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From our District Deputy Grand Master

EASTER

The Season of Hope

All of our seasons of remembrance are like a well braided cable tow, binding us to our traditions, gathering us into a robust and certain agent of unity. Every season, but perhaps Easter most of all, best represents the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Faith, Hope and Charity are at the very core of Freemasonry and like the threads and fabric of our society can be woven into a coherent whole. We hang our hopes and dreams on truths like faith, hope and charity and as the season of Easter approaches, we are ever reminded of the great Exemplars sacrifice! That sacrifice and selflessness are the only roads to redemption! We should in this season of Hope be reminded that Faith, Hope and Charity go before all Martyrs and rests squarely on the level of the foundations of our Brethren’s ancient knowledge.

William Bulter Yeats wrote in “Rosa Alchemica;”

“As I thought of these things, I drew aside the curtains and looked out into the darkness, and it seemed to my troubled fancy that all those little points of light filling the sky were the furnaces of innumerable divine alchemists, who labour continually, turning lead into gold, weariness into ecstasy, bodies into souls, the darkness into God;”



This quote for me describes YOU, the Brethren!

Indomitable, resourceful, mystical!

We possess Hope! Like we possess Faith and Charity! We are the harbingers of Hope for it is as certain as day following night. Hope is in the plan and the planning! It is the tool!

Shakespeare said this of hope; *“God shall be my hope, my stay, my guide and lantern to my feet.”*

Shakespeare asserts God is hope and hope is a tool or proof. Hope is mystical!

Brethren, I would like to remind you all of the first question asked of each of you on entering Lodge and Freemasonry for the first time.

If as Masons we have all answered in the affirmative to that question, then I would surmise that the feeling of trust one has in God is in my view akin to the true feeling and meaning of hope. Hope speaks not only to the mystical nature of humanity but also to the essential mystical foundations of Freemasonry! Hope felt and displayed by our collective consciousness as the body of Freemasonry must be Godly inspired and engineered for our protection!

We are in a time of Hope. To that end Brethren, I would implore each of us this Easter to pray to the Most High for hope as a guiding light and inspiration to all plans and planning and as the mystical architect of our futures!

To all sick and shut in Brethren, never forget: God loves you. I implore each of you to reach out to him for comfort and support!

God bless you all!

CUM LUCE SALUTEM

R.W. Bro. Jason McCulloch



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From the Grand Master



"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."
- J. R. R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring

What does it take to be a leader in unprecedented times? Perseverance, flexibility and imagination.

This month will mark the anniversary of the "year that didn't exist" as we are wont to call it. We decided that since we weren't meeting we would extend all the Grand Lodge officers' terms for a year so that we could take up where we left off and eventually visit all those lodges that had been on our agendas. But that is not likely to be. We wish this had not happened in our time but all we could do is decide what to do with what is given us.

We rapidly adapted to videoconferencing. The Board and their committee members, with extra time on their hands, reviewed and revised our programs. The Grand Treasurer thoroughly examined multiple scenarios of how we could fund our activities for the upcoming years. (See his letter included in this Communiqué.) The Grand Secretary, Chief Operating Officer and the office staff held down the fort. And District Deputies and District Secretaries shepherded the lodges in their charge through these challenging times, setting up videoconferences, staying in touch with the brethren by phone and newsletter, and managing the business of the districts.

We now have the capability to hold elections electronically for District Deputies and other Grand Lodge officers. Some incumbents may wish to run again. Some brethren were planning on running last year and have been patiently waiting for a chance. And there may be some who will put their name forward this year for the first time.

All this while not knowing when they will be able to resume all the traditional duties of the office, but ready to pitch in and help the Craft. Knowing they may have to persevere with videomanagement for the first few months. Knowing that the large banquets and gatherings may not be possible at first. Having the flexibility to switch between virtual and inperson duties. And having imagination to try new things.

If this describes you, I would recommend you consider letting your name stand for a Grand Lodge office. Although the elections seem a long time away, there are some deadlines to consider. Candidates for Grand Registrar, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the Board must have their nominations into the Office by April 1 as usual. Nomination papers sent in last year have been held over so those brethren do not need to resubmit. Anyone wishing to withdraw their nomination can do so until April 15.

