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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren:

They say April showers brings May flowers but Mother Nature must think we did not get enough rain in April, as May has continued to be a very wet month! Hoping June will bring better weather for us all to enjoy as our District Lodges meet for the last time before the summer call off.

May was a busy month of Installation & Investiture of Lodge Officers for 3 of our District Lodges, including The Buchanan Lodge No. 550 on May 2nd, The Electric Lodge No. 495 on May 15th, and the Lodge of Ancient Landmarks / Doric No. 654 on May 28th. Congratulations to all the newly invested officers and I wish you all a successful and rewarding year ahead.

We also held a Lodge of Instruction for Entered Apprentice Masons on Wednesday May 22nd. An evening of Masonic education and fellowship with a focus on our newest members, and I was pleased with the turnout. We had several attendees that were either EA or FC, and a few travelled in from Toronto Districts to participate. The key presenters were W. Bro. Istvan Horvath, W. Bro. Jason McCulloch and W. Bro. Bill Paul, and detailed explanations regarding Initiation and the symbolism and allegory in the EA degree were discussed. Bro. Daniel Dube from Beach Lodge also made a presentation reflecting on his first year as a Mason, and what it meant to him. It is my hope that this



type of event may be the first of a new annual tradition in Hamilton District "C"!

I had the pleasure of attending the Official Visit and Homecoming of R.W. Bro. Les Vass to Wentworth Lodge No. 166 on May 21st. The meeting was very well attended and all current DDGMS from Hamilton and Niagara Districts were present, as well as other present Grand Lodge Officers and 2 William Mercer Wilson Award recipients.

On May 30th, I attended a cheque presentation for Miss Maddie Morgan, a local student and athlete who is representing Canada at an International Powerlifting competition in Europe this month. The brethren of Buchanan Lodge No. 550 generously made a donation to assist Miss Morgan with the costs of participating in the competition. Best of luck to Maddie as she goes for gold for Canada!

I am looking forward to the Valley Lodge Golf Tournament on June 15th and the Scottish Rite Golf Tournament on June 21st, both of which I am scheduled to participate in. There is also the Niagara B "Caddyshack" themed golf tournament on June 9th which is a fundraiser for Citykidz, and should be a fun filled day for all those who can make it.

On June 22nd Buchanan Lodge No. 550 will hold their 100 year Centennial celebration at the Scottish Rite, with a special afternoon ceremony for the Dedication of the Centennial Regalia, followed by a dinner/dance gala in the evening. The guest of honour will be our Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. David Cameron. Tickets are still available for anyone interested in attending.

The summer weather ahead will provide opportunities for outdoor BBQs, Pool Parties, vacation and fun times with friends and family. While enjoying these good times do not forget that the needs of the less fortunate do not take vacation, so please continue to help those in need of relief in whatever way you can.

Faternally,

R.W. Bro Robin John Colville

Buchanan Lodge No. 550 Centennial Gala

Saturday, June 22, 2019 at the M.C.H.

Tickets Now Available \$50 per person

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From the Grand Master

In the Ottawa Valley today, I can tell you that finally, spring has arrived, the snow banks have gone from feet to inches of snow and the Mississippi River is in flood in my small home town of Carleton Place.

Recently, I had a discussion with an older Mason, who is very active in his Lodge and his District. We began to talk about some of the reasons that our Craft membership is in decline, when he suddenly declared he knew exactly the reason membership was dropping.

Well of course I immediately asked him to explain and he said it was simple. We have lost our direction by changing our mission. We are no longer a Fraternity as we move towards being a service club.

Well, my Brethren, is this true? Have we lost our way? Are we becoming a service club?

Webster's Dictionary describes a Fraternity as "a group of men joined together by a common interest for fellowship, working towards a common goal. A service club is defined as "provides acts of assistance, friendly help and are a benefit to their community".

My Brother, concluded by saying that as Craft Masons, we are more interested in helping others than assisting our Brothers. He continued, that we do all this good in the community while we have Brethren who are in financial trouble, have lost their jobs etc.

Upon reflection, I can't totally agree with the Brother's comments but perhaps I understand how he came to this conclusion.

He would have been a younger Mason in the forties or fifties, when Masonry was in its boom days and to him a very "powerful" Fraternity. Many of our members were on municipal councils as councillors, Mayors, others were members of the House of Commons, even Prime Ministers.

To work as a Police Officer, a Hydro worker and even a Fire Fighter, memberships meant advancement in the ranks. In my small town where I grew up, it meant immediate access to the



local administration and if you were injured or needed a job your Lodge took care of you.

It was the right time to be a Mason, but was it right for the wrong reasons?

