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Biography

District Deputy Grand Master Hamilton District 'C'

R.W. Bro. Robin John Colville:

Robin was born in Hamilton in 1960, was raised in the central mountain area of the city. He graduated from Hill Park Secondary School and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto. He has been working in the field of Industrial Automaton for the past 24 years, and is currently a technical sales representative for Tubex Technology Machinery.

Robin and his wife Sherry have been married for 34 years and have three adult children: Jaclyn, Jennifer and Mitchell. They recently became grandparents with the birth of baby Evelyn last October to Jaclyn and her husband Ryan.

Robin's Masonic Career began in 1981. He was installed as W.M. of Hamilton Lodge No. 562 in 1988-89. He served as District Secretary in 1995 and was appointed Grand Steward in 1996. He joined Buchanan Lodge 550 in 2001 when the Hamilton Lodge went dark, and has served as Treasurer there for the last 10 years. Robin is a Royal Arch Mason and also a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Hamilton Valley.

Besides spending time with family and friends, Robin's other interests include playing drums and guitar, following professional football, hockey and F1 Racing, the occasional round of golf and working on the "honey do" list ☺

Greetings Brethren!

As the new District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton District "C" I am looking forward to working with our Grand Master M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd and our Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. David J. Cameron, as well as all of the lodges in our District. I am grateful to the Brethren of Buchanan Lodge No. 550 for nominating me and to all the Brethren of Hamilton District "C" for endorsing the same.

The **DISTRICT 'C'HRONICLE** is published monthly in Hamilton, Ontario and is available for download on the district website at <http://www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org>. Please forward submissions to this newsletter through the contact details on our website.

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

I would like to thank R.W. Bro. John L. Hlohinec and V.W. Bro Roy Metcalfe for their tremendous help in this transition, and to congratulate V. W. Bro. Roy Metcalf on his appointment as Grand Steward, as well as V.W. Bro Donald A Campbell on his appointment as Assistant Grand Chaplain. I would also like to express my thanks to W. Bro. Bill Fulton for acting as my District Secretary and to the brethren who offered their support as members of my District Team.

We have a special event on August 17th to celebrate the amalgamation of The Corinthian Lodge No.513 and Wardrobe Lodge No.555 to form the new Harodim Lodge No.513, and I am looking forward to attending.

I also hope to see many of you at the annual Masonic Beef & Corn Roast on August 22.

Our first District Meeting will be held on Saturday September 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ancaster Masonic Hall.

Wishing all brethren and their families an enjoyable summer and looking forward to starting my fraternal lodge visits in September.

Fraternally

R.W. Bro Robin John Colville

Hamilton's District Deputy Grand Masters



R.W. Bro. Robin Colville (C), R.W. Bro. Les R. Vass (B),
R.W. Bro. Len Anderson (A)

163rd Communication of Grand Lodge 2018

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2018

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. David J. Cameron
Grand Senior Warden	R.W. Bro. Frank L. Thompson
Grand Junior Warden	R.W. Bro. Kelly Feldcamp
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom
Grand Registrar	R.W. Bro. W. Warren Wolfe
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. G. Pirie Mitchell
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling

APPOINTMENTS 2018

Grand Director of Ceremonies
R.W. Bro. Edward Charles Denbeigh, Kanata

Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. Herbert John Hewitt, Peterborough

Grand Junior Deacon
V.W. Bro. Mark Spencer Durant, Frankford

Grand Supt. of the Works
V.W. Bro. William Cheetham Bradshaw, Kanata

Assistant Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. Lyle Robert Cavanagh, Almonte

Assistant Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Shawn Adam Todd, Carleton Place

Assistant Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Jeffrey Alan Christie, Ottawa

Assistant Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Harry Ralph Hamilton, Peterborough

Assistant Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Hamilton

Grand Sword Bearer
V.W. Bro. Kenneth Francis Burchill, Richmond

Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Romeo Fred Krause, Pembroke

Assistant Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. John Thomas Houghton, Whitby

Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. Michael St. Amour, Ottawa

Grand Steward
V.W. Bro Ian Leroy Metcalfe, Ancaster

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS 2018-2019

Hamilton A	R.W. Bro. Len Anderson
Hamilton B	R.W. Bro. Les Vass
Hamilton C	R.W. Bro. Robin Colville

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R.W. Bro. Frederick Halpern
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R.W. Bro. H. Edward Standish
R.W. Bro. James C. Sutherland



DDGM R.W. Bro. W. Hlohinec with our Grand Master M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd a fond farewell

Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Fall Meeting

Saturday September 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ancaster Masonic Hall.

