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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren:

September has been a busy month indeed, and I have enjoyed my initial fraternal visits to several of the Lodges in our District. Congratulations to V.W. Bro Lance Mullet on being installed as the new W. Master of Valley Lodge No. 100 earlier this month.

Special thanks to W. Bro Cory McCarthy for organizing the MasoniChIP tent that was set up at the Ancaster fair on the weekend of Sept 22-23, and also many thanks to the volunteers who donated their time and talents to help make the event a success.



I was pleased with the good attendance at our Fall District meeting, and the cooperation of the brethren present as we worked through the meeting agenda.

It was also an honour and pleasure to attend and participate in the amalgamation ceremony for Corinthian No. 513 and Wardrope No. 555 to become the new Harodim Lodge No. 513. The Grand Master was in attendance and presided over the amalgamation ceremony, assisted by the Deputy Grand

Master and several Grand Lodge Officers. It was a historic event for our District, and I congratulate the amalgamation committee and the Master's of both lodges for realizing such a memorable event. I also wish the new Master of Harodim Lodge No. 513, R.W. Bro John MacPherson and his line officers all the best for a successful future!

In October, I will be starting my official visits and look forward to visiting Ionic Lodge No. 549 on Oct 3rd and also The Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 on Oct 16th. I also look forward to the Installation of the W. Master and Officers at Dufferin Lodge No. 291 on Oct 18th.

Wishing all brethren and their families health and happiness, and with Thanksgiving fast approaching let us be truly thankful for the many blessings we have been given.

Fraternally

R.W. Bro Robin John Colville



Grand Master Paul E. Todd with the our DDGM at the Harodim Lodge Amalgamation Ceremony Sept. 27, 2018



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From the Grand Master

It was truly an amazing summer. After long hot days, lots of sun and just enough rain to nourish the crops, it is now time to lift up our "Working Tools" and return to the quarries of Masonry. Of course, some of our Lodges have worked through the long hot summer months so they might stand down from the quarries in the cold winter weather.

We begin a new Masonic year with a review of 163rd Annual Communication. The annual communication of Grand Lodge was very successful. Much was accomplished this year, working within the framework "effectiveness & efficiency moving forward". We paid tribute to outgoing Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Terence Shand by naming him Grand Secretary Emeritus and holding a surprise get-together for him, at the end of Grand Lodge, presenting him with a "Thank You" gift for his years of service.

With the passing of the necessary Constitution amendments, which gave authority to the Office Manager position, R.W. Bro. Lou Domjan has accepted full time employment. Bro. Domjan brings much experience of operations a modern office to the position.

M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling was elected Grand Secretary and has begun his duties, which cover but not limited to, Constitutional matters, rites & ceremonies, meetings of Grand Lodge and the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master appointments.

M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby was appointed to the position of Custodian of the Work by the Ritual committee for which he comes well qualified having held that position for several years.

One of the highlights of our Grand Lodge Communication is the pomp and ceremony of the official opening of Grand Lodge. Led by the Grand Piper V.W. Bro. Brian A. Arnold, accompanied by perhaps the largest group ever of pipers and drummers, definitely made a very dramatic statement - that Grand Lodge was about to open.

I know by their comments, that the many visiting Grand Lodge Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions were very impressed, especially those who have never seen the parade.

I must tell you about a young Master from Prince Edward District who was in the parade for the first time. He stopped me later in the morning to tell me how proud he was to be part of the parade and he said he was going home to tell all the Masters what they missed and was going to tell the next year's Masters, "You just have to be here!"

I would be remiss if I did not mention two of our Past Grand Masters, who now attend the Grand Lodge above, were very much missed at this year's Grand Lodge Communication. In my address to Grand Lodge I said the following;

"M.W. Bro. William Russel Pellow Past Grand Master – 1987-1989, was a true "son of the North". Dr. Pellow's commitment to Freemasonry and his desire to place our public persona in the best light possible were the legacies of his service."

"M.W. Bro. Charles Edwin Drew Past Grand Master – 1993-1995, was always a voice of moderation and wise counsel. The impact his kindness and willingness to serve others has made on Masons of all ages will long be felt and remembered."

