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# From our District Deputy Grand Master

On August 27, 2012, accompanied by W. Bro. David Midgley and R. W. Bro. John MacPherson, I travelled to Thunder Bay on personal family business. While in the area, I



contacted R. W. Bro. Grant Poulin, the D.D.G.M. of Algoma District, and arranged an informal meeting with him and his District Secretary, W. Bro. Tom Appelt.

At our meeting, we discussed many topics regarding the District organizational process. During our conversation, R.W. Bro. Poulin mentioned that the Algoma District is contemplating starting a District Newsletter. I told him about the District C newsletter

and directed him to our website. In addition, I offered my assistance as well as the contact information of the Chronicle Editors.

R.W. Bro. Poulin was so impressed with the District C Guide for the Operation and Management of the District that he said he would like to adopt our model for the Algoma District. With District trestle boards and contact information exchanged, an interesting and interactive meeting was concluded with a few photographs taken for the Chronicle. (Editorial note: All District trestle boards are posted on the G.L. website (members only).

On September 6, 2012, I had a fraternal visit to Buchanan Lodge No.550 which was my first visit as D.D.G.M. and September 10, 2012, I was invited to Valley Lodge No. 100 where I presented a 60-year service pin to Bro. Henry Batchelor.

This year I announced my Charity of Choice is the **Salvation Army Family Services**, a non-profit organization providing assistance to needy families.

#### Services provided by the SAFS include:

- Daily Food Bank serving over 100 families daily.
- Suicide prevention hot line (only one in Canada) receiving 500/600 calls per month.
- Children's back-pack containing school supplies, 405 units donated last year.
- Summer camp for 80 children aged 7-16 years, at no cost to parents.
- Christmas assistance to needy families, 5000 food hampers.

Their ability to help depends on the generosity of their donors. Food products (there is more information about food donations at Official Visits on page 3 of this issue) and/or monetary donations are always appreciated. All food products donated will be delivered directly to the S.A.F.S. All monetary donations will be deposited into an account held by "**The Masonic Foundation of Ontario.**"

At the conclusion of this project (July 1, 2013) the Masonic Foundation of Ontario will augment the total funds collected and provide a cheque payable to the **"Salvation Army Family Services".** The charitable project number is **2490** and must be noted on all donations to the Foundation in order to receive a tax deductible receipt.

D. Wayne Robinson District Deputy Grand Master

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Greetings, Brethren: Allow me to address several important matters:



#### 1) Website Development

The latest version of the Grand Lodge Website was implement- ed in early July. If you have not signed in as a member, please take a look. I draw your attention specifically to the News and Events section for Members. which is updated Sign-in instructions for regularly. the website have been distributed by V.W. Bro. Eric Lakien, Communications Website Team Member. Work continues on Phase 3 - watch for more exciting features to come this fall.

#### 2) Tactical Plan 2012-2013

Our tactical plan was adopted by the Board at our Annual Communication. It contains 14 specific initiatives for this year. Further communication on the plan will be forthcoming. The plan will be posted on the website and anyone interested can obtain a copy of the plan from the Deputy Grand Master, the Chairman of the Planning Committee (R.W. Bro. Douglas Galt) or the Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee (R.W. Bro. Steven Warren). These initiatives demonstrate our commitment to bringing value added services to you and demonstrate our accountability for achieving our Vision.

#### 3) Lodge Buildings

We directed in the June Communiqué and at Grand Lodge that financial concerns, safety concerns and liability concerns in our Lodge meeting places must be addressed to avoid any major accidents, with possible related deaths. We have directed that all Lodges and Temple Corporations must begin the process of seeking current compliance to all fire, health, safety and municipality code requirements and that we will require compliance be attained by the third Wednesday of July 2013. An Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by R.W. Bro. Perry McConnell, is in the process of putting together a proposal for achieving such compliance. That proposal will be completed in early Octoberand communication of the plan, the processes, the requirements, etc. across the jurisdiction, will occur as soon as they are approved.

#### 4) Photographs

No photographs are to be taken while the Lodge is in session. This time of year sees many presentations and photos of these presentations, etc. can be accommodated by those involved remaining immediately after Lodge for as long as the photographer requires.

#### 5) Past Masters Course (formerly DDGM Course)

Note that this course now requires completion of eleven assignments and therefore cannot be completed in a short period of time late next spring. Please advise potential D.D.G.M. nominees to contact the College of Freemasonry for further information or look on the Grand Lodge website under Members/Membership/Education Courses/College of Freemasonry - Prospectus.

