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Our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, I hope this month's note finds you all keeping well, enjoying time at your lodge, visiting your brethren at other lodges (both within and beyond Hamilton 'C') and enjoying one another's company. It was not so long ago that we were unable to meet and we were saddened by that.

I would like to talk with you a little bit about community outreach – the subject of one of my recent Official Visit talks.



Each one of us is a walking, talking, breathing example of Masonry in Motion. We are billboards for the Craft made flesh. This fact should compel us to walk through this world in the very best of ways and, as appropriate, share with those around us a message of who we are and what we do. This can be done through our intentions, words and actions.

In that talk, I highlighted that the very best way to promote our Craft is by how we interact with those in our lives and, at every available instance, strive to improve their circumstances and leave them with a favourable impression. As our Grand Master often reminds us, 'be mindful of your behaviour, you may be the only Mason that person ever meets'.

Another way to raise the awareness of the general public is via engagement on a strategic level – sharing who we are through 'show and tell'. This approach should be viewed as effective because if we do not illustrate and communicate who we are and what we do, the seekers who are searching for us will have a difficult time finding us. What a shame that would be.

This notion compels me to once again shine a light on the upcoming A Day of Masonry. This event is an opportunity for members to listen to presentations focusing on our best paths into the future and then engaging in meaningful discussion with one another. Simultaneously, the day is also for our friends, families and the general public to spend time with us and learn more about us.

The day is being held on Saturday, April 29th at the Hamilton Masonic Centre (Scottish Rite) located at 4 Queen Street South in Hamilton. The doors will open at noon and the members only seminars will begin at 12:30. There will be 4 seminars focusing on Masonic Education, Member Retention, Cornerstone and Strategic Planning. Each session will offer a 10 – 15 minute presentation followed by questions, answers and discussion on the topic. Participants will then have a 10-minute break to make their way to the next presentation.

During this time, our family, friends and the public can visit the 10 information booths we will have set up and take a walk around the grand facility. Of course, they could also enjoy the nearby shops and cafes or simply come to join you once the seminars are complete. That is up to you.

Once all the seminars are complete and our families have joined us, at 3:15, all will gather in the Cathedral for a Town Hall with our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom. Our Grand Master will welcome everyone with some opening comments and then the audience will have the chance to ask questions of him. What a tremendous opportunity to bring awareness and understanding to our family, friends and public!

The Town Hall will be followed by the Hamilton Districts' Board of Relief Spring Divine Service at 4:45, again in the Cathedral, and again (of course) open to all.

A Day of Masonry will be closed out with a casual dinner at 5:30 where all those in attendance can enjoy one another's company, talk about the day and share their thoughts on the Craft. Everyone will be on their way home by 7:00.

Brethren, this is community outreach at the most grassroots of levels and I hope you can join us.

Whether coming for a part of the day or the whole day, please email us at adayofmasonry@gmail.com to let us know if you'll be attending and whether you'll be bringing others with you. The deadline for registration is Friday, April 21st, 5:00 p.m.

Come on out and celebrate who we are and what we do and include your voice in the conversation about where we go from here.

Remember, it really was not that long ago that we couldn't get together – well, now we can!

Bill,

R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Paul

From the Grand Master March Communique

My Brethren:

What do we mean by the term leadership? If you look at the literature on the topic of leadership you will find many definitions. My favourite is the exploitation of every opportunity to take people forward towards the common goal. This goal, although known by all in an organization, often grows dim or gets lost in the challenges and the problems of our day-to-day operations. Taking people forward!! The short of it; Leadership is the art of causing others to want to do what the leader thinks needs to be done; causing others to want. Causing and want; terms that go together.

So is there and difference between the words leadership and management? I think that there is a significant difference; they are not synonymous terms; they are not interchangeable. The leader inspires, the manager maintains. The leader is the original, the manager is the copy. The leader does right things, the manager does things right. The leader looks at the horizon, the manager looks at the bottom line. The leader is concerned with people, the manager with form and structure. The leader paints creatively, the manager paints by numbers. What are you? Are you a leader or are you a manager? Do you paint by numbers or do you paint creatively. Do you inspire or do you maintain? Do you challenge the status quo, or do you accept it? As a Mason, have you caused others to want to do what you think is necessary for Freemasonry? Are you causing others to want to do what you believe is necessary for the survival of Freemasonry? How do you cause others to want to seek the common desire; to take people forward toward that common goal which often grows dim or even lost in our day-to-day operations? I submit Brethren that there are five crucial ingredients of



effective, dynamic, enthusiastic leadership – challenging, inspiring, enabling, modelling and encouraging.