Even then, although society was changing with the advent of social assistance programs, to help all people,

the saying "Mason's only take care of themselves" went from being a positive statement to a negative statement.

Suddenly, outside the walls of our Lodges, we were becoming more accountable for our action and the publicity was not very complimentary.

In my opinion, the Masonic Foundation of Ontario rose out of the ashes of this publicity, starting with bursaries, grants and scholarships. We began provincial funding, specializing in research areas of baby deafness at birth, prostate cancer and this year Autism Spectrum Research.

So, this is all good, right? Yes, but what about our Lodges? What about our members and what about our Fraternity?

Lodges can continue good work only if they are healthy but unfortunately we are in some difficulty with our declining membership.

We need to start paying attention to our membership by showing our new members the rewards of fellowship and Brotherly love.

We need to make our Lodges, on any given meeting, a place of Masonic education to make members more knowledgeable and able to answer queries from our friends and neighbours about our Fraternity and to relate to them our pride in membership.

Our older members, may require frequent monitoring to make sure that never again will a Mason suffer from loneliness, a terminal disease or financial hardship, so that he never feels alone or forgotten by his Fraternity.

To answer my Brother's concern, we must establish a balance with our Charity, between taking care of ourselves and our responsibility to society. We must remember that the Mason who is in possession of this virtue (charity) in the most ample sense may just be deemed to have arrived at the summit of Freemasonry.

Then finally, maybe Webster will be able to describe our Fraternity "as a group of men, who have joined together with a common interest, for fellowship and a common goal AND who provide acts of assistance for themselves and others, and are a benefit to their community, all for the Cause of Good."

"Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and its grand object to promote the happiness of the human race."

~ George Washington, a man and a Mason.

Paul E. Todd Grand Master

From the Deputy

Brethren,

*A tree, as big as a man's embrace, springs from a tiny sprout.
A tower, nine stories high, begins with a heap of earth.
A journey, of a thousand leagues, starts from where your feet stand.*

~ Lao Tzu, Tao Teh Ching, Ch. 64 (trans. John C. H. Wu, Shambhala Publications, Boston)

Grand Lodge has a strategic plan and we recommend that all Lodges have their own long-range plan. But 76% of Lodges don't have a written plan. That is the elephant in the room.

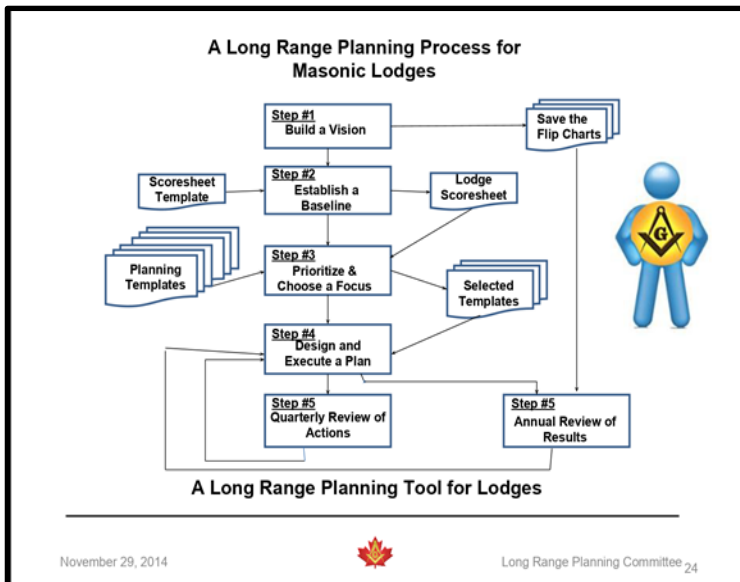
The process of creating a Lodge strategic plan often seems daunting. But Lao Tzu, known as the "Old Master", knew how to tackle daunting tasks. So does your Grand Lodge Strategic Planning Committee. They have broken down this process into easy bites.

First evaluation, then ACTION. They have developed a toolkit to guide you. Ask them for a half-day workshop with one of their facilitators. They will be happy to meet with you to work through this.

The first thing to do is evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of your Lodge. The Condition of Masonry report card can help you with this, but there are likely other areas of strength and weakness that may not be captured. Only your members will know these. Put together a representative team to make a list.

Next, prioritize that list. Not everything can be done at once, nor should it be. Pick one, or at most, two items from that list and make a plan to improve them.

Don't forget that very important step of reporting back to the Lodge with your prioritized list. Keeping everyone informed is key to success.



