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From our District Deputy Grand Master

My Brethren:

Last month I said that I felt the year was winding down. Since I wrote those words, it has been a little of a whirlwind with so much happening at the District and Lodge level. In May and June, we had 7 lodges install new Masters and Officers.

Watching each of them step up while their brethren looked on with pride and anticipation is truly one of the great rewards of my position. The District picnic, was well attended with attendees from 8 of the District lodges and over 100 people sharing in addition to food, fun and fellowship. The NYC Treasures Tour, (won by Bro. Jason Drosky) was an extended weekend of on the go fun and exploration. There can be no greater testament to Masonry than meeting 2 people as strangers, and forming an instant and deep friendship through the bond we share.



Complete the schedule with 2 golf tournaments, numerous lodge BBQ's, picnics, a garage sale and a pig roast. Sorry I could not attend them all, but I know everyone who did show up had a great time.

Now July is here and it is time to say goodbye. I believe that one of the greatest achievements of democracy is the peaceful

transition of power from one leader to the next. At Grand Lodge this July, we will have elections to turn over our leadership to men who can be trusted to lead us with integrity and honour. Personally, I look forward to handing over the reins and taking my place as a past DDGM, ready to support and assist the lodges in our District as needed.

In my first message to the Chronicle, I said that we are all in this together and the rewards returned are more than proportionate to the effort exerted. Over the course of the year, as I travelled across the District, I kept remarking on the quality of men that make up our fraternity. Brethren, we grew and strengthened the District this year, emphasis on the Work, the Protocols and the health of our fraternity is evident in each lodge. It has been my pleasure to serve. The support, friendship and openness I have received this year has been extraordinary. So many special moments, events, and expressions of brotherly love. I thank every member of Hamilton District 'C' for the wonderful experience and wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Last July, one of my mentors casually mentioned that as a District Deputy I no longer belonged to Temple Lodge, but was now part of all 13 Lodges in the District. I did not believe him at first, but he was right. I have made so many meaningful connections and new friendships this year. We are lucky to have a diverse group of lodges in our District. Each one has such character and is so different in how we come together, and yet, we are united by the Work, the Craft, Our Genuine Tenets and Principals and our Fellowship. I have been greeted supported and welcomed by each of you and all I can do is say Thank you. I hope that through my actions and leadership that your trust was not misplaced.

I must close with a special recognition to my wife Michelle. I cannot image doing anything of importance without your support and approval. Thank you for being my partner on this journey, a sounding board, friend and patient partner. I could not have accomplished this without your support and love. My life is so rewarding because of the interesting and committed people in it. Thank you to everyone and may the blessings of the G.A.O.T.U. be with us always.

R.W. Bro. Glen J. Notman

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From the Grand Master

I have been asked what I have learned being the Grand Master over the past 2 years. Here are some of my thoughts, not only what I have learned, with some recommendations.

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Lesson No. 1 – Membership: Firstly, the quality of our membership must always remain foremost, in our hearts and minds.

We must not lose the true perspective of the function of a Masonic Lodge. Its function primarily, is not to initiate candidates or merely to enlarge its membership. Its chief concern is - or should be – education, learning, being happy within ourselves and more importantly, communicating that happiness to others. And that is what Masons do. We don't need to develop our members to be benevolent men, or to cultivate their social and moral virtues! Because we had those values before we became a Mason. Men should not be allowed to cross the west gate until you are certain he possess those values. In other words, know the candidate as a 'friend' before he becomes a mason. Freemasonry success is measured by the quality of its membership and by the contribution we make to civilization and society.



Lesson No. 2 – Technology: I believe we have no choice but to become a Digital Grand Lodge or we will be left behind. The world is digital, so we must become a Digital Mason. Like it or not, technology is here and it is continuing to play a bigger part in our lives. You can't ignore it. You must embrace it, especially if it enhances the customer satisfaction experience. If we don't, this generation will not be part of Freemasonry. Remember this generation has a skill sets far beyond imagination. We need to ensure we utilize their skills, give them the opportunity to lead and to help develop them into our future leaders.

