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FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Masonic Brethren,

As I have now completed my schedule of official visits to the 14 Lodges in District C, may I express my thanks to all the brethren for the very warm reception I and the District officers have received on these occasions. A special thank you is also extended to all the Worshipful Masters and members of those accompanying lodges who were able to attend these visits with me. Additional visitors certainly added to the meetings.

Many members from District C joined with nearly 500 Masons from around the region at the inaugural Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies at Brock University to hear Dr. Andreas

Onnerfors speak on his "Perceptions of Freemasonry from the 18th Century to the Internet". We look forward to next year's presentation. This is an event which should be marked on your calendar as soon as the details are published.

I would like to extend my congratulations to two District C members who have extended their Masonic responsibilities for the next year:

W. Bro. Tom Fiddes (Seymour No. 272) is the Thrice Puissant Grand Master of Murton Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite Masonry;

W. Bro. David Beland (Temple No. 324) is the Grand Superintendent of District 6, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masonry.

The Spring District C meeting will be held on Sat. May 15 at 10 a.m. (Ancaster Masonic Hall) and all masons are welcome to attend.

To our sick and shut-in brethren, we send to you our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Fraternally,
William MacPherson

FROM THE GRAND MASTER

"A Mason's charity should know no bounds save those of prudence." Charity and Benevolence are the 'ornaments' of our fraternity. True to our principles as Freemasons, we cheerfully embrace every opportunity to practice charity in the fullest meaning of the word. Charity goes far beyond the narrow meaning of simply donating money to a worthy cause; it is an expression of sincere fraternal affection. Masonry has been defined as the Science of Service. John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892), the American poet expressed it in these lines:

*O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother!
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.*

The **DISTRICT CHRONICLE** is published monthly and will be available for download on the district website at <http://www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org>. Please forward submissions to this newsletter through the contact details on our website.

Please note: The opinions and views expressed in any article in the District 'C' Chronicle are those of the writers and therefore do not necessarily reflect the opinion of Grand Lodge. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

To the true Mason, *“Faith, Hope and Charity are not mere words without any meaning,”* and the Sacred Writings remind us that, *“the greatest of these is charity.”*

Earlier in the year I invited the Brethren to make voluntary contributions to our ‘Coffee for our Troops’ project, and approximately \$40,000 was contributed. Thank you. Masons, when called on, are extremely generous. This comes from the understanding of what it means to be a Freemason.

I am sometimes asked by Mason and non-Masons why we do not advertise our good works and trumpet our charitable donations in the public forum. That is not the Masonic way. We prefer to do the good act, to quietly and modestly serve the needs of our fellow man, because it is the right thing to do, without courting applause or expecting reward or acclaim.

Based on this philosophy of cheerfully and willingly supporting Masonic Charity, there should be no need for overzealous fund raising during our meetings. Brethren in the right frame of mind will be self-motivated to give according to their means. This raises a concern which has been brought to my attention. While well-intentioned, such fundraising schemes as 50/50 draws, selling lottery tickets, etc., at lodge meetings or at the festive board are in conflict with the basic philosophy of Masonic Charity. As Masons, we do not donate our time, talent or money with the expectation of receiving any reward – whether it be financial or a bottle of adult beverage when the winning ticket is drawn. While these draws may appear to be a form of entertainment at the Festive Board, there is also a question of legality where local authorities require a licence to hold a lottery of any kind. Let prudence direct us. I hope that you will not think I am a spoilsport to suggest that you reconsider the approach to charitable fund raising in the established Masonic tradition. Let us work for the cause of good as we were instructed at the North-East Angle on the night we were admitted to this ancient and honourable society of gentlemen.

