

# District 'C'ronicle



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## From Our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren

Let me begin by wishing you & your Families All the Best for a Healthy & Prosperous New Year!!!

We truly have an exciting year ahead.

For us as Masons, January 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of the year that we have the pleasure of celebrating our 300th anniversary of Masonry as we know it and, as Canadians, the beginning of the year we celebrate the



150th anniversary of this wonderful country of ours. For our Lion's Club Brethren and friends I would also add that this year they are celebrating 100 years of fine service. What a great coincidence!

December proved to be a very productive and fun month here in Hamilton District C. We witnessed some great work in Lodge, a number of visitations with District C Brethren visiting outside our District as well as Brethren from other Districts visiting our Lodges. We enjoyed each other's company with lots of fun Christmas, Hanukah and Seasonal celebrations and we even had a fun hockey game between Hamilton District C

and Niagara District A where Hamilton C won solidly. I think it must have been the coaching.

I hope you have all had lots of quality time with family and friends.

Now, back to Lodge. January is going to be a busy month for District C including an Installation, an Official Visit, as well as a Past Masters' Association Breakfast and a Craft Association Workshop which are both in co-operation with our Brethren of the other two Hamilton Districts.

I would remind the Brethren that you don't have to be a member or a Past Master to attend the Past Masters' Association Breakfasts. You simply have to be the guest of a member. Let me know if you would like to attend and I would be pleased to have you there as a guest of mine. The speakers as well as the topics are always engaging. This month's topic is prostate cancer research, something which is dear to the heart of the Grand Master.

Please note, the District C Mid Term meeting takes place Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> at Hillcrest Masonic Temple.

This month we can also look forward to some Robbie Burns celebrations, which are always a fun time. Check the Trestle Board or District Website for times and locations.

Brethren, I know we all have busy lives, but as we are constantly reminded, the more we put into Masonry the more we'll get out of it.

As the late Ted Rogers always said, "The Best is yet to come!". Here's to 2017 & the next 300 years! 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 bringing out the best in others.

Kindest Regards and Fraternally,

**R.W. Bro. Craig L. Knapman**

**Hamilton Masonic District 'C'**  
**Mid Term Meeting**  
**Saturday January 14, 2017, 9:00 am**  
Hillcrest Masonic Temple  
***Plan Your Lodge Attendees Now!***

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## From the Grand Master

Brethren, here we are already the last Communique of 2016, time is flying by quickly and many are preparing the holiday season. The time of year to celebrate a number of activities of your respective spiritual persuasion and, of course, the opportunity to come together as families and enjoy many experiences that we sometimes



don't take time for during the rest of the year. As some of you have heard me say, there is nothing more important than your family, your occupation and your church. MASONRY IS JUST A HOBBY. Although we learn a lot from Masonic teachings, these other aspects of your life are most essential to a successful effort of our life's path.

On November 18th – 20th a number of Grand Lodge Officers visited Algoma District for various seminars and a reception in Thunder Bay. On arrival there was about 5 centimeters of snow. Between five and ten o'clock we were treated to social gathering at one of the Lodge buildings at which time we were blessed with another 15 centimeters of white joy. Going home was a great experience with vehicles sliding everywhere, stop lights not working and passengers giving a lot of advice. We all arrived safely at our hotels in forty minutes in what should have been a twenty minute trip. I can tell you the warmth and kindness that was extended to us as visitors was a great experience. These brethren don't see as many Grand Lodge personnel as we might in the southern portion of the province. We have been treated royally in every corner of the province, at various ceremonies and receptions, but no one has provided a winter wonderland like Thunder Bay and Algoma District. After everything, we all had a good time and arrived home safely. Be assured Freemasonry is well in Algoma and I was excited and impressed with their Masonic activity.

In a little over a month we will be starting to recognize the three hundredth Anniversary of Free and Accepted Masonry. I have been impressed that many Lodges and Districts are already having meetings about the suggested open house concept I have proposed for June 3rd next year. I feel this is an opportunity to celebrate Freemasonry across Ontario. In fact I would hope it might become an annual event. Shortly,

you will be receiving other activities we are proposing as part of the 300th anniversary. I encourage Lodges and members to plan or participate in some type of celebration. We have received the coins with 300th anniversary on one side the 150th of Canada on the other. We will be distributing them as soon as possible for sale in your respective Districts.

