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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren:

If there was any thought that we might have a mild Winter this year, January has indeed proven otherwise and that we do live in the land of ice and snow !

Nonetheless, January has been a busy month that started with a meeting of all the DDGMs with the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Master on Jan 5th to discuss ways to continue to improve Masonry in Ontario. The Installation of the W. Master and Officers at Seymour Lodge No. 272 was on Jan 8th Congratulations to

V. W. Bro. Ted Burns and officers, wishing you all a successful and rewarding year ahead in your new positions.

On a fraternal visit to The Meridian Lodge No. 687, it was a pleasure to be able to assist in the presentation of a 60 year service award to R. W. Bro Roger Parliament.

Congratulations to Roger on achieving such an outstanding Masonic milestone.



We had our Winter District Meeting on Jan 12th at the Ancaster Masonic Hall, where all of our District Lodges were represented, the reports of our District Leadership team were presented, and District business was discussed in agreeable forum.

My official visit to the Harodim Lodge No. 513 on Jan 24th was very enjoyable, and I was pleased to see many visitors in attendance to help make the evening memorable. Congratulations

to Brother Claude Bocsca on his being initiated into Freemasonry that evening. I also thank the brethren of Harodim Lodge No. 513 for their generous donation to the District Charity!



**R.W. Bro. John MacPherson,
Bro. Claude Bocsca and R.W. Bro. Robin Colville**

My wife & I had the pleasure of attending a Robbie Burns Evening hosted by the brethren of The Electric Lodge No. 495, which was well attended and enjoyed by all! From R.W. Bro. Geoff Allen's address to the Haggis in full Scottish brogue, we were further entertained by Scottish dancers and the Halton Police Pipe & Drum band, and finally were able to bid in a unique auction which raised \$3350.00 for the District Charity – Autism Spectrum Disorder Research! Special thanks to the Brethren of the Electric Lodge No. 495 for organizing such a memorable annual event!

I have 3 official visits coming up in February and hope that I will see many of you at these meetings.

Valley Lodge No. 100 on Feb 11th, Meridian Lodge No. 687 on Feb 13th and Ancient Landmarks / Doric on Feb 26th.

As we are now well into the new year, please continue to be mindful of those less fortunate, and do your utmost to assist and relieve their necessities

Fraternally

R.W. Bro Robin John Colville

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From the Grand Master

Another trip around the universe has begun with a new slate of promises made as the ball in Times Square ended its yearly trip down the pole to much celebration in Times Square.

The daily advancement of Masonic knowledge for your Grand Master continued in December with his attendance at the Communication of the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise in Paris France.



The one hundred and seven Grand Lodges of the world, mainly from Europe, Africa, South America, that were in attendance gave great knowledge to your Grand Lodge, most of which was created by meeting and exchange information with the Grand Lodge Officers of the world.

Unfortunately, our time in Paris was interrupted by what we first believed to be protesters, however as the Saturday wore on they would be better described as rioters. Our hotel was a block or two away from the scene and the air was filled with smoke and the sounds of sirens, which persisted until after mid-night.

Three buses containing the wives of the Conference delegates, including your Grand Master's wife, were on the street when the riot started and were prevented from travelling to a comic opera on other side of Paris.

The rioters used the steel grates from around the trees. They threw the grates out on to the street stopping the buses. The Ladies return back to the hotel. The organizers then decided to go by the underground Metro, however on their return trip later that day the Metro was blocked and eventually the Ladies finally returned safely, to the hotel by several Uber drivers.

The Grand Lodge Communication was not interrupted since it was a fair distance from the rioters and after introductions of the many Delegations the Installation of the new Grand Master took place without incident.

Your Grand Lodge has gained much Masonic knowledge in our visits to GLNF which I consider a doorway to the Grand Lodges of Europe. Let me give you an example of one of those benefits. Recently, this knowledge made a significant difference to the daughter of an Ontario Mason travelling in a European country. The daughter was travelling with a friend who became very sick and was hospitalized.

The Mason's daughter immediately called her Dad back home, to see if he could help, since they were not able to understand the language and were very concerned about the health of the sick girl. Her dad contacted Grand Lodge via his personal

friend - our Grand Director of Ceremonies - and within several hours the Grand Secretary of the day contacted the Grand Master of that country, in the middle of the night, to make a personal request for assistance.

