

# District 'C'ronicle



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## Our District Deputy Grand Master

*"There is a war that opens the doors of heaven, Arjuna! Happy the warriors whose fate is to fight such a war. But to forego this fight...is to forego thy duty and honour: is to fall into transgression. Men will tell of thy dishonour now and in times to come. And to a man who is in honour, dishonour is more than death."*

So says the Hindu god and wise charioteer, Krishna, to the warrior, Arjuna. This excerpt is a snapshot of the dialogue between the two as they enter the field of battle in the great story *The Bhagavad Gita*. Arjuna, a reluctant warrior in this instance, unwilling to take action, is cautioned by Krishna that they stand at a very particular moment in time and that inaction will result in ruin and, for Arjuna personally, dishonour.



*The Bhagavad Gita* is a moment, a chapter, frozen in time. As a chapter, it can stand alone with its own beginning, middle and end. It is however, but a chapter. A chapter in the larger Indian epic, the *Mahabharata*.

Brethren, the concept of standing at a moment in time and having the actions in that moment dictate the outcome is not a new one. Nor is the notion that each

moment in time is a necessary part of a continuum – with a responsibility to both the past and the future.

We presently find ourselves at such a point in time – our emergence from the pandemic. I am happy to report that as a collective, we are taking meaningful and appropriate actions. It is wonderful to hear of lodges returning to in person General Purpose meetings, Regular meetings as well as social and charitable events. I am being told of lodges having serious talks about the condition of their membership, their Work and Officer line and considering the best way forward. We have some lodges returning to their labours by simply Opening, taking care of pressing business and then Closing. We have others quickly moving to Elections with the intent of Installations and we have other still scheduling degrees with at least one planning for a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree! We have lodges planning social outings, charitable efforts, 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary ceremonies and banquets. Combined with this, we also have lodges still determining their best way forward to re-opening.

This clearly illustrates that there is no single template for return and that each of the district lodges is doing a tremendous job of listening to the hopes and concerns of membership when deciding how and when to return.

In addition to this, you are likely aware that efforts at the district level are signalling a robust return with the on-going promotion of the Masonic Open (highlighted elsewhere in this edition) on June 25<sup>th</sup>, the building and distribution of a degree support resource tool on April 1<sup>st</sup> (please send along your information as soon as possible if your lodge has not yet done so) and the roll out last week of the Rapid Report Card with a completion and submission date of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are indeed standing at a moment in time, and, by most accounts, we are meeting the challenge! In this way, we should recognise that we are actively honouring our past – most especially the Brethren who have come before us and performed their labours. We are also protecting our future – again, most especially for those Brethren who are yet to come.

Coming back to *The Bhagavad Gita*, Arjuna heads into battle after heeding Krishna's final lessons "It is not right for the man to leave undone the...work which ought to be done. This man sees and has no doubts: he surrenders, he is pure and has peace. Work, pleasant or painful, is for him joy. When work is done for reward, the work brings pleasure, or pain, or both in its time; but when a man does work in Eternity, then Eternity is his reward."

Brethren, continue the excellent effort, call on your district leadership team as required and, embrace the moment in which we live.

Fraternally,  
Bill

R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Paul

### Our District Charity



Mission Services of Hamilton is a non-profit, multi-social service agency that believes every person deserves access to healthy

food, safe housing, and opportunities for tomorrow.

This excellent, local and committed charity will be the recipient of 100% of the funds raised at our June 2022 golf tournament.

