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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, as summer draws to a close, and fall comes into full colour in the days to come, September has proven to be a busy month on many fronts. I've now had the opportunity to visit a few lodges on fraternal visits, as well as a few social events. On the evening of September 22, I was particularly moved by the turnout and atmosphere in the room at Westmount Lodge as Bro. James Maxwell was honoured with the William Mercer Wilson Medal by the Grand Master. Bro. Maxwell had roughly 10 family and friends present as well as a full lodge room. This event was a true highlight of the year.



September also brought with it the Grand Lodge of Instruction, as well as the Deacons Floor Work presentation by the Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts. Both of these were excellent events for the line officers, PMs and newer MMs within our Lodges. I also recently experienced an excellent presentation from Allan Dvorak, the current president of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, on our District Charity: Prostate Hope. Allan was kind enough to provide me with a copy of the presentation, which we read out at our fall district meeting. Brethren, I am proud of the fact that we have decided to support the Grand Master in this important project this year. Prostate Hope is a fund setup to support three research projects

which have been carefully selected for their potential impact on prostate cancer research. Our chairman for the district charity Jeff Heimpel, and I, will be communicating our fundraising efforts towards this worthy cause in the near future.

At our recent District Meeting, I spoke about my three primary areas of focus for this year, which consist of sustainability and continuity of our efforts, communication, and retention/engagement. As Masons, we work hard in our respective Lodges, though as men and humans, we naturally lose focus over time of the larger picture as we focus on our daily activities. After our District Meeting, the District Secretary and I met with the WMs and prospective incoming WMs at a nearby restaurant. The purpose of this event was to begin to increase communication between lodges and ultimately to cultivate discussion among our current WMs in the District. Additionally, contact details of those brethren were circulated to those in attendance for times when they may need to fill a part, share in information, or to travel together. Around that table much of the discussion surrounded retention and engagement of Lodge membership as well as the wealth of Grand Lodge programs and information that is available. Ongoing engagement is always a challenge, though when we improve the content and programs of the individual Lodge nights, the members don't need to commit to additional time away from their other responsibilities in life in order to participate. The discussion proved a great success from my perspective and it is my hope that this event will become an annual tradition in years to come.

I would like to bring to the attention of the membership a number of events coming up in October. I look forward to travelling for my Official Visit to Ionic Lodge, Hugh Murray Lodge, and Wardrope Lodge this month as well as attending Dufferin Lodge for their Installation. The Hamilton Masonic Districts' Fall Divine Service is planned for October 25, 7:00pm, at Laidlaw United Church, Hamilton. The Craft Association has a Masonic Gravesite presentation planned for October 13 at the Hamilton Shrine Club, and the month will wrap up with the Past Masters Breakfast on October 31st with Glenn Gibson, the Vice-Chairman of the Hamilton Tiger Cats as the speaker. October will prove to be an excellent month full of Masonic activity and fellowship.

Fraternally,
R. W. Bro. Devin L. Tuinstra

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From the Grand Master M.W. Bro. John C. Green

The 80th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. in Canada in the Province of Ontario.



Brethren,

As we embark upon a new Masonic year I would like to express how happy and proud I am to be Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. I look forward with a positive and optimistic attitude and recognize how fortunate we are to be members of the greatest Fraternity in the world. I would ask that each of us as Masons, remind ourselves daily, that by following our Masonic teachings we will live in harmony with all society, be kind to everyone, especially those less fortunate than ourselves and be respectful of those of every nationality through-out the world. The practice of these three virtues makes our world a better place to live and as Masons we will be satisfied with our place in life. We can be proud of our personal contribution to our families, our workplace, the communities in which we live and to those who we reach each day with regularity, consistency and honesty.

As we begin another Masonic year I would ask that Lodges and their memberships consider using the Grand Lodge Programs that have been developed, for what we believe is, the betterment of Freemasonry. The Lodge Resources Committee has worked diligently to present the various programs, all of which we believe will assist Masonry now and in the future.

We recognize that these programs are not mandatory, but I can confidently say that Lodges using many of our programs or local initiatives similar to those of Grand Lodge, are prospering. We do not dictate, but suggest consideration of these programs.