Challenging the process! Challenging the status quo; carefully examining the very form and very structure of an organization. John F. Kennedy once said that 'there are risks and there are costs in a program of action; but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of a program of inaction.' Great leaders cause things to happen, they don't wait for things to happen. You can compare a good leader to an orchestra conductor; sometimes you have to turn your back to the audience and face the music. We too, in Freemasonry require that same kind of leadership. Leaders that are prepared to challenge the status quo; keeping in mind and building upon the strengths; moral truth and virtue; the four cardinal virtues and the theological values, strengths and principles of our organization. In any organization, as with our beloved Craft, it is important for leaders to shake up those in the comfortable pews; to make changes; not to accept the status quo. Although my time as your Grand Master is limited, my goal is to start the change process and lead in such an example, that my successors will follow to reap the further benefits of change.

I believe we need to look at our Freemasonry as three separate branches that form the whole: Ceremonial, Administrative and

Fraternal or what we can call Leadership.

Let's start with Ceremonial, or in terms we all know – The Ritual. During the past few years, I have been somewhat concerned about the quality of the Ritual in our Lodges. Not so long ago I was in a Lodge where the Charge to the Worshipful Master from the Northeast was given. It, to me, is one of the most important charges in all of Freemasonry, even more so to the new Worshipful Master. The Brother giving that charge was prompted every third word; the Worshipful Master was squirming; the Director of Ceremonies was squirming; I was becoming very embarrassed as was everyone else, but the man was doing his level best. Brethren, we need to concentrate on the ceremonial part of Freemasonry by having those Brethren who do Ritual well do it all the time, because they can do it best. Let those who do Ritual do it because they strive for excellence; and they succeed in portraying excellence. Too often we are forcing Brethren to participate in Ritual work, that neither have the ability nor the talent, nor the energy, and sometimes not the time, to do that work well. I once heard someone say, you give him a piece of work and if he does it enough times he will get it right eventually. But what kind of message are we leaving with the candidate or new Mason with that attitude? I submit that we want to have excellence in our Ritual and our Ceremonial Work. Let those who do it well, continue to do it well and not belabour those who neither have the talent nor the ability to do it.

On the Administrative side, we have to celebrate the good fortune of our Craft. We have many talented, expert, and knowledgeable Brethren, who could do

great service in the Administrative responsibilities of the Craft. But we don't always get the right people doing the right job. Sometimes we hang onto prerequisites; they must have a rank or a title in order to serve on a Grand Lodge Committee or some other committee in the Lodge. I'm not sure that prerequisites make them any better a person when it comes to administering. We have an enormous amount of talent and capability out there and we need to use it, at the Grand Lodge and individual Lodge level. Some of the best Lodge Secretaries I have seen are not Past Masters but are young, skilled and can bring a lot of much needed Lodge support until they are ready to progress through the chairs of their Lodge to the East. Talent is just like muscle, either you use it, or you lose it. We have driven away many outstanding Masons because we have not given them an opportunity; a rank or title should not be necessary before they are given a chance to contribute.

As I said many times before, Fraternal leadership is the most crucial need of Freemasonry and our society at large today. Please don't get me wrong, we have some very capable leaders in our Craft, but if they are going to be great leaders in taking our Craft into the future, they should be out there leading the Lodges and Districts and not being held back administrating Grand Lodge programs. Let those who lead, lead and those who can administer, administer. Let's get those Grand Lodge officers who can, out into the Craft leading, directing, causing the Lodges to develop what we want for Freemasonry. In today's society when leadership is so necessary, I think we should be electing the best possible leaders for Grand Lodge Office and let them go out and do the Fraternal work; the leadership work which they are capable of doing.

As the old saying goes, eagles soar at great heights. That's what we should be doing in Freemasonry; building upon our strengths; looking at the form and the structure; and let our capable Grand Lodge Officers soar like eagles to great heights. Let those who can administer, administer well and let those leaders lead who can lead well because strong leaders are so essential for us to succeed. We must challenge the process top to bottom within our own organization, and throughout mankind if we hope to succeed.

Again, my time has quickly passed for this month Brethren, and I only got through 'challenging,' the first of the five crucial ingredients of leadership. Please come back next month for the rest of the story on 'inspiring, enabling, modelling and encouraging.'

