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From our District Deputy Grand Master

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FAITH HOPE CHARITY

Brethren, this abridged Christmas has brought changes to our customs and traditions! But what endures is our love; love of family, love of community and love of Faith.

“Adversity introduces a man to himself.” – Albert Einstein

“Adversity is the first path to truth.” – Lord Byron

From our unchanged Ritual we learn the keys to continuity. Indeed, our tenets and principles warm and light our

families and communities with the hope that love inspires and keeps lit that Freemasonic forbearance against the dark.

For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.” – T. S. Elliot

“Prosperity is not without many fears and distates;
adversity not without many comforts and hopes.” – Francis Bacon



Charity, is that love in your heart for all. It's noble like Truth and goes before all good. To the Freemason it speaks to our burdens, shouldered for the greater good. I will make that sacrifice and I will bear that load, for the love of FAITH!

Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.”
– Mahatma Gandhi

Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.” – Abraham Lincoln

We have been through a year of difficulty and hardships. We will most likely continue in this vein for the foreseeable. I urge all Brethren where so ever dispersed over the face of our Temple, “then stand firm, “for love!

“We are shaped and fashioned by what we love.”
— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

“Brethren, I would like to thank R. W. Bro. Robert S. Whitmore, Sovereign Grand Master of the A. & A. S. R. for an erudite presentation that initiated a great conversation amongst the Forum attendees. I am pleased to announce that January 6th Hamilton Masonic Forum presenter will be Most Eminent Knight William F. Mann, Grand Cross Order of the Temple. I invite all Brethren to attend this January 6th edition of The Hamilton Masonic Forum.”

No better toast Brethren!

“Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne?
For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet
For days of auld lang syne”- Robbie Burns

Brethren, to all sick and shut in, may the G. A. O. T. U. ease your burdens and soothe your discomforts.

It is my sincerest and most solemn prayer that we all find happiness in our love this New Year.

God Bless you all!

R.W. Bro. Jason McCulloch

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From the Grand Master COVID -19 Update



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Dec. 15, 2020

Brethren,

With the vaccines coming we see light at the end of the tunnel, but as one public health doctor recently put it, it is a long tunnel. We must continue the preventive measures we have been using, and of importance to the Craft, we must continue to avoid in-person gatherings. Over the holidays we are being asked to celebrate with only those in our immediate households. Given that the vaccine will not start to be available to the general public until April, and that it takes a couple weeks after the *second* shot to develop adequate immunity, it will be quite a while until we can gather in groups of the size which we are used to. Therefore, at this time I am saddened to announce the following:

The moratorium on all in-person Masonic gatherings will be extended to at least April 30, 2021. All Grand Master's banquets for the spring will be converted to videoconferences if the Districts so wish.

The 2021 Annual Communication will be held virtually and voting for DDGMs, other Grand Lodge officers and Constitutional Amendments will be done on-line.

Predicting the future so that events can be planned and booked is a difficult thing. If circumstances change and it becomes safe to gather earlier than these benchmarks, we will revise these dates, but I hope this at least allows you to plan. In the meantime, keep in touch – by phone, by mail or by videoconference – and stay safe.

Sincerely and fraternally,
David J. Cameron
Grand Master

From the Grand Secretary ...

Brethren,

We are all seeing a continuing increase in the number of virtual sessions (Zoom, etc.) for educational and other purposes. As the situation evolves, we are developing some protocol for taking part in those virtual meetings.

I want to highlight two points this month.

First, should you participate in a virtual call please be sure that you understand where that call originates – is it within our jurisdiction or does it originate outside Ontario? You need to be aware that the culture, ritual and protocol observed in other Masonic jurisdictions may be different from our own.

You may attend any of these virtual sessions (within or outside of Ontario) without seeking permission through the office of the Grand Secretary. However if you are asked to identify yourself and you mention that you are from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, you must remember that you cannot bring greetings on behalf of this Grand Lodge. Also, if you speak make sure that you indicate that your remarks are personal and that you are not authorized to speak on behalf of our Grand Lodge.