Donations, can be made payable to The Masonic Foundation of Ontario and reference Project 2406. E-transfers can also be made to [donations@tmfo.ca](mailto:donations@tmfo.ca)

**MASONIC OPEN**  
2022

**MISSION Services**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Register Now @  
[Masonicopen22@gmail.com](mailto:Masonicopen22@gmail.com)

Registration - 12:00 p.m.  
Shotgun Start - 1:00 p.m.  
Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
Charity Event - 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday**  
**June 25th, 2022**

**\$180 per player**  
incl. cart, dinner & charity event

**\$70 per person**  
dinner & charity event

\*rain or shine\*

## From the Grand Master March Communique

A Toast to all our differences  
A Toast to common ground  
A Toast to what we're seeking  
A Toast to what we've found  
To what brings us together  
To what sets us apart  
A Toast to many different souls  
United with one heart.  
*(from the website of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon)*

Brethren,  
A long, long time ago Freemasons adopted the practice of abstaining from discussion of religion or politics in lodge. Whether it was Roman Catholics and Protestants, Roundheads and Royalists, or Jacobites and Whigs, the brothers of the past did this in order to maintain harmony among themselves. It served the Craft well and is one of the secrets of our longevity as an order.



Unfortunately, we again find ourselves in divisive times. Demonstrations, Social Media posts and a general strain in conversations with friends and family. An article in The Times (July 06 2021) said that a poll by Frank Luntz found "just over half of adults under 30 said they had stopped talking to someone in person or online because of something political they said" and "more than a third of people aged between 30 and 49 had stopped talking to someone over a political stance".

When we start to circulate again we will meet brothers who have stood on both sides of the issues. There will be brothers who think the pandemic risks were overblown, and brothers who think the risks are being downplayed. There will be brothers who, because of their personal or family situations, will not be comfortable sitting in lodge meetings and there will be brothers who are raring to go. There will be brothers who are okay in a room with just their own lodge brothers but not comfortable going to larger gatherings. There will be brothers who will decline to shake your hand, not because they are upset with you, but simply because they are not comfortable with that contact yet. There will be brothers who will continue to wear a mask in lodge even after it is no longer required by law.

The key word in the previous paragraph is "brothers". Please accept your brothers for where they are and preserve harmony in your lodge by observing our age-old practice of not discussing political topics in lodge.

As M.W. Bro. John C. Green often said, "Today in a world where you can be anything, BE KIND."

David J. Cameron

## March Communique From the Deputy

My Brethren:

I have no doubt you will have all read the great news that we are reopening our Lodges and Districts for Freemasonry once again before reading this message from your Deputy Grand Master, so I won't be breaking any communication protocol. I'm sure we are all hoping and praying that each of us practices the many suggestions that our pandemic experts have provided to keep us safe and prevent a rebound to lock-down status in two months like the last time we were in this same spot in November 2021.

It seems like only yesterday that I was preparing to travel to Hamilton to assist the Brethren of The Barton Lodge in the celebration of their 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, March 14, 2020. It was just the day before – Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in fact – that, in accordance with the suggestions of the same Provincial health expert, it was decided that we would “postpone” all non-essential gatherings – including such Lodge functions.

Well, here we are, in the 24<sup>th</sup> month since that announcement and very anxious in getting back to the quarry. I say anxious because for many of us, it will be like starting all over again. I'm surely not the only one who must pull out the 'old black (or blue or red) book' on the annual occurrence in which I do that favourite piece of the Work and it appears to be new words that I am seeing for the first time!!

So, what can we do as Masons, Lodges and Districts to make this transition comfortable for one and all of our members? To this end, we have very recently charged R.W. Bro. Victor Tavares to assemble a working group of Masons to be the Lodge resource for the Masonic Restoration of our jurisdiction. Your Grand Lodge Committees have created a plethora of material, direction and guidance documents to assist in creating healthy Lodges and engaged members over the past many years. But I'm not certain how many Worshipful Masters know all the Grand Lodge resources that can assist them in the management of their Lodges, to make a positive impression on their members to the point where it is a painful waiting period between meetings, and where members of all ages and experience are engaged in the life and longevity of their Lodge.