In order to be able to have electronic voting for District Deputy Grand Masters this year, candidates for DDGM will have to submit written nomination papers to the current DDGM by May 30. Candidates should complete the work for their qualifying certificate by that date. The DDGM Preparation Team will run another course before then, and of course the College runs their course continually (and it's free during the lockdown!)

Please follow the Grand Secretary's correspondence for details on nominations and elections. The upcoming year will have its challenges, but if you have a desire to help in leading the Craft to new heights, consider putting your name forth now.

"It's the job that's never started as takes longest to finish." - Samwise Gamgee

David J. Cameron



From the Grand Lodge Website ...

Added March 9, 2021
[Grand Lodge Proceedings 2020](#)

Added March 1, 2021
[GM Blog February 2021](#)
[The Communiqué March 2021](#)
[Sankey Lecture March 28, 2021](#)
[Proposed Constitutional Amendments 2021](#)

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

From the Deputy

My Brethren:

Who says your Grand Lodge doesn't listen to its members?

After the first month of socializing the proposed Constitutional amendments, your Grand Lodge has listened and have revised our plans based on the feedback we have heard.

The initial proposal was to re-introduce all the twelve proposed Constitutional amendments from 2020 that were held in abeyance last Summer when a very short form of our Annual Communication was held. The plan was to add those twelve to the six, rather lengthy proposed Constitutional amendments from 2021. This would mean that we were going to have eighteen proposed Constitutional amendments amounting to twenty-nine pages of material on an electronic ballot that we were also experimenting with for the first time. And that doesn't count the allowable explanation capability for each that our new e-balloting system would allow.

The determination of your Grand Lodge to get caught up on all these proposed amendments has been perceived by some as a daunting task. The expectation of each member to work through every one of these proposals, spending the required amount of time to make a conscientious decision on each, was wishful thinking and that the process may not receive the appropriate attention it deserved.

So, we spent last week deciding which of these proposals were essential and which we could hold over until the Annual Communication of 2022 with the hope of having two manageable lists of proposals rather than one daunting list.

Again, as I mentioned last month, the Grand Secretary will be addressing all the new amendments from this year that deal with the proposed revisions to the Annual Communication including electronic voting on the proposed Constitutional amendments and the election of Grand Lodge Officers that will enfranchise every eligible voting Mason. As you will see by reading this Communique further, the Grand Treasurer will continue to communicate the very important amendment to increase the Grand Lodge assessment. That leaves me with only four proposed amendments to review.

Two of these proposals regarding Section 104 of the Constitution as discussed last month were to add the Form L4 Lodge Master's/Treasurer's Report to subsection (b) to be inclusive of all the reports required to be submitted in the report to Grand Lodge after an Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master and the addition of subsection (c) and (d) to deal with the suspension of Lodge Warrants for failure to submit these said L forms within forty-five days of an Official Visit.

Another proposed amendment under the category of Lodge Changes is to revise Form 4, Section 298(a) found in Part VII – Forms, at the back of the Constitution. Form 4 is an example of how a Lodge Secretary should set up the Lodge Minute Book. The revision here was to add Masonic Education as an item that should be a part of every Lodge meeting and so recorded in the Minute Book. As you know, this is one of the

important strategic initiatives of the Grand Lodge Ritual, Education, Mentoring focus for the next several years.

Be sure to tune in next month when I will review the final proposed amendment for this year on Grand Lodge branding.

We are continuing to take this opportunity to socialize the proposed Constitutional amendments now before voting day when you have them all in front of you at once for your decision. We want to ease this stress and make sure everyone has every question answered long before the vote. Your responsibility is to be a well-informed voter. We have decided that an integral part of this is to make the process manageable by holding some of the less essential proposed amendments back until next year.

If you have any questions related to these proposed amendments, please send me an e-mail at office@grandlodge.on.ca and I will endeavour to make you more comfortable with the amendments and the process going forward.

Thomas W. Hogeboom, Deputy Grand Master



Home Hospice – District Charity



W. Bro. Gary Chariot presenting Terri Viola-Wilson, from Home Hospice Association with a cheque for \$8000

<https://www.homehospiceassociation.com>

Around the District (Virtually) Hamilton C District - Masonic Forum

R.W. Bro. Jason McCulloch, District Deputy Grand Master, Hamilton Masonic District 'C', along with his Forum team are pleased to announce the details of your April forum

Guest Speaker

V.W. Bro. Bill Willis,

Worshipful Master of Heritage Lodge No. 730

TOPIC – Heritage Lodge No. 730 - A Research Lodge

DATE – Wednesday, April 7th, 7:30 p.m.

