

# District 'C' hronicle



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## **From our District Deputy Grand Master**

Greetings District 'C' Brethren

A year ago, I was in a state of anxious anticipation and now that I have confidence under my belt (or Apron) I find it is almost time to pass the baton.

The month of May started off with the Installation at Buchanan Lodge No. 550.

Unfortunately, the weather played havoc with the power grid and forced the early cancellation of the Grand Masters Banquet of the Hamilton Districts.

Fortunately, the donation to the Grand Masters charity was able to be done by candlelight.

The Spring District 'C' Meeting was held at Valley Lodge No.100 and several issues were reviewed for our future functioning. My thanks to the District Chairmen for their reports and hard work this year.

I joined my fellow DDGM's from Hamilton Districts A & B for their Homecoming visits. We had a great time together and it was an honour to have served Hamilton Masonry with them.



At the Installation for The Electric Lodge No. 495 we had the pleasure of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David Cameron, attend for the Installation of W. Bro. Istvan Horvath. Following that, W. Bro. George Jones was installed as the Worshipful Master of Landmarks/ Doric No. 654.

The amalgamation talks which have been on going on this year between Corinthian Lodge No.513 and Wardrope Lodge No. 555 have been successful. Dispensation was given to both Lodges to allow the current Lodge Officers to remain in Office until the amalgamation is completed. The official date has been set for Friday August 17. 2018 at MCH. So mark your calendars to join in the Festivities in the formation of Hamilton District 'C' s new Lodge, which will be called, Harodim Lodge No. 513.

June brings the final three Installations of my year at Valley No.100 (on the 11<sup>th</sup>), Temple No. 324 (on the 12<sup>th</sup>) and Meridian No.687 (on the 13<sup>th</sup>) Lodges.

The Past Masters Association Annual General Meeting will be having a meet and greet for the brethren who are seeking office to Grand Lodge in July. The meeting is Friday June 22 at 5:30 at MCH.

A reminder to all about the upcoming Annual Communication of Grand Lodge coming this July 17-19. I hope to see many of you there and I encourage you to consider attending the educational sessions conducted on the Tuesday.

Tickets are on sale now for the Grand Masters Banquet at \$70 each. Please contact me if you would like to purchase tickets.

Fraternally,

**R.W. Bro John W. Hlohinec**



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# From the Grand Master

Brethren:

With the last snow and ice storm in our rear-view mirrors, spring I believe has finally arrived in the Ottawa Valley.

Deputy Grand Master David J. Cameron; Grand Secretary Terence Shand and I recently attended this year's thirty sixth annual All Canada Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges A.F. & A.M. which was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 27th & 28th.



All Provincial Grand Lodges were represented at this year's Conference including the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island with their Grand Master, Kevin Crozier. This Grand Lodge, for monetary reasons, had stood down over the last several years however, with Prince Edward Island in attendance this Conference was truly an All Canada Conference.

Among those in the Observers Galley were Simon LaPlace, Executive of the Masonic Service Association of North America and Robert Brethour, Grand Secretary General A.A.S.R. of Canada along with PDDGM of Manitoba, Senior Wardens and Junior Warden of member Grand Lodges.

President of the Conference Andre Bovin, Grand Lodge of Quebec and his Team put together a progressive agenda which included the following reports, which were received and discussed at length by all attendees: the Conference of Grand Masters of North America; the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America; the Commission on Information for Recognition; the XV World Conference of regular Grand Lodges in Madagascar.

The several Grand Masters gave reports on their Grand Lodge under a common theme of what works for them and what doesn't work for them. This stimulated much questions & answers after each presentation.

The Grand Master of Nova Scotia made a presentation on Widows Sons - policies which stimulated much discussion by each Grand Lodge on their policies regarding the Widows Sons.

The Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries each participated in their own breakout groups with following subjects:

Grand Masters: Incorporation & Voluntary Disclosure of Grand Lodge and Lodges; Deputy Grand Masters: Discord in Lodges and influential control by senior Brethren; Grand Secretaries: Automation of the Grand Lodge and Lodges

(systems, reports and resistance). Each group, by way of a spokesman, presented their conclusions and then participated in a question and answer session. In my opinion, the breakout groups at this conference is one of the main ways to exchange information on a variety of subjects. The other way information is exchanged, is at the informal social gathering which took place each evening.