My number one suggestion for opening our Lodge doors after two years is to go slowly and deliberately. Take the first few months to get all that old business that was so gratefully conducted by our Masters and Secretaries over the last two years, confirmed in open Lodge. Take the first few months to get your members comfortable with their surroundings again. I don't have to tell you how many 'Rusty Masons' there will be because it is all of us! Take the time to practice everything – upstairs and downstairs. Take the time to mentor and train your Officers so they are prepared and can enjoy the experience and not be embarrassed from the lack of comfort with their Ritual and floorwork. Their number one objective must be to impress the Candidate so he can't wait for his next Degree. I have seen some Lodges opening to members

only. That to me makes a lot of sense. Why would I want to have company into my house when I don't know what to expect myself? We have between 900 and 1,000 interested men standing outside our Lodge doors, many of whom will make application. Please don't rush them. They all know the reason why they haven't been processed. Take the time to do a thorough investigation to protect our West gate. Take the time to treat each one of these potential Candidates as a special event – please don't think we have to get them in and conduct mass Degree Work.

We have told Lodges and District Deputy Grand Masters that there will be no mandatory Official Visits or L-form completions for the rest of this year. Maybe your DDGM, could be given a replay since he really didn't get to fulfill his year in any way as to his expectations. If the District agrees to this idea – you may elect him again for another year. At our mid-term meetings, many of our DDGMs talked about never wearing their new formal tailcoat except around the house. There still needs to be a nomination and election but there is nothing in the Constitution that says it can't be the same Brother. I only caution you to check with the current DDGM and District Association. I know some of them will not be able to proceed for whatever personal reason and others who have a rotation system and W. Bro. Doe was to be the DDGM during the anniversary of his Lodge next year. Maybe this year's DDGM will have to wait a year, but it is an annual election to which they can be re-elected.

Take your time Brethren – it's not a race. We are making Masons for life, and no one should ever leave because of disinterest, theirs or ours!

Thanks for your focus on this very important and deciding factor for the life of your Lodge!

**Thomas W. Hogeboom Deputy Grand Master**



### From the Grand Lodge Website

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

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

## Hamilton District 'C' -



Upcoming events listed on the Hamilton District 'C' website.

### Apr. 2: Life, Death, and Rebirth

Common Threads in Ancient Initiatory Rites of Passage presented by W. Bro. Joseph Martinez.

The event will begin 7:00 pm EDT which is the time you will be allowed to enter the room. The actual presentation starts at 7:05 pm EDT.

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

#### Web Link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3962525974097757199>

### Apr. 10: Charles A Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies: A Tale of Two Lodges

Date/Time Details: April 10 2022 / 3:00 pm EST

Web Link: [live.sankeylectures.ca](http://live.sankeylectures.ca)



Westmount Lodge No. 671 has joined forces with the City of Hamilton and is organizing a

### 'Team Up to Clean Up'

Saturday April 23.

at Bayfront Park, Hamilton at 10am

Spouses, kids, and dogs are all welcomed to join us! This will count towards school volunteer hours.

With 'Team Up to Clean Up', you can help keep Hamilton's shoreline litter free. Since 1994, there have been 19,400 cleanups that have collected more than 1.2 million kg of trash across Canada's shorelines.

We carefully pick up trash (paper, plastic bags, etc.) around the park for a couple hours. Then we go to a local restaurant for lunch and fellowship.

Dress warm and bring drinking water, gloves, sanitizer. Garbage bags will be provided and left onsite for the City to pick up.

To get involved, you can [register here](#) or email W. Bro Ed Manmohan at [emanmohan@hotmail.com](mailto:emanmohan@hotmail.com)

Let's work together to help keep Hamilton clean.

Note: Rain date is Saturday April 30.

## Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies

Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 3 p.m. EST  
JOIN US LIVE & ONLINE:  
[live.sankeylectures.ca](http://live.sankeylectures.ca)

**"A Tale of Two Lodges:  
Weberian Types and an  
Analytical Model of Canadian  
Masonic Involvement in  
the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"**

No tickets are necessary. This event will be live-streamed.  
To join the event, go to this link: [live.sankeylectures.ca](http://live.sankeylectures.ca)

Lecturer:  
Prof. J. Scott Kenny  
Department of Sociology  
Memorial University  
St. John's, NL

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Province of Ontario

Natalie Kenney, original artwork based on a stained glass window at Freemasons' Hall in London

## KEEP CALM ONLY 85 DAYS TO GO

Have you got your tickets to the District 'C' Charity Golf Tournament and Dinner?