We ought to be especially cautious where liquor is involved. I ask you to think carefully about this practice, which has become widespread in the Grand Jurisdiction. Guidelines have been in force since this issue was first addressed in 1988. In those lodges where the guidelines regarding the availability and serving of alcohol have been relaxed or disregarded, thereby creating a negative image of our fraternity, some brethren are reluctant to join in the social hour. These concepts and concerns are based on a thorough review of our philosophy and self-searching discussion of our responsibility by the Management Committee after being brought to our attention by a Past Grand Master. Once again, the Sacred Writings admonish us: *“Let all things be done decently and in order.”*

Raymond S. J. Daniels

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Website Change:

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, R.W. Bro. Jim Kirk-White has had to relinquish his position as the Grand Lodge Webmaster. During the interim, as we look for a suitable replacement, any website queries can be directed to the Chairman of Communications, V.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman, or to the Grand Lodge Office. We ask for your patience during this time of transition.

Strategic Plan Projects:

“To merely perpetuate the status quo as caretakers of the past is to fail our destiny as Stewards of our inheritance.” (Author: unknown). On March 1, 2010, our Grand Master made a significant announcement regarding the continuing work on our Grand Lodge strategic plan. The Long Range Planning Committee and the Management Committee have approved a set of 9 strategic projects on which work began immediately. The projects are listed here for your information and more details and updates will follow as the work proceeds. The projects have each been assigned to a Committee Chairmen and a Management Committee Centre of Excellence Leader who will be accountable for making them happen.

Strategic Plan 2010 Project List:

1. Project 2010-01: Leadership Identification and Succession Planning
2. Project 2010-02: District Deputy Grand Master Training
3. Project 2010-03: Strategy for Capturing the Interest of New Masons
4. Project 2010-04: Ontario Mason Address Database
5. Project 2010-05: Information Systems Strategy for Grand Lodge Committee Shared Computer Resources
6. Project 2010-06: Grand Lodge Officer and Committee Chairmen Job Descriptions
7. Project 2010-07: Establishment of Publishing Review Committee
8. Project 2010-08: Proposal for MasoniC.h.I.P. Business Model
9. Project 2010-09: Strategic Plan Tracking and Reporting

Several of these projects reflect work in areas that we have been wrestling with for a while, whereas others are tackling new areas of endeavor. Each project is directly linked to one of the strategic imperatives in our strategic plan and is designed to move us along the path towards the attainment of our Grand Lodge Vision: **“To ensure the timeless vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario.”**

D. Garry Dowling

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about those things that matter.” Martin Luther King

ASSISTANT EDITOR FOR THE CHRONICLE



With the approval of our DDGM R.W. Bro. William MacPherson, we are pleased to welcome Worshipful Brother Harley Auty as the Assistant Editor of the District Newsletter. Harley comes with a wealth of experience in newsletter writing, both locally and provincially. He is a qualified educator from the Barrie area. Masonically speaking, he is a P.M. of Kerr Lodge No.230 Barrie, and in Hamilton District C, is S.W. of Meridian Lodge No.687 as well as an affiliate member of Hugh Murray Lodge No.602. We look forward to his many contributions to the Chronicle over the years ahead. Welcome aboard, Harley.

FROM CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES

“Thank you, Hamilton Masonic District C.”

In recognition of National Volunteer Week (April 18 - 24), Canadian Blood Services would like to thank you for your support to Canada's blood system. Last year, you and volunteers like you contributed 200,000 hours - your contribution is making a difference in the lives of Canadians.

Because of your involvement, Canadian Blood Services was able to collect over 1,000,000 units of whole blood, platelets and plasma, consistently meeting the needs of hospital patients across the country. Your involvement and that from other volunteers was instrumental in making our blood donor clinics successful.

Thank you for your contribution and support and we wish you a great National Volunteer Week! Because of ONE, lives can be saved.

Sincerely,

The Canadian Blood Services team

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

'Freemasonry in our Districts'
10 March 2010

Masonry would seem to be the only institution where ‘good men and true’, irrespective of rank, creed or colour, can meet anywhere in the world on common ground. This is part of our ethos – and will always remain so. And yes Brethren, this ethos should be important to every member – whether they are one of the eighty-five per cent who belong to one Lodge in England or Wales or to any member throughout their Masonic lifetime.