My Mother had a saying that "one bad apple will spoil the whole bushel of apples". This year, as in past years, many Districts and some Lodges had Hospitality Suites. In the vast majority of cases, those who attended the rooms renewed old friendships, made new friends, and spoke with Brethren who had allowed their name to stand for various Grand Lodge positions and, of course, they may have enjoyed an adult beverage and some finger foods.

Unfortunately, this year, bad behaviour was perhaps more evident to the general public. The actions of a few were in the simplest of terms "disgusting" and in my opinion a public relations disaster. Insulting Ladies in the elevators or rude remarks in the hallways, public drunkenness, passed out in the hallway with a Masonic marked shirt, to name just a few. What happened to the practice of social and moral virtue and to act as a good citizen thereby setting an example for others to emulate?

After listening to the incoming DDGM's at the Regionals, I, along with the Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master, will meet with the Fairmount Royal York Hotel staff in attempt to understand how the Hospitality Suites were not contained to the first two floors, as had been the plan for the last two years; with elevators unlocked for those two floors, thereby having hospitality suites staying clear of the pubic guests' rooms.

I will also consult with the Management Team along with the Past Grand Masters for their suggestion on the best way to treat this minority. It is after all every Mason's responsibility ultimately to control their own behaviour.

"Behaviour is the Mirror in Which Everyone Shows Their Image" ~ Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe 1748-1832

Paul E. Todd Grand Master



R.W. Bro. John MacPherson W. Master Harodim
Lodge No. 513 with M.W. Paul E. Todd

From the Deputy

Brethren, *"When you want to build a boat, don't start by collecting wood, cutting planks and assigning tasks, but instead awaken in the hearts of men a desire for the great and vast sea."*
~ Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Every good Strategic Plan starts there, and ours is no different. There are four main themes influencing the Strategic Plan:

Theme 1 Ensuring the long-term growth and effectiveness of Freemasonry in Ontario: Vitality is enhanced when the enthusiasm of Lodge members facilitate the delivery of near-perfect ritual; when they address the needs of elderly members and when members reach out to the extended families of their Lodge; when the operational and financial needs of both the Lodge and the Temple are properly attended to, ensuring their existence for future generations of brethren. Most importantly, vitality is demonstrated when the growth and development of our newest members is seen to be an upmost responsibility of the entire membership.

Theme 2 Reaffirming the Lodge room as the dynamic center of the Masonic experience: A Lodge's success can only be measured in its ability to facilitate personal transformation in the lives of its members. This is achieved through the effective delivery of ritual and the practical instruction of Masonic philosophy.

Theme 3 Building the future of Freemasonry in Ontario one man at a time: This Strategic Plan aims to stress the vital importance of mentoring individual craftsmen who have chosen to take upon themselves the obligations and commitments of a Freemason.

Theme 4 Aligning Freemasonry's timeless value to today's modern culture: Freemasonry exists primarily to transform men.

During this time in history when anxiety and confusion is on the rise, Freemasonry offers a model of personal development and inner strength, guiding a man based on timeless and proven virtues, regardless of the changes we experience in the world around us.

Today, men at the West Gate are looking for truth embodied in an ancient moral framework that can be applied to their personal life. They seek the strength of group experience and the benefit of access to wisdom from those men who have come before them. They seek mature masculinity at its finest, embodying those virtues that have underpinned humankind's proudest achievements. They seek an opportunity to partake in inspiring conversations, marvel at ancient wisdom, and share their deepest fears and delight in the simple joy of spending quality time with other good men who are on a similar journey.

The whole Strategic Plan is available on our website. It holds a vision of where we want to go and a solid plan how to get there – for both Grand Lodge and individual Lodges! At first glance, it may seem simplistic, but given that we no longer have 100,000 members, that is part of its beauty.

"Any fool can make things bigger, more complex and more violent. It takes a touch of genius – and a lot of courage – to move in the opposite direction." ~ E. F. Schumacher

David J. Cameron Deputy Grand Master

Welcome to Harodim Lodge No. 513

A new era has begun in Hamilton Masonic District "C"

I, the officers and members of Harodim Lodge express our thanks to the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Paul Todd and the Grand Lodge Officers for conferring the amalgamation ceremony and laying the cornerstone for a new beginning of two great lodges.

A special thank you to all the visitors who attended that memorable evening, your support is much appreciated.

