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Our District Deputy Grand Master

Hello Brethren:

I greet you for the first time as District Deputy Grand Master. It is indeed a privilege and an honour to serve Hamilton District 'C' in this capacity. I hope our work will be successful this year.

I feel we should remember W. Bro. Stanley Satchell at this time. Stan, a past master of Seymour Lodge No. 272, was being groomed to be the next District Deputy for our district and follow in the steps of R.W. Bro. William Paul. However, due to Stan's unexpected death in September 2022, Seymour Lodge No. 272 put my name forth to replace him and serve in this distinguished position. Our sympathies remain with Stan's family.

We will see changes in our district this Masonic year. Unfortunately, Ionic Lodge No. 549 has gone dark as of June 2023. It is always sad to see the loss of a lodge in any district, especially our own.

I hope the remaining brethren of Ionic Lodge will find new homes in other lodges and continue their Masonic journey. Also, in September, the amalgamation of Harodim Lodge No. 513 and Meridian Lodge No. 687 will take place. The new amalgamated lodge will be named Meridian Lodge No. 513 and meet at the Ancaster Temple. Our district has depleted from fifteen lodges to ten.

On a happier note, congratulations to R.W. Bro. Roger Parliament on celebrating his 100th birthday on July 10, 2023. Roger, a member of Meridian Lodge No. 687, served as our District Deputy in 1977 and was the fourth District Deputy in Hamilton District 'C'. We wish Roger all the best in reaching this milestone.

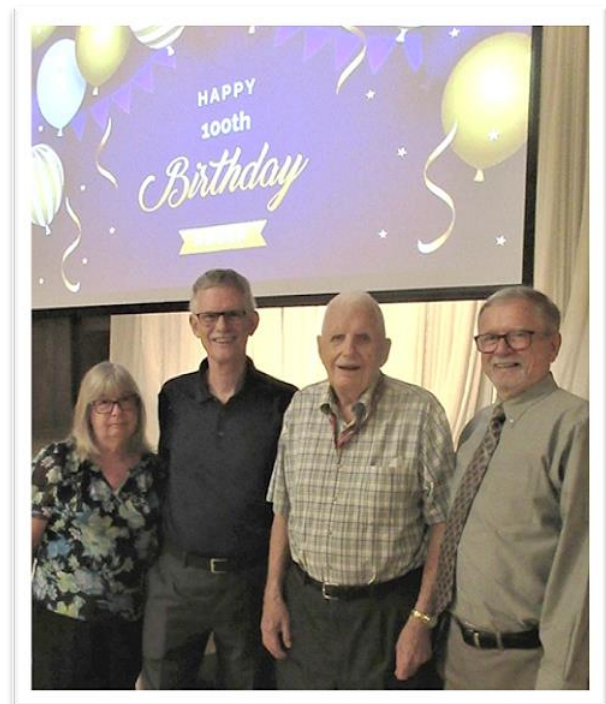
**Fall District Meeting
Saturday September 16, 9 am
Ancaster Temple**

This year I hope our lodges will continue to make improvements in their work. The long hiatus, caused by the pandemic, did not serve our lodges well.

Let's strive to do better both in our lodge rooms and in the outside world to expand our message and provide aid where and when it is needed.

Fraternally, Ray

R.W. Bro. Raymond Wilson



Roger is with Mrs. Reg Joyce, his son and V.W. Bro. Reg Joyce at this recent birthday reception.



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Grand Master's Address (extract) Thomas Wallace Hogeboom July 2023

To the Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

WELCOME

As we come to the end of my first year as Grand Master, I welcome each of you to the one hundred and sixty-eighth Annual Communication of your Grand Lodge. It has been a year of great enjoyment for me to travel throughout the Province and to have the opportunity to meet and renew friendship with so many Masonic friends and their families. As we gather for this Annual Communication, it is time to reflect on what has been accomplished during the past Masonic year as we look forward with commitment and excitement to the coming year.

It is an honour and a privilege to welcome the leaders, distinguished guests and friends from other Grand Jurisdictions along with all the Brethren from the whole Family of Freemasonry. On behalf of our Grand Lodge, we especially welcome all that have journeyed from our Sister Grand jurisdictions – you honour us with your presence and strengthen the Fraternal bonds that exist between our Grand Lodges. Your attendance adds a great deal to our Communication and reinforces the universality of our great and beloved Craft. Welcome one and all!