I also want to remind you that Freemasonry has a valuable and important impact on our communities that is quite often overlooked, not so much by those around us, but by ourselves. As we quietly and humbly make many contributions that influence the betterment of society and the community, we can be proud of the fact that we portray ourselves to be honourable and caring citizens. As you have heard me say many times before;

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

I close by saying thank you to our Immediate Past Grand Master and my friend M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell for his dedication and leadership over many long years of service to our gentle Craft, but more particularly the last two years as Grand Master. His efforts and contributions will long be remembered by all of us who have benefited from his Leadership. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

M.W. Bro. John C. Green

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M.W. Bro. John C. Green at Westmount Lodge No. 671



**Bro. James Maxwell
William Mercer Wilson Medal Recipient
with Grand Lodge Officers**

R.W. Bro. John MacPherson, V.W. Bro. Mike Samoila, R.W. Bro. Graham Tait,, M.W. Bro John C. Green, Bro James Maxwell, R,W, Bro, Devin Tuinstra, R.W. Bro. Dave Midgely, R.W. Bro. Charles A. Woods

From the Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd

This year, the one hundred and sixtieth Annual Communication of your Grand Lodge celebrated not only the Installation of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the several Districts, but also the Installation of a new Grand Master M.W. Bro. John C. Green and a new Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd.

The first item on the new Masonic calendar was the Regional meetings, held with the several District Deputy Grand Masters, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Work M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling coupled with presentations by the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master.

My presentation covered four areas; the Board of General Purposes, a summary of Grand Lodge Committees, the eight point Tactical Plan of 2015 and finally the role of the District Deputy Grand Masters at the Annual Communication in July of 2016. A great four days for the presentation Team, however a tough four days for the District Deputy Grand Masters, with a lot of information to absorb in a short period of time.

On the third Saturday in August all Committee Chairmen, Team Leaders and Committee Representatives gathered in Drayton for a meeting chaired by the Deputy Grand Master. The purpose of this meeting was to present Committee and Team objectives and goals for the upcoming Masonic year.

It was also an opportunity for the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master to lay lines and draw designs, for the upcoming Masonic year, for the benefit of those gathered at the meeting.

The Ontario Mason Magazine report, by W. Bro. Dan Dignard Team Leader, was well received with some of the following highlights; OMM will continue to promote Masonry in Ontario with a closer partnership with Grand Lodge committees, the distribution and promotion of the magazine will continue to be a priority and they will strive to be a venue for showcasing the events of this Grand Jurisdiction and its History.

In closing it has been a very busy start for the District Deputy Grand Masters of the several Districts of our Grand Lodge and the Chairmen and Team Leaders of the several Grand Lodge Committees and Teams.

In my opinion, a renewal has begun within our Grand Lodge. This can be seen not only throughout the membership, but also with the quality of Brethren who have now accepted a Leadership role, at the District level, as District Deputy Grand Master.

Of particular note, this renewal is readily seen at the Committee level where we have seasoned Chairmen coupled with a group of new enthusiastic Team Leaders. Indeed the future appears bright. I personally congratulate these dedicated Brethren who give so freely of their time, truly it's a great time to be a Mason.

R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd

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Grand Lodge Programs:

From the Members Area of the Grand Lodge Website: Members/Craft Stewardship/Lodge Resources

B2B; Brother to Brother:

Readily provides a "shopping cart" of tried and true solutions to lodges' problems, or attempts at improving themselves, without changing their unique culture".

Cornerstone:

"The true purpose of this initiative is to challenge lodges to rise above their current standard, or raise the bar, and set new standards by which they are judged by their members and others."

F2F: Friend 2 Friend:

Will assist lodges to enlighten friends of Masons in getting to know us better and may help increase membership. It has been developed to exhibit Masonry and its philosophy to the non-Masonic public, especially those men considered to be potential candidates

Mentors:

Ensures that every Candidate accepted into the Craft is properly instructed in the fundamental principles of each Degree attained. ...that he is provided guidance, instruction and assistance until he is a Master Mason and, perhaps for some time after that. This program provides the information a Mentor needs to accomplish this goal.

Officer Progression:

Provides resources to assist and support line officers in your lodges. The OP Team is available to present its resources to any District, Lodge or Masonic Association when requested. Our resources include presentations outlining preparatory practices specific to the Masters Chair, supports to line officers and tools to support Lodges in their efforts to mentor line officers.

Lodge Mentoring Videos

Click these links and have a look at the Mentoring Videos available to all. Use them to prompt some discussion on what your Lodge and Executive can build into the mentoring program.