Lesson No. 3 – Emails: The main lesson that one should learn from this, every time you send an email you are putting your personal reputation into play and the repetition of all Masons. Forwarding an inappropriate message is just as concerning as the original author who sent it and those involved should rethink themselves or just leave Masonry, because in my eyes, you are not a good person and therefore not a good Mason. Simply put, Masonry it is not for you and do us all a favour and take your demit! You are not welcome! We belong to a "Gentlemen's" Fraternal Organization known as Freemasonry.

Lesson No. 4 - Leadership: We all have been fortunate, to work with some of the greatest and proven leaders in our organizations. They have been a source of inspiration. They were self-confident with the ability to identify sound ideas. Their loyalty has inspired others and instilled enthusiasm. Grand Masters value trust. As a Grand Master you must be passionate about excelling this organization forward and be

dedicated through continual learning. The real foundation for leadership development is found in the daily activities of management. These activities consist of assessing what our members need in order to develop. Give them the opportunity to lead while at the same time getting the work done. Provide positive feedback that will give them the value of your input while also showing them you appreciate their best efforts.

Lesson No. 5: Succession Planning: The election of the DDGM has always been a topic in Districts and Lodges. Throughout our jurisdiction, it is almost even as to the number of districts that hold an election for their DDGM, and which district has a yearly rotation system in place. Both systems work well and normally address the needs in that District. I would suggest, especially those who are on a rotation system, one would think, and expect, that the District has a long term plan in place and they know who will be the next "qualified" candidate for the office of DDGM over the next 4 to 6 years. Some Districts on a rotation system select their DDGM for three years, and on the fourth year, hold an election, then returning to the normal rotation system for the next three years. Something to consider and I support (3:1 ratio).

Lesson No. 6 - Let's Set the Example by Not Being the Example: 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. We are taught to be good citizens and to welcome the opinions of others. We have learned how to be civil and respectful. So if society hungers for a return to civility, and if we have the common language, tools, values and desire to create a better world, isn't it **our duty** to do all that we can to breed civility back into society?

M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell



M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell congratulates V.W. Bro. David Midgley on becoming a new Shriner in Belleville Ontario, June 2015.

From the Deputy Grand Master

Well Brethren, although Spring is now upon us and we are enjoying some seasonable weather, it was a long time arriving. We are into June and many will be busy attending Installations; planning their summer vacations and getting activities organized for the children's time at home. We are always pleased to have the family but we also realize that occupying their time is often a challenge especially as the time lingers on.

At Grand Lodge we are busy in the preparation of our Annual Communication in Toronto on July 14, 15 and 16. Grand Lodge is a great time to make new Masonic friends and renew old acquaintances. There are lots of activities included during those days - viewing various displays; attending Grand Lodge sessions, workshops and, of course, the respective district meetings. It is also time for you to have the opportunity to cast your vote on constitutional proposals and for your candidates of choice for respective Grand Lodge offices. We are blessed with much interest in holding a Grand Lodge office as indicated by the number candidates letting their name stand for election. I must also remind you that when you vote at Grand Lodge there is always a possibility of a second ballot for the position of DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Therefore it is very important that you retain the remaining portion of your ballot until you attend your respective District meeting where a possible second vote will be taken if necessary. I look forward to see many of you at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel for this very important gathering of Brethren from all over this great province of Ontario.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who have served us as District Deputy Grand Masters and as District Secretaries during this past term. These Masons have taken a year of their life and dedicated their activities to Freemasonry to the benefit of all of us. We should pay tribute to the generosity of time and effort they have afforded the Craft.