Second, if you are attending a virtual session that originates within our Grand Lodge, even though the session is informal, proper protocol must be followed in addressing our Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master. They should never be referenced by their first or last names, only as Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.

All the best for the celebration of your festive season, no matter what form it takes this year.

D. Garry Dowling
Grand Secretary



From the Deputy

My Brethren:

Picking up where we left off last month, I will continue to pitch your Grand Lodge Chairman as presenters for your monthly virtual Lodge meeting education portion....

Want to shop from the whole list of Grand Lodge Seminars and Workshops that are available? R.W. Bro. Leyland Muss - leylandmuss@gmail.com - is the keeper of this inventory and is charged with assuring a schedule is kept and followed to avoid competing communication efforts.

Wondering how your Lodge will continue or initiate Cornerstone designation with the proposed changes to the program going forward? Ask the expert – R.W. Bro. David Armstrong at davidarmstrong@armstrongmanufacturing.com

V.W. Bro. Stephen Maizels – mentorgc@gmail.com – is well-versed to speak on many Masonic topics, but his favourite these days is the new Mentoring Endeavour that the Mentoring Committee has been developing over the last year. As this Committee is intimately involved with the Ritual-Education-Mentoring thrust, a lot of time and energy has been poured into this team and their work needs to be spread to every Mason in our Jurisdiction.

Interested in a tour of the Grand Lodge web site? R.W. Bro. Michael Locke at mjlocke@cogeco.ca does double duty as the Grand Lodge Web Master as well as Chairing the Condition of Masonry Committee.

Ever wonder how the Audit and Finance Committee assures the financial records of Grand Lodge are reviewed for compliance and accuracy on an annual basis? R.W. Bro. Jim Sutherland - jim@sutherlandelliott.ca - and his team would be glad to share their secrets and explain how the Grand Lodge budgeting process is all part of a long-term strategic plan.

How is your Lodge and/or District Benevolence program? R.W. Bro. Iain Wates - idwates@sympatico.ca – can get you started or just tell you what your Grand Lodge can do and has done for our Brethren for the last one hundred and sixty years.

R.W. Bro. Jim Sercombe - sercombe@rogers.com – and the Strategic Planning Committee have probably already made a presentation to your Lodge or District on how-to and the importance of each Lodge having a Strategic Plan. He might even give you an insight into the development of the next Grand Lodge Strategic Plan for 2021 – 2026.

Did you know that the Lodge Buildings Advisory Committee has a new Life Safety Policy being developed to replace the current Building Compliance Program? R.W. Bro. Darren Byrne - dbyrne.ca@yahoo.ca – would love to share the new Policy with your Lodge and solicit your feedback before the proposed implementation date of July, 2021.

Do you have questions about Lodge financial planning, record keeping or forecasting? Lodge or Temple insurance questions? Temple / corporation ownership questions, including Canadian Revenue Agency filing responsibilities? R.W. Bro. Syd Schatzker - schatzker@rogers.com – has assembled a crack team of financial and legal professionals to assist any and every

question you may have in this very important part of the life of our Lodges, Temples and their leadership.

You have seen them at the Annual Communication every year, but how else does your Grand Lodge support and encourage the youth Masonic related bodies? R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill - burchillddgm2006@hotmail.com - and the Youth Initiatives Committee are anxious to share their work and to recruit you, your Lodge and your District in joining their team as a sponsor, advisor or mentor to assist the development of these young leaders of tomorrow.

The Public Awareness Committee under R.W. Bro. Charlie Woods - charleswoods@sympatico.ca – could easily fill an evening educating members with their work on developing a folding business card to help with your elevator speech and leave a calling card after your speech. They can also talk about the Grand Lodge adoption of the ‘Not Just a Man. A Mason’ campaign as supported by the BeAFreemason.org follow-up recruitment tool. They could assist you with an Open House program to assure you are ready when the doors can again be opened again. And they could show you the new Grand Lodge branding that the team has been working on over the last year.