We are so fortunate to live in Canada and to be afforded the opportunity to become Masons, so let's express our pride to the rest of the population and demonstrate our morals and generosity as an example to those who might be interested in our Masonic philosophies.

One final reminder; according to our records there are some Districts who have not indicated what members are considering letting their name stand for DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. As I have mentioned previously there are two situations that occurs. One: the longer you leave it the less time you have to take the Past Master's course. Two: if your name has been assumed and you have decided not to let your name stand, you are shortening time for some other individual to prepare himself. Please let your intentions be known.

Brethren, we send a lot of Masonic information out, via Peter Sialtsis, which is intended for everyone's benefit. I hear from time to time that Grand Lodge is not distributing much information. Anything that is sent by Peter should be forwarded by the DDGMs or the District Secretaries to the Lodge Secretaries to be distributed to the membership. Valuable information is not useful sitting on somebody's desk.

Finally, my Brethren, my wife Barbara and I wish you and your families a joyous holiday season, as well as health and happiness in 2017.

*John C. Green*

## From the desk of the Grand Secretary



**NOTE:** Rules governing the 2017 Annual Communication, provided by the F.R.Y.H. are designed to locate hospitality rooms in close proximity to each other.

**District, Lodge, and/or Member Hospitality suites/rooms** are solely permitted if registered as such with the Fairmont Royal York Hotel,

They **can only be booked by telephone** to: **1 416 368 2511**, requesting: a Hospitality Room/Suite Reservation. **Private suites/rooms** must remain restricted to one-self and/or person(s) sharing the suite/room. They **cannot to be used for general hospitality purposes**.

Email booking can be registered with the F.R.Y.Hotel at: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/grandlodgeafam>

## From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, Winter Solstice in Eastern Ontario is on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 5:44am. In Ottawa, when sadly we have the shortest amount of daylight, we can balance it with the lights of Christmas, making December a month of contrast.

Within the span of two days, I recently attended four Masonic services of three Brethren, all who were personal friends. One of the Brethren was a member of both a city Lodge *and* a country Lodge where each held a service. Each of the four services was well organized. Each member knew when to do his part. Physical barriers, at the small country funeral, were overcome before the service started. Out of town Masons were greeted and given a brief outline of how the service would unfold. The general public was made welcome and in each case there were many positive comments about the Masonic service - especially from the family. As Masons, when we observe great work in a Lodge, it is because the Degree Team has practiced. Great work at a Masonic Service happens because a Lodge cares enough to practice.

We are often asked about recommendations regarding books to read for daily advancement of our Masonic education. There are, of course, many books but I want to recommend two books in particular. One which was handed to you when you joined the Lodge and one you were given possession of if you were installed as Master of the Lodge.

### Book One: Constitution

It would be safe to say that all organizations, whether the Fish Club or a Masonic Lodge, have a rule book. In our Fraternity, we call it Constitution of Grand Lodge of Canada. We received one when we first saw the light of Masonry.

It is truly a living document. The one you received on the first night has changed dramatically since it was given to you for reference.

I wonder sometimes if the Masons of Ontario think the Grand Master and I sit in the Grand Lodge Office and make up the rules. In fact it is the Brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction who proposed the changes under certain guidelines which are found in the Constitution.

Are you a Brother who has an idea that would make a difference in Ontario Freemasonry? Is it a Section or Subsection presently in the Constitution that needs clarification or removal? Then, my Brother, you have a right to propose such changes. Open your 2016 Constitution to Section 70 and follow the steps, especially the guidelines. You have the ability to affect change in our Grand Lodge.

### Book Two: Lodge Minute Book

If you have been the Master of a Lodge or when you have watched an Installation you have seen the hand off of the Lodge Minute Book.

The Minute Book of your Lodge is open for inspection at any time. It is a history of your Lodge. A research book that is the history of Ontario or, dare I say even Canada. In some cases before Confederation!