[Mentoring Video 1 –
Masonry in General:](#)

[Mentoring Video 2 –
Mentoring &
Mentorship:](#)

[Mentoring Video 3 –
Working Tools of a
Mentor:](#)

[Mentoring Video 4 – When Time Shall Be No More:](#)



Order of the Eastern Star



A message from Lynne Atkinson, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star in Ontario, who hopes that you will enjoy reading and learning something about the Order.

What It Is: The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men may belong. We are the wives, daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, aunts, cousins of Master Masons. A man must be a Master Mason in order to join the Eastern Star. Worldwide, there are over 500,000 members under the General Grand Chapter whose offices are in Washington, D.C. The Grand Chapter of Ontario is under General Grand Chapter and we have approximately 9,000 members with a total of 94 Chapters.

Eastern Star is a social order which is comprised of people with the same spiritual values, but it is not a religion. Its appeal rests in the true beauty of the refreshing and character building lessons that are so sincerely portrayed in our ritualistic work. While ritualistic work is important and usually memorized by the Officers, to become a member you do not have to do memory work. The Order needs all types of members – those who like to work in the kitchen, help with lunches, fundraising, and those who have diversified talents, etc. A deep fraternal bond exists between its members. It is the wholesome relationship of sisterly and brotherly love brought about through high principles exemplified in our lives which makes us near and dear to each other.

While this is an Order composed of people of deep spiritual convictions, it is open to all faiths, with a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. The personal welfare of our members is vital to all of those in the Eastern Star, and it is considered a privilege to help another member whenever we can.

Purposes: The stated purposes of the organization are: Charitable, Educational, Fraternal and Scientific; but there is much more to it than that. Dr. Rob Morris, the Poet Laureate of Masonry, founded the Order using the beautiful and inspiring Biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values. These portray the noble principles which should adorn the personal lives of Eastern Star members. Eastern Star strives to take good people and through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service, and through precept and example build an Order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness.

Projects: Concrete evidence of the charitable nature of the organization as it affects others is the millions of dollars which have been raised within the membership to support national, jurisdictional, and local charities. In Ontario donations from Chapters, Members and others, are given each year to the specified project of the Worthy Grand Matron – this year it is Camp Trillium – Rainbow Lake in Waterford and OuR Island in Picton area. We also raise funds for the Benevolence of our Members in distress or peril, for our Florence Nightingale Home Foundation which gives approximately 4 or 5 donations to Hospitals each year and to the ESTARL Committee for

Ministers in training – this year we presented 19 awards of \$2,000 each.

The Heirarchy: In Ontario, the Order has eighteen Officers led by the Worthy Grand Matron which is an elected position. To get to the office of Worthy Grand Matron it takes three years commencing with being elected to the positions of Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Matron. It also helps if you have other experience in the Order such as being elected to the Grand Executive Committee.

Other elected Offices include that of Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Sentinel. We have nine appointed Officers which are chosen yearly by the Worthy Grand Matron. They have the titles of Grand Chaplain (this year it is your own Tom Marshall from Ancaster), Grand Marshal, Grand Organist, Grand Adah, Grand Ruth, Grand Esther, Grand Martha, Grand Electa and Grand Warder. Each of these Grand Officers must be a Past Matron or Past Patron of the Order to be eligible to be a Grand Chapter Officer.

Eastern Star in Ontario also has several Committees that are elected and some that are appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron. The elected Committees are Grand Executive, Florence Nightingale Home Foundation, ESTARL and Grand Benevolent. There are many appointed Committees including the Caring and Visiting Committee, Youth and various other committees.

Each District or Region (if two Districts are small and they are joined together to form a region) has a District Deputy Grand Matron to oversee it. She reports her findings to the Worthy Grand Matron.

What We Do As a Grand Family: The Grand Family travel to Chapters throughout the year, visiting with our members and raising funds for our Worthy Grand Matron's Project, which as I stated earlier, this year is Camp Trillium – Rainbow Lake or OuR Island. Our year will finish at the end of August with our Annual Grand Chapter Session, where, the new Officers will be installed.

Subordinate Chapters: The 94 subordinate Chapters we have meet once or twice a month depending on their By-Laws. They each have their own 18 Officers led by a Worthy Matron. Each Chapter has its own project – sometimes it may be that of the Worthy Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron or the Worthy Grand Matron – sometimes it may be a mixture but it is the Worthy Matron's choice. Chapters have many fundraisers such as catering, pig roasts, bbq's, and selling tickets in various places, etc. All in all it is a way of being together and of social enjoyment.