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Now you can form a strategic action team. It doesn't have to have the same members as your evaluation team, but it could. It could even have a different Chairman. Then make a plan for how you are going to affect your one priority item. Remember, a plan is not a plan until it is written down, someone is responsible, and measurable outcomes are set. Communicate this plan to the Lodge so everyone is on board. Review your progress regularly and make adjustments as needed. Communicate your progress to the Lodge and keep everyone involved.

When you feel you have completed the transformation, Communicate that great news to your Lodge. Then, and only then, do you start the circle again and tackle another issue.

*Step by step, the longest march
Can be won, can be won
Many stones can form an arch
Singly none, singly none
And by union what we will
Can be accomplished still
Drops of water turn a mill
Singly none, singly none
~ Pete Seeger*

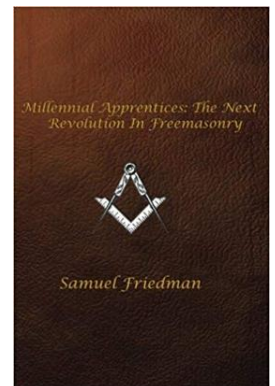
David J. Cameron Deputy Grand Master

From the Grand Secretary:

Brethren, please take note that included in the Lodge April mailing there is an announcement of two events to take place on Wednesday afternoon at the Annual Communication.

First, a presentation from 1:30 – 2:30 PM by Bro. Sam Friedman.

Sam is a young energetic, enthusiastic Mason who has written a book titled "Millennial Apprentices: The Next Revolution In Freemasonry". 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.



Second, from 2:30 – 3:30 PM a Town Hall session with our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David J. Cameron.

Last year many Brethren were disappointed that there were no activities on Wednesday Afternoon. Please take advantage of the above opportunities.

D. Garry Dowling, Grand Secretary

164th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge July 2019



Grand Lodge Nominees

Deputy Grand Master

- Thomas Wallace Hogeboom
- Charles Alexander Woods

Grand Senior Warden

- Graeme Anthony Boyce
- Douglas Arthur Lane
- Michael Edward Schwindt
- Stephen David Thomson

Grand Junior Warden - Acclamation

- Mark Wayne Kapitan

Grand Registrar

- Roy William Hardy
- Gary Wayne MacLean

Board of General Purposes

- William David Armstrong
- Philip Raymond Borland
- David James Bradley Broomhead
- Arthur Michael Di Cecco
- Dale Allison Graham
- Jamie Robert Ireland
- Perry Milton John McConnell
- Dennis Maurice Saikaley
- John Robert Sercombe
- Peter John Sialtsis
- George McDonald Warner
- James Orville Wark
- Iain Donovan Wates

2019 Candidate Bios are available on the Grand Lodge Website, login and go to:
<https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/operations/annual-communication>

Registration and Balloting

Tuesday July 16, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor

Wednesday July 17, 9:00 am – 3 pm

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor

NOTE: Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.

Discussion / Participation Seminars

ANNOUNCEMENTS			
Tuesday, July 16th– discussion and participation seminars for all brethren at the F.R.Y.H. Preregistration not required.			
Time	B.C. Rm	Quebec Rm	Alberta Rm
1:00 to 1:50	Condition of Masonry <i>M. Locke</i>	Friend to Friend <i>Warner/Todd</i>	Strategic Planning <i>Kaufman/Feldcamp</i>
2:00 to 2:50	College of Freemasonry <i>Cadotte/Kirk</i>	Youth Initiatives <i>B. Burchill</i>	Strategic Planning <i>Kaufman/Feldcamp</i>
3:30 to 3:50	Masonic Foundation <i>B. Koivu</i>	Leadership Development <i>A. Di Cecco</i>	

Open Hospitality

Tuesday July 16, 6:30 pm – 11 pm

District/Lodge hosted hospitality suites throughout the hotel, come meet your fellow Masons from across the province.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES CARD!

Grand Lodge Communication Canadian Room Fairmont Royal York Hotel Wednesday July 17, 2019,

Seating 8:30 am, Assembly 8:45 am – 11:30 am
Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Presentation by Bro. Sam Friedman

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Town Hall session with

Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David J. Cameron

**Appropriate Dress: Admission to the GL
Communication is subject to Jacket, Dress Pants,
Shirt, Tie & Regalia**

District Balloting

Wednesday July 17, 5:00 pm

Hamilton District C Masons will meet in the Saskatchewan Room to elect our D.D.G.M. for 2019 2020 and other such business which may be brought before us

Installation and Investiture

Thursday 8:45 am

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 am, in the Canadian Room, Convention Floor, for the installation and investiture of all newly elected Grand Lodge officers

Dates to Remember

June 2019

"Masonic Past Masters' Association
of the Hamilton Districts"