Imagine what you would read in a Minute Book of a Lodge which is celebrating 200 years of continuous service. You would be starting in 1816. Picture what this settlement would look like and follow the ups and downs, not only of the Lodge but also this small country.

Then, imagine for a moment a 100 year old Lodge Minute Book. 1916 would be the middle of the "War to End all Wars". There would be stories of Brethren who went on to be Canadian heroes. Lodges would be doing three degrees in one night to allow Master Masons to go off and fight in the war.

A wonderful night of Masonic education awaits your when you open your Minute Book and read the history of your Lodge.

In closing I would like to remind you that there are those Brethren "daily sinking into the sere and yellow leaf of old age" or "are being reduced to the lowest depths of poverty". Please take time this wonderful Christmas season to be sure that all Brethren in your Lodge know you care and are there to assist them.

On behalf of Gloria and I, please have a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd**



## The Book of Constitution 2016

THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND  
ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA IN THE  
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Now available as a PDF on the G.L. website

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/>

## Communication in 2017

Check out the following sources of information:

- Grand Lodge Library – <http://grandlodgelibrary.ca>
- Sankey Lectures – <https://sankeylectures.ca>
- Blackcreek Village – <http://www.blackcreek.ca> after which you have to search "masonic lodge"
- Upper Canada Village – <http://www.uppercanadavillage.com>
- Napanee Museum of "Canadian Lodges" – <http://www.canadianlodge.org>

## Dates to Remember

*January 2017*

### Installation of Officers

Seymour Lodge No. 272  
Tuesday January 10, 2017,  
7:30 pm Tyle  
Ancaster

### Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Mid Term Meeting

Saturday January 14, 2017, 9:00 am  
Hillcrest Masonic Temple  
**Plan Your Lodge Attendees Now!**

All Worshipful Masters and Senior Officers  
please plan to attend

### D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Corinthian Lodge No.513  
Thursday January 26, 2017.  
7:30 Tyle  
MCH



### The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

Breakfast Meeting  
Saturday January 28, 2017 8:30 am  
Masonic Centre Hamilton  
**Speaker Dr. Jen Hoogenes, MS,  
MSc, PhD(c),**  
Clinical Research Coordinator III

McMaster University, Department of Surgery  
**Topic: Prostate Cancer Research**

### Craft Association of Hamilton Masonic Districts with the Grand Lodge Seminars & Workshops Committee

"Ensuring the Timeless Vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario"

#### Future of Masonry

Hamilton A B & C Districts  
Monday January 30 2017 , 7:00 pm  
Hosted by Hillcrest Lodge No. 594  
Hillcrest Masonic Temple  
**Topic: Condition of Masonry**

"May the best ye hae iver seen be the warst ye'll iver see."

Hugh Murray Brethren, Families, Wives and Girlfriends,  
We Invite all our Fathers and Mothers,  
our Sisters and dear friends most welcome as well,  
and let's not forget all of our Brothers!

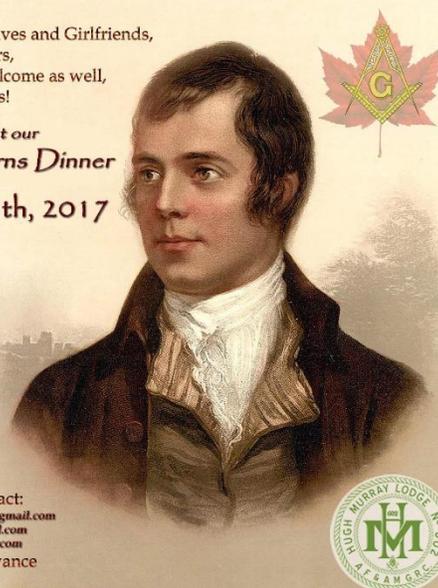
Please join Hugh Murray Lodge at our  
**20th Annual Robbic Burns Dinner**

**Saturday January 28th, 2017**  
6:30p.m. Cocktails - 7:05p.m. Dinner  
at the  
**The Scottish Rite Club  
of Hamilton**  
Four Queen Street South,  
Hamilton, ON

**Tickets: \$45 per person  
\$90.00 per couple**

Dress Code: Formal  
Business attire or Kilts!

