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## **Biography**

### **District Deputy Grand Master**

#### **Hamilton District 'C'**

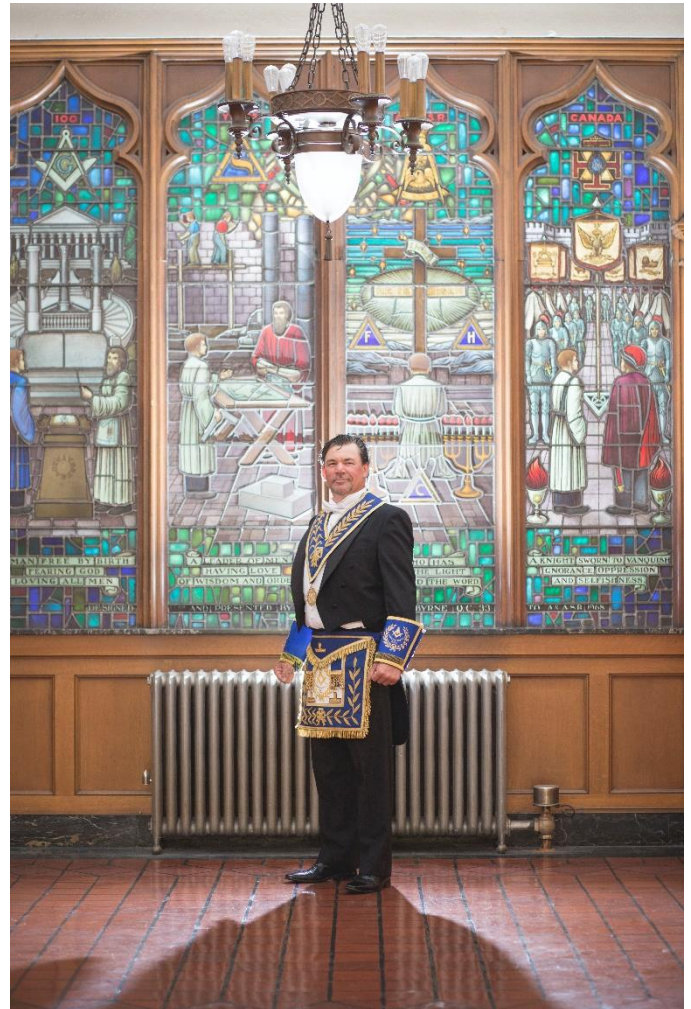
#### **R.W. Bro. Jason McCulloch**

R.W. Bro. Jason McCulloch was born in Glasgow, Scotland and raised in the small town of Ayr in the county of Ayrshire. Ayr happens to also be home to the famous Scottish Bard, Robbie Burns.

After moving to Canada and becoming a permanent resident in 1989; he was accepted to the University of Guelph where he met his lovely wife Anne. Anne and Jason now boast a family that includes son Michael and daughter Rowan. His chosen profession is commercial flat roofing where he is currently negotiating partnership in the business he manages.

Jason was initiated into Wardrobe Lodge No.555 and served as Master twice. He of course is now a member of Harodim Lodge No. 513. He has served on the district team as Chaplain for a few years and as Benevolence Chairman, assuming the Chairs of Lodge Resources and Masonic Education. He was initiated into Murton Lodge of Perfection, Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix and Consistory and received his 32nd degree. He currently serves as Prelate in the Officers line for Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix. R.W. Bro. McCulloch was initiated into the Holy Royal Arch and received his Royal Arch Masons degree and is a member of St John's Chapter No.6. He has since been initiated into The Godfrey De Bouillon Preceptory and has been Knighted a Knight Templar.

Jason has a passion for Masonry and the work and the lessons that Masonry inculcates. He has been looking forward to this next stage in his life for some time and I know that he plans to continue in the long line of excellence paved before him from past serving District Deputy Grand Masters.



