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Biography of Our New District Deputy Grand Master Hamilton District 'C' R.W. Bro. Craig L. Knapman

Craig was born in 1956 and raised on the Hamilton Mountain. As a graduate of Hill Park High School and McMaster University, he is passionate about the Hamilton community and owns and operates a real estate brokerage, Realty Network: 100 Inc., which serves Hamilton, Burlington and the surrounding area.

A devoted family man, he relishes his family time with his Lady, Myriam, and his two sons Brendan and Brock. Brendan and his wife Allison have two young sons, Atlas and Archer, and are currently living in the Calgary area.

While living in Dundas for over twenty years and raising his children, Craig has been long time member of St. James Church.

Other than Masonry, Craig's interests include water sports, fishing, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and classic cars. He also loves to barbecue, which is the extent of his cooking skills!



Craig was initiated into Valley Lodge No. 100 in 1984, and was Master in 1991. He is a 32nd Degree member of The Scottish Rite where he joined in 1985.

Craig is proud to have a long and rich family history in Freemasonry; his oldest Son, Brendan, is a Past Master of Valley Lodge, his Mother was a member of The Eastern Star, his Father was a member of Buchanan Lodge in Hamilton, his Uncle was a member of St. Andrews Lodge in St. Catharines as well as being a 32nd Degree member of The Scottish Rite, his Grandfather was a member of Hugh Murray Lodge in Hamilton., and is Great Grandfather was a Lodge member back in Ireland.

Craig is very much looking forward to working with his District "C" Brethren this year along with the District Secretary, Lance Mullett, and the District Leadership Team

Initial Greetings from our District Deputy Grand Master

I would like to congratulate two of our District Brethren on their Grand Lodge appointments, V. W. Bro. Arthur Wesley Moore to Assistant Grand Secretary and V. W. Bro. Raymond (Ray) Kenneth Graham to Grand Steward.

I am pleased to say that we in District "C" will again this year be supporting the Grand Master's charity, Prostate Hope.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Valley Lodge No. 100 and all of the District Brethren for the confidence they have placed in me. The support has been absolutely tremendous and we are just getting started. Our District is blessed with dedicated, knowledgeable and enthusiastic Brethren as well as enjoying a close knit fraternal atmosphere and true sense of brotherhood.

In closing I would like to let all of you know that our first District meeting will be held Saturday September 17, 2016 at Dundas Masonic Temple. It would be a pleasure to see you there.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and it will be great to see all of you throughout the District this year.

Fraternally

R.W. Bro. Craig L. Knapman

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Hamilton's other District Deputy Grand Masters

- Hamilton District A** R.W. Bro. R. Larry Hinkley
- Hamilton District B** R.W. Bro. Ray A. Young



GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET
Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
CANADIAN ROOM, Fairmont ROYAL YORK
HOTEL

*R.W. Bro. Stuart A. Wright, Junior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge of California
Guest Speaker*

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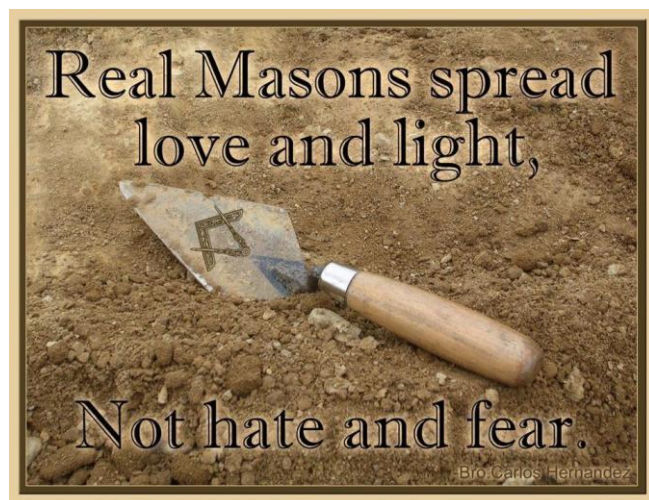
Hamilton District "C" Key Events for 2016 / 2017

Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Fall Meeting

Saturday, September 17th, 2016, 9:00 am
Dundas Masonic Temple

Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Official Visits

Date	Lodge	Location
Wed Oct 5/16	Ionic No. 549	MCH
Tue Oct 18/16	Hugh Murray No. 602	MCH
Mon Oct 24/16	Wardrope No.555	MCH
Tue Nov 8/16	Temple No. 324	MCH
Wed Nov 16/16	The Electric No.495	Hillcrest
Thu Dec 1/16	Buchanan No.550	Hillcrest
Thu Jan 26/17	Corinthian No.513	MCH
Mon Feb 13/17	Valley No.100	Dundas
Wed Feb 8/17	Meridian No.687	Ancaster
Tue Mar 28/17	Landmarks/Doric No.654	MCH
Tue Apr 11/17	Seymour No.272	Ancaster
Thu Apr 22/17	Dufferin No. 291	Flamborough
Tue Apr 25/17	Westmount No. 671	Hillcrest



Share the light, plan on coming out in support of our
D.D.G.M. and visit around the District!

Dates to Remember

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

September 2016

2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2016
\$90.00 PER PLAYER \$360.00 PER FOURSOME
18 HOLES - 10:00 A.M. START INCLUDES:
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Southern Pines
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8483 Airport Rd. E., Mount Hope, ON
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10:00 a.m. Start time

Dinner to be held at the
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following the day of Golf.

Please Contact the
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Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Website Trestle Board Updates

A reminder to the Lodge Communication Teams, to
update the District Website with Upcoming Events.

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Saturday, October 15, 2016
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• Full Logo on Website in Supporting Sponsor Category
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• Name on Seating Chart on Table at Event
• 8 Tickets

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Help children in your community by making the Hamilton Centre a reality!

Help make dyslexia history today and become a Sponsor of this important event!

For more information visit dyslexiacentrehamilton.com

Upcoming events from the Past Masters Association

The dates of the Regular Breakfast Meetings as well as the Meet and Greet and the AGM, all of which will occur at the Masonic Centre of Hamilton (Scottish Rite) are:

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Speaker – R.W. Bro. David Cameron
Topic: A Look at Declining Membership

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Speaker - Dr. Jen Hoogenes, MS, MSc, PhD(c),
Clinical Research Coordinator III, McMaster University
Department of Surgery
Topic: Prostate Cancer Research

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Speaker – R.W. Bro. Charles Woods
Topic – Men and Freemasonry in Today's Society

Friday, June 23, 2017

PMA Annual General Meeting and
Meet and Greet of Grand Lodge Nominees

7 Habits of Highly Effective Masons

Copied from the District Website Archive: R.W.Bro. Glen Notman's speech at his Valley Lodge Official Visit 2014

Tonight I want to leverage the writings and concepts of Steven Covey to discuss the Seven Habits of Highly Effective Masons. Covey believes that an individual's character, basically, is a composite of his habits. Because they are consistent, often unconscious patterns, habits constantly express our character and produce our image in the external world.

When Steven Covey was developing his Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, he noticed that almost all the writings that helped build America in its first 150 years or so identified character as the foundation of success. The literature of what we might call "The Character Ethic" helped cultivate integrity, humility, fidelity, temperance, courage, justice, patience, industry, and the Golden Rule. This "Character Ethic" so aptly described resonates in the lessons we learn throughout all the degrees.

Becoming a Mason introduces a new set of skills and language to an individual. Joining a fraternity of men who strive to make good men better, means taking on a new perspective, and accepting a new paradigm. A paradigm shift is a change in perspective, a new way of looking at existing situations. This new awareness requires learning new skills and considering new lessons, of developing new habits. These new skills and lessons are reinforced by learning and doing the Work. Practicing, coaching, learning and recognition reinforce the knowledge, develop an attitude, sharpen the skills and in turn become habits that we adopt.

In the words of Aristotle, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

It is interesting that compared with the early success literature; the writings of the latter half of the last century were focused on the Personality Ethic: - filled with social image consciousness, self-help techniques, and quick fixes. Covey emphasizes that to be a truly effective person; you need to develop habits related to the Character Ethic, something that we as Masons work to do every day.

So what are these **7 Habits of Highly Effective People**?

1. *Be proactive.* Take the initiative and be responsible for the choices you make.
2. *Begin with the end in mind.* Have a clear purpose or goal.
3. *Put first things first.* Prioritize and organize.
4. *Think win-win.* Seek mutual respect in every interaction.
5. *Seek first to understand, then be understood.*
6. *Synergize.*
7. *Sharpen the saw.* Undergo constant renewal in the four basic areas of life

Habit 1 - Be Proactive

Being proactive means recognizing a personal responsibility to make things happen. Successful people are those who seize the initiative to do whatever is necessary, consistent with correct principles, to get the job done. Successful lodges

leverage the skills and energy of the members to deliver and support each other.