For More Information or tickets contact:  
Bro. Ryan Coombs 905-512-7832 or ryan.d.combs@gmail.com  
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Bro. Maurice King 416-319-1388 or maiking@gmail.com  
Tickets are limited - Get yours in advance



## *February 2017*

### D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Meridian Lodge No. 687  
Wednesday February 8, 2017.  
7:30 Tyle  
Ancaster Temple

### D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Valley Lodge No.100  
Monday February 13, 2017.  
6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Tyle  
Dundas Temple

### Craft Association of Hamilton Masonic Districts

#### *Lodge of Instruction:*

"Masters and Wardens Workshop"  
Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:30 pm  
Hosted by; Beach Lodge No. 639  
Stoney Creek Temple  
19 Dawson Ave

### Trestle Board Updates

#### Seymour Lodge No. 272 Official Visit date Change

Updated Official Visit, Tuesday March 14, 2017  
The accompanying Lodge for this Official Visit  
is Dufferin Lodge No. 291.

#### Wardrope Lodge No. 555 Installation date change

New Installation date, Monday May 29, 2017

## Around The District



**D.D.G.M. Official Visit  
Buchanan Lodge No.550**

**Installation of Officers  
Ionic Lodge No. 549**



Pictures from top,  
Installing Board,  
49 Brothers from across the District in attendance, and  
The Members of Ionic Lodge No. 549

## Installation of Officers

**Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602**



W. Bro. John S. Harrop was installed as the Worshipful Master. Present Grand Lodge officers attending include R.W. Bro. Craig L Knapman, D.D.G.M. Hamilton District C R.W. Bro. Terrance Van Horne, Member of the Board, V.W. Bro. Arthur Moore, Assistant Grand Secretary, and V.W. Bro Alan Campbell, Grand Steward

## Masonic Beef and Corn Roast 2016



The person holding the \$ 3000 cheque with Roy Olfield is Liz Mersereau (Clinical Manager, Behavioural Health Program), Leslie Gillies (St. Peter's Hospital Site Administrator), Naoka Feth, (Development Coordinator), and several "corn huskers".



Thank you for your support.

"Corn Huskers" \$3000 presentation



## Breakfast with Santa



Breakfast with Santa was a great success this year! We had a wonderful turn out and everyone seem to have a great time. We could not have done this without the many volunteers who gave their all in serving and taking care of the families throughout the morning. Many thanks to the kitchen staff for all their hard work, once again a delicious breakfast enjoyed by all. We had a few who donated services and supplies that made our morning more eventful. Our children were able to enjoy their time with the fantastic Shriner clowns entertaining them and of course the highlight of the morning was a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus !!! There were smiles everywhere!!! Many thanks to everyone who made the morning so wonderful!

**W.Bro. Ken Wallace**

Chairman of Breakfast with Santa Committee



## MasoniCh.I.P. at the Rite

Combined with the Breakfast with Santa event, Temple Lodge No. 324 hosted a fantastic MasoniCh.I.P. Program. Special thanks go out to Ken Bugley, MasoniCh.I.P. Regional Coordinator, and our solid volunteers, Dave Michal, Craig Denby and James Lannigan. Through you, we surpassed our goal of 20 kits, hitting 26! All of your support makes being the Chairman of the MasoniCh.I.P. Program in Hamilton District C that much easier.

In humility,  
**Bro. Raheem Aman**  
District Chairman

[www.masonichip.ca](http://www.masonichip.ca)

## Hamilton District C Hockey

December 16th, Hamilton District 'C' hosted Niagara 'A' at First Ontario Centre (Copp). In a fun and sportsmanlike game, Hamilton C moved back into the win column. Due in large part to the addition of R.W. Bro. Craig Knapman behind the bench.

