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From the Grand Master

Brethren:

With Daylight Savings Time just around the corner and now with earlier sunrises and the sounds of the returning birds, it must be SPRING! Okay not yet but soon, I hope.

On the third Monday in February, the Grand Masters and many Deputy Grand Masters of all the Grand Lodges of North America (Canada, United States and Mexico) gathered to be part of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America. Many Canadian Lodges attended this event. This year was no exception with 7 Canadian Grand Masters, along with several Deputy Grand Masters, in attendance.

This year, the annual get together was on the Saturday before the Conference began. It was a "Tail Gate" party with over five hundred in attendance wearing their home team, baseball, football, hockey sweaters, Olympic sweaters and yes Lady Gloria and I proudly wore our Ottawa Senators sweaters. Sadly there were those in our party who, for reasons that are not known, showed up in fierce rival shirts. Sad really!!

The opening day, on Sunday, began with a personal Religious Observance, followed by the Conference Call to Order at 10:00am. After introductions, and three national anthems, several committees of the Conference gave their annual reports, the last one being the nomination committee. As result of that report only one office was contested. The election then took place for the Conference Executive Secretary-Treasurer with Michael A. DeWolf, PGM from Wisconsin, being successful. Grand Masters and their Ladies, Deputy Grand Masters and their Ladies along with Grand Wardens and their Ladies attended separate luncheons on Monday giving the individual groups an opportunity to meet new friends and discuss activities related to their offices.

After lunch the Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Wardens met separately to continue discussions, while the Grand Masters received reports from the George Washington Memorial Association, the National Masonic Foundation for Children and the Confedacion Masonica Interamericana (CMI). The rest of Sunday afternoon was taken up with three groups and went into breakout sessions: Data Base Management with Database suppliers; The Reality of Lodge Finances with M.W. Bro. Lorenzo E. Tibbitt GM Utah; Millennial Apprentices - The Next Revolution with Samuel Friedman.

Monday was a special day for more than 100 Ladies, who attended the Conference with their husbands. It was an all day tour of three wineries and according to the Ladies the tour was an outstanding success. Monday also was the start of the Grand



Secretaries Conference of North America which runs at the concurrently each year with the Grand Master's conference. This year's President is our own M.W. Bro. Terence Shand. After the Monday Call to Order, several reports were received. The Masonic Renewal given by M.W. Bro. Patton R. Hart, PGM

Kentucky and from this year's President of Masonichip International, M.W. Bro. Casey L. Hood, GM Tennessee. The rest of the morning were breakout sessions: Lodge Security - W. Bro. Deputy Sheriff Duane Burgess; Social Media - DGM R.W. Bro. William M. Sardone, New York; Generation Differences & Expectations - Matthew R. Nelson, Utah; Youth Organizations - Youth Leaders.

The lunch speaker was the Grand Secretary of California, Bro. Allan Casalou. He presented a very interesting talk on the Philalethes Society, a Masonic research group and spoke of generational comparisons, of how and where we have met over the years and perhaps returning to earlier years.

Monday afternoon session reports were received from the Masonic Service Association - MW. Bro. Simon LaPlace PGM Executive Secretary followed by talks from several Youth Leaders.

The Deputy Grand Masters, along with the Senior Grand Wardens and Junior Grand Wardens, then met in peer group sessions, which was followed by social hour for all and a banquet in the evening.

Tuesday at the Conference always begins early with the Shrine International at the Frank S. Land Shrine Breakfast. This year we celebrated 99 years of DeMolay with Imperial Sir Bergenske and an excellent talk by the Master Counsellor International.

Tuesday Session Call to Order we heard the report of the Time & Place Committee of which I am a member. We reviewed applicants for February of 2022 and unfortunately due to perhaps cost, size and the time of the year, two applications, who were received, withdrew. However all is not lost. At the end of the main conference a new applicant came forward and we will consider his proposal at next year's convention in Rapid City South Dakota. When the Committee on Recognition Report was received, unfortunately I was busy at my meeting and missed the results. They will become known once the report is received at our Grand Lodge.

Final breakout session filled in the rest of Tuesday morning - Temple Associations - M.W. Bro. Scott Thomas GM Arizona; Re-Districting/Consolidation and a Grand Ladies Panel Discussion with Janice Yankey and Debbie Dreier. Shortly after these sessions there was a Benediction and Closing of the Convention. An excellent banquet concluded the Conference. Your Grand Master certainly advanced his Masonic Knowledge.