*Photo: Christine Picheca photography*

## **Hamilton Masonic District 'C'**

### **Fall Meeting**

Date: Saturday September 7th, 2019 at 9 am

Masonic Centre of Hamilton,  
Scottish Rite Banquet Room

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Please note: The opinions and views expressed in any article in the District 'C'hronicle are those of the writers and therefore do not necessarily reflect the opinion of Grand Lodge. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions

# 164<sup>th</sup> Communication of Grand Lodge 2019

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2019

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. David J. Cameron
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom
Grand Senior Warden	R.W. Bro. Graeme A. Boyce
Grand Junior Warden	R.W. Bro. Mark Wayne Kapitan
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. H. Edward Standish
Grand Registrar	R.W. Bro. Roy W Hardy
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Tom Haight
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling

## BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES\*

### ELECTED

Jamie R. Ireland  
Arthur M. Di Cecco  
W. David Armstrong  
Iain D. Wates  
Peter J. Sialtsis

### APPOINTED

D. James Broomhead  
Dale A. Graham  
James R. Sercombe  
James O. Wark  
Charles A. Woods  
P. Ray Borland (1yr)

### HONORARY

Barry F. Burchill  
James C. Sutherland  
Frederick Halpern  
David E. Jacklin  
Michael J. Locke

\* Note: Members of the Board of General Purposes hold the title of Right Worshipful Brother

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS 2019-2020

Hamilton A	R.W. Bro. Scott G. Laing
Hamilton B	R.W. Bro. Michael R. Martin
Hamilton C	R.W. Bro. Jason McCulloch



Head Table at the Grand Masters Banquet

## APPOINTMENTS 2019

Grand Director of Ceremonies  
R.W. Bro. Daniel Graham, Waterloo

Grand Senior Deacon  
V.W. Bro. Zelijko Josip Haramic, Windsor

Grand Junior Deacon  
V.W. Bro. Brian Thomas Kiernan, Hamilton

Grand Supt. of the Works  
V.W. Bro. Eric Macguire Ward, Waterloo

Assistant Grand Secretary  
V.W. Bro. William L. Willis, Toronto

Assistant Grand Dir. of Ceremonies  
V.W. Bro. David John Churchill, Waterloo

Assistant Grand Chaplain  
V.W. Bro. Edward Power, St. Catharines

Assistant Grand Chaplain  
V.W. Bro. Rui M. Gomes, Thornhill

Assistant Grand Chaplain  
V.W. Bro. Isaac Paul Kiewning, Dryden

Assistant Grand Chaplain  
V.W. Bro. Raymond Laverne Pierce Jr., Sarnia

Assistant Grand Chaplain  
V.W. Bro. Alexander David McCready, Stratford

Grand Sword Bearer  
V.W. Bro. David Traves, Etobicoke

Grand Organist  
V.W. Bro. Brian Charles Sloan, Ridgetown

Assistant Grand Organist  
V.W. Bro. Robert Charles Jewell, Toronto

Grand Pursuivant  
V.W. Bro. Dale Cameron Porter, Picton

Grand Steward  
V.W. Bro. William Hollins Fulton, Hamilton

Grand Standard Bearer  
V.W. Bro. Milan Cobanov, Toronto

Grand Standard Bearer  
V.W. Bro. Walter Howell, Peterborough

Grand Tyler  
V.W. Bro. John Williams, Atikokan

Grand Historian  
R.W. Bro. S. Michael Jenkyns, Ottawa

Grand Librarian  
R.W. Bro. Lanny Ross Salmon, Caledonia

Grand Archivist  
R.W. Bro. Daniel John Glenney, Parry Sound

Grand Piper  
V.W. Bro. Ian Munro McClay McFadden, Port Dover



## Dates to Remember

*August 2019*



### 23rd Annual **MASONIC** **BEEF AND CORN ROAST**

In support of St. Peter's Hospital Foundation and  
Learning Centre for Hamilton

**Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Ancaster Agricultural Society Fairgrounds**

(Marritt Hall) 630 Trinity Rd. & Corner of #2 Highway  
Opens: **4.30 pm** Corn: **4.30 pm** Dinner: **6.00 pm**

**Family & Friends Are All Welcome**

**ADULT TICKET \$20.00**

(13 Years and Over)

No Tickets Sold at the Door

No. 0491

Tickets available from any corn "husker" or contact  
[masonic.beef.corn@gmail.com](mailto:masonic.beef.corn@gmail.com)

## Ionic Lodge 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Ionic Lodge No. 549 will be marking its 100th anniversary at  
their September Regular meeting

Wednesday, September 4th, 2019

3rd floor lodge room, MCH (Scottish Rite)

Dinner will be held in the round room at 6:30 p.m.