#### Looking Ahead

This year our top three priorities will continue to be Communication, Extending our Learning Opportunities and being responsive to the Condition of Masonry in our Jurisdiction. Our 14 tactical plan initiatives all relate to these priorities. The Brethren that you have selected to represent you will continue to focus on our commitment to provide effective and sustainable leadership to Ontario's Masonic community in order to achieve our goals.

We have made some significant changes to our Grand Lodge Committee structure this year to better align the services we provide with our strategic plan directions, and I encourage you to visit the Member's section of the website (Operations/Committees List) to view the list of Grand Lodge Officers, Teams and Committees.

I encourage all brethren to make a concerted effort to ensure that the mentoring of our new Masons is high on the priority list. We have many experienced members in our midst who are willing to assist. The encouragement and instruction that they can provide to our newer members is invaluable.

D. Garry Dowling Grand Master

To see the Grand Master's full itinerary visit <u>http://www.grandlodge.on.ca</u>.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is, therefore, not an act, but a habit." – Aristotle

# From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren: I would like to offer my thoughts on a number of issues which are important to Masons and Masonry in the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

#### **Rebuilding the West Gate**

I encourage all Masons to read and understand this document. This is the Strategic Plan for our Grand Lodge. In our Strategic Plan, we talk about our Strategic Goals and the Five Columns. Our Grand Lodge Committees are now working together to support the Five Columns as listed in our Strategic Plan.

#### **Craft Stewardship Column**

We will embrace Craft Stewardship as a responsibility to future generations of Freemasons in Ontario as well as a critical component in the conveyance of Masonic excellence to our current membership. This Column is supported by a number of Grand Lodge Committees grouped under Planning (Long Range Planning, Condition of Masonry and Fraternal Correspondence), and Training and Development (DDGM Orientation, Leadership Development, Protocol and Etiquette, Seminars and Workshops and Lodge Resources, which include, Brother to Brother, Friend to Friend, Mentors, Officer Progression and Cornerstone Project).

#### Membership Column

We recognize that our membership and their families represent the heart of Freemasonry in Ontario and that the culmination of our efforts are intended to result in a richer experience for all our members and their families. The committees' representing this Column is called Education (Library, Museums & Archives, and Masonic Education which also includes the College of Freemasonry, Reflections Newsletter and Book Sales).

#### **Communications Column**

We will communicate in an effective and consistent manner using the most appropriate medium to reach the target audience in a timely manner. To support this Column will be our Communications Committee Internal Communications, Website and Publishing Review).

#### **Operations Column**

We will endure that the operations and governance of Grand Lodge, Districts and Lodges are effective, sustainable and efficient. The committees in this Column are Finance (Audit & Finance and Finance Advisory), Infrastructure, Management, Constitution & Jurisprudence, Discipline, Benevolence and Fraternal Relations.

#### **Community Outreach Column**

We will facilitate Community Outreach, which will create opportunities to demonstrate Masonic values within our communities and convey positive and accurate perception of Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge Committees in this column will be Blood Donors, Brock University Partnership, Public Awareness and Youth Initiative. We are very fortunate to have assembled a team of knowledgeable and well skilled Chairmen, Team Leaders and Committee Members. Make use of them.

If a lodge or brother in your District needs information or assistance, whether it is for financial advice, Masonic Education, Long Range Planning, or even help in keeping their Lodge going, I urge you to contact the Chairman in charge. They are aware of this, so it will be no surprise to them when they receive your call and/or request. Looking forward to another exciting year in Masonry!

Donald A. Campbell Deputy Grand Master

# A Special Request Regarding the DDGM's District Charity Project – Salvation Army Family Services

# **Food Bank**



The Salvation Army Family Service in Hamilton donates over 100 food parcels daily to needy families in the community. To assist them in this worthy cause, it is the D.D.G.M.'s request that **at each Official Visit the brethren bring a** 

**non-perishable food item that will be passed along to the Salvation Army food bank.** Drop-off bins with the Salvation Army logo will be located in the foyer of every building for your donation.

