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From Our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren

2017 is going to be a very exciting year; it is the 300th anniversary of Masonry as we know it, as well as the 150th anniversary of Canada.

There are many upcoming events being planned by Grand Lodge, by the Districts across Ontario, and here in Hamilton District 'C' (some of which we plan to do in conjunction with our neighbouring

Districts). If you have interest in participating in any of the plans, or have a special expertise you can offer please let me know.

In addition to celebrating this impressive milestone, another major objective this year is to heighten the public's awareness of Masonry. We can contribute to this effort by doing our part here in our own community. Be sure to keep your eyes open for the newspaper publications that will appear in local newspapers throughout the year.

On Saturday, June 3, 2017, Lodges across Ontario are encouraged to have Open Houses inviting the public to come in and visit our Lodges. Many of the Lodges across Ontario have



already put forth some ideas on how to promote this Open House day and give the public a firsthand look into Masonry. We have a special advantage in Hamilton as it the Masonic Capital of Ontario.

January was a busy start to the New Year as we hit the ground running with many events. I hope you had a chance to visit one of the Robbie Burns celebrations either in our District or nearby. At The Electric's Robbie Burns dinner, we were again treated to R.W. Geoff Allan's (now famous) Address to the Haggis, a rendition to behold. I also had the pleasure of attending Hugh Murray's Robbie Burns dinner where an excellent time was had by all.

Seymour's installation also took place in January, and I want to congratulate W. Bro. Christopher Jordison on his return to The Chair as well as his slate of officers for the year. January also saw the Official Visit at Corinthian where the work of the evening was most enjoyable.

Finally, our Hamilton District 'C' mid-term meeting took place on January 14. The attendance was great, and I want to thank all of you who took time from your families and busy schedules to be there. At that meeting, I thanked, and want to do so again now, the District team and each of you as individuals for all of your hard work and contributions to both our District and to Masonry in general. Your support is fantastic.

As always Brethren, keep an eye open for communication from The District Secretary to your Lodge Secretaries and on to you, as well as the Trestle Board. February brings two Official Visits, Meridian on Wednesday, February 8th and Valley on Monday, February 13th. Hope to see you there!

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



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From the Grand Master

Happy New Year Brethren! All the best to you in 2017 - the year of celebrating the 300th Anniversary of Free and Accepted Masonry. As we commence this memorable time in our history we should remember to always thank those who have gone before us, for the legacy that inspires us to continue. We need to remind ourselves to



impress those who will follow our direction so that the teachings and principles of Freemasonry will be communicated from generation to generation well into the future.

One of the projects, we suggested, was to have an Open House in every Lodge building in Ontario on or near June 3rd, 2017. I am pleased to see that a number of Lodges and Districts have started to make plans for variety of events on that day. This indicates a significant interest in such a celebration and is creating enthusiasm already. I sincerely ask everyone to consider participating and involve the Concordant bodies of our Grand Lodge as well. Such an event will have a positive impact on Masonry in Ontario in many capacities. By opening our doors to the public and demonstrating Masonic philosophies and values we can have significant impact on our image as a Fraternity as well as present a valued public relations display to the world at large.

While we celebrate our 300 years let us not forget that 2017 marks the 150th birthday of Canada as a nation. We should all be mindful of how fortunate we are to live in Canada and enjoy the benefits of being Canadian citizens. We live in one of the greatest countries in the world and we exemplify that by our generosity, kindness, and respect for our fellow man. We support those less fortunate and stand up to be counted when situations of difference and conflict should occur in other parts of the globe. For the most part we are recognized as peace keepers. There are many instances of defending our allies when there are conflicts throughout the world. We, as Canadians, have the right to be proud of what we stand for and be thankful to those who founded this land allowing us to live in the comfort we enjoy today. I know we often discuss various political philosophies but collectively Canadians enjoy freedoms and privileges that are the envy of the world. Let's display our pride in 2017 of being Masons AND Canadians.

Brethren, from time to time I hear that Freemasonry in Ontario requires more Masonic Education. I am the first to recognize the value of Masonic knowledge and how the general membership can benefit by receiving further information about our craft. Some is historic and some is current so interested Masons can absorb more understanding of Freemasonry. I thought it interesting upon review, with the various Grand Lodge Chairmen, what has happened during the first half of this Masonic year. There have been over a dozen seminars and workshops presented during the period from September through December on Leadership Development, Cornerstone, Brother to Brother, Finance Advisory and DDGM Orientation. I would encourage that interested Brethren to try attending these seminars when presented in your area.

