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## From our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren,

Merriam Webster's  
Definition of  
synchronicity

1: the quality or fact of  
being synchronous

2: the coincidental  
occurrence of events and  
especially psychic events  
(such as similar thoughts  
in widely separated  
persons or a mental image  
of an unexpected event  
before it happens) that  
seem related but are not  
explained by conventional  
mechanisms of causality  
—used especially in the  
psychology of C. G. Jung



Does the following tale meet the definition?

Along long time ago, my grandfather Percy Winston Stephen (whom I named after,) left Scotland for greener pastures here in Canada. Recently Brethren you may have noticed that during the pandemic we introduced The Hamilton Masonic Forum. We have been committed to establishing a District C Forum/meeting place.

Our first guest presenter was R. W. Bro. Thomas Hogeboom. Our next two presenters were M. Emt. K. and Supreme Grand Master, William Mann of the Knights Templar, and Ill. Bro. Robert Whitmore Sovereign Grand Commander of the A. & A. S. R. Each guest presenter was asked to reflect on those motivations that empowered and compelled them onwards; through the many trials and tribulations that can

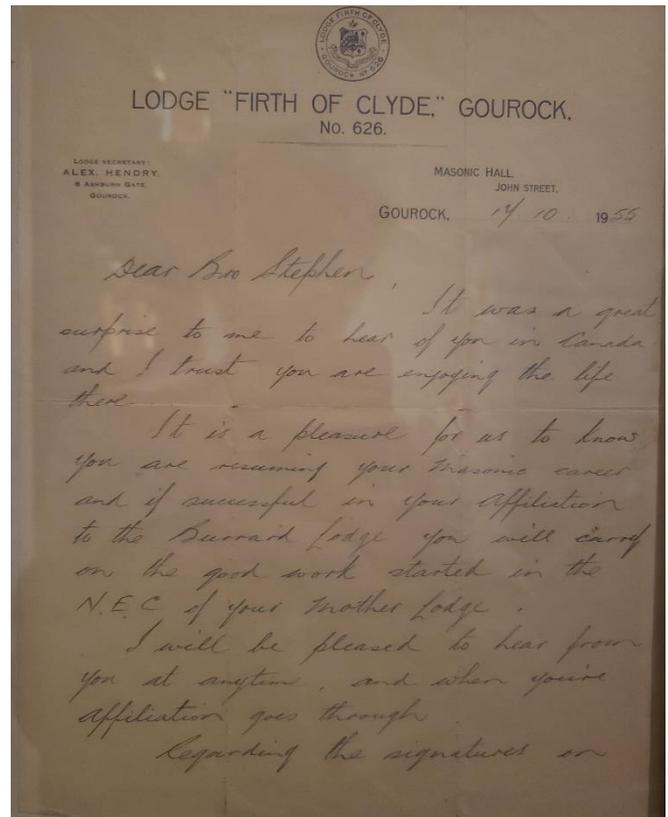
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befall many in our ranks. To a man they all said their fathers and grandfathers were lasting motivations to their persistence.

A few weekends ago, the Saturday after William Mann presented, I was tasked with cleaning; you know dusting and vacuuming. On my household trek I came across an envelope titled “Masonic.” I remember being given the envelope, as my wife does but neither of us can say with certainty when. We believe it was after my son Michael was born in Vancouver. We took him (Michael, our new baby,) to see his great Uncle and great Aunt, brother and sister-in-law to Percy Stephen.

You must understand I have never been given proof of anyone in my family ever being a Mason. Although at home I have a family tree that goes back to 720 AD and includes many references to my family being Templars none are mentioned as Masons, until I opened this recently discovered envelope.



The contents of the envelope revealed my Grandfathers affiliation letter from Gourcock Lodge 626 in Scotland to Burrard Lodge 50 in Vancouver. It appears that he was graciously awarded a Life membership from Gourcock Lodge 626, but it was before he immigrated to Canada as it comes as a surprise to the Secretary writing the letter that he is even in Canada. A claim was made by the Secretary that he/Percy continue the “good work, of the N E C.”

