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Our District Deputy Grand Master

Hello Brethren:

January has come to an end and we now face February in our Masonic year, a month when weather and temperature can be very variable. It can range from rain to snowstorms to freezing rain, sometimes making it difficult to get to lodge meetings.

But we lodge members persevere to do our best for our lodges.

This year February has three significant days. First February 2 when we learn little rodent, a ground hog, whether or not we will face six more weeks of winter. Second, February 14, St. Valentine's Day, when love flows freely and husbands and boyfriends give flowers and chocolates to wives and girlfriends. Third, this year is a leap year and we have February 29, adding one more day to our winter season.

In January I attended the installation meeting at Seymour Lodge No. 272 in Ancaster where W. Bro. Ted Burns was returned as Master. Later in the month I made my Official Visit to Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654. We also had our midterm meeting for District "C" held at the Hillcrest Temple. At this meeting the District Re-alignment Committee stated that there was not enough support from the District "C" lodges to continue re-alignment talks at the present time but they were open to talks in the future.



On January 26 I had the pleasure of attending the Robbie Burns Night sponsored by The Electric Lodge No. 495. Thank you for a wonderful dinner and evening. Thanks as well for making a handsome donation to the district charity from the proceeds of the auction at the end of the evening. A good time was had by all.

The month of February will see official visits to Valley Lodge No. 100 on February 12, and Meridian Lodge No. 513 on February 14. Let's get out and support these lodges on these special nights.

As always, remember our sick and shut in brethren. We should try to keep them involved with a visit or a card. Keeping the lines of communication open can be beneficial for us all.

Faternally,

Raymond Wilson, DDGM

R.W. Bro. Raymond Wilson



The Electric Lodge No. 495 with M.W. Dave Cameron presenting our D.D.G.M> Ray Wilson and the Hamilton Wentworth 4H with the proceeds from their Robbie Burns Gala

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Grand Master's January Communique

My Brethren:

I can't say it enough!

Thankyou again for electing me as your Grand Master!

I am having the time of my life and loving this ultimate lifetime experience! I encourage each and everyone of you to become Grand Master. Trust me, you will thank me for suggesting it and will enjoy the experience and what ever number of years in the lead-up to prepare for the position.



It is guaranteed that you will meet some of the nicest men, their spouses and families that live in our great Province of Ontario – from Lancaster to Pelee Island to Kirkland Lake to Red Lake – and they will welcome you with open arms as a friend and as a Brother!

A testament to this was just enjoyed on the last weekend of November by your Grand Master, R.W. Bros. Jeffrey Gatcke (Chairman of the Grand Lodge Audit and Finance

Committee who acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies for the trip), Richard Kaufman (Grand Lodge Communications Pillar Chairman who acted as Grand Chaplain) and his travelling companion, Bill Shortreed (Past Waterloo District Deputy Grand Master), on a quick trip to the West corner of our Grand Jurisdiction for two Amalgamations.

We arrived after a couple of attempted landings on a little plane from Ottawa to Thunder Bay on Friday morning and R.W. Bro. Bill Boote (Past Algoma District Deputy Grand Master) was faithfully there to greet us and chauffeur us around Algoma and Western Districts – just as he had done the previous year when your Grand Master officiated over a couple of Lodge anniversaries in the Lakehead Community – and he served as the Chairman of the Amalgamation Committee.

After taking us for lunch, Bro. Boote dropped us at the hotel he had reserved for us near the airport for a few hours of rest and to steam the wrinkles out of our tuxedos for the evening.

We were then ferried to the Connaught Lodge Building in Fort William for the Amalgamation of Fort William Lodge No. 415 and Kaministiquia Lodge No. 584 into Kaministiquia United Lodge No. 415. Thanks to all of the advance work by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Graeme McDonald, we there hooked up with a couple of local recruits to assist with the Ceremony – R.W. Bro. Jerry Tsubouchi (Grand Registrar who acted as Grand Senior Warden) and V.W. Bro. Robert Swan (Member of the Board of General Purposes who acted as Grand Junior Warden).

