

District 'C'ronicle



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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, the New Year is in full swing with a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm after the holidays. This month I am fortunate to have been able to attend many installation ceremonies, significant Masonic milestones, and of course many Robbie Burns festivities. What has struck me in particular about many of these events is the personal touches which are individually added by members of the host



Lodge and which compound into an experience that is unique that Lodge. Sometimes we get a little too focused on the structure of things, and forget that what it all comes down to is having many hands make light work, and enjoying each other's company.

At our January mid-term District Meeting I spoke a lot about succession planning and urged our committee chairmen to recruit others to join their committees for this very same reason. I also urged the members in the room to tap their new MMs on the shoulder and encourage them to attend our District Meeting and get involved. These men are our future and a wellspring of new perspective, fresh energy, and enthusiasm.

Earlier in the mid-term meeting, R.W. Bro. Kaufman, Chair of Grand Lodge Condition of Masonry presented his reports on the performance of Hamilton District C in comparison to the averages seen across Ontario. I was pleased to see that we are trending on average or a little above average in many areas. The two areas for improvement were our lack of involvement at the Lodge level in the Masoni-Ch.I.P. and Cornerstone programs. I am sure that our District Chairman Bro. Dave Michal would be quite happy to have some added support for Masoni.Ch.I.P. through manpower and sponsorship from our Lodges. Hugh Murray Lodge has seen substantial success from the Cornerstone program and the success from all over Ontario with this initiative is indisputable. I strongly urge you to consider bringing this up for discussion at your Lodge general purpose meetings.

R.W. Bro. Geoff Allan will be facilitating a Long Range Planning Workshop on Saturday February 27 which will be designed to educate and equip those in attendance with the tools needed to go back to their respective Lodges and create their own individual Long Range plans. Separate, but working in tandem with that effort, we also struck a committee at our mid-term meeting which is tasked with developing a Long Range Plan for Hamilton District C at the District Level for presentation at our Spring meeting. It is my hope that these efforts will help cement a stronger future for our Lodges and our District.

Lastly, our Chronicle team should be commended for their hard work in recent months as they compiled and published the full works of the late M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels' Masonic Minutes. These gems are now prominently listed on our Hamilton District C website for your use.

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Devin L. Tuinstra



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Please note: The opinions and views expressed in any article in the District 'C'ronicle are those of the writers and therefore do not necessarily reflect the opinion of Grand Lodge. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

From the Grand Master



Happy New Year Brethren, welcome to 2016! I trust everyone had an enjoyable New Year's celebration. May 2016 be filled with joy and happiness and all your resolutions become a reality.

HA, HA; I stopped that many years ago.

I also wish each of you, individually, the best this coming year and encourage you go forth as Masons to

support your Lodge's endeavours. Membership in Freemasonry is an honour bestowed upon us as a guide to a good life of generosity, friendship, kindness and gratitude for what we have been blessed with. I also remind you of the situation of those who have been challenged with issues that has altered their lifestyle and manner of living. Please be supportive and helpful to those less fortunate than ourselves. They deserve our respect and assistance.

Brethren, Masonically, we should remind ourselves that, while laboring in the quarries, our duties toward each other is primary to the obligations we took when we first became members of this fraternity. Supporting our fellow man and specifically fellow Masons is a major influence on life's path which affects not only our families but those around us.

As we embark on a new calendar year let me, on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master and Board members, encourage you to consider the possibilities of engaging the Grand Lodge programs. Many Program Chairmen and Committee Members spend a significant amount of time working to develop and deliver this valuable information to improve your understanding of Freemasonry and to assist you and your respective Lodges with the ongoing operation of the Lodge. There are also programs that will provide guidance in the areas of education, membership and worthwhile service to others ie. Blood Donors and Benevolence, to name just a couple. These programs will be of great assistance to the Lodges and their members when used. It has been proven in a number of situations that Lodges using Grand Lodge Programs enjoy significant success. While many Lodges are enjoying a meaningful experience in Masonry let us never forget there is always opportunity to improve. Brethren, these programs are not the end all and be all in Masonry but I know they can be of great assistance. Take some time and consider

utilizing the information that Grand Lodge imparts to all of us.

