

# District 'C'hronicle



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## **From our District Deputy Grand Master**



With the Masonic Year drawing to a close, the summer months upon us, and the Grand Lodge Annual Communication just around the corner, it is a time for winding down, and of family. For me it is also a time for reflection as I now look back upon what has been an incredible year of experiences, new relationships forged, and of personal growth.

Over the last month I have had the chance to visit many of our Lodge functions in the form of Golf tournaments, family BBQs, Installations, and a Garage Sale. Our own Hamilton District C Family Picnic was well attended by young and old, with many members and their families taking part. Hamilton District C hosts a rich diversity of events that we should be proud of.

Throughout this Masonic year, I have had no shortage of opportunities to speak, and with my term quickly drawing to a close, there remains nothing more to say but thank you. I have been so fortunate this year to receive support from our Past Masters and Past DDGMs by way of their time, their insight and wisdom, and their encouragement. I have forged many new relationships

this year through working together in harmony with many new faces. I have attended far too many masonic memorial services this year, though I have been proud to represent the support of our Grand Lodge at those services and honour our deceased brethren alongside their family members and friends. In times of turmoil, I have seen strength in the most unexpected of our membership. I have learned that those who quietly and consistently line the seats of our Lodge rooms provide so much more strength to our Lodges and our District than I ever anticipated.

One of the decisions that I had to make at the start of this year was that of selecting my District Advisors, and after long and careful consideration, I chose R.W. Bro. Ken Adamson, R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie, and R.W. Bro. Norm McCarthy. The wisdom, foresight, and vision that these three men have offered our District this year is incredible, and they have my sincere and lasting thanks. I would also like to thank each of my chairmen who committed at the start of the year to perform their roles to the utmost of their ability and lived up to those commitments. Those that met their commitments have made a very visible and significant positive impact on our district. Finally, our District Secretary worked alongside me this year with consistent support, and dedication to our district and should be commended for his efforts.

This message would not be complete without thanking my loving wife Cait, who was unwavering in her support throughout this year as she cared for our two young and very active boys. In times when others would have complained, she smiled and encouraged, and for that I am so grateful. Finally, brethren, I thank you for your continued support of Hamilton District C. We are fortunate to have such a capable and vibrant membership comprising our ranks, and I look forward to continuing to lend the same support that you have lent me to our future leaders in years to come.

**R.W. Bro. Devin L. Tuinstra**

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## From the Grand Master



Well Brethren, this is the final Grand Lodge Communication is not far away. I would encourage as many of you as possible to consider attending Grand Lodge on July 20th. I have always found it to be a good feeling to attend and enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie with our Brethren as well as witness the

proceedings as we look forward to another Masonic year.

During the past year I have enjoyed many experiences with Brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction but I want to discuss three Masons, in particular, who have my esteem and I am proud to highlight them in this edition.

W. Bro. Arthur Haley is very active in his home Lodge, Cedar Lodge No. 396, in Warton. When I first met him he had travelled with other members of his Lodge to visit a Lodge approximately an hour and a half from home. He has demonstrated devotion and dedication to his Lodge and his community commitment deserves our thanks as he continues to contribute on a regular basis. This brother is 100 years of age.

R.W. Bro. Norm Lonsdale of Nilestown Lodge No. 345 turned 100 on January 6th, 2016 and I had the distinct pleasure to attend his birthday celebration. The Shrine Club in London was full of many friends to wish him well. Norm will become a seventy year Mason in 2017. Norm is still quite active in his Lodge and through the week he visits a number of institutions to entertain the people residing there. When called upon in Lodge or anywhere else he would be very prepared to rise and speak comfortably on any number of topics.

