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From our District Deputy Grand Master

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Christmas holiday with family and friends, relax and recharge the batteries, and now ready to begin the new year with vigor and enthusiasm!

I had the pleasure of attending several Christmas events in December, starting with the Breakfast with Santa at the Scottish Rite where my granddaughter got a chance to meet Santa for the first time! I wish to extend my gratitude to the Lodges who invited my wife & I to attend their event, and all were very enjoyable!

My official visit to the Buchanan Lodge No. 550 on Dec 6th was my homecoming event, and I was pleased to see many visitors in attendance to help make the evening memorable. Congratulations to Brother. Amardeep Sidhu on his advancement to become a fellowcraft Mason that evening.

On a fraternal visit to The Electric Lodge No. 495, Bro Samuel Friedman, author of the book "Millennial apprentices: the next revolution in freemasonry" and who



attends Lodge in Rochester NY, made a very interesting presentation using information from his book providing insights on why the Millennial generation of men might be interested in Free Masonry and what they expect to get from membership in the Craft. For anyone interested his book can be purchased or downloaded for personal use.

The Installation of the W. Master and Officers at Ionic Lodge No. 549 was on Dec 5th, and Hugh Murray No. 602 on Dec 18th. Congratulations to the new Masters W. Bro. Jason Lloyd and W. Bro. Steven Badger respectively and their officers, and wishing you all a successful and rewarding year ahead in your new positions.

I am looking forward to participating at the Installation of officers at The Seymour Lodge No. 272 on Jan 8th, and making my official visit to Harodim Lodge No. 513 on Jan 24th. We will also be holding our next District meeting on Sat Jan 12th at 9:00 AM at the Ancaster Masonic Hall, and I hope to see many of you at this meeting.

Wishing all brethren and their families a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year, and may we continue to be mindful of those less fortunate, and do our utmost to assist and relieve their necessities

Fraternally

R.W. Bro Robin John Colville



Breakfast With Santa! Hamilton Scottish Rite

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From the Grand Master

Although the winter solstice, on December 21, 2018 at 5:22 pm., marks the beginning of winter, Your Grand Master must declare that here in the Ottawa Valley, with temperatures at -16C with a wind chill of -22, it's Winter today!

When you became a Mason, you were challenged to advance your



Masonic knowledge daily. As you moved forward through the several degrees, you communicated with Brethren, of a higher degree, in order to advance that knowledge. When you became a Master, you communicated with your past Masters to assist you in gaining more Masonic knowledge. Then, as a District Deputy Grand Master, you communicated with senior ranking Grand Lodge Officers to increase your Masonic knowledge even further.

Your Grand Master increases his Masonic knowledge by several means. His Management Team, his Past Grand Masters, his visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions and attending different Conferences. This was the case last week, while attending the 16th Session of the World Conference of Regular Grand Masters, taking place in Panama, a city of contrasts, with a population of 2.2 million residents.

I, along with Lady Gloria; the Grand Secretary Emeritus M.W. Bro Terry Shand and the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. David J. Cameron (who was there on his own dime) with his Lady Jill; attended the three day Conference.

Chaired by the Grand Master of Panama, M.W. Bro Roberto Cueto Cisneros, with the Honorary President of the World Conference, R.W. Bro. Thomas Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, presented an interesting and somewhat challenging conference under four topics which encouraged papers, interventions and discussions.

Please note that all papers are being made available to each Grand Lodge and once they come to our Grand Lodge they will be made available via the Grand Lodge website.

Topic One: “The Role of Freemasonry and the Freemason Individually in Society”

Papers presented by the Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, Past Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge

of Serbia, Grand Chancellor of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel.

Topic Two: “The Masonic Way towards the Internal Transformation of the Individual”

Papers presented by Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Swiss Alpina, Scientific Secretary of the World Conference, Grand Master National of the Grand Lodge of Romania, Executive Secretary of the World Conference, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Madagascar.

Topic Three: “Masonic Action against Inequity”

Paper by Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Germany and presented by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Swiss Alpine.

Topic Four: “Attitude of the Mason in the Face of the Violation of Human Rights”

Papers by Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Panama. All topics created good discussion, however the fourth topic created the most responses and was most educational to your Grand Master for the passion and informative discussions by Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mato, Secretary General of the Confederation of Symbolic Masonry of Brazil, Grand Master of Bolivia, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Guatemala.