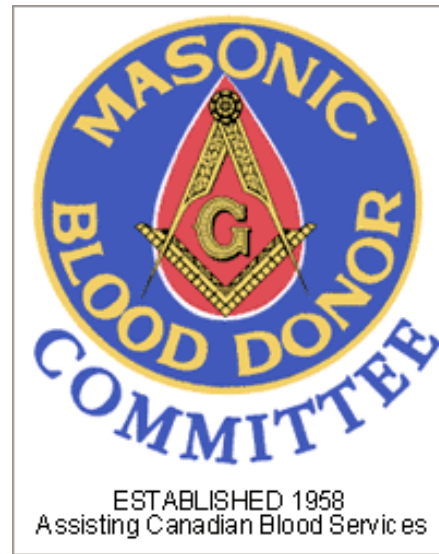
Brethren, I also salute everyone in our Grand Jurisdiction for moving Freemasonry to another level of kindness, understanding and generosity during the past twelve months. Although you may not realize it but your membership is a vital part of progress whether being active in the promotion of various programs or being a Lodge Officer or being an advisor and confidant to all involved. We must also remind ourselves that there are a number of Brethren who for one reason or another who cannot participate as much as some. We should be particularly attentive to those who, because of age and/or illness, are unable to be as active as they wish but we must faithful to these brethren to support their needs and respect their challenges. Brethren, this is last Communique I will be providing you as the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. It has been a wonderful experience and opportunity for me to communicate with my Brethren throughout Ontario. During my travels, it was very nice to hear Brethren tell me that the communique had been read with interest and the contents were enjoyed. I know the Grand Master and I both appreciate your interest and commitment to our GRAND LODGE. Brethren, Freemasonry is a great and enjoyable institution that teaches us a path in life to be generous, loving and respectful

of others. As we progress together in this kind and gentle craft always remember:

*BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE.
BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU DO.
BE PROUD TO BE A MASON!*

R.W. Bro. John C. Green

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GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Canadian Room at the *Fairmount Royal York*

Guest Speaker:
Chief William Blair, C.O.M. (Retired)
Toronto Police service.

Doors open 6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$65.00 and available from D.D.G.M.s
Cash sales only by July 10th deadline.

Dates to Remember

Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Meeting

July 15, 2015
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Toronto, Ontario

5:00 pm Saskatchewan Room M.M.



Grand Lodge Seminars Tuesday July 14th 2015.

No registration necessary.

Discussion and participation encouraged.

Time	BC Room	Quebec Room	Alberta Room
1:30-2:25	The Masonic Chip Foundation Rob Fleming	The Cornerstone Project Jamie Ireland	Finance Advisory <i>It's your Money, topics include: your legal responsibility to Revenue Canada. (2 hours)</i> Dave Armstrong
2:30-3:25	Leadership Development Bill Bowick	Condition of Masonry- <i>How do we Measure up</i> Richard Kaufman	
3:30-4:25	Preparing to be a District Secretary Tom Siemiernik	Condition of Masonry- <i>How do we Measure up</i> Richard Kaufman	College of Freemasonry- <i>Training Tomorrow's Leaders.</i> Richard Cadotte

MASONIC BEEF & CORN ROAST WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26th 2015 ANCASTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MERRITT HALL



630 TRINITY ROAD (Corner of No.2 Hwy and Trinity Rd.)

OPEN: 4:30 P.M.
CORN: 4:30 P.M.
DINNER: 6:00 P.M.

ADULT TICKET is \$20.00 (13 and over)
CHILD TICKET IS \$10.00 (12 and under)
FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ALL WELCOME
masonicbeef.corn@gmail.com

GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION 2015 July 13 to 16, 2015 NOMINATIONS

Board of General purposes

William David Armstrong	Norval Frederick Bryant
David James Cameron	John Anthony Deak
Arthur Michael Di Cecco	Neil Allan Dolson
Ronald Leroy Mitchell Findlater	John Matthew Forester
Keith Jones	Dario Natale Mancuso
Perry Milton John McConnell	James David Alan Morris
Walter James Henry Rawlins	Charles Henry Reid
Gangadeen Charles Singh	James Barrie Smith
Douglas Stewart	Garth Rhys Taylor
Steven Earl Warren	Iain Donavon Wates
Charles Alexander Woods	

