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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings, Brethren:

A uniformly shaped object would take approximately 29.5 seconds to hit the earth from a height of 14,000 feet. (Metric 4267 m)



A skydiver would take a little longer, giving consideration to mass and wind resistance. I don't think Isaac Newton, sitting under an apple tree, ever imagined human beings accelerating to earth at a speed of nearly 200 km per hour, or at least not for the fun of it.

So, as you stand on the launch deck of the plane about to jump, the last thought you have should not be about questioning the qualifications of the person who packed your parachute. Whether you realize it or not,

you have placed a great deal of faith in this person as being a professional and one who has your well-being, utmost in their mind.

I see many parallels between this and the presentation of our Ritual. The candidate is the one about to take a leap of faith into our wonderful fraternity and you my brethren are the ones packing his parachute. Are we giving him our very best? Are we presenting the Ritual the way it was intended? Have we invested the time in practicing? Only you can answer these questions. To put it another way, would you jump from a plane with a parachute packed by someone who had the gist of it, or would you prefer a well-informed and qualified individual? Our Candidates deserve our very best.

Brethren, I was delighted to see such a well-attended District Fall Meeting at the Dundas Temple on September 7th. Many thanks go to the brethren of Valley Lodge No. 100 for their hospitality. Once again, the Masonic Beef and Corn Roast was a great success with approximately 1,500 ears of corn being served and the proceeds going towards St. Peter's Hospital. A job well-done and a great time!

Our District Project 'Neighbour 2 Neighbour' is well under way and food bins are being delivered to our respective lodge halls. If you would help support this worthy cause by bringing a non-perishable food item with you to lodge...it would greatly appreciated....by those in need. I thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you in my travels.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan
District Deputy Grand Master

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From the Grand Master . . .

I know how much work it takes to get to this position and I will never take that responsibility lightly. But since experience is what you gain when you don't get what you want, I can now safely say I have gained the experience to lead this organization.



**M. W. Bro.
Donald A. Campbell**

The best communication tool in Freemasonry is the membership. We are the ambassadors to our Craft. Our actions, attitude and first impressions will influence a man who is considering joining Freemasonry. The way we portray ourselves in our community, being a good citizen in our everyday life, demonstrating our kindness, being honest, being courteous towards others, but more importantly, being proud to say we are a Mason is what is important.

We, with that one on one contact, can be a better advertisement for Freemasonry than all the brochures, open houses, mall display booths or other programs currently in use.

In today's social media networking, we need to use all available mediums, including the web page currently under development. If our membership wants to communicate with Grand Lodge by e-mail, or by the use of the website, twitter, telephone or even 'snail mail', it will be their choice. But, we must remember that social media is a great tool to get us to a meeting, but social media is not a place to hold a meeting. We need that face-to-face contact.

We must make our resources available to all our members and improve our customer service delivery. We have the material to educate members about the most important aspects of Freemasonry, that is, education and a learning institution. We're great at gathering material but we have to improve disseminating it.

It is critical that Past Masters retain, renew and revitalize their role. Being a Past Master is not like graduating from University. You attend; you learn; you graduate, and you're gone! No one said being a Past Master was an easy position – it takes work – and your work is not done! Your lodge, your district and even Grand Lodge needs your extensive experience for training junior members. Junior members should not be training new members. We need our Past Masters to be the future leaders at the Grand Lodge level. Past Masters, it's critical that you step up and lead, mentor and educate our newest members and certainly our Lodge officer! The District Deputy Grand Master's Course has been changed and is now called the Past Master's Course. It is not just for candidates seeking the office of the District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar. It is open to all Past Masters. I

encouraged all Past Masters to consider taking this course offered by our College of Freemasonry.