In the English Constitution, our 33 Districts – spanning Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas and Oceania – plus our 4 groups of Lodges under Grand Inspectors as well as individual Lodges who report direct to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary, are testament to the universality of Freemasonry, particularly the United Grand Lodge of England. For your interest, the earliest record of a Provincial Grand Master ‘beyond sea’ – now referred to as a District Grand Master – was in 1729 in East India.

It would be fair to say that the formation of Freemasonry overseas was neither because of a conscious direction of our early leaders, nor by an urge of Masons generally to go into the world and spread Freemasonry. It was simply the result of men going about the world on business who, being Masons, met others – more or less accidentally – who had also been initiated into Masonry in their Mother countries. If sufficient numbers were available – they formed themselves into a Lodge. The arrival of a British Regiment, bringing with it a ‘travelling Lodge’ whose members were happy to receive civilians, played a major part in spreading Masonry throughout the globe.

Over the last three years when Rulers have visited our Districts and Lodges overseas they have in their formal speeches made two points which are fundamental to our relationship with the Districts – and indeed with Lodges under Grand Inspectors and those administered directly under the Grand Master. Although we may be separated from them by great geographical distances our Lodges overseas are as integral and important part of Freemasonry under this Grand Lodge as Lodges at home under Metropolitan and Provincial Grand Masters. We are very conscious that those overseas Lodges have made a considered decision to remain under the United Grand Lodge of England rather than form their own Grand Lodges or to join new Grand Lodges when they are formed within their countries. I can only repeat what the Rulers have said: we will honour those decisions and support and defend the rights of those Lodges for so long as they wish to remain under our care.

It should be remembered that in many of our Districts we have agreements with the other two Home Grand Lodges – of Ireland and Scotland – which enables the three Constitutions

to work harmoniously together. We believe that this is most important for the good of Freemasonry as a whole in those Districts..

We – that is all the members in England and Wales – never want to lose any of our Districts as we are proud of them and greatly appreciate what they bring to Freemasonry. In return, we believe that they benefit enormously from the respect they gain from being members of the premier Grand Lodge.

So Brethren, how tremendous then, that all of us in the English Constitution do truly meet in love and harmony, irrespective of rank, creed or colour.

Excerpted from a speech by the VW The Grand Secretary, Nigel Brown

GRAND LODGE RECOGNITION EVENING INVITATION

On behalf of the Worshipful Master, Philip Shames, the Officers and Members of the Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks A.F. & A.M. No. 654 G.R.C. incorporating Doric Lodge No. 382 established 1879, you are cordially invited to a

**Grand Lodge Recognition Evening
attended by the Grand Master**

M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels

on

Tuesday September 14th 2010

at 7:30 P.M.

in the Norman E. Byrne Cathedral

at the Masonic Centre Hamilton, 4 Queen Street South

**Refreshments & Fellowship
5:00 to 6:00pm**

**Dinner will precede in the Main Banquet Hall
at 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

Open Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

Reserve your ticket with Bob Doherty (see attached) before
Sept. 2nd 2010

Advance tickets only: \$20.

No tickets sold at the door, only pick up reserved tickets.

This will be an opportunity for all the lodges in the 3 Hamilton Districts to join with Landmarks/Doric No. 654 to have their new Grand Lodge Officers for the 2010-2011 Masonic Year presented with their new regalia and fully recognized by the Grand Master and their respective Districts.

Likewise District Charitable Events will be made known, and presentations can be made on this occasion, including the Grand Master's project for the creation of the Sankey Centre for Masonic Studies at Brock University.

Participation is optional, but is endorsed by the 3 District Deputy Grand Masters. To assist with Programme Printing, the names of those to be recognized must be in the hands of the Planning Committee before September 2, 2010.

Respectfully and Fraternaly, Planning Committee Members,
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**Please R.S.V.P. by detaching the reply below
and return with cheque prior to September 2nd 2010 to:**

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Name: _____

Rank: _____

Phone: _____

Lodge: _____ No. _____

District: _____

Email Address: _____

THE REGIUS POEM:

A Poem of moral duties Continued from Chronicle No.20



Here is a translation from the old English to a more understandable language.

