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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings, Brethren:

Regardless of the reasons for visiting my Doctor's office, he always makes it a practice of having his assistant take my pulse and blood pressure. I



tell him it is entirely unnecessary as I am very much alive. He grins and reminds me the purpose of such a test is not to establish the 'if' but rather the 'how'. How well am I doing? How well is my heart functioning? By developing an understanding and the implications of the

readings on the heart monitor, I am now able to make adjustments to bring things in line and improve my overall wellbeing.

A lodge in the grand scheme of things is very much like the human body. It has a pulse and is perpetually in need of care and attention. Adjustments, oftentimes subtle, are frequently needed to maintain a lodge's optimum health. A Worshipful Master is in many ways the heart of the lodge. His brethren will always return his efforts in proportion to the skill and ability to which he manages the lodge's affairs. The challenge for any Worshipful Master of course is to take the pulse of his lodge and determine the effort and focus required to sustain a perfect balance. Using the resources of our Grand Lodge and applying just the right amount of pressure and skill, is to the lodge, like taking vitamins for the heart.

Regardless of whether a lodge has a 'broken leg' or merely a 'scratch', it is encouraging to see how the Masters and Brethren of our District are pulling together and taking action to improve their lodge's health and long-term viability.

Brethren, my fraternal visits over the past several weeks have been extremely enjoyable and I would thank the brethren of Hamilton District C for their warmth and hospitality on these occasions. Finally, please remember '**Neighbour to Neighbour**', our District project and help those in need by bringing a non-perishable food item the next time you come to lodge. Please feed the neon green food hampers in your respective lodge hall.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you in my travels.

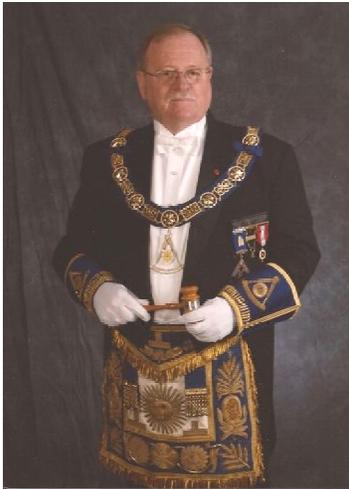
Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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

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From the Grand Master . . .



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

In his most recent Communique, the Grand Master addressed a number of topics, one of which was the appointment of a new Custodian of the Work.

“Congratulations to **M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling** on being appointed as the **Custodian of the Work**. Some may believe the Lodge of Instruction is just for “new Lodge Officers”. That is not the case. I encourage all Master Masons, including Lodge Officers, Past Masters and even Past Grand Lodge Officers to seek out and attend one of the sessions offered by the Lodge of Instruction team. If you were unable to attend one of the sessions offered by the Lodge of Instruction team, remember your District Deputy Grand Master may grant dispensation for holding a Lodge of Instruction (Section 102 Book of Constitution). The performance of our Ritual and perfecting the Mechanics of the Work makes our institution unique.”

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

From the Deputy Grand Master ...

“Brethren in the last Communique one of my comments was poorly worded and may have caused some confusion about a brother qualifying to be a eligible candidate to run for DDGM. For those brethren who are currently registered in the old course and have not completed it, they must complete all the assignments in the old course by December 31st, 2013 and have them submitted to the College, otherwise they will have to go through the system. Those brethren who have successfully completed the former DDGM course are qualified to run for DDGM or GRAND REGISTRAR at any time without any updating. Once you have earned your certificate from the College

you have it for life. I apologize for any confusion. The Grand Master has extended this date to December 31, 2013 for the benefit of those brethren who first showed early interest in this program.”

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

To read the complete Messages
from the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master,
go to the G.L. website at <http://www.grandlodge.on.ca/>
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COMMITTEE NEWSLETTERS >> DDGM Communique

Remembrance Day November 11, 2013



In Flanders Fields

By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

**Message From The President
Of The Past Masters' Association
Of The Hamilton Districts -
W. Bro. Allison Gowling**



Hello and greetings from the Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts. It is the start of a new Masonic year and the Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts has prepared a slate of speakers for our three breakfast meetings held during the year.

All of our breakfast meetings, as well as the AGM, will be held at the Scottish Rite and the cost of breakfast this year is \$12.00. Please note that the Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts, for the second year, is subsidizing the actual \$15 cost of the breakfast by 20 per cent, or \$3.00.