The synchronicity as far as I see it is that on being asked three times of each guest presenter what their motivation to sticking with Masonry was; amongst other reasons, each replied father and Grand father. And even though I cannot claim that was or is my reason for my perseverance I can say that another side of my journey has revealed itself to me and has rewarded me. I am blessed to possess this document and I will cherish it always, for I did not know the man, he died in 1956 and probably did not even read this letter.

Brethren, there is knowledge everywhere, it is in the past, its around us and its our future.

I would like to thank last months guest presenter M. Emt. K. William F. Mann, Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar Canada for a very entertaining and well attended presentation.

**I am pleased to announce that our guest presenter next month (March) is our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. David J. Cameron.**

To all sick and shut in Brethren may the G. A. O. T. U. ease and relieve your burdens.

Cum Luce Salutem!

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

## From the Grand Lodge Website ...

[Added January 26, 2021](#)

[Mentoring Matters Bulletin Vol 9](#)

[Now available - Masonic Speaker Events hosted by Committees, Districts and Lodges are now available in the Events Calendar in the member's area.](#)

[Added December 31, 2020](#)

[GM Blog December 2020](#)

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[Covid-19 Update from the Grand Master](#)

[The Communique - December 2020](#)

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/>

## From the Grand Master December 2020 Blog



Brethren,

I suggested in my December message that one call a brother to brighten his day. And right away I got a call from the Immediate Past Grand Master of Alberta! He was raised in Ontario and still gets newsletters from here. He said he read my message and so he called. What a treat!

This month I attended, virtually, the Installations of the Grand Orient of Paraná Brazil and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia (both on the same day – something I never could have done in person).

The Grand Historian of Massachusetts, R.W. Bro. John Hess, spoke to Sharon Lodge No. 97 and I was able to join them to welcome their Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Richard Maggio who also was on the videoconference. I had met him almost exactly a year before at Mount Vernon which we visited as part of the social program at the Grand Lodge of DC.

Another DC Mason, W. Bro. Andrew Hammer and I did a join session for Templum Lucis Lodge No. 747. And I spoke to Wilson District. A number of districts are already booking virtual visits for the new year!

I spoke at the Sapere Aude virtual sessions out of Tbilisi, Georgia and the Ninth International Masonic Town Hall out of South Africa.

Closer to home I was able to attend Zoom calls with two of my lodges, and even a Staff Holiday party for the Grand Lodge office.

So much able to be done virtually. And all over the world!

David J. Cameron

Grand Master

# Grand Lodge Events



**BRIDGEWOOD LODGE**  
A.F. & A.M. No. 713 G.R.C.  
Toronto Humber Valley District

INSTITUTED JUNE 17, 1964  
CONSTITUTED & CONSECRATED  
OCTOBER 20, 1965

The Worshipful Master of Bridgewood Lodge invites you to an evening of education.

The speaker for the evening is the Most Worshipful of the grand lodge in the province of Ontario, The Grand Master David J. Cameron.

The topic for discussion: The Entered Apprentice

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2021**

Time: the lodge will open the call at 7:30 PM and the lecture will start at 8 PM

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7366523119>

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# ATTENTION ALL LODGES

## FREEMASONRY IN ONTARIO VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

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



### For Men Who Have Expressed An Interest In Freemasonry

Membership Pillar

#### Notice To All Lodges

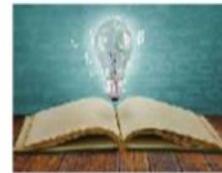
Have men submitted an application to your Lodge or expressed interest in Freemasonry, but are now in a holding pattern because of our Covid-19 pause? The Membership Pillar is pleased to announce that information sessions will be held to assist in keeping these men interested in Freemasonry.

These sessions will include information about:

Our History  
Our Lodges  
Commitments

Who We Are  
What Do Masons Do  
Be A Freeman Facts

Why Become a Mason  
Beyond Our Ceremonies  
Town Hall Q&A Forum



It is the Membership Pillar's desire to send a personal invitation, to each man, requesting that he join us in one of these "Virtual Information Sessions". To assist in sending this personal invitation, Lodges are requested to submit the man's name and email address, and include the Lodge name, to:

**R.W. Bro. Leyland Muss**  
Chairman of Seminars & Workshops Committee  
[leylandmuss@gmail.com](mailto:leylandmuss@gmail.com)

The Grand Lodge Education Committee Presents:



## AN EVENING WITH THE CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK

Presented by M. W. Bro. Donald Mumby!