Should your Lodge donate food products to other worthy agencies please continue to do so. It is not the intention of the D.D.G.M. to replace existing donations; however, if your Lodge wishes to donate those items collected on the official visit they will be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

It is proposed that the District sponsor two city wide food drives, one prior to Christmas to assist in the 5000 plus Christmas hampers donated at that time and one in April 2013 to restock the food bank (last year the S.A.F.S. had to purchase food products at a cost of \$45,000 to fulfill their obligation in feeding 100 families daily). More details to follow. Should any brother wish to assist on this charitable committee, please contact R. W. Bro. John MacPherson at 905-528-4883 or email johnmacp@cogeco.ca. Your assistance is appreciated.

# Who's In Charge Here?

# **Temple Lodge No. 324**

W. M. Profile and Lodge Seal History – not available.

Next month – the W. M. Profile and the Seal of **The Electric Lodge No. 495** 

# Craft Association of Hamilton Masonic Districts

## Trestle Board 2012 - 2013

Seminar : Monday, October 29, 2012, 7:30 p.m.
Masonic Centre Hamilton
Presenter : W. Bro. Robert Todd
Topic : Masonic Symbolism.
Sponsor : St. Andrew's Lodge No. 593

#### **D.D.G.M.'s Reception and Banquet**

Saturday, March 2, 2013 Masonic Centre Hamilton Reception / Symposium at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Dance to follow.

Seminar : Tuesday, April 30, 2013, 7:30 p.m. Stoney Creek Masonic Hall Presenter : W. Bro. Allison Gowling Topic : Roberts Rules of Order. Sponsor : The Lodge of Strict Observance No. 27

President : W. Bro. Robert Blundell (289) 389-2515 Treasurer : W. Bro. Hal Hobbs (905) 572-5417 Secretary : W. Bro. Raymond Corrin

# ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT MASONICh.I.P.

The summer came to an end and the school bells started ringing to announce the most wonderful time



of year - back to school time. We ran around to pick up new clothes and school supplies for our children to get them ready for another school year of fun and learning. But let's not forget the safety of our children. Brethren of Landmarks/Doric No. 654, with the help of brethren from St. Andrew's No. 593, held a MASONICh.I.P event at the Ancaster Fair on September 22 and 23.

MASONICh.I.P is a program is a Child ID program using the specialized technology that aids us in providing a Child ID kit at no charge that the parent or guardian can take home with them in the unfortunate event that their child goes missing. We provide the parent with digital photos, digital finger print scans, digital video and voice recordings along with a DNA swab, tooth impressions and traditional statistical information i.e.: height, weight, hair and eye colour, etc. This ensures all the vital information required by the Amber Alert system is provided. None of this information is kept by the MASONICh.I.P program. All information is destroyed.

The parents are then giving this information to take home in the unfortunate event that they n may require this information for the Police. The Police can then take this CD which was provided for the parents and download the information in their Amber Alert system so that quick-recovery action can get underway. The service that the MASONICh.I.P program provides will increase the safety of the children in our community.

"Masonic Labor is purely labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason." – Benjamin Franklin, Freemason

For more information on the MASONICh.I.P program, please feel free to visit www.masonichip.ca or to volunteer, to obtain location information or any other questions please feel free to email me at landmarks654masonichip@hotmail.com

Bro. Douglas Pollard MASONICh.I.P Landmarks/Doric Lodge

# BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE REPORT

On Friday, September 14, 50 units of blood were collected at the Paramount Clinic. Many thanks to the volunteers who manned the Hospitality Stations at this clinic. They are: Bro. Leslie Jarrett, from Landmarks/Doric, No. 654, V.W. Bro. Reg. Joyce and his wife Lynda, from Meridian Lodge, No. 687 and R.W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero, also from Meridian Lodge, No. 687. The number of units collected was a bit short, especially for the Paramount Clinic, being one of our most dependable clinics.

Monday's clinic at the Convention Centre on September 24 was a busy clinic. 80 units of blood were collected that day. The volunteers who helped man the hospitality station were: L. Jarrett, R. Parliament and E. Cordero. Many thanks to those behind the scenes who made this possible.

The District Blood Donors Committee needs the assistance of a few good men to be able to man the Hospitality Stations at the Convention Centre on Summer's Lane, in the downtown Hamilton. For further information, please contact Eduardo Cordero at 905-548-5111 or 905-730-9850 or at ecordero@cogeco.ca.

# **MASONIC CEMETERY TOUR 2012**

The "Stories in Stones" Masonic Cemetery Tour is back again, by popular demand. The Cemetery Tour takes place on Saturday, October 20, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meet by the main gate, at 777 York Boulevard, across from Dundurn Castle, where there is FREE two-hour parking (enforced). There is very limited parking on the cemetery property.