Brethren, I also want remind you of Grand Master's project "PROSTATE HOPE". As you are aware our target is to raise \$1,000,000 for Prostate Cancer Research. Your consideration of donations as individuals, as a Lodge or as a District would be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

I also want thank all those who offered good wishes to my wife Barb when she had an unfortunate fall and broke her ankle. She is recovering carefully and your Grand Master has learned to be much more adept in domestic duties. Although I am far from accomplished I do have a much greater appreciation of the tasks our loved ones perform in a timely fashion, ensuring our daily lives are orderly, allowing us to go forward in life and pursue experience in our jobs, with our families and in spiritual activities. So if your day was not ideal or the Lodge meeting was not what you had hoped don't go home disgruntled or out of sorts ... GO HOME GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A HUG AND THANK HER FOR ALL SHE DOES!

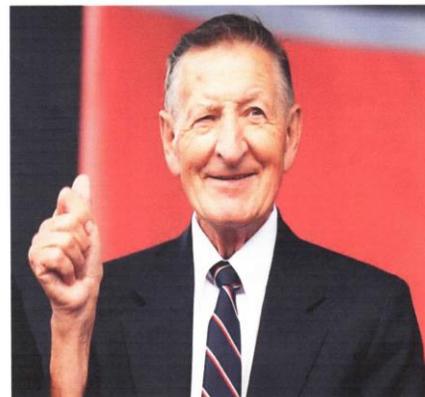
John C. Green Grand Master

"Prostate Hope" Fundraiser Grand Master's Masonic Foundation Project #2550

Dundurn Lodge No.475 presents:
Guest Speaker Mr. Walter Gretzky, Order of Canada
Saturday May, 21, 2016
6:00 pm Meet and Greet
6:30 pm Dinner
Tickets \$40.00

19 Dawson Ave, Stony Creek
All profits are to go to the Grand Master's Project.

Open to Members, Family and Friends
Limited seating available
Tickets available from Dundurn Lodge
Make cheques payable to Dundurn Lodge No. 475
Contact David Jack 905-385-3258



From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, January traditionally marks the turning of a page, the end of a chapter and the opportunity for all us to re-commit to a daily advancement in our Masonic knowledge. As it relates to our Craft, perhaps your resolution is to learn a new piece of ritual, or maybe this is the year you will decide to become part of the leadership of your Lodge by beginning the journey to the Master's Chair.

If you decide to follow-up your resolution by learning a piece of ritual, you may consider the part often called "the observation to the Senior Warden's comments in the first degree". If you know that part already, perhaps a re-read at the start of the New Year would be timely, in particular the end of the paragraph which reads "it were better that one or both of you should retire than the harmony of the Lodge be disturbed". In my opinion the apron charge is a Resolution for the Ages:

If you decide to pursue a leadership role in your Lodge, your District or your Grand Lodge, the College of Freemasonry needs to be part of your resolution. Under the Chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu and the Principal, R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte, the College offers three courses; The Worshipful Master's Course, The Past Master's Course and the Masonic Arts and Sciences Course. The Worshipful Master Course and the Masonic Arts and Science Course are volunteer and not compulsory. The Worship Master Course will no doubt be a great assistance for your resolution to begin your journey to be Master of your Lodge and the Masonic Arts and Science course graduate is granted the use of the appellation "F.C.F".

The Past Master Course is designed for the Past Master who would just like to make a daily advancement in his Masonic Education. It is mandatory in the following three situations,

as per the Book of Constitution 2015:Sec.38(b): A candidate nominated for the office as member of the Board of General Purposes must be in possession of a "Past Master's Course Certificate of Completion" as offered by our Grand Lodge, College of Freemasonry on or before June 15, of the year seeking office.

Sec.38(c): A member appointed to the Board of General Purposes must be in possession of the said "Past Master's Course Certificate or Completion" to be eligible for re-appointment or election to office. **Sec.50(b):** A candidate for the office as District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar must be in possession of a "Past Master's Course Certificate of Completion" as offered by our Grand Lodge, College of Freemasonry on or before June 15, of the year seek office.

The College has added to its curriculum a module on "Esoteric Studies" which may be taken as a module of interest and is not part of the established courses of study. Whatever you decide on, keep in mind the words of a Brother regarding Resolutions:

"It isn't sufficient just to want, you've got to ask yourself what you're going to do to get the thing you want"

*Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Holland Lodge No. 8, New York, NY*

The District Deputy Grand Master Orientation Committee, under the leadership of R.W. Bro. Tom Siemiernik, is designed to assist aspirants to the office of District Deputy Grand Master and their District Secretaries in several ways by informing them of their responsibilities to Grand Lodge, to their District and to themselves.