Although the Grand Lodge Library, Museum and Archives have been shuttered since March, the Grand Librarian, R.W. Bro. Lanny Salmon - library@grandlodge.on.ca – could take you on a virtual tour of all the treasures that lie therein.

And of course we can't forget our two seasoned speakers in the persons of R.W. Bros. Dan Glenney daniel.glenney@sympatico.ca our Grand Archivist and Michael Jenkyns - jenkyns@magma.ca our Grand Historian. Both of these Brethren can fill a week of exciting Masonic Education at the drop of a hat. Now is the time to use these Brethren as they are trapped at home like the rest of us.

Perhaps your members need a refresher on the work of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario – MFO - www.masonicfoundation.on.ca or The MASONiCh.I.P. Ontario program - masonichip.ca. Both organizations are more than willing to provide an evening of education on their fine work for your members.

The past nine months of 2020 certainly had its challenges but we should all still be happy to be where we are today. At this time, we remember our Brethren and their families who were not so fortunate. From our home to yours, we wish you all the best of health, happiness and prosperity during the festive season and through 2021!

Thomas W. Hogeboom, Deputy Grand Master



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Around the District (Virtually)

Hamilton C District - Masonic Forum

Hamilton Masonic "January" Forum

Please join us for an informative, enjoyable, lively session that encourages participation and highlights the best parts of our great fraternity!

This Month's Guest Speaker:

R.W. Bro., Most Eminent Knight, William F. Mann,
Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar Canada!

When: Wednesday January 6th, 2021

Time: 7:30 pm

Where: Online via GoTo Meeting

Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/546840085>

R.W. Bro. Mann will provide a presentation entitled, "Spiritual/Masonic Enlightenment within Renaissance Paintings". The forum will then open up to a question and answer/discussion session.

Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/546840085>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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Access Code: 546-840-085

NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED...

sunshine is not cancelled
love is not cancelled
relationships are not cancelled
reading is not cancelled
naps are not cancelled
going for a walk is not cancelled
kindness is not cancelled
imagination is not cancelled
conversations are not cancelled
HOPE is not cancelled



The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts invites all Past Masters to "Our Virtual Meeting"

Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts



Saturday, January 16th 2021 at 10:00 am

Our Guest Speaker will be W.B. George Boys-Stones
Prestonian Lecturer, United Grand Lodge of England

Professor George Boys-Stones Bio:

George Boys-Stones is Professor of Classics and Philosophy at the University of Toronto. He studied in England as an undergraduate at Cambridge, and as a graduate student at Oxford, where he was initiated into the Apollo University Lodge no. 357.

He taught for 20 years in the Classics Department at Durham University, before moving to Toronto in 2019. He holds Grand Rank in the United Grand Lodge of England (as PAGDC) and in Supreme Grand Chapter (as PGStB), and belongs to a number of other English Masonic orders, including the Ancient and Accepted Rite, Knights Templar, Mark Master Masons, and Royal Ark Mariners

Please register for this meeting at pm-abc.ca
using the [event-reservations/link](#)

An Immediate Past Master of a Lodge in the Hamilton Districts receives a free membership in the Association for the balance of the Past Masters fiscal year plus the following year

On-line payment instructions for dues are on the membership/dues line

'Please talk it up'

**Add your Virtual Lodge Event or
Masonic Education
Happening Here!**

Protocol and Etiquette

This P&E article is the fourth in a series intended to enhance the brethren's understanding of the common protocols associated with almost every lodge meeting.

This article expands upon our protocols pertaining to the **MOSAIC PAVEMENT**



QUESTION:

Is it permitted to walk or stand on the Mosaic Pavement on occasions **other than** those specified in our Openings and Closings, or in our other rituals and ceremonies?

ANSWER:

One of the most noticeable features of a Masonic lodge room is the Mosaic Pavement. It is featured so predominantly near the centre of the room that even an Entered Apprentice must conclude that it obviously fulfills an important purpose.

Endless lectures have been given and hundreds of books and papers have been written about the vast symbolism which abounds within our lodge rooms. As would be expected, a large number of these educational efforts have focused on that central feature – the Mosaic Pavement.

