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From Our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren,

What a great month
October has been
around the District.

We had our
first three Official
Visits and our first
Installation for the
year. The quality of
the work keeps
getting
better. There are
many
consistent ongoing
comments as a
testament to that.

Congratulations to
W. Bro. Jason

Burgoin & the new slate of Officers at Dufferin Lodge. They
are truly a fine looking group of Masons to lead Dufferin.

Congratulations as well, to W. Bro. Gary McLean and Hugh
Murray Lodge on reaching The Cornerstone designation, an
accomplishment certainly to be proud of. Speaking of which,
I would strongly encourage all District 'C' Lodges to learn
more about The Cornerstone designation and give strong
consideration to discussing it among members to move toward
obtaining it.



I also would like to congratulate co-chairmen, R.W. Bro
Geoff Allan and W. Bro. Jason McCulloch, along with the
"Love of Learning" team for the huge success with the
gala and fund raising for The Learning Centre for Children. It
was encouraging to see so many District 'C' Brethren
supporting this worthy endeavor.

October also saw the first of The Past Masters' Association
breakfasts with guest speaker R.W. Bro. David Cameron as
well as our first Divine Service for the year which was held at
the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Lodge attendance, especially for this early in the year, has
been very strong and I thank you all for that Brethren. I also
want to encourage you to, whenever possible, attend your
Lodge's executive, or General Purposes, meetings. Much of
what is going on in The District spills over into these
meetings and keeps you in the loop, not to mention the goings
on of your own Lodge.

Looking forward, November is going to be a busy month as
well. As always I want to encourage you to come out to
Lodge as well as to keep an eye on The Trestle Board for
visiting. I strongly encourage Lodge Secretaries to update this
page on the Hamilton District 'C' website on a regular basis.
See you in Lodge!

As our purpose in Masonry is to make good men better, our
focus this year is to bring out the best in ourselves, thereby
bring out the best in each other.

Kindest Regards and Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Craig L. Knapman

Westmount No. 671 Fraternal Visit



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From the Grand Master

Brethren,

Well here we are in the seventh day of Autumn and our Masonic activities are getting busier. Many of us spent considerable time at the International Plowing match near Harriston last week. There were about one hundred and ten thousand in attendance over five days. I must tell you that the Masonic display tent was well visited and the combined committee



from Bruce and Wellington districts did an outstanding job of setting up the exhibit that demonstrated the Family of Freemasonry to the public at large. There was participation by Grand Lodge, the Masonic Foundation, Scottish Rite, Demolay, Rameses and Mocha Shrine. As well, the Eastern Star provided Coffee and treats for our visitors. I know that in the past some have questioned our participation at this annual BLESS event, but I don't know anywhere we have the opportunity to put the face of Masonry before one hundred thousand people in one week. Of particular interest to me were the number of inquiries that were directed to the Demolay display. The local committee also showed some ingenuity by having 9 or 10 picnic tables right in front of our tent which was directly across from a number of food booths so that people who filled those tables saw the Masonic presence before their eyes while satisfying their appetites. Many then came into our venue and got information about Freemasonry. It is also noted that the local group introduced new signs that were quite visible by all to see. They looked fresh and new and I might say weighed about 10 pounds each and it didn't take three or four men to lift them like the previous ones.

I also want to mention that on Thursday the Local committee hosted a Meet and Greet for the Grand Master. I was quite impressed when approximately 175 folks attended a great feast of beef on a bun and a variety of salads. Those in attendance enjoyed good food, good fellowship and maybe a little laughing at some fun directed at the Grand Master but I have big shoulders to withstand pressure. I also enjoyed an opportunity to respond.

As we all know the season of Official Visits and Installations are upon us and I encourage every mason to attend and

support those hosting lodges. The Grand Lodges officers have received most of the Trestle Boards and they too are encouraged to attend those activities within their cable tow. Supporting each other by visitation brings lodges closer together both in friendship and respect for one another. Our teachings tell us that the more we know each other the more we understand each other and that fosters harmony within our fraternity.

