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Around the beginning of December, W. Bro. Cory McCarthy and I went back and forth in the development of the trestleboard for this Masonic year. You all usually see this in September. Ultimately, it was based on a rather uncertain assumption – a January return to lodge – but we had to start somewhere if the trestleboard was to be built. I felt it very important to create and distribute this trestleboard, this road map, through the year ahead to build belief that we would be coming back soon – and with vigour!

## From Our District Deputy Grand Master

Happy New Year to you, brethren!

I trust your holidays were relaxing and that time spent with family and friends was joyful.

Just as the holidays were approaching, we were all introduced to another wave of this health and spirit robbing pandemic. I hope you were somehow able to nevertheless embrace the season and make the most of it. I hope time together with family fortified you all.

Let's make sure that during this exasperating time that we only bend – and not break. I mean this in terms of our spirit, our activities, behaviours and our empathy and patience towards others.

Let's make sure that, as we bend, we consider the marvelous design of a tree when exposed to a strong wind - while one side of the tree necessarily weakens to allow for pliability, the opposite side grows in strength to offset that flexibility and ensure the tree remains standing.

If you feel yourselves weakened by all this, recognise it and also realise that another part of you is strengthening. Let's celebrate that part, the part that shows us how to be strong for our own health – physical and mental – and to be strong for those around us who continue to struggle.



Much communication and planning went into the chosen dates and my thanks go out to each lodge Master and Secretary for working with me on arriving at a very compressed schedule. My thanks also go out to the various sets of eyes who reviewed the document for accuracy and by now, you will have all received an electronic copy of the trestleboard from your lodge.

It is as if the moment your District Secretary pressed send on the e-mail with the trestleboard attached, it became exposed to becoming obsolete!

Since that moment, we have seen a storm gather on the horizon and quickly approach – Omicron. Case numbers have been surging, we have seen new public health guideline adjustments being made and we have now all also received a few more updates from Grand Lodge which clearly communicate our return is being challenged once again. Is meeting in January pointless given our present circumstances?

You want to go back to lodge, your brethren do, your district team does and I do. We all want nothing more than to meet in lodge. We all want to see our amazing ritual with its valuable lessons inculcated therein back in action. We want to see enriching Masonic Education delivered with pizzazz and ingested with enthusiasm. We want our emerging leaders to be able to flex their developing muscles. We want our candidates to learn more. We want our applicants to be warmly welcomed.

This is what we all desire and yet our want seems to be outpaced by the pandemic at this point in time.

The trestleboard that you are now looking at – the one so many people had a hand in working on and scheduling and developing and distributing is still possible however is becoming less and less likely as you read this. That trestleboard that was to signal our return to labours, brotherly love and so much more will, if necessary, be re-worked and

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rescheduled as needed and redistributed as soon as we have a new handle on our circumstances. For now, the trestleboard is holding however, please stay tuned on that front.

Back to our tree – is it weakened and bent? Yes. Is it broken? Not. Even. Close.

Let us all continue to bend just a little longer while we prepare for our return based on our public health measures and our Grand Lodge’s direction.

Brethren, let us all continue to strengthen as well by redoubling our efforts of keeping in touch with one another, practicing our Work and the tenets contained therein and building our thirst for a return to in person lodge meetings.

In the meantime – be ready, willing and able to bend a little more. You have it in you.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bill

**R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Paul**

## From the Grand Master December Communique

Brethren,

As our province slowly opens with restrictions, some lodges have begun meeting in person already and some are waiting until things settle down a bit more. Either is fine. The health and safety of your members should be your first concern.

The first few meetings back may seem easy. Brethren, having been cooped up for months, will be anxious to get together again. Anxious in both senses of the word. Some can’t wait to be back in lodge again. Others are worried because the virus is not gone. There may be a huge number show up for the first meetings, or there may be few. Either way, we have much work to do to build up the Craft again.

Our planning must include the contingency of a step backward. Even as I write this, three of Ontario’s Health Districts have reimposed more stringent restrictions. So we must keep up with our local health units as well as the province.