The two speakers of the Conference were Chibu Uson of the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America, who gave a very informative talk on the many initiatives and ways that his committee could help individual Grand Lodges on the subject of Membership renewal. The second speaker was Robert Conley PGM and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan who spoke on shared services, the different types of services which are developed by a Grand Lodge i.e. data bases and in this case Michigan which can be shared by other Grand Lodges, a very topical subject for our Grand Lodge and well received by all Grand Lodges.

The two-day Conference concluded with the Installation of the Officers for 2019: President Don Ford, Saskatchewan; Vice President Jim Luddington, Nova Scotia; Secretary Steve Kane, Manitoba and Treasurer Richard Brown, Saskatchewan.

Before handing over the gavel to the new President, Andrea Boivin made note of the accomplishments of the outgoing Treasurer, Terence Shand, asking him to give a history of his association with the All Canada Conference. In conclusion, Terry received a rousing applause and standing ovation. A very touching response that was well deserved and much appreciated by Terry.

The All Canada Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodge is a very informative, educational vehicle for our Grand Lodge in general and our senior Grand Lodge officers in particular.

**Something to Think About:** a subject, although not Masonic, but is having an effect on Masonry today in Ontario. **Gossip** (n) - a person and or persons who habitually reveal personal or sensational facts about others whether true or not true. **Now Think About This:** People will question all the good things they hear about someone but believe all the bad things they hear or read about you. Do I need to mention Social Media?

**Paul E. Todd**

**GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET**  
**Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**  
**CANADIAN ROOM, Fairmont ROYAL YORK HOTEL**

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**W. Bro. Andrew Hammer**  
**Masonic Author & Lecturer**

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Tickets \$70.00 Each  
Cash/Cheque – make cheque payable to: Grand Lodge of Canada  
Cutoff Date is Thursday July 12, 2018.

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

## From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren,

The Cornerstone Project is a great tool to energize your Lodge. It touches on elements of virtually every Committee of Grand Lodge. While not being the same as a proper long range strategic plan, it does get you starting to plan out activities for your Lodge for the short term. This should be invaluable for a new Worshipful Master, or in the spirit of planning ahead: for the Wardens!



You pick items to complete from lists of standards. The Mandatory ones are Friend to Friend, Mentoring and Officer Mentoring. The resources for these activities are available in the programs put out by the Friend to Friend, Mentoring and Leadership Development / Officer Progression committees. Pick an item and start to work on it. You will see results very quickly.

If you already do one of these regularly (for instance if you already have done the Cornerstone Project in a previous year) why not pick another one to try?

Likewise for the Major and Basic Standards: pick and choose to create some variety in your Lodge events.

Give blood and save a life. Even if we aren't going to continue to collect those statistics, blood is still needed. Run a clinic or donate blood or plasma yourself if you can. While you're at it, sign your organ donor card as well.

Volunteer at a community event: park cars, put a float in a parade, lay a wreath. Maybe you could hold a Masonichip Foundation of Ontario program at the fair. Wait, you can't count one event for two standards, so do them both!

Have an Open House and invite your community in to meet you. We were very successful last year on June 3, 2017. Should we do this annually?

Arrange for regular education in your Lodge, or run a Lodge of discussion. What topic would you like to hear about or discuss?

Have a full festive board after Lodge, or before. Do the toasts and speeches. Sing if you dare. It is said that if you don't have a festive board you are missing half the Masonic experience.

Contact your Brethren you haven't seen in a while. Run a Rusty Masons night. Take your widows out for dinner. Help them at home. Honour an aged member, or a new member.

Visit, visit, visit (that counts for several standards). Go as a group to church, or shul, or jumu'ah... It'll do you good.

Do all the ritual which is the very core of our order.

