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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren,

It is, my sincerest hope that you were able to share, at the close of 2019 a Christmas full of love and celebration with family and friends.

I would like to thank all the Lodges for their kind invitations in December to share in their warm Christmas celebrations.

It was a great honour to be received into Buchanan Lodge 550.

The District team and visitors were warmly welcomed by W. Bro. Yaz Nabhan, W.M. of Buchanan Lodge and Brethren.

Congratulations are in order as the Brethren of Hugh Murray Lodge installed W. Bro. Steve Badger for another year as Master. As Hugh Murray prepares for the Centennial celebrations they are to be commended for their forethought and planning.

There are several Lodge sponsored Robbie Burns Day Celebrations this month. I highly recommend that the Brethren of the District who have not participated in a Burns night celebration get out and enjoy the convivial charm and time honoured "Address to a Haggis."

Burns was born and lived in Ayrshire on the West coast of Scotland. I grew up in the same town as Robert Burns and in fact spent a few nights opposite his cottage in Alloway.

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Robert Burns was a Mason and was initiated into St David's Lodge on the 4th of July 1781. Bro. Burns died 1796 at the age of 37. In his short life he accomplished with the pen and paper a legacy that includes that now famously sung poem around the world at New Year "Auld Lang Syne." The last verse of "Auld Lang Syne," can be translated as;



"And there's a hand my trusty friend!
And give me a hand o' thine!
And we'll take a right good-will draught,
for auld lang syne."



Bro. Robert Burns' Apron in the Grand Lodge of Scotland Museum

Brethren our philosophy inspires our best efforts at speaking to brotherly love, relief and truth, the best of humanity and Landmarks of our Brotherhood. As we all in turn take hold of the Light of Freemasonry sharing in it, living by it and leading others to it, that by the example of the short life of Brother Robert Burns we can inspire in our best efforts a legacy of inspiration in Faith, Hope and Charity, the eternal future of Freemasonry.

Brethren, I wish you and your Families all the very best for a prosperous and healthy New Year!

To the sick and shut in Brethren may the G.A.O.T.U. comfort you and ease your burdens!

R.W. Bro. Jason McCulloch

Cum Luce Salutem!

From the Grand Master

Brethren,

... 'Twas in the moon of winter-time When all the birds had fled,

Those familiar lines, from the Huron Carol, were not written by Fr. Jean de Brébeuf in 1642 as I had thought, but rather by J.E. Middleton in 1926, and have little to do with the original Wendat lyrics. They are a fanciful and stereotypical portrait of indigenous life. But they so eloquently evoke this season of long, cold nights.

I often envisage our forefathers sitting in their homes in the bleak mid-winter, trying to read by candlelight or oil-lamp. I picture them in front of a roaring wood fire, wearing frock-coats and peering through pince-nez glasses. How difficult it must have been to read in such dim conditions. And what else would they be doing during the long dark nights. It would certainly give ample time for thinking, time to just sit and ponder the wonders of this life. Do we lack that today with the ever-present distractions of T.V. and twitter?

And what a joy it must have been to hitch up the horses to the cutter and head out to lodge, where one could enjoy the company of the brethren, and discuss some of those deep philosophical issues one had been contemplating. We still see this occasionally today, for instance, in Templum Fidelis lodge, where all cell-phones are left in the anteroom and one enters a lodge gloriously lit with candlelight. Some beautiful music and a time of contemplation ensue. Followed by excellent ritual and meaningful education. And then a full festive board. Is that what our forefathers would have craved?

Many lodges, my own mother lodge included, once met on or near the full moon. Was that just so there was enough light to see their way home? Or was there some deeper significance? My mother lodge wasn't even a country lodge.

Many religions hold festivals of light at this time of year. Millions of lights shine across India, and indeed the world, during the festival of Diwali. For Hanukkah candles are lit each evening. Candles are lit for Kwanzaa too. Bonfires abound in the Punjab for Lohri and in Scandinavia for Juul. And of course, houses, malls and trees in North America are festooned with Christmas lights.

None of these are put up just to light our path, at least not physically. Or why would they be taken down in January to

plunge us into darkness for the next few months? No, they are there to remind us of our quest for enlightenment.

“What do you seek?”

“Light”

Freemasonry, although not a religion, abounds with symbols of light – from that question at the altar to the sun in splendour on the Grand Master's apron.