We have been fortunate, to work with some of the greatest and proven leaders in Freemasonry. They have been a great source of advice and mentorship. Their loyalty to our beloved Craft has instilled enthusiasm in many and has proved to be an inspiration for all. I am convinced the world today needs Freemasonry, its philosophy and its fundamental principles for which we stand. I have no doubt that our world would be a better place if everyone practiced the philosophies of Freemasonry. Brethren,

CONDITION OF MASONRY

Technology: For the past three and a half years a team of dedicated Brethren have been working on the most transformative project ever undertaken by this Grand Lodge, the implementation of the Online Lodge Member and Management System. We saw the first phase of the new system launched in December of last year as we began the transformation with the semi-annual return process. The Lodge Secretaries responded in kind, accepting the challenge of change, and embracing the new technology, despite the inevitable potholes and wrinkles we would encounter with an undertaking of this size and nature.

The team has been rolling out additional functionality over the last six months. The team of trainers delivered over sixty-seven training session over a six-week period to ensure ample opportunity for all Lodge Secretaries to

come up to speed in the daily operation of our new online system.

Our Lodge Secretaries are now the caretakers of our information. We have successfully transferred the updating and maintenance of our membership information to those closest to it and impacted by it the greatest, the Lodge. We no longer wait six months to record Initiations, other Degrees, Demits, deaths and suspensions. They are now recorded by the Lodge in real time, this is a hallmark of information management excellence.

We have just completed the first semi-annual invoicing cycle. We have completed a debrief of this process and will be making the necessary changes to improve and streamline the process. One of those improvements will include adjusting the billing period cut-off dates from June 30th to May 31st, and December 31st to November 30th. This will allow the office staff to generate your invoices and the Lodges ample time to present those invoices for payment by July 8th and January 8th as per our Constitution. From now on, the Lodge Secretary will be able to report at the June Lodge meeting exactly the amount owing to Grand Lodge before the Summer recess.

The application process that in the past was a manual submission via email to the Grand Lodge to gain clearance for our Candidates, often taking several business days, has been reduced to seconds when a Candidate is eligible to join our Lodges. Our new system also tracks their progress through the stages required from application to the night of Initiation.

The updating of Lodge Officers has also been streamlined and made timely. No more Return of Officers form to be completed - in triplicate.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as the nuances of our new system are identified and remedies in our processes realized. As we have progressed through this technology journey, we have heard extremely positive comments, and that it was "about time" we moved into at least the 20th century.

The next and final functionality in this phase of our technology roadmap has been introduced just prior to this Annual Communication. The Online Store opened to the Lodge Secretaries for their use to order books and pins from Grand Lodge. Dispensations are now applied for using the online portal by our Lodge Secretaries. Seventy-five percent of the requested dispensations are automatically granted having met the guidelines established by our Grand Lodge for the requested activity.

We have made a significant financial investment in modernizing our technology to achieve efficiencies. Lodge Secretaries are the chief benefactors of the time saving the new system has granted. There are also efficiencies that will be released in the Grand Lodge office, we are looking forward to quantifying these efficiencies in the coming months for the benefit of the Craft.

We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the team that has worked tirelessly to ensure the success we have achieved to date and the firm foundation for our future as it related to technology. The District Coordinators, who stepped up to be the first point of contact in their Districts: R.W. Bros. Rick Cadotte, Robert Clarke, Ken Guiler, Carl Kristensen, Scott Laing, Michael Locke, Robert Manz, Peter Matijek, Brian Olson, Peter Polkinghorne, Bill Thompson, Devin Tuinstra, V. W. Bros. Terry Anderson, Victor Brown, John Houghton, Jeff Malloch, Al McKay, W. Bros. Richard Al, Ajai Datta, Mark Facchin, Steve Frotten, Brian James, Joe Johnson, Peter Kingston, Scott MacEachern, Carl Snider, Rick Tarullo, Gene Timpany, Domenic Todaro, Brian Veall and Bros. Darren Cluney, Rick Browning, Joe Burchill and David Waller.

A special thanks also goes out to the Secretary Tester Group/Training Team: R.W. Bros. Michael Locke, Thomas Peddle, Mike Steele, V. W. Bros. Blake Farmer, Reg Joyce, Michael A. Redman, Bill Willis and W. Bro. Robert Steele.

We also recognize the Project Executive Team: M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, R.W. Bros. Art Di Cecco, Lou Domjan, Sydney Schatzker, Ed Standish and Richard Kaufman.

We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the professional support we have received from Visual Antidote who have configured the system to meet our needs and specifications, specifically Sarah Hoddinott and Denis Grey.