I leave you with this:

If You Are Not Willing To Learn, No One Can Help You, If You Are Determined To Learn, No One Can Stop You
~ Anonymous

Paul E. Todd

From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren,

A decade ago M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels had a vision to create a Centre to encourage research into the significant impact fraternalism in general and Freemasonry in particular have made on our society here in Canada and throughout the world.

The Centre was mandated to achieve its purpose in three phases:

Phase 1 To initiate a series of annual lectures by world renowned and local Masonic scholars with an option for periodic multi-day conferences

Phase 2 The establishment of an endowed fund to financially assist students in the study of Masonry

Phase 3 The establishment of an endowed Chair for Masonic studies at Brock University

The first fruit of this dream was an annual lecture series, named in honour of R.W. Bro. Charles A. Sankey (1905-2009). Dr. Sankey served as Chancellor of Brock University from 1969 to 1974. A renowned Masonic scholar, 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.

Several attempts were made at running a multi-day conference but unfortunately, they all fell through.

We have now negotiated with Brock University to establish an endowed fund to provide scholarships to assist graduate students in the study Freemasonry and fraternalism. Through a government program, Brock has obtained matching funds to double the value of the endowment.

Although we are far from establishing a Chair, progress has been made on that front as well, as due to our involvement with the University, they have established a course on Freemasonry and fraternalism.

This year's Sankey lecture will be given by Dr. William D. Moore of Boston University. Like M.W. Bro. Daniels, Prof. Moore is a Renaissance man, having researched not only Masonry and fraternalism but also the history of surfing, the Shakers, folk art, and vernacular architecture.



He has been Executive Director of the Enfield Shaker Museum in New Hampshire, a private, non-profit museum village complex consisting of eight historic structures, woodlands, fields, and gardens. I have actually visited that museum and found it to be fascinating.

Dr. Moore has also been Director of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge of New York, on West 23rd Street in Manhattan. Two of his prominent publications are: *Masonic Temples: Freemasonry, Ritual Architecture, and Masculine Archetypes* (University of Tennessee Press, 2006). Paperback edition released 2014.

William D. Moore and Mark A. Tabbert, eds. *Secret Societies in America: Foundational Studies of Fraternalism* (Cornerstone Book Publishers, 2011).

This year's Sankey lecture will be given on Sunday April 15, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre at Brock University. Dr. Moore will speak on *Catechism, Spectacle, Burlesque: American Fraternal Ritual Performance, 1733-1933*.

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

<https://sankeylecture2018.eventbrite.com>.

More information on the Sankey Lecture Series can be found at www.sankeylectures.ca.

David J. Cameron

The Charles A. Sankey Lecture Series Presents

Dr. William D. Moore

Catechism, Spectacle, Burlesque:

American Fraternal Ritual Performance, 1733-1933

Sunday April 15, 2018 3 p.m.

Sean O'Sullivan Theatre

Brock University



Director of the American & New England Studies Program, and Associate Professor of American Material Culture, Department of History of Art & Architecture, Boston University, Boston, MA Professor Moore teaches courses on American material culture and vernacular landscapes. He is the author of *Masonic Temples: Freemasonry, Ritual Architecture, and Masculine Archetypes* and numerous articles interrogating the interrelationship between built form and systems of belief. His current book project analyzes the nation's fascination with the Shakers in the years between 1925 and 1965.

This annual lecture series is named in honor 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 concordant bodies on 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 are in the Special Collections of the James Gibson Library at Brock, providing a rich resource for research scholars and students.

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Dates to Remember

April 2018

Meet our D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. David Cameron

The Masonic Past Masters'
Association of the Hamilton
Districts

Breakfast Meeting
Saturday April 7, 2018, 8:30 am
Masonic Centre Hamilton

Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. David

Cameron

**Town Hall Meeting,
(\$15 Breakfast)**



D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Seymour Lodge No. 272
Tuesday April 10th, 2018.
7:30 pm Tyle
Ancaster

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Dufferin Lodge No. 291
Thursday April 19th, 2018.
7:30 pm Tyle, Pie Night!
Flamborough

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Westmount Lodge No. 671
Tuesday April 24th, 2018.
6:00 pm Dinner, 7:00 pm Tyle
Hillcrest