ZOOM LINK –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86940144500?pwd=ZXJ0VGw0bnplakhLNThqU25mWTFXZz09>

Hamilton District C Masters and Wardens Meeting

Time: Apr 10, 2021 09:00 AM
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83211745846?pwd=b29Ja2grM3IROXdmNnBQWVVCYkpDUT09>

May 2021

District 'C' Spring Meeting

Saturday May 8, 2020, 9:00 am
Zoom Details to be provided



Vaccination Transportation

Brethren, volunteers are available if you need a ride to get to a vaccination appointment.

Just call one of our District Coordinators to arrange a ride:

- R.W. Bro. Jason McCulloch at: 905-638-4229
- W. Bro. Bill Paul at: 905-719-6464

March Forum - Thank You Grand Master!



Brethren,

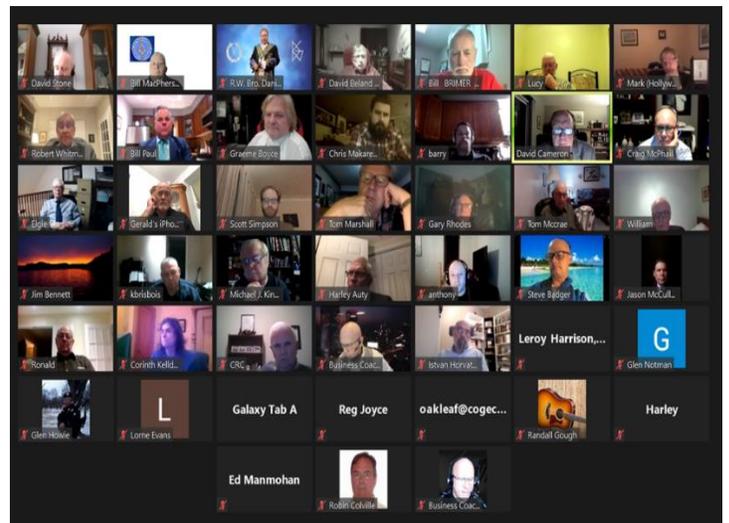
By all accounts your March forum was well received. We were fortunate enough to have our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. David J. Cameron join us to talk about his Masonic experience.

We learned of the profound impact his mother has had on his life and how she taught him to face challenges as events that needed to be moved around and beyond as a matter of fact.

We learned of our Past Grand Master's, M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels', influence in the development of our Grand Master's Masonic career. We were also given insight into Bro. Cameron's view of the pandemic from the perspective of being a medical doctor as well as a caring brother; that even though we greatly miss one another's fraternity and our gentle craft, we must continue to follow public health guidelines and be cautious when deciding to reconvene. Moreover, we heard about the essential duty to think about the current state of our lodges and, through superior communications with one another, determine our best paths forward.

Perhaps the most significant takeaway from our Grand Master's presentation was leaving the forum having heard and talked about difficult topics yet feeling inspired to meet our challenges head on, with thoughtfulness and a view to the future. We were all thankful for his time, comments and leadership.