As mentioned, we have received so many letters and phone calls on how happy your Lodge Secretary is these days with the above noted technology changes and the revised Summons distribution protocol to save those nasty trips to the local post office every month, but my favourite one is, and I quote:

"Perhaps you can help me with another request. I have sent a cheque to Grand Lodge for the latest semi-annual dues as invoiced. However, I have not updated any member activity during that period. Simply because I do not know how. I am a 76-year-old codger, twenty years a Secretary, who has not embraced technology but realizes that the advancements are here to stay. I did not take part in any of the training sessions when the system was rolled out. It is only recently that I actually logged in to Ontario Masons and saw the wealth of information available there. I want to bring the information of all our Lodge members up to date. At this stage, is there any video or online training that would help me do this? Please direct me as to the best course of action. And keep up the good work! Thanks."

Along with the development of our online Lodge Member and Management System we have soft launched our newly rebranded website OntarioMasons.ca. The Web Technology Committee lead by R.W. Bro. Don Kemball has been working to transfer and populate the new website with all the historical information from our former website. OntarioMasons.ca is intended to be more user friendly

and accessible to you, our members. We trust you will be happy to know that you will no longer be required to login to access all of the contents of our website, such as the newly relaunched Ontario Masons Magazine, which is being delivered directly to over 16,000 members inbox the first of every month. The Ontario Masons Magazine is the sole communication tool for you, our members. All the Grand Lodge Committees will be using the Ontario Masons Magazine to deliver educational articles, event announcements, newsletters and of course the Grand Lodge Communique. The publication team under the leadership of V.W. Bro. Dan Dignard welcome submissions from Districts and Lodges. When you make a fifty-year pin presentation or a charity cheque presentation or simply have a Lodge family barbeque, take some pictures and send them in for publication in the Ontario Masons Magazine, share your good news and successes!

As of today, we are pleased to announce the official launch of OntarioMasons.ca as the official and only website of our Grand Lodge. This afternoon between the hours of 1:00 to 4:00 in the Markham B Room on the lower level during the Seminars and Workshops, stop in to watch a short video of introduction where information will be provided so that every member can login into the new website, to use our Online Store, update their personal information, see their Masonic information and that of their Lodge. R.W. Bro. Kaufman and his team would be very proud to show you what they have been working on for the last three and a half years.

Brethren, welcome to the 21st century! Your Grand Lodge is committed to embracing technology as appropriate to benefit our members, promote the Craft and to ensure our future. Thank you to all who have made this happen!

CONCLUSION

This past year has been a positive period of growth and renewal as we re-open our doors to the many interested men of our communities. It has been built on the many successes that you my Brethren have accomplished during your stewardship of your respective Lodges, Districts and Grand Lodge. We have all worked long and hard to bring our Craft back to life. Your positive outlook and continued dedication to Freemasonry and its principles has witnessed these positive results. The spark of Freemasonry is without question undergoing a revival and renewal within our communities.

During the last few years, we have witnessed many men with newly discovered downtime at home becoming acquainted with Freemasonry for the first time. To this interest, we have reacted and have added tracking strategies to make sure these interested men receive the help they are looking for and are providing the services that are essential to our growth, strength and numbers. We have realized that our need for leadership was greater than our need for new members. The old term - Quality over Quantity - has reemerged as the

driving force to mentor every man from the interested man at the West Gate to the Grand Master.

Our potential to contribute for the betterment of the society in which we live is enormous and we are all charged to work while it is yet day. Your personal contribution can take many forms, the important point is that we perform our allotted task to the best of our ability, for if we are to pursue quality and excellence, we must pay an equal attention to all our Masonic duties. The seemingly simple task is worth doing well, and each task is equally important in maintaining the fabric of our Craft.

Throughout the centuries, Freemasonry has contributed mightily to the betterment of society. Freemasonry is what this fractured world needs. We are the builders and consensus makers. We embrace diversity and concentrate on those common core values that are common to all good men of Faith. We should be greatly encouraged by the signs of increased interest in our Craft, but it is essential that we understand that collecting their Initiation Fee does not make a Mason. That is not the time to rest or stop the momentum. We need to keep moving forward, harness that positive energy and mentor them every day. We need to provide our members, young and old, with an environment where they can continue to grow and explore, and through our teachings, become better versions of themselves.

In closing, we want to thank each member of our beloved Craft – for all you have done and will continue to do for Freemasonry so that the generations to follow will find the pleasure each of us have found during our time. And finally, on behalf of all the Grand Lodge Officers, we thank you for allowing us to serve your Grand Lodge. We hope our actions meet with your approval. The enormous responsibility of this office is immeasurably eased by the knowledge that I stand surrounded by such dedicated, talented and insightful Brethren, who are ever willing to make the personal commitments which are necessary to meet our challenge.

