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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren:

It has been quite some time since I traded my high-school cleats for the remote control, but I must admit my sport of choice is football. I suppose it was an unusual sport for a 170-pound matchstick of a wide receiver who was continuously milled into kindling by gargantuan defensive players. I never had any illusions about joining a professional league, but I do certainly appreciate those who have risen to the top of their game.



R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan

The huddle for me was the part of the game that was the most memorable. It was a group of players strategizing with one common goal. It was to

overcome obstacles and place the football across the goal line. More importantly, it symbolized willpower and a determination to facilitate teamwork at its finest.

The outcome of every play was dependent upon the efforts of each individual player. The end result was nothing short of a finely tuned collaboration. The teamwork had an intrinsic benefit of uniting one to each other and showing what is possible when you put your heads together to overcome common obstacles.

Although these fond memories are recollections of events nearly 40 years ago, they reminded me of the recent Ultimate Food Drive held on May 3rd at the Scottish Rite. Two yardsticks measure the success of this event. First, the depth of participation and effort by the volunteers and sponsors and second, the financial contributions and food donated to the Neighbour to Neighbour Centre.

Similar to the football analogy, many dedicated brethren came together with one common goal, to create an outcome that would benefit our district charity and unite our brethren in a unique and wonderful way. I believe we accomplished both. It was amazing to see how the teamwork of so many dedicated Masons could accomplish so much. There were obstacles to overcome, least of which was the weather and we tackled each and every one with patience, ingenuity, and persistence and scored a touchdown of which we can all be proud.

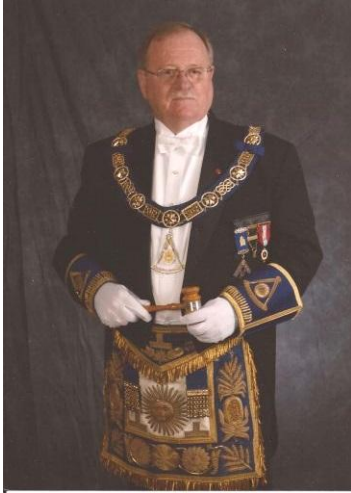
My sincere thanks to so many fine individuals who showed us what is possible.

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

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From the Grand Master



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

The following paragraphs, which may be of particular interest to the Brethren, are extracted from the most recent edition of **The Communique**.

“W. Bro. Nick Andras: One member is trying to make a difference to make his Masonic Home a better and safer place to meet. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Adoniram Lodge No. 573, Niagara B District and W. Bro. Nick Andras who has written and published a hard-covered book containing Masonic Poetry, titled: “Through the Eyes of a Brother”. Being a proud Freemason, his passion for the Craft has been expressed in this collection of poems. Each poem was written throughout his Masonic journey and is an honest glimpse of how Masonry has touched his life. His works have also been featured on many websites and his poem entitled “Being a Mason” was printed in the fall 2009 issue of the Ontario Masonic Magazine. W. Bro. Nick Andras has dedicated this book of Masonic Poetry to the restoration and repair of Van Alstyne Place, Niagara Falls, a building in which his lodge meets in addition to two other Masonic Lodges, a Scottish Rite and a Cryptic Rite. He is donating 100% of the proceeds of all book sales to this cause. If one member can make a difference, just think what we can do, collectively. President Abraham Lincoln once said: “I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him!”

Civility: A 2013 nationwide survey found that Americans encounter various acts of incivility an average of 17 times during the course of a week. Half of it in their real life interactions, the other half in online encounters. I don’t think this is solely an American phenomenon.

We tolerate being talked at instead of talking with each other. Listening has become an endangered skill. We have allowed divisions to grow into an abyss so deep that simply getting people into the same room to talk has become difficult, and at times impossible. We have allowed intolerance to evolve into self-righteousness, condemnation and, ultimately, persecution — and we all know that’s wrong.

My brethren, civil dialogue is the cornerstone that allows us to see things from a more enlightened perspective. This is not about avoiding difficult and complex topics. It is not about just “being nice” and keeping the dialogue on a superficial level. It does not silence those who wish to be heard. Instead, civil dialogue allows all voices to be valued, including those that may be of a perceived minority view.”

Donald A. Campbell
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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A Bit of Masonic Trivia.....

John Aasen – A giant 8' 6" tall who, when raised in Highland Park Lodge No. 382, Los Angeles on July 14, 1924, weighed 536 lbs. The raising was done by Arthur S. Crites, G.M. and all ritualistic ceremonies were observed except that 12 craftsmen were required. Fifteen hundred witnessed the ceremony. Aasen appeared in a number of motion pictures including The Circus. – First entry in **10,000 Freemasons** by William R. Denslow Volume 1 - A - D.