It is highly recommended that any brother seeking general enlightenment about the “*profound esoteric meaning*” of this ancient symbol of Freemasonry read the excellent paper on the WWW (link below) entitled “**The Mystery of the Masonic Mosaic Pavement**”. (Incidentally, the article is illustrated with several interesting colour photographs, including one of the main floor of the **Notre Dame de Paris**, a Cathedral built by the Knight Templars.)

[\(https://derinistihbarat.wordpress.com/2012/07/19/masonic-symbols-the-mystery-of-the-masonic-mosaic-pavement/\)](https://derinistihbarat.wordpress.com/2012/07/19/masonic-symbols-the-mystery-of-the-masonic-mosaic-pavement/)

The author of this paper leaves no doubt as to the grand role assigned to our Mosaic Pavement in his opening paragraph,

i.e.: “**The black and white checkered floor has existed in temples since the times of ancient Egypt. More than simply decorative, the Mosaic Pavement bears a profound esoteric meaning. Today it is one of Freemasonry’s most recognizable symbols and is the ritualistic floor of all Masonic lodges. The pavement is the area on which initiations occur and is “emblematic of human life, checkered with good and evil.”**

With this perfunctory synopsis in mind, let us proceed directly to respond to the question if our protocols permit anyone to walk or stand on the Mosaic Pavement on occasions other than those specified in our Openings and Closings, or in our other rituals and ceremonies?

The reluctance to walk upon the Mosaic Pavement when you don’t “have” to can no doubt be traced back through the centuries when certain Masonic illustrations were hand-drawn on the floor immediately prior to each meeting and scrubbed off after the meeting was concluded.

The Mosaic Pavement was typically included in one of these chalk illustrations and only the candidate would be caused to walk upon the drawing. Today the pavement is constructed of much more durable material, usually ceramic tiles. That is one of the main reason we do not prohibit casual walking on the pavement.

So while the answer is “**Yes**”, brethren can hopefully be persuaded not to overdo such occasions, especially when the Mosaic Pavement in a lodge room is not constructed from ceramic tile. Please consider what impact a constant flow of foot traffic may have on the “pavement”, particularly if it is just a patterned carpet or one hand-crafted from wood.

Another of the reasons there is no prohibition in our Grand Jurisdiction against walking on the Mosaic Pavement is that the size and design of our lodge rooms vary considerably. Some Mosaic Pavements extend almost from the S.W.’s dais to the altar, making it virtually impossible to avoid treading on them.

Also, when a large number of visitors are present in a small lodge room, when space is limited, there may be no other option for some of them to stand (or even sit) on the Mosaic Pavement.

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





A Masonic Minute - Handshake

“So here’s a hand my trusty friend”
– Bro. Robert Burns (1759-1796)

During the latter part of January many lodges hold events celebrating the birthday of Bro. Robbie Burns (25 January 1759). The kilt will be worn, the haggis will be addressed, the pipes will play, and the Immortal Memory of Scotland’s favourite son will be toasted with a dram. Invariably the festivities will end with the singing of his great hymn to brotherhood – *Auld Lang Syne*. It, like so much of his poetry, encapsulates the spirit of Freemasonry that he embraced.

Of all the mythology surrounding our Fraternity, the ‘secret handshake’ must rank in first place. Nothing fuels the fertile fantasies of the conspiracy obsessed public more than the simple handshake exchanged when two Brethren meet. It is usually the first question asked in any interview given to the media by a Mason.

Clasping right hands is an almost universal form of greeting when two people are introduced, or when they meet. It may have originated in ancient times to show that both parties had open and affable intentions and that there was no weapon in the hand. The right hand was favoured to carry a sword, axe or lance in battle.

Shaking hands is a symbol of agreement, often used to show goodwill and sincerity by statesmen, diplomats, and politicians. In simpler times, many deals were closed with a simple handshake.

