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

Greetings  
Brethren:

I was pleased to attend the annual Masonic Beef and Corn Roast on Aug 22 and happy to see the event well attended as a worthy charitable fundraiser

Although most enjoyable it also reminds us that the summer is just about over and with the Labour Day weekend fast approaching the kids will soon be going back to school, and our monthly lodge meetings will resume again!

I am looking forward to making several fraternal visits this month, and plan to attend the Installation at Valley Lodge on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.



Notice of our Fall District Meeting has been sent out by e-mail to all District Lodge Secretaries and Masters, and as a reminder it is taking place on Saturday September 22 at the Ancaster Masonic Temple at 9: 00 AM.

I want to thank the members of the District Leadership Team for volunteering their time and service towards the advancement of Masonry in District "C" and look forward to introducing them at our Fall District meeting, as well as working with them throughout the course of the year ahead.

As many of you already know, the planned amalgamation of The Corinthian Lodge No.513 and Wardrobe Lodge No.555 to form the new Harodim Lodge No.513, has been postponed by instruction of the Grand Master, but I am hopeful this will move forward and a date for this event will be set in the near future.

Wishing all brethren and their families health and happiness and looking forward to visiting all our District Lodges in the weeks ahead.

Fraternally

**R.W. Bro Robin John Colville**

**If We Are Not Willing to Learn and Change,  
No One Can Help Us,  
If We Are Determined to Learn and Change,  
No One Can Stop Us.**

I thank you for your attention.

Kindest personal and Fraternal regards  
Paul E. Todd  
Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd has requested that the conclusion of his Address at the 2018 Annual Communications of Grand Lodge be read out at every Lodge's next available meeting. For those who will be absent from their Lodges, here is an excellent opportunity to view it.

*Ed Note: I copied this from the "Ontario Freemasons" Facebook group.*

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# Annual Masonic Beef & Corn Roast 2018

Pictures by: R.W. Bro. Tom Young and R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson



Corn Huskers preparations



Food lines



Draw table



W. Bro. Roy Olfield  
Chairman

**Support for St. Peter's  
Hospital Foundation and the  
Scottish Rite Charitable  
Foundation Learning Centre  
for Hamilton.**



W. Bro. Ted Green with assistant Ticket sales



DDGM of District C.  
R.W. Bro. Robin Colville and guest



Refreshment R.W. Bros. Tom Marshall & Bill MacPherson



Fund Raiser Mrs. Tom Marshall



R.W. Bro. Ian Anderson DDGM of District A and  
W. Bro. Norman Staryk District Secretary with ladies

## Dates to Remember

### Installation of Worshipful Master

Valley Lodge No. 100  
Monday September 10, 2018  
Tyle 7:30 pm  
Dundas Ontario

### Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Fall Meeting

Saturday September 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the  
Ancaster Masonic Hall.

## 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.

## October 2018

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

Ionic Lodge No.549  
Wednesday October 3, 2018  
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm  
MCH

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

Hugh Murray No.602  
Tuesday October 16, 2018  
Dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm  
MCH

### Installation of Officers

Dufferin Lodge No. 291  
Thursday October 18, 2018  
B.B.Q. Post Meeting, Tyle 7:30 pm  
Flamborough

## Hamilton Masonic Districts'

### Board of Relief

### Fall Divine Service

Sunday October 28, 2018.

2:30 pm

Melrose United Church,  
86 Homewood Ave. Hamilton  
All Masons and families  
invited, regalia to be worn.



### MasoniCh.I.P. Program

September 20- 23, 2018 Ancaster Fall Fair  
Ancient Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654  
630 Trinity Rd., Ancaster

## The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

**Saturday, September 29, 2018**

Breakfast Meeting

Saturday September 29, 2018, 8:30 am

Masonic Centre, Hamilton

\$15.00 cost for breakfast

**Speaker R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie**

**Topic: Realignment: Are You Ready?**

## Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

### Deacons Workshop

Tuesday October 30, 2018

Hillcrest Temple

Master Masons welcome.

Hosted by The Electric Lodge No. 495

**Brock University**

### Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies

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

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

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

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.

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

**MasoniCH.I.P. program  
at the Ancaster Fair  
September 22nd 9:00am - 10:00 and  
September 23rd 9:00 - 6:00pm.**

**Sponsored by Landmarks Doric Lodge No. 654.**

Landmarks Doric is looking for a Co-Sponsor and interested individuals interested in administering the program. Police checks with Vulnerable Sector Screening is required. Letters are available to help reduce the cost. Please contact

W. Bro Cory McCarthy,  
Chairman MasoniCH.I.P Hamilton District C,  
email: [Ltmac70@gmail.com](mailto:Ltmac70@gmail.com) or 519-732-9517.