The Team accomplishes their work by using the current Book of the Constitution, the Book of the Work and other resource material. The use of PowerPoint and one on one verbal presentation assist but it is the answering of the many questions that proves most useful to the aspirants.

Many of the questions are different scenarios and begin with the words "what if ...". The experience Team takes their time to answer all questions and often will stop and ask the aspirant "does that answer your question?" It is not unusual for DDGM aspirants to attend several years before their election to take advantage of the Team's knowledge.

The DDGM Orientation Team travels to 8 workshops across our vast jurisdiction from Brockville in the East, to Ridgetown in the West and North to Sturgeon Falls to deliver the information and reassurance to the aspirants to the position of District Deputy Grand Master and District Secretaries. If you aspire to either position, take advantage of the DDGM Orientation Team presentations when they come to your area.

Brethren, can there be any doubt that these two Committees will advance your daily Masonic knowledge!

Paul E. Todd

Enjoy a variety of interesting and inspiring speakers
in the midst of Masonic fellowship and learning!



Saturday, April 2nd, 2016

Registration 8 AM | Start 9 AM | Wrap-up 3 PM
Catered Lunch at Noon

Scottish Rite Building, Hamilton
4 Queen St S, Hamilton, Ontario

LEADERSHIP TOPICS

"Team Building"

Dr. Ken Jones,
Dean Emeritus, Ryerson University,
Rogers School of Business

"Emotional Intelligence"

Professor Nancy Lucas,
New York University, Steinhardt School of
Culture, Education and Human Development

MASONIC TOPICS

*"Our Masonic Ritual as a Lesson in the
History of Metaphysical Thought"*

R.W. Bro. David Cameron FCF

*"The Masonic Life and Times of
R.W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald"*

V.W. Bro. Daniel Glenney, Grand Archivist

"1759 – Triumph of Sword and Trowel"

V.W. Bro. Michael Jenkyns, Grand Historian

"The Great Storm of 1913"

Bro. David Yates

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For General Enquiries Contact R.W. Bro. Charles Woods at charleswoods@sympatico.ca



A Masonic Minute

Freemasonry is not an end in itself, but a means to an end

Whither are you directing your course?

When a Candidate is first admitted to the lodge, the Inner Guard confronts him with this caution: "Take heed upon what you enter." Soon after, the Candidate is reassured that "where the Name of God is invoked, we trust no danger will ensue." So what is the import of this warning if "no danger" lies ahead? The admonition contained in the marriage ceremony comes to mind: "to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be enterprised, nor taken in hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God."¹

Perhaps we can draw an analogy between matrimony and Freemasonry. Both require solemn vows and long term commitment and both are based upon a bond of mutual trust. "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." – Marcel Proust

We must never consider the attainment of the Master Mason's Degree an end in itself. Rather, it is the beginning of a lifelong journey of discovery, both spiritual and educational. The Gift of Freemasonry is an open ticket to this lifelong journey. It provides us with the moral compass – a guiding light upon our path. *The journey is the reward.*" – Chinese Proverb

In his book, The Alchemist: A Fable About Following Your Dream, Paulo Coelho gives us an exquisitely written parable expressing this concept.² It tells the story of Santiago, a shepherd boy, who sets out in search of treasure, but along the way discovers the real meaning of life from those he encounters. It has been described as "an eternal testament to the transforming power of our dreams and the importance of listening to our hearts." I seriously recommend this book to every Brother that has embarked, or is about to embark on his personal journey of self-discovery.

No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. John Donne (1572-1631)