The Worshipful Masters of the two Lodges, W. Bros. Shawn Benincasa and William Fedick respectively, assisted the Grand Lodge Officers in leading their Brethren through the Ceremony of Amalgamation. With this completed, the Grand Master turned the Gavel over to W. Bro. Shane Wilson who would be the Installing Master for an abbreviated Ceremony of Installation and Investiture as W. Bro. Fedick would be returned to the Chair of King Solomon.

When the Ceremony was over, we all posed for several pictures with R.W. Bro. William Webb (Algoma District Deputy Grand Master) to remember this historic day for the new Kaministiquia United Lodge and then retired to the anteroom for some wine, cheese and great fellowship under the eye of a life-sized portrait of our Brother Prince Arthur, the Duke of Connaught.

The next day we met for breakfast prior to starting the four hour drive to Fort Frances. Joining the above named Brethren for breakfast and the trip to visit their neighbouring District were R.W. Bro. Les Swan (Past Algoma District Deputy Grand Master), V.W. Bro. John Watson (Grand Steward) and W. Bro. Tim King (Secretary of Connaught Lodge). Us Southern boys were too slow to reach for our wallets as before we knew it, breakfast had been collectively picked up by our hosts – not unlike our hotel room as well!

It was a crisp morning but a beautiful drive through the countryside to Fort Frances that every Canadian should experience at least once in their lifetime. With the great Masonic conversations sprinkled with a travelogue by our friends and guides, the trip was over before we knew it with our arrival at the La Place Rendez-vous Hotel on the beautiful blue Rainy Lake overlooking Minnesota where we would spend the night and be feted at a Celebration Banquet after the Ceremony.

After a quick costume change, it was off to the beautiful Fort Frances Lodge Room for the Amalgamation of Granite Lodge No. 446, Ionic Lodge No. 461 and Manitou Lodge No. 631 into Border Waters Lodge No. 446. Another smooth Ceremony of Amalgamation was completed with the assistance of Granite Lodge Acting Worshipful Master W. Bro. Joseph Bodnar and Masters Doug Hartnell and Gordon Hoskins of Ionic and Manitou Lodges respectively.

The Gavel was then passed to R.W. Bro. Bud McQuaker, as the Installing Master who introduced his team and proceeded to Install and Invest Worshipful Master David Lloyd and the Officers of the new Lodge.

Chairman of the Amalgamation Committee, R.W. Bro. Barry Jackson and Granite Lodge Secretary, V.W. Bro. Bill Moody were instrumental in making the day the success that it was from the moment we arrived at the Lodge to a most successful and enjoyable celebration reception and banquet. The evening afforded us another opportunity to again experience that warm Western Ontario hospitality as we were treated with great favour and it gave us the opportunity to meet a lot of new friends and share some quality time with some old friends and their families.

The next morning we arose to just enough snow to make for an interesting white drive back to Thunder Bay before jumping back on a plane for Ottawa. And we were quick enough, with a three-hour drive after landing, to beat the snow to Napanee.

The lessons learned by the Southern visitors for the weekend were that we need to re-think our practice of dealing with visitors to our Lodge, treat them as honoured guests and how to show our thanks for their visit. We all thanked our Brethren from the West for their hospitality, but also for the lesson in being excellent hosts!

I can't wait to visit again! And you should too – when you become Grand Master!

Happy New Year Brethren! We wish you and your families all the best of the New Year and have a safe and prosperous 2024!

Thomas W. Hogeboom

Deputy Grand Master's January Communique

Brethren,

Happy New Year, I hope that the Holiday Season has treated you and your families very well. May this upcoming calendar year be the year that great things happen to you, your families and communities and also to your Lodges. May this be the year that you inspire everyone that you encounter to be happier and to try to do better. Brethren, this is the year for great things to happen, do your part, plant a seed of hope in the fertile minds around you and watch the ideas for success grow. Do your part to help your Lodge flourish and please continue to energize and engage the membership. Let this be the year that Ritual, Education and Mentoring propels you forward.