When your lodge is ready to meet in person again, the lodge officers should split up the membership list and call every brother, inviting him back to lodge. Do not push those members



who are not ready yet, but show them with your call that they are remembered and valued. Keep in mind that there are brethren who are at increased risk or who have family members who are at greater risk. They will feel torn so we must support them. As we tell the new DDGMs at their orientation, the priorities are their health, their family, their work, and then Masonry.

Arrange a Memorial Service early on so that we can honour those of our brethren who passed to the Grand Lodge Above during the pandemic. Call their widows and tell them what you are doing. Lodge may be called off to hold a memorial service with family present if you wish, but just letting them know you are memorializing their loved one may be enough.

Consider holding a Rusty Masons night. Even the most experienced of us are rusty at this point.

Call the men on your waiting list and assess their comfort with COVID risk. Then, if appropriate, get them started on the Five Points to Application. Figure out now who their mentor will be. Resist the temptation to initiate them all on one day. And, when you are ready, start rehearsing. Three rehearsals before a degree is performed would seem very Masonic (and practical!)

For a while, rather than shaking hands, perhaps use the Hindu greeting “Namaste”.

We all look forward to getting back to normal but we have a lot of work to do to get there. And we want to do it safely. Slow and cautious wins the race.

Jill and I wish you all the best for this holy season and for the year to come.

Namaste.

**David J. Cameron**

## Why a Rusty Mason Program?

There are many members of our Masonic Craft who, for whatever reasons, do not attend Lodge, or have not attended for a long time. The longer that they stay away, the more difficult it becomes for them to return. When a Mason decides that he may once again wish to become active in his Lodge, quite often he is reluctant to do so because he is unfamiliar with our methods of recognition and ritual; therefore he is worried that he may embarrass himself.



The Rusty Mason program is intended to assist these Brethren to refresh their memories and permit everyone to enjoy each other’s company through Masonry. This program has been adapted from other similar programs and has been developed around our ritual and therefore is easily presented.

Click this link for a complete Rusty Mason description.  
[Edition 157 of the 'Chronicle](#)

# December Communique

## From the Deputy

My Brethren:

One of the key Committees of your Grand Lodge is the Condition of Masonry Committee (COM). The title well sums up the importance of their work to all levels of our organization from the Lodge Committee of General Purposes to the Grand Master.

The Committee is charged 'to review the annual reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGM) and to make recommendations arising therefrom for the benefit of the Craft; and to study the condition or state of Masonry in general throughout the jurisdiction and to make recommendations for the benefit of the Craft,' as per Section 136. (c) of the Constitution of our Grand Lodge.

The current Chairman of the Committee is R.W. Bro. Ken Elligson, a six-year veteran of the Committee, joining the team the year after his term as DDGM in 2014. As you can imagine, experience and familiarity with this Committee is important – over the last twelve years for the most part, we have had consistent leadership of this Committee (R.W. Bros. John Hay for four; Richard Kaufman for three and Michael Locke for the last four years). This Committee has come a long way in supporting our Lodges, Districts and Grand Lodge since the days when I was a young Committee Chairman who was requesting information from the DDGM annual year-end reports that would not be received until they had been distributed to the Committee members for review, then reported back to the Chairman who would compile a report for the following year's Annual Communication. Now Lodges are receiving their post-Official Visit (OV) reports shortly after the event and a yearend report is available to Grand Lodge Committees before the first year is even over.

The data that this Committee uses to make recommendations via their reports to the Management Committee and each Lodge after the OV from their DDGM comes from the L1 form, completed by the Worshipful Master and Lodge Secretary; L2 by the District Secretary; L3 by the DDGM; and L4 by the Worshipful Master and Lodge Treasurer.

If these forms are answered honestly and completely, each Lodge will receive a 'scorecard' from which they will glean many ideas for improvement to benefit their Lodge from the COM Committee.