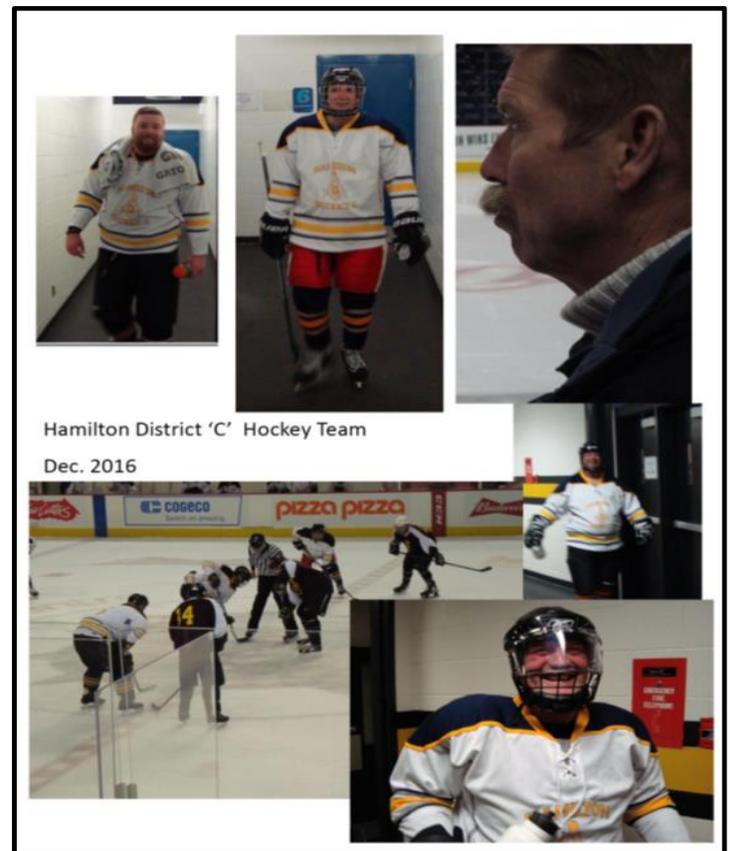


After the game, fraternal bonds were deepened with both teams heading to a local establishment for beer and wings.

Discussions are currently under way to travel to Montreal with Niagara to play a local Quebec Lodge.

Any Brother who is interested in either joining the team and/or purchasing District C jerseys can contact me.

**W. Bro. Bill Paul**



Hamilton District 'C' Hockey Team  
Dec. 2016



Hamilton District 'C' & Niagara 'A' at Center Ice

## “What will the Lodges in the future look like.”



What will the lodges of the future look like? Will they be dining clubs? Community service groups? Esoteric associations? Whatever they will be, Freemasonry will undoubtedly be smaller – fewer members in fewer lodges. This is not your typical gloom and doom prediction. It is the natural cycle which we have seen time and again throughout our history.

Lodges have always been formed and closed as needs and circumstances dictate. A group would form in an area of economic growth, work while that area was prosperous, and then when the men left that area, it would close. That is surely how the operative lodges building cathedrals worked. When the cathedral was completed, the lodge would disband.

The Premier Grand Lodge was founded by four London lodges in 1717. By 1725 they had over sixty lodges, by 1730 a hundred, and by 1740 over two hundred. But by 1750 about a quarter of the London lodges had been expelled or erased from the register.<sup>1</sup>

Still others seceded and joined the rival “Antients” Grand Lodge after it was formed in 1751. They sought a form of Freemasonry that, at least in rhetoric, returned to the older practices which had stirred the founders.

But Antients lodges went dark too. The Antients’ practice was to re-assign the numbers of lodges that had closed to new lodges. Between 1751 and 1813 they did this 510 times!<sup>1</sup>

The Union of the Antients and the Moderns in 1813 is held as a triumph for the Craft, but over the first thirty years of the United Grand Lodge of England, the number of lodges declined by a sixth. Fifty-nine lodges were erased in 1828 alone for not making returns. And no new lodges were warranted in London between 1813 and 1839 – twenty-six years!<sup>ii</sup>

During the French Revolution, Freemasonry almost disappeared from France.<sup>iii</sup> And edicts of Popes, Kings, and

Emperors suppressed Masonry at various times, from Portugal to Russia.<sup>iv</sup>

The fall-out of the Morgan Affair decimated Freemasonry in the United States. By 1837 almost two-thirds of the lodges in Indiana had closed. Only twenty-six lodges sent representatives to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York that year. Illinois, Michigan and Vermont didn’t even hold sessions.<sup>v</sup>

Whether as a result of the issues in England, or those in the U.S., even in Canada membership declined. Of the twenty-six

lodges listed on the Provincial Register of Upper Canada in 1829, eighteen became dormant within the next decade.<sup>vi</sup>

But Freemasonry rebounded in all of these jurisdictions. And then declined and rebounded again.