Within a few hours, a Grand Lodge officer of that Grand Lodge was at the bedside of the sick girl, with support for both travellers. He was able to interpret the Doctors health concerns to the girls and assured them that soon all would be well. Several days later when it came time to leave hospital, the Masonic Brother drove the two girls to the airport.

We all should be proud of a world-wide Masonic Fraternity whose philosophy and concern relieved the stress and worry of a Mason's daughter at her time of need in a foreign country.

In my visits to Lodges and at receptions for the last three years, first as Deputy Grand Master and now as Grand Master, I have in my talks laid out a blue print regarding the structure of our Grand Lodge which once had over 100,000 members and now has around 33,000 members.

In our Lodges, we have a model of management where each year a Brother can be elected to a position and hopefully the next year he then is elected to the next senior position and eventually, all things considered, he will be the Master of the Lodge.

The Brother may begin his journey by being appointed, so by a system of appointed and elected positions, the Lodge has a Management Team which have been together for five or six years.

Most Grand Lodges in North America use a system of appointed to begin and elected to continue so that on being elected Grand Master, he has been part of a Management Team for at least five years or more.

My first step in my Blueprint for our Grand Lodge is to create an atmosphere of consistency and continuity by creating a Management Team which works together via appointment and election for at least five years.

Let me ask you this question: If best practise tells us it works well in our Lodges, then I believe it would work well in our Grand Lodge.

**If we are willing to Learn and not Change -
No one can help us!**

**If we are willing to Learn and Change -
Then no one can stop us!**

Paul E. Todd Grand Master



**W. Bro. Jeff Deans, and R.W. Bro. Robin Colville present
R.W. Bro. Roger Parliament with his 60 year pin**

From the Deputy

Brethren,

As we turn over the calendar to a new year, we are enjoined to replace the batteries in our smoke alarms. We do this for the safety of ourselves, our families and our guests. Similarly, every three years we get a fire inspection done on our Lodge buildings. This Masonic year (2018-2019) the Lodges of Districts starting with A to Ont are due. Tracking this is one of the things that the Lodge Buildings Committee does. They also advise on the set-up of new Lodge rooms to make sure they meet our requirements. And this year we have asked them to look into how the new accessibility legislation might impact us. If your Lodge is in the group that is due for an inspection this year, please get started on that first thing in the new year. If you are in the group that is not due, it's still a good idea to change the batteries.

The Lodge Building Committee is just one part of the Operations Committee. Under our Strategic Plan the Operations Committee's Strategic Initiative is to ensure that the operations and governance of Grand Lodge, Districts and Lodges are effective, sustainable and efficient. Their present focus is managing current assets and operations, but their future focus is preparing for future growth and expanded services.

The Audit and Finance Committee ably keeps track of the Grand Lodge assets and, with the Grand Treasurer, plans and budgets for the future.

The Lodge Finance Committee has expanded its capabilities this year with an impressive number of financial, legal and accounting experts. They are able to help Lodges, Districts and Temples with many problems that may arise. The Condition of Masonry Committee (in a different pillar but we all work together) is receiving numerous requests via the L forms which they pass on to this and other teams as requested. So far, some of the things the Lodge Finance Committee has helped with are Tax Filing Matters, HST, Temple Management, Amalgamations, Sale and Purchase of Properties, Going Dark, and Budgetary and Forecasting Issues. Please use their expertise. As well as responding to individual requests, they give seminars and put out newsletters.

The Benevolence Committee continues to help individuals in a private and discrete manner. If you or your Lodge know of a brother in need please refer to the Benevolence Booklet and Application. Both are available for download from the Grand Lodge Web Site.

Although the Strategic Planning Committee has its own pillar in the Strategic Plan, we have organized it under Operations since it fits nicely there. Their Strategic Initiative is to deliver our Strategic Plan with methods and practices that will encourage harmony among the brethren while simultaneously delivering on the critical objectives of our Strategy with efficiency and precision. To that end they are developing a program to encourage.

Strategic Action, providing a series of intermediate steps between where we are today and where Grand Lodge envisions the Craft in the future.