Given that there were no OV last year, the general recommendations to the Lodges most recently provided by the Committee were made in the report for publication in the 2019 Annual Communications Proceedings and are as follows:

- 1) Lodges should review their membership to ensure that they are not carrying members more than twelve months in arrears (but then the Constitution is clear that this can't happen right?)
- 2) If a Lodge has Life Membership, they should ensure that they have a Life Membership Account and is managed in compliance as per Part VIII – Regulations Governing Life Membership Trust Funds in the Constitution

3) Lodges are encouraged to develop a multi-year financial plan to ensure that their dues structure realistically meets the financial needs of the Lodge; and most recently added

4) Lodges are encouraged to develop a strategic longrange plan. (Spoiler alert, next month we will be reviewing the work of the Strategic Planning Committee in this portion of the Communique).

The COM Committee also has made the following recommendations for consideration of the Management Committee:

1) That Lodges be required to provide a copy of the year-end financial report together with a copy of the audited statement.

2) That District Secretaries be required to attend the DDGM preparation course prior to their appointment to the role to ensure that they are familiar with the duties of a District Secretary.

3) The Constitution be amended to require the completion of the L1 (Master/Secretary Report) and L4 (Master/Treasurer Report) no later than 5 days prior to the date scheduled for the OV of the DDGM.

4) a) If a Lodge receives a Green Report – The DDGM should attend the Lodge and congratulate them on their achievement.

b) If a Lodge receives a Yellow Report – The DDGM and the District Secretary should attend the Lodge and offer suggestions or assistance to enable the Lodge to improve.

c) If a Lodge receives a Red Report – The DDGM, District Secretary and a local Grand Lodge Officer visit the Lodge and encourage the Lodge to accept assistance from the Grand Lodge Committees that would best enable the Lodge to improve their current situation.

These last four recommendations will be on the next agenda for the Management Committee to determine the next course of action.

Stay tuned...and well until then!

All the best of the season with health and happiness abounding in 2022!

**Thomas W. Hogeboom Deputy Grand Master**

## From the Grand Lodge Website

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

**December 30, 2021**

[2021 Annual proceedings.](#)

**December 21, 2021**

[Covid 19 Update - December 21, 2021](#)

**December 6, 2021**

[Covid 19 Update - December 6, 2021](#)

**November 30, 2021**

[GM Blog November 2021](#)

[Mentoring Matters Bulletin 25](#)

[Mentoring Matters Bulletin 26](#)

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

# Hamilton District 'C' - December Masonic Forum Recap

## Christmas Masonic Education W. Bro. Stan Satchell Seymour Lodge No.272

*For our readers, the presentation from W. Bro. Stan Satchell, District Chairman of Masonic Education "A Reflection on the Ideals which Santa Claus and Masons might share"*

Brethren, I would like you to listen to a brief description of a familiar gentleman and picture him in your mind.

He is a kind and worthy man who may be getting on in years. He may even be a little overweight. He wears a very distinctive costume which is the badge of his activities. He provides and promotes opportunities for friends and visitors to meet in fellowship. He is surrounded by secrecy and mystery. He dispenses goodwill and charity while avoiding garish public display. He acts in this manner year after year, after year.

Did you picture Santa Claus or did you picture a Mason?

As we prepare for the holiday season, I challenge you to reflect on its meaning and our role within it. And, maybe wonder if Kris Kringle is actually a Mason. After all, he practices Brotherly Love and Relief; and we are happy to meet (both him and the Christmas season) and we are sorry to part.

Let us have a look at what we know about St. Nick's annual activities on Christmas Eve. We know that he starts his journey at the North Pole. As the sun rises in the east to open and enliven the day, and with him needing to finish his work before dawn, then he would have to begin in the East and move toward the West on his journey. Therefore, Father Christmas must begin his journey at the north-east corner of the world, just as an EA begins his charitable Masonic journey.

Similarly, this course would place him in the north-west corner at the end of his work, where he can give his salute to the world and take his leave by locking his secrets in the safe and sacred repository of his heart.

Secrets and mysteries also serve to illustrate the wonderment which Masonry and Santa share. Those of you who are parents may understand this scenario. Imagine the worst crime an older child could commit at this time of the year... To ruin the magic of Santa for a younger child, to break the faith that they should have kept. A fitting punishment may have pointed out that they were void of all moral worth and totally unfit to be received at the dinner table but to be sent to their room for destroying something that was so good, so worthwhile, and so innocent.