As we are all aware, M.W. Bro. Ray Daniels would distribute Masonic Minutes throughout the province for the benefit of everyone. This has left somewhat of a gap in our Masonic Education Distribution but there have been two issues of EDUCATION MONTHLY provided to the Lodges as well as one issue of REFLECTIONS. There is some interesting content in the releases that can benefit those members thirsting for knowledge. Although it is difficult to know the areas of Masonic Education and Information that Masons desire, we will continue to strive to provide material of a general interest as best we can.

I might also remind you that we have a number of knowledgeable PAST GRAND MASTERS who have an abundance of valued historic and practical information they would share if you asked them. This is not to put them on the spot but remind you of their experiences over many years.

Brethren, as we proceed into 2017 let us keep in mind how fortunate we are to have been introduced into Masonry and the principles by which we are taught to be good Brethren, good friends, and good citizens. Finally BE PROUD TO BE CANADIAN. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

John C. Green

The Collected Works M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels

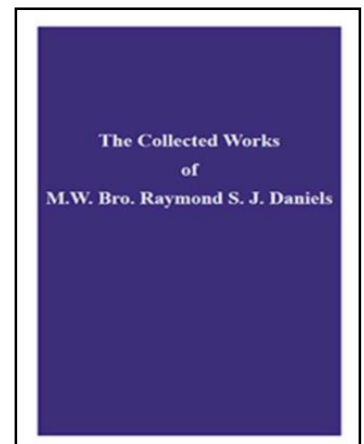
Copies of this 300-page book are available at the Grand Lodge Office.

The price is \$15.00 per copy, with shipping and handling extra. You can either drop by the Grand Lodge Office, if that is convenient for you or you can order them through your Lodge Secretary.

Brethren, this is Masonic Education made easy. Read M.W. Bro. Daniels works in Lodge; we are certain that you will learn much from each piece.

Or you can read his Masonic Minutes and other writings on the District 'C' website at:

<http://www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org/raymond-daniels.php>



From the Deputy Grand Master

Here in Eastern Ontario, we are digging out of the third snowstorm of the season which is a far cry from last year when Brethren were still golfing in December.

It's the beginning of a New Year and one could say it is the unofficial halfway mark of the Masonic year. Let's for a moment examine where we are in respect to the Committees and Teams of Grand Lodge.

Members of the Board of General Purposes are supported by five knowledgeable Brethren which make up the Committee Chairman & Team Leaders.

As mentioned, in a previous Communique, the structure of the Committees and Team Leaders changed considerably last July with Team Leaders now reporting to one of the five Chairmen who then report to the Deputy Grand Master.

The second step of downsizing the Board will continue in July of 2017 with five elected and five appointed to the Board which will prepare us for the final step, the restructuring of Special Committees and perhaps Standing Committees.

I am of the opinion that with the outstanding efforts of all Team Leaders and their Chairmen we will then have made good progress toward a more effective and efficient working group.

R.W.Bro. Russell Staye PDDGM Ottawa 2 District and Past Grand Master of the Orange Order said in a paper delivered in October 2010, at the Ottawa Especial Grand Lodge, that the lack of constructive reflection creates the weakness in any organization. Brethren, your Grand Lodge continues to answer the challenges of our Constructive Reflection review.

In August of 2016 twenty-six Teams Leaders, along with their Chairmen, presented their plans for this Masonic year at a meeting held in Drayton, Ontario.

The plans were reviewed, several changes made or modified and the "blueprint" for the work in the quarries of Grand Lodge, for this year, was established.

It would be a fair statement to say that weekly, and in some cases daily, somewhere in our Grand Jurisdiction a Team Leader & his Chairmen are doing committee work or presenting a workshop or seminar, to a Lodge or District, for the daily advancement of your Masonic knowledge. These Brethren are the backbone of our Grand Lodge and I congratulate them for their tireless efforts.

In January of 2017, all Chairmen and Team Leaders are called to attend a meeting in Hamilton, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, for the purpose of presenting an update of their "blueprint". Once again their plans will be reviewed and any possible suggestions will be made to assist the completion of their work.

A third and final meeting of the Chairmen and Team Leaders will be held in the spring to receive their final report.