W. Bro. Bill Paul, District Masonic Education Chair

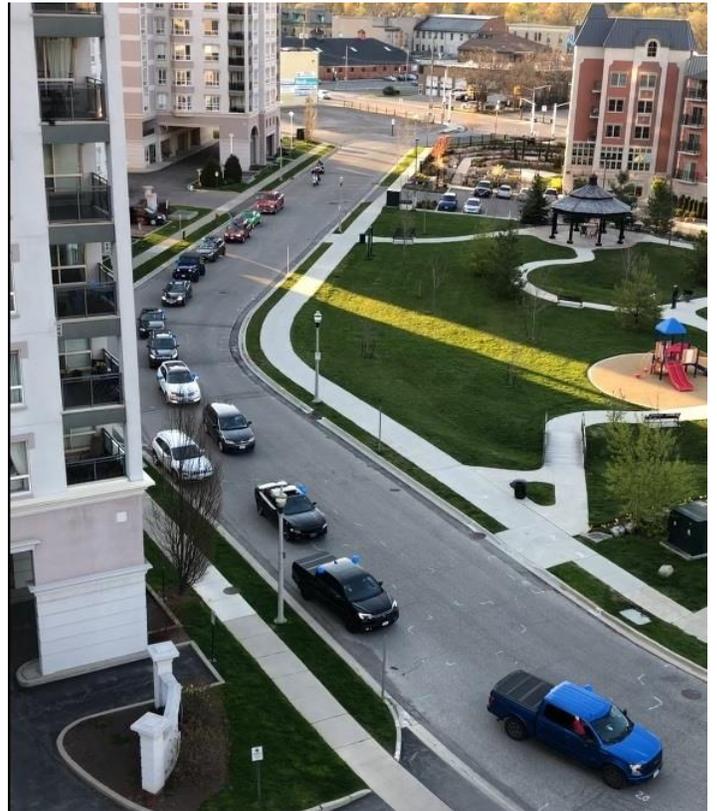


Some of the 45 Attendees @ the March District Forum

Basket Full of Hope ~ Pictures

Images from the past few years, reminding us of our shared fellowship

Not all masonry happens within the walls of the Lodge



Still more pictures



Protocol and Etiquette

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

This article discusses some of the **protocols pertaining to the ALTAR in a lodge room . . .**



It is typically the first object everyone notices upon entering one of our Masonic lodge rooms. This is only fitting, as the altar is the most important article of furniture in the room.

The most obvious indication of its importance and significance is its location. In our Grand Jurisdiction, the altar is situated in the center of the room – halfway between East and West and similarly between North and South.

The position of the altar in the lodge is not accidental. It is profoundly significant. Its location is a symbol of what Masonry believes the altar should be in actual life, i.e. a center of union and fellowship, and not a cause of division.

Masonry is not a religion, much less a sect, but an Order in which all men can unite. Masonry does not undertake to explain, or dogmatically to settle in detail, those issues by which men are divided. Beyond the primary, fundamental facts of faith it does not go. Masonry seeks to unite men, not to divide them.

(The Masonic Altar; Freemason Information.com)

Masonry does not seek uniformity of opinion, but it does seek fraternity of spirit, leaving each member free to fashion his own philosophy of the ultimate truth. Our altars represent that freedom of faith.

The altar has been described as the rallying point of Masonic thought. It is the point within the Masonic circle at which all distinctions among men are swept away, and at which every member may stand related in a common endeavour to achieve a splendid equality of Virtue, Morality, and Brotherly Love.

(William Harvey, J.P., Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire.)

It is also the place where we make our solemn vows and take lasting obligations.

In recognition of the key role the altar has in our Craft – and in the interests of uniformity throughout our Grand Jurisdiction – our Grand Lodge has established certain protocols which

provide direction to individual lodges as to what may be placed upon their altars (and when).

The only objects which should be placed on the altar are:

- An altar cloth and cushion.
- The three Great Lights.
- * The candidate's hands.
- * The two items used during the Junior Warden's lecture, (i.e. the three moveable jewels and Jacob's Ladder).
- * The Altar may be covered in a black cloth ONLY during the time that an annual Masonic Memorial Service is being conducted, but must be removed at the completion of that Service.
- * A white ballot box for inspection. (Do not place the box on the V.O.T.S.L.)
- * The personal V.O.T.S.L. of the candidate, for the taking of his Ob.
- * At the appropriate times and occasions.

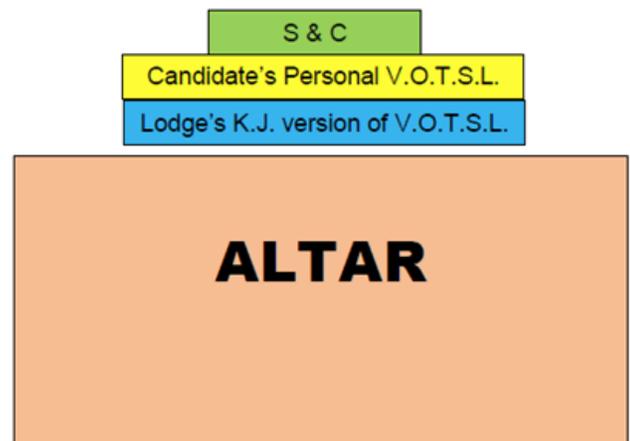
It is absolutely not permitted for a visitor to place a book, or any object of religious significance to him, (e.g. a feather) on our altar, (or to request it to so be placed).