Since I seem to have space still, I will touch on a few Committees which are not under the jurisdiction of the DGM and the Management Committee. Most of them are comprised of the Past Grand Masters. The Ritual Committee oversees our rituals, including not only The Ritual, but also Memorial Services, Amalgamation Ceremonies and the like. The Awards Committee reviews the submissions for the William Mercer Wilson medal. The Fraternal Relations Committee keeps its collective eye on emerging Grand Lodges around the world and recommends whom we should recognize. The Discipline Committee, chaired by our Privacy Officer, deals with these sensitive issues. And lastly, the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee reviews any constitutional amendments to see that they are regular and in the best interest of the Craft.

This is the Operations Pillar, the Strategic Planning Pillar and the Stand-alone Committees reporting to the Grand Master. You can see how much work goes into simply "operating" Grand Lodge, and that doesn't even touch on all that is done by the office staff!

Now go change those batteries.

David J. Cameron Deputy Grand Master

MasoniCh.I.P. program at the Scout House



Temple Lodge No. 324 Members at the Scout House, with an assist from Landmarks / Doric W. Bro. Joe Kippax and the Hamilton - Niagara MasoniCh.I.P. team.

Dates to Remember

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

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

DDGM Official Visit

Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
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

Installation of Officers



Seymour Lodge No. 272

DDGM Official Visit



Haroldim Lodge No. 513

District 'C' Mid Term Meeting



Five M's

Banquet Address June 27, 2018

Heritage Lodge proceedings

With permission



Dr. Ronald Eric Groshaw, MD

Grand Master

(1983-84 and 1984-85)

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario

It is a delight for my wife and me to share this annual dinner of The Heritage Lodge and I thank Wor. Bro. Washington for his very kind introduction. My hidden agenda is to hopefully insinuate that my toleration and compassion have been reinforced by at least five M's in my enjoyment of the last eighty-eight years.

At this time, it appears to me that, with our greater communications facilitated by text messaging, email, Twitter etc. we are losing that sense of human interaction and are isolating ourselves behind a little box that most of us almost constantly have in hand. Sometimes messages contain elements of concern, confrontation or even hostility with subsequent escalation. In recent years, Grand Lodge officers are reminding me that a great deal of their time and energy is taken up with addressing piques and quarrels, and even animosity among members of our fraternity – an organization whose hallmarks are brotherly love, relief and truth. This little box promotes isolation from body language as well as comradery.

Today, after the conferral of a degree, a little yellow or white or black book is presented with the news that to progress in our organization, one must commit to memory certain portions of our ritual. Contrast this with my early days when I was unaware that any ritual was in print and it was incumbent upon members of the lodge to work orally with the candidate. Personally, I learn faster visually rather than by listening, hence my repetition of phrases, dictated by an experience Master Mason, was a very useful learning experience as well as cultivating fellowship. So naturally, **Masonry** is one of my five "Ms".

Before that was M for **Mother** – a public school teacher who frequently reminded me not to criticize anyone until I had "walked a mile in that person's moccasins". Also, on my bedroom wall was a plaque which read "For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name He counts not whether you won or lost but how you played the game."

Next is M for **Military**. Toleration and compassion were compulsory, especially when flying in the Arctic where your life was in the hands of your wingman, as well as the ground crew.

Marriage and **Medicine** complete the five "Ms". A tolerant and compassionate public health nurse as a wife has certainly enriched my life. It seems that marriage, medicine and Masonry became intertwined. For example, when I had a

difficult surgical decision – especially a trauma case- I frequently said to myself "at my initiation I was taught to be cautious" and, coupling this with consultation with my wife and colleagues, sober second thought diverted me from danger on several occasions.

I wish to mention that while working in England, the town crier of Brighton was one of my patients and he encouraged me to be one of his assistants (understudies). Over there, the Antient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers is autonomous and one survives, if religion and politics are avoided. As a "colonial", this gave me great opportunities to learn about municipal government in Great Britain. Shortly after my return to Canada, the Mayor and Council of Etobicoke appointed me as their town crier, thus eliminating me from the pitfalls of political involvement.

