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Our District Deputy Grand Master

Hello Brethren:

November is upon us. It brings to my mind three words - **COMPLETION**, **EXCELLENCE** and **REMEMBERANCE**. It is a month for the **COMPLETION** of the harvest, achieving **EXCELLENCE** in the showing and most importantly, **REMEMBERANCE** of those who fought and even died in the Great Wars.



November is the month for the completion of the harvest of soybeans and corn. It's the month to complete fall tillage in preparation for next year's crop.

November is the month for the Royal Winter Fair where livestock, crops, and farm products are exhibited to achieve excellence in a breed or commodity.

November is also the month to remember and praise all who fought in the Great Wars. Some of those came home unscathed, others suffered injuries, while others did not return. We salute all who put their lives on the line for the freedom of future generations.

I feel very fortunate that no one in my family had any direct involvement in the wars. My father, grandfather and all four of my uncles were all essential and all had to stay home and continue producing and manufacturing for the war effort.

The three key words mentioned above can also be found in Masonry. We see **COMPLETION** when candidates receive and prove their degrees. We see **EXCELLENCE** in the delivery of lectures and parts in our degrees. We **REMEMBER** those brethren who have given up their working tools and passed to the Grand Lodge above.

This past month I made my Official Visit to Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602. Congratulations to the officers, members and pin recipients for a job well done.

We also remember Bro. Ron Buttrum of Dufferin Lodge No. 291 who passed to the Grand Lodge above. Thank you to all who attended and participated in his memorial service.

Remember our sick and shut-in brethren. A call or visit can be really meaningful.

November is the time to prepare for **COMPLETION** of another year. It exhibits **EXCELLENCE** in our work of the past year. But, most importantly, we **REMEMBER** those who went before us in our lodge work and on the front lines of valour.

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Raymond Wilson

District 'C' Charity
Hamilton - Wentworth 4-H



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Grand Master's October Communiqué

My Brethren:

This month we are going to try and use a study first published in the Harvard Business Review as a Masonic learning moment.

Dr. Sunnie Giles entitled her Spring of 2016 study – The Most Important Leadership Competencies, According to Leaders Around the World – was to answer the question – What makes an effective leader? Many of our business students reading this will know Dr. Giles the organizational scientist, executive coach, and leadership development consultant as the creator of the Quantum Leadership Group.



Her extensive study involved 195 leaders in 15 countries and over 30 global organizations. Participants were asked to choose the 15 most important leadership competencies from a list of 74. She grouped the top five into major themes that suggest a set of priorities for leaders and leadership development programs. While some may not surprise you, they're all difficult to master; in part because embodying them requires acting against our nature – we are not hardwired to relinquish control or be open to small failures. Yet 195 world leaders all agreed that the ability to actively improve these competencies should be a priority for leaders.

How can we translate this to help our Masonic leaders at HQ, our Districts and Lodges?

Five priorities of strong Masonic leaders should be:

1) High ethical standards and providing a safe environment:

According to Giles's findings, strong leaders create a safe and trusting environment. A leader with high ethical standards conveys a commitment to fairness, instilling confidence that both they and their employees will honour as rules of the game. When a Lodge Master is Installed, he is reminded of, and instilled with the rules and ethics that govern Freemasonry. To be 'right and true' is the value that Masonic leaders should reflect, exemplify and instill in their Lodges. By becoming an example of good ethical and moral behaviour, our leaders thus earn a trust, which creates a safe environment wherein ideas, views, and visions can be shared with self-assurance and confidence.

2) Empowering individuals to self-organize:

With trust and confidence comes empowerment to grow and share ideas that make an organization and individuals better. Providing clear direction for clearly

identified work, and allowing good men to organize their own time, is an important leadership competency. Lodges prosper when leadership has a shared vision for its growth, so long as it's not egocentric or for self-grandeur. Many leaders struggle to let their people self-organize. They resist because they believe that power is a zero-sum game; they are reluctant to allow others to make mistakes; and they fear facing negative consequences from their subordinates' decisions. When their plan is for the growth and betterment of the whole, the planets align; and, in turn, the universe conspires to see those plans into fruition.

