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own keen understanding of the complexion of its own membership – meetings are happening!

We might all need a little support as we return as well. Perhaps you will have a few vacancies in your Officer Line. These types of challenges should not preclude us from being bold in our return however, these are simply opportunities to overcome. Perhaps you can reach out to another lodge in the district to temporarily help fill holes in the line – surely this type of interaction is good for the Craft, good for the lodge and good for the brethren.

Please also feel free to reach out to the district team that we may also support your needs.

Coming back to Herrick, he finishes the poem with a stark warning, *“Then be not coy, but use your time and while ye may, go marry; for having lost but once your prime, you may forever tarry.”*

May I suggest as we move back into lodge that we do so with vigour? We have waited long enough, don't you think? Let's get back to our Craft in a bold first step – let's burst back through the door – we have much to catch up on and much to do. We have lines of Applicants and Candidates to pay due attention to – goodness knows they've be patient as well. We have education to communicate to our membership. We have mentoring and leadership plans to reactivate. We have one another's company to enjoy. We have our charitable efforts to action.

Brethren, as the holiday season approaches, I wish you and yours the very best of the season as we all get together with our families and friends. My hope is you find joy in the presence of your loved ones and joy in the blessed lives we have been given.

If you are able, please also find a little time to spread some of your joy to those who could use a little themselves – it is a tough time of year for many who are already in tough circumstances and a hand up would heartily well-received.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Brethren,

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Bill

R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Paul

From Our District Deputy Grand Master

“Gather ye rosebuds while ye may, old time is still a-flying, and this flower that smiles today, tomorrow will be dying...”

Brethren, Robert Herrick (1591 – 1674) offered this poetic challenge to his readers in *“To the Virgins, Make Much of Time”*. It is his call to action in which he not so subtly points out that time is not on our side and implores the subjects of his poem to not squander theirs.



As the new year approaches with its traditional theme of new beginnings, Herrick's words serve as a poignant

reminder that action and the awareness of passing time are a path to a more meaningful and robust life.

Many of the lodges in our district have an eye to return in January and this trend very closely mirrors the Grand Jurisdiction's lodges approach to a return. According to the most recent statistics provided, almost half of our province's lodges will return in January with just a few returning before that and a smattering afterwards.

After close to two years of missing in-person fraternity we not only have the 'all clear', we are now taking action. Supported by the science behind our public health policy guidelines, the direction of our Grand Lodge and each lodges

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From the Grand Master

November Blog

Brethren,

On November 1 lodges were allowed to open in-person again. Only 20% of lodges did so this month, many opting to be cautious and wait a while. And so virtual events continued.

I attended a small virtual gathering to mark the closing of Coronation Lodge No. 502 in Smithville. Their history is interesting in that over a hundred years ago the lodge in Smithville found most of its members lived in Beamsville and decided to move there. So a handful of brethren who did live in Smithville formed another lodge.



Since I had put my Christmas lights up in October when it was still warm I decided to turn them on for Diwali. I think it added to the community feeling as the fireworks we heard that night showed that some neighbours were celebrating.

Two events this month in the Speaker Series from the Masonic Education Committee: one on "Otherization" and the other on Masonry in India. For the latter, M.W. Bro. Epur was late getting on-line so I regaled the brethren with stories of my Masonic trip to India.

Manito Lodge No. 90 has started a small on-line discussion group and I attended a meeting where the topic was Charity. The next night Toronto East District hosted R.W. Bro. Oscar Alleyne PJGW of New York gave a talk on an Esoteric Interpretation of Psalm 133 (which is the place where American lodges open their VOSL in the first degree) and one on Symbolism. The deep discussion that ensued was good to see. Kudos to both these groups for resurrecting the much needed practice of philosophical discourse at lodge events.

I attended a video meeting of a Scottish Rite body in Alberta that discussed Residential Schools and Indigenous issues without backing down from the responsibility we as Masons hold in the Reconciliation process. It was from Alberta, but there were eight Ontario Masons on the call.

The Custodian, the Grand Secretary and I ran the orientation session for the Grand Wardens, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain and the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, on-line and months after we would normally have done it, but that's how things have gone this year – no need to discuss the intricacies of in person visiting until now.

I caught a lecture about the Avignon Society on the academic OpenLFM forum. Prof. Susan Mitchell Sommers, a former Sankey lecturer, is the moderator.