As we move into the second half of our Masonic year, it is once again time to remind Brethren that the Past Masters Course is mandatory in the following three situations. Please note the highlighted change made by you in 2016 at Grand Lodge:

Section 38 (b) "A candidate nominated for the Office as member of the Board of General Purposes must be in possession of a Past Master's Course Certificate of Completion from the as offered by the Grand Lodge College of Freemasonry on or before the same date his nomination is sent to Grand Lodge, as outlined by this Book of Constitution Section 38 (a) (2016)

Section 38 (c) A member appointed to the Board of General Purposes must be in possession of the said, Past Master's Course Certificate of Completion to be eligible for re-appointment or election to office. (2015)

Section 50 (b) A candidate for the office as District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar must be in possession of a Past Master's Course Certificate of Completion as offered by our Grand Lodge, College of Freemasonry on or before June 15th of the year seeking office. (2015)

Recently I came across the following quotation that I believe gives direction to all of us for the New Year.

*"The New Year stands before us
like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.
We can help write that story by setting goals"*

~ Melody Beattie

R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd

Communication Bulletins

Some new information distributed from Grand Lodge to D.D.G.M.s and your Lodge Secretary. [Ask for details](#)

"B2B Nuggets"

"A monthly focus on one element of the B2B"

December: B2B Chairman Duties and Responsibilities

January: Preparing Prospective Applicants

Education Monthly

"Get Knowledge – Get Wisdom – Get Understanding"

Selected Essays on Masonry, including:

December – Start a Conversation

Being a Father and a Freemason

Grand Lodge Library

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Enlightenment In Our Present Age

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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 14th, 2017 7:30 pm

Hosted by; Beach Lodge No. 639

Stoney Creek Temple

19 Dawson Ave

March 2017

Craft Association of Hamilton Masonic Districts

DISTRICT DEPUTYS' RECEPTION & DANCE

Saturday, March 4th 2017

Michelangelo's Banquet Center

1555 Upper Ottawa St. Hamilton, Ontario

Social hour 6:00 p.m.,

Dinner & program 7:00 p.m.

Dance with “Klassy FM” Disc Jockey Service

Tickets available from Lodge Secretary's

\$40.00 per person

The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, March 11th, 2017. 8:30 am

Masonic Centre Hamilton (MCH)

Topic: Men and Freemasonry in Today's Society

Speaker: R. W. Bro. Charles Woods

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Seymour Lodge No. 272

Tuesday, March 14th, 2017

Tyle 7:30 pm

Ancaster Temple

Dufferin Lodge No. 291

Wellington District 18th Century Degree Team

Thursday, March 16, 7:30 pm

Dufferin Lodge invites you a wonderful night watching a degree team portray a degree from the 18th Century.

Followed by great festivities in the banquet room.

W. Flamborough Temple

A poster for the 'Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies'. It features a portrait of the lecturer, Aimee E. Newell, on the left. The text on the right says 'Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 3 p.m. Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Brock University'. Below this is the title '“The Badge of a Freemason: New Stories from Old Aprons”'. A small paragraph mentions 'This event is free, but tickets are required. To reserve your tickets online, please go to sankeylectures.ca and click the TICKETS link.' At the bottom is a large image of a Masonic apron with various symbols. The Brock University logo is in the top left corner.

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Ancient Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

Dinner 6:30 pm - Tyle 7:30 pm

MCH

Around The District



District 'C' Mid- Winter Meeting

Robbie Burns Evenings at The Electric and Hugh Murray Lodges



W. Bro. Alex Mouriopoulos, of The Electric Lodge No. 495, presents a cheque to R.W. Bro. Craig L Knapman, District Deputy Grand Master, Hamilton District 'C' and R.W. Bro. Allan C. Dvorak, President of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, in support of Prostate Hope.



D.D.G.M. Official Visit

The District Deputy Grand Masters Official Visit to
Corinthian Lodge No. 513 January 26, 2017

Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts Jan. 28 2017



Donation to Project Hope from the PMA
R.W. Bob. Kerr, Jen Hoogenes, (MS, MSC, PHDc)
R.W. Bro. Lindsay Reiaich & W. Bro Jon Stewart



R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan addresses the Haggis at the
The Electric Lodge 19th annual Robbie Burns Supper



The head table at Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602, 20th annual
Robbie Burns Celebration Dinner and Dance
Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada performing for
Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

Social Media Policy and Guidelines of The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

SOCIAL MEDIA AND FREEMASONRY

SUMMARY

Social media platforms have become an increasingly popular channel for communication in the 21st century. They provide ways to share content with a wide audience, and as such are excellent tools for sharing information about Freemasonry and Masonic activities. However, as with any powerful tool, social media need to be used with caution, as incorrect use can have a damaging impact on Freemasonry's public image, and therefore on Freemasonry itself. This document has been written to assist individuals and Masonic bodies to use these platforms effectively, confidently, and within the compass of propriety.