W. Bro. J.J. Stewart of Norwood Lodge No. 223 will be 102 on August 23rd this year. He was Master of his Lodge in 1944. I visited with him on May 27th for about a half hour. I did not visit him at home but at his office at the Chrysler dealership that bears his name in Norwood. This gentleman told me about the history of the family business which is now operated by his son and grandsons - the fourth generation. J.J. comes to work every day for a few hours and greets visitors and employees. He is an icon in his community both as a business man and a Mason. Two fellow Masons come and take him to lunch or breakfast regularly and this has been going on for over twenty years.

Brethren, I mention these three Masons as fine examples to us of what Masonry should exemplify. The pride of being a Mason, and the zest and excitement these Brothers still exhibit, is a tribute to them. It also shows that leadership is a daily routine these gentlemen display in their community. I can tell you that their pride of being a Mason sets an example we should all exhibit to our family, friends, neighbours and each other. Having the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of these three Masons has enhanced my pride in this great fraternity.

Even though many of our Lodges are having summer recess please continue to display your duties as a Masons and to share service and compassion to less fortunate than ourselves. Let the right reason dictate and prompt us to demonstrate generosity to others. Be happy with ourselves and demonstrate that happiness to others. Also, reveal how proud you are to be a Mason. Set an example to those around you showing the manner in which you live is an exhibit of peace, harmony and brotherly love.

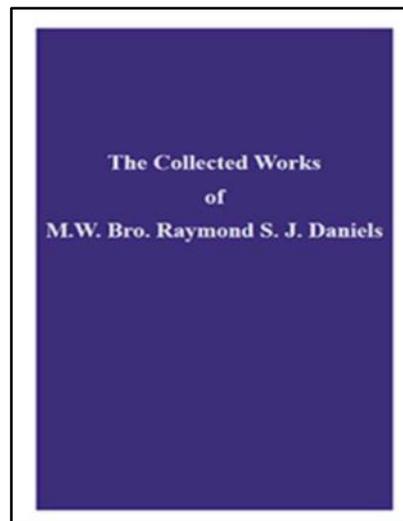
Remember Brethren, Masonry teaches us the way to live but also be conscious of your duties you owe to your family, your job and spiritual beliefs. Free Masonry allows the opportunity to be a leader by example to make this world a better place to live.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT GRAND LODGE

John C. Green

### The Collected Works

M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels



Last October, a group of Masons from Hamilton District C embarked on a project with the support of **M.W. Bro. S. J. Daniels, P.G.M.**, to archive all of his **Masonic Minutes** on the Hamilton Masonic District C website.

In January, this initiative expanded far beyond his **Masonic Minutes**, to also include **Masonic Moments**, **Masonic Research**, **Masonic**

**Press**, and finally his **Masonic Memorial**.

With all of these materials compiled, the request came for us to consider producing these materials in a book format.

Thus, we are pleased to announce that the complete book: **The Collected Works of M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels** will be available for sale at the upcoming Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at the book desk.

**R.W. Bro. Devin L. Tuinstra .**

## Deputy Grand Master

This will be the last Communique for this Masonic year and next month the Masons of Ontario will meet for the Annual Communication of your Grand Lodge. I thought it would be helpful to know how the work of the several Grand Lodge Committees becomes known to the Masons of Ontario.

The Chairman and Team Leaders along with their Committee members are still hard at work in the quarries of Masonry however they have by now submitted a report of their activities to the Grand Secretary for publishing in the Preliminary Proceedings. Those Preliminary Reports are reviewed by the members of the Board of General Purposes at their annual meeting held on the Monday and Tuesday preceding Grand Lodge. Each Chairman and Team Leader will present a summary of their report during those two days. At the end of each presentation the Chairman or Team Leader will move a motion for the report to be accepted by the Board for presentation to Grand Lodge for approval. Since the District Deputy Grand Masters are, by Constitution, members of the Board of General Purposes they will be participating in the vote.

