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FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all the brethren of Hamilton District 'C' for permitting me to serve as your DDGM. I will endeavour to represent and serve the Grand Lodge and our District to the best of my skill and ability. To all those who have willingly accepted duties as Chairman or agreed to serve on a committee, I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation. Brethren, I am hoping to

have the opportunity to visit with you all in the year ahead as I serve you as your DDGM.

May I extend special congratulations to the following members of the District who have been appointed by the Grand Master at the Annual Communication:

Honorary Member to the Board of General Purposes and G.L.
Representative of Maranhão near our Grand Lodge
R.W. Bro. Norman G. McCarthy

Grand Sword Bearer
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Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson

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ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS - 2009

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Deputy Grand Master	D. Garry Dowling
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Grand Chaplain	William M. White
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Lodge Buildings
 Lodge Finances
 Lodge Resources
 Long Range Planning
 MasoniChip
 Masonic Education
 Protocol & Etiquette
 Public Awareness
 Seminars & Workshops
 Youth Initiatives

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 Barry Burchill
 Raymond Dobbs
 David Cameron
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Appointed (2009)

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Elected (2008)

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Appointed (2008)

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Grand Master M.W. Bro. Raymond Daniels welcomes R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson as an active member of Grand Lodge.

Rather than wishing for change, one first must be prepared for change.

FROM THE GRAND MASTER

From The Office of the Grand Secretary July 8, 2009

The following update is provided for your information regarding the progress of our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels.

Quote: "Brenda and I want to express our sincere thanks and profound gratitude for the many telephone calls and emails inquiring about my medical condition. On July 1st it became necessary to perform surgery that resulted in the amputation of my left foot. During the last seven days recovery has been little short of meticulous. Although mobility is somewhat limited, by the use of a wheel chair I plan to attend the Annual Communication next week when I look forward to greeting so many of you in person. The Grand Secretary and I are in daily contact as we plan the arrangements for the forthcoming Annual Communication. Words cannot express our gratitude for the support and for the fraternal affection that has been showered upon us." End of quote.

Fraternally yours,
 Raymond S. J. Daniels



From left to right: R.W.Bro. William (Bill) MacPherson, D.D.G.M. Hamilton District C.; R.W.Bro. Terence (Terry) Brown, D.D.G.M. Hamilton District B.; R.W. Bro. Gary Humes, D.D.G.M., Hamilton District A.

MASONICH.I.P. ONTARIO



What could Masons and Amber Alerts possibly have in common ? **MASONICH.I.P.**

Taking place at the Ancaster Fall Fair on Sept. 25th, 26th, and 27st, 2009, the Hamilton

Masons will be on hand to further the safety of area children.

No parent wants to believe that the unimaginable could happen to them, though nearly 55 children are reported missing to Police in Ontario every day (164 every day in Canada)

According to Canada's "Our Missing Children" network and "Ontario Child Find", a current good quality photo is the single most effective tool in locating a missing child. Parents are encouraged to be prepared by assembling their child's photos and vital information ahead of time. Enter MasoniCHIP Ontario (Child Identification Program) – deemed "one of the most comprehensive child recovery and identification programs in the nation" by The National Center for Exploited and Missing Children brought exclusively to Ontario families by dedicated Masons free of charge.

Sponsored by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, the MASONICH.I.P Program consists of five major components – digital photographs; digital video; digital fingerprints; vital child information; and a dental bite impression or Intra Oral Swab for DNA. The photographs, video, fingerprints, and child data are burned onto a C.D. that is compatible with Amber Alert. The dental impression provides a virtual diagram of the child's biting surface, which, like fingerprints, are unique to each individual and further supplies saliva to provide a DNA sample.

Combined, this five part process provides a dramatic, time-sensitive recovery tool for authorities.

Parents are urged to gather pertinent information about their child prior to the event such as, an emergency contact name, address and phone numbers, distinguishing marks and scars, allergies, medications, and parent's work, cell, and other phone numbers, and the child's height and weight. Security and privacy are of utmost importance. All information and specimens are collected on a CD which is then given to the parent or guardian in an envelope—along with the sentiment of all the Masonic volunteers – "We hope you never need to use it." After each child is processed, the data is deleted and erased from the computer using state-of-the-art software. The only item retained by MASONICH.I.P Ontario is the signed permission slip.