SCOPE

This policy applies to posts made by Freemasons on all social media platforms, whether those platforms are open to the public (such as Facebook and Twitter), or just to Freemasons (such as a member's restricted Masonic blog). The term 'post' refers to any action taken on social media, whether sharing original content, making a comment on content someone else has shared (including 'liking' Facebook posts and Tweets), or re-sharing content to one's own connections.

Masonic websites do not fall within the scope of this document. The reason for this is, broadly speaking, that web content is static: the creator of the website adds content which can be viewed by others, but not significantly interacted with. While websites provide a one-way method for dissemination of information, social media platforms are by nature, vehicles for conversations about any content shared. Anything posted to social media platforms can be commented on or re-shared to other members' networks. The purpose of this document is to emphasize the highly public nature of social media channels, and ensure Freemasons use these powerful channels for public conversation in a responsible way.

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media sources are online platforms for connecting to other people and institutions, and for sharing content with those to whom one is connected. They are typically accessed through a website and/or through an app on a mobile device, and can therefore be consumed anywhere, anytime, by anyone with an internet connection. Setting up an account on most social media platforms takes under five minutes and costs nothing. As such, in the past decade, social media has become an immensely powerful and increasingly popular tool for communication.

It should be noted from the outset that the responsible use of social media is encouraged (and practiced) by the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario as these platforms provide an excellent way for Lodges, Districts and other Masonic entities (such as clubs, concordant bodies and charities) to share information about their work and learn from each other. However, the predominantly public nature of social

media means all Freemasons should exercise caution when interacting with them. This section explains how best to engage with social media, so that the content one creates may help promote a positive image of Freemasonry within the digital world.

DIGITAL AMBASSADORSHIP

It is important to note that any interactions a Freemason has on social media may be visible to anyone in the world, for, while it is possible to restrict the audience of one's posts, it is not possible to control how someone will react to them. A private post can easily be shared and reposted publicly by anyone who has access to it. Even if an original post is deleted or edited, someone could already have shared it in its original form. As far as social media are concerned, everything one does or says is permanently recorded, and there is no such thing as a truly private post.

Therefore, acting as an ambassador for Freemasonry online is part of a Freemason's duty. Rules (civic and Masonic) and expectations that apply to one's daily conduct apply equally within the digital sphere, as comments may be taken out of context and used as representative of the views of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Here is a list of behaviours and topics to avoid when posting on social media. These apply to personal accounts, as well as to accounts that individual Freemasons may manage on behalf of a Lodge, District, Grand Lodge or other Masonic entity. They apply to any Freemason who has identified himself as a Freemason online, whether he is posting in Masonic or non-Masonic channels. This list is not comprehensive, but is intended to act as an introductory guide to topics or behaviours that are considered inappropriate for posting to any audience on social media.

When posting on social media platforms, a Freemason must not:

- produce, link to, or refer to any content that is illegal, defamatory, or likely to offend others;
- cause or contribute to any hostile or unproductive arguments, or exercise any private piques or quarrels (good-natured debate is fine, but one should be prepared to abandon the exchange if it ceases to be friendly);
- discuss or allude to any of the Masonic Signs, Tokens, or Words;
- claim to speak for any Masonic body (e.g. a Lodge, District or Grand Lodge) on whose behalf he is not expressly authorized to speak;
- identify anyone else as a Freemason without his explicit consent;
- contain any personal information about any Freemason without his explicit consent;
- attempt to use Masonic channels as a vehicle for personal profit, or for any other form of self-promotion; or
- criticize the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario or any other legitimate Masonic authority.

BEST PRACTICES

This section provides some guidance on the kinds of content to share using social media platforms. This is by no means an exhaustive list — rather, it is intended to stimulate the mind to consider what other types of content might be interesting to one's social media audience. That is to say, a Freemason may share content or participate in conversations online as long as the content or conversation presents Freemasonry in a positive light, does not contravene any of the principles outlined in the Digital Ambassadorship section above, and is relevant to the channel in which it is being posted.