Thomas W. Hogeboom

Grand Master's April Itinerary

April

12 - Hamilton - Barton and The Lodge of Strict Observance Lodge Amalgamation

13 - Burlington - 165th Grand Chapter Convocation

15 - Napanee - Victoria Lodge 150th Anniversary

20 - Frankford - Quinte and Trent Lodge Amalgamation

21 - Winnipeg - All Canada Conference of Grand Masters

29 - Hamilton - A Day of Masonry

March Communique From the Deputy

Brethren;

We've made it through the months of January and February without too much disruption from the weather and now we're cruising into March. Spring is just around the corner and I'm feeling energized and ready for warmer temperatures. The days are getting noticeably longer and the winter blues are fading out. Life is good !

Our Jurisdiction has had a couple of " Days of Masonic Education " so far and more are scheduled to happen. The Seminars and Workshops Committee are doing a great job of helping to put these presentations together. R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte and his Committee are keeping busy by helping the Districts to plan for and carry out the goal of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hogeboom's vision of putting Masonic Education more in the forefront of our membership, to actively take part in, has taken off and is gaining momentum. The District Deputy's are lighting the torch and running with it and I applaud them for their efforts. Conviction and dedication. Hopefully the other District's will jump on board and contact Bro. Cadotte for help and direction with putting on their own " Day of Masonic Education ".

While I'm on this topic, I just want to let you know that I attended Eastern District and their " Day of Masonic Education " in Ingleside Ontario and it was great. The District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Michael Valois and his organizing committee did an excellent job of bringing the Grand Lodge Committee information together, he had District Chairmen speaking along with Grand Lodge Chairmen and it went very well indeed. There was a question and answer component after the various presentations and everyone left that day with a better understanding of how the programs worked and what was expected from them. If anyone, any District or any Lodge has the desire to rejuvenate and energize the membership in order to succeed, this is a great way of doing it. The District Deputy's may contact me at any time in order to start their plans moving forward and have their own " Day of Masonic Education ".

Brethren, please indulge me for a moment, I want to tell you a quick story that happened to me while I was in Eastern District. As you all know by now I end my monthly talk by trying to inspire everyone who reads my Communique to do better for themselves and for our gentle Craft. I have been trying to instill in the Brethren to always rub their shiny penny, plan for a bright future, keep our Lodges vibrant and make someone smile today and tomorrow. Well, when I was in Ingleside ON, a Past DDGM came up to me, introduced himself and he showed me a penny that he had in his hand. He explained how he had been reading the Communique and the part about the penny stuck with him. He went ahead and used his twenty ton press to imprint the Square and Compasses, exactly centered, into the penny. The penny turned out great, it looks incredibly well done ! I was taken back by the gesture

of taking my “ shiny penny ” words to heart so when I was done looking at it, I asked if I could keep it so I could show it off to others. R.W. Bro. Frank Gordon said absolutely, he made it for me to have. Wow, I was so overwhelmed at that moment in time that my words of trying to inspire the membership came back to me like a boomerang, I couldn't believe it. As it so happens, I carry a penny with me always that a close friend gave to me for both inspiration to do better and for good luck. I pulled my shiny penny out of my pocket to show Bro. Gordon that I practice what I preach and that my words are not hollow. I

think I surprised him that I actually do carry a penny around with me and I believe that, at that moment, all of the work that he put into making a gift for me was validated. R.W. Bro. Gordon, you have truly made me realize that I can reach out to the Jurisdiction with words of encouragement, hope, positivity and inspiration. Your actions that day will stay with me always and I sincerely thank you for that my friend.

Frank wanted to make more penny's so that he could inspire other people but he ran out of time before my visit there. Frank, if it's possible, I would like to purchase more of those from you so that I can spread your goodwill gesture around this great Jurisdiction of ours.

In conclusion, as always my Brethren, let us rub and cherish our shiny penny, plan for a bright future, keep our Lodges vibrant and make someone smile today and tomorrow. Let us all inspire someone to do better !!!

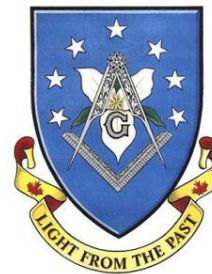
Jamie R. Ireland Deputy Grand Master

Masonic Passport



**Heritage Lodge
No. 730 GRC**

**Cornerstone
Rededication**



In October 1983, Freemasons gathered at Black Creek Pioneer Village to dedicate the cornerstone at the lodge.

On Saturday May 13, 2023, as previously announced, Heritage Lodge will enjoy the company of our Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro Jamie Ireland who will attend our rededication of the cornerstone at Black Creek Pioneer Village. On this 40th Anniversary, we hope you will proudly join us as well.