Summary:

It was a very informative and an educational experience for your Grand Master, both at the daily sessions and at the social hours, as most of you can attest to. If you have ever attended a conference, it is the exchange of information, at the social gatherings, where communicating with my Brothers has advanced my Masonic knowledge.

Two observations: as Canadian Masons, we are very fortunate to be able to gather, discuss and enjoy Masonry with no concern about interference from outside the doors of our Lodges. My final observation, is what it is like to attend a three day conference with Masons from all over the world, of different creeds, religions and skin colour with a common purpose of friendship, brotherly love and all for the good of world-wide Masonry with never a raised word in all of the discussions. I was proud to be a Mason and proud to be your Grand Master.

To most Ontario Masons, December is a time of great enjoyment. To most, it is a time of re-union of families; an exchange of gifts; a renewal of old and the creation of new friends. Unfortunately, there are many Masons who will be alone or cannot, for many reasons, enjoy the feeling of the Holidays. Please take a moment and think about how you can help these Brethren and their families.

Blessed is the Season, which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of Love

Paul E. Todd Grand Master

From the Deputy

Brethren,

I have received several e-mails over the past few months about automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). Here are some excerpts:

On Tuesday evening I was in the _____ Lodge building. ... Bro. _____ while pushing his walker to the dining room before lodge fell to the floor and his heart stopped. One of the younger members grabbed the defibrillator and followed the instructions. He was able to keep chest compressions going until the ambulance arrived. The ambulance attendants were able to get a pulse before they took him to the hospital... Without the defibrillator he would not have survived.

Apparently the same thing happened at the lodge in _____ ... with similar results. I think it is time for Grand Lodge to acknowledge these incidents and commend the Lodges who have had the foresight to install defibrillators. Hopeful you can find a way to convince all the lodges to purchase a defibrillator for their building. Having witnessed this first hand, I will be convincing my own lodge to invest in a defibrillator. Who knows, it could someday be me.

On this past Thursday, we had a visitor go into cardiac arrest. Thanks to the skills of the brethren present as well as our AED, our brother is currently in _____ Hospital awaiting surgery to replace a heart valve.

We are so thankful that a few years ago, we decided to purchase an AED and that we had replaced the batteries in it 20 minutes before Lodge. The ability of this machine to monitor the patient's system and direct us to continue CPR, etc. assisted us in providing what our brother needed.

Brethren, this is a far cry from what we used to see. Both the Grand Master and I can relate stories from the past when, despite having emergency service personnel right there in the room, our brethren could not be saved. Defibrillators make a huge difference.

Our research has shown that these devices cost about \$2000 and some training is involved, but what price do you put on your brother's life? There are some agencies around that donate them to public facilities so this is an avenue you can explore. A good idea is to contact your local emergency service provider, as having the equipment they recommend can facilitate a quicker transfer once the ambulance arrives.

Once you have an AED you should tell everyone where it is. Several lodges make this announcement just before lodge is opened:

Brethren, at this point, please silence all cell phones. Please be aware that the fire exits are located _____. In the event of a fire, proceed to one of these exits and make your way to _____ (the marshalling point) immediately. The Tyler will bring the register so that we can ensure that everyone has exited the building.

The AED is located _____.

Should there be an emergency, Bro. _____ will take control. Please listen to and follow his direction. The Secretary has his phone and will be responsible for contacting emergency services if needed.

As the holiday season for many faiths draws near, let us seek what good we can do for others. And let us remember those who must work during these family times: the paramedics and nurses, the police and firefighters, our military personnel, and all others that keep the wheels of our world running, even cowboys.

Tall in the saddle we spend Christmas Day Drivin' the cattle on the snow covered plains. All of the good gifts given today, Ours is the sky and the wide open range.

Back in the cities they have different ways, Football and eggnog and Christmas parades. I'll take the blanket, I'll take the reins Christmas for cowboys and wide open plains.

A campfire for warmth as we stop for the night, The stars overhead are the Christmas tree lights. The wind sings a hymn as we bow down to pray, It's Christmas for cowboys and wide open plains.

It's tall in the saddle we spend Christmas Day

Drivin' the cattle on the snow covered plains.

So many gifts have been opened today,

Ours is the sky and the wide open range,

It's Christmas for cowboys and wide open plains.

- written by Steve Weisberg, sung by John Denver

In this wondrous season, Jill and I wish you all the best for the holy days, however you spend them.