# Masonic Passport

## Ancient Brethren Masonic Lodge A Day Trip Worth Taking



Display Lodge  
Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada  
Mailing Address: 1714 Jane Street, Cornwall, ON, Canada  
K0B 1R0, corner48

Please note that this is a non-working display lodge open to the public during the regular hours of operation of Upper Canada Village.

Ancient Brethren Masonic Lodge is the sesquicentennial project of the Masonic Association of Eastern District. It began under the name of "The Upper Canada Lodge Project"

At Upper Canada soon you will see  
An olden lodge of Masonry.  
Where olden Masons went with pride  
And the square and compass was their guide.



Ancient Brethren Masonic Lodge officially opened with a Cornerstone Laying Ceremony on June 21, 2008 at Upper Canada Village.

<https://easterndistrictmasons.wordpress.com/ancient-brethren/>

The building that now houses the Masonic Lodge was originally built in 1863 and moved in 2008 from the Village of Kars in south-west Ottawa. Many original 19th century Masonic items gathered from eastern Ontario are on exhibit in the lodge. The building offers visitors the chance to learn about the history and role of the Masons and other fraternal societies in Upper Canada during the 19th century.

The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, founded in Britain in 1717, was the most important of several fraternal organizations in pre-Confederation Canada. Such organizations met several significant social needs of the time. Freemasonry was a brotherhood, whose teachings and behaviour mirrored the values of other institutions of society: the church, the school, the home, and the law courts. Even though Freemasons were not actually "operative" masons—that is, earning their living in the trade of stonemasonry—their "work" was to build a moral human being, much as stonemasons build the actual structure.

Freemasonry has been described as "a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." Their rituals and teachings use the metaphor of a stonemason's tools and implements, which are given symbolic meanings, drawing on Greek and Roman architectural history, Old Testament Hebrew history, and medieval trade guild traditions.

All Freemasons had a moral obligation to assist, in times of need, their brothers, the families of their brothers, and society in general. In the 19th century, Freemasons responded with generosity to provide money, food, and assistance for the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the unfortunate in the community, ensuring the stability of our early social fabric when there was no social safety net.

Freemasonry also provided a venue for men to meet socially; men who shared a common moral and religious vision of the world; men who believed that the Creator wanted them to lead good, moral lives and to serve their fellow human beings. As Very Worshipful Brother Otto Klotz put it in 1864, "A Freemason's lodge is a temple of *peace, harmony and brotherly love*. The object of a Mason's meeting in a lodge is of a two-fold nature: Moral instruction and social intercourse."

In the 19th century, many church leaders, lawyers, judges, doctors, other professionals and social leaders were Masons. Canadian Prime Ministers John A. Macdonald, John Abbott, Mackenzie Bowell, Robert Borden, R.B. Bennett, and John Diefenbaker were all Masons, as was British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Queen Victoria's son Albert (later Edward VII) and the Kings following—Edward VIII and George VI—were also Masons.

<https://www.uppercanadavillage.com>  
Submitted by the Editorial Team

## Masonic Education

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

### Zeal:

The common man may have been told he is zealous if he is devoted to a hobby or activity to the exclusion of other considerations. For example, fans of a sport might be zealous as their favorite team competes for a championship and go so far as to be rowdy! But being told to act with zeal? This is an expression used within our tyled recesses and might cause concern to he who hears it for the first time. How is a Mason to act with zeal? By the example of others we know that the observant Mason demonstrates zeal for our Fraternity by developing the fundamental principles or tenets of the Order within himself, by learning and practicing the leadership skills inherent in each Office or Chair, by promoting the happiness of his fellow creatures, and by advancing the cause of good.

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/)

## From the Education Chair A Rusty Mason Night

On March 16th via Zoom W. Bro. Stan Satchell and W. Bro. Lorne Evans provided a thought-provoking evening around the symbolism and meaning of the first degree.