This MasoniCHIP Ontario Child Identification Clinic is offered during the Ancaster Fall Fair – Trinity Road, Ancaster. The Masonic brethren of Ontario, and their volunteers, are pleased to offer this program to our communities.

We need our brethren to do two things. First, tell your friends, relatives and neighbours about the program so that they can bring their children. Second, please volunteer to help at the event. Volunteer information is available by calling one of the contacts below.

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Event Date: Sept. 25, 26 & 27th

Event Time: Fri 5:00 to 8 p.m., all day Sat & Sunday

Event Location: Ancaster Fall Fair, Trinity Rd., Ancaster

MY FIRST VISIT TO THE LODGE

It was three weeks ago that I became a member of Deep Hollow Lodge #111. That night I was so mixed up about what's happened, that I decided to go to the meeting tonight to see just how things are done there.

I got through with the milking early, fed the hens, saw that my pigs were penned up; then went to shave and put on my blue suit that Uncle Dan gave me for confirmation, cranked up old Henry and started on the 29 mile trip to the lodge.

Little while after I got there the men all came in, sat down on the benches and looked kind of quiet. Then a feller at the end of the room sitting a bit higher than me, wearing a high hat, hit a hammer on something, said that everybody should watch how they're clothed. I knew that he meant me, so I fixed my tie and took off my rubbers. Seems he must have been the

boss of the outfit, because he gave orders to a lot of the men. There was a Father and Son there who had something to do with it. I know one was the junior and the other the senior, I can't remember their first names, but I think that the last name was Warden.

Then along comes a fellar with a long stick in his hand, he shook hands with everybody, then they would stand up and blow in his ear, when he got to see me I shook hands and blew in his ear too, but he didn't like it much, he called me Confusion. Then the fellar, I think they called him the mister, asked if anyone knew me, and they did, so it was alright. After that an old man got up and said some nice prayers and we all sang a song which was pretty good.

While we was still standing everybody starts moving their hands in different ways, so I did the same. Then along came a fellar, guess he belongs to the church, 'cause I heard them call him Deacon. He lit some candles. Can't figure why he did it because it was plenty light in the room then. Then the Mister told something to the fellar outside that the lodge was open, but he didn't seem to care 'cause he didn't come in anyway.

Then the boss called the fellar at the desk Secretary and told him to do some reading, this was the first time I saw a real Secretary. I once seen a story in a magazine where a married man ran away with his Secretary. Couldn't imagine who would run away with that old man and what for.

The Mister got up and said that the lodge was open and that he was looking for business. Don't think that anybody gave him any, though a few of the men did some tall talking a bit about sickness and other things. After a while the Mister told the Son of the Father that we were to have some refreshments. I waited around a bit to see what we would get to eat and drink, but it seems that they plumb forgot about it all, 'cause I didn't see nobody get anything so I got me my hat and coat and went home.

Guess I won't go there anymore 'cause everybody's all mixed up just like myself.

Author Unknown... was this your lodge?

“Feelings waste themselves in words; they ought to be distilled into actions which bring results”

Florence Nightingale

THE GRAVE OF THE UNKNOWN BROTHER

In the small hamlet of Jordan Station, Ontario, at the intersection of Red Maple and Bridgeport Drive, there is a small cemetery named Oak Lawn Cemetery. In the very back of this cemetery overlooking the banks of the historic Twenty Mile Creek rests the remains of a Mason. The inscription on

his most unusual gravestone perhaps best tells the story of his internment in this pioneer cemetery.

HERE Lieth the Remains



OF AN UNKNOWN BROTHER
whose body was washed ashore
near the residence of
ABRAM MARTIN ESQ LOUTH

Craft Masonry is the bedrock of Freemasonry and its tenets and principles are sound.

M.W.Bro. Dunlop, Grand Master of Ireland.

BOOM, BUST and DIGITAL NATIVE: How Masonry can Profit from the Coming Demographic Shift

This paper was given at Heritage Lodge of Research No. 730 on April 22nd 2009, by R.W. Bro. David Cameron, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education.