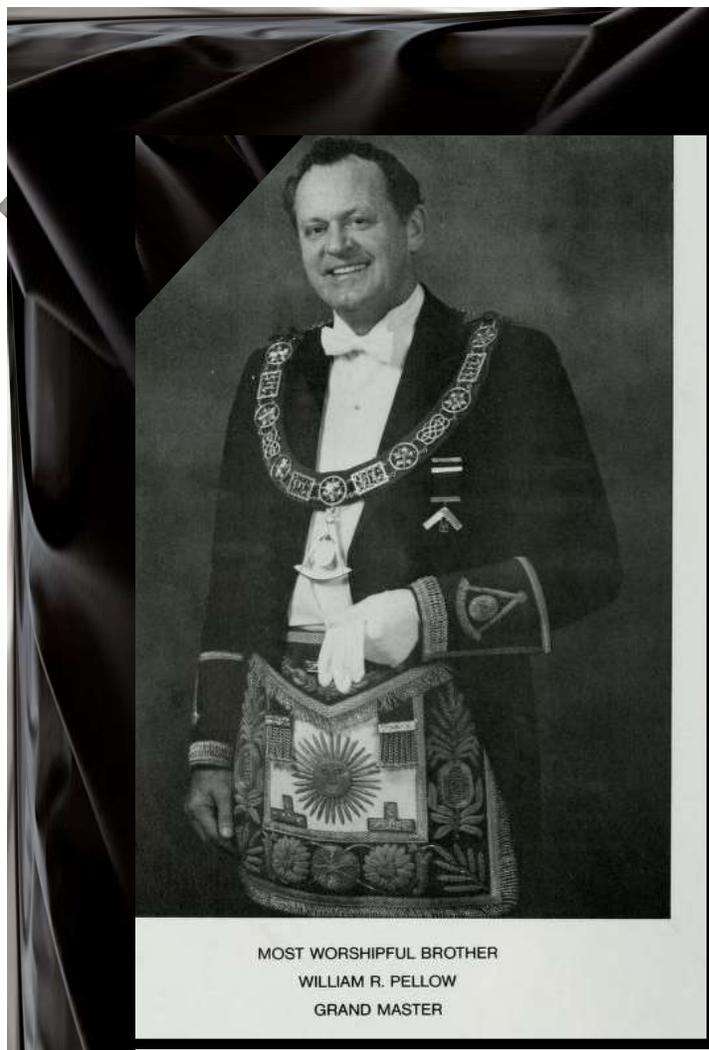
Draw up a budget and you'll make both Condition of Masonry and the Lodge Finances Committees happy.

Get involved with a youth group, Masonic or otherwise. Visit a DeMolay, Rainbow Girls or Job's Daughters meeting. Or invite them to your event. Sponsor a sports team or Scout group. Donate a scholarship.

Come to the Annual Communication. So much goes on there including Masonic workshops, but more about that next month.

**David J. Cameron**

## IN MEMORIAM



MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER  
WILLIAM R. PELLOW  
GRAND MASTER

On May 20, 2018, Dr. William R. Pellow in his 88th year. Husband of the late Leitha Pellow. Father of Kim (Seb) Cimetta and Arden Pellow. Grandfather of Mark and Christine. Predeceased by his son W. Robin Pellow and his brothers Ross and Harry Pellow. Special friend of Betty Harrison. Bill started out working for C.P.R., was a graduate of University of Toronto and later became a dentist in London where he had a highly successful career for many years.

He was a faithful Mason, a member of Ionic Lodge No. 716 and rose to the rank of Grand Master from 1987-1989. He was elected Potentate of the Mocha Shrine in 1998. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dr. William R. Pellow Masonic Bursary, P.O. Box 142, Chapleau, ON P0M 1K0

# 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge July 2018



## 2018 Candidate Bios

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/operations/annual-communication/2018-candidate-bios>

### Meet the Nominees in Salon A Convention Floor

Tuesday July 17, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m

#### G.L. Nominees

#### Board of General Purposes

- Barry Francis Burchill
- David James Broomhead
- John L Richard Hay
- Leonard Elliot Feldt
- Leslie Franklin Armstrong
- Leyland Anthony Muss
- Richard Henri Cadotte
- Richard Wayne Kaufman
- Robert Frank Manz
- Robert Hartley Clarke
- Sikko Wiersma
- Sydney Schatzker
- Terrance H R Van Horne
- Thomas Andrew Siemiernik

#### Grand Junior Warden

- Kelly Daniel Feldcamp
- Michael Winstanley
- Theophilus Hall

#### Grand Registrar

- Derek Francis McNulty
- Winslow Warren Wolfe

#### Grand Secretary

- David Garry Dowling
- Lindsay Reiach
- Philip Raymond Borland
- Robert Kliaman

#### Grand Senior Warden

- Frank Lieman Thompson
- Stephen David Thomson

#### Grand Treasurer

- Thomas Wallace Hogeboom

## Discussion / Participation Seminars

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>– discussion and participation seminars for all brethren at the F.R.Y.H. Preregistration not required.