We have been able to line up some excellent speakers for our members and guests to enjoy:

On Saturday, October 26, 2013, we had R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufmann, the Webmaster for the new Grand Lodge website, who talked about the website and the "MyGrandLodge" section of the website;

On Saturday, November 30, 2013, we have the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, M.W. Bro. Donald G. Campbell. The Grand Master has been kind enough to continue the "Town Hall" format, and will be answering any questions our members and brethren may have. Please plan to attend and have your questions ready;

And on Saturday, February 22, 2014, we have managed to acquire as a guest speaker one of the greatest icons in Canadian hockey, and sports' history, Paul Henderson, who scored the winning goal in the 1972 "Summit Series" between Canada and the Soviet Union. Paul Henderson is also an ordained minister who will be bringing his message of the Great Architect of the Universe to us.

As well, we will be hosting the Grand Master's Reception on Friday, April 25, 2014 at the Scottish Rite, and a committee is working on the planning for this event.

In an attempt to encourage more first-time Past Masters to join our Past Masters' Association, we are offering to all first-time Past Masters a free, one-year membership in the Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts.

Any first-time, or soon to be first-time, Past Masters, who wish to avail themselves of this offer, please talk to your DDGM. I hope to greet many of you at our breakfast meetings this year.

Meet and Greet - 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST - 9:00 a.m.
Meeting begins at 9:45 a.m.

Brethren:

I'd like to direct your attention to a certain brother. His name is Jim Esson. A brother who we are honoured to have with us. He is a retired Hero. A former US Marine, he has served his country with the utmost honour, dedication and respect. After he retired as a US Marine, he became a Dental Technician from which he eventually retired, too. He became a member of Daylight Lodge in London and after moving into our area, he affiliated with Hugh Murray Lodge. This Brother and War Veteran has volunteered in our MasoniCHIP community program, showing that no matter what your age and what you have sacrificed for family and country, you are never too young or never too seasoned to make a difference.



There was lots of interest at the Ancaster Fair.

On the week-end of the Ancaster Fair we had the pleasure of this special individual to help our cause and make a difference in our community. It just goes to show that at the ripe young age of 72 our mission as masons does not end. We can make a difference at any age and inspire those of any age in our community and our wonderful fraternity. We had a successful event and with much perseverance have increased the safety of community. I encourage all brethren. To follow the lead of our Brother Jim Esson. No matter your age - young or seasoned - do what you can to help us improve the safety of children and decrease the worry of the parents of our community.

Bro. Douglas Pollard
MasoniCHIP Chairman

Around The District

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 D.D.G.M. Official Visit



The Worshipful Master of Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602, W. Bro. Edward Patterson, welcomed the District C District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Geoffrey Allan, on the occasion of his Official Visit. Also present was Hugh Murray Lodge's own recently-appointed Grand Piper, V. W. Bro. John Terence, who assisted in the ceremonies.

Happy Birthday, Bro. Bill Lewis!



Photo by Bro. John Raso

After the D.D.G.M.'s Official Visit, brethren of Hugh Murray Lodge and their visitors gathered downtown to relax after the meeting and to honour the 80th birthday of Bro. Bill Lewis, a William Mercer Wilson Medal recipient.

Around The District

Westmount Lodge No. 671



V.W. Bro. Dave Midgley was presented with his Grand Steward's Regalia. He is shown with R.W. Bro. Geoffrey Allan, D.D.G.M. of Hamilton Masonic District C, the Candidate of the evening and Westmount Lodge No. 671 W. M., W. Bro. Jeff Heimple and his Officers.

Corinthian Lodge No. 513 Brethren Celebrate Their Centennial in Grand Style



The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, joined Grand Lodge and Corinthian Lodge Officers, at Corinthian Lodge (1913 - 2013) Centennial Celebrations on October 24, 2013.

Around The District

Ionic Lodge No. 549 D.D.G.M. Official Visit



Our new D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan, made first Official Visit to Ionic Lodge in early October. Joining him on this occasion (on his left) were our new Grand Steward, V.W. Bro. Dave Midgley, our new Grand Piper, V.W. Bro. John Terence, and R.W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson, our I.P.D.D.G.M. Also in the front row are V. W. Bro. Bill Brimer, who stood in as the candidate, and R.W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero.