A further comparison can be drawn between the development and practice of the Christmas season to the evolution of Masonry as we know it. Let's start with the origins of the jolly old elf himself. Father Christmas, or Kris Kringle, or Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, has elements of pre-Christian myths and legends, which developed through the Middle Ages by being built into the great Christian story of God's wonderful gift to the world. By the 18th and 19th century

these details were formalized into the character that we still have today: his way of working, his ritual activities, and his stylized uniform.

Comparatively, the pre-Christian legends of King Solomon's Temple, the pyramids, Pythagoras, and so on were embraced and developed through the Middle Ages by the great Christian Cathedral builders, then formalized in the 18th and 19th centuries into the work, the ritual, and the garments which we, as Masons, use today.

If we look further at St. Nicholas himself, we see that he was a Turkish nobleman in the 4th century. He used his wealth to help a poor man who could not afford to pay for the weddings of his three daughters. St. Nicholas climbed onto the poor family's roof and anonymously threw a handful of gold coins down the chimney and these coins fell into the girls' stockings which had been hung up by the fire to dry. He performed this act of charity for the benefit of his Neighbour, and not for any self-serving motive, knowing that it would be thankfully received and faithfully applied. As a result of his kind act, this nobleman eventually became known as the patron saint of poor children.

His legend grew and became very popular in Europe, especially in the Netherlands where his character eventually evolved into Sinterklaas. Sinterklaas was a man who during mid-winter festivals was mounted on a white horse and visited children to enquire about their behaviour the previous year. Good children were rewarded, and bad children were punished. The evening before his visit, children would leave their shoes outside filled with hay for Santa's horse. In the morning the children would find the hay gone and sweets or small presents in their place.

These traditions were taken to the New World by Dutch settlers. But, it was the famous poem by Clement Clark Moore which begins, "Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house...", which established many of the elements of Santa Claus as we know him today.

Many of the details from Moore's poem (such as flying reindeer, a flying sled, and Santa coming down the chimney) were a collection of elements of additional legends from different parts of the world such as Finland and Siberia; yet these varied teachings have now become accepted as one work.

Similar to the Santa legend, Masonic ritual and ceremonies include varied elements of ancient legends and teachings. And, they were put together quite deliberately by identifiable people with a specific aim: to print indelibly on our minds the sacred duties of truth, of honour, of virtue.

We celebrate all of the good that the Santa story achieves, and all of the happiness it creates, because it is a simple story which encourages moral conduct. Likewise, we celebrate all of the good that Masonry achieves, and all of the happiness it creates, because of the foundation on which Freemasonry rests -- the practice of social and moral virtue.

It is fair to say that we celebrate Christmas with the story of Santa Claus because this fable is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols.

We celebrate religious beliefs about the birth of goodness, and hope for the future; and we reaffirm the belief that people are

basically good and can develop into loving, caring, helpful, and supporting friends to each other.

We look to a New Year where things can be better. We do this at a time when some are celebrating the Christian Nativity; some are celebrating the Jewish Hanukkah with its lights and gifts and story of peace; some are celebrating the

Hindu Diwali with its festival of lights and gifts of sweets and toys; and others who may hold no formal religion except the pleasure of seeing a child's face transfixed with wonder and delight.

This is a most appropriate time of year for us to reflect on why we are Masons. Like Santa, we believe that there are important things such as goodness and hope for the future, and that men can develop into loving, caring, helpful, and supporting Brethren to their families and to each other. We not only look to a future where things can be better, but we see it as our role, as Masons, to help to build that future.

So, I feel that I can safely say that Father Christmas is a Brother Mason. Not only does he show so many of the signs and tokens of being one, but he brings us a message that we, as Masons, can heed for the whole year. Peace on earth, and good will towards men!

Merry Christmas brethren!