Dates to Remember


August 2018 Amalgamation Ceremony

The Amalgamation of two Lodges

Corinthian No. 513 and Wardrobe No. 555

Hamilton District C, will form a new Lodge on Friday August 17th, 2018.

Harodim No. 513



All masons are invited to join us for this historical event at Hamilton Masonic Centre.

Dinner at 6:00pm \$40 Reservation Only.

The Grand Master M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd and several of his Grand Lodge officers will be in attendance and will be conducting the amalgamation ceremony.


The Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts will be hosting breakfast meetings at the Scottish Rite beginning with a meet and greet at 8:30 am with breakfast at 9:00 am. The annual membership in the Past Masters Association is \$10.00 and breakfast cost is \$15.00. The meeting dates, topics and speakers are as follows:

September 29, 2018 **Realignment: Are You Ready?**
R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie

November 3, 2018 **Cannabis 101**
Michelle Davis


January 19, 2019 **DDGM's Semi Annual Report**
DDGM's "A" "B" "C"

April 6, 2019 **Bringing Back the Bay**
Chris McLaughlin



Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies


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



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



Courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, AF & AM

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
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wbnwb370@gmail.com
DISTRICT "A" ROY OLFIELD
masonic.beef.corn@gmail.com
DISTRICT "B" THOMAS R. YOUNG
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Love of Learning Gala

Presented by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation

Saturday Oct 13, 2018

Early Bird Tickets available

\$250 each Tables of 8 available

TICKET PURCHASE OPTIONS

1. e-transfer to: loveoflearninggala@gmail.com
please include you email in the notes area.
2. cheque to: 148 George St, Hamilton, L8P 1E5
3. cash to Dave Monette - Scottish Rite staff

The Learning Centre for Hamilton is now open and tutoring children with Dyslexia. This GALA is in support of our continuing effort to help these special children.

Fatherhood and Masonry

Brethren, within Masonry older members see a different focus in the newer members joining our fraternity. Attention, attendance and participation seem to be taking a back seat to family and fortune.

The Pew Research Center did analysis on what is important to the next generation of men. They report that there has been a significant change in the value that our newer members place on fatherhood, family and time spent away from the home. Fatherhood is changing in important and sometimes surprising ways. Today, fathers who live with their children are taking a more active role in caring for them and helping out around the house. And the ranks of stay-at-home and single fathers have grown significantly in recent decades. The changing role of fathers has introduced new challenges, as dads juggle the competing demands of family and work.

Here are some key findings about fathers from Pew Research Center.

Today's Dads see parenting as central to their identity. Dads are just as likely as moms to say that parenting is extremely important to their identity. Most men seem to appreciate the benefits of parenthood – 54% report that parenting is rewarding all of the time. Meanwhile, 46% of fathers say they find parenting enjoyable all of the time.

Fathers are much more involved in child care than they were 50 years ago.

Fatherhood a positive experience and central to dads' identity

% saying parenting is extremely important to their identity



% saying parenting is rewarding all of the time



% saying parenting is enjoyable all of the time



Source: Pew Research Center survey of parents with children under 18, Sept.15-Oct.13, 2015

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

In 2015, fathers reported spending, on average, seven hours a week on child care – almost triple the time they provided back in 1965. And fathers put in about nine hours a week on household chores in 2015, up from four hours in 1965. While fathers are spending more time with their children, many feel they're still not doing enough. Roughly half (48%) say they spend too little time with their kids.

For many working dads, balancing work and family is a challenge

% saying it is very/somewhat difficult to balance the responsibilities of work and family



% saying they are always rushed



Note: Based on all full- or part-time working parents.

Source: Pew Research Center survey of parents with children under 18, Sept.15-Oct.13, 2015

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Work-family balance is a challenge for many working fathers. Many of today's fathers find it challenging to balance work and family life. About half of working dads (52%) say it is very or somewhat difficult to do so and about three-in-ten working dads (29%) say they "always feel rushed". Working fathers would prefer to be home with their children, but that they need to work because they need the income. So what does this mean to our Lodges and Membership?

