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The District C, 'Meet and Greet' will be held on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Masonic Centre Hamilton, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Joanne and I look forward to your presence as we celebrate the holidays and the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, one of the Patron Saints of the Craft.

The holiday season is upon us and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you and those nearest and dearest to you enjoy the best the season has to offer. It is a busy time with many demands on our attention, time and resources. It is also a time when there are many opportunities to practice that virtue which is the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart. Take advantage of those opportunities and share what the GAOTU has graciously provided to us.

Ian Craig



## FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

At the November 12<sup>th</sup> Blood Clinic held at the Paramount Church sponsored by Temple Lodge No. 324, 64 units of blood were collected, with the assistance of Stephen Stewart, John Lyness, Eduardo Cordero, Joanne Craig, and your DDGM.

## FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Masonic activities around the province are in full swing. It is the season when many Lodges hold their annual Installation and Investiture ceremonies.

In October, Grand Lodge was summoned to dedicate two new Masonic buildings housing Percy Lodge No. 161, in Warkworth (Peterborough District) and Glengarry Highland Lodge No. 418, in Maxville (Eastern District).

The Especial Communication held in Ottawa for the five Eastern Districts in October was most successful. It was gratifying to meet so many of the Worshipful Masters and Officers of the lodges in Eastern Ontario. The stated theme of this Communication was: "*Learn to Listen – Listen to Learn.*"

The many Grand Lodge Officers present enjoyed the opportunity to have informal conversations with many young Masons in attendance that this event provided. The afternoon session, "*Masonry in the Round*" during which five topics were introduced and discussed was stimulating and thought provoking.

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'ronicle are those of the writers and therefore do not necessarily reflect the opinion of Grand Lodge. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

The 2010 round of presentations by the Lodge of Instruction Team under the direction of the Custodian of the Work, M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby has just been completed. Brethren in those Districts visited during this year's schedule had the opportunity to observe first hand demonstrations of the rites and ceremonies authorized under the Constitution of our Grand Lodge. This important exercise provided instruction for a total of 532 brethren. Those brethren will take the knowledge and skill they acquired back to their Lodges where the details of accurate working in our rites and ceremonies will be shared with all the brethren. Like the grain of mustard seed in the well-known parable, the lessons learned will increase and flourish, and enable the brethren to raise the bar as we strive not merely for proficiency, but for excellence in the performance of our Ritual. It is through the Ritual that we transmit the ideas and ideals of Freemasonry to our initiates. I express my personal gratitude and commend the Custodian and all members of the Lodge of Instruction Team for the time, energy, and effort expended in this great and invaluable work.



During November we observed the solemn act of Remembrance. Brethren attended the Services being conducted at the local Cenotaph on November 11. These moving lines from, 'For the Fallen' written by Laurence Binyon in 1914, express the gratitude we all feel for all those valiant men and women 'fallen in the cause of the free.' The freedom we enjoy as Canadians and as Masons was won and maintained at great cost.

We remember, especially the more than 150 Canadians killed in the current war against terrorism in Afghanistan.

*Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
And a glory that shines upon our tears.  
They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;  
They fell with their faces to the foe.  
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain.*

Raymond S. J. Daniels

## FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Exciting news from the Blood Donors Committee. R.W. Bro. Lloyd Hammell and his team have orchestrated a **“Provincial Masonic Donor Week” December 27 - 31, 2010**. This will be a joint venture between our Grand Lodge and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Ontario. This week was chosen because it is a particularly low 'giving' period. The Committee will be working with District Blood Donor Chairmen to host or support clinics in as many Districts as possible. The team has issued a challenge to the Districts to **recruit at least 5 new donors in each District**.

Work has commenced on a new Lodge Resources Friend-To-Friend video. This new endeavor will be designed to present both the text and the visuals of our message in a much more up-to-date manner.

Members of our Masonic Education and Lodge Resources teams combined to present a proposal containing a number of recommendations related to enhancing the educational experience of the newer and younger breed of men who are presently being attracted to our Craft. Their proposals are under review to determine which recommendations can be acted upon as part of this year's strategic plan efforts. The Website Management team has made some updates to the existing Grand Lodge Website. Please note, however, that we are balancing the effort to maintain information on the old site current, against effort being devoted to moving our new website ahead. Therefore, you may still see some older parts of the site that remain outdated. We appreciate your patience and if this causes any inconvenience please contact the Team Leader of the Website Management Committee, R.W. Bro. Lynn Baker.

