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## From Our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren,

April was, again, another very busy month for us in Hamilton District 'C'.

The month began with a number of us travelling to Rowland Lodge No. 646 in Mt. Albert, York District, with The District Secretary, W. Bro. Lance R. Mullett, to witness the Ceremony of presenting his Dad, Bro. William J. Mullett, with his 50 Year Pin as well as his 50 Year Medal. This was truly a joy to see



and to make the evening even more memorable, we also witnessed W. Bro. Mullett presenting his brother, Bro. William C. Mullett, with his Lewis Jewel.

What a great evening to see the three Mullett Brethren together and their Family Masonic legacy continuing to build.

Hamilton District 'C' also saw one of its own receive his 50 Year Pin later in the month as W. Bro. Robert Wild of Hugh Murray No. 602 was honoured for his 50 years of service and dedication to The Craft. Congratulations W. Bro. Wild!

April was a busy month for Official Visits in District 'C', beginning with Seymour Lodge No. 272, which experienced a well attended rare Friday evening Lodge. This was

rescheduled, as a result of being snowed out in March. A confident W. Bro. Chris Jordison, Worshipful Master of Seymour Lodge, lead his Brethren in a fine display of work which included the Passing of Bro. Steve Levesque to the Second Degree.

Always a fun evening, the Dufferin Lodge No. 291 Official Visit included its traditional and much anticipated pie night. Westmount Lodge No. 671 very kindly provided the candidate for the evening, Bro. Sam Gardener, and the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Jason Burgoin and his Dufferin Brethren provided us with a most enjoyable evening both in the Lodge room and later at the Festive Board. One of the pleasures of visiting Dufferin is it's use of some traditional observance practices including music and candles.

What a great way to finish up our Official Visits for the year with our visit to Westmount Lodge No. 671. Another delightful Family evening this month as the Worshipful Master, proud Dad, W. Bro. Doug Bennie, having the distinct pleasure of Passing his Son, Bro. Kevin Bennie, to the Second Degree. An excellent example of proficiency by the Candidate and the Westmount Brethren. Valley Lodge No. 100, my Mother Lodge, was the official accompanying Lodge which made the evening very special for me. Many thanks to the Valley Brethren for being there to share in our last Official Visit.

Brethren, even though we have now completed our Official Visits, there is still lots to do. May and June also bring us into Installation season commencing with Buchanan No.550 on Thursday May 4. Please do your best to support your Lodge and its incoming slate of officers.

I would like to remind you Brethren of our **Spring District 'C' meeting on Saturday May 6 at 9:00 am at The Ancaster Temple.**

On Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>, Westmount Lodge No. 671 is hosting a Table Lodge. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a Table Lodge I would encourage you to attend this one. This promises to be a fun and informative evening with the proceeds going to Prostate Hope. Our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, is the special guest for the evening.

I would like to again remind the Brethren that if every Mason in Ontario was to donate \$25 to the Grand Master's charity, Prostate Hope, his goal would be met.

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Please note: The opinions and views expressed in any article in the District 'C' hronicle are those of the writers and therefore do not necessarily reflect the opinion of Grand Lodge. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions

Brethren, please keep in mind the various upcoming events and celebrations surrounding our 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England, including the Grand Master's wish to have as many Lodges as possible participate in the Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> Open House initiative which includes all three Hamilton Districts collaborating on an Open House at the Hamilton Masonic Centre. Please participate if you are able.

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.

See you in Lodge!

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

## From the Grand Master

Well Friends, spring is now upon us for sure. A time of year when all plant life outside is starting to flourish and turn green. The trees and perennials will bud and open to signify warmer weather and the rain will stimulate the beginning of another growing season that beautifies our surroundings and produces food products for nourishment. As comes spring so do our minds and attitudes become enthusiastic anticipating what is about to blossom before us.



I am excited to inform everyone that the last month has been very exciting. After a number of days reviewing many applications we have hired a Chief Operating Officer to manage activities at the Grand Lodge Office. We had many highly qualified applicants, many of them Masons which is a tribute to our membership and the capable people within the craft.

It is my pleasure to officially announce V.W. Bro. Evan Woodhead has accepted this new position in Grand Lodge. Evan will begin his duties approximately May 1st. We look forward to this new direction of administration. Evan will be working closely with M.W. Bro. Terence Shand, the Grand Secretary, to become familiar with the various procedures and protocols which are involved in the daily workings of Grand Lodge Office. While working under the Grand Secretary's tutelage, M.W. Bro. Shand will bring Bro. Woodhead's

attention to four primary areas, the Constitution, Lodges, Membership and our Rites and Ceremonies.