***“We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is not an act,
but a habit.”- Aristotle***

From the Deputy Grand Master

“I would like to address Masonic Education as the lodge program of the month. Brethren there are several aspects of education in our fraternity.

1. We all wish to take pride in performing our ritual to the best of our ability. The indication that an individual has shown their best effort exemplifies the genuine interest in Freemasonry. It is important to understand the work you are presenting not just recite it without meaning. The valuable part of our ritual is not only knowing the work but understanding the meaning of the presentation. This requires considerable education from the senior members of each lodge to explain their interpretation that has been passed down from generations.

2. We also have a variety of programs such as the College of Freemasonry that offers studies to improve your knowledge through the courses available. The FCF course includes a wide number of issues to better inform the member on a more in depth study of our fraternity which you can share with other members and thus make Masonry stronger and more knowledgeable in general. The Past Masters Course entitles you to be eligible to be nominated for District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar.

I am aware that there has been controversy over this program in last number of years but I like to inform you that while meeting with a number of current DDGMs recently, they related to me, looking back, that they were glad they took the course whether or not they had become DDGM, because they were now better informed masons. So brethren, whether you plan to attain a Grand Lodge Office, or just become a more informed brother, you will find the Past Master’s course valuable to your Masonic interests.

3. Brethren the other aspect of education is our historic information that is made available in a number of venues. Our Masonic Library at Grand Lodge in Hamilton has endless varieties of books available to any Mason. We are also hoping to introduce a new manner to access their information with a new electronic capability that would be a possible link to the website for your convenience.

The Sankey Lectures are now an annual event that takes place at Brock University each spring and is open to Masons and students. There have been a variety of speakers who have shared their Masonic knowledge and that will continue in future years. This fall Grand Lodge will be embarking on the third annual Masonic conference in the Toronto area after successful events in Ottawa and London. This is a full Saturday that offers different presentations of Masonic subjects of general interest. If you are interested in increasing your knowledge of the craft, I believe you would enjoy attending such an event.”

John C. Green
Deputy Grand Master

The Working Tools of an E-Mason

Dear E-Brethren:

I now present to you the working tools of an E-Mason. They are the mouse...the keyboard...and the modem...

The mouse is an instrument used by operative E-Masons to move within the desktop, the keyboard to input the data, and the modem to publish the data to cyberspace.

But as we are not, however, here assembled as Computer Nerds, but rather as Speculative E-Masons, and to us these tools are downloaded as vehicles of moral significance and to show us the meaning of E-Masons.

The mouse teaches us to keep within the bounds of the screen - a square wherein which we must all meet.

The Keyboard to show us that communication will lead us to a better understanding of each other, and the rest of mankind.

And the Modem to teach us that even when we are alone on the most remote part of the globe, we may meet and gain moral sustenance from each other, and thus learn more of the wonderful works of the GAOTU.

Author Unknown.

Hamilton Masonic District C
Blood Donors Committee
2013 - 2014
Final Report



The Committee is pleased to report that our partnership with Canadian Blood Services continues to strengthen, not only by the financial contributions made by all the Lodges, but also by the number of volunteers from the District, working at hospitality stations of several clinic sites in our communities. Also, this year, through the leadership of W. Bro. David Macdonald, co-chair of the Blood Donors Committee, the District was successfully involved in the negotiations to reopen the Hamilton Convection Centre Clinic. The Canadian Blood Services have learned to depend on our support and know they can count on us when it comes to saving lives.

For the first time in the history of this committee, all thirteen Lodges in the District assisted the C.B.S. financially to a total of \$1800.00. Although the C.B.S. is partially financed by the government, monetary donations are always greatly appreciated.

This year C.B.S. needed to close the newly open clinic at the U.S. Steel site on Wilcox Street, which was being manned by Hugh Murray Lodge No 602. At the same time, C.B.S. assigned the hospitality station at the Redeemer University clinic to our District. This clinic now operates two days in a row every other month and is being temporarily manned by the Brethren from Meridian Lodge No. 687.

The District is happy to report that 2000 units of blood were collected during the 2013-2014 at clinics which were sponsored and/or manned by Hamilton Masonic District C. The committee would like to give many thanks to all the Lodges which this year made it possible for the District to strongly assist the CBS. Special thanks also go to those Lodges who not only generously supported the programme financially, but also provided volunteers to man the hospitality stations at six different sites throughout the year.

These Lodge are: Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 for the U.S. Steel clinic (29 units), and the 35 Stone Church Road clinic (170 units), Temple Lodge No.