Once again, I remind those brethren who will be allowing their names to stand for the position of D.D.G.M. in their Districts, or for the position of Grand Registrar, in July 2011 that they **MUST** complete the D.D.G.M. Correspondence Course prior to their election and confirmation. The Grand Master cannot confirm any of the new D.D.G.M.s next July unless they have been issued a certificate of course completion by the Masonic Education, College of Freemasonry Committee.

D. Garry Dowling

**A Master Mason's Basic Masonic Library** should consist of: *The Constitution (2010); Meeting the Challenge (2007); The Masonic Manual (2007); Whence Come We (1980); Beyond the Pillars (1999); Towards the Square; The Book of the Work (2009); and Guidelines for Lodge Officers in the Mechanics of the Work (2004)*

## THE HISTORY OF DUFFERIN LODGE #291



The "Township of Flamborough West" was in 1873 a truly agricultural community and through it ran the "Galt Road", from Dundas to Galt. Today, it is the King's Highway No. 8 which conveniently serves Dufferin Lodge. Though, in 1873 it served rural inhabitants whose family names are still heard – Weir, Betzner, Dymont, Neff, Jones, Crooks, and so many others. Adam Crooks, for whom Crooks Hollow Road is named, appears to have then owned the land on which Dufferin Lodge is now located.

However, in 1873 Dufferin Lodge had no home; indeed it had barely achieved life. As an agreement had been reached in 1872 with Valley Lodge No. 100, of Dundas, to permit a new lodge in West Flamboro, 5 brethren avowing intent, together with 3 supportive visitors met January 9th, 1873 - In a room over the West Flamboro Blacksmith Shop owned by one of the brethren, Bro. Alfred Jones, to start the first 100 years of continuous labour.

Dufferin Lodge was not the first Masonic Lodge in West Flamboro. We knew of the unusual case of Union Lodge No. 24 which was formed in Dundas in 1810, subsequently moved to West Flamboro, back to Dundas and then to Ancaster. In 1825 its insubstantial life failed and it ceased to exist. Its former existence had no effect on Dufferin Lodge, apparently, and there does not appear to have been any physical link between the two lodges.

At that first meeting in 1873, applications for membership were received from Mr. John Dodd and Mr. Robert Peebles and although we hear nothing more of these brethren, their admittance into the Craft made seven. Dufferin Lodge was now perfect.

Apparently that philosophy of perfection was not balanced by a philosophy of optimism and realism for in 1888 a motion of the lodge was recorded that steps be taken to dissolve the lodge and surrender the charter within six months. A later motion, in 1889 that amalgamation with Valley Lodge be investigated, was passed and negotiations were started. Valley

Lodge passed the necessary motion approving the amalgamation and the demise of Dufferin Lodge appeared imminent. However, Dufferin Lodge was for some time unable to muster a quorum to ratify the agreement and so by its inability to die it maintained life.

The room in which the 8 brethren met in 1873 remained as the lodge meeting room for 38 years until 1911 when it became obvious that larger quarters were needed. W. Bro. Alfred Jones, one of the founders, and the owners of the lodge building, offered them the use of a frame carriage house on the same property and this change solved the immediate problem. After W. Bro. Jones' death in late 1917 an agreement with his widow was not found to be possible so negotiations were begun to purchase the present building from the Methodist Church Trustee Board. In early 1918 the purchase was complete for \$550.00. In June of that year the new lodge room with its new furnishings was completed and the first meeting was held there.

Our late beloved brother, R.W. Bro. George Jones, was in July, 1918 the first candidate initiated in the new lodge room. He was in 1931 elected to be the Worshipful Master and in 1954 to be the D.D.G.M., Hamilton District "A". In 1968, after 50 years in our present building, we were treated to reminiscences by R.W. Bro. Jones that brought the lodge and those years alive to us. His sudden death in 1969 has left a void in our fraternity that can never be adequately filled.