It is a great honour to be asked to present a paper at Heritage Lodge, an even greater honour to be asked back a second time, and twice in a row may be unprecedented. I thank you. In the midst of writing this I got the news of the passing of R.W. Bro. Brian Bond. He was instrumental in moving our Grand Lodge into the digital age. He and his committee developed our first website in 1996, he worked tirelessly to get our secretaries conversant with computers and email, and he continued, right up to the end, to give his expertise and vision to our Grand Lodge in this field which is so important to attracting and serving our younger members. I dedicate this talk to his memory.

*Come gather round people wherever you roam
And admit that the waters around you have grown*

*And accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone
For the times they are a-changin'*

We hear so much of the decline in Craft membership - but as R.W. Bro. Garry Dowling pointed out in his speech at the Hanover Steak Fry in 2007, we are, in fact, in a renaissance. There is a "resurgence of initiations in our Grand Jurisdiction" "Not in every lodge, some in greater numbers than others but still in numbers justifying the term resurgence."

What is the cause of this resurgence? What program is Grand Lodge running that is responsible for it? Well my personal opinion is that, just like the changes in society that Bob Dylan sang about in the 60's, it has nothing to do with what we are doing and everything to do with demographics. Which means that we who are leaders in the Craft can't take credit for what is happening, neither can we control it. All we can do is ride the wave and use it to our advantage.

First, I have to lay some groundwork. And since this is a research lodge, here is the research part of the paper.

I suggest that it has almost always been that the majority of our applicants are men in their thirties. Think back to your own mother lodge. How old are your candidates? Sure we have lots of octogenarians, but how many of them have their 50-year pins? 80-50 = ? But can we prove this?

The age of most applicants to my mother lodge, Grand River No. 151, are recorded in the minutes. I say most because in 1920 we had thirty applicants but the secretary only recorded the age of half of them. And in 1990 we had only two applicants and the secretary didn't record the age of either of them. Never the less I was able to look at this for one year in each decade of the last century. Here is the average age of applicants (with the number of applicants in brackets):

1910 34 (13)
1920 31 (15/30)
1930 31 (14)
1940 41 (11)
1950 38 (15)
1960 33 (7)
1970 32 (7)
1980 39 (4)
1991 38 (5)
2000 40 (4)
2005 33 (15)

This averages out to 35 years of age.

I conclude that my initial impression was correct. Most men join the Lodge in their thirties. Men in their thirties are leaving behind the wanderlust of youth and looking to settle down, form some long-lasting fraternal ties, and contribute to their community. They join a lodge.

A while ago I found a copy of David Foot's *Boom Bust and Echo* at a yard sale, and you'll notice I blatantly stole the title for this address from it. If you haven't read it, one of his theses is that many of the things we call "societal change" are actually due to changing demographics. For example, the reason for a booming real estate market in the 80's was due to Baby Boomers buying their first houses, and the plummet in the 90's was because they had finished buying them.

The Baby Boom started in 1947 and went to 1966. Everyone has heard of the Baby Boom - those 9.8 million people born in the prosperous times after World War II. But as important as which cohort one is in, is where in the cohort one is. Take the housing example. Those boomers who were born first bought houses when they were cheap and plentiful. They had good jobs and a good outlook on life. They were idealistic. They were going to change the world.

But as more and more of them got jobs and bought houses, the supply started to dry up. Those at the end of the cohort had a harder time finding a job - after all there had been 7 million young people just ahead of them. When they eventually found a job and started looking at houses, the houses had become very expensive. Their chances of promotion were low because the system was clogged with older boomers still 20 years away from retirement. These people, born in the 1960's, are called Generation X, after Douglas Coupland's novel. Gen-Xers were not as idealistic as their boomer siblings. Not because they were worse people but because they couldn't afford to be idealistic. Their life experience had left them distrustful of any sort of large institution. These people were not joiners. They didn't join churches, they didn't join bowling leagues. They didn't join anything. By the 1990's it was time for them to join Masonry. But not many did. Our initiations dwindled.

The next cohort is called the Baby Busters. They were born between 1967 and 1979. This is a smaller cohort and being part of a small cohort is good. They had no difficulty finding babysitting, lawn-mowing and other part-time jobs in high school. During the 1990's it was easier to get into the university of their choice. There is good reason for the Baby busters to be more idealistic than the Gen-Xers. David Foot says "In fact, the baby-busters resemble the front-end boomers, who could espouse idealistic causes during the 1960s safe in the knowledge that that a good job and prosperous lifestyle would be there for the taking once they were ready for those bourgeois things."

