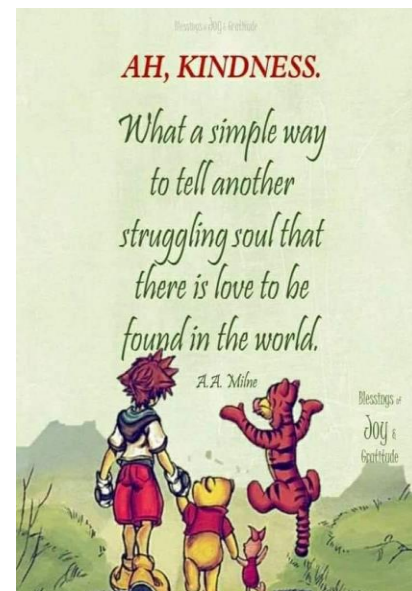
This month we feature the Day of Masonry: and Spring Divine Service held Saturday April 29th. It was such an energetic day. Hearing the buzz of chatter and laughter in the halls between seminars. Seeing so many in attendance, it was an excellent day.

The Chronicle may be the only place to meet the candidates for Grand Lodge this year. I don't see anything on the events or trestleboards that show any local in person opportunities to meet them

Installations for new Officers, excitement in the pre and post meeting festive boards. Come out and visit, be part of the revival! Send your pictures, articles anecdotes and events...and *don't forget Mother's Day!*

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