Starting at the door of the Lodge, they walked us through the key experiences that a candidate experiences, lodge roles and meaning behind the ritual.

Each part of the degree was discussed with references to The Work and other supporting documents. Insight was given to language in the degree was provided. With Q&A and comments related to the points below.

- The preparation of the candidate. With explanations provided related to the reasons to how the candidate is prepared.
- What it means to hele. Definition of the word and how it applies to the candidate and Masons in general.
- Steps approaching the altar; a perfect squares
- Working tools and how they can be used in every day life for insight and balance.
- Charity, and the three principal tenets of Masonry
- Apron and what it represents in the Lodge.

In total it was an interesting discussion, providing enlightenment to the assembled brethren and an opportunity to discuss what the first degree means to each of us in attendance and the lessons we need to impart to every candidate.

## Reflections Newsletters

On the Grand Lodge Website.

30 Volumes of Masonic information.  
Approximately 200 issues.

An Extract from:

**Reflections-volume-6-issue-3-winter-1987**

### BOOK REVIEWS THE REGIUS POEM

Bloomington, Illinois: Masonic Book Club. (Publications, volume one). 1970, reprinted 1975. Pp. xi, 73. \$15.00.

Some time about the year 1390, an unknown English man wrote a poem 794 lines long; it still survives and is the earliest example of the old charges of the operative masons. The book under discussion contains a facsimile of this precious manuscript; since the writing is hard to decipher, it also has a transcription; since the spelling and vocabulary are old fashioned, it even has a translation into modern English. The last 100 lines of the poem are adapted from another work, a treatise on good manners, of which a facsimile and transcription are given on pages 33-35. The hundred lines before that are derived from 'Instructions for Parish Priests', by John Mirk; a facsimile and transcription of the relevant parts are given on pages 36-40. The book also includes a glossary of unfamiliar words, and two essays on the poem. If you are curious about the early history of the craft, this is a good place to start.

The above review prepared by R.W. Bro. W.E. McLeod of Mizpah Lodge No.572.

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/masonic-education/reflections-magazine/volumes-1-9-1981-1990/1174-reflections-volume-6-issue-3-winter-1987/file>

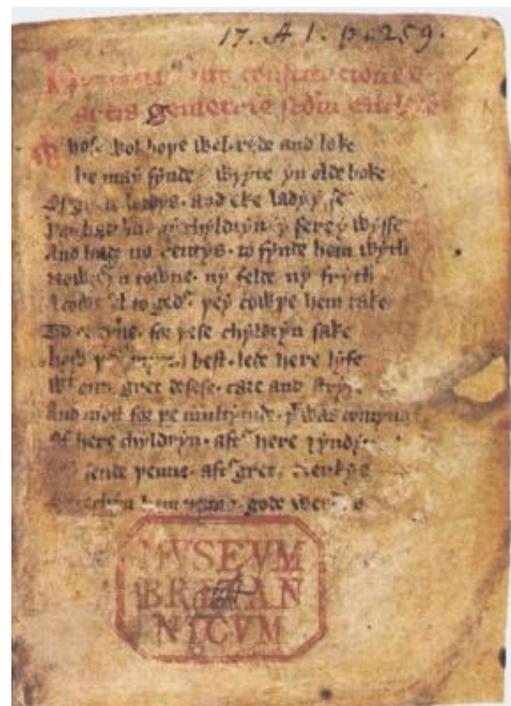


Image of the First Page of the Regius Poem

## THE OLD CHARGES: THE REGIUS MANUSCRIPT ca. 1390

One of the oldest Masonic documents to be discovered, it was written between 1350 and 1450 and has been dated by authorities at about 1390. It is in the form of an epic poem and was probably the work of a priest or monk who had access to older Masonic documents.