As R.W. Bro. James W. Daniel, Past Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, has said:

“Lodges come and go. They always have, because they are essentially groups of friends. Sometimes those friends almost isolate themselves and they do not bring in the next generation. Then the lodge will die. It is a matter of regret, but everybody dies. Even Grand Secretaries die. They are human. Lodges must not be kept alive unnaturally. One of the great things about Freemasonry is that basic units are allowed to die gracefully and new units are born as friends fall out and go on to form another lodge. It is a fantastic organization we have which allows this to happen and the organization goes on. It is like an amoeba. We get worried about retention rates. We did some research into the 1880’s, one of the high eras of Freemasonry. Then, the average age of a lodge before it dies was only 15 years. And we think we have problems today.”<sup>vii</sup>

There is no question but that we in Ontario have been in a period of declining membership. Twenty-five years ago we had 91,000 members in 653 lodges.<sup>viii</sup> Now we have 37,000 in 540 lodges.<sup>ix</sup> Apart from the total decline, notice what that has done to *lodge* membership. In 1989 we had an average of 139 members per lodge, now it’s only 69. Given that less than a quarter of the members usually attend a given meeting, some lodges are having trouble getting enough out to open lodge.

Some lodges will go dark, other will amalgamate. Surprisingly we have found that we actually retain more members if a lodge goes dark than if it amalgamates. I think this is because, when his lodge goes dark, a brother is empowered to find a new lodge where he fits in and likes what they are doing.

Having fewer lodges is not always a bad thing. The remaining lodges end up with a larger number of active members, so that they have the critical mass to do things. There is less recycling of line officers and Worshipful Masters, leading to a more enthusiastic governance. The brethren who previously had affiliated with several marginal lodges to keep them alive have fewer mundane meetings to attend and therefore more time and energy to devote to successful projects.

Why do we obsess about numbers? Why do we so desperately want new members? Are we driven by a burning desire to improve men and society by sharing the philosophy of Freemasonry? Or are we pre-occupied with paying for the upkeep of our crumbling buildings? Perhaps we should we rename ourselves the Architectural Preservation Society.

What harm can focusing on numbers do? It might lead to accepting a candidate we shouldn’t, because we need his money! We might focus our time and effort on recruiting new members, rather than developing the members we already have (and then they, of course, will leave, leaving us just as

desperate.) We talk about how things were in the good old days when our temples were overflowing, but who wants to join a group that continually says “We *used* to be great.”?

And measuring a lodge’s health by its size is not a valid method. Some small lodges are quite healthy thank-you. Some even purposely limit their size to a small number.

Grand Lodge focusses on this decrease in numbers and feels it needs to help, so it develops programs to increase membership. But as R.W. Bro. Russell Staye, a Past Provincial Grand Master of the Orange Order, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master in our Grand Jurisdiction, said in a speech distilled from his observations of both organizations:

“What follows is what I think of as a period of what I refer to as 1960’s solutions. Essentially programmes consisting of structured social events, the belief that if only you can train the member to do everything the “right way” all may yet be well, and the desire to engage in events to present the organization to the public in a favourable light.

However well-intentioned these ideas are, they actually create stress upon the membership. Because the numbers are not what they once were, but the quantity and scope of initiatives has increased, those dedicated brethren who remain bear an ever increasing load of responsibilities.

This in turn may, and often does lead to a disconnection between the leadership of Grand Lodge and the membership. This occurs in main because the leaders continue to seek new ways to rehabilitate the order, while the brethren already burdened with more work attempt to rationalize doing more with less, with the fact that the numbers are not rebounding.

Structurally while dues received fall with the roll numbers operating expenses never do. This offers the classic dilemma of maintaining revenue though fee increases or cutting expenses. On a local level this may lead to lodges combining into one hall, raising dues, or even going into darkness.