Sponsored by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, the MASONICH.I.P Program consists of five major components – digital photographs; digital video; digital fingerprints; vital child information; and a dental bite impression or Intra Oral Swab for DNA. The photographs, video, fingerprints, and child data are burned onto a C.D. that is compatible with Amber Alert. The dental impression provides a virtual diagram of the child's biting surface, which, like fingerprints, are unique to each individual and further supplies saliva to provide a DNA sample. Combined, this five-part process provides a dramatic, time-sensitive recovery tool for authorities.

Parents are urged to gather pertinent information about their child prior to the event such as, an emergency contact name, address and phone numbers, distinguishing marks and scars, allergies, medications, and parent's work, cell, and other phone numbers, and the child's height and weight. Security and privacy are of utmost importance. All information and specimens are collected on site, processed, and provided to the parent or guardian in an envelope—along with the sentiment of all the Masonic volunteers – "We hope you never need to use it." After each child is processed, the data is deleted and erased from the computer using state-of-the-art software. The only item retained by MASONICH.I.P Ontario is the signed permission slip.

This MasoniCh.I.P Ontario child identification clinic is offered during many events throughout the year. The Masonic brethren of Ontario, and their volunteers, are pleased to offer this program to our communities.

For further information or future events, please visit the MASONICH.I.P Ontario website at

**<http://www.masonichip.ca>**

## **THE MINDSET LIST® OF GENERATION X**

**Tom McBride**

Most Gen Xers are now between 37 and 53. Partly because they have been deemed, by demographers, to have had only a sixteen-year run, their numbers are small. But they were also born during a time of low birth rates compared to those of the later 40s and the 1950s. The reasons are many: the Pill, divorce, more women working out of the home, and perhaps access to abortion. One commentator has called Gen Xers America's neglected middle child.

Thanks to the death rate, Millennials have now taken over Boomers as the largest generational cohort. There are about 75 million Millennials and more than ten million fewer Gen Xers. But by 2028 the number of Xers will exceed the number of still-living Boomers.

Why has Gen X been overlooked? Simple: Unlike the Boomers, who spearheaded the cultural revolution of the 60s, and the Millennials, who were in the vanguard of the 1990s high tech revolution, Gen Xers have had no revolution to call their own. They have been a "guinea pig" generation, as though Boomers said to them, "Well, OK. We've transformed American society's norms, so now let's see how you cope with your birthright—let's discover how you deal with the fallout."

**Editor's note: The following is an extract of the list of 50 mindset indicators for Gen X. I left the original numbers from the list and you can see the whole thing at:**

<http://themindsetlist.com/2017/05/mindset-list-generation-x/>

- #1. The Pill helped turn them into the Baby Busters, the smallest generation since the Great Depression.
- #5. The year the first X kids were born, Marshall McLuhan announced a "new electronic age"
- #7. They have little or no memory of Bobby Kennedy, Malcolm X, or Martin Luther King.
- #11. They are the first cable generation.
- #17. They have moved from being seen as slackers to the current one: that they're the most entrepreneurial generation in recent history.
- #30. Recent surveys have found them happy and fulfilled, with special attention to work/life balance:
- #40. The average American family size has always been declining and in their lifetimes has never been as high as 4.
- #43. They are the first generation to grow up in a world where a plastic card—so that you can buy stuff you can't afford—has been an essential possession.

AND

As long as Xers have been alive, there have always been Ford Mustangs, Pop Tarts, Lucky Charms, Coffee Mate, Flairs, self-service post offices, zip codes, Diet Pepsi, domed stadia, all-news radio stations, and Moog synthesizers.

# Passport

## – PLANNING A MASONIC VISIT – Life-long memories

Here is an item we first printed in Vol 5 – Jan 2009



**KONA LODGE F.& A.M.**  
**Kailua-Kona, Hawaii**

Bro. Les Jarrett, Ancient Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654, V.W. Bro. Lee Sutherland, Union Lodge No. 7, Grimsby, wearing their Ontario aprons and poppies, with their Hawaiian Brethren

Visitation to another Lodge is one of the greatest privileges of a Mason. Any Mason in good standing may visit any recognized lodge in his jurisdiction, his country or abroad, subject to the terms and to the regulations of his own and the visited jurisdiction. To the Masonic traveler the world over has access to the facilities of Lodges, the assistance, companionship, and hospitality of its members, all when he presents himself at the Lodge portals. The strange community and the unfamiliar manner of its citizens disappear upon his acceptance with the friendly and fraternal handshake.