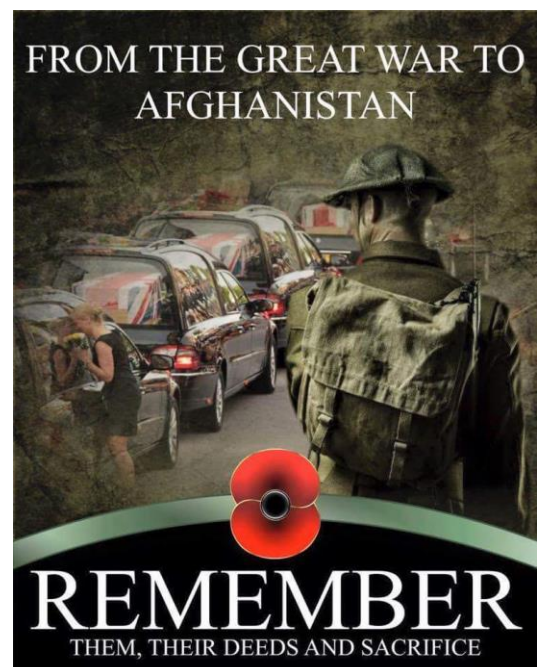
At the recent celebration of the 175th anniversary of the two Irish lodges in London I was reminded of situations in history and particularly in Masonic history. Today, we still acknowledge and respect these traditions that were established so many years ago. We should be proud that we still rely on those foundations that were laid for us by our forefathers that maintain the same meaning that it did two centuries ago. We have built on the past and respect their efforts but must always work diligently to continue building to ensure that our actions stimulate our future brethren to carry on the philosophies of Freemasonry as we know it.

I was surprised and interested by the comments I received from many about our conduct as masons in public and particularly at Grand Lodge in July. I recently had a brother approach me and said after discussion at his lodge they would be prepared to monitor the halls at next year's communication if need be. That type of response was very well received and I thank those who have offered support for our future activities.

Brethren as we are embarking upon the Thanksgiving season let us always remember how fortunate we are to live in a country that allows us the freedoms we enjoy. Give thanks to those who sacrificed unselfishly so we can live with the love and prosperity that has been afforded us and thank God we are blessed to be Canadian. We sometimes forget to realize as Canadians we are given opportunities that many never experience.

GOD BLESS FREEMASONRY and GOD BLESS CANADA

John C. Green



From the Deputy Grand Master

October has brought to the Masons of Ontario, shorter daylight hours and the end of a summer of sunshine and warmth which at times seemed it would never end.

This month we continue our review of the Committees of Grand Lodge. I have chosen this month to highlight a committee whose work could be considered life or death. Seriously!

The mature (not older) Mason will remember sitting in Lodges with one exit, on the second floor, perhaps even a ground floor, in a building completely built with wood, windows boarded up either from the outside or inside, candles burning as lesser lights and they never gave their personal safety a second thought.

Perhaps in the same building sat Brethren whose occupation was either volunteer or full time and they knew it was only a matter of time before someone, perhaps more than one, would pay the ultimate sacrifice by being trapped in a fire.

M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling during his year as Grand Master formed a hoc committee which used the following overview to create the Lodge Building Compliance Policy.

“For many, many years this Grand Lodge wrestled with the increasing poor conditions of lodge meeting places. The time had come when we, collectively must take accountability for the actions necessary to ensure we do the best we can to avoid any major accidents, with possible related deaths”.

(partial quote Section 2 Lodge Building Compliance Policy)

“Every Masonic Building in which Lodges of this jurisdiction meet, regardless of whether it is owned, rented or lease, by the Lodge or a group of Lodges as a Temple Corporation, must be compliant with the local fire code requirements”

(partial quote Section 3 Lodge Building Compliance Policy)

The Building Compliance Policy was implemented in 2012 and we are now in the middle of the second round of inspections. Last year alphabetically, Districts from Algoma to Ontario completed their second round of inspections, this year Districts from Ottawa 1 to York are due for inspections.

One of the concerns often heard by this committee is the actual cost of inspections and why every three years.

Cost of inspection range from no charge to as much as 500 dollars, inspections are done every three years.

Taking the highest cost \$500 and the smallest membership of 20 members and divided by three years equals \$166 per year divided by 20 members comes \$8.30 or 4 medium Tim coffees per year or one coffee every three months, a small price to pay for fire safety. A Lodge of 100 members would be one coffee a year.