Masonry need have no fear for the future, providing that our members are true to its precepts and follow the illustrious example of our predecessors.

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

Thomas Wallace Hogeboom
Grand Master

Read the complete address from our Grand Master at:

<https://ontariomasons.ca/Grand Masters Address>

Highlights from the Grand Lodge Communication July 2023



Our DDGM with M.W. Bro. Thomas Hogeboom

Saluting Hamilton Area's Newest Grand Lodge Officers

- **R.W. Michael R. Martin** – Board of General Purpose
- **V.W. Bro. Ian Miller Donald** – Grand Librarian
- **V.W. Bro. Herbert Lochbihler** - Grand Sr. Deacon
- **R.W. Bro. Louis . Domjan** - Grand Secretary
- **V.W. Bro. Andrew C. Simpson** Grand Steward



Grand Master's Banquet



Guest Speaker



M.W. Bro. Akram R. Elias,, Prestonian
Lecturer 2023 United Grand Lodge of
England. #Freemasons #ontariomasons

Opening Grand Lodge



**Congratulations to
R.W. Bro. Lou Domjan,
Grand Secretary**



**Congratulations to Hamilton's newest
District Deputy Grand Masters.**

(L to R) Hamilton B: Raymond Corrin ,
Hamilton C: Raymond Wilson,
Hamilton A: Nicholas Leon Laine



Masonic Education

Phishing Scams

Second in a series in the Chronicle:
Learn about common scams, how to identify them, and what to do if you've been a victim.

<https://www.cyber.gc.ca/en/guidance/dont-take-bait-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-attacks>

Phishing is an attack where a scammer calls you, texts or emails you, or uses social media to trick you into clicking a malicious link, downloading malware, or sharing sensitive information. Phishing attempts are often generic mass messages, but the message appears to be legitimate and from a trusted source (e.g. from a bank, courier company).

- **Spear phishing:** A personalized attack that targets you specifically. The message may include personal details about you, such as your interests, recent online activities, or purchases.
- **Whaling:** A personalized attack that targets a big "phish" (e.g. CEO, executive). A scammer chooses these targets because of their level of authority and possible access to more sensitive information.
- **SMiShing:** A phishing attack using SMS (texts). A scammer may impersonate someone you know or pose as a service you use (e.g. Internet or mobile provider) to request or offer an update or payment.
- **Quishing:** A phishing attack using "quick response" (QR) codes which a scammer usually sends via email. The victim scans the QR code that re-directs them to a malicious website. Quishing can bypass your email security protection that scan for malicious links and attachments.
- **Vishing:** Vishing is short for "voice phishing," which involves defrauding people over the phone, enticing them to divulge sensitive information. A scammer can use a voice over internet protocol (VoIP) system which allows caller ID to be spoofed to trick you into believing they are legitimate.

SCAMMERS ARE AFTER YOUR:



IDENTITY



PASSWORDS



MONEY

Something may be phishy if:

- you don't recognize the sender's name, email address, or phone number (e.g. very common for spear phishing)
- incorrect logos or spelling of corporate names
- you notice a lot of spelling and grammar errors
- the sender requests your personal or confidential information, or asks you to log in via a provided link
- the sender makes an urgent request with a deadline
- the offer sounds too good to be true
- the caller's voice has a robotic tone or unnatural rhythm to their speech
- the call is of poor audio quality

Real-world phishing email examples:

- **A Fake FedEx message** saying your package is stuck in customs and needs to be paid for with Bitcoin
- **Emails from the "CRA"** asking for overdue taxes, someone telling you that there's a problem with your account details (often including an email address that isn't yours), etc.
- **Emails from a big company** asking for input on new products, where they want you to click a link and provide your account number or password
- **Fake USPS email** claiming that a package is stuck in customs and needs money for tax/processing/customs fees
- **Emails from hackers** pretending to be from your Microsoft / Google or Internet Service Provider saying there's been unusual activity on your account - ts, where they want you to click a link to verify your account or password

Identifying malicious emails

- Check that the sender's email address has a valid username and domain name. A suspicious email address could be similar to the one below:
- **"John Doe <johndoe.%nklo17er@gkmail.com>".**
- Verify that you know the sender of an email and that its tone is consistent with the sender.
- Look for grammatical errors or typos in the body of the message. Companies want to maintain a high degree of professionalism and generally do not send out emails that contain these types of errors.
- **Call don't click.** When in doubt, contact the organization directly to confirm the action.

Submitted by **R.W. Bro. Glen Notman** with files from the <https://www.cyber.gc.ca/en/guidance>

Readers: Please feel free to comment, send in questions, suggestions, or any topics you would like to see discussed.