Tyle promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The Grand Master,

M.W. Bro. David J. Cameron, will be in attendance.

On behalf of our Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Jason Lloyd, I  
invite you to join us for this occasion.

May I ask that you kindly let me know if you will attend  
dinner and lodge OR lodge only by no later than August 21st,  
2019 that we may best plan for the evening.

R.S.V.P. W. Bro. Bill Paul at:  
[bill.paul@dartcanada.ca](mailto:bill.paul@dartcanada.ca)

## 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

*September 2019*

## Temple Lodge at Flamboro Downs

### Friend to Friend Event

**Come Dine, Chat and have an amazing  
view of the track! Bring Family, Bring a  
Friend!**



Saturday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Top O' Turn Dining Room

5:00-8:30pm with a post time of 6pm.

**\$35 Ticket** includes prime rib buffet meal, gratuities, group  
photo in the Winner's Circle and racing programs.

**For tickets contact: [Temple.Lodge@outlook.com](mailto:Temple.Lodge@outlook.com)**

## Around the District

**Congratulations to Bro. Jack Ford - 60 years!**



V.W. Bro Bill Fulton (newly appointed Grand Steward) and  
R.W. Bro. Robin Colville visited Bro. Jack Ford - a long  
standing member of Buchanan Lodge No. 550 to present him  
with his 60 year service pin at his home in Stoney Creek.

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

## **A Brief History**

In 1902, the Past Masters of the lodges in Hamilton District 8 instituted an association to promote visitation and harmony among the Past Masters of the district. As a result of continual interest and growth in Masonry, District 8 was divided in 1923 into Hamilton A and Hamilton B and by 1974, it was necessary to create a third district, District C. Throughout this time, the Past Masters' Association held to its mission of promoting, developing and disseminating the principles of Masonry and the opportunity for fellowship and education.

As of March 2019, the Association has 205 members with an almost equal balance of Officers, Directors and members from each of the three Hamilton districts. The D.D.G.M.s of Districts A, B and C are all ex-officio Directors of the Associations, as is the president of the Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts. The membership fee is a nominal amount making membership accessible to all past masters. Membership has great advantages.

Over the last few years, our meeting format has evolved into four breakfast meetings and a Friday Night A.G.M. in May or June. The breakfast meetings have always included an interesting guest speaker. Our A.G.M. dinner meeting gives the brethren an opportunity to meet those brethren who are running for the various offices of Grand Lodge. This is always a highlight and the new executive of the Past Masters' Association are chosen.

As a member of the Past Masters' Association, you will find that it, like the York and Scottish Rite, is part of our logical progression through Masonry. On the night of our initiation into Masonry we may have initially found that we were surrounded by many men that we did not know, but it soon became apparent that these fellows were going to become friends. As we became more involved within our lodge, we discovered these friendships grew, so that we became brothers. By accompanying our D.D.G.M. on his official visits, we met and got to know Masons from the other lodges within our district.

The Past Masters' Association provides that further opportunity to expand our Masonic contacts, meet brethren who have also had the experience of being Worshipful Master and learn about and visit lodges within the other Hamilton Districts.

*Why wouldn't you want to be a member of the Past Masters' Association?*

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Tom Young  
Public Relations Chairman

Positive Action Creates Enthusiasm

# **The Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts 2019-2020 Agenda**

The PMA Hosts breakfast meetings at the Scottish Rite throughout the year. Each meeting has a "Meet and Greet" at 8:30 am with breakfast at 9:00 am. Reservations for breakfast are required in advance!

The annual membership in the Past Masters Association is \$10.00 and breakfast cost is \$15.00.