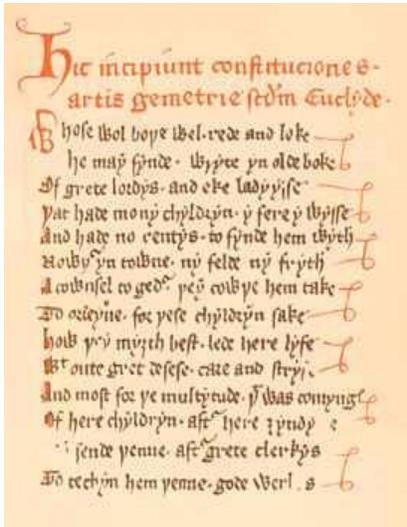
Transcribed by James Halliwell around 1840, it was mentioned in an inventory of John Theyer's library in 1670.

The latter was sold to Robert Scott, with a new inventory dated 1678. The Manuscript then became the property of the Royal Library until 1757 (hence its name Regius), at which time it was donated to the British Museum by King George II. The original is in the language of Chaucer a translation follows this introductory section.

The Regius poem sets out the basic tenets of Masonry. It contains fifteen articles and fifteen points, that are instructions to Masons on proper behaviour, conduct and manners in various places, including the workplace, the church, and with employees. Much of the fifteen articles and points deal with proper workplace conduct. The following is a summary of the main points:

### Summary of the Fifteen Articles

1. The master mason must be worthy of the confidence of the lords; he must pay the fellows a fair wage with the lord's money
2. Every master mason must attend a general assembly, unless he can give a good excuse
3. The master mason shall not take on an apprentice for less than seven years and must lodge him during his apprenticeship
4. The master mason must not take any serfs as apprentice
5. The master mason shall take on neither bastards nor cripples (today's civil rights groups would have a field day with this one)
6. The apprentice shall be paid less than the fellows, but his salary shall increase as he progresses
7. The master mason shall employ neither thieves nor murderers - a sensible precaution
8. The master mason may discharge an incompetent worker and replace him with another
9. The master mason must make sure that the foundation of the building is well-laid
10. The master mason must never take over, or meddle with, the work of another master mason, or be fined a penalty often pounds (that was a lot of money back then)



11. A mason shall not work at night, except to study
12. One shall not disparage the work of one's fellows
13. The master mason must give his apprentice a complete education
14. The master mason shall not take on an apprentice unless he has enough work for him
15. The master mason must not leave his fellows astray, because he must care about their souls

### Summary of the Fifteen Points

1. A man of the craft must love God and the holy church as well as his fellows
2. Masons must be paid for holidays
3. The apprentice must keep secret all that his master tells him and all that he hears or sees in chamber
4. The apprentice shall not be false to his craft, nor to his master or fellows, since the same law as theirs applies to him
5. Masons must receive their salary from their master humbly. The master must discharge a mason before noon if he has no more work for him
6. Quarrels between masons must be settled amicably, after the day's work is done or on a holiday
7. A mason shall not sleep with the wife of a master nor a fellow's wife or concubine
8. A master can allow a fellow to mediate between himself and other fellows
9. Fellows must take turns serving at table, buying the food and accounting for what they spent
10. A mason shall not support anyone who persists in wrongdoing; they shall be called before an assembly and excluded from the craft
11. A mason must teach another, whose work is imperfect, in a friendly manner
12. Masters, fellows, lords and local authorities shall agree in assembly to promulgate laws for the craft, and punish those who do not respect them
13. A mason shall swear never to steal, nor be accomplice to a thief
14. A mason must swear to be true to his master, his fellows and his king
15. He who disobeys the laws of the assembly shall be called before it to make amends. If he persists in his fault he shall be excluded from the craft and imprisoned, and his goods confiscated

After the fifteen articles and points there is another section titled "The Four Crowned Ones". This is in reference to Severius, Severian, Carpophorus and Victorian, who were martyred by Roman emperor Diocletian.

Since nobody in early times knew their names, Pope Melchisedes proclaimed that they would be celebrated on the same day as five other martyrs, Claudius, Castor, Symphorian, Nicostratos and Simplicius, who were ordered by emperor Diocletian to be sealed in lead cases and dropped in the sea because they refused to sculpt him an idol. The "Four Crowned Ones" relates part of their story.