Take action and take responsibility. This is the basis of all further habits and a cornerstone of success. You will influence your life more than anyone else. You have the opportunity to use your free will and hard work to change yourself. As a Mason be proactive, don't wait for things to happen. Within your Lodge, step up, ask how you can help. Everyone here has a set of unique skills and ability. Ask yourself how can I add value to my Brothers? You are the creator, the actor and the doer in your life; get started and "just do it".

Habit 2 - Begin with the End in Mind

Means to begin each day, task, or project with a clear vision of your desired direction and destination, and then continue by flexing your proactive muscles to make things happen. Habit 2 is based on imagination--the ability to envision in your mind what you cannot at present see with your eyes. It is based on the principle that all things are created twice. There is a mental (first) creation, and a physical (second) creation.

As a member of the Lodge, what do you want out of your Masonic Journey? Make a conscious effort to visualize who you are and what you want in life. Then work to empower yourself and work with other people to shape you and your life by default. Having the end in mind is about connecting again with your own uniqueness. Consider the lessons in our ritual, and begin defining the personal, moral, and ethical guidelines within which you can most happily express and fulfill yourself.

Habit 3 - Put First Things First

Set priorities. Decide which of your roles and goals are most important, then determine what steps will best achieve those goals. Basically it means doing life with your values in hand. It means defining your idea of success in life from the image you would like to leave. Once we have the end in mind, we can clearly schedule our priorities. We can then determine where to spend our time.

First things are those things that you personally, find of most worth. If you put first things first, you are organizing and managing time and events according to your own priorities, and are choosing to make Masonry important. Each of you here tonight have made a decision that Lodge provides a meaningful experience and is a priority in your life. Consider the newer members, the absent members. Reach out and share with them what Masonry means to you. Why you choose to spend some valuable time in the harmony and fraternity that constitutes a lodge.

Habit 4 - Think Win-Win

Think Win-Win isn't about being nice, nor is it a quick-fix technique. It is a character-based code for human interaction and collaboration. Win-win sees life as a cooperative arena, not a competitive one. Win-win is a frame of mind and heart that constantly seeks mutual benefit in all human interactions. Win-win means agreements or solutions are mutually beneficial and satisfying. We both get to eat the pie and it

tastes pretty darn good! A person or organization that approaches conflicts with a win-win attitude possesses three vital character traits:

1. Integrity: sticking with your true feelings, values, and commitments
2. Maturity: expressing your ideas and feelings with courage and consideration for the ideas and feelings of others. Simply put, you must have enough empathy and goodwill to work for a win for your counterpart, and enough courage to win for yourself.
3. Abundance Mentality: believing there is enough for everyone and we should all benefit. The Abundance Mentality recognizes that possibilities for growth and success are potentially limitless and sees the strengths in others as an opportunity to complement one's strengths.

Thinking Win - Win builds a "we first" mentality. A team thought model that enables everyone to succeed. In Masonry we are united through the Work, building together to help each other.

Habit 5 - Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood

Covey talks about communication as the most important skill in life. Communication is a loop between people, not one way from leader to follower. The essence of habit 5 is empathy. Not that you agree with someone; but that you fully understand him, emotionally and intellectually. Empathy is delivered with the ears, eyes, and heart - for feeling, for meaning. It's powerful because it provides context as well as content.

Within Masonry we are provided a tool kit called the Work. In **Penetrating the Veil** communication of the Ritual is discussed: "The general meaning of the ritual can be sensed in the feeling and flow of the words. They are not meaningless. The ritual must impress the candidate with awe and wonder and fill his mind with intelligent information. The Work must be sincere and, although accuracy is pleasing, there must be communication. The right words can be pronounced, but it is unavailing unless the message comes across. Ritual is the performance of a ceremony to illustrate a mystery."

It is most important in the delivery of the Work to understand the intent behind the words. It is not a catechism, a dull recital of facts and figures. Consider the life lessons we are trying to impart. Each of us as Master Masons is enjoined to take up the tools of our craft and instruct the newer brethren.