I just want to mention that while I was on a trip recently to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in Washington DC for their Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, I enjoyed myself very much. Although this was my third time in the Capital, I continue to meet friends and leaders from around the world. Visitation around our District, our City or around this or any other Grand Jurisdiction is such a mainstay of our Fraternity, please travel and visit if you are so inclined to do so. When I was away I met up with friends from previous visits and I was also able to greet many new friends. In this current office that I hold as Deputy Grand Master, I have been fortunate enough to meet Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers from all over this incredible world. What a treat and privilege it is, to be able to talk to and ask questions of these esteemed Brethren and then to listen to their advice, suggestions and experiences.

We can learn so much from each other if we just take the time to inquire and then to listen to the answers. It's in each of us to want to learn from others. Brethren, from my many inquiries I have learned that Masonry in many Jurisdictions is in the same state that our own Grand Lodge is experiencing. There are many differences, but the similarities are incredible once you start asking others. It's the same with our Lodges, there are many differences between them but also many things are the same. Why not take the initiative to visit and learn from others, you'll be amazed at the similarities that you encounter. Why not learn what will make your Lodge more active and more vibrant. To the Brethren and Lodges that have embraced our Grand Lodge vision of R.E.M., I applaud you. To the Brethren and Lodges that are wondering what to do in order to have further successes, I encourage you to look into our Grand Lodge Committees and see what they can do for you. Please feel free to contact any Committee Chairmen for information, help and guidance. If you need any help, just take that first step and ask the question, you might be surprised at how easy it is to do better.

Now that many of the Lodge Installations have once again been completed, I am asking the newly invested and installed Officers to look forward and check out the Cornerstone Program from Grand Lodge. Do all of it or just part of it, try it and see how it can help you. Look into the many virtual presentations that are available for your use, you might be surprised at the information that they can help you with. Check out the newly designed Grand Lodge website, there is everything there to help your Lodge to do better. The Masonic Education Committee can help you make your meetings more enjoyable. They can also enroll you in the College of Freemasonry or they can offer the Speaker Series to you which is on the first Saturday of every month. Use our Ontario Masons Branding in your communities, approach like-minded men and engage them in conversation.

Brethren, once again, ask questions, listen for the answers and learn how to do better for yourselves and your families, your Lodges and your Grand Jurisdiction.

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, safe travels and God Bless.

Jamie R. Ireland Deputy Grand Master

Dates to Remember

February 2024

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Valley Lodge No. 100

Monday February 12, 2024

Dinner 6.00pm

Tyle 7:30 pm

Accompanying:

The Electric No. 495

Hamilton Masonic Centre

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Meridian Lodge No. 513

Wednesday February 14, 2024

Dinner N/A

Tyle 7:30 pm

Accompanying:

Seymour Lodge No. 272

Ancaster Temple

March 2024

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Westmount Lodge No. 671

Tuesday March 26, 2024

Dinner N/A

Tyle 7:30 pm

Accompanying:

Dufferin Lodge No. 291

Hillcrest Temple

April 2024

Hamilton Districts' Board of Relief

Spring Divine Service

Sunday April 28, 2024

7:00 pm

Location: TBA

Sponsored by:

The Electric Lodge No.495



Scottish Rite Club Valentine Dinner

Date: February 16, 2024 Time: Cocktails 6 p.m. to 6:30p.m.
Dinner: 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.
Entertainment 7:30p.m. to 10p.m.
Provided by the MILLGROOVE QUINTET featuring
Frank Cammisuli on Keyboard and Vocals
Ticket Price: \$75.00 (HST Included)

Menu:

Amuse bouche
wild mushroom and truffle arancini
Soup
Sweet Potato soup/crumbled goat cheese/pumpkin seed dukkah
Main
Beef tenderloin/ crushed potato/ horseradish jus/seasonal vegetables
or
Herb brined chicken breast/olive oil/chicken jus/seasonal vegetables
All beef cooked medium

Dessert
Chocolate mousse / candied ginger / crumbled meringue

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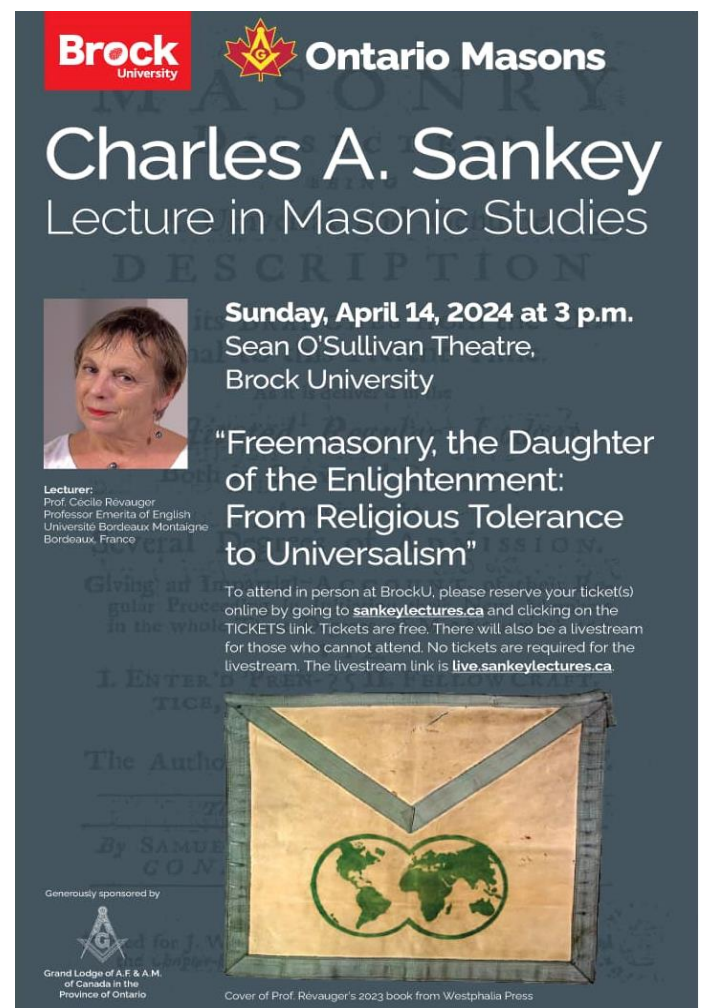
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with a Member

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Brock University **Ontario Masons**

Charles A. Sankey
Lecture in Masonic Studies

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 3 p.m.
Sean O'Sullivan Theatre,
Brock University

"Freemasonry, the Daughter of the Enlightenment: From Religious Tolerance to Universalism"

Lecturer:
Prof. Cecile Révauger
Professor Emerita of English
Université Bordeaux Montaigne
Bordeaux, France

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Around the District



Hamilton District C Winter Meeting



D.D.G.M. Official Visit to Ancient Landmarks / Doric No. 654



Robbie Burns Celebration with
The Electric Lodge



Hugh Murray No.602 - A Lodge Profile:



Hugh Murray 1000th Regular Meeting submitted by W. Bro. Lorne Evans

On the evening of January 16, 2023, Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602, Hamilton District C, conducted its 1000th regular meeting. Mr. George Wilcox was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry, and I had the honour to present Masonic Education on the evening's theme.

The history of Hugh Murray Lodge begins with Acacia Lodge No. 61, in Hamilton District B, in 1855. Acacia was established then, under William Mercer Wilson's new, independent, Grand Lodge of Canada, which was established in 1855. Acacia was the mother lodge of Ancient Landmarks No. 654, in 1931, and of three Grand Masters, one of whom was Hugh Murray.