In this season of darkness, may your life be brightened by your family, your brethren, and your faith community.

David J. Cameron



ONTARIO MASONIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

LIMITED SEATING

REGISTER EARLY !!!

Scottish Rite
Building, Hamilton
4 Queen St S,
Hamilton, Ontario

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020

Registration 8 AM | Start 9 AM | Wrap-up 2:30 PM
Catered Lunch at 12:00 PM

TOPICS

"Leadership and Ethics" – R. W. Bro. Howard Adams
"Meditation in Freemasonry" – W. Bro. Kip Coggins
"Astronomical Symbolism in Freemasonry" – Bro. Terry Fox

SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. – Registration
9:00 a.m. – Welcome
9:15 a.m. – First speaker – R. W. Bro. Howard Adams
10:30 a.m. – Break
10:45 a.m. – Second speaker – W. Bro. Kip Coggins
12:00 p.m. – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – Assembly of guests
1:15 p.m. – Third speaker – Bro. Terry Fox
2:30 p.m. – Wrap-up comments
Limited seating – register early

For general enquiries contact R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte at masonic.college@gmail.com

Registration Deadline is February 8, 2020
LIMITED SEATING - REGISTER EARLY
\$40 per ticket, free parking, catered lunch and refreshment breaks.
There will be no ticket sales at the door.
See the District Secretary for registration form

From the Deputy

My Brethren:

Chapter Four on the renewal of your Board of General Purposes and the Grand Lodge programs – welcome back!

My progress report left off with the last Committee meeting of the Board of General Purposes held on Saturday, November 2 at the Scottish Rite Club in Hamilton. Prior to receiving a progress report on each of the Grand Lodge initiatives for this year from the respective Committee Chairmen, the Grand Master detailed the three key initiatives that we will be focusing on for at least the next four years. I want to emphasize the word 'key' because there are several Grand Lodge Committees that will continue to support the work of our Grand Lodge that won't necessarily be reformed to support these three key initiatives, but will continue the fine work they do under the umbrella of Grand Lodge administration systems – essential work that must be done to keep the wheels of Grand Lodge rolling. These administrative Committees are Constitution and Jurisprudence, Condition of Masonry, Library, Museum and Archives, Audit and Finance, Benevolence and unfortunately, Discipline.

The three key initiatives introduced by the Grand Master were Ritual, Education and Mentoring.

The focus on Ritual is not only the need to take pride in our delivery of the Ritual but the explanations of our Ritual to our members and how they can use those lessons to make themselves better men. We fail our candidates, and indeed all our fellow members when we are unprepared to deliver perfect Ritual with an explanation of how our Ritual fits into our daily lives.

The latter part of that initiative ties in very neatly with the drive for Masonic Education at every meeting, of every aspect of our Ritual and the many esoteric aspects found in the same, the many physical components that make up a Lodge Room and the history of our Lodges and Freemasonry in general. Our Grand Lodge predecessors have been encouraging Masonic Education at our Lodge meetings for years - perhaps it is now time to take it to the next level and make it mandatory before Lodge balloting and Degree Work begins?

The third key initiative for the efforts of our Grand Lodge Committees is Mentoring. This is another topic that has been in our lexicon for many years' past, but we need to be doing more. Mentoring is not to be confused with Sponsoring a candidate into a Lodge and thinking your duty is complete. Mentoring is a lifetime commitment that doesn't end when a Brother becomes a Master Mason. And mentoring a Brother doesn't just mean while in Lodge and solely about Lodge matters. A true mentor will guide the new Entered Apprentice Mason from day one until he becomes Grand Master, if that is his wish. A true mentor will also provide support and encouragement outside of the Lodge Room with life lessons of assistance.

Grand Lodge owes it to the membership to assist in these initiatives and that is why we are focusing the attention of your Grand Lodge Committees to this end. The Custodian, M.W. Bro. Don Mumby, had his Lodge of Instruction team on the road for the first time in a few years to full houses at every stop

in the Fall and communicated the proper techniques for the Floor Work. These lessons are the basis that are essential in communicating our Ritual. When combined with your flawless presentation of the words of the Work, you will undoubtedly make a lasting impression on every candidate.

Wouldn't it be great to have a member in every Lodge as prepared as the Lodge of Instruction team to assure that each Degree Team had perfect footwork to go with their perfect Ritual delivery?