*Inspired by the work of David Downie.*

*St. Trinians No.2050 Isle of Man. 2021, THE SKIRRET.*

## Hamilton District 'C' - Virtual - Mid Term Meeting

Saturday, January 22nd, 9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86047864091?pwd=TldVNkRRVlplBbkcxQkJaRjd2Rm1BUT09>

Meeting ID: 860 4786 4091 Passcode: 731179

### AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Moment of Silence

Roll Call and Proxy

Lodge/District Insurance Presentation and Q & A

Minutes of September 18th, 2021 Fall Meeting

Business Arising from Minutes

General Business

District Team Reports

New Business

DDGM's Remarks

Adjournment



## January Virtual Events

There are 4 upcoming events listed on the Hamilton District 'C' website.

**Jan. 3, 7:30 pm**

### **92nd Masonic Education and Fellowship Zoom Meeting**

R.W. Bro. James Logan, Cornwallis Lodge No. 95, Grand Lecturer, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia - "The Nova Scotian Masonic Stone of 1606 - Did Canadian Freemasonry Exist Before 1700?"

**Web Link: TBD**

**Jan. 8, 7:00 pm: Freemasonry and Rosslyn Chapel**

Fantastic claims have been made about Rosslyn Chapel and its connection to Messianic Bloodiness, Grail Legends, Knights Templar and Freemasonry, all of which are included in "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown. W Bro. Carson C. Smith separates fact from fiction in a one hundred and thirty (130) slide, forty-five minute presentation entitled "Freemasonry and Rosslyn Chapel" which is guaranteed to both disappoint and delight its participants.

As these sessions are NOT Tyled, all of your families and friends are welcome to attend.

**Register to attend by visiting this Web Link**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1441496444700320527>

**Jan. 10, 7:30 pm**

### **93rd Masonic Education and Fellowship Zoom Meeting**

V.W. Bro. Garry Perkins, FCF, Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies, Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie - "Considerations for a Committee of Investigation" Further details

**Web Link: TBD**

**Jan. 17, 7:30 pm**

### **94th Masonic Education and Fellowship Zoom Meeting**

Bro. Mike Ingham, FC, Faithful Brethren No. 77, Victoria District - "My Experience as a New FC During COVID Times"

**Web Link: TBD**

## From the WebMaster

Our website can increase the visibility and potential engagement for upcoming Masonic events. Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, and Wardens please contact the Webpage & Communications District C Team Member, **Bro. James Lannigan**, to post your upcoming events

## Masonic Education

Hello

We are in the midst of a season of celebration, whether Diwali, Hanukah, Christmas, or another tradition. I've learnt that these celebrations occur whether I recognize them or not! I simply pause for a moment to pray that you and those near you enjoy every blessing of the season, and every happiness in 2022.

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

**Palliate** "Palliate" is a word that probably never comes up in polite conversation. Maybe amongst medical professionals who discuss relief of symptoms without achieving a cure of the illness. But within the context of instruction to a Mason in the middle of his journey, 'palliate' has a different meaning. As he receives instruction about our laws and regulations, he is directed how to address errors. Once a mistake is recognized, it is not to be disguised or covered up or excused. Instead the initiate is reminded to use candor, friendship, and mercy, to bring about a satisfactory resolution. The conclusion is one of Brotherly Love.

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: [Blog:https://masterseblem.wordpress.com/](https://masterseblem.wordpress.com/)

## Scottish Rite Library and Archives

A few years ago, The Supreme Council of Canada changed the operational premise of its Library. For researchers or members who need access to the physical materials in the collection (and can get to our Hamilton location) we still offer a reference library service by appointment. But the main focus of our program is to create products that can be sent out—for our members to use in their own homes, or wherever they happen to be. The Ex Libris videos (which you can find at <https://scottishritecanada.ca/library>) are of course one example.

Another is our growing set of Reading Lists. The Library Committee is working to carefully consider the needs of various audiences and assemble a set of about one dozen high-quality books or on-line information sources that we believe will be useful or of interest to each distinct audience. For each book in the reading list, the Committee has prepared a brief description which not only indicates the type of material covered by the book, but also flags areas of concern. Finally, to help our readers locate the books that interest them, we also include information about where each book can be obtained.