I am sure you will find Evan to be helpful and friendly in serving whatever needs are required in your future with Freemasonry. We wish Evan every success in his new duties. His experience in previous career endeavours will truly benefit our Grand Jurisdiction.

Brethren, as we are now entering the last quarter of the traditional Masonic year, before our Annual Communication, we will experience a large number of Official Visits and Installations. I ask you try and find time to attend and support lodges during this busy season. Your attendance as a visitor will be greatly appreciated to say nothing about the enjoyable time you will experience with fellow Masons.

As mentioned, on a number of occasions, I and others have announced our hope that every Lodge in Ontario will commemorate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Freemasonry by hosting functions open to the general population of your respective community. It could be an Open House, a Friend to Friend Event, a meal with activities for young and old. Some Lodges are having various activities throughout the entire day including meals, parades and games for children. I would remind every District Deputy Grand Master to inform their various Lodges to make every effort to open their doors by hosting some type of activity June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is an opportunity for Freemasonry in Ontario to demonstrate the philosophies and practices of Masons in their community.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention again our Grand Lodge charity, PROSTATE HOPE. There are many opportunities to participate in this worthwhile project either by a District, a Lodge or as an individual. Many of the Brethren are making personal donations of \$200 or more to receive an attractive certificate to place in prominent place in your home or office. Anything we can do, Brethren, to assist funding the research that can affect any possible cure or comfort for this dreaded threat to our society.

*"If the Masons Do Not Have Any Secrets,  
They Have Done a Good Job of Keeping It a Secret"*

~ a famous quote from Oscar Wilde

**John C. Green**



**PROSTATE HOPE**

see more at:

[http://www.masonicfoundation.on.ca/prostate\\_cancer.html](http://www.masonicfoundation.on.ca/prostate_cancer.html)

Reference **Masonic Foundation Project No. 2713**  
for Hamilton District 'C' donations

## From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, the month of April is a very busy month as it relates to the Committees of Grand Lodge. Many of the objectives, outlined at the August Chairmen & Team Leaders' meeting, are either completed or near completion.

The Committee Chairmen and Team Leaders are now working on their budgets for the upcoming Masonic year and their Preliminary Reports for the Proceedings.

Twenty six Chairmen & Team Leaders along with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Treasurer recently attended the bi-annual "Think Tank" retreat which ran for two days and held at the Crieff Hill Retreat in rural Ontario just north of Hamilton. Poor internet service, rural setting and make-your-own bed Church camp mentality made for clear heads with little or no distractions.

Sign in was at two o'clock on Monday with opening comments at 15:00hrs by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.

Work began immediately and the group was divided into four Teams. All participants were given a pad of sticky notes, assigned a "wall" for four questions The Deputy Grand Master put before the group.

Questions a) What works well at Grand Lodge? b) What doesn't work well at Grand Lodge? c) What works well with the present Committee structure? d) What doesn't work well with the present committee structure?

The questions were presented one at a time with approximately twenty minutes between questions. Multiple answers were allowed and we ended up with four walls covered with sticky notes. There was much enthusiasm for certain questions.

Before breaking for dinner, the four Team Leaders (each a member of the Management Committee) were instructed to meet after dinner with their Teams and come up for two themes from their assigned "answer wall".

The next morning, after a good hearty country breakfast, the four Team Leaders presented their themes to the entire group. The two themes, for each question, would form a basis of the day's discussions.

Each question and its themes were assigned a room and the four Teams travelled from room to room in 45- 60 mins, to debate & discuss the themes found in the room.

A scribe was assigned to each question room and kept notes created by each Team as they passed through. After lunch, discussions continued until three o'clock when all participants returned to the main room where the four scribes and/or Team Leaders presented their conclusions from all the discussions on the four questions.

After each presentation, the floor was then open for discussion by the assembled Brethren. Some agreed, some disagreed, with the conclusions, but a good healthy discussion was held by all.

Two questions received much discussion. They were, as you might suspect b) & d) and a wide range of suggestions were freely given by all participants. It was a pleasant revelation to

this writer, the ideas these Leaders of the Craft brought forth, will make our Grand Lodge more effective and efficient.

A lively discussion about d) ensued, which in all fairness, was received and understood by upper management and changes will be made this year.

The Deputy Grand Master then spent a few minutes discussing his thoughts on the future of our Grand Lodge and his thoughts on Committee make up.