3) Promoting connection and belonging:

Men are social beings, and our Lodges are, for the most part, social institutions. Developing an interpersonal connection with ALL members is an important skill effective leaders must possess. In any institution, it is the leaders' responsibility to create an atmosphere of belonging and mutual caring. Masonry is no different. A Lodge should become a family; or at least act like a family.

4) Open to new ideas and foster organizational learning:

Dr. Giles states that, "leaders must create a culture that supports risk-taking." Being open to new ideas and not fearing to fail, is another role of Masonic leadership. Listening to Brethren who are willing to roll up their sleeves and put in the work to improve the Lodge experience is imperative to a Lodge's evolution and growth. Now I caution you that this does not mean that every idea should get a green light; we are bound by the rules of our Constitution and Lodge By-laws, but as long as it does not get your Warrant suspended, or put the Lodge into bankruptcy, or burn the Lodge down – all ideas should be fair game; so long as they are willing to put in the effort necessary to accomplish the work.

5) Committed to professional and intellectual growth:

A desire to leave behind a legacy is inherent to our DNA. That is not ego speaking, it's plain human nature. Ego rules when our motivation is to make ourselves look better, expecting rewards for our efforts. However, building upon the prior legacies that were left to us, we can act with the sole intent of helping our Lodge flourish. If we, as leaders, are to inspire the best from our members – especially our line officers – we must encourage their ideas; advocate for them; support their training and promotion; and assist with their projects. It is not enough to just say 'go ahead and do it' – strong leaders will actually show up and assist.

As previously mentioned, these five competencies present significant challenges to leaders due to our natural responses, but with deep self-reflection and a shift in perspective, there are also enormous opportunities for improving everyone's performance by focusing on our own.

Thank you, Brethren.

Thomas W. Hogeboom

Deputy Grand Master's October Communique

Brethren,

The month of October has arrived and so has the new edition of the Ontario Masons Magazine. Grand Lodge is so pleased with the product that this Committee is producing. V.W. Bro. Dan Dignard and his team have been working extremely hard on bringing the news of this Grand Jurisdiction to you, the membership. With the new technology that we are using now, Grand Lodge is able to send this electronic magazine directly into approximately 17000 email addresses. This publication allows the information from Grand Lodge to flow freely to you for your reading pleasure and the Grand Master and I are hoping that you are reading every page. Please feel free to let us know what you think of the new Ontario Masons Magazine thus far, if we can improve it, we would certainly like to consider your suggestions. I spoke in an earlier communique about a possible hard copy edition of this magazine, we haven't gotten there yet but it is still on the table for discussion.

I also want to ask you to reflect on what you have accomplished this summer and what you are planning to do this fall to help to get the Ontario Masons branding into the community. If you have pictures of social events, of charitable acts or donations and celebrations, please feel free to post it on our social media accounts for everyone to see and be proud of. You can post barbecues, upcoming events and car rallies for example. As long as our social media policy is adhered to and the Social Media Committee approves the submissions, I would like to see what the Lodges and Districts have been doing. Grand Lodge is encouraging activity in your community and we want like-minded men to be made aware of what is happening around them and the good things that we are doing. We want our membership to grow and we need our brotherhood to be recognized in a positive light. Let's put our Ontario Masons branding to work for us and let it be a beacon of inspiration and familiarity in every community like it once was. Together Brethren we can do this, we can stabilize our membership and we can do our part to help it to grow and plan for it to flourish again. We can do this together.

One of the ideas that Grand Lodge is working on this year is to stock the online store with items for you. Our online store is located on the Grand Lodge website and will be a place where you will be able to view our wares. It isn't only Grand Lodge publications that are available for purchase, it will be all kinds of Ontario Masons merchandise. I am so excited to see where this idea takes us, whether it's a key chain, a nice pen and pencil set or a set of beautiful whiskey glasses, it will be available in our store. The Public Awareness Committee has been tasked to come up with ideas that the membership would support and purchase. I would like to hear

what your ideas are as well, what do you think we should have in our online store? From coffee cups to salt and pepper shakers, from floor mats to clocks, I would like you to let us know what you think. It would be great to have items that would be used every day, to items that we would be proud to donate or present to someone. We all have ideas that would be great in our store and I would very much like to hear your thoughts on this. Please feel free to contact me at the Grand Lodge Office with your "wish list".

