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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Observations on Gold

Brethren, it is my greatest hope that you are well!

Let me first thank my wife Ann for her dedication to her family: without her support its an impossible journey!

Freemasonry's greatest capital is our Philosophy (ritualized) our historical origins (and subsequent reincarnations), and the Brotherhood (fraternal commitment), that has dutifully and loyally served humanity in my opinion from the very beginning. Our gold is both lofty and lowly; it is the prospected and the transmuted.

On reading the earlier years July Chronicle submissions from former DDGM'S, one can clearly read how the various aspects of the journey for each was personally enriching and rewarding, challenging, and exciting. Lofty yet lowly. Lofty in the sense that Freemasonry recognises and lauds the determined effort and affords great privilege to those who bear down on those responsibilities. Lowly in the sense that there is nothing more humbling than witnessing the great efforts of others in pursuit of our common aims!

According to an old Hindu legend...

...there was once a time when all human beings were gods, but they so abused their divinity that Brahma, the chief god,

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decided to take it away from them and hide it where it could never be found.

Where to hide their divinity was the question. So Brahma called a council of the gods to help him decide. "Let's bury it deep in the earth," said the gods. But Brahma answered, "No, that will not do because humans will dig into the earth and find it." Then the gods said, "Let's sink it in the deepest ocean." But Brahma said, "No, not there, for they will learn to dive into the ocean and will find it." Then the gods said, "Let's take it to the top of the highest mountain and hide it there." But once again Brahma replied, "No, that will not do either, because they will eventually climb every mountain and once again take up their divinity." Then the gods gave up and said, "We do not know where to hide it, because it seems that there is no place on earth or in the sea that human beings will not eventually reach."

Brahma thought for a long time and then said, "Here is what we will do. We will hide their divinity deep in the center of their own being, for humans will never think to look for it there."

All the gods agreed that this was the perfect hiding place, and the deed was done. And since that time humans have been going up and down the earth, digging, diving, climbing, and exploring--searching for something already within themselves."

Author unknown

We might all agree that the aforementioned Hindu legend is golden. lofty and lowly! Does it approach truth? We don't know, we have to journey! So, we go about those tasks; we dig and we dive and we climb for it.

Truth is golden, truth is the prize!

Albert Churchward, author and Freemason wrote, "Many Masons take great interest in the past history of the craft; few, we believe, have any idea of its real origin." Churchward continues in the "Origins and Antiquity of Freemasonry;" "will prove that the whole principles and tenets of the craft are the truest copy we have in existence (handed down from generation to generation) of the Eschatology of the Egyptians..." ... and that they built the great Pyramid of Ghizeh in Egypt as a monument and lasting memorial of their religion."

This is gold! Brother Churchward's work is a place to dig.

Bro. Walter L. Wilmshurst in The Meaning of Masonry wrote, "Masonry is but a glimmering ray rather than a powerful beam of light, it is none the less a true ray; a kindly light lit from the worlds central altar-flame, and sufficing to lead at least some of us on amid the encircling gloom until the night is gone."

Sunrise on a mountain summit! Golden...



It has been my greatest privilege to work and write for you, to assist you in your research. These last two years have no doubt troubled all of us and each of us should never forget that the Spirit of Freemasonry will work to see us united once more reclaiming that space we call Lodge!

I would like to thank the District Secretary, W. Bro. Craig McPhail for his devotion to his duties in serving Hamilton District C for two long and difficult years. I have received tremendous support from R. W. Bro. Jim Stewart, R. W. Bro. Geoff Allen and R. W. Bro. Robin Colville my district advisors, the District Chairmen, The Chronicle team under the keen editorial eye of R. W. Bro. Glen Notman, you the brethren of this District, and from brethren far and wide. It has been a noble and humbling experience!

I would like to congratulate the newly elected DDGM's of the three Hamilton Districts.