David J. Cameron Deputy Grand Master



AED Training

On Saturday Jan 5 2019, 9 a.m.

Wentworth Lodge will host a 2.5 hour lesson on the use of the AED Machine

It will cover everything you need to know We will break off into groups to try the machine.

Stoney Creek Temple
19 Dawson Av, Stoney Creek,

Jon Stewart Craft Association
905 543-0606

Dates to Remember

January 2019

Installation of Officers

Seymour Lodge No. 272
Tuesday January 8, 2019
Tyle 7:30 pm
Ancaster

DDGM Official Visit

Harodim Lodge No. 513
Thursday January 24, 2019
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
MCH

Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Mid Term Meeting

Saturday January 12, 2019 9:00 a.m.
at the Ancaster Masonic Hall.

The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts Saturday, January 19, 2019

Breakfast Meeting
Masonic Centre, Hamilton
\$15.00 cost for breakfast

Speaker: District Deputy Grand Masters
Hamilton 'A', 'B', 'C'
Topic: Semi-Annual Report

Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

Tuesday, January 29th 2019, 7:15 p.m.
R.W. Bro. Charles Wood from Grand Lodge
Stoney Creek Masonic Hall,
19 Dawson Avenue, Stoney Creek
All Masons welcome



MasoniCH.I.P. program

Scout House
West 5th & James Street
Sunday January 27, 2019
Noon – 4 p.m.

Sponsored by
Temple Lodge No. 324.



February 2019

DDGM Official Visit

Valley Lodge No. 100
Monday February 11, 2019
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
Dundas

DDGM Official Visit

Wednesday February 13, 2019
Meridian Lodge No. 687
Tyle 7:30 pm
Ancaster

DDGM Official Visit

Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
MCH

Hamilton Masonic Districts Board of Relief

Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 2:00 pm
Stoney Creek Masonic Hall,
19 Dawson Avenue, Stoney Creek

March 2019

Masonic Essay Contest 2019

Which of the three degrees has made the largest personal impact upon your life? Please tell your story.

Essays to be submitted to The College of Freemasonry at
masonic.college@gmail.com

- Only essays in **doc** or **docx** formats will be accepted.
- The essay length is a maximum of 1200 words.
- All quoted sources must be identified in an included bibliography.
- The bibliography won't count towards the word count.
- **Submissions due March 1, 2019.**

Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

DDGM's Reception and Banquet
Saturday March 2nd
Reception: 6:00 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm,
Dance to follow
Michelangelo Events & Conference Centre
1555 Upper Ottawa Street, Hamilton,
Cost \$40.00 per person

Around the District

December 2018

Installation of Officers

Ionic Lodge No. 549



D.D.G.M. Homecoming

Buchanan Official Visit

Buchanan Lodge No.550



Installation of Officers

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602



Freemasonry in Hamilton Series

MASONRY ON THE BEACH Part 5

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Part 3 The Masonic Centre Oct. 2018

Part 2 Sept. 2018

Part 1 August 2018

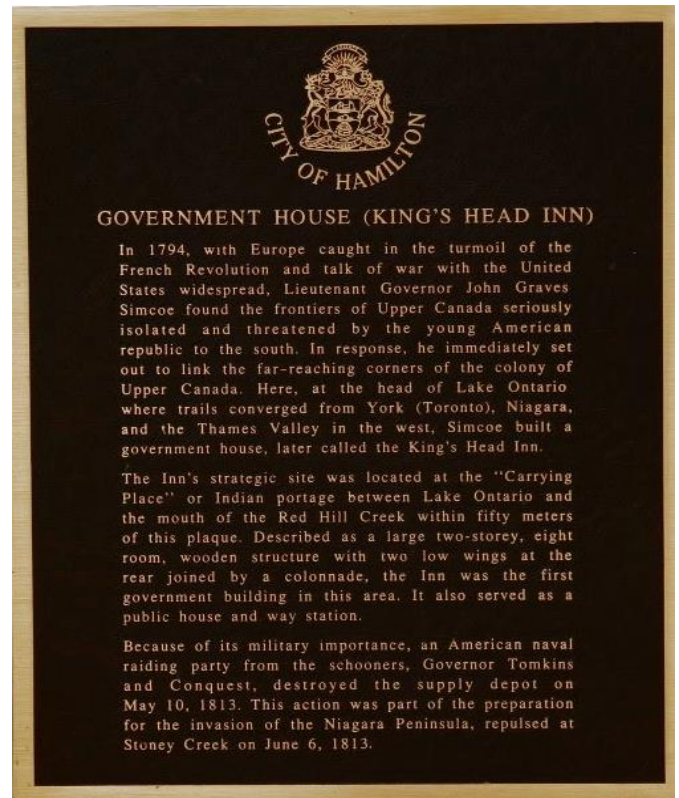
Submitted by R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie

Under the arching lanes of the Burlington Bay-James N. Allan (our **Grand Master 1965-66**) Skyway, lies some interesting masonic lore and more.