Three years is a reasonable time, cost of inspections can be pro-rated over three years in a Lodges annual budget. Although not mandated by the Ontario Fire Code, every three years is the policy of your Grand Lodge.

The Building Compliance Policy does contain a penalty clause, “on violation that is of having the Lodge Warrant removed” to date it has not been employed.

R.W. Bro. William Atkinson williamsa10@hotmail.ca is the Team Leader for Building Infrastructure

Remember “Procrastinations is the Foundation of all Disasters”

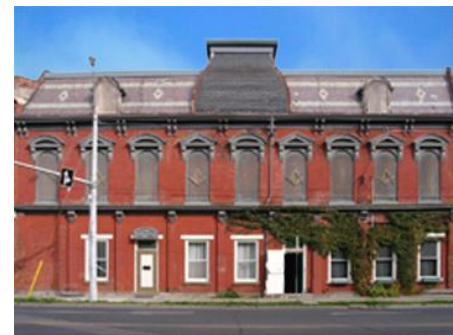
Author Pandora Poikilus

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October is the month of Thanksgiving. So as a Mason we all need to take a moment and reflect on all our Blessings and I trust that you are like me and have many blessing to be thank full for this year.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Paul E. Todd



Hamilton District C – Lodge Halls
Clockwise from top:
Hillcrest, Ancaster, Dundas,
Masonic Centre of Hamilton, West Flamborough

Dates to Remember

November 2016

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Temple Lodge No.324
Tuesday November 8, 2016.
Dinner 6:30 pm
MCH

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

The Electric Lodge No.495
Wednesday November 16, 2016.
Dinner 6:30 pm
Hillcrest

Lodge of Instruction: “Deacons Workshop”

The Craft Association of the Hamilton Districts
9:00 am Saturday November 19, 2016.
Hosted by Valley Lodge No. 100
Dundas Masonic Temple



Installation of Officers Westmount Lodge No. 671

Tuesday November 22, 2016.
Dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle 7:00 p.m.
Hillcrest

Valley Lodge Holiday Dinner and Dance

Dundas Golf and Country Club
Saturday November 26, 2016.
Cocktails 6:30 pm
Tickets \$60.00 per person
Contact W. Bro Lance Mullett for tickets

Official Visit to Ionic Lodge No. 549



Central Masonic Temple
Communication

The President of the Central Masonic Temple requests your attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the C.M.T.

This meeting will be held at the Masonic Centre of Hamilton on November 26, 2016 at 10.00 A.M. in the Round Room.

A ROSE UPON THE ALTAR

presented by

LEARNING CENTER FOR CHILDREN
HAMILTON



Sunday November 27th, 2016
At the Scottish Rite Cathedral

A play at the Scottish Rite

Sunday,
November 27,
2:00 pm Matinee
7:00 pm Evening
\$20 per ticket
Open to all

Lunch and Dinner available prior to the show
For tickets or meal reservations call
(905)522-1622

December 2016

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Buchanan Lodge No.550
Thursday December 1, 2016.
6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 Tyle
Hillcrest

Breakfast with Santa

Scottish Rite
Saturday December 3,
2016
8:30 am to 10:30 am
MCH
Tickets via Scottish
Rite Club Office



Installation of Officers

Ionic Lodge No. 549
Wednesday Dec 7, 2016,
6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Tyle
MCH

Installation of Officers

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602
Tuesday December 20, 2016,
Dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle 7:00 p.m.
MCH

Around The District



R.W. Bro. Craig Knapman presenting W.M. Gary McLean with the Cornerstone Certificate



The Electric Lodge No. 495

Celebrating their Long Range Planning Lodge of Discussion



D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Hugh Murray No.602

Dufferin Lodge No. 291 Installation



W. Bro. Jason Burgoin with 'many' visiting brethren

Love of Learning Gala



Congratulations to R.W. Bro. Geoff Allan and his team. More than \$60,000 raised at the Love of Learning Gala for the Learning Centre for Children

MENTORING

By W. Bro. David Flight

*This article from the GL of Manitoba eNews
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In order to maintain and strengthen Freemasonry, Lodges need to educate their members in all aspects of the fraternity. We have a responsibility to provide each member with opportunities to meet and interact with others, to help him do his share, and to give him knowledge about the Fraternity. The Mentoring Program is based on consideration, respect, and cooperation. It is a team program aimed at developing each Brother to his fullest potential.