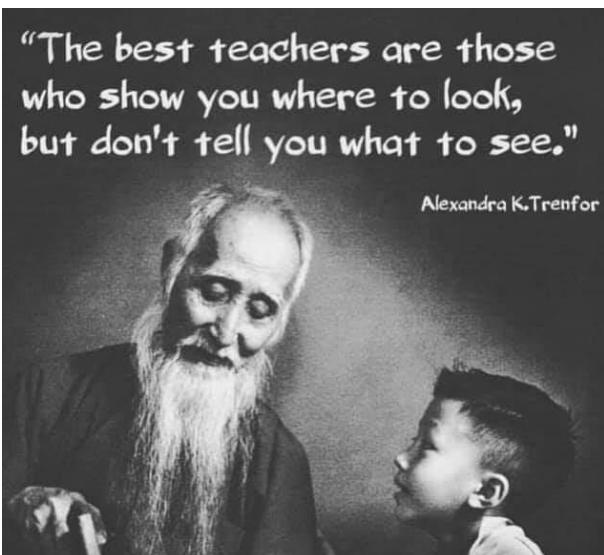
Brethren, it has been the greatest honor for me to serve Hamilton District C on behalf of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. David J. Cameron and The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Lastly, to all sick and shut in Brethren may the G.A.O.T.U ease your burdens and comfort you.

Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again!

God bless us all!

R.W. Bro. Jason McCulloch



Around the District

Hamilton C District - Masonic Forum

Your forum committee, has turned its efforts to preparing for July's forum. R.W. Bro. McCulloch asked if he may present a his **"Observations on Gold"** featured in this month's Chronicle.

The July Forum will be held **Wed, July 7th 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** and can be accessed via the following link:

R. W. Bro. Jason McCulloch

TOPIC – "Observations on Gold "

DATE – Wednesday, July 7th, 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83212341371?pwd=QWZieEtZclo4bUZINVNVXh3dWJSZz09>

Meeting ID: 832 1234 1371

Passcode: 159967

June Forum -Recap!

In June, R.W. Bro. Ken Adamson delivered an entertaining presentation entitled "The Three Masters" which, in addition to being an interesting historical tale, provided food for thought regarding charting a course for our collective Masonic future.

A twist to the tail, the presentation was about the historical Titanic sinking and the Masters of three ships.

Captain Edward J. Smith, Master of the Titanic who commanded the ship according to the best practices for a captain with his experience, but perhaps those practices should change.

Captain Arthur Rostron, Master of the Carpathia, representing those who see the need and take action. Valiant efforts to speed up his aging ship, rushing to provide aid.. All non-essential power on the ship was shut down as Rostron pushed his ship to the limits, ordering his crew to prepare hot food, blankets and medical care for the survivors

Captain, Stanley Lord of the "Californian" – represents those who say "I can't do anything" misses the opportunity, and just go back to sleep,

An Interesting and interactive discussion about how we as Masons can use these perspectives to prepare for the future was featured at the end of R.W. Adamson's presentation.



From the Grand Master



Brethren,

The April issue of the California Freemason Magazine has an article on taverns where old lodges used to meet, and where some still meet!¹ The Grand Lodge of California has taken several bold steps to rejuvenate their membership. They have encouraged the formation of new, small lodges – about thirty brethren with a common interest in one of the aspects of the Craft. Some are focussed on charity, others on history, and yet others on esoteric studies. And to aid them financially, as well as to free them from the drudgery of maintaining a temple, they have allowed them to meet in undedicated rooms. Some meet in restaurants, some in private clubs, libraries, or museums, and one even meets in a columbarium!

“Freed of the need to form hall associations, repair a leaky roof, or find rental tenants, these lodges are able to direct their attention toward richer pursuits, like hosting guest lectures or family picnics or charity drives.”

“One of these new lodges is the Thirty-Three, whose primary purpose is philanthropy. Membership is capped at just 33, and members are required to be Grand Master–level donors to the California Masonic Foundation. Dues of \$1,200 per year fund an annual \$10,000 philanthropic budget”. “Beyond the focus on charity, the lodge’s members envision a level of grandeur to their meetings, which will take place at various unusual locations, such as Hollywood’s Magic Castle”. Their founding Worshipful Master “stresses that membership in the Thirty-Three is meant to augment Masons’ connections to the fraternity, not replace them.”