The presentation of the several Committee reports to Grand Lodge is given by a member of the Management Committee who has been the liaison with the Chairman or Team Leader during the Masonic year. At the end of the report presentation a motion for acceptance, by Grand Lodge, will be moved, seconded and when passed will be published in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge. After the proper motion is passed, the reports submitted by the several District Deputy Grand Masters, of this Masonic year, will also be published in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The Secretary of each Lodge, in our Grand Jurisdiction, will receive a copy of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge. Of course you may obtain your own personal copy for a nominal fee by contacting the Grand Lodge Office and making arrangements for payment, mailing or pick up etc. If you are a Lodge Officer, a Master or perhaps soon to be a District Deputy Grand Master, allow me to recommend a great resource book to you with information that covers all aspects of Freemasonry in Ontario. It is truly a book that once you start to read it, you can't put it down.

The 2016 Grand Lodge marks the beginning of a new era in our Grand Lodge and, as noted in previous Communiqués, the Board of General Purposes will begin its reduction as we reduce the ELECTED NUMBER of members from SEVEN to FIVE and the appointed number from seven to five. We will repeat the same process next year.

Those of you who can, by Constitution vote, play a very important part in this new era, it is your responsibility to educate yourself on whom to elect, not only for the Board but also for the Grand Senior, Grand Junior Warden and Grand Registrar. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have been returned, this year, to office by acclamation. Your Grand Lodge has provided various ways to educate yourself with those Brethren who have allowed their names to stand for the different offices. Each Lodge Secretary received an

information package in the April mailing. Included in the package is a document of each Brother along with his photo and a brief review of his credentials. The information can be obtained in electronic or paper form from your Lodge Secretary or may also be found on the Grand Lodge Website.

After the Grand Master's Banquet this year, the members of the Board of General Purposes will gather to vote for a new member of the Management Committee of Grand Lodge. The position became available when R.W. Bro. David Sheen decided to retire from the Management Committee. David has served with distinction at all levels of Masonry from his years as an officer in his Lodge, to his service on the Board of General Purposes but more especially his work on the Management Team where he was a Leader. He will be greatly missed; however he will leave behind a phrase he often used. The next time I hear "with all due respect", I will think of you, Chief!

Finally, I thank all the Grand Lodge Chairman, Team Leaders and especially Committee Members for your commitment to Grand Lodge and your assistance to the office of Deputy Grand Master. The Brethren of Grand Lodge, know and understand your dedication to Freemasonry in Ontario. Well done, Brethren!

Brother Theodore Roosevelt, Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay once said:

**"A great democracy has got to be progressive or it will soon cease to be great or a democracy"**

Brethren, it is your Grand Lodge, it is your vote, just remember to vote for 5 this year.

**Paul E. Todd**

### GRAND LODGE SUBSIDIARY WEBSITES

- [Masonic Research Lodge](#)
- [The Masonic Foundation of Ontario](#)
- [Grand Lodge of Canada Library Website](#)
- [MasoniCHIP Website](#)

### 2016 Ontario Masonic Education Conference Available on "My Grand Lodge" - All Videos

- ["The Great Storm of 1913"](#)
- ["1759 – Triumph of Sword and Trowel"](#)
- ["The Masonic Life and Times of R.W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald"](#)
- ["Masonic Ritual in the History of Metaphysical Thought"](#)
- ["Team Building"](#)
- ["Emotional intelligence"](#)
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# Vimy Ridge Memorial

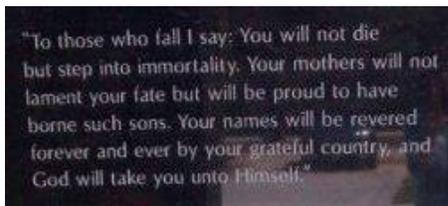


From Masonic Moment.....  
“Military historians agree that innovative tactics, careful planning, meticulous attention to detail, and constant practice under the command of General Sir Arthur Currie, led to the unexpected triumph and brilliant conquest of Vimy Ridge - universally hailed as the first Allied success of the war. W. L. Morton: “... the storming of Vimy Ridge on Easter Day, 1917, a landmark in the course of Canadian history because it was the first major victory of the war was won by Canadians alone,” (The Kingdom of Canada, 1963)

General Sir Arthur William Currie (1875-1933), Commander of the Canadian Corps.