Part of Dr. Steven Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, addressed in Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood, is that people form opinions based on their own experiences. Unless they work hard to understand the other person's perspective, two people can see the same thing and form completely different viewpoints.

The Pew Research shows that men today feel pressured, rushed and challenged regarding family and work life balance, they need an escape from these pressures. Lodge and The Work has always been my source of refuge and contemplation. It can provide some relief to these feelings. However, our meetings need to be compelling, welcoming and inclusive. One wonders if the younger generation think that life is too short to spend it wasting time in a boring meeting. The Cornerstone program suggests polling our members for what they would like to see. Perhaps asking the newer members what they need and want from Lodge will result in higher attendance better participation and more balance in our lives.

Past Master's, Leaders and Mentors need to be available to explain the context and completeness of The Work, answer questions, listen to feedback and consider what the younger generation are feeling. Give them a voice, get them involved and thank them for making sacrifices of time and commitment. Our Lodges need their support and based on the conflicted feeling 21st century men are expressing, they need our assistance in finding balance and Making Good Men Better.

Submitted by: R.W. Bro. Glen J. Notman

Freemasonry in Hamilton

[Editors Note: We are building a series on the history of freemasonry in Hamilton. Watch for follow ups with more about the next Masonic Hall on Main Street followed by the new facilities at the Rite. Also some write ups of the Mountain lodge halls and Beach Masonic Lodge Halls, and any other submission people want to forward.]

In a pioneer "Road House" by the side of a cedar swamp, The Barton Lodge No.10, now No.6 held its first meeting under a warrant issued by Wm. Jarvis, Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada on the 22nd of November 1795.



This tavern stood 80 feet west of present day Wellington Street, and the same distance north of present day King Street. In its formative years the lodge met at various locations until

finding a more permanent home at the Kennedy's Tavern on the west side of Hughson Street, one door south of Main Street in 1843. Here was founded The Lodge of Strict Observance on September 21, 1847, under a Charter issued by Sir Alan Napier MacNab, Provincial Grand Master for Canada West.

On September 16th, 1851, Strict Observance held its first meeting in the stone building located at the north-east corner of John and Main Streets, and in 1852, St. John's Lodge No. 40 was constituted here, in the original Central Masonic Hall, located on the third floor, with the Banquet facilities on the second floor, accessible by stairs.



Old Masonic Hall
N.E. Corner, Main and John Streets

During their tenancy the 3 Lodges formed a Joint Board of Trustees to supervise the general expenses and management for the city lodges. It was in this Masonic Hall on October 10th, 1855 that the Grand Lodge of Canada was founded and M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, a judge from Simcoe Ontario,

was installed as the first Grand Master. In 1855, Acacia Lodge No. 61 received its Charter. As early as 1861, plans for the erection of a new Masonic Hall were being discussed. The Trustees of the Masonic Hall Association accepted the offer of a lot at the South East corner of James and Gore Street from Hon. Isaac Buchanan, for \$6,075.

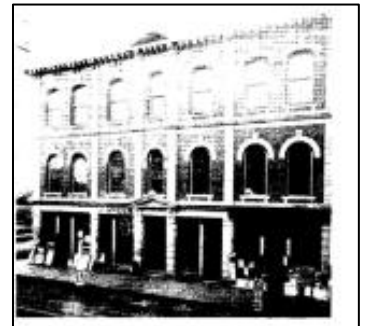


Grand Master William Mercer Wilson, brethren from Barton, Strict Observance, St. John's and Acacia and visiting lodges were included in the 700 who attended the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony, on July 1, 1873. Led by the band of the 13th Battalion, the parade started at the Mechanics Institute, marched to the Masonic Hall on John Street where it was joined by Grand Lodge and proceeded to the site at the S.E corner of James and Gore streets. Dimensions of the new hall were 81 ft. 6 in on James Street, and 100 ft. 6 in on Gore Street. Five stores were on the ground floor, a large Masonic Hall 64x34, Banquet Room 17x31, kitchen, reception room, a Knights Templars Room 27x31, Offices for the Grand Secretary, vault, and hoist room were on the second floor; a Royal Arch Chapter Room 23x37, Committee Room, and the A. & A. Scottish Rite Room 77x45 occupied half the third story.