No such requests are to be accommodated.

Appropriate Additional References

1. Issue #22 of *P&E Essentials*
2. *Questions and Answers Booklet*, (2013):
 - Pages 8 (#9); 12 (#30); 19 (#82); 21 (#90); 23 (#102); 28 (#1); 28 (#2); 28 (#4); 29 (#11); 29 (#12); 29 (#14); 29 (#15); 29 (#16); 30 (#19); 30 (#20); 31 (#24); 33 (#6); 35 (#17); 38 (#38); 38 (#39); 40 (#53); 40 (#54); 63 (#5); 64 (#9).

Where to Interpose A Candidate's Personal V.O.T.S.L. During Obs.



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

Labour in Masonry: Duty to Society

The Chronicle continues our series revealing the various aspects of labour. This is the fourth article on the different types of labour. This month's focus is on your Duty to Society relationships. This series is about exoteric Masonry as applied to the concept of labour/work.

In the last substantive article of this series, we will tackle a tertiary labour in Masonry that goes beyond the call for self and other, and that is to the collective – the society. Despite the fact that our fraternity transcends language and cultural barriers, it has a relatively straightforward view for the Mason's place in society.

First, we must bear in mind the definition of Freemasonry – it is a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. This system of morality is universal in nature and serves to inculcate the practice of virtue in a genuine practitioner of Freemasonry. The word 'universal' in our context refers to the notion of being able to transcend time and space which our institution has accomplished for hundreds of years.

Built into the ritual is a method of conserving the most important aspects of Freemasonry known as 'landmarks' – these are considered key pillars of our system that have a conservative aspect to them, notably, they reproduce Freemasonry regardless of the society or time into which it is placed. The candidate for initiation declares that once he is admitted into this society, he "will cheerfully conform to the ancient usages and established customs", and later that he will "preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration". While this is not part of a typical obligation of a candidate, it illustrates that among many other duties, a Mason has a responsibility to abide by the guidelines and regulations that have been put in place. Minor changes may be necessary from time to time, like our current COVID-19 restrictions, but this is a setback when we compare them to innovations that would ultimately derail the established goals of Freemasonry, rendering our institution into something that we and past generations would not recognize. In short, Freemasonry as it has been given to us is truly a GIFT from our predecessors and we should always treat it as the precious jewel that it is. It follows that we as Masons also have a duty to our up-and-coming candidates for initiation, those that are being passed, and those waiting to be raised (and consequently further to higher degrees) to meet the challenges and adhere to the guidelines that were in place when we were in that peculiar position!

In the previous article, I had alluded to the notion of being at odds with a brother and the consequences of it affecting the lodge. The most important aspect of this equation is not the brethren at odds, regardless of their name, their reputation, or their actions, the most important aspect is the lodge! The harmony of the lodge must be maintained regardless of the individuals that enter and exit our institution. This same harmony is reflected in a Mason's duty to society since he is

obliged to not "[propose] or [countenance] any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society", but instead, to "pay due obedience to the laws of the country which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection [and] to live and act in such a manner as to fulfil the duties of a good citizen and thereby set an example for others to emulate." This charge is so crucial to understanding the labour of duty to society and puts into perspective the role that the Mason has for society – namely, that **your participation within this institution is not for you, it is for everyone else!** The constant care charged to a Master Mason is to "improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society." You have to be the example for everyone else, every Mason, every neighbour, every kind stranger you see along your travels in life, because when the leveller of human greatness reduces us to the same level, only those distinctions of goodness and virtue shall remain.

As Masons we are constantly reminded to keep within due bounds with all mankind and particularly our brethren in Masonry. This again enforces the conserving nature of Freemasonry, that when the proper guidelines are adhered, and individuals act towards each other for virtuous mutual benefit and growth, our institution and the broader society will be a better place as a result. Our goal is to understand our duty and align ourselves with what will make that happen and pursue it! Our duty is not formed in isolation and it is not meant for us to achieve a specific end, but rather, that we are all here and have much to offer the world through the development of ourselves! Even if we didn't start off on the right foot or had a rough patch later in life, we all have something to give to the world that can benefit – our help is always needed.