As a mentor, a sponsor, or a coach, when working with our members we must first actively listen to them and understand their situation and concerns. Ask them what they heard, saw and felt. Listen actively with empathy, consciously trying to understand and to see the world from the other person's perspective. Effective Masons need to develop relationships of trust that enable open and frank discussion between Brothers. Members need to have the courage to ask questions, develop understanding and explain the concepts. Lodges need to develop mechanisms through practice and education to encourage communication and ensure we understand the habits we are forming.

Habit 6 - Synergize

Synergize is the habit of creative cooperation. It is teamwork, open-mindedness, and the adventure of finding new solutions to old problems. But it doesn't just happen on its own. It's a process, and through that process, people bring all their personal experience and expertise to the table. Together, they can produce far better results than they could individually. Synergy lets us discover jointly things we are much less likely to discover by ourselves. It is the idea that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. One plus one equals three, or six, or sixty--you name it. When people begin to interact together genuinely, and they're open to each other's influence, they begin to gain new insight. The capability of inventing new approaches is increased exponentially because of differences.

The Work provides a common frame of reference which lets us all communicate to each other. Seeing how each of the lessons are imparted across the district, I can assure you that we have a uniformity of language, but the delivery is shaped by the emotions, thoughts and experiences of the Mason.

A strong Lodge takes on the differences we all have as strengths. United through the Work, and the values, and habits it provides by extension. Improved by the efforts, skills and abilities of our members, through Masonry we unleash people's greatest powers. We make a whole greater than the sum of its parts.

Habit 7 - Sharpen the Saw

Take time to **rejuvenate** and help prepare yourself to work better in the future. This often means relaxing, enjoying nature, meditating and spending time with high-quality relationships. The purpose of this habit is to regularly exercise the four components which many believe make up the human being: body, mind, heart and spirit.

- **Body:** Exercise for a sense of well-being.
- **Mind:** Exercise to sharpen the intellectual abilities.
- **Spirit:** Exercise with meditations and inner reflections.
- **Heart:** Exercise care for important relationships.

Within the Lodge we take the time to shape the character we all share as Masons. To exercise in all these necessary dimensions, we must be proactive in our approach to learning and delivering the work; proficient in our understanding of the language and the lessons therein and the cooperative in coming together as Brothers united in harmony. Within Masonry we work to develop positive habits that benefits each of us as individuals and collectively as Masons. We learn this new language and life lessons and that has to become a habit, which inhabits our individual and collective character.

As Masons, we already get Covey's core teaching that when building a character ethic, it is most important to focus on integrating the principles of integrity, honour and morality into one's life. This may be a long-term process, but working on character, including an effective view of the world and self-awareness, is habit forming and so is core to delivering our fundamental tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth

R.W. Bro Glen J. Notman

Lessons Learned on the Path

Symbolic File Article #12

As this is the last article in this series I will outline some of what I have learned on my journey. Meistner Eckhart states “if you know something, tell it” and this is what I have attempted to do, although it is very difficult to set out symbolic information in words. Symbols must be absorbed over time and realized.

As mentioned in Article One each journey is an individual learning process. What is found at the end will be particular to each person. When starting any journey, it is necessary to know where you want to end up. In Masonry that journey is to find an understanding of Ones Self or as is said, to “Know Thy Self”.

One thing that is important when reading what I have written is not to take my word but search and find out for your self. You must experience the truth. I cannot experience it for you but only set a direction to find it. I always have a tendency to look at everything from a macro level or from an over all view and then see how I fit into the bigger picture.

After considerable research as well as looking at the information available from a number of angles I have found that there is only one Great Truth and this could be proven over and over again through symbols. It is like quantum physics. After all the dots are put together, the pattern emerges.

When one can grasp the Great Truth through symbols, all religions come together whether they are from today or from earlier times. It is then possible to see the reason religion has remained important down through history and why Masons should not be a reviler of religion.

There is a considerable difference between religion and a system like Freemasonry. A religion tells a person what to believe through its doctrine and dogma. Masonry does not tell a person what to believe, as it has no dogma or doctrine save that of its morality and brotherly love. Instead it provides the tools to find answers. It is up to each person to use the tools, ask the questions and to “seek for that which was lost”. Masonry creates a secure place among friends and a structure to seek the truths. Its methods and structure stay consistent and have been proven over the centuries.