Prior to the war, Currie had been a teacher and an insurance broker and real estate agent. Born in Strathroy, Ontario, he moved to British Columbia in 1894. He was initiated in Vancouver & Quadra Lodge No. 2, Victoria, in 1898 and served as Worshipful Master in 1904. He subsequently served as District Deputy Grand Master for Victoria District. Bro. Currie affiliated with Zetland Lodge No. 326, Toronto. His Masonic regalia is deposited in the Canadian War Museum, Ottawa. Knighted by King George V in 1917, and in 1920 Sir Arthur Currie was appointed Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, Montreal, a position held until his death in 1933.

The words of R.W. Bro. Sir Arthur Currie delivered in an Address to the Canadian Corps, March 1918, express our thoughts: **“To those who fall I say: You will not die but step into immortality. Your mothers will not lament your fate but will be proud to have borne such sons. Your names will be revered forever and ever by your grateful country, and God will take you unto himself.”**



These are the words on the Memorial Wall. Several local masons have made Masonic Donations to this wall, via the Masonic Foundation.



# CFB Borden’s Centennial

June 9 – Memorial Wall Unveiling,

For more information visit [100yearsoffreedom.ca](http://100yearsoffreedom.ca). Planning the centennial celebration for Canada’s largest military training base is no small feat, but when you have a small army of people working together, all the pieces fall into place that much easier. “We are in a unique moment of time that we are here for the base’s 100th anniversary,”

This year’s event is going to be special, as two urns of soil collected from Vimy, France will be repatriated. One of the urns will be encased in the new memorial wall being built at the base’s north entrance, while the second urn will be installed in Barrie’s new cenotaph the following year. The memorial wall, constructed from bronze and granite and designed by Canadian artist Marlene Hilton Moore, is the heart of the legacy project spearheaded by the base’s Hon. Col. Jamie Massey.

Massie was instrumental in reaching out to community sponsors, who have donated about \$600,000 for the monument.

For Massie, the project reflects the full mandate of an honorary colonel — to connect the base with its surrounding communities, to honour the history and tradition of the base, and to build esprit de corps among the troops. “The legacy project kind of combines all three of those missions into one,” Massie said. The project is also significant to Massie for personal reasons; his grandfather was shot and injured during the battle of Vimy Ridge. He noted the soil serves an important symbolic purpose, as it contains the blood of thousands of Canadian soldiers who died on the battlefield.

“Vimy has always had an important place for me, and the fact that Canadian Forces Base Borden trained almost 50,000 men out of the 100,000 that served in that battle, it was important to tie us back to that event,” he said. Kurtzer said the base is planning to shut down all training operations during the wall’s unveiling, adding that 5,000 personnel should be on hand to witness the urn’s arrival on a horse-drawn carriage.

“There has never been a gathering like this before and there has never been a wall like this; it’s going to be spectacular,” he added. He said many dignitaries are also expected to attend, including the governor general.

A commemorative coin has been made in honour of the centennial and can be purchased for \$12.99 at the CANEX store at 36 El Alamein Rd W.

<http://www.simcoe.com/news-story/6082844--spectacular-celebration-planned-for-cfb-borden-s-centennial/>



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## Comrades in Arms - Battle of Vimy Ridge

Editor's note. Here is an excerpt from the Masonic Minute archives on the Hamilton District C website. For the full article please click here:

[http://www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org/masonic\\_moments/As%20MEN%20and%20as%20MASONS.pdf](http://www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org/masonic_moments/As%20MEN%20and%20as%20MASONS.pdf)