As Deputy, I was surprised at the number of private piques and quarrels that exist within our jurisdiction. It is not the role of Grand Lodge to settle private disagreements. Grand Lodge should not be a mediator – lodges must be places where members feel free to discuss their concerns openly, honestly and achieve a compromise. Surely charity, toleration, a little common sense and a big helping of brotherly love would produce a much better result for an aggrieved brother. As M.W. Bro. Norman Bryne said, the test may well be, "has this brother clearly and unequivocally offended Freemasonry generally? - Or is it just me!" A serious question - which deserves a serious answer. In other words, leave your ego at home, or check it at the door before entering lodge. I should also like to mention here that the internet is not the place to discuss personal disputes. We all pledged to support our brethren's good names in their absence as we would do in their presence. As probably best said by Benjamin Franklin, "Remember to not only say the right thing in the right place but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at a tempting moment."

It is everyone's duty to create a welcoming, friendly and supportive environment to create a positive atmosphere for learning. When you leave your lodge, leave it energized. Don't wait for the Worshipful Master to ask you for your assistance – ask your Worshipful Master what you can do to make your lodge better. We ask our Worshipful Masters to utilize the skills of the membership and give members the opportunity to lead and to help develop the Lodge's future leaders. Be the Mason you want Grand Lodge to represent. An active lodge is a healthy lodge, whether you're building it up with new members or engaging current members.

I would also ask you to consider your life balance. Ask yourself, "How is my life?", because if it is not balanced, you cannot give Freemasonry your best. I know what it is like to suddenly lose someone your truly love and I urge you to appreciate your family. If you're not a good son, brother, husband, father or friend, chances are you won't be a good Mason. Remember family and work obligations but work hard for your lodge. Live life wide and stay in balance.

To make Freemasonry stronger in Ontario, these will be the messages I will repeat and the focus I will help to achieve – stronger communication and clear branding, increased messaging of the need for leaders to motivate and to be leaders and create leaders, and finally, a reminder that life balance will create better Masons.

Grand Lodge is the resource to get things done at the local lodge level. Today is the beginning of a new Masonic year and a new focus. The end result will be, you will get the lodge you deserve!

W.M. Bro. Donald A. Campbell
Grand Master

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From the Deputy Grand Master ...

First let me say how pleased I am to address you as Deputy Grand Master. My life has been quite interesting and exciting since July 17th. I am working diligently to learn and absorb as much knowledge and information as I can. We hope to keep you informed on items of common interest that will relate to you the current information and activities of our Grand Lodge.

Our first item of interest for the coming year is emphasizing our various Grand Lodge Programs. We often hear there is a gap between Grand Lodge and the lodge members. In order to hopefully improve that situation Grand Lodge has provided each District Deputy Grand Master with TALKING POINTS on fifteen Grand Lodge Programs. We have asked that one of these TALKING POINTS be presented at each and every Official Visit. If we can do this successfully over the next number of years those who are regular attendees at lodge meetings will have a better understanding of Grand Lodge initiatives. By this action we will all be better informed so we can prosper and grow together.

August 18th was a great day in Simcoe and a proud moment for Freemasonry when the Ontario Heritage Trust unveiled an Ontario Heritage Plaque to honour our first Grand Master William Mercer Wilson for all his contributions to Ontario as well as being our first Grand Master. He had a vast and interesting life in many venues of society. This recognition is well deserved and something of which all Masons can be proud. There were over one hundred and fifty in attendance including our Grand Master and three Past Grand Masters. The majority attending were Masons demonstrating the pride in the history of our craft. On behalf of the Masons of Ontario we offer a special thanks to all those masons involved in making this day a success.

As most of you are aware that in order to let your name stand for the office of District Deputy Grand Master it is necessary to have completed the Past Masters Course. I want to remind those who took the original course that you are required to update your certification in order to let your name stand. The Grand Master extended the date to qualify until December 31, 2013. If you are unsure of your status, please contact the College of Freemasonry. We are currently assembling the names of those Masons who might be requiring further qualifications.

This year's TACTICAL PLAN consists of six new initiatives and two are a continuance from last year. Our Long Range Planning Committee led by Chairman Steven Warren have been diligent formulating this tactical plan. The TACTICAL PLAN will be on the Grand Lodge website for your perusal and information. We encourage Masons to study our plan as we move forward as a progressive and vibrant fraternity.