The 2019-2020 upcoming agenda with meeting dates, topics and speakers is as follows:

**September 28, 2019**

## **Wills and Estates Presentation**

Lawyer Bruno Uggenti  
(Ladies welcome)

**November 30, 2019**

## **Most Worship Bro. Ron Groshaw, Past Grand Master**

**January 18, 2020**

## **Rush to Danger, Medics in the Line of Fire**

Author Ted Barris ,

**March 14, 2020**

## **Habitat for Humanity**

John Gerrard  
CEO of Habitat for Humanity

**May 1, 2020**

## **Grand Master**

## **Reception and Banquet.**

**May 29, 2020**

## **Meet the Grand Lodge Candidates & Past Master Association Annual General Meeting**



"Now that we all agree on the agenda, a show of hands on how many want to keep it hidden."

# THE RISE OF FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

## Series Overview

The last half of the 19th century saw large amounts of social change, migration, industrial revolutions, massive urbanization and much higher levels of productivity, profit and prosperity. Electricity, the telegraph, the telephone, and the light bulb appeared. Railroads changed the way people travelled and obtained goods. Labourers were the origin of numerous fraternal organizations especially among new immigrants to United States and Canada, influenced by earlier English mutual aid societies. These British guilds, fraternities and unions date from time immemorial. Some of these organizations took on the character of convivial clubs, which met periodically, made their contributions or paid their fees to the general fund, and appointed a committee of officers to manage their affairs. In England an effort was made to put them on a firm footing by granting them legal status.

A fraternity or fraternal organization is an organized society of men associated together in an environment of companionship and brotherhood; dedicated to the intellectual, physical, and social development of its members. It differs from a fraternal benefit society which is a voluntary association formed to provide mutual aid, such as insurance for relief from sundry issues. Many major financial institutions today, particularly insurance companies, and credit unions can trace their origins back to benefit societies, and they can trace their organizational structure built upon models of fraternal orders such as the Freemasons and the Oddfellows. Historically, benefit societies emphasize the importance of social discipline, conforming to the rules of the organization, and acting in a morally uplifting and ethical manner. Conviviality and benevolence are important principles, employing a mutual exchange of privileges and removing the stigma of charity.

In the United States and latterly Canada, arose a great number of societies having mutual aid as their focus. The order of Freemasonry was probably the oldest. As a rule, the majority were short lived and purely local, while some grew to national proportions. With the introduction of government social welfare in the early 20th century, membership in benefit societies declined, but still continues to provide supplementary social and healthcare coverage. Conversely, signs and ceremonies have become the mainstay of fraternal societies that no longer focus on mutual aid.

New technologies have provided yet more new opportunities for humanity to support itself through mutual aid that might be described as networked affiliations that produce collaborative projects within communities.

Habitat for Humanity is a leading example of shared credit and labour pooled to help low-income people afford adequate housing.

Our Hamilton |Districts' Past Masters' Association has John Gerrard, the CEO of Habitat for Humanity speaking of its visionary and progressive work they are accomplishing in our community, on Saturday |March 14, 2020.

The Chronicle editors with the contributions of District writers plan to present an overview of several of these fraternal organizations, and if you wish to forward a review of your favourite I am sure it not only would be welcomed but printed in the next issue of the Chronicle. So, here is your opportunity to grow our interest in your fraternities.

## Fraternal Organizations - Overview

### Part 1

Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm  
or The GROTTTO



### Part 2

John P. MacKay of the Hamilton Hindoo Koosh, the first Canadian Grand Monarch for |Supreme Council.





# Grand Lodge

## Strategic Planning Toolkit

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/operations/planning>

To assist Lodges in the development of their Strategic Action Plan, a toolkit has been developed by R.W. Bro. Kelly Feldkamp. This is a very comprehensive tool covering every topic that lodges are scored on when completing their "Lodge Report Card". This toolkit can be found at the following website; <https://www.sptoolkit.org> please copy and paste the URL into your favorite web browser.

An explanation of the toolkit is found in the document titled "Strategic Action Planning Guide"



### Why a Toolkit?

The Strategic Action Toolkit is a bridge between where you are and where you want to be. It is organized according to the Condition of Masonry Lodge Report Card. The toolkit directs your attention to the many resources Grand Lodge and others provide to help your Lodge improve. It provides an index and a document of action for continuous improvement.