Returning to Masonry, toleration and empathy, I feel there is one area where corrective measures regarding piques and quarrels can be addressed and that is the role of the prompter. I have heard groans of desperation when shouts from several present, with differing words, are heard at a time when there is a pause by the ritualist. In my opinion, decorum would be improved if all the Lodge remained silent except for the prompter designated by the Worshipful Master. I know of instances where harsh discussions after Lodge have occurred.

I dislike the ritualist asking for "a word" or making comment unrelated to the ritual. I believe I have a remedy – it requires two Masons. An official prompter's qualifications are good reading vision, a loud voice and good enunciation with good illumination of the only visible black book. An assistant prompter would sit next to the prompter in a position visible to the entire Lodge. He has good distant vision and ideally is a young Mason contemplating becoming an officer.

If a prompt is desired, the ritualist can touch his ear (a gesture that is visible to the assistant prompter) who then touches the prompter to swing into action. In addition, should the ritualist deviate in phraseology, then only the official prompter can use his discretion with sufficient words to get back to the proper phases.

It is my hope that more than one Worshipful Master will try this and tell of his impressions. I feel that it would make the prompter's mission much easier and allow one more attendee to be involved in our gentle craft.

I thank you for your kind attention and close with my wish that we can exercise for empathy, toleration and compassion to avoid many of the annoyances and pitfalls of human interactions.



Freemasonry in Hamilton Series

MASONRY ON THE BEACH Part 6

Part 5 Masonry on the Beach Jan 2019
 Part 4 Masonry on the Mountain Dec 2018
 Part 3 The Masonic Centre Oct. 2018
 Part 2 Sept. 2018
 Part 1 August 2018

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie

With a September 13th goal, contractors, supplemented with skilled brethren of different trades, stayed within budget. The Procurement Committee was tasked to obtain furniture and completely outfit the kitchen to serve up to 120 masons. There was no need to purchase new equipment as many fine organizations were closing their doors due to the looming Great Depression. At regular meetings, many presentations were made for the betterment of a fully functional lodge, *"one of the best equipped around"*.

With just 13 days notice, Grand Lodge held an Especial Communication on **Tuesday evening September 13, 1927**, under the leadership of **D.G.M. R.W. Bro. R.B. Dargavel**, when **Beach Lodge No. 639** was Constituted, Consecrated and Dedicated as a fine masonic monument erected for Masonry.



The Beach Community Club worked hand-in-hand with the Lodge to raise funds to assist the masons of the Beach to erect their own temple. From the mid-twenties all the way through the Great Depression considerable amounts were raised. Back then on the Beach, there were no conventional rules to deter from their peculiar method of raising funds. Historically, any type of lottery or gaming was forbidden.

The *"Mavericks"* of the Beach always had a free hand in how things were accomplished and the **"Beach Frolic"** was a three day event held in late July in the parking lot at the rear of the Lodge building. Tables were set up for all the fund raising activities, a few of which included Fish Pond, Sugar Wheel, Housie Housie, Race Horses, Blanket Wheel, Draws and Sale of Goods. *"It was rollicking good fun."* Funds raised help pay down construction costs with the remainder for charitable purposes. Eventually when the lodge became solvent, the gaming apparatus was donated to the Beach Volunteer Fire Department, which became the Beach Rescue Unit.

Hamilton Masonic District B was now comprised of 7 lodges meeting at the James Street Masonic Hall, and 9 lodges outside the City. After seven years of persuasive eloquence, with surrounding lodges fearful of Beach Lodge *"poaching on their territory"*, on **October 11, 1932** concurrent jurisdiction was granted. **Grand Master M.W. Bro. W.J. Dunlop** favoured the lodge with a fraternal visit on **April 12, 1938**. On **March 10, 1942**, Beach's own **R.W. Bro. Hector Marshall** made his official visit and with great pride addressed his Mother Lodge. There were 30 initiations, 26 passings, and 24 raisings in **1946**.

With an ever-increasing student population, and the all-supportive Beach Commission, by 1939 the lodge rooms were being used as classrooms. This resulted in the addition of a cloakroom and separate washrooms at the rear of the Hall. The Commission approached the Lodge with a plan to move the Lodge to a new site so they could expand the school. A 1937 brick addition was still not enough to handle the exploding student population. Unfortunately, in 1950 the Beach Bungalow was destroyed by fire, and in 1952 was replaced by the brick, 11 room Bell Cairn School. It was transferred to the City of Hamilton Board of Education in 1957 until such low enrolment in 1981 lead to its closing, latterly to be sold to the Ministry of Correctional Services as a training facility.