My AMD Council meets in Owen Sound so I don't get there often, but with a videolink I was able to attend. And the next night the Waterloo District education meeting where our Grand Historian, V.W. Bro. Kern, presented his original research on the Master's Emblem.

And as the month drew to a close I turned my Christmas lights back on just in time for Hanukkah and for the start of Advent.

Namaste.

David J. Cameron
Grand Master

Click this link to read about the travels and visitations of our Grand Master on the Grand Lodge Website.

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/blogs/grand-masters-blog>

Psalm 133

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell together in unity"

Song of Ascents



19th-century glass windows in the
Evangelische Stadtkirche Ravensburg [de] with
inscription from Psalms 133:1

Psalm 133 is the 133rd psalm of the Book of Psalms, beginning in English in the King James Version: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" ... The Book of Psalms is part of the third section of the Hebrew Bible and a book of the Christian Old Testament. In the Greek Septuagint version of the bible, and in its Latin translation in the Vulgate, this psalm is Psalm 132 in a slightly different numbering system. In Latin, it is known as "Ecce quam bonum".[1] The psalm is one of the fifteen Songs of Ascents (Shir Hama'alot), and one of the three Songs of Ascents consisting of only three verses.[2]

The psalm is a regular part of Jewish, Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican and other Protestant liturgies. It has been set to music often, notably by Heinrich Schütz, Friedrich Kiel, and as the conclusion of Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_133

November Communique

From the Deputy

My Brethren:

It has been about a year and a half now since your Grand Lodge created a GoToMeeting account for each District to assist the Lodges in keeping in contact with their membership. The access information was sent to each District Deputy Grand Master who was charged with providing this to each of the Lodges in their respective Districts. The intent was so that every Lodge could host a monthly meeting on their regular meeting night to communicate with their membership, cover any business that was permissible, provide some Masonic Education and generally to take an account of the health of their membership and Lodge.

Another great advantage of this tool being used by several Lodges and Districts is to keep in touch with the many interested men who have inquired about Freemasonry either via our Grand Lodge web site, the BeAFreemason.org or the old-fashioned appeal to a current member. Many of our Masonic education videoconferences have been of such a nature that these interested men have been invited to get a feeling of the events and fellowship that is being shared during this time and get to know some of the Brethren they may potentially share membership with.

The reason I mention this again is that, with us receiving the okay to return to Lodge as of November 1st, there may be some things that we have adopted during this COVID-19 break, that we may want to keep – such as Lodge videoconferences for Masonic Education and fellowship. Please realize that these options are still very viable and useful going forward during this period of returning to normal. Remember, that not all our Brethren will feel comfortable in returning, whether it be over concern for their own health or solidarity with their older more susceptible members or those who are not double vaccinated for whatever reason. And not all our Lodges will or are required by Grand Lodge to return to their regular inLodge meetings. Please remember that this option of meeting via videoconference with all your members and frequent visitors is still an option that may be very beneficial to the membership during this transition period.

Remember that some of the Lodges that were making use of monthly videoconferences on a regular basis were reporting better attendance than when they were meeting in Lodge. The members who were not physically able to get to their Lodge building due to their health condition or where they were living, had once again been enjoying the benefits of membership. And don't forget what a great tool our video meetings were for being able to stay in touch with potential members by keeping their interest stoked until such time as they can be formally introduced to the Lodge room. This may be the biggest reason to keep your Lodge videoconference going at least until we can return to Degree Work.

The Seminars and Workshops Committee of your Grand Lodge is continuing to be the hub of information where lecturers and presentation seekers will go to find each other. They are facilitating the connection of the two parties who are

seeking/offering the same thing to arrange a successful meeting/lecture.

Most of us know of a brother who we all enjoy listening to because he has something to quench our thirst for Masonic education. The problem being is that he is mostly known only to your Lodge/District. Would that brother like to offer his education to a greater audience such as other Masons throughout Ontario? Is your Lodge or District trying to organize an event in your area, but you don't know anyone who has a lecture you wish to bring to your area?

With the ability to host an event electronically, new doors have opened and geographical barriers have become a problem of the past. This is an opportunity for new lecturers and Lodge/District Chairman to bring something to our Grand Jurisdiction.