Member bodies included:

The Barton Lodge No.6, The Lodge of the Strict Observance No.27, The St. John's Lodge No. 40, The Acacia Lodge No. 61, The Hiram Chapter No. 2, The St. John's Chapter No. 6, The Godfrey de Bouillon Encampment and Priory of Masonic Knights Templar

and Knights of Malta & , The Harington Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, The Murton Lodge of Perfection, The Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, The Moore Sovereign Consistory of the A.& A. Rite. Inside the glass bottles deposited in the cavity of the cornerstone were placed: a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a copy of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1872, a complete list of the officers of the Grand Lodge since its formation in 1855, a list of the officers of the various M.H.A. members for the year 1872-1873.



At the conclusion, W. Bro. Hugh Murray, President of the Directors of the Masonic Hall Association presented the Grand Master with the trowel used in completing the work of laying the cornerstone. A dinner followed at the Anglo-American Hotel The Ceremony of Dedication on January 30th, 1874, was equally as colourful and impressive and was brought to a conclusion with a Grand Ball under the patronage of the Grand Master.

W. Bro. John M. Gibson who was instrumental in the formation of Temple Lodge No. 324, and served as its first Master in 1874, 1875 and 1876. (later M.W. Sir John Morrison Gibson 1892-1893) was a most active in Scottish Rite Mason, who with other 33rds were actively planning to leave the dark third floor Scottish Rite Room with all its stairs, for new Scottish Rite facilities. When the Tuckett Estate at 4 Queen Street South became available after the Great War, in 1920, Sir John and a group of Scottish Rite leaders provided the financial backing to purchase the Tuckett property.



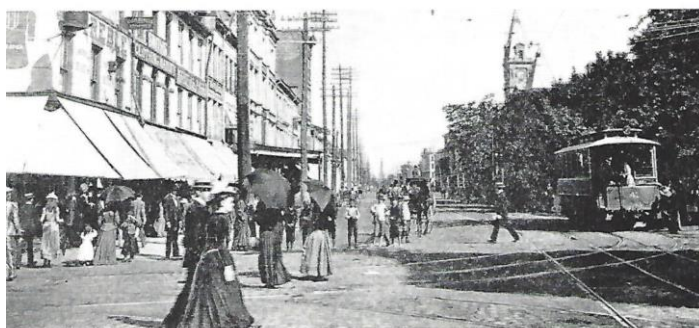
In 1892, George Tuckett had local architect James Balfour design this residence, which was completed in 1895. From 1920 through 1923, Cooper Construction of Hamilton, utilizing the architectural plans of an American firm, added the Cathedral and organ loft, robing facilities, the Lower Banquet Hall, and completed the Round Room and corridors. On the second and third floors adjacent to the Cathedral, were 2 auxiliary rooms that were eventually converted to dedicated Craft and Royal Arch lodge rooms. The cornerstone was laid on May 31st, 1922, by M. Wor. Bro. W. N. Ponton, K.C., the Grand Master. The building was opened and dedicated on May 7th, 1923, by the Sovereign Grand Commander, Sir John M. Gibson, K. C. M. G.



Early in 1968, the City of Hamilton expropriated the James Street masonic property for the purpose of straightening out Merrick and Gore Streets for a smoother traffic flow. We remained in the building at this location for a rent of a hundred dollars per month until the property was required. The Central Masonic Temple also known as the James Street Masonic Hall, was occupied continuously by the Masons of Hamilton until that tragic fire on Friday September 20, 1968, a fire that destroyed the building along with most of its contents.

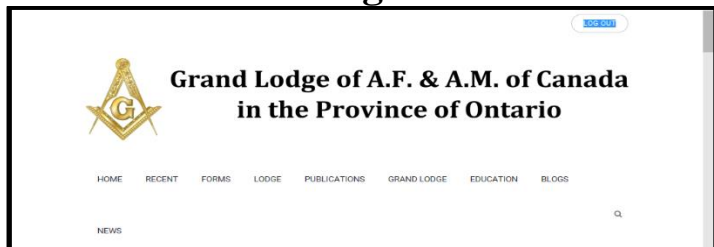


W. Bro. Clare Robinson P.M., Acacia Lodge No. 61, seen here uncovering the original cornerstone with the glass jars containing all the contents unaffected by the fire. The Masters and Warden's chairs were salvaged, completely refurbished and are still in use today.



Submitted by R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie

Grand Lodge Website



www.grandlodge.on.ca

Recent additions and updates to the Grand Lodge Website.