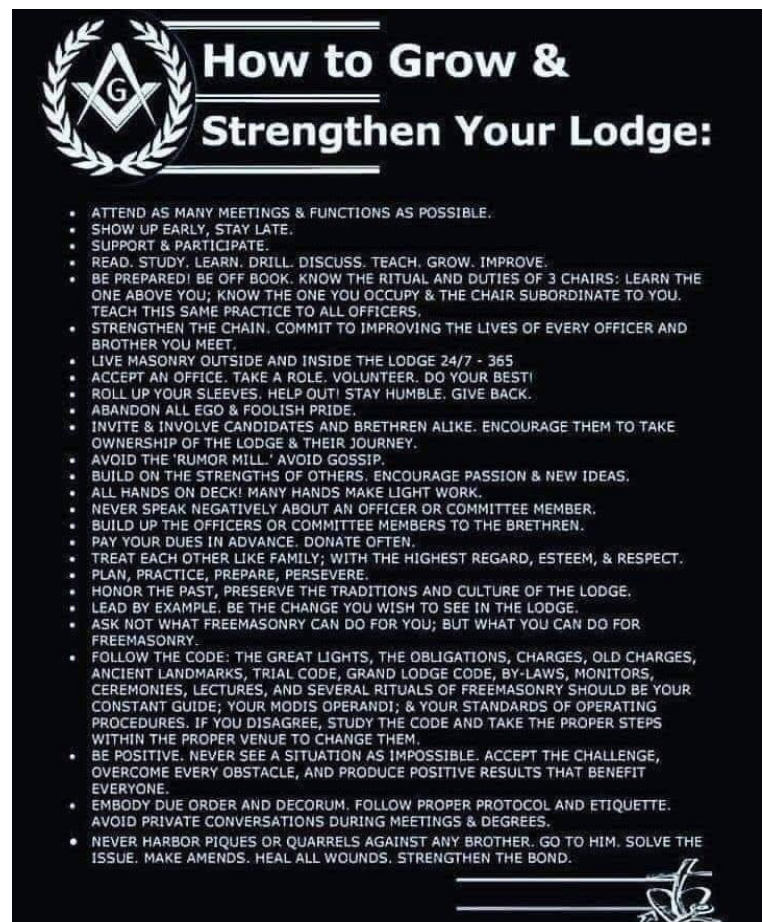
Wouldn't it be great if you had a Grand Lodge web site library where you could source a new piece of Masonic Education for every Lodge meeting on a huge variety of related topics?

Wouldn't it be great if every Mason had a trained mentor to assist them with every step of their Masonic journey?

Our Grand Master is a smart man, but he had help in deciding we needed to re-focus our efforts. Every survey conducted on 'new' Masons around the world says this is what is missing in Masonry today and this is where we need to focus our attention to create new lifetime members.

It seems I have run out of space again without communicating the details of where your Grand Lodge Committees are directing their efforts to improve the services provided to our membership. So, I guess you will have to tune back in next month. And finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your loved one's all the best of the Holiday Season. May the peace and happiness we enjoy during this time be spread throughout the coming year!

Thomas W. Hogeboom, Deputy Grand Master



How to Grow & Strengthen Your Lodge:

- ATTEND AS MANY MEETINGS & FUNCTIONS AS POSSIBLE.
- SHOW UP EARLY, STAY LATE.
- SUPPORT & PARTICIPATE.
- READ, STUDY, LEARN, DRILL, DISCUSS, TEACH, GROW, IMPROVE.
- BE PREPARED! BE OFF BOOK. KNOW THE RITUAL AND DUTIES OF 3 CHAIRS: LEARN THE ONE ABOVE YOU; KNOW THE ONE YOU OCCUPY & THE CHAIR SUBORDINATE TO YOU. TEACH THIS SAME PRACTICE TO ALL OFFICERS.
- STRENGTHEN THE CHAIN. COMMIT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF EVERY OFFICER AND BROTHER YOU MEET.
- LIVE MASONRY OUTSIDE AND INSIDE THE LODGE 24/7 - 365.
- ACCEPT AN OFFICE. TAKE A ROLE. VOLUNTEER. DO YOUR BEST!
- ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES, HELP OUT! STAY HUMBLE. GIVE BACK.
- ABANDON ALL EGO & FOOLISH PRIDE.
- INVITE & INVOLVE CANDIDATES AND BROTHERN ALIKE. ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE LODGE & THEIR JOURNEY.
- AVOID THE 'RUMOR MILL.' AVOID GOSSIP.
- BUILD ON THE STRENGTHS OF OTHERS. ENCOURAGE PASSION & NEW IDEAS.
- ALL HANDS ON DECK! MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.
- NEVER SPEAK NEGATIVELY ABOUT AN OFFICER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER.
- BUILD UP THE OFFICERS OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE BRETHREN.
- PAY YOUR DUES IN ADVANCE. DONATE OFTEN.
- TREAT EACH OTHER LIKE FAMILY; WITH THE HIGHEST REGARD, ESTEEM, & RESPECT.
- PLAN, PRACTICE, PREPARE, PERSEVERE.
- HONOR THE PAST, PRESERVE THE TRADITIONS AND CULTURE OF THE LODGE.
- LEAD BY EXAMPLE. BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE LODGE.
- ASK NOT WHAT FREEMASONRY CAN DO FOR YOU; BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR FREEMASONRY.
- FOLLOW THE CODE: THE GREAT LIGHTS, THE OBLIGATIONS, CHARGES, OLD CHARGES, ANCIENT LANDMARKS, TRIAL CODE, GRAND LODGE CODE, BY-LAWS, MONITORS, CEREMONIES, LECTURES, AND SEVERAL RITUALS OF FREEMASONRY SHOULD BE YOUR CONSTANT GUIDE; YOUR MODIS OPERANDI; & YOUR STANDARDS OF OPERATING PROCEDURES. IF YOU DISAGREE, STUDY THE CODE AND TAKE THE PROPER STEPS WITHIN THE PROPER VENUE TO CHANGE THEM.
- BE POSITIVE. NEVER SEE A SITUATION AS IMPOSSIBLE. ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE, OVERCOME EVERY OBSTACLE, AND PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS THAT BENEFIT EVERYONE.
- EMBODY DUE ORDER AND DECORUM. FOLLOW PROPER PROTOCOL AND ETIQUETTE. AVOID PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS DURING MEETINGS & DEGREES.
- NEVER HARBOR PIQUES OR QUARRELS AGAINST ANY BROTHER. GO TO HIM. SOLVE THE ISSUE. MAKE AMENDS. HEAL ALL WOUNDS. STRENGTHEN THE BOND.

Dates to Remember

January 2020

Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Mid Term Meeting

Date: Saturday January 11th, 2020 at 9 am
Ancaster

Installation of Officers

Seymour Lodge No. 272
Tuesday January 14, 2020
dinner NA Tyle 7:30 pm
Ancaster

Ceremony of Dedicating of a Lodge Room

Wentworth Lodge No. 166
Bell Tower Place (AKA Stoney Creek United Church)
1 King Street West, Stoney Creek
Tyle at **7:30pm** the Grand Master and other current Grand
Lodge Officers to be received in lodge at **8:15pm**

February 2020

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Valley Lodge No.100
Monday February 10th, 2020
Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
Dundas

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Meridian Lodge No.687
Wednesday February 12th, 2020
Tyle 7:30 pm
Ancaster



Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

Invites all Past Masters to our

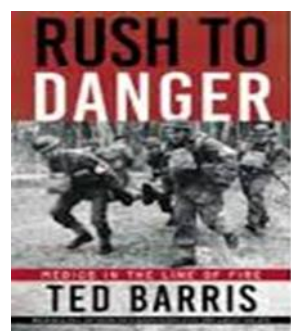
Saturday, **January, 18th, 2020**, Breakfast Meeting
Please plan to be with us for a morning with

AUTHOR.....TED BARRIS



Biography

TED BARRIS is an award-winning journalist, author and broadcaster. He regularly writes in the national media and has hosted many CBC Radio network programs and shows on TV Ontario. His eighteen bestselling non-fiction books include *Juno*, *Behind the Glory*, *Deadlock in Korea*, *Victory at Vimy* and *Breaking the Silence*, *Rush to Danger*. His book *The Great Escape: A Canadian Story* won the 2014 Libris Award Non-Fiction Book of the Year. In 2018, the RCAF Association awarded *Dam Busters* the NORAD Trophy for "significant and unequalled contribution to Air Force traditions, history and heritage"



Meet and Greet..... 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast..... 9:00 a.m. (COST \$15:00)