Time	B.C. Rm	Quebec Rm	Alberta Rm
1:30 to 2:20	Leadership Development <i>C. Woods</i>	Cornerstone Project <i>A. Di Cecco</i>	Youth Initiatives <i>L. Armstrong</i>

2:30 to 3:20	Condition of Masonry <i>M. Locke</i>	Lodge Finances <i>B. Koivu</i>	Dist/Ldge/Bldg Insurance <i>D. Semple</i>
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3:30 to 4:20	Investment Management <i>M. Wisniewski</i>	Role of the W.M. <i>J. Sercombe</i>	Bro. to Bro. 5 Steps/App <i>D. Hutt</i>
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1:30 to 4:20 pm	Algonquin Room, Main Mezzanine Computer Resources. <i>R. Kliaman</i>		
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### Open Hospitality

Tuesday July 18, 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.

District/Lodge hosted hospitality suites throughout the hotel, come meet your fellow Masons from across the province.

### Registration and Balloting

Tuesday July 17, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday July 18, 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.**

### District Balloting

Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Hamilton District C Masons will meet in the Saskatchewan Room to elect our D.D.G.M. for 2018-19 and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Master and/or Deputy Grand Master

### Installation and Investiture

Thursday 8:45 a.m.

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

*June 2018*

## Installation of Officers

### Valley Lodge No. 100

Monday June 11, 2018,  
6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Tyle  
Dundas

### Temple Lodge No. 324

Tuesday June 12, 2018  
7:00 pm Tyle, Party to Follow  
MCH

### Meridian Lodge No. 687

Wednesday June 13, 2018,  
7:00 pm Tyle  
Ancaster

## The Past Masters Association of the Hamilton Districts

Annual General Meeting  
Meet the Grand Lodge Nominees  
All Past Masters are invited to attend  
Friday June 22, 2018,  
6:00 pm Meet and Greet  
7:00 pm Dinner  
Masonic Centre Hamilton

For Reservations,  
Please notify [jstewart41@cogeco.ca](mailto:jstewart41@cogeco.ca) by June 11th

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

When: Saturday June 9th, 2018  
Where: Copetown Woods Golf Club

Cost: \$150

18-Holes of golf, Cart, Dinner, Surprise Auction  
Dinner only: \$65

Contact: Geoff Allan (905) 339-7724 [Geoff@Connect.com](mailto:Geoff@Connect.com)

or

Colin Pfeiffer (905)906-6930 [ValleyLodgeSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ValleyLodgeSecretary@gmail.com)



**July 2018**

Grand Lodge 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communication  
Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Toronto  
100 Front Street W, Toronto  
Wednesday July 18th, 2018  
8:30 am Assembly, 8:45 am Tyle

## MASONIC BEEF AND CORN ROAST ANCASTER FAIR GROUNDS

Wednesday, August 22, 2018  
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.



**TICKETS any Corn Husker or  
DISTRICT "C" BILL BRIMER**  
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University

## Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies

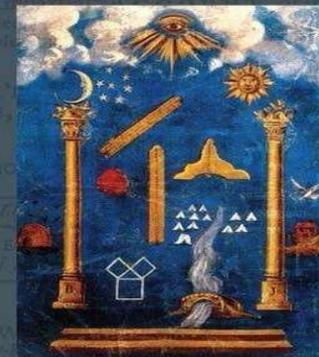


Lecturer:  
Prof. William D. Moore  
Director of the American and  
New England Studies Program  
Boston University

Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 3 p.m.  
Sean O'Sullivan Theatre,  
Brock University

"Catechism, Spectacle,  
Burlesque: American Fraternal  
Ritual Performance, 1733-1933"

This event is free, but tickets are required. To reserve your ticket online,  
please go to [sankeylectures.ca](http://sankeylectures.ca) and click the TICKETS link.