PART 1:

Here begin the constitutions of the art of Geometry according to Euclid.

Whoever will both well read and look
He may find written in old book
Of great lords and also ladies,
That had many children together, certainly;
And had no income to keep them with,
Neither in town nor field nor enclosed wood;
A council together they could them take,
To ordain for these children's sake,
How they might best lead their life
Without great disease, care and strife;
And most for the multitude that was coming
Of their children after great clerks,
To teach them then good works;
And pray we them, for our Lord's sake.
To our children some work to make,
That they might get their living thereby,
Both well and honestly full securely.
In that time, through good geometry,
This honest craft of good masonry
Was ordained and made in this manner,
Counterfeited of these clerks together;
At these lord's prayers they counterfeited
geometry,
And gave it the name of masonry,
For the most honest craft of all.
These lords' children thereto did fall,
To learn of him the craft of geometry,
The which he made full curiously;
Through fathers' prayers and mothers' also,
This honest craft he put them to.
He learned best, and was of honesty,
And passed his fellows in curiosity,
If in that craft he did him pass,
He should have more worship than the less,
This great clerk's name was Euclid,
His name it spread full wonder wide.
Yet this great clerk ordained he
To him that was higher in this degree,
That he should teach the simplest of wit
In that honest craft to be perfect;
And so each one shall teach the other,
And love together as sister and brother.
Futhermore yet that ordained he,
Master called so should he be;
So that he were most worshipped,
Then should he be so called;
But masons should never one another call,
Within the craft amongst them all,
Neither subject nor servant, my dear brother,
Though he be not so perfect as is another;
Each shall call other fellows by friendship,

Because they come of ladies' birth.
On this manner, through good wit of geometry,
Began first the craft of masonry;
The clerk Euclid on this wise it found,
This craft of geometry in Egypt land.
In Egypt he taught it full wide,
In divers lands on every side;
Many years afterwards, I understand,
Ere that the craft came into this land.
This craft came into England, as I you say,
In time of good King Athelstane's day;
He made then both hall and even bower,
And high temples of great honour,
To disport him in both day and night,
And to worship his God with all his might.
This good lord loved this craft full well,
And purposed to strengthen it every part,
For divers faults that in the craft he found;
He sent about into the land
After all the masons of the craft,
To come to him full even straight,
For to amend these defaults all
By good counsel, if it might fall.
An assembly then could let make
Of divers lords in their state,
Dukes, earls, and barons also,
Knights, squires and many more,
And the great burgesses of that city,
They were there all in their degree;
There were there each one always,
To ordain for these masons' estate,
There they sought by their wit,
How they might govern it;
Fifteen articles they there sought,
And fifteen points there they wrought,
Here begins **the first article**.
The first article of this geometry;-
The master mason must be full securely
Both steadfast, trusty and true,
It shall him never then rue;
And pay thy fellows after the cost,
As victuals goeth then, well thou knowest;
And pay them truly, upon thy faith,
What they may deserve;
And to their hire take no more,
But what that they may serve for;
And spare neither for love nor dread,
Of neither parties to take no bribe;
Of lord nor fellow, whoever he be,
Of them thou take no manner of fee;
And as a judge stand upright,
And then thou dost to both good right;
And truly do this wheresoever thou goest,
Thy worship, thy profit, it shall be most.

Second article.

The second article of good masonry,
 As you must it here hear specially,
 That every master, that is a mason,
 Must be at the general congregation,
 So that he it reasonably be told
 Where that the assembly shall be held;
 And to that assembly he must needs go,
 Unless he have a reasonable excuse,
 Or unless he be disobedient to that craft
 Or with falsehood is overtaken,
 Or else sickness hath him so strong,
 That he may not come them among;
 That is an excuse good and able,
 To that assembly without fable.

Third article.

The third article forsooth it is,
 That the master takes to no 'prentice,
 Unless he have good assurance to dwell
 Seven years with him, as I you tell,
 His craft to learn, that is profitable;
 Within less he may no be able
 To lords' profit, nor to his own
 As you may know by good reason.