## Sections of the manuscript:

- Foundation of Masonry by Euclid in Egypt
- Introduction of Masonry into England under King Athelstane
- The Moral Duties, fifteen articles
- The Moral Duties, fifteen points
- Another ordinance of the art of geometry
- The story of the Four Crowned Ones
- The Tower of Babylon
- The Seven Liberal Arts
- An admonishment about Mass and how to behave in Church
- An instruction on Good Manners

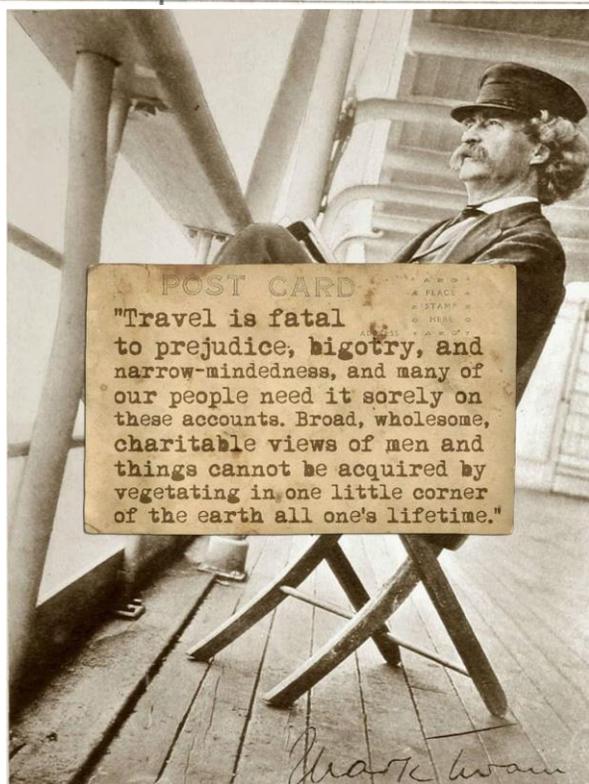
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<http://www.durandlodge.com/books/RegiusMs1390.pdf>

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### Punography

<p>I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.</p> <p>When chemists die, they barium.</p> <p>Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.</p> <p>A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.</p> <p>I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.</p> <p>How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.</p> <p>I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.</p> <p>This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.</p> <p>I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.</p> <p>I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.</p> <p>They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.</p> <p>A dyslexic man walks into a bra.</p>	<p>PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.</p> <p>Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.</p> <p>Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.</p> <p>Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.</p> <p>I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.</p> <p>How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!</p> <p>What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.</p> <p>When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.</p> <p>What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.</p> <p>I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!</p> <p>Broken pencils are pointless.</p>
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## IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Bill Branch  
Ancient Landmarks / Doric Lodge No.654

Initiated – November 22, 1966  
Passed – March 28, 1967  
Raised – October 11, 1967

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above March 1, 2022

Bill's request was for a Spring Funeral.  
The Family has requested a Masonic Memorial service at 2:00pm on May 21st, 2022



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

## From the Editor

Brethren,

The 'C'hronicle is now using the Quattrocento font. It aligns with the Ontario Masons branding; personally, I think it makes for an easier on the eyes read.

Based on the March 21<sup>st</sup> Covid announcement, we can slowly begin to emerge from the Covid cocoon we have been wrapped in. Looking forward to a resumption of meetings soon and hoping we get restrictions lifted safely.

Thanks to W.Brothers Lorne Evans and Stan Satchell's Rusty Mason session mid march. It was full of content and well attended. The Masonic Passport article on the Ancient Brethren Masonic Hall in Upper Canada Village gives you a place for a day trip and visit. The bread from their bakery is delicious.

Browsing through the Reflections Newsletters I fell down a daily knowledge rabbit hole. Just in time for Easter... Reading the Regius Poem shows how little things have changed over the centuries.

S&F, Glen



## Ontario Masons

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