**Submitted by Bro. James Lannigan
Temple Lodge No. 324**

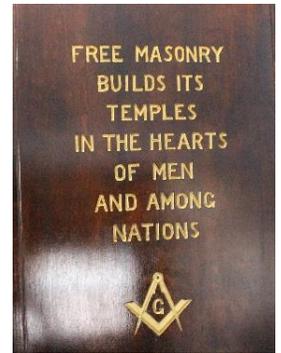


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Masonic Education

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

Enthusiast Today we want things done with enthusiasm, and we see an enthusiast as someone who is happy to do something. The educated man understands that this was not always the meaning, and our Ritual draws from this earlier time to offer a warning. Early in the 1700s there was a religious movement recognized as heretical, or contrary to then-current religious dogma. Adherents were called enthusiasts and met with opposition by ecclesial authorities. Knowing this earlier meaning and the circumstances that gave rise to it allow the initiate and Mason to properly appreciate the full meaning of the lecture describing the plumb rule.

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

The Origins of Easter



As Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and children tuck into their chocolate eggs or chocolate rabbits, and everyone enjoys another long weekend, do we ever pause to wonder why Easter originated in the spring?

In Northern Europe, winter is drawing to a close and the coming of spring heralds longer days, warmer weather and the signs of new life in gardens and in the fields. Long before Christianity was born with the crucifixion and raising of Jesus Christ, ancients often described as Pagans celebrated the feast of Eostre. Eostre was the northern goddess of spring and the dawn and of course fertility, whose spirit was felt in new plants and births both human and animals. The rabbit, with its predisposition to reproduce, was her sacred animal.

Easter, certainly in the northern hemisphere, is eggs and chocolate rabbits, but many people are not aware that ham, a preserved pork meat which we tend to associate with Christmas, is actually eaten at Easter. The ancients at the end of winter would then eat the remaining preserved meats. Eggs always formed an important element to the pagans of Europe and the Middle East at the Spring Equinox.

The Persians, Hindus and Babylonians all saw eggs as a sacred symbol. The Babylonians believed that in their 'world' a gigantic egg fell from outer space into the Euphrates and from this egg the goddess Astarte was born, another explanation for the word Easter. The story of the mystic egg moved to Rome and was part of the ceremonies of Bacchus. Colouring eggs, which are a treat for children, was a custom practised by the Druids and the Chinese and Japanese for many hundreds of years. The egg was also a symbol of fertility; Easter (Semiramis) was the goddess of Fertility. The Easter egg is a symbol of the pagan Mother Goddess and even bears one of her names. Mother Goddess is represented in many ancient cultures as the embodiment of nature, fertility and the bounties that Earth gives us.

Even before Christmas and New Year celebrations are over, major supermarkets have hot cross buns on the shelves. Those small fruit buns are associated with Easter with the cross symbolizing the crucifixion yet many Christians would be surprised to know that the bun and the cross is part of an earlier pagan fare. At the end of winter Saxons baked buns with a cross in honour of the Goddess Eostre, the cross symbolizing

the four seasons and the four quarters of the moon. The early Christian Church quickly adopted the bun, recognising the cross could symbolize the resurrection of Christ. In many Christian countries hot cross buns made without dairy products may only be eaten during lent beginning with Shrove Tuesday and ending on Good Friday. It is interesting to note that in the time of Elizabeth I, the sale of hot cross buns and spiced breads was forbidden except for funerals, Good Friday and Christmas, which caused buns to be baked at home. Even King James I attempted to control the sale of the bun. There are many old wives tales and superstitions about hot cross buns – one for example is that a bun served on Good Friday will not spoil or grow mouldy during the year, another if given to a sick person it will help them recover.

Chocolate Easter eggs and rabbits are given at Easter as presents. The tradition may have started in the middle ages in northern Europe, with the giving of coloured hardboiled eggs to children. The Easter egg hunt started as a Pagan game. The question is of course: who actually started the chocolate egg and rabbit? Early German immigrants to America in 1800 brought with them the Lower Saxony Easter festival of the Easter Bunny or 'Oschter Haws' a custom followed later by Germans who settled in Pennsylvania and it quickly became a commercial icon for Easter.