“Hermes Lodge is another such lodge. Unlike the Thirty-Three, the group opted for a permanent home, inside the Long Beach Scottish Rite Temple, where its members are dedicated to the study of esoterica”. “We want to craft the experience around the mysticism and magic we think are central to traditional Masonry”. “The extensive library and the overall feel of the [Scottish Rite Temple] fit our purpose perfectly.”

“Clearly, not every new lodge is for every member. Rather, they aim to be just right for a distinct few. Where the Thirty-Three and Hermes tend toward grand, ornate visions of what a lodge meeting can be, another newly instituted lodge, Palos

Verdes, based in Gardena, is taking things in another direction. Its members are aiming for a kid-friendly environment with frequent, casual family gatherings”.²

Another idea that I heard on a Grand Lodge of California webinar is called Club 50. Masons gather at a restaurant to enjoy a speaker, fellowship and a fine meal. It started out in France as a place where Freemasons of different obediences could meet as friends without violating their obligations, much like the Sankey lectures, the ICHF and now, international videoconferences. In California they have expanded them to include their partners as well.³

Elsewhere, Masonic clubs have been a topic of discussion for isolated areas.⁴ In remote places too small to sustain a lodge, there usually are a handful of Masons. And a number of men who are interested in Masonry. Informal local clubs could be the answer to keeping the flame of our philosophy lit in those communities. Temiskaming District is already exploring this.

As I said in my speech to the World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges held in San Francisco in 2015, and which was reprinted by the Hamilton District [C]hronicle:

“Many a present-day Mason thinks Grand Lodge will not let them explore these options, so we have to give them permission. And some ideas of where to start their thinking, like the ones mentioned above. As long as they don’t alter the Ritual or the Landmarks, they’re open for discussion. The funny thing is that none of the above is an innovation. They are all things that Masons have done in the past!”⁴

David J. Cameron

Grand Master

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Hermes Lodge Virtual Dispensation Ceremony

Hermes Lodge located at the Long Beach Scottish Rite received their Dispensation to start operating as an officially recognized lodge under Grand Lodge of California. This was the first Virtual Dispensation Ceremony in masonic history

[Hermes Lodge Ceremony of Institution](#)



From the Deputy

My Brethren:

Like all organizations we need to utilize technology to be efficient and relevant today. Our current technology is outdated and doesn't allow us to take advantage of the efficiencies of more modern technology available today. Although our timing in light of a pandemic may not be the best, it is necessary to upgrade the technology that we use now!

The Grand Master and I appointed a Technology Committee just over a year ago. The Committee is Chaired by R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman and ably supported by our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Garry Dowling; Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. Ed Standish; Community Outreach Pillar Chairman, R.W. Bro. Art Di Cecci and our Chief Operating Officer, R.W. Bro. Lou Domjan. The committee's mandate is to determine our technology needs both current and into the future and to find suitable technology to meet those needs. The Committee with the assistance of a consultant have spent the last year documenting our requirements, evaluating potential technology solutions, and estimating both the implementation and annual operating costs. The Committee is in the final stages of vendor selection as you read this Communiqué. Although their work is still ongoing, we need to recognize the enormous amount of volunteer hours that this very experienced project team has invested, often meeting twice a week to get to this point of selecting the right vendor and products for our needs.

This is a sampling of the "Business Needs" that were identified and prioritized to evaluate available products against:

Single Membership Database with Lodge Secretary online (Cloud Based Solution) access to maintain member information. (one member=one record). It will incorporate features that benefit Lodges, including communication to membership, printing of various membership lists and reduced administrative burden through automation of many routine tasks.

Automation of Clearance Requests for membership applications, most Dispensations, Return of Officers Form and the Semi-Annual Return.

Online Voting

Enhanced Communication with our membership by both the Lodges and Grand Lodge.