Masonic Passport Ketchikan, Alaska

Ketchikan is an Alaskan city facing the Inside Passage, a popular cruise route along the state's southeastern coast. It's known for its many Native American totem poles, on display throughout town. Nearby Misty Fiords National Monument is a glacier-carved wilderness featuring snowcapped mountains, waterfalls and salmon spawning streams. It's also home to rich wildlife including black bears, wolves and bald eagles. — Google



Architectural Description

The Masonic Temple is a three-story, concrete building, constructed over several years beginning in 1947 and completed as the Eagles Lodge in 1951. The building's footprint is approximately 4,600 sf with a frontage of 49 feet on Front Street and 95 feet on Grant Street. It was built in the Art Moderne style of architecture which was popular from 1930 to 1945. It is a classic example of Art Moderne features: rounded corners, flat roofs, no cornices or eaves, windows in horizontal rows, porthole

windows and other nautical details. The design emphasis was to create a sleek or streamlined appearance to express the spirit of a technological age. A marquee wraps around most of the building and storefront windows on Front Street provide retail opportunities. The second and third floors have been used for offices and meeting rooms.

Statement of Significance

The Masonic Temple is significant as an excellent Ketchikan example of a short-lived architectural style: Art Moderne. The building is not a contributing building to the Downtown district's period of significance, 1900 to the early 1930s. The Masonic Temple may be eligible for National Register status, however, due to its representativeness of this architectural style, its age and its few significant alterations.

The Grant Street and Front Street facades in 2011 have changed little since the Eagles Lodge/Masonic Temple was built. The "streamlined" corner at Grant and Front, the stainless steel marquee trim, the porthole windows, and the absence of architectural detail is typical of the Art Moderne style



Submitted by R.W. Bro. Notman

Got off a cruise ship in 2022 in tiny Ketchikan and was thrilled to find this amazing Masonic building.



Main entry



Grant Street facade



*Streamlined corner
at Grant & Front*

Volunteers Wanted In Memoriam, Editor's Note

Brethren,

The **Hamilton Learning Centre for Dyslexic Children** is looking for volunteers to sit at the front desk in the reception area to welcome the tutors, children and families when they arrive for their tutoring session. The Centre is going to a 4 day week next year, Monday to Thursday and the sessions would run from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. **We are in need of volunteers that would like either a 2 hour or 4 hour shift** or would like to be on call as a backup in the event that 1 of the monitors is unable to come in for his/her shift. Coffee, tea & water are free and use of the kitchen plus microwave are available to you. If you decide that you would be available we would pencil you in on the schedule for start in September. Training will be provided, its super easy.

It is a very rewarding experience when you see the change in the children as they progress through their sessions. They go from very shy and reserved to confident in just a few weeks. Then they actually start kidding around with the monitors.

Please feel free to contact me for further information on volunteering.

V.W. Bro. Dale Chapman F.C.F.

Hamilton Learning Centre dale.e.chapman@gmail.com



From the Editor

Brethren,

I am never sure if the Grand Lodge Communication signals the end of one year or the beginning of the next. Thanks to Facebook there was great news and pictures to use for the Chronicle. Congratulations to all the Hamilton Districts Grand Lodge Officers. Also congratulations to our R.W. Bro. Roger Parliament, 100 years young.

An abridged version of the Grand Master's address is included here. You can check out the full text on the new Grand Lodge website: <https://ontariomasons.ca/>.

As the new year begins, I am looking forward to the new Trestle board to begin filling in the events. At press time the only thing confirmed is our Fall District Meeting on Sept 16th. We are happy to take your submissions and help spread the word.

This edition continues our privacy and fraud awareness columns. Please let us know if there are topics that you would like us to cover. Looking forward to another productive year!.

S&F, Glen- Editor at: gnotman@hotmail.com



IN MEMORIAM

W. Bro. Robert (Bob) Joseph Noel Weir

Buchanan Lodge No.550

Initiated: November 16, 1989, Dufferin Lodge No. 291

Passed: April 19, 1990, Dufferin Lodge No. 291

Raised: May 17, 1990, Dufferin Lodge No. 291

Affiliated with Valley Lodge No. 100

Affiliated with Buchanan Lodge No.550 Sept 06, 2012

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above July 04, 2023

Bro. Ed Malkin

Ancient Landmarks / Doric Lodge No.654

Initiated: April 25, 1967,

Passed: June 14, 1967,

Raised: October 10, 1967,

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above July 27, 2023

A 50 Year Mason



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



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