New Lecturers – If you have something to offer and are willing to bring your lecture to others you may never have to opportunity to meet, then please click on this link, <https://forms.gle/fR1wKwW8paWGeT2x8> to tell us what you have to offer. If you have multiple lectures to offer, please fill out a separate form for each lecture. Masonic rank doesn't matter. If you are part of a Grand Lodge Committee who has something to share, please let us know that as well. This is a great opportunity for budding Lecturers.

Lecture Seekers– If you are looking for a lecturer, Lodge or District level, then please click on this link, <https://forms.gle/Hg2cDuHzVo68XXuF7> to tell us what you are looking for. If you are seeking multiple lectures, please fill out a separate form for each request. If you are seeking a speaker from a Grand Lodge Committee, please let us know that as well.

If you have any questions or wish to have your event posted on the Grand Lodge calendar to share with all Masons, please contact the Committee directly at Masoniclectures@gmail.com with all the details.

So many of the lessons we learn from the Ritual of our Craft are even more important in times of crisis. To those Lodges who are currently keeping their members and prospects engaged – your payoff will come when the restrictions are lifted and your Lodge is re-opened for business as it used to be!

Thomas W. Hogeboom Deputy Grand Master

From the Grand Lodge Website

These items have a [direct link for your convenience](#)

November 18, 2021

[15 Articles added under Masonic Education - Short Talks](#)

November 1, 2021

[Lodge Safety Plan Template \(Covid\)](#)

October 29, 2021

[GM Blog October 2021](#)

[Covid 19 Update October 29 \(Addendum to 26th posting\)](#)

[Mentoring Matters Bulletin Vol 24](#)

October 28, 2021

[2021-2022 Return of Officers Form \(117 KB\)](#)

[2021 Book of Constitution \(1.50 MB\)](#)

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

Hamilton District 'C' - December Masonic Forum

Brethren,

Your district forum will be held on **December 1st at 7:30 p.m.**

Our guest speaker will be W. Bro. Stan Satchell, District Chairman of Masonic Education and his topic will be: "A Reflection on the Ideals which Santa Claus and Masons might share"

R.W. Bro. Glen Notman will also provide a quick overview of our award-winning district newsletter "The Chronicle".

As always, the presentations will be followed by an open Q&A session when you can actively participate with comments, opinions and questions. With the holiday season almost upon us, perhaps a small snifter at your side will help us all shift into the spirit! Here is the link:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83361744945?pwd=aVITc2xGeGFWbHE3Z0FVbEpuQjFrdz09> Meeting ID: 833 6174 4945
Passcode: 010408

Brethren, I look forward to 'C'ing you soon!

Fraternally,

Bill

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December Virtual Events

There are 3 upcoming events listed on the Hamilton District 'C' website.

Dec 1: Hamilton District 'C' Virtual Forum

Dec. 4: The Masonic Roller Coaster

Date/Time Details: December 4 2021 / 7pm EST

W. Bro. S. Brad Drew "The Masonic Roller Coaster" W. Bro. Drew is a member and Past Master of Lexington Lodge No. 1, Grand Lodge of Kentucky. "The Masonic Roller Coaster" looks at Masonic burnout

Dec. 6: 88th Masonic Education and Fellowship Zoom Meeting

Date/Time Details: December 6 2021 / 730pm

"Origins and History of Freemasonry" Further details TBD

Click here for details to each event!

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

Hamilton District 'C' Open House Recap

On Monday, January 22nd 2021 Hamilton Masonic District 'C' held its first virtual Open House, for men who had expressed an interest in joining the craft.

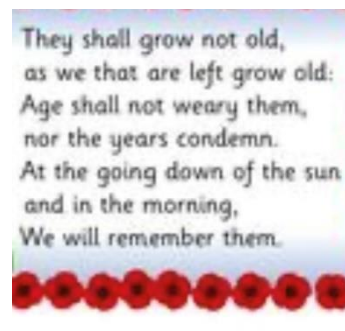
Over the past two years, we have all had guys we know ask questions about what we do, and how to become a Mason. Under the guidance of our District Membership and Outreach chair, W. Bro. Jason Burgoin, who hosted this information session, men were given the opportunity to hear a bit about our fraternity, our history, why one would want to join, and what is involved in starting the journey.