Either choice has its pitfalls – increased dues puts a certain stress on individuals. Cutting expenses leads to a greater sense of retreat, and a pervasive feeling that the best days are past.”<sup>x</sup>

So what can we do? As Grand Lodges, we need to stop making more and more programs to rescue lodges. Instead, we need to

empower individual lodges to look at their unique situations and make the changes they need to thrive.

Let them adopt an Observant model if they wish. Allow lodges to meet in undedicated rooms, so they can sell their millstone of a building and instead rent a room once a month in a multi-use facility. (I favour a room in a hotel, or a tavern - that seems to have a precedent!) Let them know they can change their bylaws so they meet less often. Then their meetings could be more elaborate, perhaps with proper festive boards, so they become events to look forward to. Let them focus on mentoring, or education, or mysticism – whatever it is they want their lodge to be. But above all, encourage them to strive for excellence in whatever they choose for themselves.

Many a present-day Mason thinks Grand Lodge will not let them explore these options, so *we* have to give them *permission*. And some ideas of where to start their thinking, like the ones mentioned above. As long as they don’t alter the Ritual or the Landmarks, they’re open for discussion. The funny thing is that none of the above is an innovation. They are all things that Masons have done in the past!

What will the lodges of the future look like? Certainly there will be fewer of them, but the ones that are there will be vibrant. Personally I hope some look like the Lodge at the Goose and Gridiron.

### **David J. Cameron, PGSW Board of General Purposes,**

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

This article is the text of the address given at the Past Masters Meeting Oct 29, 2016, Hamilton ON



<sup>i</sup> Kearsley, Mike, *The Prestonian Lecture for 2014: 1814 – Consolidation and Change. The First Year of the United Grand Lodge of England*, Carrfields Publications, Nottingham, U.K., 2013, p. 53

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<sup>iii</sup> Beresiner, Yasha, “A French Masonic Certificate & Associated Personalities” *The Journal of The Masonic Society*, Issue 26, Indianapolis, IN, U.S.A., Fall 2014, p.31

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<sup>v</sup> Bullock, Steven, *Revolutionary Brotherhood: Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840*, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, N.C., U.S.A., 1996, p. 282

<sup>vi</sup> McLeod, Wallace, Ed., *Whence Come We? Freemasonry in Ontario 1764-1980*, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 1980, p. 53

<sup>vii</sup> Daniel, James W., *Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, 2001*, p. 236

<sup>viii</sup> *Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario*, 1990, p.75

<sup>ix</sup> from data compiled by M.W. Bro Terence Shand, Grand Secretary of The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

<sup>x</sup> Staye, Russell, “Masonry in the Round”, a speech given in 2010 in Ottawa, Canada

## IN MEMORIAM

**Bro. Robert Charles Nelson**  
Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

Born July 17, 1923  
Initiated: May 29, 1946  
Passed: September 30, 1946  
Raised: October 29, 1946  
Received 70 years a Mason pin May 18, 2016

*Passed to the Grand Lodge Above December 1, 2016*

**Bro. Robert Lennie**  
Valley Lodge No.100

Initiated: June 17, 1957  
Passed: September 23, 1957  
Raised: October 28, 1957

*Passed to the Grand Lodge Above November 28, 2016*

*We will remember their families in prayer*

## New Heritage Lodge Website

Announcing the launch of the official Heritage Lodge No. 730 website. We hope you enjoy it and we look forward to any suggestions and comments.

### Welcome to The Heritage Lodge No. 730

The Worshipful Master and Members of The Heritage Lodge are pleased to welcome you to our website. Please feel free to visit as you may. Freemasons are encouraged to contact us for further information...

[Learn more >](#)

### The Heritage Lodge No.730 of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario



The desire for the creation of an Historical Lodge was felt by a number of Masons concerned about apparent erosion of our heritage and apathy towards its preservation. Quantities of memorabilia was being lost because there was no procedure for restoration or preservation of important links with our past. The concept was introduced at a Regional Masonic Workshop in 1976. The interest generated provided incentive to proceed with organizational meetings held in homes, offices and temples, culminating with a 1977 landmark meeting at the University of Guelph. Prominent speakers addressed the merits and possible obstacles of the proposed objectives.