This privilege of visitation, however, is of necessity accomplished by certain responsibilities of the visitor. One must prove to the S.W. of the Lodge that you are indeed a Mason. This proof can be accomplished in the following ways:

- 1) Have another Mason vouch for you. This brother must have sat in open Lodge with you and is known by the host Lodge.
- 2) Carry a current paid-up dues card to show that you are a member in good standing with your own Lodge.
- 3) Possibly carry a recent Lodge summons with you, especially if it happens to mention your name.
- 4) If you have time, carry other documentation such as - a letter signed and sealed by your Lodge Secretary indicating your good standing - have a letter sent to the visiting lodge announcing your planned visit - if the visiting Lodge is in a foreign country, have your Lodge secretary request the office of the Grand Secretary

write a letter to the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction you wish to visit

- Note: Check the list found in the front of your Lodge Register to ascertain if the Grand Lodge you are visiting is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
  - have a valid Canadian passport to attest to your personal identity.
  - prepare a small card containing your personal and Masonic background to assist in your examination and introduction.
- 5) Beside carrying several pieces of personal and Masonic documentation you might be examined by members of the Lodge you will be visiting to satisfy themselves that you are a Mason. This could involve a Board of Trial.

You may be asked to take what is called the Tyler's Oath.

This oath, Form 3, Section 214 (c ) is found on page 179 of the Grand Lodge Constitution (2015). The oath attests that you are a Master Mason, that you belong to a just and legally constituted Lodge, that you are not suspended or expelled from your Lodge, and that you know of no reason why you should not hold Masonic communications with the Lodge you are planning to visit.

The Examining Committee conducting the Board of Trial may also request a response to various questions depending upon Masonic experiences and knowledge of the visitor. R.W. Bro. Gordon Crutcher, in his instructional paper on this topic has provided several illustrative questions, which could be used during this Trial.

- a) the signs, grips and passwords in each degree
- b) the position of the Great Lights in each degree
- c) the way to approach the altar in each degree
- d) relate the events during the Third Degree
- e) whom did he represent in the Third Degree
- f) how was he raised
- g) name, in order, the FPOF
- h) sections from the Book of the Work
- i) (Ex. B.P., Ex. B.R. and Ex. A.R.)

Visitation is, then, a true privilege. It is a privilege, however, in a greater sense as it enables a Mason to widen his scope of experience, his acquaintances, his fund of knowledge, and his understanding of the complexities of human nature.

We shall sometimes find a spiritual life and a renewal of our confidence in mankind's basic honesty and compassion. When we observe men who were complete strangers a short hour before, greet us with a warm and fraternal handshake, we realize that the fraternity is, after all, a collection of Grand Lodges, which in turn are collections of constituent lodges.

Again, these lodges are made up of the individual man scattered over the face of the earth, but with a common meeting point of the mind and heart. Here, are the "grassroots" of the Craft, and with these qualities the newly raised brother may well plan his Masonic travels.

**Submitted by R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson**

## Freemasonry in Hamilton - Part 2

[Editors Note: continuing the series on our history which began in last month's Chronicle)

Prior to the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1968 fire, several proposals were made for a new Masonic Hall, but none were acceptable. The loss of the James Street Temple caused all resident bodies to seek temporary accommodations in surrounding districts Masonic Halls and motivated the Masonic Hall Building Committee to take more rigorous action. Over 50 sites were investigated and again several proposals were put forward. One even recommended building over the parking lot at the Scottish Rite. After nearly 7 years of frustrating attempts, the Building Committee's proposal of purchasing the properties at 908 and 918 Main Street East, adjacent to Trinity Baptist Church and building a new Masonic Hall was finally accepted by the member bodies, the property was purchased on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1974.



**Board of Directors**

L to R ~ M.W. Bro. Eric Nancekivell, Grand Master, D.W. Cathers, Sec, Alex Anderson, Ralph J. Cocks, Pres, Robert Strachan, Treas.

On March 20, 1975, the architectural designs and the tender of Cooper Construction was accepted for the sum of \$608,400. This was followed with a sod-turning ceremony on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1975.

### SOD TURNING APRIL 1975



L to R~M.W. Bro. Jack Irvine, G. Sec, Mrs. Ann Jones, Chairman Hamilton-Wentworth Region, Victor K. Copps, Mayor, Ralph Cocker, Pres, Hamilton Masonic Temple

The "Lintel Stone" of the James Street Hall was placed in front of the Main Street Entrance as a Memorial to our Heritage. There was never a Cornerstone Laying Celebration. On February 25<sup>th</sup> 1976, Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Dr. Eric Nancekivell presided at the Dedication Ceremony of 2 Craft lodge rooms, followed by a banquet and programme in the lower Banquet Hall. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1976, Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion, William Thompson dedicated the lodge rooms to Royal Arch Masonry which concluded with banquet celebrations.