The so-called ‘secret Masonic handshake’ is part of our inheritance from the stonemasons’ guilds of the middle ages from which modern Masonic lodges emerged in the early eighteenth century, and from which we derive much of our terminology and symbolism. In the age of the building of the castles, cathedrals, and abbeys of Europe, when the skilled craftsmen – *Freemasons* – travelled from building site to building site, it was necessary to have some form of identification. In the medieval period there were no trade school certificates, no college diplomas, or union cards to validate the bearer’s training, skill and ability. A system of handshakes, with subtle variations, together with passwords was devised to indicate the skill, experience or proficiency level of the craftsmen. These were kept as ‘trade secrets’ in each level of proven skill and ability. We have retained them as part of our traditional history to honour our ancient operative brethren. They are known as ‘modes of recognition’ and are considered confidential and private matters to be kept within the Fraternity. How anyone can derive a sinister meaning from such a gesture of mutual trust and fraternal affection is beyond reason.

The real significance of the ‘Masonic handshake’ is the sincere bond of friendship

– the Mystic Tie – that it symbolizes. Every Freemason is an integral part of this Universal Brotherhood, bound by sincere affection to a Global Fraternity – Brothers without borders. When we form a circle, join hands, and sing Bro. Burns’ *Auld Lang Syne* we celebrate the essence of our gentle Craft.

From the Legacy and Collected Works of M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels on the Hamilton District C Website [Legacy of Raymond-Daniels](#)

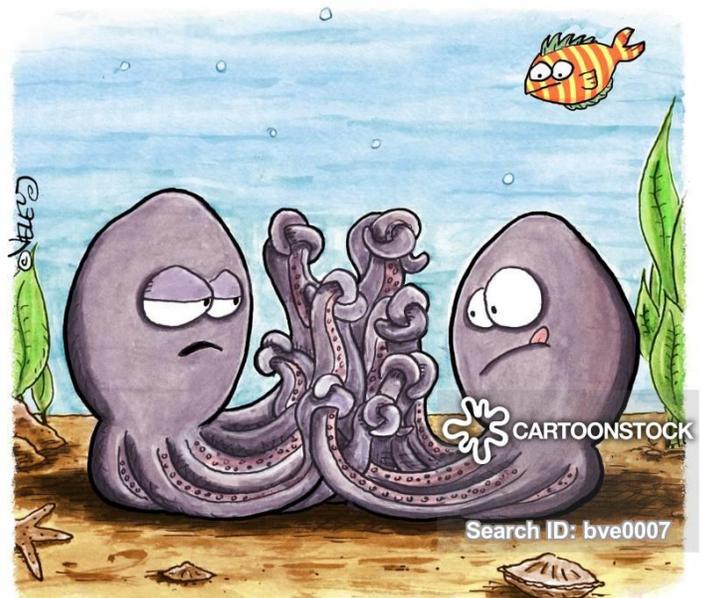
Or Read the Book Available from Grand Lodge *The collected Works of M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels*, copyright Masonic Holdings, Hamilton

Masonic Education

Here is a definition of a word found within Masonic ritual that is not common outside of our Lodge rooms.

Conduce The uninitiated man might think the word was mispronounced and should have been ‘condense’, or perhaps ‘conduct’, or maybe ‘induce’. A newly made Mason upon hearing the word ‘conduce’ in the context of the lecture may begin to appreciate that it has some meaning connected to a positive action. And indeed, educated men of the Middle Ages brought the word ‘conduce’ from Latin into English with the positive and active meaning of ‘to lead’. As an experienced Mason delivers the lecture with this word he is encouraging the Candidate to take a course of action that will lead (or conduce) to make him a better man; and able to exert his natural abilities more fully; and toward two high goals.

W. Bro. Marshall Kern, F.C.F., Librarian & Historian. Blog: <https://masterseblem.wordpress.com/>



“This whole secret handshake thing was your idea, so YOU figure out how to undo it!”

Labour in Masonry: A brief introduction

The Chronicle welcomes a new series revealing the various aspects of labour. The plan is for 3 articles on the different types of labour... self improvement, relationships, and civic duty, with a concluding article. This series is about exoteric Masonry as applied to the concept of labour/work.