**February 6th, 2021**  
**@ 7:00pm EST**

**Please contact**  
**[dkemball@gmail.com](mailto:dkemball@gmail.com) to RSVP**

### Virtual Information Sessions on Freemasonry in Ontario

The GL Membership Pillar is pleased to announce that they are offering information sessions on Freemasonry in Ontario, for those men who have submitted an application with a Lodge but are in a holding pattern because of our Covid pause, or who have expressed an interest in Freemasonry to a Lodge or Brother.

The above promotion poster offers more about the sessions, the contact information being requested and to whom it should be forwarded.

The Membership Pillar is requesting that the name and email contact information of these men be submitted so that a personal invitation can be sent to each man offering him an opportunity to join us in one of these information sessions.

Finding out more about who we are is important to an inquiring man. We look forward to our Lodges and the membership at large. embracing this newly offered information session for men interested in Freemasonry.

## Around the District (Virtually)

### Hamilton C District - Masonic Forum

# Hamilton Masonic Forum

Under the leadership of R.W. Bro. Jason McCulloch, District Deputy Grand Master, Hamilton Masonic District 'C', your virtual forum team has been working to create and organise your February Forum.

We are pleased to announce W. Bro. Dave Beland will present his recently published book "Ecanada Art Pottery - George Emery - A Man, His Art & His Legacy." This month's forum will also include a presentation by W. Bro. Lorne Evans entitled "Masonic Entrepreneurs."

**Note:** we have changed platforms and will be using Zoom for this and future meetings to better accommodate our growing numbers, camera capacities and virtual discussions.

**When:** Wednesday February 3rd, 2021

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Where:** Online via ZOOM

W. Bro. Dave Beland will present his recently published book, "Ecanada Art Pottery - George Emery - A Man, His Art & His Legacy." Available at: [ecandabook@gmail.com](mailto:ecandabook@gmail.com)



This month's forum will also include a presentation by W. Bro. Lorne Evans entitled "Masonic Entrepreneurs."

**DATE:** Wednesday Feb 3, 2021 7:30 PM

**Location:** Online Via Zoom link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745057768?pwd=aGo2ejR1MVRoalpiaGgwd3RrY1I5dz09>

Meeting ID: 897 4505 7768

Passcode: 364104

Find your local dial in number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcIcM5UR9i>

We look forward to 'seeing' you soon - stay safe!

Fraternally,

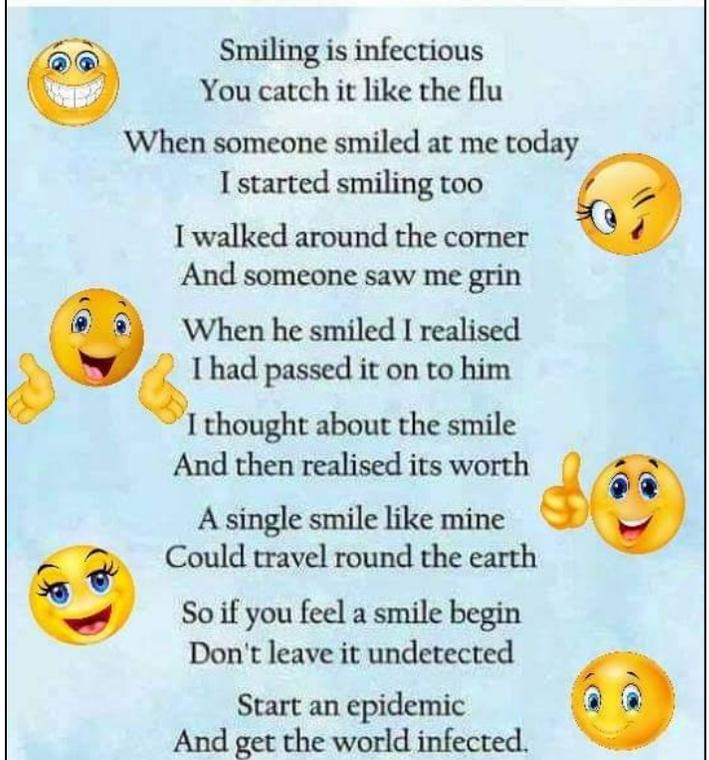
W. Bro. Bill Paul, District Masonic Education Chair