Hamilton Masonic Districts

Board of Relief

Spring Divine Service

Scottish Rite Cathedral
Sunday, April 29, 2018, 2:30 pm

May 2018

District 'C' Spring Meeting

Saturday May 5, 2018, 9:00 am
Dundas Masonic Temple

Installation of Officers

Buchanan Lodge No. 550

Thursday May 3, 2018,
6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Return to Lodge
Hillcrest

The Electric Lodge No. 495

Wednesday May 16, 2018,
6:00 pm Dinner, 7:00 pm Tyle
Hillcrest

Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654

Tuesday May 22, 2018,
6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Tyle
MCH

Wardrobe Lodge No. 555

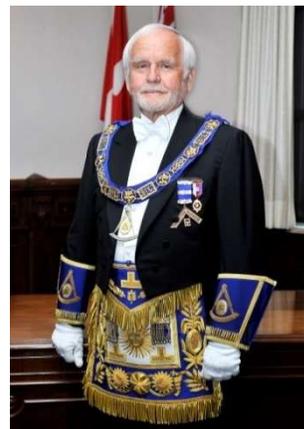
Monday May 28, 2018,
6:30 pm Dinner, 7:00 pm Tyle
MCH

*You and your Lady are cordially invited to be present at the
Hamilton Masonic Districts*

"A", "B" & "C"

*Reception and Dinner
in honour of*

M. W. Bro. Paul E. Todd



Grand Master

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

*Scottish Rite Banquet Room
4 Queen Street South, Hamilton, ON
Friday May 4, 2018*

Reception & Refreshments 5:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

\$45.00 per person

Make cheques payable to: Past Masters Assoc. of Hamilton



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Around the District



R.W. Bro. John W. Hlohinec on his official visit to Landmarks / Doric Lodge No.654



Hamilton's 3 District D.D.G.M.'s Reception Saturday March 3rd

MASONIC BEEF AND CORN ROAST

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018

ANCASTER FAIR GROUNDS

630 TRINITY ROAD

CORNER OF #2 HIGHWAY

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 P.M.

CORN SERVED AT 5:00 P.M.

DINNER at 6:00 P.M.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

A GREAT EVENT WITH GREAT FELLOWSHIP

VOLUNTEERS FOR SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN

APPRECIATED



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 DISTRICT "B" THOMAS R. YOUNG
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W. Bro. Joseph R. Kippax and R.W. Bro. John W. Hlohinec congratulate W. Bro. Lorne Evans on passing the Past Masters Course from the College of Freemasonry



W. Bro. Joseph R. Kippax, R.W. Bro. John W. Hlohinec and from the accompanying lodge, W. Bro. Marius Tokaci of Temple Lodge

160th ANNIVERSARY of the UNION MEDAL

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie

When the 3rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada was held in the Masonic Hall of King Solomon's Lodge in Toronto, on Wednesday, July 14, 1858, to secure a full and perfect Union of the whole Canadian Craft was the supreme objective of the Articles of Union. With prior approval by both the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada (previously known as the 3rd Provincial Grand Lodge of England), at 10:45 pm Sir Allan N. MacNab and one hundred and fifty members from fifty-four lodges of the Ancient Grand Lodge entered the portals of the Grand Lodge of Canada, were received with Grand Honours and acclaimed. The Union of the two Grand Lodges was declared to be perfect and complete. After congratulations on the happy commemoration of the long-desired Union by M.W. Bros. William M. Wilson and Sir Allan N. MacNab, the Ancient Grand Lodge was formally



declared dissolved and the Union of the Craft in Canada was declared perfect.

One of the first orders of business the following day was that a Medal be struck in commemoration of the Union of the Craft in Canada, now so happily effected. The Committee appointed to arrange the design of the Medal was to report in 6 months time, with costs and plans for distribution.

At an Especial Communication held in St. Andrew's Lodge Hall in Toronto on Wednesday January 19th 1859, the Committee submitted a design to Grand Lodge, with an estimated cost from \$2 to \$3 without the Union hanger and ribbon which may cost up to \$2 each. The Committee suggested that it be made of silver gilt for Officers and Past Officers of Grand Lodge, and silver for the Master, Immediate Past Master, and the Wardens of all the lodges on the registry of the Grand Lodge at the time of Union, to whom distribution should be confirmed. The report was adopted and Committee directed to get the medals and hanger prepared at the cost of Grand Lodge.