It appears from the minutes that there has been a building committee on the scene in our present building, almost continuously, from the start – repairing, remodelling, refurbishing and redecorating. It all started just two years after purchase when the building committee had electrical power and electrical lighting installed. It seems probable that they, or their successors, will find sufficient interest in the lodge building to keep them busy long after the present work is finished. Why, we had the banquet room floor collapse just when the building committee thought that they had caught up. The occasion for this grand opening event was the celebration of our 75th anniversary in 1948 and the viewers of the spectacle included the M.W. The Grand Master, T. Hamilton Simpson and many other distinguished Grand Lodge personalities. The extremely large gathering was just too much for the floor which had withstood over 70 years of use and had succumbed to dry rot. There is no doubt that both spectators and participants will have remembered this event most vividly. It was fortunate that no one was injured and the good humour of those dumped into the crawl space saved the occasion.

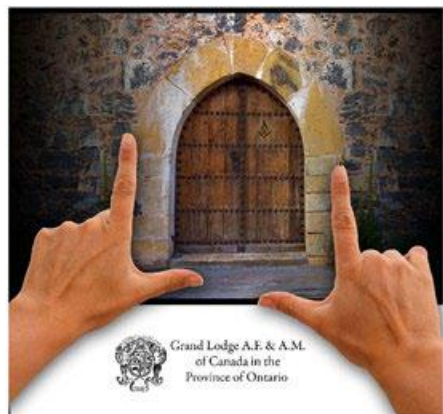
The problem with age and experience is that it produced competence, stability and respectability. Dufferin Lodge has now reached the age when we must expect all these things as a matter of course. We have only perfection to achieve now and it is certain that a history of our second hundred years will show that good humour will have prevailed to help us toward that goal.

In 2008, Dufferin Lodge underwent a facelift in preparation for its 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For the first time in 129 years the outer bricks and stone foundation were re-pointed. The roof was replaced, the interior of the lodge room was painted, and the first floor banquet room was renovated, an ongoing project! Included in the \$30,000 renovations was a new furnace as well as air conditioning. Some may recall the cold winter months when they could see their breath while doing their work. Because of the cold, the lodge was often closed for the months of January and February.

During its heyday, Dufferin lodge had close to 160 members, but over the years membership has fluctuated. Currently membership is experiencing a growth period with about 50 names on its books. Please visit us on line at <http://www.dufferinlodge.com>.

Submitted by W.M. Gary Lloyd

Next month, Temple Lodge No. 324



## REBUILDING THE WEST GATE

**WITHIN THE TYLED LODGE ROOM: *Reaffirming the Lodge room as the dynamic center of the Masonic experience.***

Operative masons would “set themselves to building temporary huts, for their habitation, around the spot where the work was to be carried on.” This practice of Masons congregating in local lodges has been carried on for centuries and is still practiced around the world by present-day Freemasons.

The local Masonic Lodge represents the most basic building block of the Masonic community. Masonic Lodges, having long been the site of admission into the Craft, are the most elemental source of strength and vitality for Masonry. The Lodge, for Freemasonry, is analogous to the basic family unit.

Our Masonic Lodge rooms, when tyled, form a sacred space where like-minded men from all walks of life and backgrounds come together to learn, experience and practice the gentle art of Masonry. The tyled Lodge room affords the individual Mason the opportunity to reflect on his own life and to contemplate how the lessons of the various degrees help him

to expand his awareness of the world around him. Our Masonic ritual sends the individual Master Mason on a journey towards the “centre from which he cannot err”.

The quality of the delivery of the lessons offered on the floor of the Lodge directly correlate to the health of the Lodge and to the growth and general satisfaction of its members. As a result, the future vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario is intrinsically bound to the success and effectiveness of the many constituent Lodges in local Ontario communities.

Each local Lodge is dependent on the periodic admittance of new candidates and an ability to maintain a minimum number of active members. Therefore, *a Lodges success can only be measured in its ability to facilitate personal transformation in the lives of its members.* This is achieved through the effective delivery of ritual and the practical instruction of Masonic philosophy.