The Beach Strip is a 4-mile, (quarter mile wide) strip that stretches from Spencer Smith Park in Burlington to Confederation Park in Hamilton. Thousands of years ago, the beach was formed as a bay-mouth barrier bar from **sand** deposited by waves breaking in deep water offshore. As the process continued a **dune** gradually developed and eventually a continuous strip of sand was formed 10 feet above lake level, creating a bay separated from Lake Ontario.

In response to possible threats of war with the United States, in 1794 Ontario's first Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe, at the southern end of the Beach Strip adjacent to Hutch's Restaurant, where the trails from Niagara, York (Toronto) and the Thames Valley (London to Detroit) converged, built the first government house for military purposes known as **Kings Head Inn**. (Lt.Col. Simcoe was from Union Lodge No.307 Exeter, England).



Having been granted 3,450 acres of land at the northern end of the Beach Strip (Wellington Square) from King George III for his support as an ambassador of the Mohawk Nation and services to the Crown during the Seven Years War and the American Revolution, in 1798 **Chief Joseph Brant(1742-1807)** chose to build a large two-story white frame house completed in 1802, much like the replica finished in 1942, where he lived his closing years in the style of an English Country gentleman.



Joseph Brant Museum

Brant had been initiated into Falcon Lodge England on April 26, 1776, and in 1778 was the founding Master of Mohawk Castle Lodge No.11 PGL at Mohawk Village, and later affiliated with Barton Lodge No. 6. His apron is displayed in the Joseph Brant Museum, Burlington, to be reopened in July 2019.

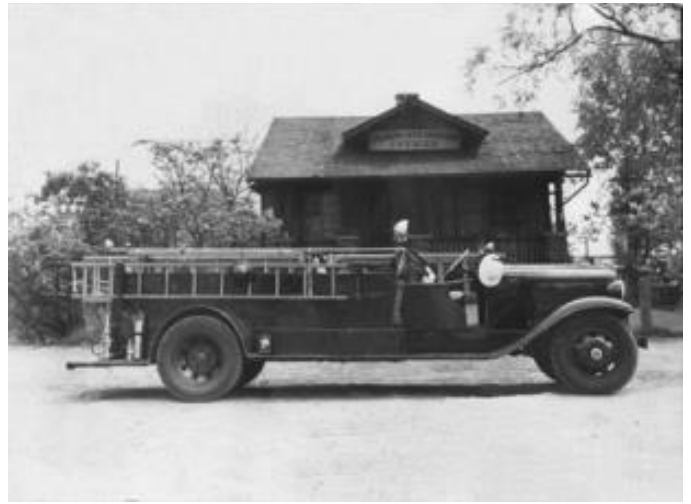
In 1823 the first Burlington Canal was opened through the strip allowing schooners to sail into Hamilton's deep sea port. By 1837, the Desjardins Canal was built at the western end of the bay, affording Dundas to preserve its early status as an industrial hub and having access to markets abroad. However this was soon to be eclipsed by the railways of the 1850's and Hamilton's growth as a multi-industrial community.

While the township of Saltfleet and the City of Hamilton helped develop the Beach Strip in the 1800s, the community retained a certain practical independence from both. In the late 1800s there was a transformation, when wealthy elite of Hamilton and surrounding districts discovered that right on their doorstep was a summer playground air-conditioned by the gentle breezes off the lake or bay. Stately Victorian-styled summer homes owned by distinguished merchants and **masons** populated the Beach, creating hives of community activity.

In 1907, the provincial government recognized its distinctive character by creating a special form of government to address local concerns. For the next 50 years, an elected **Burlington Beach Commission (BBC)** was established and enforced local by-laws, collected taxes, supervised the communities own police force, fire department and school, much the same as any municipal government would.