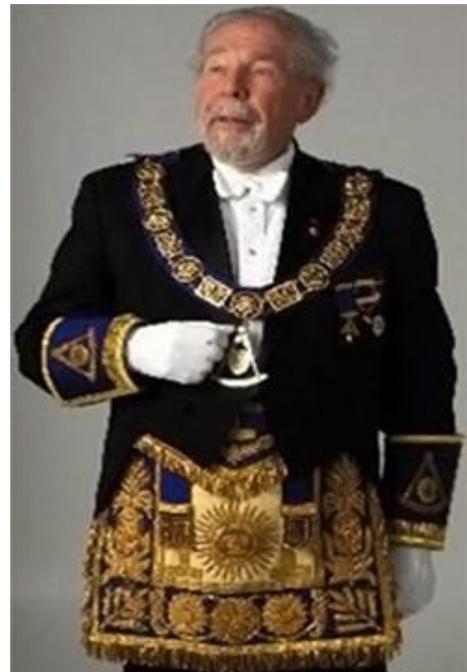
The adventure of the journey of discovery is a solitary journey, but the experience is enriched by all those we meet along the way. It provides intellectual stimulation in the company of like-minded men – our fellow travelers. The Charges of a Freemason remind us that, "Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise remained at a perpetual distance."³ It is our association with these "good men and true" that produces a positive difference within ourselves. This difference cannot be reduced to words, but must be experienced to be understood and appreciated. It does not suddenly burst upon you with initiation, but quietly and gradually creeps into your inmost consciousness, until it becomes an integral part of your innermost self. This process is the real 'secret' of Freemasonry and how good men better themselves.

RSJD January 2016

1 Book of Common Prayer, 1611 – Solemnization of Matrimony
2 Published by HarperCollins and available from most bookshops.
3 The Charges of a Freemason: I. – Concerning God and Religion.

"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.

If you find them interesting or informative, please feel free to share them with your Brethren. 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



M.W. Bro Raymond S. Daniels
September 2, 1937 to January 24, 2016

This is the final Masonic Minute received from M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels (P.G.M.) it is with heavy hearts and sorrow that we say goodbye to a shining Masonic light.

Hamilton District C is proud to announce that with Ray's cooperation and permission a complete compilation of his Masonic Minute papers can be accessed through the DistrictCMasons.org website at: <http://hamiltondistrictmasons.org/masonicminutes.php>

We celebrate his life.
We cherish his memory in our hearts.
And we commend his spirit to God who gave it.



Shriners International

Shriners International is at its most basic level a fraternity. It was started in Manhattan in 1870 by a few Masons, led by brothers Dr. Walter Fleming and Billy Florence, an actor. They were dedicated Masons that enjoyed the Masonic ritual; however, had aspirations of starting a fraternity that stressed fun, fellowship and family. Fleming added the structure, drafting the fraternity's name, initiation rites, rituals and rules and together with Florence designed the emblem, devised a salutation and established the red fez with the black tassel as the headgear. Yes, the Shrine was started by Masons for Masons who sincerely believe that there is no higher degree in our Masonic family than being a Master Mason. All Master Masons are eligible to become Shriners.

Membership grew rapidly, spreading across the USA and in the early 1900's into Canada, Mexico and Panama. It presently stands at approximately 325,000 members belonging to 195 chapters throughout the U.S.A., Canada, Germany, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Panama, and the Philippines.

In 1922 the Shriners dedicated themselves to providing medical care for children regardless of the patient's ability to pay. Today that philanthropic effort supports 22 Shriners' Hospitals for Children across North America providing specialized care for children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate. Many of these hospitals are also premier research centers and are affiliated with top medical institutions in North America including the world famous Mayo Clinic. We are especially proud of our newly opened Shrine Children's Hospital in Montreal which was dedicated on August 20th, 2015. A magnificent "State of the Art" facility fully funded and managed by Shriners. To date approximately 8 billion dollars has been spent to operate all 22 Hospitals.

For those thinking of becoming a Shriner I would highly recommend visiting our Shrine webpage, *beashrinernow*, The link is <http://www.beashrinernow.com/>

The webpage is very comprehensive and will provide answers to any questions you may have in regard to the world's greatest philanthropy. I am sure you will find it very interesting, even if you have no interest in becoming a Shriner at this time.

On the local level, Noble Alex Murray is President of The Shriners' Club of Hamilton located at 82 Melvin Ave. Monthly dinner/business meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month. The business portion is usually brief and restricted to Shrine members only, although all Masons are welcomed and encouraged to attend. They are made comfortable in an adjoining room while the business portion is completed.

There are 29 Clubs within the Rameses' area stretching from the GTA, north to Sudbury, east to Kingston, Oakville and the Niagara Peninsula. Each Club is made up of individual units including Clowns, Bands, Motor Patrols, Hillbillies, Keystone

Cops and many others. Our Hamilton Club boasts an Oriental Band and a Clown Unit. Both units perform at many local parades and special events.