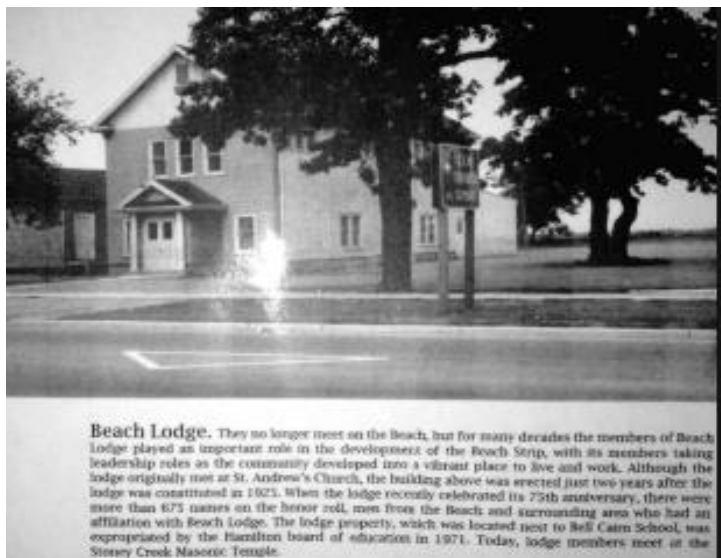
Of all the calamities that befell Beach Lodge, one of the worst was the **April 8th 1952** fire call to the Beach Fire Department headed by **Fire Chief Bro. Dan Hazel**. Several stories exist as to the cause, but none were validated. Self-made restoration kicked in, and with offers from Stoney Creek and Burlington,



Picture of Beach Lodge Building, THEN AND NOW

the lodge met in Stoney Creek for their next meeting, returning home on September 9th 1952.

The most saddening time in the history of Beach Lodge was the expropriation by the School Board, and the resultant **demolition of the Beach Masonic Temple**, which in retrospect of the brethren “ was totally unnecessary and nothing short of ill-thought-out bureaucratic vandalism at its worst ”.



At a January 13th 1971 Special Meeting of the Lodge, members discussed their future. Both Burlington and Stoney Creek Lodges offered their temples. By a plurality of one vote, the decision went to the brethren who favoured Burlington. **February 23, 1971** was the **last meeting** to be held in the old temple. After the lodge closed the brethren stayed awhile simply wandering around taking a look at what would be no more. With difficulty the Beach brethren transitioned to the Brant Street Masonic Hall, searching for storage for all the furniture of a fully functioning lodge. The first meeting was on **Tuesday March 9, 1971** and the last took place on **May 25, 1982**, when the lodge decided to become a tenant in the Stoney Creek Masonic Hall. Through negotiations, Beach Lodge extended an interest free \$50,000 loan and paid no rent until this loan was repaid in 1999, and Beach paid the same rent as do other tenants.

Some closing thoughts from Beach's History

“We at Beach have been fortunate indeed at perpetuating ourselves. It has not been easy but we have had remarkable success. In the main we have avoided cliques and have confronted those who would have it that way, by wise counsel and conciliatory attitude on our part. We must be honest and concede that we are a brotherhood above all else.

Certain lodges have done themselves irreparable harm by not dealing with opposing factions within their lodges. If you happen to be weak-willed then you could be drawn in this harmful orbit. Many have, to their undying disappointment.

The charge, “If there is a brother with whom.....” is an unforgettable admonition. The present is the product of the past. All those events that have transpired, all those influences and forces that have reacted one upon the other, have been

integrated so as to make the present, likewise the forces in operation today will make Tomorrow!

For those who made the transition from owners of a Lodge to tenants in another Lodge, we persevered, trying to perpetuate the warm Beach Lodge feeling that existed for so many years on the Beach. Although it's been difficult, we don't give up easily. Long may we prosper.” And you have. Congratulations, Beach No. 639!

Editors Note: Special thanks to R.W. Bro. Elgie! We are looking for other contributors to provide the history of Freemasonry for the Ancaster, Dundas and West Flamborough locations.