324 for the 35 Stone Church Rd. clinic (170 units), Buchanan Lodge No. 550 for the Hamilton Convention Centre clinic (592 units), Meridian Lodge No. 687 for the Paramount clinic (382 units), Redeemer University clinic (259 units) and the McMaster University Medical Centre clinic (568 units) and finally, the District's Blood Donors Committee wants to thank W. Bro. Robert Todd who has always been willing to help at a very short notice when others were not available.

This committee will attempt, for the future term, to encourage other Lodges in the district to permanently man the hospitality stations at the Redeemer University. McMaster University Medical Centre (MUMC) and at the C.B.S. Head Office in the Meadowlands, Ancaster, 35 Stone Church Road.

Finally we regretfully are aware that R.W. Bro. Eduardo J. Cordero will be retiring this year from his post as co-chair of the Blood Donors Committee. The Committee will be left in the very capable hands of W. Bro. David Macdonald who will assume the leadership.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Cordero/David Macdonald
Hamilton Masonic District C
Blood Donors Committee

Upcoming District Blood Donor Clinics
35 Stone Church Road



8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Hosted by Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602
and
Temple Lodge No. 324.**

June 07, 21 2014
August 02, 16 2014

**Still available for District C Lodges to volunteer at
35 Stone Church Rd. from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

June 14, 28 2014
August 09, 23, 30 2014

Reception and Dinner in Honour of the Grand Master on April 25 Well Attended by District A, B and C Brethren



**Most Worshipful Brother
Donald A. Campbell**
enjoyed the evening along with the D.D.G.M.s of

Hamilton District A



**R.W. Bro. Jeffrey Baker
and Lady Glenys Baker**

Hamilton District B



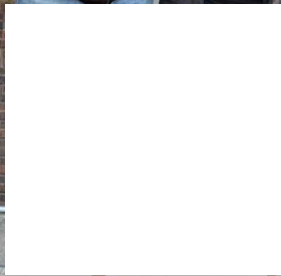
**R.W. Bro. D. Kenneth Laliberte
and Lady Sharon Laliberte**

Hamilton District C



**R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan
and Lady Christine Ferreira**

Ultimate Exotics Food Drive Raises \$6,960.00 for N2N!



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June Institutions

Monday, June 9, 2014
Valley Lodge No. 100 - Dundas
Lodge tyled at 7:30 p.m. / Dinner after meeting

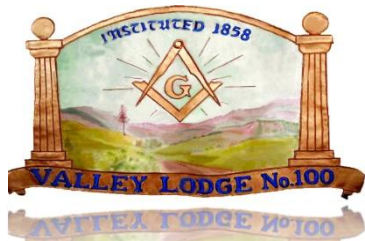
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
Temple Lodge No. 324 - M. C. Hamilton
Lodge tyled at 7:00 p.m. / Dinner after Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2014
Meridian Lodge No. 687 - Ancaster
Lodge tyled at 7:00 p.m. / Dinner after Meeting

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 14, 2014

9th ANNUAL VALLEY LODGE GOLF TOURNAMENT & CHARITY EVENT



Copetown Woods Golf Club
Registration Begins – 10:00 a.m.
First Tee – 10:30 a.m.
Cocktails – 4:00 p.m.
Dinner & Event – 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Contact Bill Paul at bill_paul@dart.biz
or 905-719-6464.

Monday July 14, 2014



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS FOR THE CAUSE OF GOOD THE MASONIC FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

invites you and your lady to
join them at their 50th anniversary dinner.

6:30 p.m. at the IMPERIAL ROOM
Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto
Dress: Business Suit

Cost: \$60 per person
RSVP by June 15, 2014 to The Masonic Foundation
Office (905) 527-9195 or masonic@bellnet.ca

Tuesday, July 15 - Thursday, July 17, 2014

Annual Communication of Grand Lodge
Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto
District C Meeting - Wednesday, July 16
4:00 p.m. in the Saskatchewan Room

Grand Master's Banquet
Wednesday, July 16 - 6:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker M.W. Bro. Robert Conley
P.G.M., G.L. of Michigan
Tickets available from our DDGM at 905-339-7724.

Wednesday, August 27, 2014



**Annual Masonic Beef and
Corn Roast**
Ancaster Agricultural Fairgrounds
630 Trinity Road
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.
Corn at 4:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Friends and Family Welcome
Tickets - \$20.00 - available from Lodge Secretaries

Interesting Websites

<http://www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org/gallery.php>
'Click' on the GO button directly to the right of R.W. Bro.
Geoffrey S. Allan's name and then 'click' on the
Miscellaneous picture for a full view of more than a dozen
N2N pictures, as well as other District events.



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