I am going to leave it there for this month, I have offered you some homework and I'm hoping that you take my suggestions and run with them. I am eagerly awaiting the results of this Communique with regards to the OMM suggestions, social media submissions and ideas for our online store inventory.

Brethren, we are a great team together and I can't wait to hear from you. In conclusion, as always my Brethren, let us rub and cherish our shiny penny, plan for a bright, safe and happy future, keep our Lodges vibrant and make someone smile today and tomorrow. Let us look ahead to this upcoming Masonic year with hope and determination and let us all inspire someone to do better !!! Remember Brethren, a cloudy day doesn't mean the sun isn't there....let us all be the shining light to our friends and families, our Lodges and ourselves.

Thank you Brethren,

Jamie R. Ireland Deputy Grand Master

Grand Lodge Education Committee

A promotional poster for an event by the Ontario Masons. The poster has a blue background with a yellow and red Masonic logo at the top left. The text on the poster reads: "Ontario Masons", "The Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee", "Presents:", "Freemasonry", "A History of Mystery", "Guest Speaker", "R.W. Bro. Robert H. Johnson", "Sat, Nov 4, 2023 @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM EDT", and "REGISTER HERE <http://bit.ly/GLMasonicSpeakers>". On the right side of the poster is a portrait of a man with glasses and a beard, identified as the guest speaker.

Where did we come from really? What is the purpose of our existence? What is the divine revelation of our ritual? In this keynote address, we explore all these things and by the end-you'll be ready to work with your lodge and change the world.

To register for this online event, kindly go to:

<http://bit.ly/GLMasonicSpeakers>

Upon registering, you will receive an automatic confirmation. The link will be sent twenty four hours in advance and again one hour prior to the starting time.

Dates to Remember

November 2023

D.D.G.M. Official Visit Temple Lodge No.324

Tuesday November 14, 2023
Tyle 7:30 pm, Reception to Follow
Accompanying: Hugh Murray No. 602
Hamilton Masonic Centre

D.D.G.M. Official Visit The Electric Lodge No.495

Wednesday November 15, 2023
Dinner: 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm
Accompanying: Valley No. 100
Hillcrest Temple

Installation

Westmount Lodge No. 671

Tuesday November 28, 2023
Tyle 7:30 pm
Hillcrest Temple

Hamilton District 'C' Masonic

Education Night –
Hugh Murray No. 602
Tuesday November 21
On the Forget Me Not

Christmas Breakfast at the Rite

December 2, 2023
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

For tickets click here:
<https://scottishriteclub.ca/events/christmas-breakfast-at-the-rite/>



D.D.G.M. Official Visit Buchanan Lodge No. 550

Thursday December 7, 2023
Tyle 7:30 pm
Accompanying:
Ancient Landmarks / Doric No. 654
Hillcrest Temple

Installation

Hugh Murray No. 602

Tuesday December 19, 2023
Tyle 7:30 pm
Hamilton Masonic Centre



Hugh Murray Lodge presents our
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE
Tuesday November 21st, 2023 7:30p.m. (after our elections)
at the
SCOTTISH RITE
4 Queen St S, Hamilton, ON L8P 3R3
Dinner before Lodge at 6:00p.m. (RSVP to the JW)

We welcome all Hugh Murray Brethren to our annual Elections at 7:30 p.m. followed by a solemn Memorial Service to honour all Masons who served our Community, Country and the Causes of Man. Please join us to pay respect to those Masons gone before us and to Honour Members of our Police, Fire, Ambulatory and Armed Services. Please remember to wear your Poppies as a only limited amount will be available at the Tyler's Desk before Lodge Light refreshments to follow the service. All Brethren are welcome.





The Forget-Me-Not Masonic Lapel Pin

In 1934, soon after Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany, it became evident that Freemasonry was in grave danger. Realizing this danger, the Freemasons went undercover and adopted a little blue flower, the Forget-Me-Not, to replace the Square and Compasses as the symbol whereby the Brethren could identify each other in public as well as in the concentration camps of Europe. In 1948, when Lodges reopened following World War II, it became the official Masonic emblem in honor of the valiant Brethren who carried on their Masonic work under very adverse conditions.