On a personal note, we have met many people who have become close friends that we socialize with outside of Eastern Star. For those of you that do not belong I hope that I have been able to give you a bit of an insight into what the Eastern Star is all about.

For more information our Grand Chapter website can be found at www.easternstar.on.ca or you can contact me by email at lynneoes101@bell.net. Thank you for reading!

A Masonic Minute

Brethren,
Herewith is a special MASONIC MINUTE for your consideration. It deals with the current international crisis in human affairs. This is not an easy challenge to resolve, but true to our high calling as men and as Masons, we should approach it seriously, honestly and with an open mind.
Sincerely and fraternally,
Ray Daniels

Universal Brotherhood – Am I My Brother's Keeper?

Freemasonry professes a belief in the Universal Brotherhood of Man and envisions a world where all men live in peace, love and harmony. We are also taught that “a Mason's charity should know no bounds except those of prudence.” We cheerfully accept the responsibility of “relieving the necessities and soothing the afflictions” of our fellow human beings – to do unto others as in similar circumstances we would wish they would do unto us. The Golden Rule runs like a thread through the fabric of Freemasonry.

This has been beautifully expressed in these lines by the American poet, John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892).

*O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.*

The evening news provides graphic images of young men and children living and dying in intolerable conditions. Do we, as Freemasons have a duty to attempt to alleviate their misery and distress? What should we do? What can we do – collectively or individually?

These questions present a dilemma requiring soul searching by each one that true to the principles of Freemasonry. As this international situation has developed and escalated, it has taken on political implications. In the midst of a federal election campaign in Canada, these implications have been amplified by the leaders of the principal parties, taking stances, all hoping to curry favour with the electorate. Strongly held opinions inevitably surface within the Fraternity, often based upon deep seated prejudice, dividing us and fracturing the harmony of the Lodge. As Master Masons we are admonished to abstain from all religious and political discussion in the Lodge. Yet, in this instance, where is the line to be drawn? Surely compassion for our fellow human beings in distress must take precedence.

Be ever mindful that we all meet on the level. “Let us act as the dictates of right reason prompt us” and rise above personal prejudice to apply the means at our disposal to alleviate this intolerable situation.

The Disclaimer that is appended to these Masonic Minutes suggests that they are designed to give the Brethren ‘something to think about.’ The topic presented here is the greatest challenge to serious, unbiased, open minded discussion. May Brotherly Love triumph over bigotry, and may compassion overcome prejudice.

Written and submitted by M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels
P.G.M. September 2015

DISCLAIMER

These *Masonic Minutes* are intended to supply a short instructional note that may be used by the Worshipful Master to provide a *Learning Opportunity* at every meeting of the Lodge, thereby fulfilling his stated duty: “*to employ and instruct the Brethren in Masonry.*”. Ideally, they could be used to initiate a discussion among the Brethren present. The ideas expressed and the interpretations suggested are strictly personal, and are not sanctioned or authorized by the Grand Lodge or any of its Committees.

As free-thinking or Speculative Masons, I cannot tell you *how* to think, nor can I tell you *what* to think, but hopefully I can give you something to *think about*.

RSJD

Editor's note: Consider the **Reflections Newsletter** for more thought provoking articles. Go to the www.grandlodge.on.ca In the Members area, click on Membership, then Masonic Education, and then the Reflections Newsletter tab.



The purpose of the newsletter is to distribute educational information to as many brethren as possible. One of the greatest contributions that we can make is through the exchange of information.

Prostate Hope The Grand Master's Charitable Project

Through Prostate Hope, we can share in this excitement by making a contribution to this worthwhile project by giving a donation, a pledge or a bequest.

Masonic Foundation Project # 2550

Note: please ensure cheques identify Hamilton District 'C' for Masonic Foundation tracking purposes.