On the first Thursday of each month our Clowns attend McMaster Children's Hospital and do a great job of putting smiles on the children's faces doing balloon figures and exciting magic tricks.

Our Bi-Monthly Magazine, Rameses Papyrus, is also available on the internet and provides information covering all of the clubs within Rameses' jurisdiction including our Hamilton Club. Feel free to use the following link to have a look

www.rameses-shriners.ca/papyrusindex.htm

Candidates are initiated and become Shriners at either one of two Ceremonials held each year. The spring Ceremonial is held during the month of June each year at a different city hosted by one of our Rameses Clubs. This year it will be in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The Fall Ceremonial is usually held at our Rameses Headquarters, located directly across from Woodbine Race Track, in the west end of Toronto, during the Month of November.

In closing I encourage you to take that first step; use the link to our website read about all the advantages there are to being a Shriner. For me, the smiles on the children's faces that we help together with that warm and fuzzy feeling of knowing you are helping those that need it the most, our sick children, is priceless. Your decision to join the Shrine at this time may just be one of the best decisions you will ever make. Any Mason you know that is a Shriner will be glad to be your mentor; however, our Secretary, Noble Raymond Corrin is also our Membership Chairman and can be reached by email at, shrinersclubofhamilton@cogeco.net or by phone 905-545-6935. Brother Raymond is also the Secretary for St. Andrews Lodge #593 District B.

On behalf of our newly elected Potentate, Illustrious Sir R. Allan Berry, we extend best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2016 to you and your family and thank you for this opportunity to tell our Shrine Story.

Fraternally,
Noble G.J. (Jerry) McKnight
Ambassador, Shriners Club of Hamilton



Some Hamilton Shrine Clowns

Hamilton District C Strategic Planning Session Saturday February 27, 2016, 8:00am, Valley Lodge

Brethren, we are continually admonished to live by the fundamental tenets of our order and in consequence, work towards making good men better. I strongly encourage the pursuit of excellence in character building, but what about the 'building or lodge' itself? From time to time we must examine our Lodge in the context of the prevailing environment and determine if we are on the desired path. Through a process of creative evaluation and assessment, we hope to establish thoughtful and productive solutions to challenges facing our lodges.

The Strategic Planning Session planned for February 27th is very much an interactive and participatory workshop. There will not be any speeches or lectures, but rather a guided process by which participants will identify challenges and through a process of group collaboration will propose solutions and necessary action steps.

I hope you will consider joining other interested Brethren on February 27, 2016 at 8:00 am at Valley Lodge in Dundas for a lively and productive day. To register, simply call or email Geoffrey Allan at 905-339-7724 / geoff@connect.com. (Lunch and refreshments will be provided)

A Historic Evening at The Electric Lodge No.495

The Electric Lodge had the honour of Initiating two brothers on the same evening on Wednesday January 20, 2016. BUT, not only brothers but Twins and Lewis's too!



Initiation Ceremony of Bro. Brandon Nicholas Eveley and Bro. Byron Gordon Eveley.



At the conclusion of their ceremony the Brothers Eveley were presented with their Lewis Jewels from The Electric Lodge by their proud father, Bro. Nicholas Eveley.

Travelling VOTSL

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654 accepts the presentation from Buchanan No. 550 for the largest District C Lodge attendance at the Fall Divine Service.



The 18th Annual Robbie Burns Night of The Electric Lodge No. 495

On Friday January 22, 2016, The Electric Lodge celebrated their 18th Annual Robbie Burns Night at Michelangelo's Event & Conference Centre with over 135 in attendance. There were the usual toasts, the 'Address to A Haggis' by R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan, a truly linguistic adventure!

The Argyll & Sutherland Canada Pipes & Drums gave a rousing performance led by Bro. Mike Sheridan, which was followed by a performance of Highland Dancing offered by the young ladies of the Sandra Bald-Jones Highland Dancers.

The Evening was concluded with the Famous Surprise Auction, where the Lodge raised funds for the Grand Master's Charity of Choice and Hamilton "C" District Charity Project "Prostate Hope". The Lodge presented a cheque for \$2,250.00 (the proceeds of the Auction) to R.W. Bro. Allan C. Dvorak, President of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

And finally, the Junior Warden's Toast or also known as the "Aberdeen City Toast".

"Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part, and Happy to Meet Again!"