I thank Towers Inc., for allowing us to hold our ceremony in this beautiful building, to the stage crew, the sound crew and lighting crew for ensuring that the evening ran smoothly.

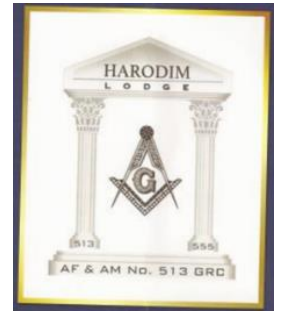
To the officers of Harodim Lodge with your undivided assistance I look forward to making this new venture positive for all.

I thank our friends and brethren from Paragon Lodge, Toledo, Ohio for making the journey north to be a part of our special evening.

Finally, to the members of Harodim Lodge, I convey my deepest gratitude and thanks for electing and allowing me to serve as your first worshipful master.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

John L. MacPherson



Grand Lodge Officers Assisting with the Amalgamation



Harodim No. 513 Officers



Harodim Members

Dates to Remember

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
Dinner 6:15, Tyle 7:30 pm
Flamborough

Stories in the Stones: The Masonic Tour

Saturday, October 6, 2018 11:00 am -1:00 pm

Hamilton Cemetery,
777 York Boulevard

Across from Dundurn Castle, Hamilton

Learn about the Masons
in Hamilton and their
influence on the City.

A Da Vinci Code Tour?
Secrets will be revealed.

[View event](#)



November 2018

The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

Breakfast Meeting

Saturday November 3, 2018, 8:30 am
Masonic Centre Hamilton

Speaker: Michelle Davis
Cannabis 101 (\$15 Breakfast)

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Temple Lodge No.324
Tuesday November 13, 2018
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
MCH

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

The Electric Lodge No.495
Wednesday November 21, 2018
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
Hillcrest Temple

Installation of Officers

Westmount Lodge No. 671
Tuesday November 27, 2018
dinner 6:00 pm, Tyle 7:00 pm
Hillcrest Temple

December 2018

D.D.G.M. Homecoming

Buchanan Official Visit

Buchanan Lodge No.550
Thursday December 6, 2018
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
MCH

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 AF&AM GRC
Invites you, your entire family and your friends to an

**ALL YOU CAN EAT
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

*On Friday October 26th, 2018 6-9p.m.
to be held at the*

Hillcrest Masonic Temple
257 Mohawk Road W. Hamilton, ON

\$15.00 per person ticket subscription
*Includes unlimited spaghetti/pasta dinner,
with tea, coffee, salad and dessert.*

*All proceeds from this event will support the
Hugh Murray Lodge 100th Anniversary fund*

*For more information or to reserve tickets please contact:
W. Bro. Edward Patterson at 905-517-6728 or tardis_01@hotmail.com*

Hamilton Masonic Districts'

Board of Relief

Fall Divine Service

Sunday October 28, 2018.
Assembly 7 p.m., Service 7:30 p.m.
Melrose United Church,
86 Homewood Ave. Hamilton
All Masons and families invited,
regalia to be worn.



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



Around the District



R.W. Bro. Robin Colville presenting the Hamilton District C Past DDGM lapel pin to R.W. Bro. John Hlohinec



Our Editors, presenting R.W. Bro. John Hlohinec and V.W. Bro. Roy Metcalfe the 2017-2018 Chronicle Annual



Valley Lodge No. 100 Installation of their W. Master, V.W. Lance Mullet



Presentation of Grand Steward Regalia to V.W. Bro. Roy Metcalfe

MasoniCh.I.P. Program

The Masonic Child Identification Program sponsored by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario working with regional and national law enforcement agencies.