Fourth article.

The fourth article this must be,
 That the master him well besee,
 That he no bondman 'prentice make,
 Nor for no covetousness do him take;
 For the lord that he is bound to,
 May fetch the 'prentice wheresoever he go.
 If in the lodge he were taken,
 Much disease it might there make,
 And such case it might befall,
 That it might grieve some or all.
 For all the masons that be there
 Will stand together all together.
 If such one in that craft should dwell,
 Of divers disease you might tell;
 For more ease then, and of honesty,
 Take a 'prentice of higher degree.
 By old time written I find
 That the 'prentice should be of gentle kind;
 And so sometime, great lords' blood
 Took this geometry that is full good.

Fifth article.

The fifth article is very good,
 So that the 'prentice be of lawful blood;
 The master shall not, for no advantage,
 Make no 'prentice that is deformed;
 It is mean, as you may hear
 That he have all his limbs whole all together;
 To the craft it were great shame,
 To make a halt man and a lame,

For an imperfect man of such blood
 Should do the craft but little good.
 Thus you may know every one,
 The craft would have a mighty man;
 A maimed man he hath no might,
 You must it know long ere night.

Sixth article.

The sixth article you must not miss
 That the master do the lord no prejudice,
 To take the lord for his 'prentice,
 As much as his fellows do, in all wise.
 For in that craft they be full perfect,
 So is not he, you must see it.
 Also it were against good reason,
 To take his hire as his fellows do.
 This same article in this case,
 Judgeth his prentice to take less
 Than his fellows, that be full perfect.
 In divers matters, know requite it,
 The master may his 'prentice so inform,
 That his hire may increase full soon,
 And ere his term come to an end,
 His hire may full well amend.

Seventh article.

The seventh article that is now here,
 Full well will tell you all together,
 That no master for favour nor dread,
 Shall no thief neither clothe nor feed.
 Thieves he shall harbour never one,
 Nor him that hath killed a man,
 Nor the same that hath a feeble name,
 Lest it would turn the craft to shame.

Eighth article.

The eighth article sheweth you so,
 That the master may it well do.
 If that he have any man of craft,
 And he be not so perfect as he ought,
 He may him change soon anon,
 And take for him a more perfect man.
 Such a man through recklessness,
 Might do the craft scant worship.

Ninth article.

The ninth article sheweth full well,
 That the master be both wise and strong;
 That he no work undertake,
 Unless he can both it end and make;
 And that it be to the lords' profit also,
 And to his craft, wheresoever he go;
 And that the ground be well taken,
 That it neither flaw nor crack.

Tenth article.

The tenth article is for to know,
 Among the craft, to high and low,
 There shall no master supplant another,
 But be together as sister and brother,
 In this curious craft, all and some,
 That belongeth to a master mason.
 Nor shall he supplant no other man,
 That hath taken a work him upon,
 In pain thereof that is so strong,
 That weigheth no less than ten pounds,
 but if that he be guilty found,
 That took first the work on hand;
 For no man in masonry
 Shall not supplant other securely,
 But if that it be so wrought,
 That in turn the work to nought;
 Then may a mason that work crave,
 To the lords' profit for it to save
 In such a case if it do fall,
 There shall no mason meddle withal.
 Forsooth he that beginneth the ground,
 If he be a mason good and sound,
 He hath it securely in his mind
 To bring the work to full good end.

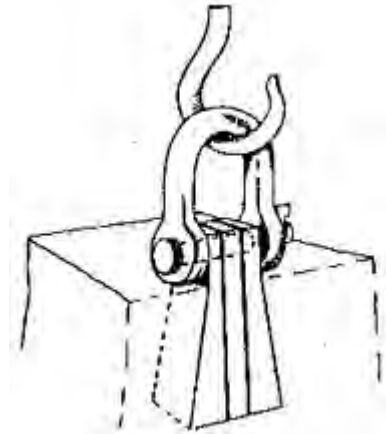
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*Happiness keeps You Sweet,
 Trials keep You Strong,
 Sorrows keep You Human,
 Failures keeps You Humble,
 Success keeps You Glowing,
 But Only faith keeps You Going*

THE LEWIS

The Lewis is a device that enables an operative freemason to raise large stones to the required heights and set them in place with safety and precision. It has been used by stonemasons and erectors for many centuries. It provides an anchorage in a stone, which enables the lifting tackle to be attached to assist in the raising or lowering of stones too heavy or too awkward to be manhandled into position during transportation and erection.