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Around the District

Grand Steward Regalia Presentation



**Buchanan Lodge No.550 with
V.W. Bro. Andrew Simpson**

R.W. Bro. William Paul
R.W. Bro. (W. Master)
Robin Colville presenting
V.W. Bro. Andrew Simpson
with his Grand Steward Regalia

D.D.G.M. Official Visit



W. Bro. Steve Badger
Bro. Robert Thompson
R.W. Bro. Ray Wilson



Hugh Murray No.602

Congratulations to
W. Master Barry McDougall
and his slate of officers.
Dufferin Lodge No. 291



Dufferin Installation of Officers

Remembrance!

Wear a Poppy to Remember

Throughout the Remembrance period, we see Poppies worn with pride in every corner of our lives to honour our Veterans. The Royal Canadian Legion provides a Poppy Protocol to guide Canadians on appropriate and respectful wearing of the lapel Poppy. However, wearing a Poppy is a personal expression of Remembrance, and how someone chooses to wear a Poppy is always an individual choice.

How to wear a Poppy

The Poppy should be worn with respect on the left side, over the heart. The Legion's lapel Poppy is a sacred symbol of Remembrance and should not be affixed with any pin that obstructs the Poppy. Also available through some Branches is the Legion's reusable black centre Poppy pin to affix your lapel Poppy.



When to wear a Poppy

The lapel Poppy should be worn during the Remembrance period, from the last Friday in October until November 11. The Legion encourages the wearing of Poppies at funerals of Veterans, and for any commemorative event such as a memorial service, or the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. As well, it is not inappropriate to wear a Poppy during other times to commemorate Fallen Veterans and it is an individual choice to do so.

How to remove a Poppy

Poppies may be worn throughout the Remembrance period, including in the evening after Remembrance Day Ceremony. Some choose to remove their Poppy at the end of the day on November 11. Some choose to remove their Poppy at the conclusion of the ceremony and place their Poppy on the cenotaph or on a wreath as a sign of respect. This has become a poignant tradition each year at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa as thousands of Poppies are placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

When a Poppy is removed, it should be stored appropriately or it may be disposed of respectfully. We encourage anyone who finds a Poppy that has fallen to the ground to pick it up and brush it off so that it can be kept or disposed of respectfully.

While Poppies are always free, The Royal Canadian Legion gratefully accepts donations to the Poppy Fund, which directly [supports Canada's Veterans and their families](#) in need.

We invite everyone across the country to honour and remember Canada's Veterans by proudly wearing this symbol of Remembrance and taking a moment to reflect.

<https://www.legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy/how-to-wear-a-poppy>

Hamilton Remembrance Day Services



Join us at one of our Remembrance Day services across Hamilton to honour Hamilton's veterans and service men and women.

Members of the public may lay a wreath at any public service, there is no need to RSVP.

Can't attend in person? Watch live broadcast from Cable 14 or visit the City's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/insidecityofhamilton>

- Veteran's Place at Gore Park
King Street East @ Hughson Street
- Dundas Cenotaph at Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre, 10 Market Street S, Dundas
- Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
9280 Airport Road, Mount Hope
- Cenotaph at Ancaster Old Town Hall,
310 Wilson Street East, Ancaster
- Cenotaph Park, 324 Highway 8 (Queenston @King St E) Stoney Creek

<https://www.hamilton.ca/things-do/festivals-events/remembrance-day-services>

Masonic Education: PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE ESSENTIALS

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Open the link to access the Protocol & Etiquette Issues - [Protocol & Etiquette Essentials](#)

Resource created by W Bro Steven William Badger
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James Steet , Main Street Retrospective

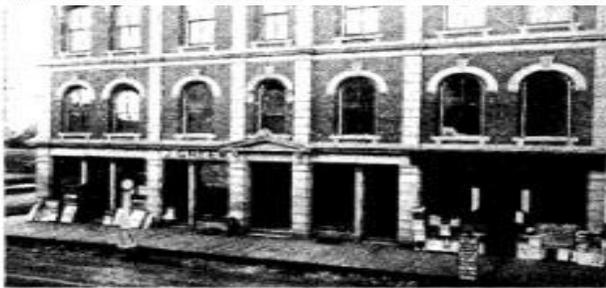


[CMT 908 Main St E](#)