We are starting to see the Baby Busters come of age. This is the source of our new initiates who are eager to explore what Masonry has to offer. There are fewer of them than there were of the Baby Boomers, but they have an increased inclination to join.

Indeed, the outlook is even better for the next cohort. The Baby Boom Echo (born 1980-95) will be large and those on the front end of it should act like front-end Boomers and be joiners. So watch out in 2015!

But there is something else which the Baby Busters and the Echo Generation share. They are digital natives. They have grown up with computers, cell phones and the Internet. They are infinitely comfortable with technology. In fact, do you ever see one without his cell phone or Blackberry? If they want to know something they don't ask a colleague or go to the library, they "google" it. Right there. At the Grand Master's reception in Niagara Falls I was sitting with some young Masons from Palmer Lodge. In casual conversation the question came up "What is the population of Buffalo?" One of them whipped out his Blackberry and within seconds we knew it was 292,648.

When I joined Masonry, I did not know any Masons in the city I lived in. Well, I thought I didn't - after I joined I learned that I actually knew several, I just didn't know they were Masons. But when I wanted to join what did I do? I drove over to the Lodge Hall and looked at the board which listed the contacts for the various lodges. No young man in his thirties would do that today. He would look us up on the Internet and contact someone that way.

The Grand Master was recently quoted in The Sudbury North Life as saying "There is a renewed interest. Young guys are finding us on the Internet, and they are interested in the historical aspect of Masonry."

So we need good websites to attract new members - not just a good Grand Lodge website, but individual lodge websites. My mother lodge has had a website since 1996. We also have the youngest Masons and largest trestle board in the District. Is this a co-incidence?

The sites need to be kept up-to-date for the guys who have already joined too. How else, when thinking of visiting, are they going to find out where your lodge is, what you are doing that night, and if there is a festive board before the meeting? And when they seek their daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, where do you think they'll look first?

But there are also other characteristics of this demographic that we will have to deal with.

Listen to this, written in a Wall Street Journal blog by Gary Hamel. Instead of digital native he uses the term "Generation F."

The experience of growing up online will profoundly shape the workplace expectations of "Generation F" - the Facebook Generation. At a minimum, they'll expect the social environment of work to reflect the social context of the Web, rather than as is currently the case, a mid-20th-century Weberian bureaucracy. If your company hopes to attract the most creative and energetic members of Gen F, it will need to understand these Internet-derived expectations, and then reinvent its management practices accordingly. With that in mind, [he] compiled a list of work-

relevant characteristics of online life. These are the post-bureaucratic realities that tomorrow's employees will use as yardsticks in determining whether your company is "with it" or "past it."

Here is just some of his list:

- All ideas compete on an equal footing.

On the Web, every idea has the chance to gain a following - or not, and no one has the power to kill off a subversive idea or squelch an embarrassing debate. Ideas gain traction based on their perceived merits, rather than on the political power of their sponsors.

- Contribution counts for more than credentials.

When you post a video to YouTube, no one asks you if you went to film school. When you write a blog, no one cares whether you have a journalism degree. Position, title, and academic degrees - none of the usual status differentiators carry much weight online.

- Power comes from sharing information, not hoarding it.

The Web is also a gift economy. To gain influence and status, you have to give away your expertise and content. And you must do it quickly; if you don't, someone else will beat you to the punch-and garner the credit that might have been yours. Online, there are a lot of incentives to share, and few incentives to hoard.

- Intrinsic rewards matter most.

The web is a testament to the power of intrinsic rewards. Think of all the articles contributed to Wikipedia, all the open source software created, all the advice freely given-add up the hours of volunteer time and it's obvious that human beings will give generously of themselves when they're given the chance to contribute to something they actually care about. Money's great, but so is recognition and the joy of accomplishment.

- Leaders serve rather than preside.

On the Web, every leader is a servant leader; no one has the power to command or sanction. Credible arguments, demonstrated expertise and selfless behavior are the only levers for getting things done through other people. Forget this online, and your followers will soon abandon you.

Challenging, isn't it?