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## A Little Humour



### What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling



# Protocol and Etiquette

This P&E article is the fifth 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 for INTRODUCING Visitors . . .**



In a recent article we discussed the difference between ANNOUNCEMENTS and INTRODUCTIONS. This month's issue is devoted solely to the topic of INTRODUCTIONS in general and for current **Grand Lodge visitors** in particular.

It should be the objective for all WMs and D of Cs that the reception of visitors be carried out in both an **efficient** and a **dignified** manner. That will require some prior planning and preparation, particularly with respect to introductions when a large number of visitors are expected.

Do not make this an "impromptu" exercise, especially if you will be the Director of Ceremonies. Please give some thought as to how you will carry out your duties, what assistance you may need, and what supplementary material will be required (e.g. your glasses, a pen, a yellow highlighter, a blank piece of paper for making notes, and the Grand Lodge *Order of Introduction List*).

It is highly recommended that all D of Cs read the P&E educational handout entitled "The Reception of Grand Lodge Visitors and Banquet Hall Protocol" prior to every major lodge event, such as Installations and Official Visits. This reference material is a detailed and comprehensive summary of the D of C's role.

As mentioned in prior P&E articles, visitors should be generally be escorted into lodge in groups (and usually, the *fewer* the number of groups the better). On most occasions, the only group where everyone in the group is introduced is the one which consists of just current Grand Lodge Officers. So for the rest of this article, let's just focus on this group.

Members of this group should be lined up in the vestibule **IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WILL BE EITHER "PRESENTED" OR "INTRODUCED" IN LODGE.**

Our protocol is for all these introductions to be made in the same order as outlined in the annual Order of Introduction List. This List is typically created by the Grand Master every August and released by Grand Lodge to all lodges shortly thereafter.

The List contains the name, rank and title of EVERY current GLO in the province, beginning with the most senior rank (i.e. the GM) and ending with the lowest rank (i.e. the Grand Piper).

Using the List as his guide, the Lodge Director of Ceremonies begins the "presentations" and/or "introductions" (know the difference) with the most senior ranking GLO present, (e.g. the GM). He then proceeds to the second most senior ranking GLO and continues introducing the remainder of the GLO visitors in descending order of their rank.

## Points to Remember:

1. Keep most introductions concise and to the point, (i.e. name, rank and title).
2. There is no need for the D of C to make any prolonged introductory or personal remarks unless the GLO(s) is a stranger to the WM. In such case, he would then only make sufficient comments to brief the WM.
3. **Important:** A man's name is his most personal and prized possession. Every effort should be made by the D of C to pronounce the visitors' names correctly and distinctly. If necessary, write them out phonetically in your notebook. Full names must be used - never use diminutives (e.g. Jim, Dave, Bill, or Bob for James, David, William, or Robert), and never use informal nicknames.
4. A William Mercer Wilson Medal Recipient is NOT a current GLO. Consequently, these distinguished brethren should enter lodge with the "General Visitors" and be introduced with the "General Visitors".

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

## Masonic Education

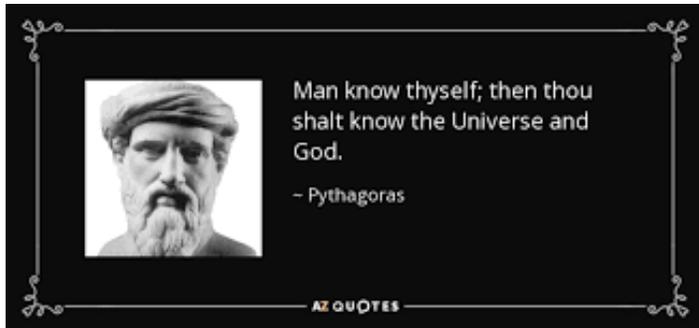
*Here is a definition of a word found within Masonic ritual that is not common outside of our Lodge rooms.*