Following a careful analysis of the failure of similar Masonic research organizations it became obvious that an enduring type of organizational structure was needed to provide continuity and permanence. What better choice than the basic structure of the Craft Lodge which have endured vagaries of time for centuries?

A Petition for a Warrant of Constitution was signed by 104 Charter Members at a formal ceremony on May 18, 1977. The Heritage Lodge came into being Under Dispensation Sept. 9, 1977, by authority of M.W. Bro. Robert E. Davies, Grand Master. The Lodge was instituted Sept. 21, 1977, under direction of R.W. Bro. Charles F. Grimwood, D.D.G.M., Waterloo District.

On Sept. 23, 1978, M.W. Bro. Robert E. Davies proclaimed The Heritage Lodge, Numbered 730 on the Register of the Grand Lodge, duly constituted in accordance with ancient usage. At that time 65 had been added to the original 104 Charter Members.

The high hopes engendered by the founding members of The Heritage Lodge for future progress moved forward, earnestly endeavouring to follow the objects laid down in our charter. Those aims and objectives, defined after hours of deliberation, were focused on one or two established objectives. No attempt was made to embrace all of the basic objectives at the outset.

Our energies have been directed along two main channels:

1. First, presentation of talks and lectures which result in the publication of more than four-score research papers to date;
2. Second, special projects implemented to challenge and inspire participants.

### Objectives

- ✓ To preserve, maintain and uphold those historical events that formed the foundation of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry.
- ✓ To Promote the study of Masonry in general, and to provide a service by responding to requests for Masonic information.
- ✓ To produce Lodge Proceedings, Research Papers, and Historical Reviews, and to arrange special lectures and visual presentations.
- ✓ To organize and maintain a Central Inventory of items of historical interest in the possession of Lodges.
- ✓ To encourage participation by Regular Lodges and their members in the activities of this Lodge.
- ✓ To endeavour to establish a Masonic Museum.
- ✓ To encourage Masonic scholars and Lodge Historians to become more interested in the history of their own Lodges and their artifacts.

## Membership

Membership to Heritage Lodge No. 730 is open to all Master Masons in good standing.

*We encourage all Ontario Masons to seek further knowledge of the gentle Craft and cordially invite them to use The Heritage Lodge Website for this purpose at [www.heritagelodge730.ca](http://www.heritagelodge730.ca)*

## Editor's Note

Hello All,

We strive to keep the Chronicle meaningful, educational and timely. With so many submissions, and so much going on in the District; it is always a fun, but challenging time to put together each edition.

Drop me a note, a picture or an email and let me know what you would like to have included.

Hope everyone has a Great and Happy 2017!

S&F,  
Glen Notman

**The Charles A. Sankey Lecture Series Presents**

**Dr. Aimee E. Newell**

**The Badge of a Freemason: New Stories from Old Aprons**

**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

**3 p.m.**

**Sean O'Sullivan Theatre**

**Brock University**



Dr. Aimee E. Newell is the Director of Collections, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, (Lexington Massachusetts) with curatorial responsibility for a collection of 17,000 artifacts, including Masonic and fraternal artifacts and American decorative arts. Dr. Newell has published a number of books including *Curiosities of the Craft: Treasures from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Collection* (2013). Dr. Newell's most recent book is entitled *The Badge of a Freemason: Masonic Aprons from the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library* (2015).

This annual lecture series is named in honour of R.W. Bro. Charles A. Sankey (1905-2009) and is part of the partnership between the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Brock University. Dr. Sankey served as Chancellor of Brock University from 1969 to 1974. A renowned Masonic scholar, he was active in all the concordant bodies of Masonry including the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, the Royal Order of Scotland, and Royal Arch Masons. His extensive collection of rare Masonic books and papers is in the Special Collections of the James Gibson Library at Brock, providing a rich resource for research scholars and students.



Tickets are required, but to enable university students to be exposed to this exemplary speaker and program, they will be free.

Tickets will be available in early 2017. There will be a limit of 5 tickets per request.

More information about the Sankey Lecture Series can be found at [sankeylectures.ca](http://sankeylectures.ca)



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