Added July 24

Guide to Masonic Benevolence 2018

Guide to Masonic Benevolence 2018 Booklet Size
(extract below)

Added July 3

DGM Blog July 2018

Added June 25

Preserve Lodge Records 2018

Reflections Edition 31 5

Ontario Mason Magazine SPRING 2018

CRAFT STEWARDSHIP NEWS MAY 2018

Guide to Masonic Benevolence (Pamphlet Introduction)

Revised April 2018 by The Committee on Benevolence

This pamphlet has been prepared as a guide for those charged with the responsibility of carrying out the work of Masonic Benevolence and with the hope that it will provide a greater understanding of the Committee's process. Benevolence and Charity are basic principles of Freemasonry. Every Mason is expected to maintain an attitude of benevolence to all mankind and to perform acts of charity for those in need. This distinguishing characteristic of its members is the foundation stone of the fraternity. "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-being, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

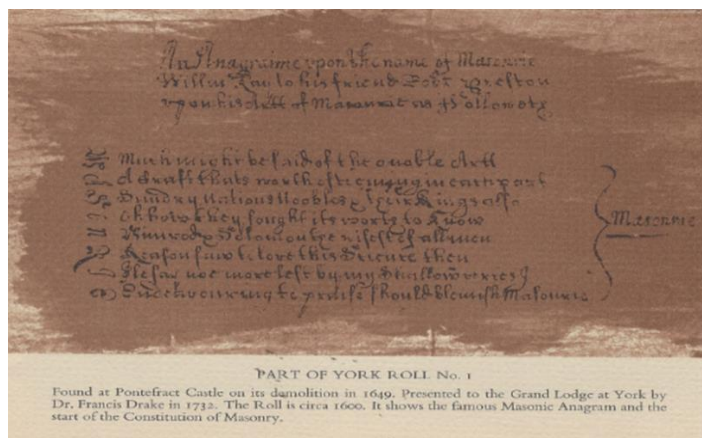
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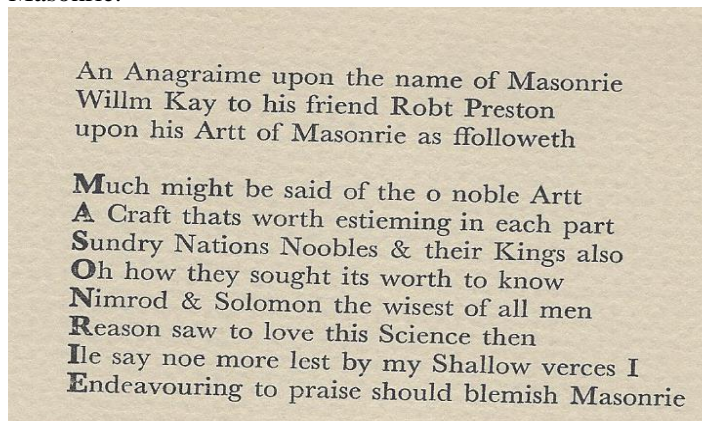
- *Establish a Need*
- *Consider Lodge Assistance*
- *Complete Grand Lodge Application*
- *Motion in Lodge*
- *District Approval*
- *Forward to Grand Lodge*

Historical Archives The York Papers

Brethren, coincidentally to Grand Lodge publishing an article on preserving lodge records, comes a timely submission of images from two of the oldest documents recorded in masonic history. The "York Papers" are among the oldest charges Masonry has on record, from the 17th Century. The York Lodge No 236 York Published in Hughan's Old Charges and Masonic Magazine August 1873 an inventory of the effects of the Grand Lodge of all England (extinct) held at York are copies of the Old Charges and of the six catalogued five are still carefully treasured by the York Lodge They were numbered one to six without respect to their relative antiquity for though the first is certainly the oldest the second is the junior of the series. The first image is of York No1 and is thus described in the Inventory of AD 1779 No 1 as: "A parchment roll in three slips containing the constitutions of masonry and by an endorsement appears to have been found in Pontefract Castle at the demolition and given to the Grand Lodge by (Brother) Sir Frances Drake 1736". It was used as a roll measuring about 7 feet in length and 5 inches.



York No 2 It is the junior of the York Rolls written on parchment 60 by 7 inches and is entitled The Constitutions of Masonrie.