SUBJECT MATTER

A Freemason may publicly share any Masonic content that contributes to a positive public image of Freemasonry, such as charitable work and events, good causes supported by Freemasons, and information about Masonic history.

Social media channels can also be used to share information relevant only to Freemasons, but care should be exercised to use a more restricted channel, such as a closed or secret Facebook group.

Topics that might be discussed here include:

- discussions about Masonic allegory and symbolism (if there is no mention of any Masonic Signs, Tokens, or Words);
- background information about other Masonic Orders (if it does not ruin the experience for those who are not members);
- unusual visits to other Lodges (e.g. for a special ceremony, or because a group of members of a Lodge or District have travelled a long distance to visit another Lodge).

WHY TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA

There are several benefits to using social media in a Masonic context. Broadly speaking, these fall into two main categories: fostering greater communication between Freemasons, and engaging a broader (including non-Masonic) audience.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FREEMASONS

Social media platforms provide a simple way for Masons to connect regardless of geographical location, thus making it much easier to find out about Masonic events (e.g. Lodge meetings) and endeavours at a local, national, and international level. They also make it possible to engage in discussion about Masonic topics with Freemasons anywhere in the world, thus enabling Masons to make their daily advancement by learning from a far larger community.

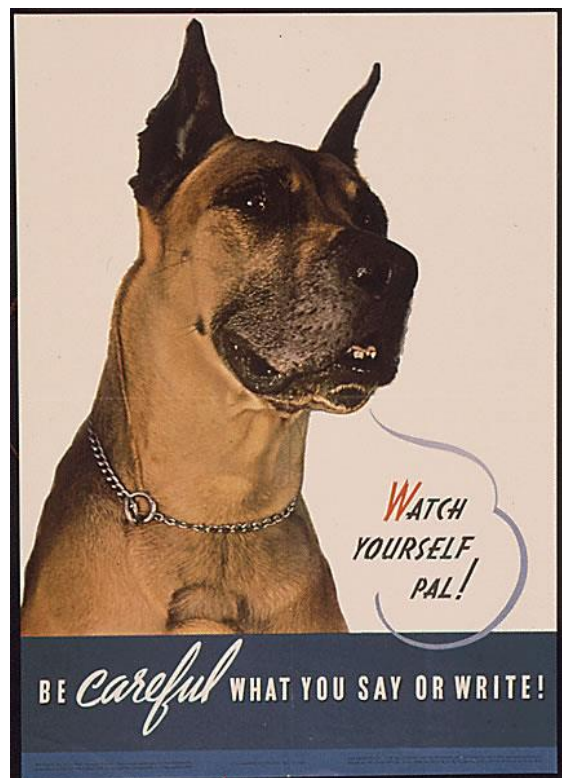
Social media also provides an excellent way to engage younger members, most of whom will already use these platforms in their personal and professional lives. In this sense, they can help Freemasonry remain relevant and accessible to young Masons, who will derive great value from being able to access a wide variety of Masonic content, and interact with other Masons like themselves, through the same channels that they already use daily.

ENGAGING A BROADER AUDIENCE

As well as allowing Freemasons to communicate with each other, social media platforms also make it easy to engage non-Masons. This makes social media platforms excellent for increasing awareness and attracting potential new members, as shared content will be surfaced to anyone searching for Masonic keywords (active candidates who are trying to learn more), but can also be discovered organically through one's other connections (passive candidates who may have no prior knowledge of Freemasonry). Someone who is connected to a Freemason on social media may see something Masonic they have shared, which may prompt them to learn more about Freemasonry and perhaps enquire about membership.

In addition to attracting the interest of potential new members, social media also provide an ideal platform for Masonic publicity in general, i.e. as a way of informing non-Masons about what Freemasonry is and what contributions Freemasons make to society. This is especially valuable, as they can help dispel common myths about Freemasonry as a 'secret society', by enabling anyone who wants to learn more to do so quickly and easily.

R.W. Bro. Thomas A. Siemiernik
Communications Chairman



Source: http://www.signalalpha.com/Propaganda_Posters.html

Cornerstone Project Ideas



Editors Note: In the May 2016 edition, we published a summary for using a Cornerstone approach.