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# Around the District

*"A", "B" & "C" Reception and Dinner  
in honour of  
**M. W. Bro. Paul E. Todd**  
Friday May 4, 2018*

*Wind Storm, Power Failure and Presentations in the Dark*



**District 'C' Spring Meeting**  
Saturday May 5, 2018, 9:00 am



# Installation of Officers



**Buchanan Lodge No. 550**  
Thursday May 3, 2018, Hillcrest



**The Electric Lodge No. 495**  
Wednesday May 16, 2018, Hillcrest



**Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654**  
Tuesday May 22, 2018, MCH

## M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson

2018 Hamilton Bulldogs are OHL champions!

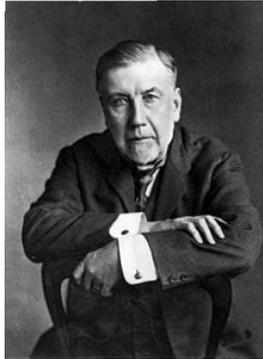


Did you ever wonder where the championship trophy of the Ontario Hockey League, the J. Ross Robertson Cup came from?

Grand Master (1890-91 and 1891-92) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Perhaps the greatest contribution John Ross Robertson made to Freemasonry was his literary activities.

He was the author of a two-volume *History of Freemasonry in Canada*, published in 1899



His Masonic endeavours touched on another and unexpected aspect of the Craft. Indigent Masons were dying in Toronto and had no burial place or no means to be interred. To remedy this, in 1883 he purchased a plot in Mount Pleasant Cemetery facing Yonge Street with 243 individual resting places, and it is deduced as follows: "That he was desirous of providing a burial ground for the interment of such poor and indigent Masons, legally and lawfully admitted members of the Order known as A.F. & A.M.'s as may die without having provided for their interment, or whose interment it may be desired by the proper representatives of the Masonic Order". The Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Masonic Board of Relief of Toronto, who are elected by the representatives of the Toronto Lodges, were appointed custodians with the authority to permit burial in this Masonic plot "free from all fees and charges" to any member of a lodge of A.F. & A.M. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, or in a jurisdiction recognised by that Grand Lodge,.

A fervent advocate of amateur sport, he served as president of the Ontario Hockey Association from 1899 to 1905, which was a critical time period in the history of the sport. His battle to protect hockey from the influence of professionalism caused him to be called the "father of Amateur Hockey in Ontario." During his term as president, the OHA was able to set rules defining professionalism in hockey. He worked especially hard to rid hockey of increasing violence both on and off the ice. Robertson's donation of silver trophies to hockey, cricket, and bowling further encouraged amateur competition. The championship trophy of the Ontario Hockey League, the J. Ross Robertson Cup, is still named in his honour. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1947



Sources: G.L. website and Wikipedia.



## Masonic Passport

Masonic Visitations

Submitted by V.W. Bro. Lee Sutherland  
Union Lodge No. 7

Brethren, one of the fundamental encouragement for Masons is visiting. The implication usually refers to immediate Lodges in your area. For those of us who have been able to travel, visitations can be around the Province, across the border, to other provinces and to Lodges far away.

Some years ago, our Grand Lodge published Wall Calendars with pictures of Lodges and events from around the province.

Each month picture or 'plate' would feature a different Lodge showing the meeting room and location. I do not remember how we got the idea. For one calendar, V.W. Bro. David Kemp also from Union Lodge 7, and I decided to visit as many featured Lodges as we could. Part of the visitation was to have the Brethren of the Lodge place their autograph on the month for the Lodge. The visits were well-received as well as the idea of signing on behalf of their Lodge.

Invariably the Brethren would have to decide on which day of the month they used for their autograph. The Master, signed first, and would often use the meeting night for his signature. As a note of Masonic deference to Ladies, the other Brethren most often signed on the day number that was their wife's birthday. For example if your Lady's birthday were October 25<sup>th</sup>, the brother would sign on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month we were visiting.