Please reserve your breakfast before Jan. 11th, 2020
by contacting

R.W. Bro. Tom Young at 905-318-0182
or by email thomas.young@rogers.com

*Why would you not want to be a member of the
Past Masters' Association?*

Hamilton
Districts
Gala



Saturday February 29th 2020
Michelangelo's Banquet Centre
1555 Upper Ottawa St. Hamilton
Symposium — 5:30pm
Dinner — 7pm
DJ and Dancing
Prize Table
\$50.00 per person
Hosted By
The Craft Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

Around the District



Ionic Lodge No. 549 Installation of Officers



DDGM Official Visit to Buchanan Lodge No. 550



Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 Installation of Officers



Santa's Annual Visit to the Scottish Rite

Masonic Past Masters Association of the Hamilton Districts



M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw, Past Grand Master, speaking at the November Breakfast Meeting



The Members present celebrated M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw's 90th Birthday



W. Bro. Mike Oddi presenting Robyn Knickle, Director of Development, Neighbour 2 Neighbour, \$ 280.00, also prior to the cheque presentation, 260 pounds of food was dropped off.

Thanks to Dufferin Lodge, Buchanan Lodge, Meridian Lodge and Harodim Lodge for supporting the District C, Christmas food drive.

Submitted by: W. Bro. Gary Chiarot
Chairman of the Benevolence and District Project

The Rise of Fraternal Organizations

Part 4: St. George's Benevolent Society of Hamilton

St. George's Benevolent Society of Hamilton was founded in 1843 and incorporated as a Public Act 1862. Over the decades many of this city's most distinguished citizens have been members of the society:

- Dr. W. G. Dickinson was president 1843,
- W. L. Distin 1844, John O'Hatt 1845-6,
- D. C. Gunn 1847, W. L. Distin 1848,
- Richard P. Street 1849, Nehemiah Ford 1850,
- John R. Holden 1851, Benjamin Milner 1852,
- Sir George Burton 1853, William Bellhouse 1854,
- Thomas B. Harris 1855, Thomas N. Best 1856,
- Daniel C. Gunn 1857, C. J. Bridges 1858,
- Alfred Booker 1859, Thomas C. Dixon 1860,
- F. J. Bastrick 1861-2.

The Society's strong humanitarian commitment was described as, "Affording pecuniary and other relief to such natives of England and Wales and their descendants, as may, from sickness or other causes, have fallen into distress." **Today, through its Charitable Trust, the Society has broadened its help to those in need, regardless of race or creed.** Funds raised by appeal and social functions are used to encourage new members and inform the public of the Society's aims and its efforts.



The Society is proud of its history of good work. Early settlers of our community received the helping hand of St. George's Society. Poverty was an ever-present threat to our forebears, and the ultimate shame was to come to rest in a pauper's grave.

To avoid such ignominy the Society purchased plots in Hamilton Cemetery (York Boulevard) and marked them with a large granite cross of St. George. This touch of history stands today as a symbol of the Society's work over the years for those in need. **Members of Toronto's St. George's Society could be buried in this plot in St. James Cemetery on Parliament Street**



Another early objective of the Society was, "fostering a spirit of patriotism." Patriotism, loyalty, and tradition are cornerstones of the Society that have stood proudly through the years. These values might be best described in the words of an early address given to the Society:

"Traditions which are not valued, which are not guarded, which are not expounded afresh to every generation, as in its turn it steps into the arena of the centuries; that tradition will grow weak and pass. Therefore, there is a real need for such a society as St. George's Society which sets itself up to guard, interpret and transmit the traditions of England."

Our Mission: A NEW MISSION

St. George's Society re-examined its aims and objectives, and while maintaining its charitable activities, it was felt that there was an urgent need to actively defend and promote traditional Canadian values by becoming more visible and outspoken in the community.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. George's Benevolent Society is dedicated to promoting and protecting traditional Canadian values based upon our British tradition of democracy, law, and order. It realizes these goals through support of education and charitable good works.