If we are to be successful at rebuilding the West Gate, each Lodge within the jurisdiction must fully manifest those most fundamental of Masonic virtues; *brotherly love, relief and truth.*

Stay tuned, as we unfurl **REBUILDING THE WEST GATE.**

## A TALE OF 3 TREES

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, 'Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty.'

Then the second tree said, 'Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull.'

Finally the third tree said, 'I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the Hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me.'

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, 'This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter', and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree the woodsman said, 'This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard.' The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

## MY LODGE

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true.

One of the Woodsmen said, 'I don't need anything special from my tree, I'll take this one,' and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The third tree was cut into large pieces, and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams.

Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and He stood and said 'Peace' and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, God will give you great gifts.

Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined.

We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah

V.W.Bro. Larry R PASCH  
Abbotsford Lodge # 70, G L of B.C. & Yukon

*What kind of a Lodge would my Lodge be  
If all the members were just like me?  
You can thoughtfully ask yourself that question  
If not, perhaps it's a swell suggestion.  
You can sit by the fireside, smoking your pipe,  
Find fault with the officers, censure and gripe.  
Or you can be one who is always on call  
Both ready and willing to carry the ball.  
To your fellow members you soon will be known  
As a true loyal worker, or else as a drone.  
You can pass on new members, or you can refuse  
To take any part beyond paying your dues.  
You can stand on the sidelines, or jump in and play,  
Attend every meeting or just stay away.  
You can visit his home when a brother is ill,  
Or leave all the calling to JOE or BILL.  
Whatever your talents, some job you can do,  
So say to yourself as the past you review,  
What kind of Lodge would my Lodge be  
If all the members were just like me?*

## MASONIC CEMETERY TOUR, OCTOBER 23, 2010



## W. BRO. JOHN BUTLER, ONE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF UPPER CANADA



Col. John Butler (1728-1796) attained fame as the leader of Butler's Rangers. He was the first Master of St. John's Lodge No. 19, warranted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec (Moderns) October 10, 1787. This lodge amalgamated with St. John's Lodge of Friendship, No. 2, in 1794 or 1795. He was Grand Senior Warden of the first Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada in 1795.

John Butler led a strong detachment of Indians from Niagara at the Battle of Oriskany in August of 1777. His success during the battle led to the authorization to raise a Corps of Rangers to serve with the Indians on the frontiers. The Corps informally came to be known as Butler's Rangers.

At the end of the Revolution, Butler once again turned to farming, and became the "de facto" leader of the settlement in the Niagara Peninsula. He served as Deputy Superintendent of the Indian Department at Niagara, a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Land Board of Niagara, Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln, Commanding Officer of the Nassau and Lincoln militia, leader of the Church of England in the community, and a prominent member of the Masonic Order.

Butler died at Niagara on 12 May 1796, after a long illness. His wife had died three years earlier and they left a family of one daughter and three sons.



The words of the Duke of Wellington could well have served as Butler's personal motto:

*"I have ate of the King's salt, and therefore I conceive it to be my duty to serve with unhesitating zeal and cheerfulness when and where my King or his government may think proper to employ me."*

John Butler can truly be described as one of the Founding Fathers of Upper Canada.

## THE VETERAN JUBILEE MEDAL



The Veteran Jubilee Medal is presented in recognition of long service to an Ontario Mason who has completed fifty years of continuous membership, is in good standing and who is a member of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction or affiliated from a lodge recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. The medal is gold-plated, with the Square and Compasses within a circle with *GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. OF CANADA IN ONTARIO* in raised letters. *50 YEARS A MASON* is in raised letters on the obverse, and the name of the recipient and the date of

presentation are engraved. The medal is suspended by a sky-blue ribbon from a bar with the shield bearing the arms of the Province of Ontario surmounted on a Maple Leaf. An order form is available from the Grand Lodge Office.

The word *Veteran* is used in the broad sense: a person of age and experience. A *Jubilee* is the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of an important event. The word is derived from the Jewish festival held every fiftieth year to commemorate the deliverance of the Israelites from their years of bondage in Egypt. Presented as a reward for a half-century of faithful service to the Craft, it is properly called a *Medal* and is not, strictly speaking, a Masonic *Jewel*.