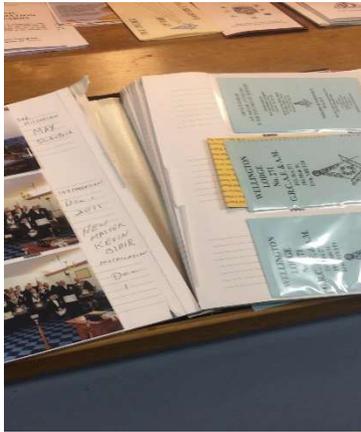
In retrospect, I wonder if this had been the result of forgetting such an anniversary. At any rate, the Calendars lead us to many locations and wonderful experiences. Some visits were a challenge as Google, GPS and Google maps were in the offing in those days.

The plate shown is for Union Lodge 7 in Grimsby. The picture shows the interior of the Lodge restored from a catastrophic fire of January 9, 1997.



## A Masonic Scrapbook

I was on my way to pick up my car and I've driven by Wellington Lodge No.271 lodge a 1000 times before and it was always closed; but today the doors were open so I stopped in!



Nice lodge!! I saw something pretty cool inside! They keep a scrapbook with the summons and then take a picture of that night! We should keep a scrapbook like they do at Wellington Lodge No.271

Just a thought

Cheers

Bro. Mike Arsenault

## From the Editor

Brethren,

So the **Masonic Passport Program** we kicked off last month has triggered a couple of submissions. I particularly like the small blurb sent by Bro. Arsenault from Temple Lodge. A quick email with an attached video became the above piece on this page. A little fun, an idea to explore for Lodge Historians, and some publicity for an Ontario Lodge. It makes one wonder how many others would be interested in popping in to see what your Lodge is about.

A lot of information from the 163<sup>rd</sup> Grand Lodge Communication is included in this edition of the Chronicle. *If you are a Past Master or Senior Warden* and want to meet some of the candidates, plan on coming out to the Scottish Rite on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also, I was asked to mention that the Past Masters Association is looking for new Executive Members. If you want to give back to the District consider volunteering with them.

For the newer members who have never been to a Grand Lodge Communication, Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup> is full of informative seminars during the day, and incredible hospitality and fellowship at night. The parade of Masters and Grand Lodge Officers entering Grand Lodge is something to behold Wednesday morning.

June is the full of Installations, Picnics, Barbecues and Golf. Feel free to pass along your pictures and we can make the July edition a tribute to Masonic Fellowship in Hamilton.

Hope June is clear sailing for everyone. Thanks to everyone for your feedback. Feel free to share the Chronicle contents. S&F

Glen

## IN MEMORIAM

### Dufferin Lodge No. 291

#### R.W. Bro. Arthur Frederick Adams

Initiated on May 16, 1963;

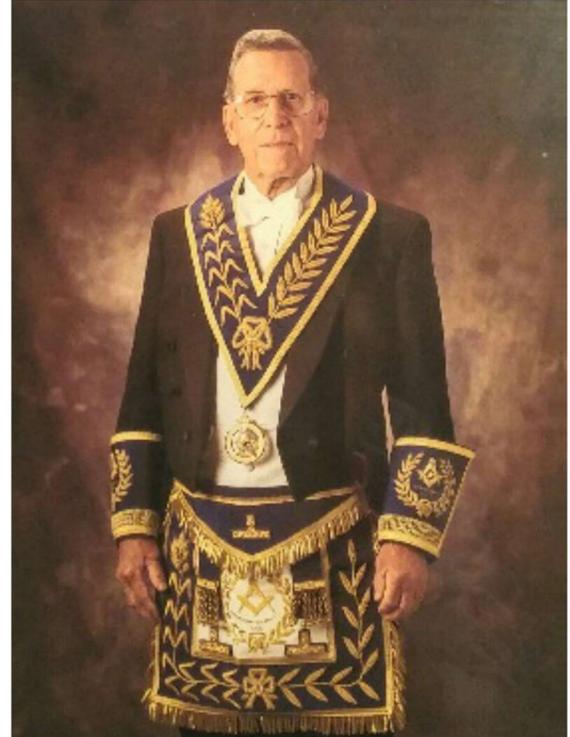
Passed on September 24, 1963;

Raised November 26, 1963

W.M. on 1973- 1974

District Deputy Grand Master 2001-2002

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above April 1,2018



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



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