A rare photo of the Masonic Hall on James Street North at Gore (Wilson) before the fire. It opened officially on July 1, 1873 and burned down on September 1968



[Extinguishing of the Lights 2003](#)



The Masonic Hall on the south-east corner of James Street North and Gore in 1878. There were 24 masonic lodges that used the upper floor meeting rooms and offices. At ground level, the corner shop, No. 88, is the freight and ticket, "City Office" of the Great Western Railway. Josiah Green, the watchmaker, has just moved in next door. The advertising pole with a clock on the edge of the boardwalk offers spectacles on the street side and jewellery on the other visible side. The shop next to the entrance to the Masonic Hall is empty but the right hand shop, No. 82, is occupied by the Canada Southern Railway ticket agent, Guardian Insurance agent A. A. Wylie and Alex Taylor, another insurance agent. The Canada Southern advertises "Railway and ocean steamship line tickets, at lowest rates to all parts of the world."

The building was gutted by a spectacular fire in September of 1968. The ruins were torn down during the Urban Renewal Programme to allow for the realignment of York Street with Wilson and the elimination of Merrick and Gore Streets.

Photo by Luther Eckerson & A. E. Lyon courtesy Catherine Holland McLellan 1558-11 srl

thespec.com
 Jun. 25, 01:37 EDT
Lights extinguished at Central Mason hall
 Declining numbers force Main East members to move to Scottish Rite
 Mark McNeil
 The Hamilton Spectator

John Thombs, left, Central hall president Bud Green and Ontario Grand Master Terrence Shand examine contents of a time capsule.

[Photos Submitted by V.W. Bro. John Thombs](#)

Editor's Notes



Brethren,

The Brothers in Freemasonry love our Fraternity but sometimes life takes us away from the things we enjoy.

Don't let this happen to you. Brothers, your Lodges need you now as they always have. Don't assume that they will always be there waiting for your return. A Lodge is not our buildings but the assemblage of good and upright men who gather there. Never assume that you don't have anything to offer. Your presence and ideas could be the difference between a Lodge closing/merging and thriving in our community.

Every single Brother is an asset to their Lodge. We need experienced Masons and Past Masters to help teach the influx of new men coming into the Fraternity. We need your passion and desire to help to ensure our Lodges grow and continue to do what they've always done to support the communities in which we operate. .

What do you say Brothers?

From: <https://www.facebook.com/Freemasonrywalk>

Humour!

The Master of the Lodge climbed the stairs and found several new Masons painting the walls of the old building. The entire group of them were all wearing two heavy parkas on a hot summer day. Thinking this was a little strange, the Master asked the Building manager why they was wearing the parkas on such a hot day.

The Mason showed him the instructions on the can of paint. They read: "For best results, put on two coats."

From: [#masonichumor](#) [#historicflorenceaz](#)
[#pinalcounty](#) [#discoverflorenceaz](#)

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

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Ron Hugh Buttrum

Dufferin Lodge No.291

Ron had been a member of Dufferin for 64 years.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above Oct 05. , 2023



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

To the Readers, I received this invitation via our website. It may be worth reaching out to Seymour or Meridian Lodge if you are interested in participating in Ancaster. Glen

Hello,

Reaching out to extend an invitation to your organization members to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony at The Ancaster Town Hall on Saturday November 11th at 11:00am. If you plan to attend and lay a wreath, please RSVP directly to me. I have copied some additional information below for your reference.

Members of the public (groups or individuals) may lay a wreath at any public service. There is no need to register, just attend with your wreath. We suggest arriving -20 minutes prior to the start time listed with your wreath in hand, and walk directly to the cenotaph in question. Each event has people on hand looking out for those with wreaths who will be happy to let you know what to do. Wreaths can be obtained at florists or through local Legion branches. The closest to Ancaster is Dundas Legion - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 36.

Link to Remembrance Day Services
www.hamilton.ca/RemembranceDay

Link to Ancaster
[Ancaster-Remembrance-Day-Service](#)

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