OUR FUTURE

The work and objectives for the St. George's Society today and tomorrow, are threefold:

1. Our charitable benevolent efforts must continue; for there is still a great need for our help in today's society.
2. Through our social functions we enable members and their guests, to meet and share common interests in a friendly community atmosphere. In addition to marking special anniversaries such as; St. George's Day (April 23); New Year; Armistice Day; etc.; there are frequent informal luncheon meetings and other events arranged as opportunities occur.
3. The most recent area of activities was initiated as a result of several membership meetings where member's interests and wishes were carefully surveyed. These meetings showed a real concern that traditional Canadian values are gradually being eroded and lost. It was decided that the Society, while remaining nonpolitical, should take a "watch-dog" roll in order to defend and promote those values which have made Canada the country of choice for millions. It is hoped that through our annual newsletter (The Lance), and information sessions the Society may be able to promote public interest in these areas.
"EVIL WILL PREVAIL, NOT BECAUSE EVIL MEN DO EVIL THINGS, BUT BECAUSE GOOD MEN DO NOTHING."

We pay an affiliation fee annually to the St. George's Society of England. A lifetime membership fee is \$25.00. There is also a voluntary \$25.00 sustainer's fee to offset costs and an annual Christmas appeal for donations with Tax receipt given.

For further information and an application contact: The Secretary,
St. George's Society
P.O. Box 63045, University Plaza Postal Outlet
Dundas, Ontario L9H 6Y3

Submitted by a past president Ronald E. Luxon

Sources: Constitution and By-Laws 1st January 1963,
The Lance newsletters, and the Pamphlet Preserving Canadian Traditions and Values.

Other past presidents: George T. Tuckett 1898, Fred B. Ross 1899, W.J. Southam 1927, Samuel F. Ross 1954, Adam Zimmerman 1971, William S. Balfour 1982, Trevor Garwood Jones 1983, Marge McAlpine, Ian Naismith, Shirley Naismith 2003, Richard Leppert 2004-5, Roy Binns 2006-2007-12-13, Ronald Luxon 2008-9-15-16, Peggy Leppert 2010-11, William Reynolds 2013, Adele Reynolds 2016-17, Anne Luxon President 2018-19.



Protocol and Etiquette

Saluting While Seated

Have you noticed how newer Masons are questioning many things the older generation just took at face value? This article is in response to a question that was posed to me, that has not been raised before. More thought and research went into composing the answer than I originally anticipated.

R.W. Bro. Gordon Crutcher, Assistant to The Custodian

QUESTION

There appears to be an inconsistency, a conflict, between protocol and ritual, pertaining to saluting. It is my understanding that the protocol for giving a proper salute is to:

- Be in a standing position;
- First take an appropriate step;
- Then give an appropriate sign.

Yet during a portion of the Openings and Closings, (and during segments of the Installation Ceremony), the Worshipful Master gives some salutes while remaining seated. Could you please explain the reason for this incongruity?

ANSWER

Saluting is such an ingrained component of our regular formal customs that it will likely be a surprise to some to learn that nowhere in our **Book of Constitution** does it state that salutes shall be given. Not to anyone, at any time. That is why we must look to both our **RITUALS** and **CEREMONIES** – and our **PROTOCOL** – when answering the above question.

Our **PROTOCOL** outlines the four occasions **WHEN** we are to salute, i.e.:

1. When entering lodge;
2. When leaving lodge;
3. When addressing the Worshipful Master; and
4. When called for in our rituals.

The “general method” of **HOW** we salute is indeed as the brother has described above. Unless alternative directions have been given, the above method of saluting is to be followed. *(Please note there is absolutely nothing mentioned in any of our instructions that call for you to salute both before you speak and AFTER you have completed your remarks. So please avoid giving a Second Salute after you have finished speaking and before you sit down.)*

The provisions of this “general method” of saluting are modified in part by our rituals. Our **Book of the Work** and our **Ceremony of Installation & Investiture of Officers of a Lodge** (for example) clearly and specifically state when the Worshipful Master is to remain seated and when he is to rise. *(Please note that the special privilege of remaining seated while the rest of the brethren are standing has been conferred not only upon the Worshipful Master but also upon any other Mason who is entitled [because of his rank] to assume the gavel. It is a mark of our respect toward them.)*



Thus, when our rituals specifically instruct the Worshipful Master to remain seated, it follows that when he is required to salute, he cannot comply with the normal first two

provisions (i.e. to be standing, and to take an appropriate step). All he can do is simply return the appropriate sign.

Note the basic practicality of this special variance to our general method of saluting. It would be quite the distraction if the Worshipful Master (when seated) had to stand before he returned each salute, to say nothing of the physical demands on his body, during our Openings and Closings.