### As MEN and as MASONS

The distinguishing characteristics of every Free and Accepted Mason are Virtue, Honour and Mercy. The writers of history identify certain events as defining points, crucial episodes upon which the future depends and from which the future evolves. One such landmark in Canadian military history and milestone in our political history is the Battle of Vimy, the heavily-fortified ridge in north-eastern France, that began at dawn on Easter Monday morning, 9 April 1917. It was the first time that all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force were brought together. 27,000 Canadian soldiers advanced through driving rain, sleet and snow. Volunteers all, they came from all nine Provinces in the Dominion and Newfoundland. Within two hours, three of the four Canadian divisions had taken their objective, but it would take three days of deadly combat by the Fourth Division to take Hill 145, the highest point of the ridge. 3,598 men were killed, and 7,104 were wounded. Four Canadian soldiers were awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest military honour "For Valour." "In Canada's history, one of the great days, a day of glory to furnish inspiration to her sons for generations

New York Times, 1917 Donald Creighton: "In a battle which was more generally successful than any which the British armies had yet fought in the west, the capture of the Vimy Ridge was at once the most dramatic and the most important episode." (Dominion of the North, 1957)

Military historians agree that innovative tactics, careful planning, meticulous attention to detail, and constant practice under the command of General Sir Arthur Currie, led to the unexpected triumph and brilliant conquest of Vimy Ridge - universally hailed as the first Allied success of the war. W. L. Morton:

"... the storming of Vimy Ridge on Easter Day, 1917, a landmark in the course of Canadian history because it was the first major victory of the war was won by Canadians alone," (The Kingdom of Canada, 1963)

"In those few minutes I witnessed the birth of a nation." Brigadier-General Alexander E. Ross - Commander 28th Battalion at Vimy

"The fierce fighting on this French hill enabled a young Canada to emerge from the British shadow." Canadian War Museum

"The events here 90 years ago were for our country, a coming of age. "Right Hon. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister - 9 April 2007

Before the Great War began in 1914, Canada was an overseas colony in the shadow of Mother England. When the war ended in 1918, Canada was a nation. The limestone ridge of Vimy was 'the anvil on which the country's identity as a nation was

forged.' "Those who seek the foundation of Canada's distinction would do well to begin here at Vimy." H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, 9 April 2007

### The Heroes of Vimy

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1802-1882) reminds us that, "There is properly no History; only Biography. All history resolves itself very easily into the biography of a few stout and earnest persons."

Many of the men in command were Freemasons, and countless brethren served in the rank and file. There is documented evidence of lodge meetings held behind the lines. General Sir Arthur William Currie (1875-1933), Commander of the Canadian Corps. Prior to the war, Currie had been a teacher and an insurance broker and real estate agent. Born in Strathroy, Ontario, he moved to British Columbia in 1894. He was initiated in Vancouver & Quadra Lodge No. 2, Victoria, in 1898 and served as Worshipful Master in 1904. He subsequently served as District Deputy Grand Master for Victoria District. Bro. Currie affiliated with Zetland Lodge No. 326, Toronto. His Masonic regalia is deposited in the Canadian War Museum, Ottawa. Knighted by King George V in 1917, and in 1920 Sir Arthur Currie was appointed Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, Montreal, a position held until his death in 1933.

Major-General Sir David Watson (1871-1922) Commander of the Fourth Division that took Hill 145, was a Freemason.

Sir Robert L. Borden (1854-1937), the Conservative Prime Minister (1911-1920), was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Sir Sam Hughes (1853-1921), the Minister of Militia and Defence in Borden's Cabinet, was initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, Toronto, in 1883.