In its usual form, the lewis comprises two iron or steel wedges separated by an iron or steel spacing plate which, when assembled together, form a dovetailed tenon that was fitted into a dovetailed mortice cut in a stone to receive it. With matching holes in the upper end of the two wedges and spacing plate, a shackle bolt can be inserted through them, holding the three pieces in their correct positions, when the lifting tackle is attached as in picture.

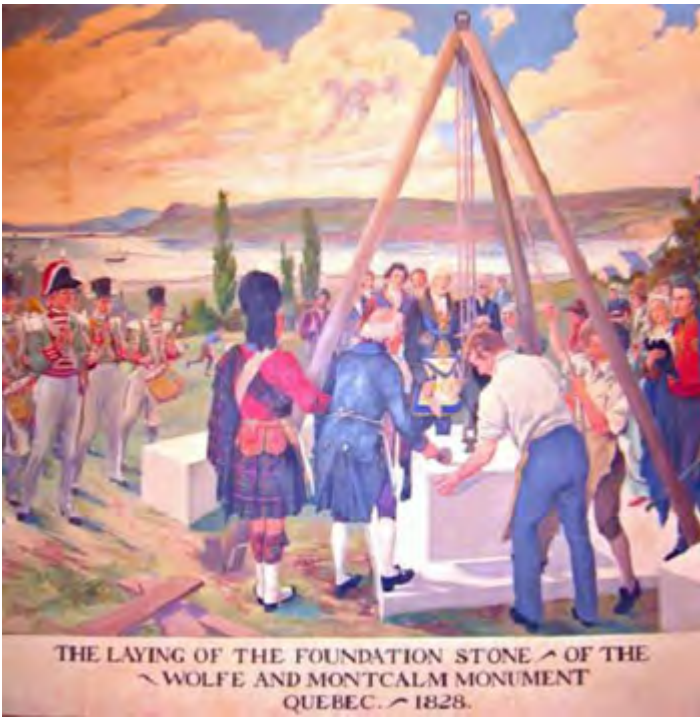


Symbolically, the lewis comprehends the teachings of all the working tools of an apprentice freemason, reminding us that knowledge, grounded on accuracy, aided by labour and sustained by perseverance will in the end, overcome all difficulties, raise ignorance from despair, and promote happiness in the paths of science.

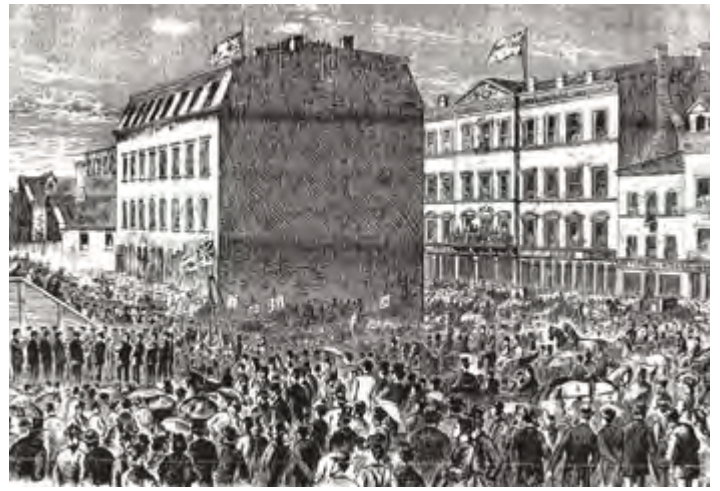
It is clear from the derivation of the name that lewis, when used with reference to the son of a freemason, originated with the travelling Masons of France, many of whom were engaged to construct the Abbey of Kilwinning in Scotland during the 1150s. The term was transmitted from operative freemasonry in Scotland to speculative freemasonry in England during the seventeenth to eighteenth century. The lewis is mentioned in the catechisms of speculative craft freemasons in England from the eighteenth century (1738), defining the duty of a lewis as being “ To bear the heavy burden of his aged parents, so as to render the close of their days happy and comfortable.”¹