Additionally, the DDGM was on hand to welcome everyone and to help facilitate the Question & Answer period which concluded our evening. It was nice to see so many gentlemen from our community, who had an interest in joining our ranks. It was wonderful to have approximately 12 potential Applicants on the Zoom call, and we look forward to helping them start the journey into Freemasonry.

I would like to thank those brethren who aided in the presentation, namely Bro. James Lannigan and W. Bro. Steve Badger, and those who encouraged friends to come out and hear what we have to share.

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Seymour Lodge No. 272



Seymour Lodge participating in the wreath presentation at the Ancaster Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day Service.



Famous Misquotes False Quotes, and Misattributed quotes , (Part 2 of 2)

[The Puppet Show](#) / By Kirk Chisholm

Famous False Quotes

Quotes where the “true source” is unknown

1. “Compound interest is the most powerful force in the universe.” – Albert Einstein
2. “All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent” — Thomas Jefferson
3. “Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy” — Benjamin Franklin
4. “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” — Albert Einstein
5. “Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.” — Mark Twain, or Jack Benny, or Muhammad Ali
6. “I cannot tell a lie. I cut down the cherry tree.” — George Washington
7. “The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco.” — Mark Twain
8. “There are causes worth dying for, but none worth killing for.” — Albert Camus
9. “Two things are infinite: The universe and human stupidity.” — Albert Einstein
10. “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.” — Edmund Burke (true source is unknown)
11. “Bigamy is having a wife too many, monogamy is having the same.” — Oscar Wilde
12. “Ridicule is the tribute paid to the genius by the mediocrities.” — Oscar Wilde
13. “Don’t go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.” — Mark Twain
14. “A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining but wants it back the minute it begins to rain.” — Mark Twain
15. “Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” — Mahatma Gandhi
16. “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” — Margaret Mead
17. “Great things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.” — Abraham Lincoln
2. “Don’t fire till you see the whites of their eyes.” — Andrew Jackson (possible source: Colonel William Prescott)
3. “You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother.” — Albert Einstein (possible correct source: Kurt Vonnegut and misquoted from, “Any scientist who couldn’t explain to an eight-year-old what he was doing was a charlatan.”)
4. “Americans can always be counted on to do the right thing, after they tried everything else.” — Winston Churchill (possible correct source: F. E. Smith)
5. “Well-behaved women rarely make history.” — Marilyn Monroe (possible source: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich)
6. “There’s a sucker born every minute.” — P.T. Barnum (possible source: Adam Forepaugh)
7. “Every human being is the author of his own health or disease.” — The Buddha (possible source: Swami Sivananda)
8. “You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.” — Abraham Lincoln (origins unknown. Bill Clinton used this quote attributing it to Lincoln)
9. “You cannot find peace by avoiding life.” — Virginia Woolf (possible source: Michael Cunningham)
10. “Walk softly and carry a big stick.” — Teddy Roosevelt (he did say this, but didn’t originate it. It originated from an African proverb)
11. “Winning isn’t everything, it’s the only thing.” — Vince Lombardi (he did say it, but did not originate it. It was first said by Red Sanders)
12. “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” — Albert Einstein (possible source: Rita Mae Brown)
13. “The ends justify the means.” — Niccolo Machiavelli (possible source: Roman poet Ovid)
14. “If you’re not a liberal when you’re 25, you have no heart. If you’re not a conservative by the time you’re 35, you have no brain.” — Winston Churchill (possible source: Francois Guizot)
15. “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.” — Nelson Mandela (possible source: Marianne Williamson)
16. “Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don’t matter, and those who matter don’t mind.” — Dr. Seuss (possible source: Mr. Davies)
17. “Standing on the shoulders of giants” — Sir Isaac Newton (possible correct source: Bernard of Chartres)
18. “Let them eat cake.” — Marie Antoinette (possible correct source: Jean-Jacques Rousseau)
19. “I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.” — Voltaire (correct answer: Evelyn Beatrice Hall)
20. “Success is not final, Failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.” — Winston Churchill (possible correct source: Don Shula)

Famous Misattributed Quotes

This is a list of famous quotes that are misattributed or attributed to a different person than who originated it. Some of these quotes on this list are accurate, but the quote was not originated with this person.