Hugh Murray was born in 1843, in Paisley, Scotland, and emigrated to Canada in 1859, age 16. He eventually went into the grocery business in Hamilton, and through his "indefatigable exertion", became the Chief Customs clerk in Hamilton. He was also Honorary President of the Hamilton Tigers Football Club.



In 1865, at age 22, Hugh Murray was initiated into Acacia Lodge. He served as Worshipful Master 6 years later, (in 1871), and as District Deputy Grand Master 12 years later, (in 1877). He was also a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. Hugh Murray served two terms as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, from 1884 to '86, and as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge from 1891-93. Hugh Murray then served as Grand Secretary for 16 years, until he died of a stroke in 1907. Hugh Murray Lodge was established in his memory, in 1922, and recently celebrated its Gold 100th Anniversary in 2022.

After the fire of 1968, which destroyed the old Masonic Temple at 93 James Street N., Hugh Murray Lodge met at Beach Lodge, in Stoney Creek, until 1971, and then at Valley Lodge in Dundas, until 1975, and at Central Masonic Temple, 901 Main St. East, until 2003. It has met at the Masonic Centre of Hamilton for 20 years.

Worshipful Masters of Hugh Murray

W. Bro. Bill Veitch, 45 years ago in 1978. V.W. Bro. Archie McQuilkie had preceded Bill, the year before. W. Bro. Alan Whyte served as W. Master in 1979 and was Secretary for nearly 20 years. He was recently awarded his 50 year service pin.

RW. Bro. Ian Clunie is a Past Master and Past D.D.G.M. from the Toronto area, who is affiliated with Hugh Murray. RW. Bro. J.J. Johnson was W.M. nearly 40 years ago, in 1984, and again, in 1999, and in 2005. He served District C as D.D.G.M. in 2011.

RW. Bro. David Pedlar was W.M. in 1985, and D.D.G.M. 11 years later. VW. Bro. Donald Falconer was W.M. in 1986, and again, in 2001. VW. Bro. Martin Tees was W.M. in 1991, and again, in 1994. W. Bro. Steve "Right wheel" Tiede was W.M. 30 years ago, in 1993.

W. Bro. Bill Lee was Master in 1995, and W. Bro. John Harrop in 1998 and 2016. VW. Bro. Brian "Too Tall" Kiernan was W.M. in 2003 and 2004, VW. Bro. John Terence in 2006 and in 2010. He also served as Grand Piper in 2013-14.

W. Bro. Ed Patterson was W.M. in 2007, and again in 2012. W. Bro. Brock McCulloch was W.M. in 2008. In 2009, W. Bro. Steve Badger followed serving his first term as W. Master.. His second term was in 2013.

W. Bro Mike Cuberic was installed in 2014.. W. Bro. Gary MacLean was W.M. in 2015, and is, again, now, in 2023. W. Bro. Trib Persaud was W.M. in 2017 and W. Bro. Steve Badger, again, in 2019, 2020, and 2021-22, during covid. He is the Hugh Murray Lodge's nominee for D.D.G.M. in 2024 . W. Bro. Glen Howie was W.M. in 2022, and W. Bro. Gary MacLean will be, again, now, in 2023. RW. Bro Mike Martin joined Hugh Murray Lodge in 1984. He served as Secretary of District B in 2011, and D.D.G.M. (B) in 2019-21. He currently serves on the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes.

Bro Bill Lewis wears the white collar of the William Mercer Wilson Award. He and his wife contributed to the publication of the "100 Year History of Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602". VW. Bro. Brian Kiernan and W. Bro. Ed Patterson have served as Secretaries *and* as Treasurers of Hugh Murray Lodge. Before them, W. Bro. Bill Veitch was Secretary for 28 years. Bro. Scott Ballinson served as the Pipe Major of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Hamilton, and recently completed a tour of duty with the Canadian Army in Lebanon and the Middle East.