The first time that we have heard the term used in Ontario, was in 2006 when our Grand Lodge chose to recognize the son of a mason, by permitting him to wear a Lewis Jewel in lodge.

¹ R.W. Bro. Don Falconer, PGM, United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Australia.



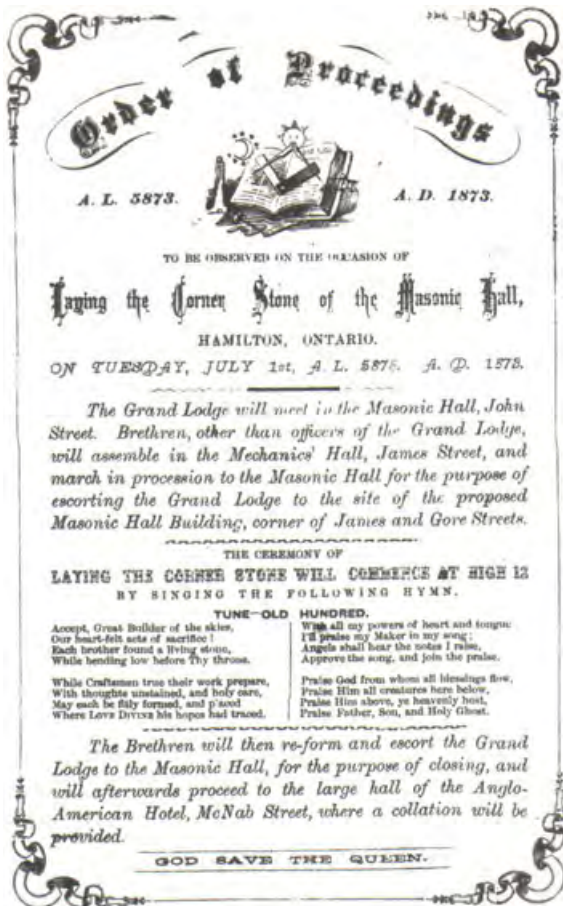
The 1828 laying of the Cornerstone for the Wolfe /Montcalm Memorial



Sketch of the placing of the Cornerstone of the James Street Masonic Hall at the NE corner, July 1, 1873



A working model of a Lewis Machine built by W. Bro. Lee Sutherland, Union Lodge No. 7



Copy of the invitation to the laying of the Cornerstone of the James Street Masonic Hall in Hamilton on July 1, 1873, by Grand Master William Mercer Wilson



W. Bro. Lee Sutherland demonstrating his model after the Landmarks/Doric No. 654, Banquet Hour

THE FIRST CHARLES A. SANKEY LECTURE

at BROCK UNIVERSITY, APRIL 17, 2010

Nearly 500 masons, students and friends were present at the first Charles Sankey Lecture entitled "*Perceptions of Freemasonry from the 18th century to the Internet.*" by Professor Andreas Önnersfors, Director, Centre for Research into Freemasonry, University of Sheffield. Using a power point presentation, Önnersfors took us through the genealogy of Freemasonry and its differing perceptions starting with a printed article from the London Journal of June 1722 through to the archives of the New York Library where digital copies of our 1881 Grand Lodge Proceedings are readable and downloadable, from the internet.



Most Worshipful Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond Daniels, Guest lecturer, Bro. Andreas Önnersfors, Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William Pellow (1987).



Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William Pellow with David Sharron, Head of the Special Collections and Archives at Brock University.