**Dilate:** The common man understands this is a verb, an action. It is to physically make something wider or larger. Usually, it is to make the pupil of the eye dilate or become bigger. A Candidate receiving his first instructions within the tyled recesses of a Masonic Lodge may simply accept that there is a further meaning. And indeed, when he explores this word with his sponsors and mentors he will learn that there is a further meaning. As Masonry comes to us from an earlier age, an older meaning is intended of the word 'dilate' in our lectures. That meaning is to describe something, or to speak about something in detail and for a long time. Within the context of the lecture that deals with a virtue that is close to every Mason's heart, it is hoped that the virtue is so well understood by the Candidate that we do not have to pause and give examples. Rather, we can immediately continue and see that virtue demonstrated by the Candidate.

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

## Labour in Masonry: Working on Your Self

*The Chronicle continues our series revealing the various aspects of labour. This is the second of 3 articles on the different types of labour. This month's focus is on self-improvement. This series is about exoteric Masonry as applied to the concept of labour/work.*



Labour contains within itself effort and wages, or industry and merit. Industry is synonymous with effort in our case since we need to expend energy and commit time to action, and merit is synonymous with wages since we consequently receive as a result of our action.

This article will focus exclusively on self-improvement. However, before we begin to discuss how to best work on one's self, it is imperative to keep in mind that our labour is of a different nature than standard labour since it needs to be grounded in due reverence to our Creator so that we may answer our call to work for the Glory of His name.

We may balk at the temporary expenditures of energy in our daily efforts for Masonic advancement, but as a result of our endeavours there are wages to be had that are received 'on delivery' and others that may be repaid at a later time. Similarly, we may labour in pursuits that are antithetical to those espoused by our institution – there are equivalent 'wages' received for these actions as well. This is why it is essential that any candidate for initiation must first believe in a Supreme Being, that that Supreme Being will punish vice and reward virtue, and that that Supreme Being has revealed His will to man.

If we keep in mind the main focus of answering the call to labour is for the Glory of God then we will always have motivation and our goals will always be aligned with what is best for us. This thought combined with the notion that 'labour is the lot of man' will help to ensure that we know our own standing in relation to where we want to progress on our path.

To make the path of self-improvement much more straightforward, we must first acknowledge that this world is a world of action (known by the Qabbalists as "Assiah"). Every moment that you are existing here, right now, is a moment of action and you are an active participant within it. The decisions that you make this moment, and the actions that you take recourse to, have an impact on the next series of events that you encounter, and can be said to be probabilistically determined

by previous courses of action that you have employed. There is no time to consider motivation or willpower – there is action alone. You must take action now in order to change the path that you are on or to set the next stone ahead. There is time for reflection undoubtedly, but this reflection should only be in consideration for future actions, i.e. further path-building. We must learn from our past to guide our present to have a productive future.

Aside from labour conducted toward productive or even antithetical goals, there is another path that we as Masons need to avoid – that of inaction. The path of inaction affords wages for the Mason – decadence, waste, anger, and resentment. Inaction will not enable the Mason to complete his allotted task in the daylight of life, in fact, inaction demonstrates that a Mason is a Mason in name alone, for his heart has not been touched by the spirit of truth, and as an institution, we have laboured in vain.

Please note, I am not encouraging you to do anything that is contrary to the laws of God or man for selfish reasons, but to promote your own flourishing for the benefit of God. As a creature reflecting on your position within the broader world in which you find yourself, you need to act so that profit and pleasure may be your result. Similarly, I am not advising the reader to rush forward or retreat in haste since this would be ill-advised action as well.

We need to trust our intuition on the matter – the feeling of the right pace for going through life. Sometimes there are sprints, jogs, walks, and even a chance for rest. In order to know these times, we must act in clarity with all of our being. Even though we are made up of diverse parts, we are instructed to listen to the call of nature that bears witness to the immortal vital principle that resides within us and consequently directs, or pushes, us forward. Some people may consider this 'living on the edge', however this slight change in perspective, from waiting for action to acting in every moment will, I hope, shake up the reader of this passage to take the next step forward in path-making the next phase on his journey.