Labour is the lot of man, and our particular type of labour consists in making good men better. We open our Lodge by commencing our labour in order, and a lodge at work refers to a lodge that confers degrees. As Masons we are called to labour, that is, we are called to do “the work”. In fact, we are given physical tools, corresponding to skill level, with an allegorical meaning in order to complete our work. Our task is to readily apply those tools in our everyday affairs.

Life is complicated – it is a journey with many ridges, odds and ends, and unsightly patches, yet our participation in the “craft” is to work. Only by our perseverant efforts can we ever hope to achieve our end goal of transforming the rough into the smooth ashlar. This notion of labour is vastly different to what our preconceptions of a ‘divine’, or ‘enlightened’ state may be. We may think that at some time, maybe even the near future, we will have completed the work, but this is not the case. The work is enduring, lasting up until one’s final breath here on Earth. Even if in old age our frail bodies can no longer lift up the physical, or “outward” tools, our institution bestows us with allegorical, or “inward” tools that can be utilized at any point.

We are told that “knowledge grounded on accuracy, aided by labour and promoted by perseverance will overcome all difficulties, raise ignorance from despair and establish happiness in the paths of science”. This short phrase, often overlooked, is the keystone of Freemasonry. By our participation in degree work we receive (and convey) accurate knowledge, and from our own perseverant labours we are able to integrate this knowledge within our daily lives, thus transmuting the oblivious to the astute, and misery to joy.

There are a few main ‘active’ labours that Freemasonry tasks of its members, which are given in charges to the candidate in each of the three degrees. They are – serious contemplation of the Volume of the Sacred Law, study of the liberal arts and sciences (especially Geometry), improving the morals and correcting the manners of men in society, and making a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. All of these labours are considered active since they require your full attention and effort in order to participate, and consequently, there is no end in sight to any of these labours. When meditating upon the VSL, studying the liberal arts and sciences, or improving the morals and manners of men, Masons must engage in a labour known as iterative reprocessing. This means that we approach the work numerous times, or in many iterations, and as our skill as craftsmen improves, we develop new heuristics and increase our standards to accommodate for refining our understanding, hence re-processing our situation. This is why we are told that the badge, or emblem, of our degree is a measure of ‘external appearance’ rather than internal skill. This process of repeating

the work constantly and fine-tuning our sensibilities is the ‘proper use of time’ that will entitle a Mason to the wages of wisdom.

In this series of short articles, I intend to draw your attention to the role that labour plays in Masonry and outline some concrete methods by which you may make productive use of your labour. The following articles will each focus on three particular types of labour – the labour of self-improvement, the labour of healthy relationships, and the labour of duty to society. These three labours are discussed at length in our degree work, and for the new (and old) Mason may help develop, or confirm, the path in which he finds himself on the road of his Masonic journey. The intention behind this series of articles is to advocate for exoteric Masonry - simply put, reading what is in our degree work and actively applying this to our lives. I believe that this form of Masonry is needed more now than ever in order to increase fluency in the lifeblood of our institution, our degree work, and for Masons to get out of Masonry what they actively put into it.

Submitted by Bro. James Lannigan



Keep the P.A.C.E.

Positive Action Creates Enthusiasm

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Tom Young, an article on which he based his theme as D.D.G.M. for Hamilton B District.

Keep the Pace Address to New Year’s Day Levee, 2008
R.W. Bro. Chris Batty, PDDGM, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 9

Most Worshipful Brother Bob Drury’s theme for his year has an interesting background. For some of his life he was in the transportation business and his theme comes directly from the transportation industry.

Setting maximum speed limits on roads is an extremely difficult task. One has to logically set the maximum speed on a road for 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. The environmental variations over this period range from broad daylight to pitch black, temperatures from plus 40 degrees to minus 40 degrees Celsius, from bright sunlight to rain, hail and snow storms. Traffic conditions vary from the low traffic volumes of Sunday morning to peak rush hour traffic of Wednesday at 5:00 PM. And if these variables do not make it difficult, consider the varying driver profiles of the 18-year old male, the working mother with her two children, the 45- year old father, and 69-year old grandmother. Not only does each one of these drivers drive with a different frame of mind, their physical and mental capabilities vary significantly.