However, at the 5th Annual Communication in Ottawa on July 11, 1860, the Grand Master did not feel justified in authorizing so large an expenditure, and suggested that the subordinate lodges be called upon to contribute a sufficient amount to pay for the medals which they are entitled to receive and to define with more certainty the parties who are to be permitted to wear them.

At the 6th Annual Communication in London on July 10, 1861, the Grand Secretary was empowered to have prepared a sufficient number of Union Medals to supply such lodges that have already paid for them; and that he be further authorized to issue them to all lodges and brethren entitled and desirous of procuring them upon payment being made for the cost of the same. No mention is recorded in the Proceedings as to how many were ever distributed.

From the photo of the silver Union Medal, one can readily observe the Arms of the Grand Lodge of Canada on the front face which were adopted as the seal of Grand Lodge, (Constitution: 2 and 3). This seal was first used by the Grand Secretary when recording the Special Communication of Grand Lodge held on July 1, 1873 for the purpose of laying with full Masonic ceremonies the cornerstone of the new Masonic Hall in the City of Hamilton by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William M. Wilson.

On the reverse side within a wreath of maple and laurel are the words **"TO COMMEMORATE THE UNION, CONSUMMATED 14th JULY 1858"** One may also observe the extra long stick pin used for fastening the Medal to one's garment.



PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE ESSENTIALS

Prepared by the Grand Lodge P. & E. Committee

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THE DISTRICT SECRETARY

ALTERNATIVE VOLUMES OF THE SACRED LAW

All earlier issues can be accessed on either the

Grand Lodge website in the members section at
<https://grandlodge.on.ca/Lodge> >>Protocol & Etiquette

or

Algoma District Masonic Web Site

http://www.algomadistrict.ca/Protocol%20&%20Etiquette/Protocol_Etiquette.htm

Scottish Rite or York Rite?

First in a series by Ill. Bro. W.N. Brimer 33° and Bro. David Beland 32° are Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 324 and Hamilton Valley Scottish Rite. Both are Past Grand Chapter Officers of Royal Arch Masonry York Rite. This Article has previously appeared on the Scottish Rite Website

Newer members to the Craft ask more experienced Masons, like the authors of this writing, what path they should take to continue their journey. This is a much more difficult question to answer than it would appear.

We see newer members being rushed and even pressured into joining other bodies. Our advice is that Masonry is a life long learning process. First become comfortable with the Craft Lodge by taking part in the Work. Attempt to understand its symbolism by utilizing such resources as the courses offered by Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge library.

It is also said that you must go outside Masonry to gain information and there are many good books to learn from.

Another way to gain information is to take part in discussions. Doing so allows one to discover that there is a vast range of interests and ideas. It is then that Masonry becomes exciting. A person is now in a position to make their own decision as to what route to follow since they have been given the tools to do so. No one should enter into a career or head in a direction simply by following others. If a person is to be successful the career or study must be of interest, beneficial as well as being stimulating and rewarding.

There are Lodges that state that they are Scottish Rite or York Rite Lodges. This is in no way a good practice as people have many different interests. Lodges should promote each body equally and make all attempts to develop the person and not a specific Lodge agenda.

There is a benefit that is often not considered when one is involved with other bodies and that is meeting and doing work with members from other Districts. This creates connections that cannot be found by simply visiting.

Given what is written above when the authors are asked, should I join the Scottish or York Rite? The answer is definitely "Yes".

One of the goals that is set out in the Craft Lodge is to "Know your self". Knowledge of the inner self is attained through an understanding of the allegories and symbols. We will attempt to show some points the two bodies offer that allow an understanding of the Inner Self.

The York Rite follows the symbolism of the Craft Lodge to its completion in the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem Degree by using quite intense symbolism. It then continues on to a more historical and Christian understanding in the Preceptory, which is also known as the Order of the Knights Templars.

The Scottish Rite degrees begin by following the story of Hiram and leads the candidate to self-knowledge through its dramas. There is continual symbolism portrayed throughout the three bodies of the Scottish Rite. The degrees are also based on a more historical model. The costumes, sets, music and

pageantry are unparallel and even if you are a bad actor you never get a bad review.