So, the Baby Busters are starting to join Masonry. We have increasing numbers of initiates. They're young, they're enthusiastic and they're digital natives. How do we profit from this?

Well here's an example of how not to do it:

A venerable old church I once attended had a dwindling membership, and the clubs that were such an integral part of that church had dwindling memberships. They rarely had new young members - but when they did have new young members (like my wife and I) they were so happy to have energetic new members to take over the running of the club

But, they insisted the new folks do things exactly the same way they had done it!

They said: We've always done it this way.
That didn't work when we tried it in 1981.
Oh, remember the dances we ran in the 60's - they should
organize a dance.
We had our wives cook the meals while we had our meeting.
Our dues have always been \$2 - if they try to increase them I'll
quit.

Do we do that? Listen to this, written by Cliff Porter, a young
Mason from El Paso Lodge No. 13, Colorado that was printed
in *The Scottish Rite Journal of the Supreme Council, Southern
Jurisdiction*:

*The young man approaching the Craft today does so to
supplement and add to what his church and family have
already given him. A certain tugging at his soul speaks to him
to seek a deeper meaning in life, in family, and in God. He
researches and desires an initiation into the esoteric and
ancient quest for Truth. He requests a petition with these
hopes in mind. Why shouldn't he? The eloquent writings of
Masonic scholars, including the Scottish Rite's Albert Pike,
have hinted at the existence of such knowledge, and Masonic
writings abound with hints of this very thing.*

*What does this man find once he joins? For too many, it's
membership drives, one-day classes, poor and hastily planned
ritual, late nights, and a push to become an officer before he is
even proficient as a Master Mason. If that man has made it
through the three degrees hoping that at the end of his journey
some of the promises might be fulfilled, he only learns phrases
like "progressive science" and "self-improvement."*

*Excitedly, he stands up in lodge one day or approaches a
small group of brethren in the parking lot and explains some
ideas that he has for lodge and changes he might like to see.
He is immediately told, "It has never been done that way, they
won't allow it, and anyway it's against the rules."*

These young brethren do have different ways of doing things,
ways that often rub us as arrogant, brash and without respect,
but what I've noticed is this: they do not want to change the
landmarks. They may have new ideas on how to do things, but
their goal is to bring us back to our roots, our landmarks. How
do they know what our landmarks are? Because even before
joining they have researched Freemasonry. And what they
have read is a more global, or at least historical, vision,
perhaps even a romanticized view, but what is wrong with
that? Not a view of an organization of old boys trying
desperately to survive, but an organization full of purpose for
the world. Liberals, freethinkers. Men who have changed the
world.

They have read about Masonry through history:
The Masons who founded the Royal Society and led us into
the age of Enlightenment,
The Masons who led the American Revolution, the French
revolution, and the independence of South America.

They have read of changes in the Craft:
From meeting in taverns to no alcohol in lodge buildings and
back to drinks after lodge
From tradesmen to aristocrats to any man of good morals
From racially exclusive to inclusive
From a Christian organization under the Antients to a
multifaith one under the Moderns

So you see Masonry *has* changed. It has "adapted" to different
times,... and to different places.

As W. Bro. Kris Stevens so ably detailed in his presentation to
Heritage Lodge last year, Masonry is different in different
parts of the world. Our digital native Freemason knows this
because he is as comfortable communicating with other
Masons over the Internet as he is by meeting them at the
coffee shop. And so he has had conversations with not only the
brethren here in his own town but also with brethren from
Colorado, England, France, and around the world. And he
doesn't even need to seek out the rest of the world. At my last
count, the Facebook group "Canadian Freemasons" has
members from at least 32 different countries!

Our young brother sees these different aspects of Masonry
around the world and asks why we do things this way and not
another way.

Another thing is that on the Internet there is not usually a
distinction made between Masons we call regular and those
that we call irregular. Even the Philalethes Society Chats make
no distinction. And how can they? Some jurisdictions which
we recognize, recognize jurisdictions we don't. Often this is
just because that jurisdiction has never asked us for
recognition. Or it could be because of landmark differences,
viz, Grand Orient of France. And yet they say they espouse the
same principles and tenets as we do and our young brethren
"meet" them on the Internet.