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

Tuesday November 12, 2013

Temple Lodge No. 324

M. C. H.

Accompanying Lodge - Corinthian No. 513

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

Wednesday November 20, 2013

The Electric Lodge No. 495

D.D.G.M.'s Mother Lodge

Accompanying Lodge - Buchanan No. 550

M.C.H.

Dinner 6:00 p.m. - Lodge 7:00 p.m.

District C November Installations

Tuesday November 26, 2013

Westmount Lodge No. 671

Hillcrest Temple

Dinner 6:00 p.m. - Lodge 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 28, 2013

Corinthian Lodge No. 513

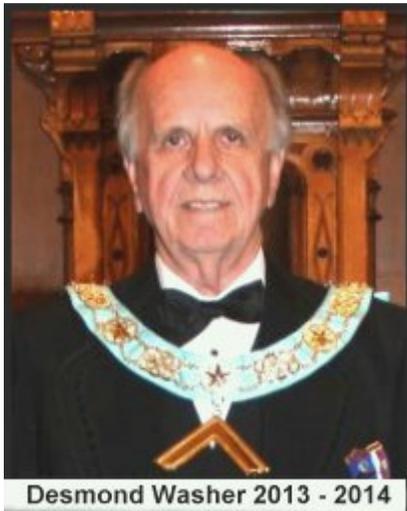
M.C.H.

Dinner 6:00 p.m. - Lodge 7:30 p.m.

Who's In Charge Here?

The Electric Lodge No. 495

**Worshipful Master
W. Bro. Desmond Washer**



Very Worshipful Brother Desmond Washer was born in Derby, England, whose claims to fame are the Rolls Royce and Royal Crown Derby China. Desmond served throughout the Sixties for twelve years in Her Majesty's Royal Air Force in the Middle and Far East. He was Initiated into Freemasonry in Singapore July 1966, in Sir Stamford Raffles Lodge No. 7444, under the English Constitution.

He immigrated to Canada in the October of 1968 and affiliated with The Electric Lodge No. 495 in the March of 1969. He was first placed in the Chair of King Solomon in January of 1975. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge rank of Past Assistant Grand Secretary in 1992. He served as the Secretary for the Electric Lodge for 20 years from 1989 to 2009, the year of the 100th celebration. He is currently serving as the Hamilton District C Historian.

His philosophy on Freemasonry is fairly simple. Be as good as you can be to your fellow human beings. Walk a steady path through life; doing the right thing, with no harm to others. Serve rather than be served and, always try to see the big picture rather than the minutiae of life.

Next month - Dufferin Lodge No. 291

In Memoriam

Bro. John Gordon Campbell
Initiated into Composite Lodge No. 667
Affiliated with Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602
Long-time member of Argyll and
Sutherland Highlanders Pipes and Drums

Upcoming Events

May they be Remembered

Hamilton Masonic Districts A, B, and C
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday November 19th, 2013

at the

SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

*Open to all Bretheren in all three
districts and any-visiting Masons*

*Reception,, sandwiches,
coffee, tea and sweets
to follow.*

*To Honour All Masons who served
our Community & Cause of Man.
To Pay Respects to those Masons
gone before us & to Honour
Members of our Police, Fire,
Ambulatory and Armed Services*

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Tuesday, November 19, 2013

**Hamilton Masonic Districts A, B and C
Remembrance Service**

M.C.H.

8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

Saturday, November 23, 2013

C.M.T. Annual General meeting

10:00 a.m.
M. C. H.

Presentation of reports, election of board of directors, review of investments and other business brought forward. All representatives are requested to attend along with other interested brethren.

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**

Saturday, November 30, 2013

**The Past Masters' Association
of the Hamilton Masonic Districts**

**Town Hall Meeting with
M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell,
Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Canada
in the Province of Ontario**

Masonic Centre of Hamilton
4 Queen Street South, Hamilton, ON

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

Please contact W. Bro. Tom Young at
thomas.young@shaw.ca
if you are planning to join us for breakfast.

Saturday, December 7, 2013

Breakfast at the Rite with Santa and Mrs. Claus

8:30 a.m.
Masonic Centre of Hamilton

Did you know that you can visit the District website <http://www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org> to obtain back issues of the newsletter, calendar of events and other items of District interest.

Did you know that you can

Upgrade Your GPS Today

Hamilton Masonic District C has been hard at work compiling a list of lodge building details throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

By following the instructions below you can upgrade your current GPS device free of charge in order for it to direct you to any lodge in Ontario with features such as search, and proximity calculations where ever you are in the province.



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the brethren of District C.