Cornerstone Ceremony and Reception

Saturday May 13th, 2023

Black Creek Pioneer Village

1100 Murray Ross Pkwy, North York, ON M3J 2P3

Details: via Eventbrite

<https://heritagelodge730.ca/events/>

10am General Assembly and Parade;

11:30 Cornerstone Ceremony,

followed by Reception; 12:30pm Luncheon with the Deputy Grand Master

Family Members and Friends Invited

Brock University **Ontario Masons**

Charles A. Sankey

Lecture in Masonic Studies

Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 3 p.m.
Sean O'Sullivan Theatre,
Brock University

**"Skeletons in the Lodge Hall:
Hidden Collections and
Fraternal Curiosities"**

Lecturer:
Prof. Heather K. Calloway
Executive Director of
University Collections
Indiana University

To attend in person at BrockU, please reserve your ticket(s) online by going to sankeylectures.ca and clicking on the TICKETS link. Tickets are free. There will also be a livestream for those who cannot attend. No tickets are required for the livestream. The livestream link is live.sankeylectures.ca

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows regalia in storage at Alma Lodge Hall in Johnston, Pennsylvania, USA.

[Click here to see the lecture
Skeletons in the Closet -March 2023](#)

Heritage Lodge No. 730 GRC is at Black Creek Pioneer Village.
23 March at 10:07 · Toronto · 🌐

Here's a clip - generated by AI, using text-to-speech tech - which provides an invitation to all to attend the upcoming event on May 13th at Pioneer Village for the rededication of the cornerstone, a ceremony that is not often seen these days.

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Hamilton District 'C' – Dates to Remember

April 2023

Seymour Lodge No. 272

Tues April 11, 2023
Tyle 7:30 pm
Accompanying: Harodim Lodge No. 513
Ancaster Temple

Valley Lodge No. 100

*Now meets at Hamilton Masonic Centre
on the Second Monday of month.*



Upcoming Degrees

Degree Type	Date	Time	Lodge
1st Degree(s)	Apr-06-2023	6:00p.m. Business Meeting, 6:30p.m. Dinner, Election and 1st Degree7:30p.m.	Buchanan Lodge No.550
2nd Degree(s)	Apr-11-2023	7:30 pm	Temple Lodge No.324
2nd Degree(s)	Apr-18-2023	7:30 PM	Hugh Murray Lodge No.602
1st Degree(s)	Apr-25-2023		Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654
Installation	May-17-2023	7:30 p.m.	The Electric Lodge No.495
Installation	May-18-2023	7:30 p.m.	Dufferin Lodge No.291
Installation	May-23-2023	7:30 p.m.	Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654
Installation	May-25-2023	7:30 p.m.	Harodim Lodge No.513

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 A.F.&A.M.

*All you can eat
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST*
Saturday April 15th, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the
**HILLCREST
MASONIC TEMPLE**
257 Mohawk Rd. Hamilton, ON

Sausages, pancakes, juice,
coffee, tea and more all included
Tickets \$15.00 per person
\$10.00 Kids 12 and under
This event is a fund raiser for our
Lodge's events and charity work throughout the year.
To book a table for your family, tickets or information
Contact the Lodge Secretary at HMLSecretary602@outlook.com or 905-517-6728

A Day of Masonry – Saturday, April 29, 2023

Think.Share.Action.

UPDATE 03.15.23

Members only Pillar seminars begin at 12:30 p.m.:

Masonic Education – Where to Find the ‘Good Stuff’ and Delivery Techniques, Community Outreach – Retention – Engaging the New Mason, Operations – Strategic Planning & The Next Regular Step and Membership – Cornerstone – Moving in the Right Direction with Purpose.

The Grand Master's Town Hall (3:30 p.m.) is for members and public alike, please consider bringing those in your life who might enjoy participating in such an event! The Divine Service (4:45 p.m.) and dinner (5:45 p.m.) remain open to all.

There will also be 10 staffed information booths available for your general interest.

When – Saturday, April 29th, 2023 – noon to 7:00 p.m.

Where – Masonic Centre of Hamilton, 4 Queen Street South, Hamilton

Spaces are limited - requests will be handled on a first come basis.
Business attire.

⚓ Dinner cost of \$35 per person may be e-transferred** to adayofmasonry@gmail.com

**No access to electronic payments? No problem, simply email us with your name and the names of your guests and we will accept cash at the door.