We have now formally recognized Prince Hall Masonry. They
are different but similar. And have quite the presence on the
Internet, by the way. What can we learn from them? And what
about the women's Grand Lodges? The United Grand Lodge
of England has recently said that the Honourable Fraternity of
Ancient Freemasons, as the British women's Grand Lodge is
called, is regular in their practice, except, of course, that they
admit women.

Our young internet savvy Mason reads all this and his mind is
filled with questions and ideas about our fraternity and its
possibilities that you and I have never dreamed of.

And here's where you and I come in. When he comes to you
with his questions, as he inevitably will, you can be prepared
to explain things to him. Don't just tell him "we've always
done it that way" end of conversation. Say "we've always done
it that way but I don't know why; perhaps we could look into
that together." - you'll both learn something that way, plus
you'll build a relationship and as well you'll build a future

leader. Who's the future leader? Well you both are. By finding out which way the crowd is running and getting out in front of the them, you're a leader now, but by accepting, encouraging and mentoring that inquisitive young man, you are building a leader for the future, one who will honour your cherished traditions as you would.

And who knows, perhaps he will bring an idea which will work better than the ones we had. Maybe it's an idea that originated with a Spanish Mason, maybe a woman Mason, or maybe his own idea. But an idea that will work.

Masonry will change, whether we want it to or not. History shows it has always done so in the past. That's life. Our duty is to shepherd that change. Encourage and guide that young Mason and hopefully we'll see the flowering of Masonry in this renaissance.

*Come writers and critics who prophesy with your pen
Keep your eyes wide, the chance won't come again
And don't speak too soon for the wheel's still in spin
And there's no tellin' who that it's namin'
For the times they are a-changin'*

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Wish to know more about your generational characteristics?

GENERATION Y Born: 1981 to 2001

Life-shaping events: 9/11, reality TV, AIDS, Internet boom/bust, safety laws.

Traits: authentically confident, well-educated, tolerant and diverse, community-focused, tech-savvy, socially, politically and ecoconscious.

GENERATION X Born: 1965 to 1980

Life-shaping events: stagflation, Gulf War, high divorce rates, women working, MTV.

Traits: pragmatic, self-sufficient, skeptical, flexible, individualistic, "Me" generation, distrust authority.

BABY BOOMERS Born: 1946 to 1964

Life-shaping events: man on the moon, Vietnam War, free love.

Traits: idealistic, "break the rules," time-stressed, politically correct, causes, making a difference, consensus-driven.

TRADITIONALISTS Born: 1922 to 1945

Life-shaping events: Second World War, Great Depression, FDR era.

Traits: conservative, disciplined, respect authority, loyal, patriotic, risk-averse, trust the system.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE ELECTRIC LODGE No. 495



June 26th 2009 was the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of The Electric Lodge No. 495 at the Masonic Centre Hamilton. The celebrations started in the Cathedral where all members received their new regalia and a watch. This was followed by a dinner in the Banquet Hall.



The Head Table included the Grand Master, Grand Chaplain, the D.D.G.M and the oldest living officer, R.W. Bro. James G. Hamilton.



Worshipful Master Geoffrey Allen assists the Grand Master in the ceremony of 'Cutting the Cake'.



M.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, V.W. Bro. Rankin Boyd, R.W. Bro. James G. Hamilton, V. Wor. Bro. John Lyness our most excellent and reliable District C photographer.

SHORT HISTORY OF OUR GRAND LODGE TARTAN, DESIGN AND DESCRIPTION from R.W. Bro. Peter Irwin, PGSW



I had written to Grand Lodge suggesting the use of tartan in some form. I was approached at the Maxville Highland Games at the end of July 2003 by members of Grand Lodge including M.W. Bro. Donald Mumby to design a tartan of our own instead of using an existing one. They planned this to be a 150th anniversary project. I immediately commenced work on the pattern, wanting to achieve two goals: (1) creating a pattern in which every colour and line was meaningful to the Craft, and (2) creating a tartan which was not either gaudy or plain, and which looked good with evening dress which is the most commonly worn garment in Masonic circles.