Reading List #1, called "Getting Started", is obviously geared to the reader approaching the subject with minimal prior knowledge. This list contains materials that anyone can read without a need for background knowledge to understand terminology, events, symbolism, or other aspects which much of the existing literature requires. We believe it is particularly important to support this particular audience, because so much misinformation, nonsense, and outright falsehood has been published on the subject of Freemasonry that it is extremely difficult for a reader who is just getting started in this genre to know whether they are reading sound, solid history or flights of fantasy.

Further reading lists are planned, to help readers delve deeper into the general literature of the Craft or explore specific areas of interest such as Masonic Origins, History, Esoteric Masonry, Anti-Masonry, Masonic Symbolism, and Philosophy.

The inclusion of a book in one of our reading lists does not indicate that its content is supported or even condoned by the Library and Archives Committee in particular, or by The Supreme Council of Canada in general. We realise there may be some books which contain material that conflicts with our beliefs or values. There may also be books included in these lists that contain material which we believe to be untrue. Nevertheless, such books were published and affected public opinion or influenced later authors. Consequently, these writings may be important to consider in conducting serious research or in working to understand the events of the past and our situation in the present. While we do not exclude publications we disagree with, or those of which we disapprove, we do strive to present the books in our reading lists in context. Therefore, we will do our best to provide information (to the extent that we, as mere humans, are capable of being truly unbiased) in the description of each book that warns of controversial, misleading, or disputed material.

Our Reading Lists are available on the library web page at <https://scottishritecanada.ca/library>

### Lodge Secretary Virtual Workshop



Membership Pillar



New Offering

The Membership Pillar is pleased to offer another in a series of workshops that will assist Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Worshipful Masters, Wardens and others in better understanding the role of the office

We are presently receiving registrations for  
**Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

If numbers warrant it, additional workshops will be scheduled

From the comfort of your own home

8:30am to 8:59am for Fellowship

9:00am Workshop Commences

Depending on questions, we are typically finished by 11:30am

Registration information below

#### Topics Include

Duties & Responsibilities

Protecting Personal Information of Members

Prospective Members

Guarding the West Gate - Not Just A Man, A Mason.

Non-Payment of Dues - Demits - Suspensions

Communication With Members

Regular & Emergent Meetings

Official Visit of DDGM

Amalgamation & Surrendering the Warrant

Town Hall Q & A

To register for the workshop, please contact: R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte

Chairman of Seminars & Workshops Committee

Register by email, including your name, rank, office held, Lodge name & number, & District  
[masoniclectures@gmail.com](mailto:masoniclectures@gmail.com)



## Masonic Passport Top 5 Masonic Places to Visit in the U.S.A.

Spring is almost here which is the perfect time to start planning a trip to visit some of the amazing historical towns and cities that the United States has to offer. Freemasonry has made its mark on locations all across the country and there is no better time than now to explore the lasting impression our fraternity's age-old traditions have had on American buildings, businesses, architecture, and people. Below, we have compiled a list of our top five favorite Masonic places to visit in the U.S to get your bucket list started.

### 1. The George Washington Masonic Memorial in Washington, D.C

Located near our nation's capital, the GW Masonic Memorial is an active Masonic Temple, research library, cultural space, community performing arts



center, digital archive and a Masonic museum. Built in the 1920s with the mission to "inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason, and Father of our Country," the memorial stands proud in Alexandria, Virginia. The structure is open to the public for tours, facility rental, and library usage, acting as a strong Masonic pillar of education for those that seek to learn more about the history and heritage of United States Masonry.

### 2. Masonic Temple and Masonic Library and Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Also known as "one of the great wonders of the Masonic world", The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is home to impressive Masonic artifacts, magnificent Lodge rooms and unique architecture. Also

located inside this amazing institution is the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania which houses Freemasonry objects, documents, and books and is considered to have one of the finest collections for the study of Freemasonry. Their library archives even possess a book printed in 1489 and their museum has one of Brother George Washington's aprons! The Temple provides tours Tuesday through Saturday and if you are unable to see the building in person, head over to their website to glimpse the structure in [videos and images](#).