Many factors go into establishing road speeds, such as the type of road, the road geometry, the adjacent land use, legislation, social-political considerations, etc. A starting point for setting road speed limits is based on the philosophy of establishing the maximum speed that 85 per cent of all drivers will accept as the maximum speed under all environmental and traffic conditions — the speed that drivers actually drive at, not the speed that they tell you they drive at. The reason for this philosophy is that if all vehicles are travelling at the same speed, in a single stream of traffic, then it is impossible for one vehicle to hit another. For a collision to occur in a single stream of traffic, a vehicle either has to speed up or slow down. Consequently, if a driver keeps the pace of the traffic stream, the probability of being involved in a traffic collision is reduced.

✳ Most Worshipful Brother Drury charged us all to “Keep the Pace.” He included in his theme the acronym PACE with the words Positive Action Creates Enthusiasm. Keeping the Pace is a positive and active way to drive safely. To Bob Drury, I am sure, being positive meant showing optimism, confidence and improvement, or being constructive in attitude and intention. And “action”: doing something that will make us successful, developing ideas, following through and implementing them. Bob suggested that we make ourselves known in our communities, assisting in making our communities better places in which to live, work and play.

As I wrote these words I became aware that in Keeping the Pace you only have to do the first two — Positive Action — and the other two — Creates Enthusiasm — in the words of Bob Drury, just naturally follow! By being positive and being active, success just naturally follows; it is created by the positive action. Successful sports teams have a positive attitude, are active in practicing their game, active at being physically and mentally fit. It just naturally follows that they develop enthusiasm within the local population.

I am sure that Bob’s vision for his Lodges was similar to this: that the members should have a positive attitude, be active in their Lodges, be active in their communities, and enthusiasm would naturally follow within the local population. To find encouragement in developing a positive attitude for ourselves, our Lodges, and for sports teams, we can do no better than to refer to the wisdom and words of Vince Lombardi who said: “If you aren’t fired with enthusiasm, you’ll be fired with enthusiasm.” *“In great attempts, it is glorious even to fail.”* and *“People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defences or the problems of modern society.”*

I think that this last quote of Vince Lombardi is so important to us all, and epitomizes Bob Drury’s theme for his year that I will repeat it: “People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defences or the problems of modern society.” As a tribute to Bob Drury, let us act positively and work together, in our homes, our Lodges, and our communities, so that we all may have a healthy, happy and prosperous future, in short, Keep the Pace and remember that Positive Action Creates Enthusiasm



IN MEMORIAM
 Donald James Adams
The Buchanan Lodge No.550
 Initiated December 13 1968
 Passed January 2, 1969
 Raised February 20, 1969
 Passed to the Grand Lodge Above December 13,2020
 W. Bro. Jim Suenaga
Member of Harodim Lodge No. 513
 Past Master of Wardrobe Lodge No. 555
 Passed to the Grand Lodge Above November 23, 2020
In Life Respected, In Death Regretted.
We will cherish them in our hearts forever.

From the Editor

Brethren,
 January and we have signs of hope and a vaccine. 2021 looks like it will be an interesting year. So many events that normally fill our pages are quiet due to Covid. But we now have a successful Virtual District Forum up and running; and look forward to a first ever Virtual Communication in July.

Let us know about any online Masonic Events you attend and and we will add it to the district calendar. SO many international Masonic meetings happening, it is worth reading the message from our Grand Secretary on how to deport ourselves.

Thank you to Bro. James Lannigan for his willingness to do a series for us. As the Sr. Warden for Temple Lodge, he has chaired our Book club and I look forward to reading the perspective of an up and coming line officer and how he sees the labour we need to put in to doing the Work well.

Hope 2021 is a better year for all of us, may you and yours all be well and happy

S&F, Glen


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