Improved Website Content Management

Improved Document Management

Needless to say, this project is quite involved and will provide us with a cloud-based system that is much more than a "Membership Database". When we hear about technology upgrades, we automatically assume that "savings" are the primary driver to such projects. If you recall when computers were first becoming common in the workplace, one of the projected benefits was the reduction in the use of paper. That didn't happen, in fact initially there was an increase in the use of paper! Only recently, with further improvements to technology has there been an actual decrease in paper consumption! Initially, we are not budgeting any direct financial savings from the implementation of the new

technology. However, with the improved efficiencies that the system will give us, both Lodges and our Grand Lodge will enjoy savings of time and resources in the future!

Immediately following product and vendor selection the Committee will oversee and coordinate the implementation of our new system. Much like building a home, we are making payments for work as it is completed. The goal is to launch the new technology January 1st, 2022. Prior to this date all Lodge Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries will have received orientation on the use of the new system. Prior to the launch, the Lodges will be updating the new system with their members' information not currently held by Grand Lodge. This will include, address, phone numbers, email address, spouse's name, etc. This data can be electronically uploaded into the system when provided in a compatible format.

Beginning in January 2022, Lodges will be able email their members directly from the new system. They will have the option to invoice their members for dues and track the payment of those dues in the system. The system will provide the Secretary of reminders of milestone dates such as a 25- or 50-year long service award. Applications for Clearance will be responded to in seconds, not days. And the semi-annual return will become a semi-annual invoice from Grand Lodge based on your up-to-date membership data! All this is intended to make **us, our Lodges and the Grand Lodge Office** more efficient, improve our communication with both our Lodges and members and overall allow us to become a modern organization that leverages technology to the benefit of our membership!

Thomas W. Hogeboom



From the Grand Lodge Website ...

June 12, 2021

[Electronic voting for DDGM with link](#)

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

From the Grand Secretary

Brethren,

Several reminders related to upcoming elections and the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge.

Elections for Grand Lodge Officers:

See details of March 01 2021 letter sent to all lodges. Registrations from the DDGM election will be automatically carried over to the Grand Lodge elections. Electronic Registration will be July 12-July 18; registration details will be distributed in early July 2021 and posted on the Grand Lodge Website.

However, if you did not register for the DDGM election you must register for the Grand Lodge election. Your Grand Lodge certificate number is required to register. If you do not have your certificate number please obtain from the lodge Secretary as soon as possible.

Voting will take place July 19 and July 20 2021.

Voting details for brethren without computer access are detailed in the March 01 document.

Voting on proposed 2021 Constitutional Amendments:

Voting for the proposed amendments will take place at the same time as voting for the Grand Lodge officers on July 19 – July 20 2021. Proposed amendments have been distributed to every lodge (April 19 2021).

Amendments will be on the same ballot as the Grand Lodge officer elections.

Voting for members without Computer access:

The document emailed to all lodges on March 01, 2021 outlines the procedure for enabling an eligible member without computer access to vote.

Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge:

The Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge will be a virtual meeting held on Wednesday July 21, 2021 beginning at 9:00AM EDT. Registration information will follow closer to the date.

Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters:

The Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters will NOT take place during the virtual Annual Meeting. Elected officers will be authorized to perform their duties effective July 21, 2021, but Installation details will be announced later.

D. Garry Dowling, Grand Secretary

The Grand Lodge Education Committee
Presents:
The "Perfect" Quest
Guest Speaker
Bro. John S. Nagy
Sat, Jul 10th, 2021 @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM EDT
SIGN UP HERE <http://bit.ly/GLMasonicSpeakers>



Virtual Events

There are 8 virtual gatherings listed on our website!

Jul. 7: Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Forum

Observations on Gold

Date/Time Details: Wednesday, July 7th, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.

Jul. 8: Flower City Lodge Zoom Meeting

Date/Time Details: Thurs July 8th, 2021 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm

Jul. 10: The Perfect Quest

Brother John S. Nagy presents The Perfect Quest A 50 minute presentation revealing the history of the perfect ashlar. Its introduction into blue Lodge Masonry, what it replaces, what it was meant to symbolize, our Craft origins, who was the first recorded man to practice our Craft and what this means for us as a society

Date/Time Details: Sat July 10. 2021 - 7:30 p.m.
Registration Required

Jul. 27: How to Grow the Membership of Your Lodge

Date/Time Details: Tuesday, July 27th, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 4: Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Forum

Date/Time Details: Wed, August 4th, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 7: Loge Liberte Cherie - A Light in the Darkness

Bro. Alexander P. Herbert presents Loge Liberte Cherie - A Light in the Darkness - 60 minute presentation.