The Veteran Jubilee Medal has its own history for which five Grand Masters have been responsible. It takes its origin from the Communication of Grand Lodge held at London in 1928, when M.W. Bro. John S. Martin, Grand Master 1927-1928, presented those Past Masters who had attained the age of seventy years with a small commemorative jewel, examples of which are on display in the Grand Lodge Museum.

Citing this as his inspiration, M.W. Bro. Frank Armitage Copus, Grand Master 1933-1934, in his Address to the 79th Annual Communication held at Toronto, recommended the issue of a Veteran Jubilee Medal to honour all members of the Craft upon completion of fifty years of uninterrupted service.

A special committee was struck consisting of: M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel; Past Grand Master, R.W. Bros. W.M. Logan, Grand Secretary and W.J. Moore, Chairman. The medal was authorized in 1935. It was withdrawn in 1963 on the recommendation of M.W. Bro. Russell Williams Treleaven, Grand Master 1961-1962, and temporarily revived in 1971 by M.W. Bro. Bruce Brown Foster, Grand Master 1969-1970.

M.W. Bro. Terence Shand, Grand Master 2001-2002, authorized the restoration of the Veteran Jubilee Medal in 2003, as a *medal specially designed and authorized by Grand Lodge*. It may be worn in a Lodge.

In this Grand Jurisdiction, the candidate becomes a *member* on the date of his Initiation. This date is used to calculate

eligibility for the long-service awards. The Veteran Jubilee Medal cannot be awarded to a member who is not a Master Mason without the permission of the Grand Master. —*Once a Mason – always a Mason.* The fundamental principles and ethical values of Freemasonry are both time-honoured and time-less. There is no mandatory retirement age in Freemasonry. For genuine lovers of the Craft, Freemasonry is a way of life, a life-long experience. Bars for Sixty Years a Mason – Seventy Years a Mason – Seventy-Five Years a Mason are available to be added to the ribbon of the Medal as further milestones are passed.

*Precepts may lead, but examples draw.* Loyalty may be dismissed as *old-fashioned* and scoffed at by the ‘*me-centered*’ hedonistic generation. We must have something extraordinary in Freemasonry that keeps men coming back, month after month, year after year, some for twenty-five, fifty or more years.

M.W. Bro. Copus concluded his recommendation in the 1934 Grand Master’s Address with these words: *I venture to suggest that no better or more appreciated method could be devised for honouring those older brethren who have grown grey in their connection with Masonry.* It is also an inspiring model of loyalty to all of us to take the lesson of that small working tool presented to the Entered Apprentice in the First Degree as we persevere to press toward perfection, the mark of our high calling in Freemasonry.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### **Q. How does a Brother attain the designation as R.W.?**

A. If a Brother is elected as: Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Member of Board of General Purposes, or appointed by the Grand Master as: Grand Chaplain, or Grand Director of Ceremonies.

### **Q. Can Grand Honours be given in public?**

A. The Grand Honours are never given when the lodge room is not tyled.

### **Q. Does the W.M. participate when he directs the Grand Honours be given?**

A. When the W.M. directs that Grand Honours be given, he would also participate.

### **Q. When can the warrant be draped?**

A. The warrant may be draped only upon the direction of the Grand Master.

### **Q. What is meant by “slipshod”?**

A. Neither barefoot nor shod. (with shoe)

## IN MEMORIAM

### **IN MEMORIAM: W.BRO. RAY “Scotty”**

**CARRINGTON**, P. M. Buchanan Lodge No. 550 passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Saturday, October 24, 2010. Ray was in the Royal Navy, and a long time member of the Tartan Club. Friends may call Alexander Place in Waterdown for the January date of a “celebration of his life.”

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, Saturday, December 4, 2010, 8:30-10:30 am at the Masonic Centre Hamilton**, sponsored by the Scottish Rite. Photo op with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. For family and friends. Children \$3 and Adults \$5. Proceeds to the Dyslexia Learning Centres for Children. **MasoniCH.I.P Clinic** will be operating at the same location. Free identification kit for each child.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL, Saturday, December 4, 2010, 7:00 pm, Sunday December 5, 2010, 2:00 pm and 7:00pm.** In the Cathedral of the Masonic Centre Hamilton. A faithful adaptation of the timeless Charles Dickens Classic, is this classic tale of one man’s redemption and finding the true spirit of Christmas. \$15. Sunday brunch \$23, Saturday and Sunday dinner, \$25. Reservations 905-570-4782 or [scroogeattherite@gmail.com](mailto:scroogeattherite@gmail.com).