York Papers History extracted from The history of freemasonry, Volume 1 By Robert Freke Gould

Seeing such history preserved by one Lodge in the UK makes me wonder what we have preserved in our Ontario Lodges. Is it worth preserving our past and present records for current and future members? Either way, it is worth taking a read thru of "Preserve Lodge Records" on the Grand Lodge Website

From the Editor

Brethren,

Congratulations to our newest DDGM. R.W. Bro. Colville, another exciting year begins. The August dog days stretch before us, and anyone who knows, the District Exec team is hard at work planning, drafting and publishing the Trestle Board in time for September.

I often wonder if people find our content interesting. Then submissions come in and ideas get sparked. I saw an article in USAToday on Fatherhood in America, and then another article on the UK Grand Lodge website. So, since concerns and time crunches appear to be universal I included some facts and data about the work life balance our members are facing. Please have a look at page 4, and think about what newer members are looking for.

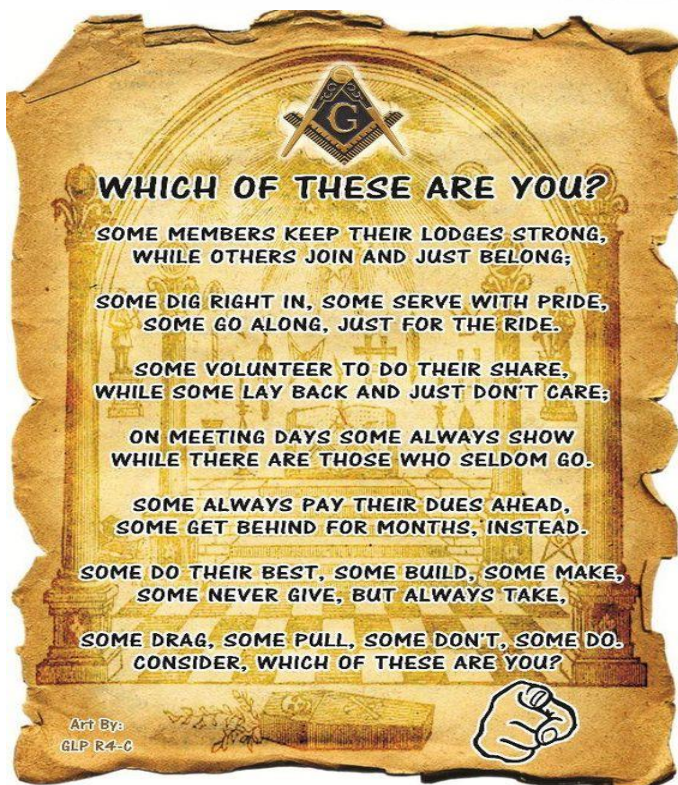
Hoping for some summer passport pictures. I got 2 quick picture of the York Papers and did some research for context. If anyone has more insight, please pass it along.

I hope our summer reading August edition pleases everyone. Some light humour to close. Safe travels.

S&F

Glen

**The Human brain
is an amazing
organ. It
functions
24 hours a day
from the day we
are born and only
stops when we
are performing
ritual**



IN MEMORIAM

Bro. John Schilaske

Wardrobe Lodge No.555

Passed to the Grand Lodge above June 28, 2018

Bro. Harold 'Bud' Morly Miller

Corinthian Lodge No.513

Initiated: 18 September 1958

Passed: 20 November 1958

Raised: 15 January 1959

Passed to the Grand Lodge above July 09, 2018

Bro. Jack Carlyle Beemer

Corinthian Lodge No.513

Initiated: 30 March 1954

Passed: 20 May 1954

Raised: 17 June 1954

Bro. Beemer was a Life Member of Corinthian

Passed to the Grand Lodge above July 03, 2018

Bro. Larry Webber

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654

Initiated: 14 January 1955

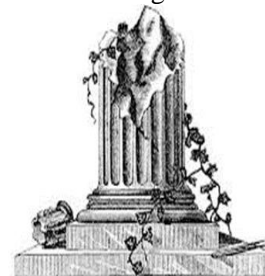
(St. Marks No. 38 N.S / Clarke No. 61 Chester NS)

Passed: 11 February 1955

Raised: 19 March 1955

Affiliated with Ancient Landmarks 22 February 1977

Passed to the Grand Lodge above July 08, 2018



**In Life Respected, In Death Regretted. We Shall
Cherish Their Memories in Our Hearts.**



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