We mention the study of Inner Self as it is of particular interest to us. It is also a main directive of Masonry. Since Masonry is "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols", it is necessary to draw back the veil and understand the symbols.

On completing the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem Degree, a person is in possession of the symbols. Through our long involvement and deep passion for learning, it is our opinion that a true understanding of the symbols can be ascertained through the portrayals of the Scottish Rite Degrees.

This is the reason we say, "the York Rite and the Scottish Rite reflect off one another giving an overall understanding". Far too long there has been competition between these two bodies when they should be considered as one study.

For serious students of "The Work" we believe it is of great advantage to complete both the York and Scottish Rites in order to gain an understanding of the Inner Self. Such a study however is not for everyone. The individual bodies of the York and Scottish Rite also have much more to offer other than the concepts of the Inner Self.

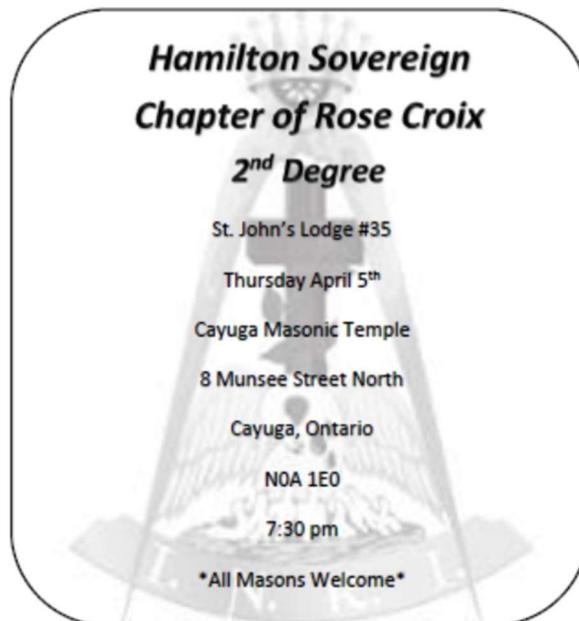
Given the vast difference of interests and the time involved, there are those who find it very rewarding to focus on one of the Masonic bodies in particular.

The terrific thing about Masonry in general is that there is no bar to reach and there is also no bar to get in your way. Everyone therefore can find their place in Masonry and all are respected for whatever path they choose.

Serious involvement takes a considerable amount of time. As important as Masonry is, always remember there are other equally important aspects to life such as family, community and for many, their religion.

For a fulfilling life "make a daily advancement in Masonry".

The next articles in this series will set out some of the ways the information gained can be put to use.



IN MEMORIAM

Meridian Lodge No.687

W. Bro. William E. Bryans

Initiated on February 12, 1958;

Passed on March 19, 1958;

Raised April 16, 1958

and Installed as W.M. on January 14, 1970

Bill was an active member of Meridian Lodge
and the Scottish Rite.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above March 13,2018

**In Life Respected, In Death Regretted. We Shall
Cherish His Memory in Our Hearts.**



From the Editor

Brethren,

Spring has come and so much is happening! Official visits, Installations, Our Deputy Grand Master Town Hall in April, the Grand Master Reception in May.

In my opinion the Dufferin Lodge Pie Night is a meeting worth going to. Visit a country lodge, enjoy their hospitality and fellowship then (in my pre type 2 days,) eat way too much pie.

Toss in the 5 District Cornerstone Education event in Grimsby on April 14th, the Divine Service, our District Meeting on Saturday May 6th and Mother's day, makes for an eventful 6 weeks!

Submissions are coming in, and I thank everyone who takes the time to send an article, provide some feedback and make a comment. Some great ties to past issues this month. The Union medal article links nicely with the Stamps, Seals and other Masonic history we have been publishing in 2017-2018. And the York / Scottish Rite harkens back to last year's series of articles on concordant bodies. Feel free to browse past issues on the District C website and check out how they integrate.

Hope everyone has a fantastic APRIL.

S&F
Glen

IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER

by Erma Bombeck (written after she found out she was dying from cancer).

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained, or the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have sat on the lawn with my grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner." There would have been more "I love you's." More "I'm sorry's."

But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute... look at it and really see it .. live it ..and never give it back. Stop sweating the small stuff.

Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us. Let's think about what God HAS blessed us with. And what we are doing each day to promote ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally.

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