After developing the preliminary pattern, I called the largest tartan producer -- Viking Technologies of Glasgow Scotland GB -- to work with them to put the pattern into production. I sent the pattern in MS Paint format to them by email, and they responded with a few alterations for both appearance and manufacturability. After sending comments and alterations back and forth across the Atlantic, I chose the 4th pattern produced and sent it to Grand Lodge for approval. M.W. Bro. Donald Mumby approved the pattern and after paying the 500 pounds sterling (Cdn\$1100 at the time) the pattern became registered as Tartan Number 3006 on the Scottish Tartans World Register as the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario tartan on 3 June 2004. I wore the first garment produced in this tartan -- my kilt -- while leading the Kilwinning Lodge Pipe Band to open the 150th Communication of Grand Lodge in July 2004. I framed and presented the official registration to Grand Lodge.

The description of the tartan is as follows:

- the main colours are crimson squares to signify Canada, and royal (dark) blue squares for Grand Lodge
- through alternate red squares are three light (Masonic) blue stripes for the craft degrees
- through the other alternate red squares are a pair of black lines to signify the third degree
- through the blue squares is a gold stripe for the 150th anniversary
- the blue squares are split into 9 sections for the Grand Master

You can find a picture of the tartan on the Grand Lodge web site. "The Wee Tartan Shop" at 177 Queen Street in Port Perry, L9L 1B8, 905 985-6573 info@weetartanshop.ca has the tartan in stock.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Can a candidate have a degree conferred in another lodge?

A. The E.A. degree must be conferred in the lodge where the application has been accepted. (*Book of Constitution* Sec.370 for the exception). For the F.C. and M.M. degree, prior approval by resolution of the lodge is required. (*Book of Constitution* Sec.246). If the candidate has moved outside the jurisdiction of the lodge, it is the Master's duty to arrange, when requested. (*Book of Constitution* Sec.247).

Q. Why is the ritual different in other provinces and the United States?

A. The work authorized by our Grand Lodge to be used in our jurisdiction is defined in Sec.5 of the *Book of Constitution*. Those who are interested in the history and causes of ritual divergence are directed to an excellent treatise on the subject by R.W.Bro.Wallace McLeod in *The Grand Design*, and alluded to by our Grand Historian in the *1996 Proceedings of Grand Lodge*.

Q. If the lodge has two candidates for initiation, can the Sec. and the P.M. ask the questions and collect the fee at the same time?

A. The questions must be asked individually of each candidate.

Q. Where is Maranhão?

A. Maranhão is one of the North Eastern States of Brazil, with a population of over 6.1 million. Portuguese is the official national language, but English and Spanish are part of the official high school curriculum.

Q. How is our Grand Master?

A. Remarkably well considering the trauma his body has had to withstand over the past few weeks. Read the excerpt from his closing remarks to Grand Lodge on the Grand Lodge website. <http://www.grandlodge.on.ca/> "During the next two years the strongest emphasis possible will be focused on enlightening the minds of our Brethren, challenging them to explore and discover the profound philosophy through discussion, reading, research and reflection."

DISTRICT NEWS

IN MEMORIAM: GEORGE COLVILLE, P.M. of Hamilton Lodge No.562, member of Buchanan Lodge No. 550, member of Centennial Daylight Lodge No. 679. Passed to the Grand Lodge Above on July 13, 2009. Visitation at the M.A.Clark Funeral Home, July 16, Masonic Memorial Service July 16, 2009 at 9:00 pm. Funeral Service July 17, 2009.

IN MEMORIAM: V.W. BRO. GLEN McNIVEN, P.M. of Seymour Lodge No. 272, Past President of the Past Masters' Association, member of the Scottish Rite bodies and Hillcrest Chapter Eastern Star. Passed to the Grand Lodge Above on July 24th, 2009. Visitation at his home 24 Mc Niven Rd.

Wednesday July 29, 2009 2-4, 6:30-8:30. Eastern Star Service to follow. Funeral and Masonic Service Thursday July 30th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Ancaster.

'HAMILTON HARBOUR QUEEN DINNER CRUISE':

Saturday August 8, 2009, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Gourmet dining experience, refreshments, Dancing on Upper Deck. \$61.50 pp. Arranged by Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602. Contact W.Bro. Edward Patterson 905-388-8728 or edwardp@mountaincable.net before July 28, 2009.