Kits Distributed throughout Ontario to date 72,208



MasoniCh.I.P. hosted by Landmarks/Doric and Buchanan Lodges



Kudos to W. Bro Cory McCarthy for organizing the event



W. Bro Cory McCarthy and his wife Alice and daughter Kathleen, along with W. Bro Joe Kippax.

Fraternal Visits September 2018
R.W. Bro. Robin J. Colville



Buchanan No. 550



High Murray Lodge No. 602

Hamilton District C
Cornerstone Lodges 2018



Temple No. 324



Hugh Murray No. 602



The Electric No. 495



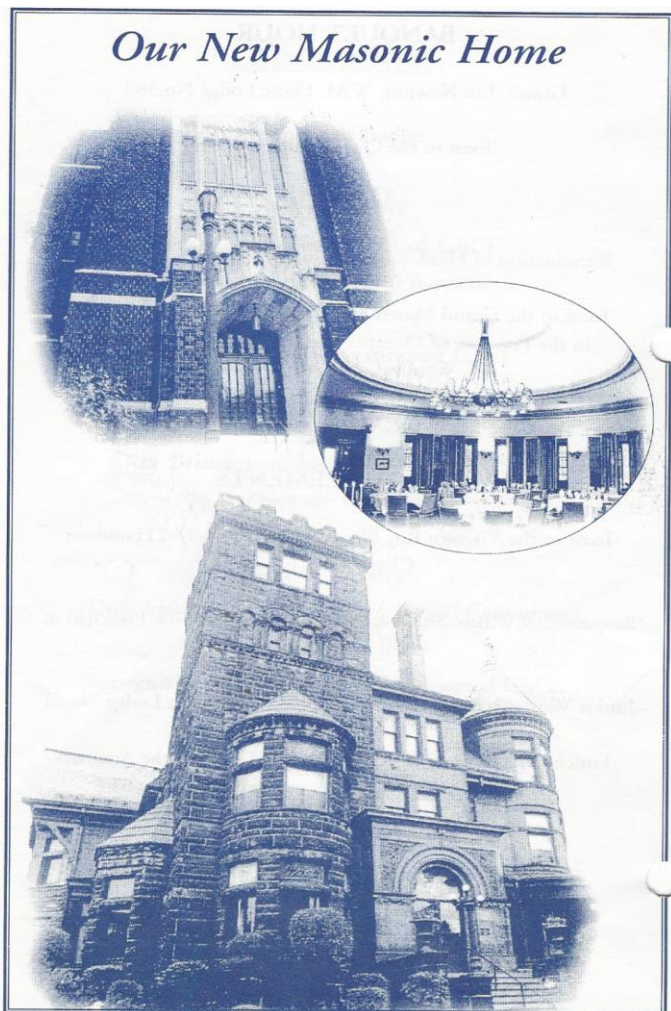
Ancient Landmarks/Doric No. 654



Ancient Landmarks/Doric No. 654

Freemasonry in Hamilton - Part 3 The Masonic Centre

[Editors Note: Completion of the series on the history of the Central Masonic Temple)



On September 1, 2003, Central Masonic Temple Inc. became a leaseholder in the Masonic Centre (Scottish Rite Building). The Lintel Stone was moved from the former Main Street property to stand adjacent to the King Street entrance as a Memorial to 150 years of Central Masonic Masonry in Hamilton. 3 months of extensive renovations created 2 Masonic Lodge Rooms with furniture from the previous Masonic Hall, along with organs, storage lockers and modifications. Contractual agreements with Towers were negotiated, providing for first class accommodations including banquet facilities, use of the Cathedral for large gatherings, and the use of the Club facilities. Management continued to operate with the same By-laws. It was anticipated that with reduced costs per lodge rentals, in these first-class facilities, that all Central Masonic bodies would show renewed vigour and gather momentum and strength moving forward, as they celebrated Growth through Change.

On September 30th, 2003, at 3:00 pm, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Donald H. Mumby assisted by Grand Lodge Officers,

participated in the Dedication Ceremony and Rekindling of the Lights Ceremony, with the Worshipful Masters of the following CMT lodges in the officers chairs.

Ancient Landmarks No.654, Centennial Daylight No.679, Hugh Murray No. 602, St. Andrews No. 593, Wardrobe No. 555, Tuscan No. 551, Ionic No. 549, Corinthian No. 513, Dundurn No. 475, Electric No. 495, Doric No. 382, Temple No. 324, Acacia No. 61, St. Johns No. 40, and The Barton No.6.

Similar Dedication Ceremonies were carried out by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry. Some years later during the tenure of Most Worshipful Grand Master, Norman E. Byrne, the Cathedral we dedicated to Craft Masonry.