The "lively" and informative guided tour of selected gravesites will enrich both your knowledge of the Craft and local history. The event is open to all friends and family.

The tour takes place, rain or shine, over uneven terrain. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. The tour is free, but a small donation to our guide would be appreciated.

After the Cemetery Tour, why not head over to an Art Show? The friends of Mrs. Doris Hurst, widow of R. W. Bro. Ralph Hurst, are holding an Art Show and Sale of her work on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at the Barton Stone Church, at the corner of Stone Church Road and Upper James Street, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. R. W. Bro. Hurst was a member of Buchanan Lodge No. 550 and D.D.G.M of Hamilton District C in 1990. Support for his widow would be appreciated.

Remember, too, that copies of the History of District C are still available for a modest fee. Contact me at cuber@shaw.ca to obtain a copy.

Bro. Mike Cuberovic Hamilton District C Historian

# MASONIC EDUCATION – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Brethren, I am pleased to advise that both Wardrope Lodge No. 555 and Corinthian Lodge No. 513 will be hosting nights of Masonic Education which I know will be well worth attending.

#### October 25, 2012 "The Formation of our Grand Lodge".

On October 25, 2012, there will be a presentation at Corinthian Lodge on "The Formation of our Grand Lodge". This topic will deal the structure and organization of our Grand Lodge and its operations. The items to be discussed will be of particular interest to our newer masons.

#### November 26, 2012 Masonic Memorial Service.

On November 26, 2012 Wardrope Lodge will host a presentation by R. W. John MacPherson on the Masonic Memorial Service.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan Chairman, Masonic Education.

# HAMILTON MASONIC DISTRICTS' BOARD OF RELIEF

- The Board extends aid and financial assistance to brethren, their families and such other charitable purposes as the Board shall determine.
- Each lodge of each District elects a member to serve on the Board.
- The Board maintains burial plots for indigent Masons and their wives in Woodland Cemetery and Hamilton Cemetery.
- Over the past 26 years, the Board of Relief has provided grants totaling \$371,631 for the relief of the distressed, Masonic and non-Masonic.
- Through the on-going support of the brethren, the Board will continue their good works for which all members of all three Hamilton Masonic Districts may be justifiably proud.
- If you are unable to attend, please send your contribution to R. W. Bro. R. E. Kerr, 16 Margaret Avenue, Grimsby ON L3M 4S1. Please make cheques payable to Hamilton Masonic Districts' Board of Relief, including your name, address, Lodge and Lodge No. A receipt for income purposes will be issued.

#### Masonry is not a "service club"; but Masons can be of service.

# Around The District

## Ancaster Fair MASONICh.I.P Clinic Sept. 2012 Was Very Well Received.

Hamilton District C and Algoma District exchanged ideas on a recent visit.



L. to R. - District Secretary, Algoma - W. Bro. Tom Appelt DDGM Algoma District - R.W. Bro. Grant Poulin DDGM Hamilton C - R.W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson District Secretary, Hamilton C - W. Bro. David Midgley

## V. W. Bro. Martin Tees received his Grand Steward's Regalia at a recent meeting of Hugh Murray Lodge, No. 602.



V. W. Bro. Martin Tees beamed with pride at the recent presentation of his Grand Steward's regalia by our D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Wayne Robinson and the Immediate Past D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. John Johnston. The W. M. of Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602, W. Bro. Michael DuFour and several members of Hugh Murray Lodge were present to congratulate him on this auspicious occasion.

Rules for Happiness -Something to do, Someone to love, Something to hope for. — Immanuel Kant



On hand to help out were (L. to R.) Bro. Les Jarrett, Bro. Doug Pollard, Bro. James Esson, Gwyneth Oliveira, W. Bro. David Wilkinson, R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson, W. Bro. Bruce Brown, Jeannine Batt



Participants in the Clinic included our District C Webmaster – Bro. Devin Tuinstra, his wife, Cait and their sons, Jarvis and Rain Tuinstra (licking his lips from the DNA swab).



Your Editor, hard at work!

# In Memoriam



# **Bro. Benjamin Sauder**

**Initiated:** The Electric Lodge No. 495, Dec. 12, 1962 **Passed:** April 4, 1963 **Raised:** May 15, 1963 **Ascended to G.L.A**.: January 3, 2011

We cherish his memory in our hearts.