Around the District D.D.G.M. Official Visits



Temple Lodge No. 324



Visiting D.D.G.M.'s, Grand J.W.
Grand Steward at Temple Lodge No. 324

The Trowel The Legacy and Collected Works of M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels

The Trowel And the King commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. 1 Kings 5: 17

On Saturday afternoon, 24 March 2007, with all due pomp and ceremony, M.W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson, the Grand Master, laid the cornerstone in the renovated and refurbished Guelph Masonic Centre. During renovations an original stone wall, hitherto unknown to exist, was uncovered in the anteroom to the main lodge room on the second floor of the building which has been the home of Masonry in the City of Guelph since 1913. The cornerstone was placed in this wall. After a time capsule was placed in a cavity in the stonework, the inscribed cornerstone was hoisted into position. Using the proper instruments of the trade, the Deputy Grand Master tested and 'proved' it square, the Grand Senior Warden 'proved' it level, and the Grand Junior Warden 'proved' it upright. The Grand Master then took the trowel and symbolically spread mortar on the stone to complete the ceremony.

Well and truly laid

History repeated itself on this gala occasion, for on July 1, 1876, M.W. Bro. James K. Kerr, the Grand Master, laid the foundation stone of the Masonic Hall located on Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Whereupon are the foundations thereof fashioned? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Job 38: 6 - 7

The Masonic rites associated with the laying of the cornerstones are of ancient origin, a direct link to our



operative roots. The ceremony in use at present is abridged and adapted from that prescribed in 1772 by William Preston in his 'Illustrations of Masonry' and authorized by Lord Petre, the Grand Master of England. In days past, the laying of cornerstones was a common occurrence, when the Grand Lodge was frequently invited to perform the ceremony of placing the suitably inscribed stone at the north-east corner of town halls, churches, schools, libraries, hospitals, and other public buildings. V.W. Bro. Gene Lotz, who functions as Archivist on the Library, Museum, and Archives Committee in our Grand Lodge, has catalogued many of these.

Freemasons laid the cornerstones of such historic structures and edifices as the White House (1792), the U.S. Capitol (1793), the Smithsonian Institution (1841), the George Washington Monument (1848), Cleopatra's Needle, the Egyptian obelisk removed from Heliopolis and reerected in Central Park, New York (1880), the Statue of Liberty (1884), and the Washington National Cathedral (1907). The silver-bladed ivory-handled trowel used by Bro. George Washington to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol was presented to and is still in the possession of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Alexandria.

The early Proceedings of our Grand Lodge record Especial Communications at which the First Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson laid cornerstones: St. James' Church, London (9th September

1859), the New Prison, now known as the Don Jail, Toronto (25th October 1859), Hamilton Crystal Palace, Hamilton (24th May 1860), In Ontario, cornerstones have been laid with Masonic honours for such important public buildings as Victoria Hall, Cobourg (1856), Union Station, Toronto (1872), and the Masonic Hall, James and Gore Streets, Hamilton (1873). A collection of the trowels used by and presented to M.W. Bro. Wilson are on display in Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe. One cornerstone laying ceremony deserves mention. On the 24th of May 1872, the Brethren boarded a steamer at Orillia and sailed up Lake Couchiching to Washago, there to lay the cornerstone of St. Paul's Anglican Church. The Ceremony was presided over by R.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, DDGM. Could this, we wonder, have inspired that illfated 'Marine Excursion of the Knights of Pythias' recounted in Stephen Leacock's classic, 'Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town' (1912)?

With the Square, Level, and Plumb-rule we are familiar in both operative and speculative use, but although the Trowel is an indispensable tool of the stonemason's trade, it is not mentioned in the Canadian Ritual. ... Or is it? We will come to a consideration of that curious omission later.

Rituals used in other Grand Jurisdictions are both interesting and informative. *"The working tools of a Master Mason are all the implements of Masonry appertaining to the first three degrees indiscriminately, but more especially the trowel. The trowel is an instrument made use of by operative masons to spread the cement which unites a building into one common mass; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection; that cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of whom best can work and best agree."* (Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry - Ancient York Rite)

The Trowel is a layer's tool. In this sense some older rituals include the Trowel as a Working Tool *"for spreading the cement of Brotherhood and affection."* There is an ambiguous allusion to this idealist construct in the words used at the Closing of the Lodge, when the Master says: *"cementing and adorning it with every social and moral virtue."* Surely there can be no better definition of *"social virtue"* than *"Brotherhood and affection."* Blest be the tie that binds The Trowel is an emblem of completion. The final stage of a job is reached when mortar is applied to bind the stones together, or when plaster is applied over the wall, thereby obscuring the differences between the stones. It is in this sense that the Trowel is appropriated to the Master Mason as his chief working tool to spread the cement that binds together the stones rough hewn by the hammer and chisel of the Entered Apprentice and tested by the square, level and plumb-rule of the Fellowcraft. Thus, symbolically the Master of the Lodge is the cement that unites the Brethren and binds them

together in peace, harmony, and brotherly love - the mystic tie.