For 27 years the dedicated and prudent leadership of successive Boards of Directors from the member bodies of C.M.T., provided the best facilities that could be afforded. However, in later years with declining membership, one lodge never returning, one lodge going into darkness, one chapter moving to another location and increasing fixed costs, the viability of maintaining C.M.T. became a tremendous challenge, without increasing the assessments paid by each member body. Some lodges were prepared to vacate, rather than default on their quarterly payments. In order to maintain C.M.T. for all the member bodies at a reasonable cost, in a first-class facility, negotiations commenced in November 2001 with Towers, the holding body of the Scottish Rite Building on the S.W. corner of King and Queen Streets. The Main Street property was listed and sold for \$665,000, with a closing date of June 30, 2003.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Terence Shand, supported by the Worshipful Master and First Principal or designate from each of the masonic bodies of C.M.T. assisted in the closing ceremonies featuring the Extinguishing of the Lights Ceremony on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003, supported by the Grand First Principal, Excellent Companion Sheldon Boomhour.

The Grand Master opened sealed glass jars in which significant mementos had been placed at the laying of the cornerstone of the James Street Masonic Hall by Most Worshipful William Mercer Wilson on July 1, 1873. These jars had been placed behind the date stone of the 918 Main Street building and were removed from such before selling. They contained an 1873 newspaper, photographs, coins and paper currency,



John Thombs, left, Central hall president Bud Green and Ontario Grand Master Terrence Shand examine contents of a time capsule

## Coins & Medallions From The Time Capsules 1873 & 1975



1- 1872 Queen Victoria 50 cent piece, 2. - 1872 Queen Victoria 25 cent piece, 3. - 1858 Queen Victoria 20 cent piece, 4. - 1871 Queen Victoria 10 cent piece, 5. - 1872 Queen Victoria 5 cent piece, 6. - 1859 Queen Victoria 1 cent piece (large penny) 7. - 1870 25 cent bank note (shin plaster), 8. 1939 Grand Lodge pin, Year of The Royal Visit, 84th Communication, 9. - Hamilton Chapter No. 175, 10. - St. John's Chapter No. 6, Hiram Chapter No. 2, & The 100th Anniversary medallion of Grand Lodge 1855 - 1955.

A Book of the Work, an old Constitution, the original Charter granted to the Temple Board in 1873, which is now displayed in the C.M.T. Blue Room, and a gavel. These artifacts are priceless reminders of our past and their relevance to our fraternity cannot be understated. Some are currently in the display case adjacent to the 3rd floor lodge room at MCH.

C.M.T. housed 16 bodies with a combined membership of about 2,100. Over 160 masons attended the closing banquet hour. R.W. Bro. Jim Hamilton, the longest serving officer and V.W. Bro. Bernie Walters the only living member of the original 918 C.M.T committee, eloquently reminisced about their 27 years at C.M.T.

The dignified ceremony of extinguishing the Lesser Lights did not forbode the closing of a lodge but rather the end of an era as the lodges moved forward to a new edifice, a new day and a renewal of their faith in our tenets and principles, to meet the future with renewed confidence.



C.M.T. at 908 and 918 Main Street East

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie

## From the Editor

Brethren,

I don't know about you but for me, the summer seems to have zipped along, and suddenly Summons go out, tuxes get cleaned and it is time to return to Lodge.

This September edition has lots of content old and new. We strive to make the Chronicle newsy and interesting. Submissions on our Hamilton Masonic history, a Passport article recycled from Edition 5, great pictures and reminders of upcoming events.

Following on last month's article about Masons and Fatherhood, I returned to the Mindset lists and found a light look for understanding our youngish members. If anyone wants to submit something about the Millennials joining our lodges I would love to publish it.

Looking forward to a lot of pictures from BBQ's, Fraternal Visits, Golf trips and any other events that people want to share. Bill and I have our fingers crossed that people will let us know what they want to see and send along interesting articles.

Let me know if you prefer humour, thought provoking articles or just current events. The Chronicle can only get better if we receive healthy feedback.

Hoping for some more passport pictures and stories.

S&F

Glen

## IN MEMORIAM

**V. W. Bro. William "Billy" Stanfield**

**Ionic Lodge No.549**

Initiated: February 3 1962

Passed: April 7 1962

Raised: May 5 1962

Affiliated to The Ionic Lodge No. 549: April 2 1975

Affiliated to Centennial Lodge No. 679: February 15 1994

Worshipful Master of The Ionic Lodge No. 549

1981 – 1982

1988 - 1989

2002 – 2003

2005 – 2006

Celebrated 50 years a Mason : April 4 2012

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above July 30, 2018



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

## Past Master.

**P**erhaps you think your work is done,  
**A** task completed, honours won;  
**S**till there is much more work to do,  
**T**he Lodge you ruled has need of you.  
**M**ake no mistake, you're needed now;  
**A**ssist some Brother, show him how.  
**S**age counsel give and good advice,  
**T**he cable-tow, extend it thrice;  
**E**ach act with kindness and open hand  
**R**eal "Brotherhood" then will expand.



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