So where do we start? I encourage you to act now to consider both your short and long term goals. Write them out and begin acting on them, taking both big and small steps along the way. Your goals may be lofty and ambitious, while others can be of a more pragmatic nature, but it is your actions alone that will help determine whether you reach them or not.

**Submitted by Bro. James Lannigan**

**Temple Lodge No. 324**





## “Ashlars - Rough, Smooth Story Of A Stone”

**A Lecture by R.W. Bro. John Johnston**

Electric Lodge – November 16, 2011

An eminent sculptor was once asked: "How do you carve such beautiful statues?" He replies, "It is the simplest thing in the world. I take a hammer and chisel and from a massive, shapeless rock, I knock off all the stone I do not want, and there is the statue. It was there all the time."

In every Masonic Lodge room there is, or should be, the Rough Ashlar and the Perfect Ashlar. These two and the Trestle Board constitute our Immovable Jewels. What is their significance? What do they have to do with Masonry? In our monitorial work we are taught that the Rough Ashlar "is a stone that is taken from the quarry in its rude and natural state" and that the Perfect Ashlar "is a stone made ready by the hands of the workman, to be adjusted by the working tools of the Fellow Craft."

The Rough Ashlar was not a stone that was merely picked up somewhere. It was a stone that has been selected. Some work was done upon it. It was apparently a good stone. It was a stone that showed good prospects of being capable of being made into a Perfect Ashlar. If it had not been a good stone, it would never have been cut out from the quarry.

So it is with our prospective member. He cannot be merely picked up somewhere. He must be selected. Before he is ready to be initiated some work must be done upon him. He must stand certain basic tests. He must be apparently of good material. He must be a man who shows good prospects of being capable of being made into a good Mason. If he had not been a good man, he should never have been proposed for membership.

In changing a Rough Ashlar into a Perfect Ashlar, the workman takes away and never adds to. He chips and chips. He cuts away the rough edges. He removes the visible flaws, he does not create by chemical means or otherwise, a new material. He takes that which is already there and develops it into the Perfect Ashlar. The stone from which the Venus de Milo was carved by an unknown sculptor of ancient times, lay since the beginning of time in the rocks of the Island Milo.

A common, unknown workman may have cut a huge piece of marble from the quarry. But it took a master artisan to carve out the beautiful statue. It took a good piece of marble and a skilled artist to produce the Venus de Milo. Not many operators in Masonry can make a Perfect Ashlar. So there are not many perfect Masons in our Lodges. In our Ritualistic and other work, we can take away much of the roughness, remove the sharp points and obliterate the visible defects. We can produce as good a Mason as there is within our power to produce. But the essential thing is to have a good material upon which to

work. This statement is applicable to all mankind, but to us as Symbolic Masons, it is pregnant with meaning, for, was not each one, at the commencement of his Masonic career, placed in the Northeast corner as an example stone, in the hope that the stone so placed would, in the fullness of time, be wrought into a thing of beauty acceptable to the builder?

*What does the poet say of the stone?  
Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings  
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,  
And common folks like you and me  
Are builders for eternity?  
Each is given a kit of tools,  
A shapeless mass and a book of rules:  
And each must make, ere life is flown;  
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.*

These are very true words. The kits of tools are those talents with which God has blessed us to enable us to fulfill our mission in life. We are told in the Volume of the Sacred Law that one man received five talents, another, two talents, and yet another, only one talent, so that our duty is for each to discharge his allotted task to the best of his ability and help those who have not been so well blessed as himself.

Thus each will be assisted in carving out the "Grand Design" of being happy and communicating happiness and thereby of being more "extensively serviceable to his fellow creatures." The shapeless mass is a man's character, and each one of us is his own Architect, Builder and Material, and like our predecessors, the Operative Masons, we each must show our craftsmanship in working out a perfect "Ashlar" fit to be tried by the square of his own conscience.