In 1944, the Esterwegen concentration camp housed over 2000 political prisoners from occupied Europe. Belgian Freemasons in the midst of these terrible conditions, came together to form the secret Masonic Lodge Liberte Cherie.

Date/Time Details: Sat, August 7th, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 18: The Parallelepipedon

Date/Time Details: Thursday, August 18th, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 24: Is Belief in a Supreme Being Really Essential?

Date/Time Details: Tuesday, August 24th, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

Click this link for details to each event!

<https://www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org/virtualevents.php>

Protocol and Etiquette

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

This article discusses our protocols pertaining to **SEMI-FORMAL and FORMAL DRESS** when attending a Masonic meeting or function.

In a previous article, we summarized our "Masonic" interpretation of the meaning of "Business Dress". Similarly, our Grand Jurisdiction also has its own (slightly modified) interpretation of Black Tie and White Tie dress codes. The following comments are meant to assist the new Lodge Officer and the new Grand Lodge Officer in meeting these dress code standards and expectations.

An admonition before we start. When you purchase your own tux or tails, please do not use your imagination, or follow some current fashion trend. Please do not deviate from these instructions. This attire may very well last you a lifetime. You always want to feel comfortable wearing it and you want it to always be appropriate for any Masonic function.

Please do not try to imitate what a publicity-seeking Hollywood actor wore to the Academy Awards, nor what you may have seen someone wearing at your niece's wedding. OUR dress codes are more traditional, more subtle.

Chapter Two of **The Masonic Manual**, as well as **Issue #32** of **P&E Essentials**, describe in great detail which dress code any particular Lodge and/or Grand Lodge Officer is expected to follow. Rather than repeat those instructions in full here, this article will primarily elaborate upon the components of each dress code.

"Black Tie" versus "White Tie"

If you thought black tie was formal, you are in for a shock. White tie is the undisputed champion of formality. Of all the dress codes in the Western world, white tie is the most formal for civilians.

Following are some general definitions.

"Black Tie" simply means a **Tuxedo** (*together with some mandatory accessories*). The traditional tuxedo we wear is a black dinner jacket (with a black satin collar) and matching trousers (with a black satin strip down the outside of the pant legs). The mandatory accessories include:

- Either a black formal waistcoat or a black cummerbund, (either is acceptable),
- A white formal shirt with a turn-down collar,
- A black bow tie,
- Black dress socks,
- Black highly polished or patent leather shoes with black laces.

The white formal shirt is a pleated "tuxedo" or "bib" shirt, (no ruffles), with a soft, turn-down collar. Cufflinks and shirt studs are always black, e.g. black onyx.

Suspenders can be either black or white (usually black). White gloves are acceptable.

Traditionally worn only for events after 6:00 PM, Black Tie is less formal than White Tie but more formal than business dress.



Black Tie is typically our dress code for:

- Lodge Officers,
- Brethren APPOINTED to the present Board of General Purposes, provided they hold a Very Worshipful rank (e.g. Grand Stewards),
- A D.D.G.M. on his official visit to a Daylight Lodge,
- Members taking part in an Installation Ceremony.

"White Tie" requires men to be dressed in a tailcoat jacket that is more specifically known as an "evening dress coat". Typically the jacket is solid black in color. It is worn unbuttoned and must always have peaked lapels. The jacket is double-breasted, with satin-faced lapels. The jacket's tails hit the back of the knees.

Other commonly used names for "White Tie" include "full evening dress", and "tails".

The mandatory White Tie accessories consist of:

- A white cotton piqué weave shirt with wing tips,
- A white cotton piqué weave waistcoat,
- A white piqué cotton bow tie worn around a standing wing collar,
- Black dress socks,
- Black highly polished or patent leather shoes with black laces. You will note that the white formal shirt, waistcoat and bowtie are all made from the same white piqué material.