This edition kicks off a regular feature around Cornerstone ideas and activities.

Watch for the Cornerstone Project in future editions. Rusty Mason is one of the ideas related to performing Basic Standard activities.

Why a Rusty Mason Program?

There are many members of our Craft who, for whatever reasons, do not attend lodge, or have not attended for a long time. The longer that they stay away, the more difficult it becomes for them to return. When a Mason decides that he may once again wish to become active in his lodge, quite often he is reluctant to do so because he is unfamiliar with our methods of recognition and ritual; therefore, he is worried that he may embarrass himself. The Rusty Mason program is intended to assist these Brothers in refreshing their memories and permitting everyone to enjoy each other's company through Masonry. This program has been adapted from other similar programs and has been developed around our ritual and therefore is easily presented.

Purpose

1. Reacquaint the long absent Brother with the basic requirements of gaining admittance into a Lodge: the steps, signs, grips and words of the degrees; proper use of the Sign of Fidelity, the Grand Honours; opening and closing ritual of all three degrees and the Grand & Royal Sign.
2. Promote Masonic fellowship by offering instruction in a relaxed and casual atmosphere; free from any stress and surrounded by Brethren who eagerly support his desire to attend and participate in lodge activities.

Preparation

As with all important events, advanced preparation and careful planning are key ingredients. It is recommended that a task force be appointed to make the arrangements for conducting the event. They should review the membership list to identify the brethren who potentially could attend, with a focus on those who are within a reasonable distance.

Next, a method of initially contacting them should be decided upon and follow up calls/visits should be conducted in a diplomatic manner in order to overcome any natural apprehension that may be present. You wish to convey to each

brother that the lodge is ready and willing to reacquaint them with all areas of education in functions.

Finding out how many EA, FC, and MM will be attending will determine the makeup of your event agenda.

Consider assigning a "host" to bring each Rusty Mason to the event, much in the same way that a Sponsor does with a new candidate on lodge night.

If you choose to run this as a district event with people invited by posters, you will have to ensure that each Rusty Mason is in possession of a current dues card, to give evidence of paid-up membership. If you have individually invited them, one would assume you have pre-checked this with your Secretary.

Important to the success of the event is a short meet and greet in the banquet room, prior to the program beginning. This will enable everyone to get to know each other and it will reinforce the casual atmosphere that you want to create for the event.

Remember, the primary purpose of this program is to make the Rusty Mason feel welcome and to provide both the brother and the lodge the opportunity to benefit from the rewards of Masonic fellowship.

Presentation

It is suggested that this event be conducted on a special night so that all attention can be given to the entire program. Upon arriving at the lodge, each Rusty Mason should be greeted by the three principal officers and warmly welcomed.

Following a period of fellowship during the meet & greet, all Masons will attend the lodge room, where the Worshipful Master will bring greetings to all present and turn the evening's program over to the Rusty Mason presentation team.

The following is a proposed program agenda:

Provide each Rusty Mason with a current lodge summons.

Introduce each of the officers of the lodge, including the position that they hold.

First Degree Education.

- Where to sit in lodge (right of WM; left of all senior brethren)
- Wearing of the apron (outside jacket)
- Opening
- Knocks
- Steps
- Signs & Grips
- Sign of Fidelity
- The Grand Honours (3, 5, 7 or 9)
- Balloting procedure
- How to enter and leave an open lodge
- Closing
- Question & Answers

Excuse all EA from the Lodge and have some additional education for them in an adjoining room until they are permitted to re-enter the lodge.

Second Degree Education.

- Where to sit in lodge (right of WM; left of all senior brethren)
- Opening
- Knocks
- Steps
- Signs
- Grips
- Password
- How to enter and leave an open lodge
- Closing
- Questions & Answers

Excuse all FC from the Lodge and have some additional education for them in an adjoining room until they are permitted to re-enter the lodge.

Third Degree Education.

- Where to sit in lodge (right of WM; left of all senior brethren)
- Opening
- Knocks
- Steps
- Signs
- Grips
- Password
- The Grand & Royal Sign
- Closing
- Questions & Answers

Have all Rusty Masons attend the Lodge room.

Questions & Answers that can be handled in the First Degree.

Feedback on the event.

Closing Remarks

Adjourn to the banquet room for fellowship and refreshments.