The book of rules is the V.O.S.L. "That great light that will guide us to all truth, direct our steps in the path of happiness, and thus, point out the whole duty of man." Let us pause for a moment and earnestly ask ourselves, which are we making--stumbling block or a stepping stone? If a man's life is such that he cannot "join in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness to others," then he is a stumbling block, not only to himself, but to all those with whom he is associated. If that man is a Freemason he should study the ritual and discover the inner meaning, so that he can learn to perfect his stone.

Let us trace whence comes this perfect stone. An ancient charge provides that a mould stone shall be given to a visiting Operative Mason to enable him to demonstrate his craftsmanship. The stones were selected individual stones from the quarries to suit the requirement of the material building. As Speculative Masons, we obtain our mould stones from the quarries of life. Thus, when we receive an application for admission to our Lodge it is our duty to carefully scrutinize all the credentials of the applicant from every angle, so that only approved material is admitted to the Craft.

Freemasonry can and does improve good material, but it cannot make bad - material good. As with the Operative Mason, poor material would have endangered the material structure. So with us as Speculative Masons, a faulty Ashlar will endanger the Spiritual temple we are endeavoring to build.

Having found, by the strictest inquiry, that the applicant, or mould stone, is suitable, we have, by those inquiries, knocked off some of the irregularities which surrounded him, and after his initiation, he is represented as the "rough Ashlar," that is, the stone is no longer the mould stone, but it is approximately a cube which still requires a considerable amount of "dressing" before the "perfect Ashlar" which is within it can be brought to light.

Later on he finds that, although the common gavel and chisel are suitable for reducing the roughness they are not capable of achieving perfection. As he continues on his Masonic Journey he will be informed of the other tools that are required in order for the rough Ashlar to achieve perfection.

In his capacity as a Craftsman and as a man of the world, he is continually coming into contact with his fellow Masons and he learns to control his passions and to recognize the rights of others, with the result that the stone he is working upon, namely, his character, is gradually taking shape as a perfect Ashlar.

Later, he is called upon to hand his stone over to the Builder, who cuts a beveled hole at the top, so that the stone can be attached to a lewis and be hoisted up ready to be placed on the base assigned to it by the Builder. Thus, he is reminded that the rope, the lewis, and the crane represent the all sustaining power of God, and that if he has discharged his duty faithfully and in accordance with the precepts laid down in the V.S.L., he may rest assured that when his final summons comes he will find that the great Builder will have prepared a place for him in that "Great Spiritual Temple not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

Finally, let us consider this "perfect Ashlar" from a geometric point of view. Looking at the perfect "Ashlar," as it stands in the Lodge we notice that it has six flat, level and smooth sides, and that no matter how it is placed down, on the level, it must stand on one of its faces and present a similar face to the observer, from any point of view. It is the only geometrical body which requires no support from its fellows, but when placed in line with similar cubes, demands its own space, and lines up with the others on top, bottom and sides.

So my brethren let us work towards being a perfect ashlar, let us line up with our other Brethren to form a perfect line of harmony and Brotherly Love, and let us instill in ourselves the belief that Masonry does make a "Good Man Better"

Brethren thank you for your attention.

**From the speeches archived on the Hamilton District C Website [Past DDGMs - Masonic District C - Hamilton](#)**



## Get Well Soon



DDGM R.W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson

Wayne is home and resting.  
He is weak and needs recovery time.  
He thanks the brethren for their thoughts and prayers.  
Special thanks to R.W. Bro.'s Jason McCulloch and William MacPherson for this update.

## From the Editor

Brethren,

February and our first storm of 2021. Updates from Grand Lodge on events and more virtual meetings. Our District forum is moving to Zoom to be more available and interactive. It is almost a concern that we are getting so used to being online.

Another interesting read from Bro. James Lannigan on Labour. The content was really interesting and I was able to support it with a speech from our District Archives from R.W. Bro. John Johnson. So many interesting things to read from past DDGM's.

Friday, February 12 is Chinese New Year – the Metal Ox: Hardworking, active, always busy, and popular among friends. So very much like an active Mason in Lodge! ..and don't forget Valentines!



S&F, Glen



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