After nearly eight hours of discussion, an excellent dinner was prepared and served by the Church. The participants gathered for a couple of hours of restraint hospitality consisting of card playing and joke telling. Some were good at both and others not so much.

On the morning of the last day, the session had excellent presentations. Steve Warren, Team Leader of Strategic Planning, spoke regarding the Strategic Plan in general and Tactical plans for next year in particular and the second presentation was by Brian Koivu, Team Leader on Lodge Finances in general and Charity status in particular. Remarks, tabulated later, showed an overwhelming enjoyment of the sessions, the location and the food and a wish for another retreat in two years.

After closing remarks by the Grand Master & Deputy Grand Master, the sticky notes came out for one last time to mark on the appropriate wall with "What worked well" and "What didn't work well". A report is being prepared using the sticky notes from the answer wall and the conclusions of the group.

*"A goal without a plan is just a wish."*

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry  
writer, poet, journalist, & pioneering aviator

### R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd

300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF U.G.L.E  
& 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CANADA

Monday, July 17, 2017, 6:30 p.m.  
CONCERT HALL, Fairmont ROYAL YORK  
HOTEL

*Table Lodge Presentation by 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team*

**LADIES AND GUEST'S WELCOME**

Tickets \$65.00 Each  
Cash/Cheque – make cheque payable to: Grand Lodge of Canada  
Cutoff Date is Thursday July 12, 2017.

Tickets are available from the D.D.G.M.s

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320 TICKETS AVAILABLE  
NOTE:..... FIRST ORDERED – FIRST SERVED  
Reserved Banquet Tables of Eight available direct from  
G. L. Office or by DDGM's. COST: \$500 payable in advance.  
Make cheque payable to: Grand Lodge of Canada

Advance Admission prior to 6:00 p.m.

# Agenda for the 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>

The One Hundred and Sixty-Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario will be held in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017, at 8:45 a.m. (DST). Representatives will take their seats before 8:30 a.m. All Master Masons desirous of attending will be officially welcomed following the opening of Grand Lodge.

*Appropriate Dress: Admission to the Grand Lodge Communication is subject to wearing; Jacket, Dress Pants, Shirt, Tie & Regalia.*

## Board of General Purposes

### Monday - 9 a.m.

The Board of General Purposes meets in the ballroom on the Convention floor at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel

### Tuesday – 10 a.m.

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## Discussion and Participation Seminars

Time	Tudor 7/8	Confederation 5/6	Territories
1:30 - 2:20	<b>Leadership Development</b> <i>C. Woods</i>	<b>Cornerstone Project</b> <i>Art Di Cecco</i>	<b>DDGM Orientation</b> <i>J. Ireland</i>
2:30- 3:20	<b>Brother to Brother</b> <i>L. Muss</i>	<b>Officer Progression</b> <i>P. McConnell</i>	<b>DDGM Orientation</b> <i>J. Ireland</i>
3:30 – 4:20	<b>Condition of Masonry</b> <i>R. Kaufman</i>	<b>Lodge Finances</b> <i>B. Koivu</i>	<b>Youth Initiatives</b> <i>T. Van Horne</i>
1:30- 4:20	<b>Confederation Room 3, Main Mezzanine</b> Computer Resources <i>R..Kilaman</i>		
1:30- 4:20	<b>Ontario Room Convention Floor</b> Music Resource and Construction & Function of a Pipe Organ. <i>A. Graham</i>		

## Open Hospitality

### Tuesday 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Districts host hospitality suites throughout the hotel, come meet your fellow Masons from across the province.

### Meet the Nominees in Salon A – Convention Floor

#### Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

(Ed Note: List of Nominees will appear in the June edition)

## Registration and Balloting

### Tuesday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor

### Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor

**NOTE: Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.**

The rules relating to the issue and use of proxies are defined in Sections 56 and 57 of the Book of Constitution. Please read carefully

## Grand Lodge Assembly

Grand Lodge will assemble in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, at 8:45 a.m.; M.W. Bro. John C. Green presiding. Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in Grand Lodge before 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Distinguished visitors, representing other Grand Jurisdictions, will be received and welcomed.

An Address of Welcome will be tendered and Grand Lodge will then proceed with business until 11:30 a.m.

The brethren are asked to reassemble after lunch at 1:30 p.m.