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AT

THE SCOTTISH RITE

FRIDAY JUNE 7 2019

6:00 pm -- MEET AND GREET

7:00 pm -- DINNER COST \$20:00

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCE

THE CANDIDATES FOR

GRAND LODGE OFFICE

"OPEN TO MASTERS AND WARDENS"

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thomas.young@rogers.com

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PLEASE RESERVE YOUR DINNER

BY FRIDAY, MAY 31 2019

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TO

MEET THE

CANDIDATES

**CREATE NEW
FRIENDSHIPS**

**FIRST TIME
PAST MASTERS
RECEIVE ONE
YEAR FREE
MEMBERSHIP**

**MASTER AND
WARDENS OF EACH
LODGE ARE
ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO
MEET THE CANDIDATES**

Buchanan Lodge No. 550 Centennial Gala

R. W. Bro. David J, Cameron DGM will present the Lodge
with their Centennial Regalia.

Saturday, June 22nd, 2019 at the M.C.H.

Tickets Now Available \$50 per person

Contact W. Bro. Bill Fulton-

Email: sec.ham.c1@gmail.com Tel:905-627-9718

July 2019

Grand Lodge 164th Annual Communication

Fairmount, Royal York Toronto

July 15th to 18th, 2019

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

CANADIAN ROOM Fairmont ROYAL YORK HOTEL

R.W. Bro. Allan L. Casalou

**Grand Lodge of California, Grand Secretary
Guest Speaker**

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets \$70.00

and are available from the D.D.G.M.s.

Cash sales only. Sales cease **July 8, 2019**

**Reserved Tables of eight (8) can be ordered directly
from the Grand Lodge Office.**

August 2019

MASONIC BEEF AND CORN ROAST ANCASTER FAIR GROUNDS

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

630 Trinity Road

Corner Of #2 Highway and Trinity Road

Doors Open at 4:30 pm.

Corn Served at 4:30 pm.

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Adults Ticket \$20 (13 and older)

Childs Ticket \$10 (12 and under)

Children 5 and under: No Charge

Everyone Welcome!

Come join us for a great roast beef dinner,
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and

The Learning Centre for Hamilton

For tickets email: masonic.beef.corn@gmail.com



Installation of Officers

Valley Lodge No. 100

Monday June 10, 2019,

7:30 pm Tyle

Dundas

Temple Lodge No. 324

Tuesday June 11, 2019

7:00 pm Tyle, Party to Follow

MCH

Meridian Lodge No. 687

Wednesday June 12, 2019,

7:00 pm Tyle

Ancaster

Harodim Lodge No. 513

Thursday June 27, 2019

6:00 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Tyle

MCH

Around the District

District Lodge Installations



Buchanan Lodge No. 550



The Electric Lodge No. 495



Ancient Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654

DDGM Fraternal Visit



**R.W. Bro. Les Vass to Wentworth Lodge No. 166
Homecoming**

Combined Degree Team



**Dufferin Lodge No. 291, uniting with Ancient
Landmarks Doric Lodge No. 654 for the
Raising of Bro. G. Bell**

Lunchtime Fundraiser



**Pictures from the the Bi-Weekly Luncheon
submitted by W. Bro. Gary Chiarot**

Shriner's Club of Hamilton Car Show



ROCKING ON THE WATERFRONT HAMILTON PIER 4 PARK

Every Wednesday
June 5 – September 4
2019,
5:00 pm till dusk

Sponsored by:
Maintenance Metals
Rameses Legion of Honour
Shriner's Club of Hamilton
Plus 5 anonymous

Freemasonry in Hamilton Series

MASONIC CENTRE OF HAMILTON

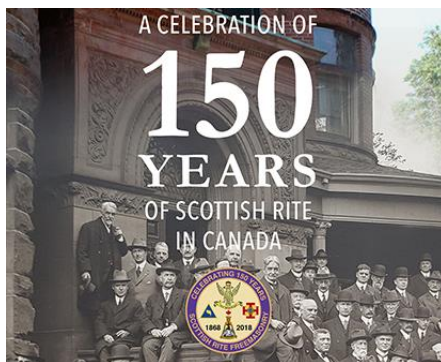
The property now occupied by The Scottish Rite Club of Hamilton was acquired by James Mills in 1816. The frame farmhouse originally built by the Mills family in 1820 was replaced by a brick home in 1820 known as "The Homestead". The Homestead stood exactly where the Cathedral portion of The Scottish Rite building now stands. In 1884, the property was acquired by George E. Tuckett of the Tuckett Tobacco Company. Tuckett built his home, known as "Myrtle Hall", where the Grand Lodge building now stands. Myrtle Hall survived until the late 1950s, when it was demolished to make way for the current structure.