1. “You can’t build a little guy up by tearing a big guy down.” — John Kasich (possible correct source: Rev. William J. H. Boetcker)

Source: <https://innovativewealth.com/puppet-show/famous-misquotes/>
See the November Edition for Misquotes Part 1

Masonic Education

Every now and then I receive a comment about one of the 'Masonic Word Definitions' I've been sending out for almost two years. Most recently the comment came from a Brother who encouraged me to add more of the accepted dictionary definitions to my description. I declined and explained that I try to share what most people might know of the word and then what an educated man and a Mason would understand of the word *within the context of Masonic ritual*. So much of what we, as Masons, learn within the tyled recesses of our Lodge rooms is best understood within the proper context. The proper context is that within a safe and secure sacred space with like-minded men working to improve themselves. Then it is up to each of us, as Masons and men, to be exemplars of our Fraternity outside the Lodge.

A long explanation, I know. That being said, here is my next Masonic Definition for you to consider in your publication, and yes, this includes more use of dictionary definitions that usual all to set the stage for the unique aspect of the word in our Fraternity. *Here is a definition of a word found within Masonic ritual that is not common outside of our Lodge rooms.*

Mysteries The common man watches mysteries in movies or television shows; he reads books in the mystery genre. These are typically crime stories! He might even use the word to express an opinion about someone: "it is a mystery how politicians can be so wrong!". In this sense, a mystery is an uncertainty that can be understood with diligent investigation. A religious man appreciates the additional meaning that a mystery is a description of a belief that is divinely revealed; something that the eye of human reason cannot see alone. The educated man knows as well that at the time of operative masons creating the great cathedrals that a skilled tradesman or member of a guild would refer to his craft, his work, his occupation, as being his 'mystery'; it is his occupation and how he conducted himself. The applicant at the door of the Lodge might think he will be admitted and learn some secret knowledge and share in the mystery of Freemasonry. The initiated Mason begins to appreciate the deeper meanings of the mysteries, or Work, that he does in Lodge; and why he takes those actions in a just, perfect, and regular Lodge. It must also be noted that the Oxford English Dictionary includes mention that 'mysteries' are "a secret of Freemasonry" and this use entered the language in the mid-1700's.

Provided for your daily advancement in Masonic knowledge from the Sarnia District Masonic Library. V.W. Bro. Marshall Kern, F.C.F., Librarian & Historian. Blog: <https://masterseblem.wordpress.com/>



Silent Sermon

Many of us have been away from lodge for a long time now and although, soon, we may be able to return, many won't because the habit of attending has been broken. Then also, there may be concerns of what could happen if you do return. I am sure all precautions will be taken and you will be welcome back when the time is right.

Shared from Allen Wright Facebook's Canadian Freemasons post – July 4, 2020



A Silent Sermon

A Mason, who previously attended lodge meetings regularly, stopped going.

After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The Worshipful Master found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for his Master's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself at home but said nothing.

In the grave silence he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a bright burning ember and placed it to one side of the

hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all of this in quiet contemplation.

As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.



Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "**Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery lesson. I shall be back in lodge next month.**"

Celebrating the Holidays

<https://uspsblog.com/celebrate-the-holidays/>



For many folks, celebrating the holidays will be a little different this year as we continue to practice social distancing.

As we celebrate this upcoming holiday and prepare to continue our own familiar traditions, it's important to also acknowledge that the world is rich with diversity reflected in the observances celebrated by many various cultures and populations. Knowledge of unique holidays and celebrations can enhance your workplace diversity and inclusion efforts. It can also enrich connections with friends and loved ones.

Millions of people all over the United States don't celebrate Christmas religiously, either as followers of non-Christian religions (Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, and Jews — among others) or as individuals with no religious affiliation, possibly atheists or agnostics.

Because many stores tap into the cash value of Christmas with a plethora of Santas, ornaments, and Christmas fanfare, it may be easy to overlook the depth of the diversity present in America during the holiday season. In reality, many different events, whether spiritual, religious or tradition-based, are celebrated in many different ways during these times.

One way to celebrate diversity and inclusion during the holiday season is to take time to build a better understanding and awareness of the traditions and beliefs of others. This learning and awareness activity can even be done with friends and family.

Learn about other Religious or Holiday celebrations. Realize that people celebrate a variety of holidays during this time of year, and some people choose to celebrate none. Be open-minded and respectful of these differences by taking an interest in other people's traditions and making them feel welcome. Don't be afraid to ask people what holidays they celebrate.

You can also find out what they do during this time of the year that is unique and special to them and their families. Let it be an opportunity to learn about different cultures and religions and the traditions that accompany them.