MASONIC BEEF AND CORN ROAST: Wednesday,

August 26th. 2009, Opens at 5:00 pm, Corn at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm. Adult \$15, Children under 13, \$5:00. At the **NEW ANCASTER FAIR GROUNDS**, 630 Trinity Rd, at Hwy 2. See lodge Secretary for tickets. No Tickets sold at the door. Sponsored by Seymour Lodge No. 272 .



"STORIES IN THE STONES": Have you ever wondered about the stories behind some of our Masonic brethren in Hamilton Cemetery? Well the "Stories in the Stones" **Masonic Cemetery Tour takes place on Saturday, September 5, 2009, 11:00 am**

Meet at the entrance to the Hamilton Cemetery, 777 York Boulevard (across from Dundurn Castle). Tour begins at 11:00 am and lasts about two hours. There is very limited parking on site but FREE 2 hour parking (enforced) is available at Dundurn Castle across York Blvd. This tour is open to all friends and family.

This "lively" and informative guided tour of selected gravesites of brethren who have returned to the Creator will enrich both your knowledge of the Craft and local history.

Tour takes place rain or shine over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the necessary food, clothing needs and comfortable walking shoes. Although tour is free, a minimum donation of \$5.00 per household is requested to help our Guide defray costs of conducting the Tour.

Please email Bro. Mike Cuberovic, Chaplain, Hugh Murray Lodge #602 at cuberovicm@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend. He needs the numbers of those attending.

DISTRICT 'C' FALL MEETING: Saturday Sept. 12, 2009, 10:00 am, Ancaster Masonic Temple, 419 Wilson St. Ancaster. All District Brethren welcome, especially Lodge Officers. Meet the new District Officers and receive the District Trestleboard.

THE MAGIC FLUTE – MOZART'S MASONIC OPERA: Monday September 14, 2009 A performance of 'The Magic Flute' Mozart's Masonic Opera by Opera Lyra at the National Arts Centre, Ottawa. The conductor will be the world renowned Pinchas Zukerman.

Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels has been designated Honorary Patron and will be in attendance, as will the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, M.W. Bro. Donald Ross.

This will be a unique opportunity to enjoy the musical genius of our Bro. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and promote Freemasonry in the artistic community.

Location: Southam Hall, Natural Arts Centre, Ottawa

Contact: Bob Conrad @ masonic.opera.tour@gmail.com or 613.757.7461, or

Paul Todd @ fireplug@sympatico.ca

The publisher **Random House**, has announced that Dan Brown's latest novel, **THE LOST SYMBOL** will be released on **September 15th, 2009**.



DISTRICT 'C' BLOOD DONORS CLINIC:

Friday Sept. 18, 2009, Paramount Alliance Church, 1035 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek.
1:30 to 7:30 pm. **Friday Sept. 11, 2009** at **McMaster University**.



DISTRICT 'C'

MASONICCHIP CLINIC:

Taking place at **THE ANCASTER FALL FAIR** on **Sept. 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2009**.

Hamilton Masons will be on hand to further the safety of area children. Chairman David Wilkinson needs volunteers. Contact him at 905-549-0656 or dsw593@gmail.com.

ELECTRIC LODGE GALA DINNER & DANCE: to commemorate their 100th Anniversary on **Saturday October 24, 2009** to which wives and lady friends will be more than welcome, details will be released shortly, as will Tickets be available. Please check with the Hamilton District "C" Website <http://www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org/> for updates.



HAMILTON MASONIC DISTRICT 'C'
TOUR OF THE
DETROIT MASONIC TEMPLE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2009

Some facts about this Temple:

- Largest Masonic Temple in the World
- 1037 Rooms
- 14 stories
- 7 Craft Lodge rooms decorated by Italian artists
- 1600 Capacity Cathedral
- 17,500 sq. ft. Commandery Drill Hall
- 4,400 capacity Masonic Theatre
- 2nd largest stage in U.S.A.

A limited number of seats are available for this tour. Reserve your bus seat now by forwarding a cheque (\$50 Cdn.) payable to Hamilton Masonic District 'C' and a photocopy from your current passport to:

W. Bro. John Johnston
44 Glen Valley Dr.
Hamilton ON. L8K 5W5

Please include your email address & phone number so a confirmation and other details can be returned
Lunch and Dinner in Windsor.
We need your support on this first District Trip.