In 1895, George T. Tuckett, the son of George E. Tuckett, built his own family home. Known as "The Towers," it was designed by Hamilton architect James Balfour. The Towers now forms the Club portion of The Scottish Rite building. The magnificent woodwork in the club was done by John Hoodless and Sons, a prominent furniture manufacturer in Hamilton at the time. Hoodless also built the incredible Tuckett Family dining room table, which was custom built for the dining room in which it still sits.

George T. Tuckett passed away in 1913. The property was used as a military headquarters and hospital during World War One, and was then acquired by The Scottish Rite Masons in 1920. The Cathedral portion of the building was built over the winter of 1922 to 1923, and was designed by the firm of Osgood and Osgood from Grand Rapids, Michigan. There is an interior twin to the Cathedral in Bay City, Michigan.

The beautiful Casavant Frères pipe organ in the Cathedral was installed with the opening of the building in 1923. This instrument has over 3000 pipes and is still used on a regular basis. It carries Casavant builder's number 972. There is a set of 55 backdrops in the stage area of the Cathedral. These were acquired in 1923 and are now over 100 years old.

Source: www.scottishriteclub.ca



150th Anniversary of Scottish Rite in Canada Performance

Tickets on Sale Now!

\$20/per person for General Admission

Ladies, Family, and Friends are all Welcome!

Dress code: Black tie optional, formal

Sunday September 29, 2019

12:30pm to 4:00pm

Tickets for the upcoming performance in celebration of 150 Years of Scottish Rite in Canada are **On Sale Now**.

We can only accommodate so many people within the Cathedral so please ensure to secure your tickets early.

Proceeds from the event will be directed to preserving our beautiful building.

The Hamilton Valley has updated and cast a historical play that was discovered in our attic archives and are excited to perform it at this celebration. The afternoon event will begin with the performance, followed by a reception and tours of the building and a host of historical and interesting items planned for display.

For tickets visit:

<http://150yearsofscottishrite.eventbrite.com>

Due to demand, tickets will not be sold at the door.

Scottish Rite Golf Classic

Valley of Hamilton

In Support of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation
and
The Hamilton Learning Centre for Children with Dyslexia

INCLUDES

Check In 11:00 Lunch 11:45 Shotgun 1:00 Dinner 6:00 Presentations 7:00	Gift 18 Hole Scramble With Cart Lunch Dinner (Prime Rib) Prize Table (Prize for Every Gopher)	\$10 000 Hole In One PRIZES FOR Women's Longest Drive Men's Longest Drive Women's Closest to The Pin Men's Closest to The Pin
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JUNE 11th, 2019

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From the Editor

Brethren,
Hoping all is well across the District.

It is busy season again, with a lot of submissions, and great to see so much happening in our district. Please forward any pictures or articles from your lodge year-end events such as golf, BBQ's, river cruises or just fraternal fun. "No regalia required."

Congratulations to W. Bro. Brock McCulloch of Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 on being confirmed as R.Ex. Companion – Grand Superintendent District No. 6 RAM



Keeping my message short this month to make some space, keep the articles coming, its great to have to juggle all the content.

As always, we invite your feedback and comments; If you have, or want to see, some content; drop Bill or I a note or email. All submissions are welcome.

Happy Father's Day to all!

S&F
Glen



Cheque presentation to Maddie Morgan

In the photo are W. Bro Yaz Nahban – W.Master of Buchanan Lodge No. 550 presenting the cheque to Maddie Morgan. R.W. Bro. Robin J. Colville to the left of Miss Morgan and Mr. Terry Morgan (Maddie's Father) to the right of W Bro. Nahban. In the back row holding the Canadian flag is W Bro. Joe Murdoch and R.W. Bro Michael Kingsley. Note the flag has been signed by many of Maddie's supporters, and will be proudly on display at the competition.

Here is a link to a recent article in the Spectator regarding Ms. Morgan's drive and accomplishments:
<https://www.thespec.com/sports-story/9284067-hamilton-s-maddie-morgan-is-powerlifting-her-way-to-the-top/>

Valley Lodge No.100

COPETOWN WOODS

GOLF CLUB

Great Golf Annual Golf Tournament
Good Friends * 2019 *
Laughter Saturday, June 15, 2019
Prizes

18 Holes of Golf
Electric Golf Cart with electronic score card
Awesome Buffet Dinner
Surprise Auction

Proceeds of Surprise Auction in support of Autism research through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario

\$150 per Golfer, or
\$65 for Dinner & Surprise Auction Only

Contact Geoffrey Allan
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IN MEMORIAM

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

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