### What is the Condition of Masonry Lodge Report Card?

The Lodge Report Card is an annual assessment of the state of each individual Lodge focusing on 5 categories with a total of 22 subcategories which are:

#### **Membership**

- Officer Progression
- Growth (initiations)
- Member Attendance – All Meeting
- Visitor Attendance – Regular Meetings
- Average Number of Visitors – OV and Installations

#### **Visitation and Events**

- Community Involvement
- Lodge Special Events
- Lodge Social Activity
- Lodge Members Visiting

#### **Education, Ritual and Protocol**

- Masonic Education
- Ritual Work
- Observed Protocol during Official Visit

### **General Administration**

- Updated Books, Current Edition of the "Work"
- General Maintenance and Care of Exterior
- General Maintenance and Care of Interior
- General Maintenance and Care of Furnishings

### **Planning for the Future & Finances**

- Long Range Planning
- Resident Dues
- Members 12 Months in Arrears
- Operating Surplus or Deficit
- Recurring Operating Losses
- Level of Investment/Reserves

The Lodge Report Card scores are based on information provided by the L Forms submitted to Grand Lodge. The Strategic Action Toolkit is meant to help the Lodges to utilize the information in the Report Card more effectively.

### What is the Strategic Action Toolkit?

The Strategic Tool Kit is not meant to add to the large volume of tools available to the lodges. Rather, the toolkit is meant to add some organization to how the member Lodges utilize the tools already available to them. The Strategic Action Toolkit centralizes many of those resources into one website. It is tied directly to the Condition of Masonry Lodge Report. The website contains one page corresponding to each of the 22 items evaluated for the Lodge Report with specific action plans moored to it. When a lodge looks at the Report Card, and sees, for instance, that it is "at risk" for **Growth**, it can then go to the toolkit and search for specific recommendations for what programs or resources could help them to improve in that area. The tools you choose to make use of in order to address your opportunities will be determined by the Strategic Action process we will outline below. The result is that the Lodges can now focus their attentions on the activities which will have the best chance to lead to improvement.

### What Lodges can benefit from this process?

All Lodges do something well. All lodges also have areas where they can improve. Every Lodge, whether achieving Healthy, Conditional or At-Risk status on the Condition of Masonry Lodge Report can identify those areas of improvement and "move the pea forward".

### How Will the Strategic Action process work?

This is a practical approach to Strategic Planning. A plan alone is pointless without action to bring it to life. For this process, the starting point is Lodge Report Card from the Condition of Masonry Committee. Facilitators will assist lodges the lodges with navigating the Strategic Action Toolkit. They will guide lodges but should not be involved in the execution of any plans, nor provide oversight. They are a resource to help the lodges to focus on evaluation phase, while the lodge will provide the impetus for execution.

**Editors Note:** This page is a summary and introduction to the material available from our Grand Lodge Website and the Strategic Lodge Toolkit.

# Freemasonry in Hamilton Series

## Main Street Central Masonic Temple

This is my photographic record of our much-loved Temple where we have met for over 29 years. It seems fitting to create a pictorial record for all to view and recall the fond memories for years to come. V W. Bro. John E Thombs

(Editor's Note the Chronicle is ending the History series with a pictorial of the Main Street Central Masonic Temple)

CMT Main Entrance



The Main Lobby



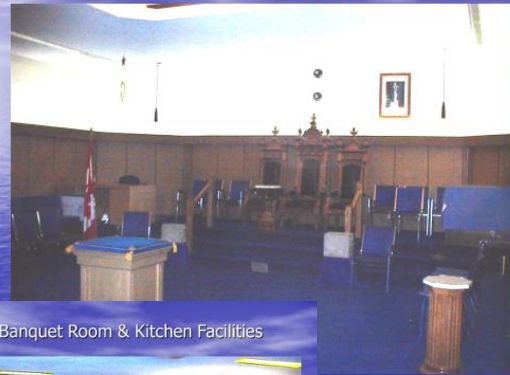
Views of areas of the lobby showing a portrait of W. H. Wardrobe and a curio cabinet of artifacts



The Main Lodge Room



Small Lodge Room



The Main Banquet Room & Kitchen Facilities



The Small Banquet Room & Stained Glass Panel



The East in the Main Lodge Room



## From the Editor

Brethren,

Congratulations to R.W. Bro. Jason McCulluch; August is where we transition from the old to the new, and another exciting Masonic Year begins. In the Chronicle, we are closing out the History Series (Barring any unplanned submissions) and beginning a new series on Fraternal Organizations. If you have any submissions, please let me know. We browse social media. Email and solicit ideas from our members and readers.