The Great Truth is not only about what lies beyond this life. It is also about nature and science of the here and now and how we fit into the big picture of every day life. Life is here to experience. It is said that Masons are to enjoy “licensed pleasures” while “being happy and communicating happiness

There is a point where a Mason is told that he can “Extend his researches into the hidden mysteries of nature and of science”. Using this route, he can begin to find his way.

Through the study of Ones Self, it is possible to comprehend spiritual concepts as a science and as part of science. Science as a field is unable to make this connection due to it viewing everything in a linear form from the “outside looking in”.

It is only possible to make this connection from the “inside looking out” or from the Centre of Ones Self. From this vantage point it is possible to see that there is a unity within Man himself. This unity extends to the Earth and to the Cosmos since we are all one. It is this connection or unity that the Pythagoreans and the mystery systems of all times down to the present day allow a person to discover. This discovery must be of a person’s “own free will and accord”. For the discovery to take place there must be “stability” within one’s self. This stability is developed symbolically in the Lodge at the Installation of Officers when the Brethren pledge their support to the new Master of the Lodge in all three degrees.

The symbolic unity can be observed in the closing of both the Third Degree and the opening and closing in the Holy Royal Arch Degree of the York Rite. What is proven by this unity, whether it is in Masonry or psychology, a house divided cannot stand and without unity truth cannot be found. Symbolism is a vast and interesting subject. It can be enjoyed through all the avenues I have set out in this series and many more.

Some words of advice:

If it is not already understood, the secrets are intentionally hidden behind allegory and symbol although they are in plain sight. It takes considerable time to absorb the information. Do not attempt to “rush forward”. Understanding can only be found when the “candidate comes properly prepared”.

It is important to always remain humble if light is revealed to you. When you have answered many questions and believe you know more than others, it is then time to say, “I realize I know nothing”.

Buddha states “remember me as the one who woke up”. The answers are all around you. It is only necessary to wake up and see them.

Good luck in your researches and may the Most High be ever with you.

Anyone who wishes assistance in their journey, or any group interested in a discussion I can be contacted through Temple Lodge #324 or at dobeland@gmail.com.

I thank Rt. W. Bro. Glen Notman and the Editorial Board of the Chronicle for their encouragement and for printing this twelve article series through 2015/16.

I hope the articles will create some discussion and be of some help to those on the path.

Last but not least I thank V.W. Bro. William Brimer Jr. for all his help, being my sounding board and keeping me on track. I could not have put the series together without his patience, input and editing.

W. Bro. David Beland

Temple Lodge #324

All can be explained through symbols

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<http://www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org/newsletter.php>



Call for Submissions

We enjoy articles submitted by a wide range of members. This is very much appreciated and ensures that we continue to have an interesting newsletter. To make the Chronicle more topical, we are looking for Lodge Events, Pictures and Articles to include in each edition.

The Editors will strive to find space in the upcoming issues, and make this your publication. So we are asking you, our members, to seriously consider submitting your stories for publication in the Chronicle. So if you have something to share, or something to say, send it along, with an image or photos. If you don't have digital photo files to send and only have photographs, we can scan them for you and place them in the article.

We are looking to reinstate a Questions and Answers section in the Chronicle. Please feel free to submit your questions to the editorial team and where space allows, we will provide some answers, or point you in the right direction.

Thank you to the Brethren for their submissions over the past year. It makes the Chronicle more meaningful to have your input included.

IN MEMORIAM

Brethren, nothing to report here!
It has been a warm and safe summer.
Hoping all is well with you and yours.

From the Editor

A special thank you to W. Bro. Dave Beland for his support and assistance throughout the year. Your writings for the Symbolic File provided great, thought provoking articles in each edition. I kept turning to the work and other readings looking for the answers.

I also want to thank all the people who made submission for articles, events and pictures. Everyone's efforts seem to have made a difference. It is the submissions that led to the recognition of the Silver award from Grand Lodge for Best Newsletter in Ontario.

Last, some special recognition to my partner / mentor on the 'C'ronicle, R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson. I like to think that with the community providing content, and the Editorial Team working together we make a contribution to keeping the District informed.

2016 was a fun first year as editor, here's hoping that 2017 proves to be as stimulating.

S&F,
 Glen Notman
 Chronicle Editor

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