David Sharron, Head of the Special Collections and Archives in the James A. Gibson Library, Brock University, spoke about the origin of the Masonic Book Collection in 1975 with the donation by Charles Sankey of his personal Masonic library. This Masonic Collection now contains over 1200 volumes. It is located on the 10th floor www.library.brocku.ca and is accessible to all masons, students and library visitors. Mr. Sharron shares his vision of the future where modern technology will meet the printed word through a digitization project.

At the close, it was announced that the second Sankey Lecture will take place at Brock University about the same time next year, and the lecturer will be Professor Margaret Jacobs of the University of California, Los Angeles.

A social hour closed this premiere debut for Freemasonry in Ontario.

During the lecture there was a videographer covering the event, so hopefully copies of his work will be available in the future.

Leadership is lifting a person's vision to higher sights, the raising of a person's performance to a higher standard, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations.



DISTRICT EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH 2010, DISTRICT C, SPRING MEETING, 10:00 a.m., ANCASTER MASONIC HALL.

All WMs, Wdns, and PMs should attend, along with lodge members. Learn the latest happenings in our District.

PAST MASTERS' ANNUAL MEETING, Friday May 28, 2010 at the Scottish Rite Club, 4 Queen Street S. Dinner 6:00 p.m. (\$15.00 per person) **Meeting 7:30 p.m.** General Business and Introduction of Candidates for Grand Lodge Office. This is a joint meeting with the **Masters and Wardens' Association.**

MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010, MASTER & SECRETARY + COMPUTER RESOURCE SEMINAR, at the MASONIC CENTRE HAMILTON.

Sign-in at 6:00 p.m., seminars commence at 6:30 p.m. Coffee and a light dinner provided by the Districts.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010, 5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND CHARITY AUCTION at KING'S FOREST GOLF CLUB sponsored by **Valley Lodge No.100.**

Golf, Dinner and Charity Auction \$125 per person. Dinner and Charity Auction only, \$50 per person. For information and registration forms contact Bro. William Paul, 905-719-6464 or bill_paul@dart.biz.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to the Grave Site of our First Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson. **SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010, 2:30 p.m.** St. John's Anglican Church, Woodhouse (a few miles South of Simcoe). Grand Master will Attend. All Masons and Families welcome. Regalia worn. Hosted by Norfolk Lodge No. 10.

JULY 19-22 GRAND LODGE, ROYAL YORK HOTEL, TORONTO. Board of General Purposes Meetings July 19 and 20. Seminars, Tuesday afternoon July 20. Grand Lodge July 21 and 22. District Meetings Wednesday afternoon 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Grand Master's Banquet, Wednesday evening 7 p.m. For more details contact your Lodge Secretary, who has a complete event package.

47th ANNUAL STEAK FRY, sponsored by **Hanover Lodge No. 432, Monday, June 28th, 2010, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Lodge 7:30 p.m.** No degree work, speaker: **R.W.Bro. Paul Todd.** Bring your own plate and cutlery. Dress: Business Suit and regalia. Email Al Morrow at alm@bmts.com for reservations or 519-364-4810.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2010, MASONIC BEEF AND CORN ROAST: Opens at 5:00 pm, Corn at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 p.m. 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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2010, GRAND LODGE RECOGNITION EVENING.

Hosted by Landmarks/Doric No.654 at the Masonic Centre Hamilton. Dinner 6:00 p.m., Programme in Norman E. Byrne Cathedral 7:30 p.m.. Opportunity for all lodges of the 3 Districts to have their newly appointed Grand Lodge Officers presented to the Grand Master and receive their regalia from their lodge or District (see page 4 of this newsletter).

ONLY advance reserved banquet tickets, **\$20 .**

R.S.V.P. with cheque prior to September 2nd 2010 to: Mr. R. F. Doherty, 547 Sunnyvale Cres. Milton, ON L9T 4N1

MASONIC CHIPS CLINIC, at THE ANCASTER FALL FAIR on Sept. 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2010. Hamilton Masons will be on hand to further the safety of area children. More information in the **July Chronicle.** Chairman David Wilkinson needs volunteers. Contact him at 905-549-0656 or dsw593@gmail.com.

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