Grand Senior Warden by acclamation

Robert John Ledingham

Grand Junior Warden

Theophilus Hall	Elito Lim
Nicholaus Pawluch	Sikko Wiersma

Grand Registrar

Edward Thomas Evans	Keith Walker Stiles
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Deputy Grand Master

William Arthur Atkinson	Gordon Collings Crutcher
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Paul Todd

Grand Master

R.W. Bro. John C. Green

Voting at the *Fairmount Royal York*

Tuesday July 14, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday July 15, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Westmount Lodge No. 671
and
Mermaid Luxury (Hamilton)**

Proudly present and invite you to take part in our annual bus trip to Grand Lodge on July 14, 2015. Tickets are \$25.00 for the ride only. Buses will be leaving the Mermaid Luxury (Hamilton) Lot at 3:00 PM Sharp and Leaving Grand Lodge at 11:00 PM Sharp. Address is 202 Upper Mt Albion Rd, Hamilton Ontario. Seating is limited and tickets will be sold prior to the event from the following brethren.

Bro. Karlous Ravo
Mermaid Luxury (Hamilton)
202 Upper Mt Albion, Hamilton, Ontario
1-289-682-7982

R.W. Bro. John MacPherson 289-933-4883
R.W. Bro. Wayne Robinson 289-442-2272
W. Bro. Jeff Heimpel 289-260-9467

Tailgate BBQ begins at 1:00 PM; Refreshments and Food available at the Mermaid Luxury (Hamilton) lot. If there is enough

Ionic Lodge No. 549



On June 3rd 2015; members of Ionic Lodge with members of District C welcomed visitors from Cherryville Lodge 695 – Grand Lodge of Ireland. Standing behind V.W. Bro. Bill Stanfield in the front row are W. Bro Trevor Lyttle and W. Bro Colin Rogers

MASONIC EDUCATION NEWSLETTER
Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario
Committee on Masonic Education **May 2015**

Closer Than You Might Think
The Electric Lodge No. 495
R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan
I.P. D.D.G.M. Hamilton District C

<http://www.grandlodge.on.ca/>
Log in Membership >Masonic Education>Education monthly> **Newsletter - 2015-05 (May)**

CALL FOR ARTICLES – Chronicle

We enjoy articles submitted by a wide range of members. This is very much appreciated and ensures that we continue to have an interesting newsletter.

The Editors will continue to find space in the upcoming issues, so once again we are asking you, our members, to seriously consider submitting your stories for publication in the Chronicle. It is preferable to have some photos for each article, hopefully in electronic format. If you don't have digital photos files to send and only have photographs, we can scan them for you and place them in the article.

The bottom line is that it is easy to get an article in the Chronicle and the more from our members the better. For those who have already submitted articles - thank you!

Chronicle Team

WE REMEMBER

W. Bro. Russell S. Anger
The Electric Lodge No. 495
Passed to the Grand Lodge Above; May 17th 2015

We will remember their families in Prayer



Editorial Team

Editor: W. Bro. David J. Jack
Associate Editor: R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson
Webmaster: W. Bro. Bill Paul

I would like to thank R.W. Bro. Glen James Notman and District C for the opportunity to serve as Chronicle Editor this past year.

With regret, and because I find my growing family obligations need to take precedence to my Masonic schedule, I shall leave the Chronicle Team following this issue.

I wish the new Chronicle Team all the success afforded them.

W. Bro. David J. Jack

IT WAS A GREAT 2014-15 YEAR



***Hamilton District C
BBQ Picnic 2015***

This day was well attended and we thank everyone for your participation.

We also thank those sending regrets and participating in a Prostate Cancer Fundraiser in Oakland Ontario. Our Grand Masters Project.

**New York City Treasure Tour in Support of N-2-N project
District C leaders and Winners**



DDGM Glen Notman and Lady Michelle
Bro. Jason Drosky and his Lady Crystal
District Secretary Mike Samolia and his Lady Svetlana



Hamilton District C Project Poster Couple
Bro. Jason Drosky and Lady Crystal