Mid or high-waisted black trousers, of the exact colour and cloth as your jacket, with a trim consisting of a satin side stripe on the outseam, waistband and pocket piping.

The trousers are cut higher than normal to accommodate the high-worn vest, or waistcoat. There is a black satin strip down the outside of the pant legs.

The white piqué cotton waistcoat worn for full dress should not hang significantly lower than the body of the jacket.

Cufflinks and shirt studs are always white, i.e. mother-of-pearl. Suspenders are always white. White gloves are worn for lodge functions.



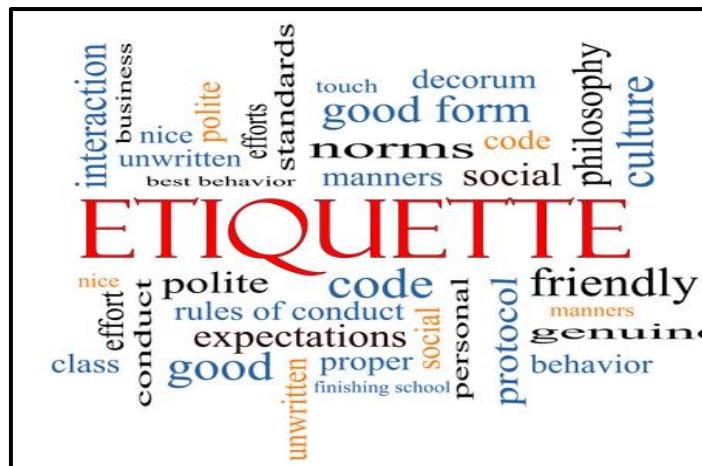
White Tie is typically our dress code for:

- Present Grand Lodge Officers (except for those of Very Worshipful rank),
- Including the Grand Master and the Past Grand Masters,
- And the Deputy Grand Master,
- And all present District Deputy Grand Masters

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



A Personal Note from R.W. Bro. Crutcher

On a personal note, this will be the last of my articles on behalf of our Grand Lodge pertaining to Protocol & Etiquette. After 14 years of being responsible for disseminating information about our standards, the time has sadly come to relinquish this responsibility. An enormous amount of gratitude is sent from the bottom of my heart to all those who assisted me over all those years – especially all the talented brethren who served as P&E Committee members, as well as the three Custodians of The Work and the seven Grand Masters who directed and guided our activities.

And definitely not least, a big thank you to all the Masons in our Jurisdiction who supported and responded to our hundreds of Lodges of Instruction and all the articles and bulletins we published. Without you it would have all been in vain.

For those of you who have found our efforts helpful and who have been enlightened by them, may we now entrust you with the role of sharing your knowledge with other brethren and acquainting them with our proper protocols.

R.W. Bro. Gordon Crutcher
Assistant to The Custodian, July 2021.



The Legacy of Raymond S. J. Daniels, PGM

A Masonic Minute The Canadian Maple Leaf Flag



The Canadian Maple Leaf Flag was adopted by Parliament on December 16, 1964, officially proclaimed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and inaugurated on February 15, 1965, now observed in Canada as National Flag Day,

The adoption of the distinctive design emerged after much heated debate, led by the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Bro. John George Diefenbaker. Our distinguished Brother, the Honourable John Ross Matheson, at the time the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Lester B. Pearson, by adroit negotiations with the opposing parties, was instrumental in the final resolution of the debate. Bro. Matheson was also responsible for the creation of the Order of Canada.

Bro. Matheson was initiated in Queen's Lodge No. 578, Kingston, in 1940 on the night before he was deployed with his regiment for active service in World War Two. He was the recipient of the William Mercer Wilson Medal for Meritorious Service, a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. On November 13, 2010, Bro. Matheson was presented with the Long Service Award – 70 Years a Freemason in a ceremony attended by the Speaker of the House, Members of both the Federal Parliament and the Ontario Legislature, together with a host of friends and family. Bro. Matheson died 27 December 2013. A great Canadian, it can be truly said of him, that he 'lived respected and died regretted.'