Last year the Masons of Eastern Ontario had the opportunity to attend a MASONIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE in Ottawa that was interesting and informative to those in attendance. This time a similar event is being held in LONDON on November 9th at Dufferin Street Masonic hall. We hope that Masons of that geographic area

can attend and enjoy the information presented. The keynote speaker will be Brother 2nd Lieutenant Joseph F. Curry, a member of Canada Lodge UD Afghanistan, and Beaches Lodge No. 473 Toronto and Author of THE RIFLE AND THE APRON and THE CRAFT AT WORK IN KANDAHAR This proves to be an interesting and informative day. For more information, go to Upcoming Events on the next page of this issue.

Finally I want to remind all Masons that The GRANDMASTERS CHARITY of CHOICE is Prostate Cancer Research, Project No. MF2550. This is in cooperation with the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. Three researchers have been designated for their respective work. In honour of our Grand Master and the Masonic Foundation celebrating their 50th Anniversary, we would like to raise at least one million dollars to support these researchers for at least ten years. In my future releases I hope to key in on Grand Lodge Programs.

R.W. Bro. John C. Green
Deputy Grand Master

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District C Fall Meeting Report

On Saturday, September 7, 2013, The Hamilton C District Fall meeting was held at the Dundas Masonic Temple. It was an overcast morning with rain threatening in every direction, but that didn't stop many of the brethren of our district from showing up bright and early for coffee and pastries, with all lodges in our district being represented.

The host and Chairman, District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Geoffrey Spence Allan, called the meeting to order promptly at 10 a.m. After all brethren stood for the invocation, as well as a moment of silence for our departed brethren, regular business quickly got underway.

The hot topic for this particular meeting was the 'Notice of Motion' made by R.W. Bro. John K. Johnston, regarding the change in 'Article 4.3.1 (E)' Item No. 5; to delete the Contingency Fund of \$500.00 to help with other district expenses. After much deliberation, it was voted unanimously to amend Item No. 5 and delete it from the motion; hence leaving the contingency fund in place.

The meeting continued with various reports from the district chairman, which was summed up with some words about the DDGM's district project; Neighbour 2 Neighbour, as well as some closing remarks about some of the goals for the DDGM and the district.

All in all, it was a great meeting, and a great venue with the brethren of 'Valley No. 100' doing an excellent job of assisting the DDGM with hosting the event. Be sure to keep your eyes and ears open for mention of the mid-term district meeting.

W. Bro. Jordan Slade, District Secretary, District C

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 19, 2013

**Stories In Stones
Masonic Tour
Hosted by Robin McKee
Queen's Jubilee Award Recipient
11 a.m.**

Hamilton Cemetery
777 York Blvd.
Hamilton, ON

Meet at the Gatehouse. Dress for the weather. Rain or shine. No reservations necessary.

Thursday, October 24, 2013

**Re-dedication Ceremony
and Centennial Celebrations
of Corinthian Lodge No. 513**

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Re-Dedication Ceremony at 7:30 pm
Norman E. Byrne Cathedral
Masonic Center of Hamilton
4 Queen Street, Hamilton, Ontario

The Ceremony will be conducted by the Grand Master,
M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell
and Grand Lodge Officers.
All Masons are welcome.

Dinner by reservation only. Cost is \$40.00. To reserve
please contact Bro. Adom Bouchard email:
adomjose@hotmail.com phone: (905) 979-9729

Saturday, October 26, 2013

**Past-Master's Association
of the Hamilton Masonic Districts
Fall Meeting**

Guest Speaker – Grand Lodge Webmaster
R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman

Meet and Greet – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast – 9:00 a.m.
Meeting – 9:45 a.m.
Cost \$12

Contact W. Bro. Tom Young at thomas.young@shaw.ca to
reserve your seat.

Sunday, October 27, 2013

**Hamilton Masonic District's Board of Relief
Fall Divine Service**

Ryerson United Church , 842 Main St. East, Hamilton
Assembly - 7:00 p.m. Service - 7:30 p.m.
Regalia to be worn.