## District Balloting

### Wednesday 5:00 p.m. -

Hamilton District C Masons will meet in the Saskatchewan Room to elect our D.D.G.M. for 2017-18 and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Master and/or Deputy Grand Master

## Grand Master's Banquet

Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m.  
Canadian Room Fairmont Royal York Hotel

**M.W. Bro. Bryant D. Webster**  
**Grand Lodge of North Carolina**  
**Guest Speaker**

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.  
Tickets \$65.00 and available from the D.D.G.Ms.  
Cash sales only. Sales cease July 12, 2016

**Reserved tables of (8)– Direct from Grand Lodge**

### Thursday 8:45 a.m. Installation and Investiture

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m., in the Canadian Room, Convention Floor, for the installation and investiture of all newly elected Grand Lodge officers

## Dates to Remember

*May 2017*

### Hamilton C Spring District Meeting

Saturday May 6, 9:00 am  
Ancaster Temple

All Worshipful Masters and Senior Officers should attend.  
Come out and be a part of keeping our District strong

### Installation

Buchanan Lodge No. 550  
Thursday May 4, 2017  
Dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle at 7:30 pm,  
Hillcrest

### Installation

The Electric No. 654  
Wednesday May 17, 2017  
Dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle at 7:00 pm,  
Hillcrest

### Installation

Wardrobe Lodge No. 555  
Monday May 22, 2017  
Dinner 6:30pm, Tyle at 7:30 pm,  
MCH

### Installation

Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654  
Tuesday May 23, 2017  
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle at 7:30 pm,  
MCH

*June 2017*



### Hamilton District A, B & C

#### Open House

Hamilton Masonic Centre  
Sat June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 a.m. to noon  
Open to all

### Installation

Valley Lodge No. 100  
Monday June 12, 2017  
Tyle at 7:30 pm,  
Dundas

### Installation

Temple Lodge No. 324  
Tuesday June 13, 2017  
Tyle at 7:00 pm, Celebration to follow  
MCH

### Installation

Meridian Lodge No. 687  
Wednesday June 14, 2017  
Tyle at 7:00 pm,  
Ancaster

### Installation

Corinthian Lodge No. 513  
Thursday June 22, 2017  
Tyle at 7:00 pm,  
MCH

### Spring Divine Service

Organized by the Hamilton Masonic  
Districts' Board of Relief

Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 3pm  
Scottish Rite Cathedral  
MCH

Family and friends most welcome

\*Regalia is to be worn at this event



Westmount Lodge No. 671 Presents



Hillcrest Temple 257 Mohawk Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 1W2  
Social Hour: 6PM - 7PM  
In Support of Prostate Hope  
Special Guest:  
Deputy Grand Master  
R.W. Bro. Paul E Todd

A Special Ceremony with ritual incorporating terminology from centuries ago.  
Celebrate with toasts and a great evening of fellowship and revelry!

\$40.00 Per Ticket

Includes 3 Course Dinner.  
Personal Souvenir "Firing Cannon" used in the Toasting Ritual

Limited Seating - RSVP via prepayment is Required  
Contact: Jeff Heimpler 289-260-9467 OR Karlous Ravo 289-682-7982



## The Past Masters Association of the Hamilton Districts

Annual General Meeting  
Meet the Grand Lodge Nominees!  
All Past Master are invited to attend  
Friday June 23, 2017  
Scottish Rite

Annual meeting and a great opportunity to meet many of the Grand Lodge nominees to follow dinner.

## Around the District



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

Our D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Craig Knapman with V.W. Bro. Art Moore and the Brethren of Seymour Lodge No. 272

## VALLEY LODGE No. 100 GOLF TOURNAMENT & CHARITY EVENT

When: Saturday June 3rd, 2017  
Where: Copetown Woods Golf Club

### In Support of Prostate Hope

Cost: \$150

This includes, 18-holes of golf, riding cart, dinner  
Dinner only: \$60

Contact: Kevin Gray (905) 541-4547  
kevin@beansofchange.ca



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

Our D.D.G.M. with W. Bro. Jason Burgoin, the Brethren of Dufferin Lodge No. 291 and visitors from across the District.

## 21st ANNUAL MASONIC BEEF & CORN ROAST WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23rd, 2017



IN SUPPORT OF

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

To support Alzheimer's and Dementia Research and Programs  
and

LEARNING CENTRE FOR HAMILTON

ANCASTER AGRICULTURE SOCIETY FAIRGROUNDS (Marritt Hall)

630 TRINITY Rd. (CORNER OF NO. 2 HWY & TRINITY Rd.)

OPEN: 4:30 p.m. CORN: 4:30 p.m. DINNER: 6:00 p.m.