Allied masonic bodies meeting at the Masonic Centre included: Murton Lodge of Perfection, Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, Moore Sovereign Consistory of Scottish Rite Masonry; Thee Royal Order of Scotland; Hiram Chapter No. 2, Hamilton Chapter No.175 of Royal Arch Masonry; Godfrey DeBouillon Preceptory No. 3 of Knights Templar; Salem Council No. 9 of Royal and Select Masters; Harrington Conclave No. 16, Sir William York Rite College No. 57, Emmaus Tabernacle No. 47 of the York Rite; Mizpeh Chapter No. 56, Rosedale Chapter No. 131, Westminster Chapter No. 176 Order of the Eastern Star; Queen Anne Court No.3, Order of the Amaranth.

Masonically speaking, as of this writing, Doric No. 382 has amalgamated with Ancient Landmarks No. 654; Electric No. 495, and Dundurn No. 475 have transferred to the Hillcrest Masonic Hall; Centennial No. 679 has gone into darkness; Strict Observance No. 27 has returned after nearly 47 years, and *2 lodges are contemplating amalgamation.

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie

Footnote:

* On Sept. 27, 2018 the Grand Master directed the amalgamation of Wardrobe No. 555 and Corinthian No. 513 to form Harodim Lodge No. 513.



Editors Note: *We are looking for a further history of Masonry in Hamilton. Particularly looking for submissions for the histories of the Hillcrest, Ancaster, Dundas and Dufferin temple buildings and memberships.*

Any budding historians out there who want to participate? Feel free to contact me with your articles.

From the Editor

Brethren,

September is always a busy month for Masons in Ontario. District meetings, Lodge restarts, the Ancaster fall fair and our DDGM making his first fraternal visits. Add in the Amalgamation Ceremony for Harodim Lodge No. 513 as another event and the Chronicle is chock full of pictures. Then with a look at our October calendar, with Thanksgiving and Halloween it is almost as busy!

Some thank you's and special notes.

R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie has done a stellar job recounting the history of the CMT over the past three issues. I want to formally thank him for all his contributions. (Note, we are looking for submissions about the history of Hamilton's other Lodge buildings and membership)

Congratulations to our Cornerstone Lodges, Hugh Murray and Ancient Landmarks / Doric. Temple Lodge is formally pursuing the Cornerstone designation and I would love to get some insider tips on how Cornerstone works and the value it adds to the lodge.

Lastly, I want to recognize R.W. Bro. Rob Whitmore, a member of Temple Lodge and Hamilton District C. He is now the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite.

Looking forward to more submissions and want to let you know that we are considering a readership survey to find out know what you like and what you would like to see changed.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

S&F
Glen

***Congratulations to Hamilton District C's
R.W. Bro. Robert S. Whitmore (and his lady Judi) on
his appointment to Sovereign Grand Commander***



Black-Tie Reception honouring our own Ill. Bro. Robert S. Whitmore, 33rd, Sovereign Grand Commander.

Photos courtesy of <http://www.hamiltonvalleyscottishrite.com/Lodge-of-Perfection/Blogs/September-2018/Hamilton-Valley-Reception-September-21,-2018>

The Hamilton Valley of the Scottish Rite is excited to announce the 150th Anniversary of Scottish Rite in Canada!

The various Scottish Rite bodies in Hamilton have been working together toward plans for celebrating this momentous occasion both at the upcoming Fall Reunion and at a subsequent event to be held in the Spring.

The rich heritage of Scottish Rite in Canada and the Hamilton Valley will be on full display during the upcoming fall reunions of **Murton Lodge of Perfection, Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix and Moore Sovereign Consistory.**

If you or someone you know has been considering Scottish Rite for some time, or has only partially completed their Scottish Rite journey, careful thought should be given to joining the classes for this important anniversary celebration.

Deadline for applications is October 1, 2018

****Late applications cannot be guaranteed admittance, but we encourage you to still try to get in.**

A video about what Scottish Rite is all about can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJqWgeG580o>

Application forms and answers can be found by visiting **<http://www.hamiltonvalleyscottishrite.com>**

or by contacting Ken Adamson at the Scottish Rite office:

Email: adminsec-towers@asr-hamiltonvalley.ca

Phone: (905) 522-1622 x22

IN MEMORIAM

Nothing to Report for the Broken Column!



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



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