The District team is hard at work pulling together the Trestle-board for our upcoming year. We are fortunate to have a draft version of the calendar for Installations and Official Visits.

Strategic Planning is part of what every lodge needs to consider, the new toolkit from Grand Lodge looks extensive, and aligns nicely to the Cornerstone activities.

Also, congratulations are in order for Buchanan Lodge on receiving their Cornerstone designation, Temple Lodge is working on its Cornerstone and I know how much work is involved.

I hope our summer reading August edition pleases everyone.. Leaving you with a little humour from the Indian Hills Community Center in Colorado.

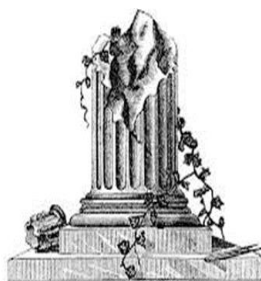


Safe travels.

S&F  
Glen

### IN MEMORIAM

Nothing on our website to report on!



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

## Hamilton District 'C' Official Visits and Installations Draft Copy

Installations					
Date	LODGE	No.	LOCATION	DINNER	TYLE
Thurs. Oct. 17/19	Dufferin	291	Flamborough	6:15	7:30
Tues. Nov. 26/19	Westmount	671	Hillcrest	6:00	7:00
Wed. Dec. 4/19	Ionic	549	MCH	6:30	7:30
Tues. Dec. 17/19	Hugh Murray	602	MCH	6:00	7:30
Tues. Jan 14/20	Seymour	272	Ancaster	N/A	7:30
Thurs. May 7/20	Buchanan	550	Hillcrest	6:30	6:00 & RTW 7:30
Wed. May 20/20	The Electric	495	Hillcrest	6:00	7:00
Tues. May 26/20	Landmarks/Doric	654	MCH	6:30	6:00 pm RTW 7:30
Thurs. May 28/20	Harodim	513	MCH	6:00	7:00
Mon. June 8/20	Valley	100	Dundas	N/A	7:30
Tues. June 9/20	Temple	324	MCH	BBQ post meeting	7:00
Wed. June 10/20	Meridian	687	Ancaster	N/A	7:00

Official Visits							
LODGE	No.	LOCATION	ACCOMPANING	No.	DINNER	TYLE	DATE
Ionic	549	MCH	Landmarks/Doric	654	6:30	7:30	WED. Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> /19
Hugh Murray	602	MCH	Westmount	671	6:00	7:30	TUES. Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> /19
Temple	324	MCH	Valley	100	6:30	7:30	TUES. Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> /19
The Electric	495	Hillcrest	Harodim	513	6:30	7:30	WED. Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> /19
Buchanan	550	Hillcrest	Dufferin	291	6:30	6:00 PM RTW 7:30	THURS. Dec. 5th/19
Valley	100	Dundas	Hugh Murray	602	6:30	7:30	Mon. Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> /20
Meridian	687	Ancaster	Seymour	272	N/A	7:30	WED. Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> /20
Landmarks/Doric	654	MCH	Ionic	549	6:30	7:30	TUES. Mar. 24th/20
Seymour	272	Ancaster	Meridian	687	N/A	7:30	TUES. April 14th/20
Dufferin	291	Flamborough	Temple	324	Pies	7:30	THURS. April 16th/20
Westmount	671	Hillcrest	Buchanan	550	6:30	7:30	TUES. April 21 <sup>st</sup> /20
Harodim	513	MCH	The Electric	495	6:00	7:00	THURS. April 23 <sup>rd</sup> /20



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