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2016

Annual Masonic Essay Contest

Ontario Mason Magazine & College of Freemasonry

If a non-Mason asked you, "Why are you a Mason?", what would your answer be?

- Essays to be submitted at masonic.college@gmail.com
- Essays must be submitted in **doc** or **docx** formats.
- The essay length is a maximum of 1200 words.
- All quoted sources must be identified
- Submissions from Feb 1, to midnight Feb 28, 2016.

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Valley Lodge No.100

Monday February 8, 2016.

Dinner at 6:30 pm; Tyle at 7:30 pm

Dundas Temple

Temple Lodge No. 324

M.W. Bro. John C. Green

will be presenting 50 and 60 year Long Service Pins at

Temple Lodge No. 324

Tuesday February 9, 2016.

Social Hour: 5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

Dinner at 6:30 pm; Tyle at 7:30 pm

Masonic Centre Hamilton

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Meridian Lodge No. 687

Wednesday February 10, 2016. 7:30 Tyle

Ancaster Masonic Temple

Lodge Long Range Planning Workshop

Facilitated by R.W. Bro. Geoffrey Allan

Saturday February 27

Lodge Officers are encouraged to attend

8:00am to 2:00pm

Held at Valley Lodge No. 100

RSVP in advance to geoff@connect.com

March 2016

CRAFT ASSOCIATION OF HAMILTON

MASONIC DISTRICTS' ANNUAL

DISTRICT DEPUTYS' RECEPTION & DANCE

Saturday, March 5th 2016, Michelangelo's Banquet Center

1555 Upper Ottawa St. Hamilton, Ontario

Social hour 6:00 p.m., Dinner & program 7:00 p.m.

Dance with "Klassy FM" Disc Jockey Service

9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Tickets available from Lodge Secretary's

\$40.00 per person

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

CRAFT ASSOCIATION OF HAMILTON

MASONIC DISTRICTS

Masters & Wardens Workshop

Thursday March 10, 2016. 7:00 pm

Wentworth Lodge No. 166,

Stoney Creek Masonic Hall

2016 SANKEY LECTURE

Sunday March 20, 2016

Presented by Dr. Andrew Prescott

Searching for the Apple Tree: What Happened in 1716?

Tickets will be available in early 2016.

Brock University location

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654

Tuesday March 22, 2016.

Dinner at 6:30 pm; Tyle at 7:30 pm

Masonic Centre Hamilton

The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

Breakfast Meeting

Saturday March 26, 2016. 8:30 am

Masonic Centre Hamilton (MCH)

Topic: Long Range Planning

Speaker: W. Bro. Les Vass, Wentworth Lodge No 166

Scottish Rite Open House

Wednesday March 30, 2016 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

The Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is Hosting a Public Open House at the Scottish Rite. For those of you who are not yet members of the Scottish Rite but would like to learn more, this is the ideal opportunity to meet and talk to the Officers of the three Bodies, Tour the Facilities and enjoy Light Refreshments.

This evening is expected to be both entertaining and educational, you are encouraged to bring Family & Friends.

April 2016

Ontario Masonic Education Conference

Saturday April 2nd. Scottish Rite/Masonic Centre

Registration deadline **March 28, 2016** with

rickcadotte@gmail.com

(See details page 3)

Around The District



V.W. Bro. H. Ray Wilson presenting the 60 year long service pin to V.W. Bro. Lloyd Oakes' at his home



Front Row, Right to Left, Bro. Shellard Calder (60 year pin), Bro. Edwin Guthrie, R.W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra, Bro. Vincent Duff, W. Bro. William Plum (50 year pins)

Seymour Lodge No. 272

50 & 60 Year Pin Presentations

Additional pins presented outside of lodge

W. Bro George Calder

(70 year presented to the family after his death)

Bro. Vernon Lampman (60 year pin)

Bro. William Carter (50 year pin)

Bro. William Pirie (50 year pin)



Seymour Lodge No. 272 Installation

Congratulations to W. Master Chris Jordison and his team of officers for the upcoming year

Dufferin Lodge Robbie Burns



<https://www.facebook.com/Dufferin.Lodge/posts>
Dufferin Lodge No. 291 conferred a second degree on Bro. Mark Wellstead. Very fitting Masonic education on Robbie Burns was delivered by W. Bro. Lorne Evans

DDGM Official Visit Corinthian Lodge No. 513



R.W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra on his official visit to Corinthian Lodge with accompanying members from Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

Westmount Lodge No. 671 Annual Table Lodge of Instruction

Friday April 8, 2016, 6:30pm – 11:00 pm

Hillcrest Masonic Hall, Mohawk Road

\$50.00 per person, Limited Tickets

Guest Speaker:

M. W. Bro. John C. Green.

Proceeds to: Prostate Hope

Four Course Dinner (Maitre "D")

All Beverages included

Commemorative shot glass (cannon)

Limo Ride Home (Mermaid Luxury Ham.)