As the children and adult chocoholics tuck into their eggs and rabbits, perhaps it is time to reflect that Easter apart from commemorating the Resurrection is also a time to reflect that Easter is new life and that Mother Nature is once again bestowing her wonderful gifts.

Article extracted from Freemason magazine, March 2016, page 38.

<https://www.masons.org.au/relevance/stories/1785-the-origin-of-easter.html>



Remembering W. Bro. Jim Suenaga



In February the Hamilton Spectator ran an interesting article on the life of Jim Suenaga, a Past Master of Wardrope Lodge and a well respected jeweller in Hamilton.

Master watchmaker Hiromu “Jim” Suenaga was a victim of one of Canada’s most shameful episodes — the internment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. But after he came to Hamilton, Suenaga built a successful business, winning devoted customers — such as Lincoln Alexander — and being designated the official watch inspector for three railways.

Suenaga — who died Nov. 23, 2020 at the age of 92 — was one of 22,000 Japanese Canadians who were interned by the Canadian government after war broke out with Japan in December 1941. The policy involved the removal of all Japanese Canadians within 100 miles of the west coast of British Columbia...He started working as a watchmaker at Harris Jewellers on James Street North in 1949. He bought the business in 1962 and renamed it James Jewellers. The business operated at 16 John St. N. from 1968-94.

After that, Suenaga continued with periodic house calls and repaired watches and clocks in the workshop of his Dundas home. He was certified as a master watchmaker by the Ontario Watchmakers Association in April 1964 and served as official watch inspector for the CNR, CPR, TH&B and the OPP. He was also a certified member of the Canadian Jewellers Association.

“He was quiet but very kind hearted and patient,” said Cseresnyes, a kinesiologist. “He was a very doting husband, but he was hard working. If he wasn’t at the store, he was doing something. He didn’t have a lot of down time.” Customers had fond memories of Suenaga on social media. His daughter recalled Lincoln Alexander was a regular customer and her father said he would usually come in the day before Christmas looking for a gift for his wife.

Karen Crispin May recalled Suenaga made her and her husband’s wedding bands in 1985 and also did her nursing class grad rings in 1980. “He was an amazing man,” she said. “I remember him as gentle, skilled and kind.” Former Spectator editor and reporter Doug Foley said Suenaga was the go-to guy for watch and clock repairs. We always enjoyed going to see him,” said Foley. “A gentleman of the first order and a true craftsman.”...

Suenaga had been active with the Canadian Japanese Culture Centre in Hamilton, including serving as president, since it was founded in 1978. He was also active with the Masonic Wardrope Lodge, Probus Club and the Kids for Kaga student exchange program in Dundas. He was a black belt in judo and a member of two clubs.

Submitted by R.W. Bro. John MacPherson with extracts from: [Obituary: Jim Suenaga built successful business after enduring internment | TheSpec.com](#)

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. John Adam Bell

Temple Lodge No.324

Initiated November 12, 1974

Passed March 11, 1975

Raised May 23, 1975

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above March 15th.

**In Life Respected, In Death Regretted.
We will cherish him in our hearts forever.**

From the Editor

Brethren,

April arrives with Daffodils poking through the soil and Easter to remind us that all things change and renewal is part life.

We had some inspiring words from our Grand Master at the March Forum, attended by 45 members. HE was full of optimism for the future and pragmatic advice and caution for the present.

We built a basket full of pictures for this edition to remind everyone of the fun and fraternal side of Masonry. **PLEASE FORWARD ANY SPECIAL IMAGES for future editions.**

Another interesting piece from Bro. James Lannigan on our Duty to Society, there are some real truths provided in what he is writing.

Reading about the life of W.Bro. Jim Suenaga, makes me wonder what other interesting lives the men of Hamilton District C have led. Thanks to R.W. Bro. John MacPherson for the submission.

Hoping the Easter Bunny is good to everyone this year. Once more into the Gray Zone for most of us. Waiting (im)patiently for my turn to get vaccinated.

Be well, and be Safe.

S&F, Glen



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