The Egyptians regarded the Trowel as an emblem of secrecy that was binding on the Initiate in the ancient mysteries. In an old English ritual the Entered Apprentice is presented with a silver trowel, *"emblematically to stop up all interstices in the lodge so that not a sound shall escape from with, nor an eye pry without."* In Irish lodges during the eighteenth century, we read that a pointed trowel was used as a stabbing weapon. In our Canadian ritual, the Candidate in the First Degree is *"received on the point of a sharp instrument."* In practice a sword or poniard is used for his reception, and is explained to him as such when the secrets of the degree are communicated. However, if we look closely at the form of the trowel, and interpret its shape symbolically, the operative implements on which candidates are received in all three degrees are revealed: the point of a sharp instrument, the angle of a square, and the points of the compasses. Superimpose the Square and Compasses on the Trowel, and we see an exact correspondence.

Irish lodges in the eighteenth century used the trowel as the Tyler's or the Inner Guard's weapon. It was the custom in those days to have the Junior Entered Apprentice serve as inner doorkeeper armed with the Trowel. I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation. Isaiah 28: 16

Royal Arch Masons know that when the Second Temple was built by Zerubbabel in the sixth century BCE after the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem from the five decades spent in Babylonian captivity, the masons laboured with the trowel in one hand and the sword in the other. In this traditional history of the Jews we find a link between Trowel and Sword. In Councils of Royal and Select Masters the trowel is a significant jewel of office.

There is yet another symbolic use of the Trowel linking it to the Entered Apprentice. An English ritual used in Cambridge *"exhorts him to the exercise of Charity which is likened to the cement which binds and perfects the building."* In some Irish lodges the flat of the Trowel rather than an alms plate is presented to the Candidate during the Charity Lecture given at the North-east Angle. In many Lodges in New Zealand, the Trowel is the jewel of office worn by the Junior Deacon.

All of which indicates that the Trowel, while excluded almost completely from our Canadian ritual, enjoyed in the eighteenth century a much greater prominence.

By R.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels, F.C.F.
for The Curriculum Group

The Committee on Masonic Education 1 April 2007
RECOMMENDED FOR FURTHER READING AND
REFERENCE Morris, S. Brent. Cornerstones of Freedom:
A Masonic Tradition. Washington, D.C.: The Supreme
Council, 33°, S.J., 1993.

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Events and Editor's Note

MASONIC OPEN
GOLF TOURNAMENT
 2023

MISSION Services

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Register Now @
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 24th, 2023

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

\$70 per person
 dinner & charity event

rain or shine

From the Editor

Brethren,

Eggs symbolize new life. The Easter bunny represents fertility. A Lamb symbolizes innocence, purity, goodness, and sacrifice. All are about rebirth and renewal.

This month April 29
 Day of Masonry:
 An Open House
 Seminars, Grand
 Master Town Hall and
 Spring Divine Service

Our fraternal order is coming to life again. Changes afoot With so many degrees on the District Trestleboard. Installations for new Officers, excitement in the pre and post meeting festive boards. Come out and visit, be part of the revival!

S&F, Glen- Editor at
gnotman@hotmail.com



IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Donald Edwin Chappel

Valley Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 100

Initiated: 15th October 1962

Passed: 11th February 1963

Raised: 11th March 1963

Distinguished Recipient of the William Mercer
 Wilson Medal: 14th April 2008

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above March 28, 2023

Bro. Larry Pitz

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654

Initiated 1979-05-22

Passed 1979-10-23

Raised 1980-04-01

A teacher, author, coach and community participant.
 A celebration of life will be in May.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above March 21,2023



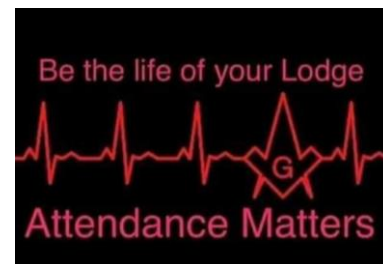
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