**BLOOD DONORS RUN, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2010**, hosted by Electric Lodge No. 495. Departing the Masonic Centre Hamilton at 9:30 am, arriving at Canadian Blood Services, Ancaster about 9:45 am. Donors are scheduled to donate between 9:55 and 10:15am. Will depart Ancaster CBS before 11:00 am, returning somewhere for an hour of fellowship. Contact: Bro. John Hammersley at 705-722-7299 or [mrhammersley@hotmail.com](mailto:mrhammersley@hotmail.com) for further information.

**DISTRICT ‘C’ DDGM, MEET AND GREET, Sunday December 26th, 2010**, at the Masonic Centre Hamilton, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Hosted by R.W. Bro. Ian and Joanne Craig to celebrate the holidays and the Feast of St. John the Evangelist as a “Saint of the Craft”.

**“PROVINCIAL BLOOD DONOR WEEK”, Monday December 27- Friday December 31, 2010** has been declared by R.W.Bro. Lloyd Hammell and the Blood Donors Committee. This will be a joint venture with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and our Grand Lodge. Each District is challenged to recruit at least 5 new donors.

**MID TERM DISTRICT ‘C’ MEETING, Saturday January 22, 2011**, at Masonic Centre Hamilton, starting at 10:00 am.

**FEBRUARY 8 TO 15, 2011, SECOND WINTER VACATION AND FRATERNAL VISIT TO The Respectable, Meritísima y Centenaria Logia Holguin, HOLGUIN CUBA.**

Sponsored by Quinte St. Alban's Lodge No. 620. For Masons, their spouses, friends and children.

**Departing:** from Toronto Pearson International Airport

**Resort:** Sol Río de Luna y Mares All Inclusive

<http://www.solmeliacuba.com/cuba-hotels/hotel-sol-riodelunaymares/>

**Our Travel Agency:** Gala Travels Ask for Enoch Solomon (416) 493-3114 [solli@rogers.com](mailto:solli@rogers.com)

Group Price (double occupancy): CDN \$1,208.00 p.p. Fees, surcharges and taxes included

Children: under 2: \$638.00 Ages 3 to 12: \$1,008.00

Deposit (Not-refundable): \$150.00 at time of booking

**Balance:** Payable by November 23, 2010

We will attend their regular lodge meeting of February 11 (planned a 1st degree) and we will host a Dinner with our Cuban brethren and their families on February 13, including a City Tour and cultural entertainment.

**The space is limited to 50 people** (Masons, their spouses, friends and children). **All rates and seats can only be held on payment of deposit for bookings made before November 13, 2010 and are based on availability and subject to change.**

**Price (estimated) for Masonic activities and inland**

**transportation:** \$65.00 p.p. payable in cash to the group treasurer at the airport, before departure.

For those interested and for more information, please contact W. Bro. Vincent Lombardo, (905) 731-0504, [vince.lombardo.to@gmail.com](mailto:vince.lombardo.to@gmail.com)

**SANKEY LECTURE, Sunday March 20, 2011 at Brock University at 3:00 p.m.** by Associate Professor Jessica Harland-Jacobs from the University of Florida. Two recent articles are: "Freemasons and the Political Culture of the British Atlantic World, 1717-1798" "Freemasonry and Colonialism".

See Chronicle No. 21, May 2010 edition regarding the first lecture.

## INTERESTING WEBSITES

<http://www.youtube.com/user/mindpressinc>

Jack Whyte: On Principles; On Leadership; On Obligation; On Manhood; On William Wallace; I was a Mason before I was made a Mason.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2r5xfL2dQ4>

Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, "Fervency and Zeal"

<http://freemasonryresearch.com>

(this is a new search engine developed by a Toronto mason)

<http://fftimes.com/node/238023>

Grand Master's visit to Granite Lodge No.446, Fort Frances

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