The words from the Sacred Writings in the Book of Revelation, "*The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations*" were quoted to describe the distinctive design of the Maple Leaf Flag. In a speech given to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Bro. Matheson said: "*Our symbolism must need affirm spiritual values. It conveys a message of noble expectations for humanity, of our Masonic hope for an even 'better country.' Each of us, like the Flag, represents Canada. This nation can be no worthier than what we imagine and will it to be.*"

When M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby was the Director of the R.C.M.P. Degree Team, this Charge to the Flag was given as part of the ceremony:

I present our Flag, our symbol of Unity and Sovereignty,
Between bars of red on a field of white,
It blazons forth in its full Autumnal glory.

The Canadian Maple Leaf

Whose points represent the Provinces and Territories,
Which comprise our great Dominion.

To Freemasons –

The red symbolizes the dauntless courage of our forefathers,
which we strive to emulate,
The white, that blameless purity of life and conduct to which
we aspire,
And the points, the eleven knightly virtues, of which Patriotism
is the greatest, and to which we are ever dedicated,
And finally, it inspires in us a reverence to Him, to whom we
fervently pray

God Save the Queen, and heaven bless **The Maple Leaf**
Forever.

As Freemasons we are obligated to fulfill the duties of a good citizen. As loyal Canadians, the National Flag is displayed in every lodge room and outside most Masonic buildings throughout the jurisdiction, a symbol of national unity and pride.

It is important, however, in the Masonic context to make a distinction between '*nationalism*' and '*patriotism*.' Nationalism, pushed to the extreme, results in conflict and war; Patriotism is loyalty and respect for one's native land.



The distinctive lapel pin of our jurisdiction is the Red Maple Leaf surmounted by the Square and Compasses in gold, signifying that the wearer is a proud Canadian and a proud Freemason.

Raymond S. J. Daniels
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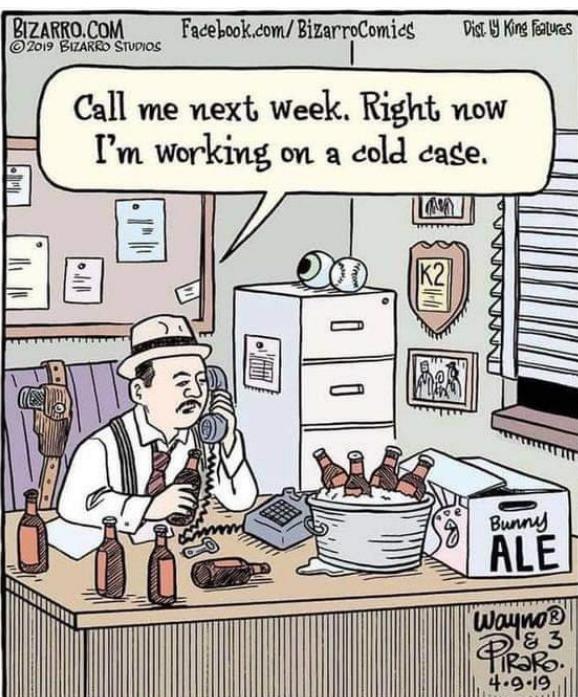
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IN MEMORIAM



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

From the Editor

Brethren,

Grand Lodge Communications may never be the same. But voting in June was so easy. Congratulations to W. Bro. Bill Paul on his election to D,D,G.M. of Hamilton C District.

There are 8 virtual events on our website, click the link to our website and make sure you register for the events you would like to take part in.

Our outgoing DDGM gave us a sneak preview of his thinking on Observations of Gold. It has been a tough 2 years; we were well served by his vision and leadership throughout this journey.

I wanted to start July with some light hearted images. The 4 pictures on this page came across my desk this month, each one made me chuckle. Thought I would share.

Always happy to include humour, history and any other items that you want to send along.

S&F, Glen

**"THE TRUTH IS, MOST OF US
DISCOVER WHERE WE ARE
HEADING WHEN WE ARRIVE."**



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