ADULT TICKET - \$20.00 (13 Years and Over)  
CHILDREN'S TICKET - \$10.00 (12 Years & Under)  
CHILDREN 5 and UNDER - (NO CHARGE)

EVERYONE WELCOME. COME AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT ROAST BEEF DINNER,  
FRESH CORN ON THE COB AND AMAZING DOOR PRIZES

RAFFLES - CASH BAR

FOR TICKETS Email: [masonic.beef.corn@gmail.com](mailto:masonic.beef.corn@gmail.com) or your Lodge Secretary



Landmarks/Doric No. 654 Presentation of 50 yr Service pin to Bro. John R. Smith on April 25th  
R.W. Bro. W. Elgie,  
Bro. B. Rayner,  
Bro. J. Smith, Bro. D. Chappel



2 Milestones Together, 50 Years + Newly Made Mason

## Vimy Ridge - the making of Canada Ontario Freemasons in War

Canada is known for its peace keeping efforts over the years, as well as its involvement in war when called upon. Freemasons are not known for their war exploits, but as citizens of a British colony and later, of Canada, their support of national priorities are very strong and freemasons have joined the colours. As peaceful as we are as Canadians and freemasons we sometimes have to make war for peace. To preserve our way of life.

April 9, 2017 is the centennial of the capture of Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917 by the Canadian Expeditionary Force: the first major British victory in the First World War. Although the four-division Canadian Corps was then under the command of British cavalry officer, Lieutenant General Sir Julian Byng, the planning and training concepts were developed and implemented by Major General Arthur Currie (later Lieutenant General Sir Arthur Currie, commanding officer of CEF) and his staff. Canadian Freemasons were there: R.W.Bro. Arthur Currie (a member of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2 of Victoria, BC), Major Generals Richard Turner VC of the 2nd Division and David Watson of the 4th (both members of St. Andrews No. 6 of Quebec City) and Malcolm Smith Mercer (of River Park No. 356 and Victoria 474 of Toronto) to the youngest, Private Thomas Ricketts of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment who enlisted at the age of 15½ and was awarded the VC at the age of 17 (although he didn't join Freemasonry until after the war). Maj-Gen Turner had been awarded the VC for his actions at Leliefontein, South Africa, on November 7, 1900.

Our history has seen many periods of fighting on the local level (the French and Indian Wars, migration of Loyalists during and after American Independence, War of 1812, Rebellions of 1837 and 1838) as well as internationally (Crimea, South Africa, World War I and II, Korea) and the many Peacekeeping efforts. Masons and non-masons were there.

Some examples of our Freemasons in war include:

- Masons of Brigadier-General James Wolfe's army at Quebec formed a Provincial Grand Lodge under England in November 1759. It would oversee an area from Quebec City to Detroit which had added 75,000 citizens to Britain's new colony some of which were freemasons. Sixty-three masonic lodges would be formed during its existence: twelve in the area of the future Ontario. Early Freemasons would be there to begin to open up the area for settlement.

- more lodges were formed in new towns established by immigrants and settlers who came directly from Europe or as United Empire Loyalists travelling away from the new United States by the 1780s. At Newark, Upper Canada (today's Niagara-on-the-Lake), Freemason and Loyalist Colonel John Butler and those of his men who were Freemasons attended meetings of two Lodges in the 8th (Kings) Regiment at Niagara. Or New Oswegatchie Lodge which was originally at Ogdensburg, NY, removed to Elizabethtown and is an ancestor of today's Sussex No. 5 at Brockville. Colonel John Graves Simcoe, our first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, was a Freemason and one of the first stone buildings in Newark housed Simcoe's administrative offices on the ground floor and

the Masonic Hall upstairs.

- the War of 1812 would have its share of Freemasons: Laura Secord, daughter of Thomas Ingersoll, married Sergeant James Secord. Both men were Freemasons and members of St. John's Lodge of Friendship at Niagara (now St. John's No. 2) and fought in defence of Upper Canada. Indian allies such as Joseph Brant, James Brant and John Norton were also Freemasons and attended Lodge with our Loyalist and immigrant brethren. In this War, as in others, documents attest to Freemasons on each side helping each other in the midst of battle.