Another thoughtful idea is to take a few minutes to mark your calendar and address book with the holidays that your friends celebrate. They may be holidays like [Kwanzaa](#), [Hanukkah](#), [Ramadan](#) and [Diwali](#). Find out the dates and record them as reminders.

The annual Pan-African holiday [Kwanzaa](#), which takes place over seven days from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, brings family,

community and culture together for many African Americans. Created in 1966 during the height of the Black Freedom Movement, Kwanzaa was conceived as a unifying holiday in the face of struggles to end racial oppression in the United States. Today, millions of African Americans gather with friends and family throughout the week of Kwanzaa to honor the Nguzo Saba — Unity (Umoja), Self-Determination (Kujichagulia), Collective Work and Responsibility (Ujima), Cooperative Economics (Ujamaa), Purpose (Nia), Creativity (Kuumba) and Faith (Imani).

Families also come together each year to celebrate [Hanukkah](#), the joyous Jewish holiday also called the Festival of Lights which begins Dec. 10 and ends Dec. 18. The story of Hanukkah — “dedication” in Hebrew — tells of reclaiming the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been desecrated by a conquering army. Worshippers prepared to rededicate the holy space but discovered that only one small jar of consecrated oil remained, enough to last one day. Rather than wait for more oil to arrive, they lit the Temple menorah, which burned for eight days. This miracle of the oil is celebrated during Hanukkah with the ceremonial lighting of the hanukkah, the nine-branched menorah used during the holiday.

Ramadan is a time to detach from worldly pleasures and focus on one's prayers. Ramadan 2020 began on April 23 and ended on May 23. Many Muslims dress more conservatively during Ramadan and spend more time at the mosque than at any other time of the year. Fasting is an exercise in self-restraint. It's seen as a way to physically and spiritually detoxify by kicking impulses like morning coffee, smoking and midday snacking. The end of Ramadan is celebrated by a three-day holiday called [Eid al-Fitr](#). Children often receive new clothes, gifts and cash.

The festival of [Diwali](#), which is also known as Deepavali, is one of the most important annual Hindu events. In 2020, Diwali was Nov. 14. The holiday celebrates the triumph of good over evil. Spanning five days each autumn, it is considered by some to be the start of the new year.

When writing holiday cards to friends and family, recognize their holidays, include a short-handwritten note acknowledging their celebrations and browse through the Postal Store (store.usps.com/store/home) for a stamp that depicts that holiday.

Enjoy your celebrations this year and embrace learning about what colleagues, friends and extended family do too. Cheers!

Evelina Ramirez, USPS Strategic Communications Specialist



District Charity Golf Event



The District Charity Golf Event will be held on Saturday June 25, 2022 at Century Pines in support of Mission Services of Hamilton!

Our Pillars of Success are:

- Raising the most money possible for Mission Services
- Increasing awareness of Mission Services
- Increasing knowledge and awareness of Masonry
- Having fun!

How you and your lodge can get involved:

- We are hopeful each lodge will participate with a minimum of a 4some
- Bring family and friends - diners only are welcome
- Bring those who may be interested in Masonry
- Sponsor a hole, donate a silent auction prize, volunteer with us!

More details to follow but for now, please reach us at: MasonicOpen22@gmail.com

Your District Events team: Greg Bell & Ed Manmohan

Humour



IN MEMORIAM

Bro. George Rodgers
Buchanan Lodge No. 550

Initiated – Feb 4, 1982

Passed – Feb 3, 1983

Raised – May 5, 1983

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above September 16, 2021



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

From the Editor

Brethren,

Reading through the blog from the Grand Master set up the content for this month's 'C'hronicle. In keeping with past years, we highlighted more of the winter festivals in our community. Wrapping up the misquotes article this month. I hope it at least causes one reader to groan. Hopefully it is a light enough edition with some food for thought.

The Silent Sermon is a timely piece as it comes just in time for Lodge reopening. I know Temple Lodge is looking forwards to finally getting back together in person. Here is hoping the science lets us meet.

Thank you to R.W. Bro. Tom Marshall for his submission from Seymour Lodge. It is good to see Masonic activity in the community at large.

Looking forward to a great reopening! Be well, be safe!
S&F, Glen

I pray that 2022 is
better for each and
every one of us.
Amen.



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