See more at:

http://www.masonicfoundation.on.ca/prostate_cancer.html



R.W. Bro. John MacPherson presenting M.W. Bro. John C. Green with a cheque for Prostate Hope on behalf of Westmount Lodge No. 671

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2015

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Ionic Lodge No. 549
Wednesday October 7, 2015. 7:30 pm
Masonic Centre Hamilton (MCH)

Masonic Gravesite Presentation

Hosted by:
The Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic
Districts
Tuesday October 13, 2015. 7:00 pm
Hamilton Shrine Club,
82 Melvin Ave. Hamilton

Installation of Officers

Dufferin Lodge No. 291
Thursday October 15, 2015. 7:30 pm
200 Highway #8, West Flamborough

"Stories in the Stones"

Hosted by:
Robin McKee
October 17 (Masonic Tour) 11 am
Entrance to the Hamilton Cemetery,
777 York Boulevard

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602
Tuesday October 20, 2015. 7:30 pm
MCH



Table Lodge

An evening of fellowship, fun and comradery combined with the usual 4 course dinner and various toasts.

This is an all-inclusive evening with meal, liquid refreshments, commemorative cannon (shot glass) and a chance to win a door prize.

Date: October 16, 2015

Location: Hillcrest Masonic Temple

Time: 8.00 p. m.

Ticket: \$40.00 per person

Tickets available from any Westmount Lodge Officer.

Net proceeds donated to District Charity).



Hamilton Masonic Districts Fall Divine Service

Laidlaw Memorial United Church
Sunday, October 25, 2015. 7:00 pm
155 Ottawa Street, Hamilton
Hosted by Battlefield Lodge No. 714

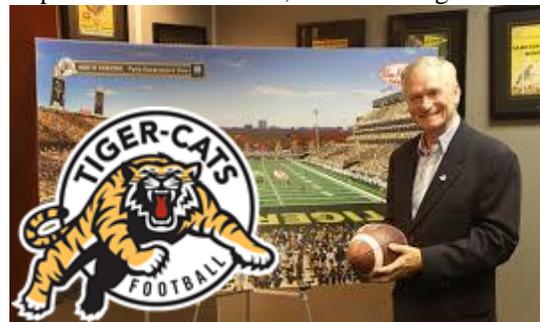
D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Wardrope Lodge No. 555
Mon October 26, 2015. 7:30 pm
MCH

The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

Breakfast Meeting
Saturday October 31, 2015. 8:30 am
MCH

Speaker: Glenn Gibson, Hamilton Tiger Cats



November 2015

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Temple Lodge No.324
Tuesday November 10, 2015. 7:30 pm
MCH

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

The Electric Lodge No.495
Wednesday November 18, 2015. 7:30 pm
Hillcrest

Installation of Officers

Westmount Loge No. 671
Tuesday November 24, 2015, 6:00 pm Diner
Hillcrest

Around The District

West Flamboro Temple Improvements



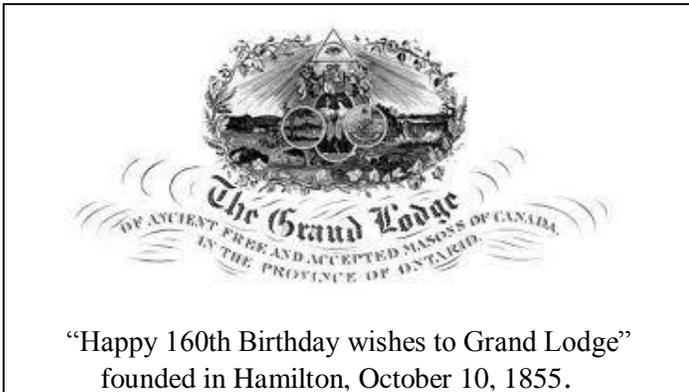
Dufferin Lodge Facing East

Over the past year a number of lodge room improvements have been made at the West Flamboro Temple. In addition to safety upgrades, we have a dimmer on the main lights. This allows reduction in ambient light to create a more reflective atmosphere for Masonic music, and during degree work. We also have candle lit lesser lights. All are welcome to join the friendly atmosphere with the brethren of Dufferin Lodge No. 291.

DDGM First Fraternal Visit



On September 8th, Temple Lodge was pleased to host R.W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra for the presentation to V.W. Bro. Mike Samoila of his Grand Steward Regalia.



“Happy 160th Birthday wishes to Grand Lodge”
founded in Hamilton, October 10, 1855.

District Meeting



Our District Lodges planning for 2015-2016



Presentation of the P.D.D.G.M. pin to R.W. Bro. Glen Notman by our D.D.G.M, R.W. Bro. Devin Tunistra.