CORNERSTONE

On Wednesday, January 16th, Hamilton District C Lodge Resources held an informal workshop highlighting our Grand Lodge's Cornerstone programme. The event was well attended with 9 district lodges contributing to the 20 Brethren in attendance. Our guest speaker for the evening was R.W. Bro. Graham Tait, PDDGM (2015 – 16), Hamilton Masonic District B. R.W. Bro. Tait also sits on the Grand Lodge's Cornerstone committee and supports the 3 Hamilton and 2 Niagara districts. The evening comprised of a fine blend of presented materials, questions and answers throughout and takeaways.



In attendance there were lodges who currently hold Cornerstone designation, lodges presently pursuing the designation as well as lodges who are interested in launching the programme. The exchange of information and opinion illustrated a high degree of interest in using the Cornerstone programme and several lodges will take the information back to their lodge to determine if Cornerstone makes sense for them to implement. Hugh Murray Lodge and Ancient Landmarks/Doric Lodge currently hold this designation and their members in attendance were more than happy to provide their insights to lodges undertaking the journey.

Taken from the Cornerstone programme, “When a lodge makes the decision to participate in this programme, they acknowledge their desire to increase the value of the experience that they provide to their membership. Participation will bring many value-added benefits such as, but no limited to: increased lodge vitality, enhanced teamwork, increased sense of pride in the lodge and the craft, greater sense of accomplishment and use of the Cornerstone designation in all lodge correspondence.”

All district lodges are encouraged to contact the district chair (905-719-6464) to support their endeavours in this, and other, Grand Lodge programmes.

Finally, thank you to Ionic Lodge No. 549 for donating their emergent night and hosting this district event.

W. Bro. William Paul
District Lodge Resource Chair

From the Editor

Brethren,

February, where we take weather predictions from Wiarton Willy, and hope it gets warm soon!

I hope everyone is snug and safe in this chilly and wintry weather. Fingers crossed for an end to the Polar Vortex.

Bill and I have been preparing our Reader's Survey and reviewing the subscriber list. One trend we noted is the number of high-ranking members on the list. Going forward, I am hoping to encourage our newer members to subscribe when they get initiated. One of the Lodge Secretaries mentioned that he enrolls all new members as a matter of course. Can I ask all the Secretary's in the District to consider doing so as well.

This month we ran Dr. Ronald Eric Groshaw', (MD and Past Grand Master) 5 M's speech to tie into Valentine's day and hopefully bring some sunshine into people's February. Note, if you have a significant other, remember Thursday Feb 14th. I forgot and am delivering the Traditional History at Wellington Lodge. It is a good thing my wife Michelle is a patient lady.

The Cornerstone workshop this month was well attended, and I ask any Lodge pursuing their accreditation to consider the Chronicle as an avenue for publicizing their events. Tied into this, Temple Lodge had a successful MasoniCh.I.P. event at the Scout House. Not just child identification, we had a few seniors ask if they could get the kits in case of dementia.

February looks like a pretty busy month, as we have three official visits on the Trestleboard. Also, events at the Scottish Rite, and the DDGM Reception on Saturday March 2nd. A full winter of events for our District Lodges.

To the readers, please keep an eye out for our Survey. You will receive an email that contains the following banner:

Chronicle

We're running a survey and would love your input. Please let us know what you think below. Thanks for participating!

We invite your feedback and comments; Survey Monkey has a great set of tools we can use for analysis. I hope to publish the results in an upcoming issue. If you have, or want to see, some content; drop Bill or I a note or email. All submissions are welcome.

Here's hoping the Groundhog is Kind!

S&F
Glen



IN MEMORIAM

Robert F. Banting

Meridian Lodge No.687

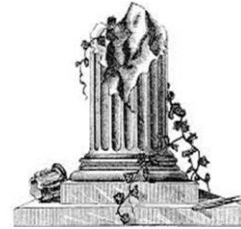
Initiated: March 20, 1957;

Passed on April 17, 1957;

Raised on June 5, 1957.

Robert was a 32 degree Mason, having joined the Scottish Rite Consistory on May 6, 1958; the Rose Croix on October 29, 1958 and the Lodge of Perfection on November 12, 1966.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above: January 13, 2019



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



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