[Click here for W. Bro, Lorne Evans' visit to the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia in October 2019:](#)  
[https://www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org/upload/newsfile\\_file\\_175.pdf](https://www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org/upload/newsfile_file_175.pdf)

### 3. Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple in Oklahoma

The Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma honors the Masonic values of "study and education, recreation and fellowship, learning and reflection, and charity and compassion." This grand building holds space for Lodge meetings, Valley reunions, a Masonic museum and Scottish Rite member resources. Public tours of the 14 artistic rooms of the Temple are given year-round and the Temple also includes a [virtual tour](#) on their website for those that are unable to travel. Learn more about the history of this structure [here](#).



### 4. The Masonic in Detroit, Michigan



The Masonic in Detroit, Michigan was built in 1926 by the architectural firm, George Mason and Company and the unique design included three theaters, a Shrine building, the Chapel, eight Lodge rooms, drill

hall, two ballrooms, office space, dining rooms, and even a barber shop and bowling lanes. When walking into the building lobby it is easy to see that Mason also had an eye for the arts and he added ornate chandeliers, decorative arches, medallions, and plaster decorations throughout each room. Today, this historic landmark is used for various events such as weddings and concerts and is open to the public for guided tours on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

### 5. Masonic Hall in New York City, New York

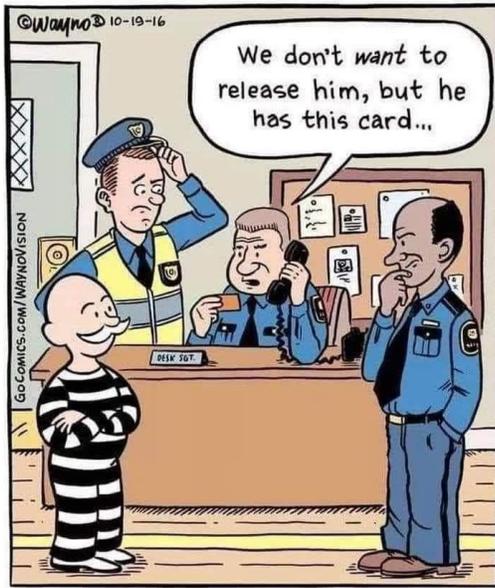
Masonic Hall at 23rd St. and 6th Ave. in the heart of Chelsea in New York City spans over an entire city block and has been in operation since 1873. There are two buildings that make up the hall,



one for commercial use and one for Masonic use. Many prominent leaders and Freemasons have used the hall since its beginning and today is no different. The Hall is still the home to The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York as well as the [Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Library and Museum](#). Both organizations help to further the building's historical traditions by hosting Lodge meetings, dinners and Masonic events. Free, public tours are held Monday through Saturday and group tours can be made by special arrangement

[Article from the Grand Lodge of Ohio](#)  
<https://www.freemason.com/top-five-masonic-places-visit-in-us/>

# Humour



## Meanwhile in Canada



## Annual meeting of the Summer Tires Club

## From the Editor

Brethren,

Looking forward to in person meetings, one day but not this month. ....and still we wait.

Thank you to W. Bro. Stan Satchell for his Christmas Masonic Education. It was well presented and well received by the members in attendance at our Decemebr Forum.

I was reading the winter edition of the Clarion and came across an article about the Scottish Rite Library, I took some time to browse their website and found the introduction used in this edition. We plan to publish some more of their content in upcoming editions.

Resurrected the Masonic Passport based on some content from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. I would love to have our readers build a different list for Canada and other parts of the USA.

Finally a reminder for our virtual mid term meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Maybe we will have a better idea for the future!

Be well, be safe!  
S&F, Glen

## IN MEMORIAM

W. Bro. Ernest Wilson Brunton  
**Seymour Lodge No.272**

Initiated - October 9, 1956  
Passed - November 27, 1956  
Raised - February 26, 1957  
Worshipful Master 1968

65 year member of Seymour Lodge and 53 years as a Past Master

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above November 30, 2021

W. Bro. Kenneth Edward Bricker  
**Seymour Lodge No.272**

Initiated - May 12, 1973  
Passed - September 11, 1973  
Raised - November 27, 1973  
Worshipful Master - 1981

Member of Ancaster Keystone Chapter No. 155,  
Royal Arch Mason

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above November 10, 2021



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



**Happy New Years Everyone!**



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