### TWIN PYLONS ~ TWO GREAT PILLARS

France and Canada 'A gate leading to a better world' "The Great War for Civilization" - The War to end War Canadian sculptor, Walter Seymour Allward (1876-1955) created the spectacular Monument unveiled in 1936 by M.W. Bro. King Edward VIII (Household Brigade Lodge No. 2614, Grand Master UGLE 1936). The King said: "We raise this memorial to Canadian warriors. It is an inspired expression in stone, chiselled by a skilful Canadian hand. It marks the scene of feats of arms which history will long remember and Canada will never forget." Twenty sculptured allegorical figures represent the universal virtues: Faith, Justice, Peace, Honour,



Charity, Truth, Knowledge, and Hope. The largest figure represents Canada, mourning her fallen sons, depicted as a woman, draped, eyes cast downward - an attitude of overwhelming sorrow and inconsolable grief.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2016

## 161<sup>st</sup> Communication of Grand Lodge



July 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>-  
Fairmont Royal York  
Hotel  
Toronto

August 2016

## Masonic Beef & Corn Roast Wednesday Aug 24th 2016



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  
Proceeds to St. Peter's Hospital and the  
Scottish Rite  
Learning Centre for Children

**2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2016**  
\$90.00 PER PLAYER \$360.00 PER FOURSOME  
18 HOLES - 10:00 A.M. START INCLUDES:  
GREEN FEES, GOLF CART, DINNER AND PRIZES

*Southern Pines*  
Golf and Country Club  
8483 Airport Rd. E., Mount Hope, ON  
L0R 1W0 Tel: (905) 879-8309  
10:00 a.m. Start time

Dinner to be held at the  
Southern Pines Golf and Country Club  
following the day of Golf.

Please Contact the  
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# Hamilton District C Picnic



## Ancaster Heritage Days Seymour Lodge, a real winner!

Bro. Andrew Yuedell represented the district in the adult division of the soap box derby at Ancaster Heritage Days on June 11. He was undefeated on the day and took home the trophy.



## Sankey Lecture Series Video Now Available

Dr. Andrew Prescott, FSA, FRHistS, Professor of Digital Humanities, AHRC Theme Leader Fellow for Digital Transformations, University of Glasgow. Dr. Prescott presented on Searching for the Apple Tree: What Happened in 1716? work that he has done jointly with Dr. Susan M. Sommers Professor of History, Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Click here to see the full video:

**Brock**

Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies

Sunday, March 20, 2016, 3 p.m.  
Sean O'Sullivan Theatre  
Brock University

Searching for the Apple Tree: What Happened in 1716?

The lecture is free, but tickets are required. To reserve your admission please go to [www.brocku.ca/lectures](http://www.brocku.ca/lectures) or call (519) 335-1212 for tickets.

[Searching for the Apple Tree: What Happened in 1716?](#)

## Around The District Lodge Installations



**Meridian Lodge No. 687**



**Valley Lodge No. 100**



**Temple Lodge No. 324**



**Corinthian Lodge No. 513**

## Long Time Service Award

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 presenting a 70 year service pin to Bro. Robert C. Nelson at the Court of Rushdale Retirement Home



Clockwise from Top:

Making the formal presentation:

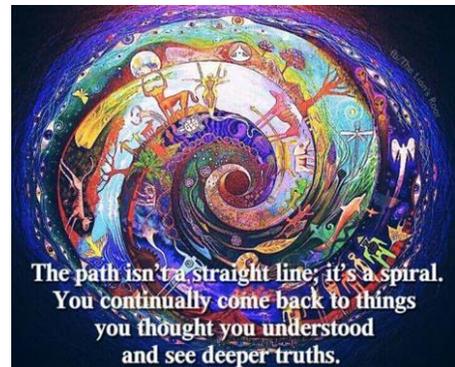
V.W. Bro. Archie McQuilkie, W. Bro. Gary McLean  
(Four men L to R) M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Growshaw, Bro. Robert C. Nelson, W. Bro. Gary Mclean, R. W. Bro Gordon T. Crutcher

V.W. Bro. Archie McQuilkie, R.W. Bro John K. Johnston,  
V.W. Bro. John Terence

(Group photo L to R) W. Bro. John Harrop, W. Bro. Brian Pirie

W. Bro. Robert Wild, Bro. Robert C. Nelson,  
V. W. Bro. John Terence, R. W. Bro. John K. Johnston  
V. W. Bro. Clifford Foreman, W. Bro. Gary McLean  
V.W. Bro. Martin Tees

W. Bro Brian Pirie presenting the blanket



# Are Symbols Relevant Today?

## Symbolic File Article #11

When doing research it is necessary to use historical information. The problem is that all history written comes with a particular point of view or a bias. It has also often happened that information has been burned or otherwise destroyed so that it can be replaced with a different view of a particular group, culture or religion.