Income Tax Receipt, Door Prizes

Tickets:

Karlous Ravo: 289-682-7982

Jeff Heimpel: 289-260-9467

The Symbols of the Temple

Symbolic File Article #6:

There is a concept that runs through Masonry and plays a central role in its symbolism. That concept is "Unity". Unity will be shown here through the symbols of the Temple. The symbolism of the Temple is extensive so I can only scratch the surface in this article and give an overview.

A considerable amount of information is set out in this article and for some it may be difficult since the Path gets steep here. Without challenges however it is not possible to move forward. The complexity of symbolism and the importance of understanding the "Process" discussed in the previous articles should become clear.

The temples of ancient times were not the churches of today. They were houses for a god. The Greek temples would have contained a large statue of Zeus, Apollo, Artemis (Diana) and others. "Know Thy Self" was inscribed over the door on the temple of Apollo at Delphi. The words may have indicated that in order to understand the "Truth" inside the temple, it is necessary to understand the "Your Self" before you enter. In Egypt there were similar temples for the gods of that country. In the Temple of Ra a large sun disk would have been found which replaced the sun when it sank into the Under World and enticed its return the next day. It is the Temple at Jerusalem that is symbolically connected to Masonry

The information in the previous article should be of some help as we move forward. In order to understand the symbols of the Temple it is necessary to take a two-pronged approach. The first prong is to consider the symbols of the temple as they relate to the inner and outer man. The second prong is to consider the symbols as they relate to nature.

The two great pillars represents the opposite polarities found in both man and in nature. These polarities are the left and the right, north and south, the light and the dark, the physical and the spiritual as well as the conscious and the unconscious (C.G. Jung). The latter is sometimes called earth and heaven.

The left hand pillar is considered the physical or Kingly Pillar. This is the physical side of a person (the conscious aspect). In the Lodge this pillar is found in the south and is represented by the J.W. The right hand pillar is the Priestly Pillar or spiritual side of a person (the unconscious aspect). On the Temple this aspect is seen in the north.

In the Lodge however this pillar is located in the west and is represented by the S.W. This important distinction will be discussed in a future article. Historically the King represented the physical or outer aspect (the conscious aspect) or "His People". When the two pillars are "conjoined" there is "stability" or a "Unity" between the inner and outer aspect.

Therefore when the pillars are conjoined in man there is "stability" (Unity) of the inner and outer being. On the Day of Atonement the King and High Priest would ascend the staircase to the middle chamber. This is where the pillars were conjoined. When conjoined the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies on behalf of the people. The Atonement

received by the High Priest insured that "God will establish" a connection to his people and bring order to chaos. This order gives "Stability and Permanence" to Israel and to the rein of the King.

Note, that the discussion of unity is much more extensive then given here since I use only the symbolism from the Craft Lodge. The full concept of "symbolic unity" is set out in the Holy Royal Arch Degree of the York Rite.

The pillars of the Temple are adorned with "Chapters", which convey important symbolic information. The top symbol is "Network". The Net or Network is a symbol that can be found throughout history to the present day in art, architecture and many other areas. Network is a unity symbol. ("The connection of its meshes denotes Unity") The symbols on the pillars are a study in themselves and are a key to the symbolism of Temple.

The Holy of Holies was the resting place of the Arc of the Covenant and the home of the Living God of Israel. Like Delphi it was and is still considered, by many to be the "center" of the world. In man the Holy of Holies represents the Centre of the Inner Men or the "Centre of Self". (C.G.Jung).

Masonry uses the Temple of Jerusalem to explain Unity in symbolic terms. It is not an easy concept. There are many symbols here to consider. Take them one at a time and think them through. As stated earlier this type of information must be absorbed over time.

Further thoughts and explanations are upcoming in Article Seven: Masonry and Geometry in the March edition.
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