For some noteworthy activities, go to

<http://hamiltonbeachcommunity.com/forum/threads/beach-articles-from-1956.1977/>



Beach Commission Offices

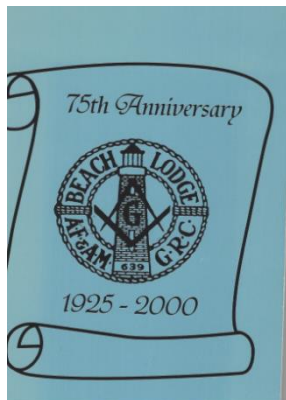
Following each of the World Wars,(1918 and 1945), severe housing crisis' developed, and the fine summer homes were converted and winterized and became permanent dwellings. With the increased waste and pollution from the arsenal of Bay industries, gone were the pristine waters and wonderful fresh air. In the 70's pollution was so serious, that each June the City had work crews spend over three weeks removing 150,000 pounds of rotting fish daily. In spite of such negatives, the Beach developed into a truly independent and autonomous community, resenting any meddling in its affairs by other political forces. The Beach relied on the BBC, where several Lodge brethren were employed, thus creating a most intimate relationship for all. Consequently, Beach Lodge brethren were either born or lived in this environment. A goodly number of Masons dwelling along the Beach made their way to lodges in the City or Burlington, taking active management roles.



On February 3, 1956, the Beach community of 3,300 persons sought to incorporate as a town, which was followed in 1957 when the City of Hamilton successfully annexed the Beach Strip, south of the canal, arguing that the City could look after the area more efficiently.

In 1964, the City of Burlington took over the administration of the section north of the canal. Beach residents nevertheless retained their strong sense of independence. During the late 1960s and 1970s they organized various groups, such as the

Hamilton Beach Preservation Committee, to protect the distinctive interests of their community. In 1960, the long time President of the Beach Property Owners Association, **Bro. Reg. Wheeler** was the elected Alderman for the Beach where he served for 28 years and was also a longstanding **member of the Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks No. 654.**



The milestones of the growth and development of **Beach Lodge No. 639** as noted in its 75th Anniversary Book, allow one an unique window into some of the challenges of instituting a lodge, shaped by the Depression and the cultural forces of the Beach. With such a strong support system in place, a group of 'officer material masons' living on the Beach came together at St. Andrew's By-the-Lake Anglican Church on the 2nd Tuesday,

November 10, 1925, with the purpose of forming their own lodge on the Beach.



St. Andrew's By-the-Lake as seen in 1975.

Permission was granted to use this Beach Church as a Lodge Room. Consultation was made with the nearest lodges, in Burlington and Stoney Creek, to get their permission, which was affirmed. There was considerable opposition from the City lodges. In spite of misgivings and negative responses to forming a lodge in "no-man's-land", after a meeting at the Scottish Rite, chaired by the Grand Master, the determination and will of the Beach brethren prevailed, minds were changed with unqualified support, and harmony prevailed. Furniture and regalia were given by significant sources and friends. \$200 was collected from the members for a charter fee.

On Tuesday December 8, 1925, Beach Lodge UD, held at Station 4, came into being with Grand Lodge dispensation and WorBro. Rev. T.N.Lowe, minister of St. Andrew's the first Worshipful Master. At 8:55p.m. the J.W. invited all to a social hour at the Depew Hotel where a venison dinner

donated by Bro. Harvey Revell ended with ice cream donated by the J.W. The Burlington Collegiate Orchestra was in attendance. In those days the J.W. and his committee were kept busy transforming the church sanctuary into a lodge room and returning it as a church before the Stewards left. All members were expected to share with the refreshments when called by the J.W. The Lodge celebrated the festival of St John by attending its first Divine Church Service at the Beach Church, Station 4, 11:15 am, Sunday December 27th.

At the January 12, 1926 meeting, a Building Committee was struck which returned at the March 9th meeting with a proposal to purchase lots situated between Stations 5 and 6 from Bro. Fitch for \$2,500, adjacent to the one room, 1916, Beach Bungalow School. Grand Master M.W Bro. John Rowland granted dispensation for the new lodge with three reservations; 1) that it would not impair the prospects of existing lodges, 2) that the applicants be of such masonic standing as to afford reasonable assurance of its success, 3) the character of a lodge is largely determined by its first few years in existence. At the September 14th meeting, the committee proposed a 2 floor hall, 30'x70' and that funding be raised by selling \$20 bonds @ 6% interest, to cover the lot, building and furnishings. The Hindoo Koosh Grotto wished to present the cornerstone.