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

"Freemasonry, too common?"

a seminar arranged by The Craft Association of
the Hamilton Masonic Districts

7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Centre of Hamilton

**Guest speaker for the evening will be
W. Bro. Kevin J. Baglole**

Hosted by St Andrews Lodge No. 593 - All are welcome.

Saturday, November 9, 2013

London Masonic Conference
Dufferin Masonic Hall
453 Dufferin Avenue
London, Ontario

Tickets are \$25 and are available to Masons and guests. For
tickets or further information, contact
Randy Hearn

66 Stephen Moore Drive
R. R. 5, Komoka, Ontario N0L 1R0

Please make cheques payable to:
London West Masonic Event

Saturday November 23, 2013

**Fourth Annual Valley Lodge No. 100
Christmas Dinner and Dance - NEW VENUE!**

Cocktails at 7:00 p.m.,
Family-Style Dinner 8:00 p.m.

Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club
10 Woodley's Lane, Dundas, ON
Cost - \$60.00 per person.

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

Saturday, November. 23, 2013

**Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654
57th Annual Adam Zimmerman Memorial Bonspiel
- Dundas Granite Curling Club**



Entries from singles or teams are invited; please contact
Dennis Monteith at 905-383-9381 or
Ed Mallard 905-319-1343 for further details.

Around The District

Westmount Lodge Hosts an Open House



The Worshipful Master of Westmount Lodge No. 671, W. Bro. Jeff Heimpel, (seated, in a blue shirt, beside the lady in a blue shirt and wearing sunglasses) hosted an Open House for the brethren of District C and their Ladies on September 8, 2013.

Annual Masonic Corn Roast Has A Full House!



Thanks to V.W. Bro. John Lyness, you can see the whole crowd which attended the 17th Annual Masonic Corn Roast in August, in Marritt Hall at the Ancaster Fairgrounds. There were 750 or so people who consumed about 1500 ears of corn and raised approximately \$8000. All proceeds from the event were donated to St. Peter's Hospital Alzheimer's Research Programme.

Who's In Charge?

Temple Lodge No. 324

Worshipful Master

W. Bro. Glen Notman

Glen is thrice blessed with experiencing Canadian culture being born in Calgary, raised in Montreal and now residing in the Hamilton (since 1978). Married to his high school sweetheart Michelle, with two adult daughters and two grandsons, family life provides a strong foundation for Glen's happiness and success.



A career as a professional IT consultant for more than twenty years, has provided Glen with a stressful and interesting set of work challenges.

Masonry has always provided a refuge from the daily stresses of life. The ritual, the fellowship and the harmony of the lodge are touchstones which help maintain work-life balance.

Thanks to the patience and support of his wife Michelle, Glen is able to devote time and energy to his Mother Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, the Scottish Rite and Hamilton District C; serving as District Chair for Lodge Resources in 2012 and for Masonic Education this year. As Master, Glen plans to place emphasis on doing the work well, building strong relationships within the Lodge, extending the hand of friendship to all visitors and encouraging his fellow Temple members to get out to visit other lodges throughout the District.

Next month – The Electric Lodge No. 495

Please submit to editors by October 15.

Quote of the Day

“Be who you are and say what you feel,
because those who mind don't matter and
those who matter don't mind.”

– Dr. Seuss

D.D.G.M.'s October Official Visits

Wednesday October 2, 2013

Ionic Lodge No. 549

MCH

Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Tyle - 7:30 p.m.

Accompanying - Westmount Lodge No. 671

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

MCH

Dinner - TBA Tyle - 7:30 p.m.

Accompanying - Valley Lodge No. 100

Monday, October 28, 2013

Wardrobe Lodge No. 555

MCH

Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Tyle - 7:30 p.m.

Accompanying - Seymour Lodge No. 272

District C October Installations

Thursday, October 17, 2013

Dufferin Lodge No. 291

Flamborough MC

Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Tyle - 7:30 p.m



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of District C.