- during the rebellions of Upper (1837) and Lower (1838) Canada: where two future senior Freemasons were Sir Allan Napier Macnab (later Grand Master of the Antient Grand Lodge of Canada, 1857-58) who had first fought in the War of 1812 as a teenager and later fought in several engagements with Upper Canada militia against rebels, and William Mercer Wilson (the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, today's Grand Lodge) who commanded a troop of militia cavalry in the Simcoe area where they fought rebels. And Canadian Freemasons fought in the Northwest Territories during the Riel Rebellions. During the second Rebellion a supply depot had been established on the South Saskatchewan river by Major General Wimburn Lawrie. At the time he was still Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and convened "occasional lodges" for the benefit of the masonic military personnel passing through the area.

- during the Crimean War period (1853-56): where Lieutenant Alexander Roberts Dunn of York would become Canada's first recipient of the new Victoria Cross (VC) which he received from Queen Victoria for his actions in the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava (October 25, 1854). While not a Freemason at the time, he was initiated two years later in his father's lodge (Ionic 25 of Toronto).

And Canadian Freemasons would serve in South Africa (Boer War 1899-1902), through two World Wars, Korea, and many peacekeeping actions.

Masonic lodges had existed in military units from 1752 until the end of the 19th century. Their need was gradually eliminated when our military brethren found it easier to attend local, stationary, lodges in cities, towns and villages. Our Grand Lodge only ever authorized two military lodges under its authority. The first, for the masons of the Royal Artillery Garrison at Quebec, was formed in 1864 and closed in 1880. The second, Canada Lodge, was formed in 2010 for the Freemasons in Canada's military then serving in Afghanistan. It closed in 2014 when the last Canadians returned home.

Freemasons who served the colours are remembered in various ways. The Masonic Monument at Malden Park in Windsor pays tribute to the members of our fraternity who made the supreme sacrifice during times of war. It was visioned and built at the beginning of the 21st Century by the members and lodges of Erie and Windsor Districts and while its focus is local it recognizes the worldwide effort of all freemasons to preserve our way of life.

As prepared by

Michael Jenkyns, Grand Historian,  
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada  
in the Province of Ontario

## From the GL 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Brethren,

It has come to my attention that information pertaining to the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is perhaps not all being passed on to the various lodges. For that reason, I have requested that this note be forwarded to each lodge secretary to be shared in the next lodge meeting.

I am sure most of you are aware that a commemorative coin has been prepared. It features the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary on one side and Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> on the other. These coins are available at a cost of \$5 each from the respective DDGMs.

The Grand Master has designated Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> as the date for a jurisdiction-wide Open House. All lodge buildings are encouraged to have their doors opened to the public. In keeping with the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, lodges are encouraged to share details about their own particular history as it relates to their local community. It is hoped/expected that concordant and appendant bodies will participate in this event. Anything that presents Masonry in a positive light to the public is possible. Some of the activities being planned include breakfasts, noon hour barbecues, MasoniChip, clowns, ice cream and face painting for the kids, musical entertainment, parades and Friend-to-Friend events. Remember to cover or remove the third degree tracing board during the Open House.

Since January, we have been submitting articles prepared by the Grand Historian to the local newspapers focusing on various aspects of Masonry. For example, April's article focuses on Canadian Masons at Vimy in 1917. These will continue until July. The one exception is that in June we will be submitting an insert in the form of a small booklet that will feature remarks from the Grand Master, congratulatory greetings from the Premier and Prime Minister, and a special feature from the Grand Historian and the President of the Masonic Foundation. Some newspapers are cooperating fully while others have indicated they would print the articles if space allowed and others have declined because they lack local content. By all means, if lodges are able, they should add some local detail to be added to the articles.

On Monday evening July 17<sup>th</sup> at Grand Lodge, there will be an 18<sup>th</sup> century first degree portrayed. This will be open to all Masons, their ladies and non-Masons and will commence with a banquet prior to the actual degree. The cost of the meal is still being negotiated with the hotel staff.

Beyond these activities, the rest is being left up to individual lodges and districts to generate their own celebrations. The gala hosted by the Toronto and York Districts is one example.

Another lodge has prepared sweatshirts with the 300<sup>th</sup> logo on it. Other lodges are planning to participate in the Victoria Day parade to showcase Masonry. As was stated above, anything that promotes Masonry in a positive light to the public is possible but remember that dispensations will be required. It is also important to bear in mind that this is not our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary but rather that of the first formal Masonic government.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information or if you have specific questions for me. Best of success with your respective ventures.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ron Findlater

## Communication Bulletins

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From R.W. Bro. Charles A. Sankey's Masonic Things To  
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M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels, F.C.F.

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*We will remember their families in Prayer*



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