Many simply accept the existing view as truth. It has however been shown over and over that such truth is fleeting. The one truth that cannot be burnt or changed is that found through symbols.

From Pythagoras to Newton and to the science of today this has proven to be the case. Symbols have been with us from the beginning of time simply waiting to be discovered. This is equally true when understanding the symbols of the Inner Self. It is these symbols that Masonry provides the key to unlock.

The reason this is important is that in this educated and connected world of today, many need a clearer understanding of how the inner self is connected to the greater truths. Symbols can give an unbiased and clear understanding.

Robert Graves states "Symbolism or allegory is "truer" than realism (historical information) in that the former allows more possibilities or interpretations and more possibilities implying greater freedom and **less context dependence**, this translates to a greater truth".

In the previous article it was noted that a lack of connection between the Inner Self and Outer Self could well cause issues. Some symptom of the lack of connection to the inner self is that there is little sense of order or structure in life along with no moral compass. Without this sense of direction, structure and morality, the stability of society in general comes into question. Watching any news program or listening in on social media can prove the stability of society is in question today.

There is another aspect of symbols that can shed light on their importance in today's world and that is found in symbols themselves. The squaring of the circle has been associated with Jewish/Christian culture. This squaring of the circle is done in a clockwise direction (see the direction of movement in the Lodge).

Islamic culture uses the circling of the square symbol. Circling of the square is done in a counter clockwise direction. This can be seen at the Hajj in Mecca. Scholars believe this symbol may go back to prehistory. Without going into a discussion of their meaning, anyone could see that there is a considerable divide in thinking between these two symbols and cultures.

One should not look at either of these symbols as being right or wrong since they both give an understanding of a greater truth all be it from a different angle. Endless numbers of lives have been given up over the centuries and continue to be

given up as one reads this article, attempting to prove one or the other is correct.

Foreign policy of a country is often doomed to failure without considering symbols such as those pointed out.

An example can be seen in the present situation in the Middle East. A western country recently attempted to recruit men from an area affected by strife to fight against their own culture. It failed outright since this plan would have amounted to asking a group of people to walk the wrong way in Mecca. This example does show how symbols should be taken into consideration even on a national level in real time.

Today more than ever symbols are important for our own personal well-being. As shown they are also important on even a much broader scale when understanding and dealing with other peoples and cultures. Symbols can be used in many ways, as pointed out in this series of articles.

It is most unfortunate that the value of symbols has been lost to so many. What has been lost is a clearer understanding of history, an understanding of one's self, stability of society and most important truth. Much of which has been lost today.

Freemasonry however uses symbol and allegory to "seek for that, which was lost" in order to "know thy self". With Self Knowledge as a Key Stone, it is possible for the individual Mason to find his own meaning of the truth.

**W. Bro. David Beland,  
Temple Lodge No. 324**

Next month: Article Twelve Lessons Learned?

### IN MEMORIAM

**Bro. Edmund Arthur Guest**

Corinthian Lodge No.513

Initiated – November 17, 1966

Passed – January 19, 1967

Raised – February 16, 1967

Passed to the G.L.A. on May 16, 2016

**Bro. J. A. Jack Mackay**

Valley Lodge No.100

Initiated May 11, 1953

Passed September 28, 1953

Raised October 26, 1953

Passed to the G.L.A. on June 19, 2016

*We will remember their families in Prayer*



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