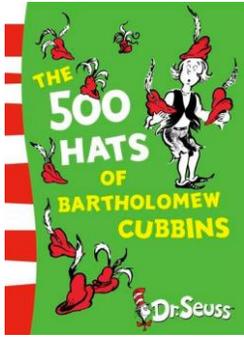
Buchanan Lodge had a great time at the Ancaster Fair this weekend preparing Child ID kits for 72 kids. A huge success for the MasoniChIP program. Thank you to all of those that stopped by for kits. It was our pleasure. For those who did not have a chance, here is some great info to help you to be better prepared in the worst case scenario that a child goes missing.

- 1) In your smart phone/camera, store a front, each side, and a rear picture of your child. Great for parents, sisters, brothers, grandparents or anyone that may watch over your children
- 2) Take a short video of your child in your phone that shows your child's mannerisms. Ask your child these questions: What's your name? Who is your best friend? How do you get home from school? Where do you play? Where do you go when you are upset/unhappy?
- 3) Run a Q-tip inside your child's cheek rubbing against the cheek tissue. Keep this inside your fridge butter storage compartment. Update every 6-8 months. These 3 steps make you better prepared to provide info to the authorities if your child is ever missing. Better have it and not need it.

Submitted by Bro. R. Dave. Michal
MasoniChIP Chairman, Hamilton District 'C'

The Lodge as a Symbol

The Symbolic File Article #2:



In article one I mentioned that we would set a course to understand Symbols. The Lodge and Masonry in general are much like an onion. Each layer of symbolism builds on the one before. When each layer is peeled away it reveals the next layer. This eventually leads to the Centre.

I like to relate this to the children's story by Dr. Seuss of The Five Hundred Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins. Each time a

hat is removed a more glorious one appears. At the end (the centre) the most glorious one of all appears.

This article will look at the Lodge as a symbol and will represent a broader view than how the symbolism of the Lodge relates to the individual as outlined in the first article.

A way to look at the Lodge is as a life symbol of a person with each Masonic year representing a new generation. A man's father steps down and the son takes charge of the house. The father becomes the Immediate Past Master. It is only a man's father who has earned the right to be the Immediate Past Master. This is the reason no other person can be installed or wear the collar of the Immediate Past Master other than the Master stepping down. The Past Masters in succession represent the lineage and culture of the Lodge. They each represent a chapter in the History of the Lodge (or a chapter in the book of life of the individual). Each Master of the Lodge gets to write his chapter in the book. Through the actions and teaching of the Past Masters the Lodge advances in knowledge and culture.

This physical structure of the Lodge can be equated to the inner structure of the individual. Everyone understands that we are the sum of our ancestors and also acquire their traits through our genes.

Each individual writes a chapter in his book of life. This concept can be supported in psychology through the research of C.G. Jung and Sigmund Freud. The writing in the book of life is important.

Its importance is shown symbolically in Lodge when the Secretary permanently binds the minutes of the Lodge in a book each year. Grand Lodge sets out how this is to be done. Therefore, as shown symbolically in the Lodge, the book of life is passed down from generation to generation in the individual. This process, however, is not understood as well by science as it is in Masonry.

The point I have attempted to make in these two articles is that in my opinion the Lodge symbolically represents the inner aspect of each and every one of us. I like to say, "The Lodge is us".

In closing it should be noted that Joshua prayed fervently that the light of day be continued since tomorrow is granted to no man. By definition a Lodge is a temporary place of abode. The Masonic writer W.L. Wilmshurst states that that "we are but wayfarers on the plane of impermanence".

The structure to move beyond this life (this Lodge) must be completed before, as Ecclesiastes states, "the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it".

Therefore one should attempt "to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge" or in other words a daily advancement to "know thy self", in order to complete the structure while there is still the light of day.

The next article will answer, "When will you tell me the secrets?"

W. Bro, David Beland
Temple Lodge No. 324



**Thank you to the Grand Lodge of Instruction
Presentation Team at the MCH September 29, 2015**

Editor's Note

Brethren,

Thank you to the people for their submissions this month. It makes the Chronicle more meaningful to have your input included.

Also, watch for Crimson Peak's release on Oct 16, 2015 and play spot the landmark. The film stars Mia Wasikowska, Tom Hiddleston, Jessica Chastain, Charlie Hunnam, and Jim Beaver. According to publicists "the gothic looking Scottish Rite building (and interiors) will feature prominently."



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