* Beach Bungalow School played an important role in early years of Lodge.

On Saturday June 25, 1927 Grand Lodge called a special meeting in the Beach Bungalow School for the purpose of laying the cornerstone. The Grand Lodge Officers involved were noteworthy masons from the Hamilton area, lead by the **Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. W.M. Logan.**

Beach UD was granted a warrant subject to the proviso that before the warrant was issued, *"this Lodge must satisfy the representative of the Grand Master for Hamilton District B and the Grand Secretary, that they have a suitable and proper lodge room in which to hold their meetings"*.

The new building was fast taking shape and on June 14, 1927, the last lodge meeting was held in the Church.

Editors Note: Check the February Edition for a look at the new building and the completion of the Masonry on the Beach story!



From the Editor

Brethren,

2018 has been a good year.

I never want to be too old to learn, watching the new members join our fraternity and seeing their enthusiasm is a great tonic for lethargy. Visitation and learning about the craft is important to them; and I am seeing old methods through new eyes, and they in turn are learning the meaning and context behind the Work and the Words from the older brethren.

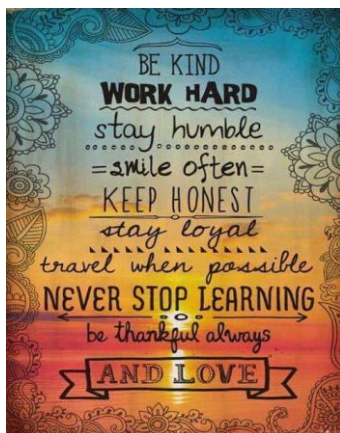
Tied into learning, and history, we have been and are still running an unexpected series of essays on Masonry in Hamilton. R.W. Bro. Elgie has provided some excellent content on Whence We Come. I hope everyone who reads the articles enjoys them as much as we have as we edit them into our little Chronicle. We are looking to expand the series and are seeking contributions from Dundas, Ancaster, Flamborough and anyone else who wants to share their Lodges history.

2019 for the Chronicle is looking good so far. We have the final(?) article on the History of Hamilton, some words of wisdom from Dr. Ronald Eric Groshaw, MD Past Grand Master, and at least one Passport Article on the editing table.

If you have, or want to see, some content; drop Bill or I a note or email. All submissions are welcome. In the meantime, here are my 2019 Resolutions!

Happy New Years to everyone, let's make 2019 amazing.

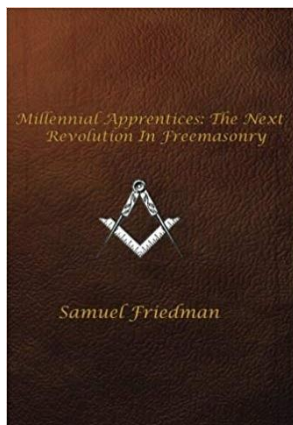
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Millennial Apprentices: The Next Revolution In Freemasonry

This book looks at the current state of Freemasonry, how the Fraternity has arrived at this point and proposes restorations within the Craft that point the way forward into the twenty-first century. Written by a young and enthusiastic millennial Mason, this book is meant to inspire thought provoking discussion on what this new breed of Mason desires, and what it truly means to be a Mason in the twenty-first century.

by Samuel Friedman



https://www.amazon.ca/dp/0996652809/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_U_Rh.jCb6CSYVAT

IN MEMORIAM

V.W. Bro. Lloyd Horning Oakes UE Seymour Lodge No.272

Initiated: October 12, 1954

Passed: November 30, 1954

Raised: April 26, 1955

Our brother affiliated into Meridian Lodge No. 687 and served as their Worshipful Master from June 1993 through June 1994. He was Past Grand Organist for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He was a 33 degree Scottish Rite Mason and played the organ there for over 60 years.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above December 7, 2018

John Oliver Christie Temple Lodge No.324

Initiated March 03, 1966

Passed April 22, 1966

Raised May 27, 1966

Passed to the G.L. Above December 9th, 2018

John R. Smith Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654

Initiated March 08, 1967

Passed April 12, 1967

Raised May 10, 1967

Passed to the G.L. Above December 6, 2018



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



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