What happens in the majority of Lodges between the Brother Bring A Friend Night and the First Degree? The scenario goes something like this: The Lodge receives a petition which is read and turned over to an investigation committee; the investigation committee does their job and returns their report; the petition is read again; the Lodge ballots on the petition; and, if accepted the petitioner is informed of the date of the First Degree.

Is there something missing here? How about a Mentoring or Mentor Program and a Masonic Education Program? We ask ourselves time and time again why new members do not stay active in the Lodge after the Third Degree. The answer is because they often do not have a stimulant to keep them active. Frequently they do not even understand the Fraternity they have just joined. A continuing program of support through Mentor Counseling, Fraternal Lodge Visitations, and Lodge Participation is encouraged for the New Brothers in their First Year as Master Masons.

The Mentoring Program consists of assigning each candidate a well-educated Brother to act as his mentor, educator, and companion for a year, thereby, creating an active, educated and working Brother.

A Mentoring Program together with a system of Masonic Education provides the necessary methodology to guarantee that every new Brother is properly instructed in the fundamentals and workings of the Craft.

THE PURPOSE

Every candidate is a stranger to Freemasonry and Freemasonry is a stranger to him. It is not merely a Lodge that he joins, but a great fraternity with a history stretching back over many centuries. It has an intricate system of laws, a large number of purposes, ideals and Obligations, a set of rights, privileges and duties, and a set of landmarks to be preserved. The fraternity as a whole carries on a program of activities of great variety.

It is too much to expect of any man that without guidance he can make himself at home in such a society, or that unaided he can take his own proper place in the Lodge's work with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. He has every right to expect that the Lodge itself shall give him much of the information he needs. So many Brethren never receive this

information and are permitted to come--and perhaps go--undirected and uninstructed. They either cease attending Lodge at all, or, sometimes, for lack of knowledge, blunder into humiliation to themselves and damage to the Lodge.

There is nothing new in these statements. For years responsible Craft leaders have been only too aware of these problems. This failure to properly prepare the candidate for his new duties and privileges is both a failure on the part of the Craft to discharge its just obligations to him and a weakness in the fundamental system of Initiation. These failures incur the danger of weakening the whole structure by attempting to build enduring walls with rough ashlar and untempered mortar. Moreover it is not solely a matter of teaching the new member the ceremonies he is to go through. It is necessary that he become imbued with the spirit of Freemasonry and to believe in, as well as to understand, its purposes and ideals. Our Fraternity does not rest on compulsion or military rule; if its own members are at odds with its aims it becomes a house divided against itself. In many cases when Masons cause dissension in a Lodge, it is not out of malice or a desire to make mischief, but because they do not understand the rules and laws.

It is not only the candidate that profits by a Mentoring and Education Program. The Lodge itself is strengthened from having new members who from the beginning are able to take part in its activities; who are likely to become regular attendants; and who can quickly grasp the aim and purpose of the Lodges' endeavors. They come in already prepared for work!

Ask yourself these four key questions;

- 1) Are we allowing newly raised Brothers to pass through the three degrees uninformed and uninstructed?
- 2) Do we fail to encourage special meetings to educate the regular attending Brethren and re-educate Brethren who have drifted from regular Lodge attendance?
- 3) Is my Lodge allowing the line officers to advance to the East unprepared for the task, thus resulting in SELF-DESTRUCTION'?
- 4) Have we failed to recognize that leadership qualifications are unobtainable if we continue to ignore the vital need to become masonically educated'?

If you answered YES, your Lodge needs a Mentoring Program.



The New Mentor Notes – What's in it for me?

The new package includes:

Updated mentor program guidelines: Purpose, Vision, Role and Responsibilities, Qualities of effective mentor, Guidelines for effective mentoring, Suggested mentor session outline etc.