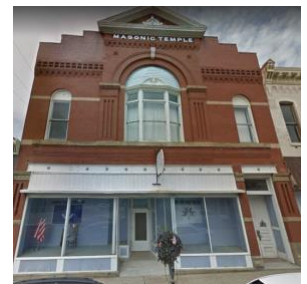
Another example of a special variance can be found when the brethren perambulate during Installations. There is no need for them to stop and assume the appropriate step when passing the new Worshipful Master. They can simply salute while continuing to walk, (as all candidates do during the conferral of their degrees). This is called a “**Salute In Passing**”. For more information on this particular topic, please refer to pp. 362-363 in Harry Carr’s book, **The Freemason At Work**.

Finally, our protocol with respect to returning a salute is that a Worshipful Master **SHOULD** return all salutes. It is not that a Worshipful Master **MUST** return all salutes. Being only human, a Worshipful Master could be distracted and not see when a brother is saluting him. That is why, unlike a military custom, you should **never** HOLD a salute and wait for the Worshipful Master to notice you. You simply give the salute and drop it.



Masonic Passport: American Masonic Aviators and Astronauts

I recently had the pleasure of travelling to North East, PA, to deliver Masonic Education on American Masonic Aviators and Astronauts. The Worshipful Master and Brethren of North East Lodge No. 399 were most hospitable and receptive.



A fascinating aspect of the evening was the presentation, by DDGM R.W.Bro. Ryan Knopf, (second row, right), of a 50 year pin to Bro. Fred Blackburn (front row, right). The interesting thing is that Bro. Blackburn had spent his Masonic journey in the Grand Lodge of Oregon, having only recently moved to PA, so the presentation was made on their behalf.



Submitted by W. Bro. Lorne Evans.

Perspectives

A series of responses from different Masons across the District

*We still need submissions for the Perspectives Series. Please feel free to send me an email with your answers to the "perspective questions", at gnotman@hotmail.com with **Masonic Response** in the subject line.*

The last of the Perspectives submissions to date, comes from a PDDGM who is still active in Craft Lodge.

Why are you a Mason?

A close friend is a third generation Mason. He was visiting me after a Scottish Rite event and we talked about the meaning of Masonry and the men who belong there.

What makes Lodge work for you?

Mens coming together and helping each other. Watching the older members help the newer / younger members step forward and learn parts, contribute to discussions and begin their own journeys of self improvement...and the language in the Work. Learning it, understanding it and imparting the lessons inculcated in it.

What makes Masonry work for you?

Being a part of a global fraternity. Meeting strangers and having an instant connection when they are revealed as Brothers. Knowing that there is a community of men who value integrity and honour. Who try to make a positive impact in the world around them.

What would you change if we could?

Practice of the ritual so that the meetings flow faster. Trying to introduce elements into the Lodge meetings so that all the Brethren in attendance feel that they get something of value for coming out to an evening. Encourage the older members to reach out to the newer ones and make them feel included in discussions, events and the festive board.

What would you leave untouched?

The lessons of the degrees. The demark a journey worth taking; the sense of peace and support I feel within a Tyled Lodge and the Fellowship I have experienced around the world as I travel for business and pleasure.

How do you describe the benefits of Masonry to others?

Lodge provides a place for men to come together and be at peace from their outside stresses and concerns. The Ritual provides a path for enlightenment and self-knowledge. Overall, Masonry provides a home for men of integrity to come together and support each other in life's journey.



IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Edward "Ted" Turner Harodim Lodge No.513

It is with great sadness that we inform everyone on the passing of Bro. Ted Turner, who had just celebrated his 100th birthday December 8, 2019.

Initiated: 02/03/1964

Passed: 06/05/1964

Raised: 04/05/1964

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above December 14, 2019



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

From the Editor

Brethren,

Happy New Year to all our readers.

This January edition is stuffed with submissions from a variety of sources, a third submission for Protocol and Etiquette. Another in our Series of Fraternal Bodies, A Passport Article from recent travels and some pictures from District events and I thank all the submitters for their input. It is so much easier to put out something useful when we get articles from such a variety of sources.

As always, Bill and I welcome your feedback. Please feel free to let us know your feelings on our content and suggest topics that you would like to see in upcoming editions.

We are still looking for more responses to our Perspectives feature. Please answer the questions to the left and drop me a line at gnotman@hotmail.com subject line **Masonic Response**.

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