# D.D.G.M. Official Visits

Wed., October 3, 2012 - Ionic Lodge No. 549 MCH - Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Acc. - Valley Lodge No. 100 Lodge tyled at 7:30 p.m.

Tues., October 16, 2012 - Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 MCH - Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Acc. - Temple Lodge No. 324 Lodge tyled at 7:30 p.m.

Mon., October 22, 2012 - Wardrope Lodge No. 555 MCH - Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Acc. - Buchanan Lodge No. 550 Lodge tyled at 7:30 p.m.

# **October Installations**

**Thurs., October 18, 2012 - Dufferin Lodge No. 291** W. Flamboro Lodge tyled at 7:30 p.m.

# Interesting Websites

# FYI - Hamilton District Websites

District A: hamiltondistrictamasons.org District B: hamiltonmasons.com District C: hamiltondistrictcmasons.org

To see the **Grand Lodge Officer Introduction Protocol** and other useful information, go to the Grand Lodge website <u>http://www.grandlodge.on.ca/</u> and check it out in the Members Section under Publications. Some of the tips include:

Protocol Etiquette - General Grand Lodge Officer Introduction Protocol - 2012 – 2013 Protocol & Etiquette Presentation Grand Lodge - July 2011

You will find some excellent suggestions for relevant programs for Presentations and Awards under Members » Operations » Forms Report Templates Presentations & Awards, such as

Long Service Award - 25 Year Mason Long Service Award - 60 Year Mason Long Service Award - 50 Year Veteran Jubilee Medal Long Service Award - 50 Year Past Master Long Service Award - 50 Year Mason Presentation of Regalia - Grand Steward ...

The following is a thought-provoking paper presented by Thomas W. Jackson, a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania – <u>http://templumfidelis.com/wp-</u> content/uploads/2012/09/Tom-Jackson-paper.pdf

Thomas W. Jackson is a Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Honorary Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and a Recipient of the Franklin Medal for Outstanding Service to Masonry, among many other Masonic honours, decorations and affiliations.

# Upcoming Events

Friday, October 26, 2012 Hamilton Convention Centre (Main Entrance) Blood Donor Clinic 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Contact R.W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero to volunteer or for more information at <u>ecordero@cogeco.ca</u>.



Sunday, October 28, 2012 Hamilton Masonic Districts Board of Relief Fall Divine Service Grace United Church 174 Caithness Street East, Caledonia



Assemble at 7:00 p.m. Service at 7:30 p.m. Conducted by the Rev. Dan McLean, assisted by the D.D.G.M.s of Hamilton Masonic Districts A, B, and C. **Tuesday, November 20, 2012 Hamilton Districts' Memorial Service** Organized by **Hugh Murray Lodge, No. 602** Scottish Rite 7:30 p.m. Contact W. Bro. Edward Patterson at tardis\_01@hotmail.com for further information.



#### TUESDAY, November 20, 2012 7:30PM

Scottish Rite Cathedral, 4 Queen Street South, Hamilton ON Reception and refreshments to follow in Round Room

> All lodges in all three Hamilton districts are invited to attend or participate





In the spirit of **REMEMBRANCE DAY** the wearing of service uniforms & decorations is encouraged to show support for Masons who have also had service in our Police, Fire, Ambulatory and Armed Services

Arrival at 7pm for parking, dressing into regalia and signing in with Tyler

Detailed planning will be forwarded to Lodge Secretaries/WM's at end of September 2012

#### Saturday, November 24, 2012 Third Annual Valley Lodge No. 100 Christmas Dinner and Dance

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., Family Style Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Air Force Club, Dundas Cost - \$55.00 per person.



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Please contact Bro. Lance Mullett for more information or tickets at 905-572-5535 or lmullett@saspt.com.

#### Saturday, November 24, 2012 Landmarks/Doric No. 654 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Adam Zimmerman Masonic Bonspiel



Dundas Granite Curling Club 24 Head St.

9:30 a.m. start, 11:45 lunch, 2nd game-1:00 p.m. Apply as team members of a Lodge or individually. Cost \$40 per person. Additional information contact: Dennis Monteith 905-383-9381 or Ed Mallard 905- 628-8723

# Share a copy with a member who does not have a computer.



**Nothing works unless you do.** – Attributed to John Wooden and Maya Angelou

> Laughter is the shortest distance between two people – Victor Borge

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