New “Ritual Notes” resource

- **Short & Concise:** 6-8 pages per degree summed up from current Grand Lodge books and resources
- **Comprehensive:** All aspect of the degree are covered
- **Consistent:** Ordered in the ritual delivery order, points to particular pages in “The Work”, Uses the same abbreviation as “The Work”
- **Easy to follow “Master Reference”:** points to specific pages in “The Work” and other current Grand Lodge books and resources for additional reading and easy connection to particular ritual section.

Who could benefit from the new Mentorship Notes?

- **Lodge and District Mentors:** save time preparing mentorship sessions with this short and comprehensive reference.
- **Officers / Ritual Deliverers:** learn more about the ritual parts they deliver to provide greater understanding (help deliver better ritual!)
- **Lodge Education Chairs and any Master Mason who wants to learn more about our ritual meaning.**

The new mentor notes are now available to help you! Please contact us to get your copy today.

Fraternally,

V.W. Bro. Robin Colville

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GO GENTLY

*Go gently our good Brother
From this your earthly toil.
Let your spirit soar and fly
Into that new dawn.*

*Where kindred spirits wait
Dressed in blinding light.
Bidding you home welcoming you back
To dwell among their sight.*

*And when the scribes read from your scroll
Here or in that place.
The Most High will say well done my Son
And grant you peace and grace.*

*Farewell our good Brother
Until we meet again.
The Fraternity will surely miss you
And shall forever call you friend.*

*Go Gently
Go Gently.*

V. W. Bro. David Stone



Freemasonry Hidden Secrets

WHY REMEMBER REMEMBRANCE DAY?

By R.W. Bro. S. Michael Jenkyns, Grand Historian (2016)

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*When you go home,
Tell them of us, and say,*

For your tomorrow We gave our today

(Inscription, British War memorial, Kohima, India)

November 11 honours the memory of those who have fallen in the service of their Country in wars and international peacekeeping operations. For the majority of us in Canada it is now 57 years since the cessation of hostilities in what has been called —World War II. That is one, two, or even three, generations removed from today and our remembrance of the events is coloured by books, movies and television.

During the great conflict of what has become called —World War II, the great war to end all wars, Canada provided 620,000 men and women in the fight to protect our way of life. This was 8% of our population of about 8 million people. Of this number, 60,661 were killed. In addition to this there were 20,115 widows, children and destitute parents of soldiers, who were receiving pensions in 1925. In truth, all were wounded by mental scars they would carry for the rest of their lives.

During World War II, Canada provided 1,050,000 men and women, from a population of about 11.8 million people. Out of this number, 42,000 were killed and 53,000 were wounded. There are over 100,000 gravestones in Europe with a simple maple leaf, marking the graves of Canadians.

Since 1945 Canadians have served in Korea (1950-53), the Gulf War (1991) and in many peacekeeping operations around the world including the current effort in Afghanistan. Lives have been lost in these actions too – 312 died in Korean, 100 in various peacekeeping operations, and four in May 2002 in Afghanistan.

Canada does not raise its military personnel through conscription. Those who support the military and paramilitary in peacetime do so through a belief in supporting a structure that we have needed. In wartime, a belief in the system and way of life we have enjoyed, and continue to enjoy, has been a prime motivating force, if not the prime force.

Almost all of us know of immediate family and friends who have —served the colours and many have lost, at sometime in our family's history, a member categorized as —lost, presumed killed, —killed in action, —missing in action. Death has taken many who survived the conflicts.

Should we forget them? Never! To us they should expect nothing less than that we remember them. And act to make them proud that they did not sacrifice themselves in vain.

For those who do not know, the wearing of a poppy is more than just a symbol of remembrance. Funds raised by the Royal Canadian Legion from the sale of poppies are used to give immediate assistance to ex-servicemen and women in need. They purchase community medical appliances, fund day care centres for adults, meals on wheels and the purchase, construction and maintenance of housing and care facilities for the elderly.

Masons of this Jurisdiction should feel proud to see their members in regalia, wearing medals, and attending Cenotaph Services. All of us should support such attendance, in public. And, in the end, we should be prepared to tell our children:

*Went the day well?
They died and never knew.
But, well or ill, Freedom,
They died for you.*



IN MEMORIAM

All Who Fell... Fighting for our Freedom

We will remember their families in prayer



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