Summary

It is vitally important to remember that you must include enough information to make the evening worthwhile, but not so much as to intimidate the Rusty Mason you are attempting to attract back into lodge.

The key to a successful Rusty Mason event is enthusiasm for the program by the presenters and the Lodge, along with a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere for those attending. It is that great feeling of fellowship that will bring them back to the Light of Freemasonry.

Rev. Jan. 2012

(Editor's Note: Watch for an upcoming Rusty Mason event in the District Events.)

REBUILDING THE WEST GATE

The Cornerstone Project recognizes the dedicated work of Lodges, as they strive to meet the various strategic goals of our Grand Lodge. Of particular note is

STRATEGIC GOAL #3 Create high quality education programs and training courses for all Brethren in the Jurisdiction



THE WELLINGTON DISTRICT 18TH CENTURY DEGREE PLAY

at Dufferin Lodge Thursday, March 16th

*** FOR MASONS ONLY ***

The Degree Team presents a play depicting a Lodge meeting in London England in the Year 1774. The cast is in the costume of the 1774 period. V W. Bro. Ray Pugh-Williams, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand originally assembled the script and it was performed in that country in 1974. Our team first presented the play in 1977.

The ritual of the play is a blending of the work of both the "Grand Lodge According to the Ancient Constitution" and that of the "Moderns". This was before the amalgamation of the above mentioned Grand Lodges, which formed the "United Grand Lodge of England" in 1813.

The information for this ritual was drawn from Masonic Exposures, Pocket companions, Preston's illustrations, articles and lectures of the time and from the 1774 Minute Book and the Financial Accounts of a Lodge, which met in the Devil's Tavern, Bartholomew Lane, London England.

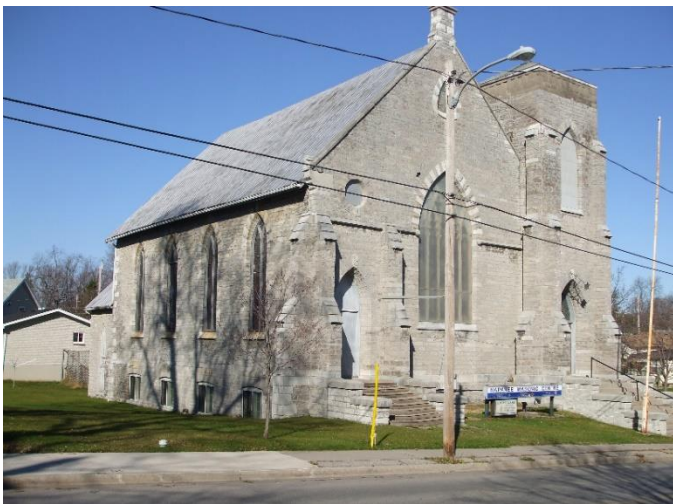


Is Freemasonry difficult to get into?

It can be! This story gives one version:

A man was checking in at a hotel and, while at the registration desk, he noticed a group of men heading toward a function room. He said to the clerk, "Who are those men?" She replied, "Oh they are Masons. They are meeting in one of our rooms until their new Lodgeroom is finished." He replied, "Oh yeah, the Masons! Isn't that the group that is so hard to get into?" She replied, "You don't know the half of it! See that man with the sword? He's been banging on that door for eight months and they haven't let him in yet!"

(taken from the book of Masonic Trivia and Facts by Allen E. Roberts)



<http://www.canadianlodges.org/about/>

The Canadian Museum of Fraternal Lodges was founded in March of 2013, for the purpose of collecting, conserving and presenting the history of fraternal lodges, and their role in the development of Canada as a nation.

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Colin Thomas Millar

Ionic Lodge No. 549

Initiated – March 6, 1957

Passed – April 24, 1957

Raised – May 24, 1957

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above December 30, 2016

Bro. Gerald K/ Williams

Charter Member of

Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654

Initiated – June 21, 1948

Passed – October 25, 1948

Raised – November 22, 1948

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above January 02, 2017

W. Bro. Brian F. Mills

Electric Lodge No. 495

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above January 11, 2017

Bro. Gus Vergos

Electric Lodge No. 495

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above January 18, 2017

Bro. Colin Barty

Corinthian Lodge No. 513

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above January 23, 2017

We will remember their families in prayer

Editor's Note

Hello All,

Thank you to everyone who submitted humour, pictures, and interesting news this month,

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S&F,

Glen Notman



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