So, Brethren, it is clear that Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 has had a storied past, featuring many legendary Brethren.



Hugh Murray - And what of the future?

The Lodge has so far survived COVID with flying colours. The Brethren are resilient. Morale is high. The officer line is strong. There is a strong leadership cadre of experienced Past Masters. They have typically been willing to step into the line, as necessary. In fact, of the 19 Past Masters I named this evening, 10 have served more than once.

Hugh Murray's numbers are strong. There are currently new candidates going through the Degrees. They have been a Cornerstone Lodge since 2012, unique in the District. Their numerous social events are well attended, and welcoming, and a lotta fun, lemme tell ya!

The Lodge's finances are healthy. Their community benevolence and support is exemplary. The future looks rosy.

So, this evening, at Hugh Murray's 1000th regular meeting, we can look forward, with confidence, to one thousand more. "May the rays of Heaven enlighten [Hugh Murray's journey] in the paths of virtue and of science." **So mote it be.**



A great night was had by all who attended Hugh Murray's Annual Robbie Burns Dinner

Hamilton District 'C' Masonic Education Saluting in Lodge & the Sign of Fidelity

Everyone is reminded that you only salute in the following circumstances:

- 1) Upon entering the lodge.
- 2) When leaving the lodge.
- 3) When addressing the Worshipful Master

The proper protocol is only to salute before you speak, not after, and certainly not before and after. Many Masons, which you have probably observed, will give this **"Second Salute"**, and it is wholly unnecessary.

If you are going to address the Worshipful Master or are addressed by him, make sure to stand, take the appropriate step, then salute, and finally speak. It may be a helpful to think of the salute as a form of a greeting and as a symbol of respect to the office of the Worshipful Master. *When you are finished speaking there is no requirement for you to salute again.* You have already acknowledged the Worshipful Master, why would you acknowledge him again? (If you say hello when entering a room full of people, would you say hello again as you leave?)

Salutes are also not given to indicate that you have concluded your remarks, or to somehow thank the Worshipful Master for giving you the opportunity of sharing some information with the brethren. The **Sign of Fidelity** is often misused as an acknowledgement that one has finished a piece of ritual or finished addressing the Worshipful Master, this also incorrect Masonic protocol, refrain from doing this.

The salutes, which are used in each degree, are simply the Sign of Salutation of that Degree. It is also not necessary to salute to acknowledge any instructions that have been given to you by the Worshipful Master, unless provided for in the Book of the Work. During any degree, salutes only go one way, from the brethren up to the Worshipful Master. (e.g., the I.G would salute the W.M., not the other way around) The Worshipful Master should always return salutes, even when seated. **(Protocol & Etiquette Essentials Issue No. 5)**

The sign of fidelity is one of the most misused signs in Masonry. It is often used when neither called for, nor required.

The sign has specific and limited use, namely:

- It is used when the VOSL is being attended.
- It is used during obligations.
- It is given during prayers, in ceremonies.
- In the Masonic Memorial Service in the Funeral Home. (when the W.M. says: "Let Us Pray")
- During the closing of lodge in the First Degree, when saying "F.F.F."
- By the S. W., when presenting a candidate.
- When receiving the Grand Honours, or when accompanying a brother who is receiving them.
- As directed in the Installation Ceremony, when the Master Elect is assenting to the Ancient Charges.

The Sign is NOT given:

- When you have completed an assigned piece of work.
- In the Banquet Room.
- When acknowledging greetings from the W. M.
- By the W. M. when receiving visitors.
- When you are not wearing your apron.

Also, in this Grand Jurisdiction, we do NOT bend or bow when the affirmation "So mote it be" is said at the conclusion of any Prayers.

**(Protocol & Etiquette Essentials Issue No. 5)
(Meeting the Challenge, p.102)**

W Bro Steven William Badger FCF
Hamilton District "C" Masonic Education Chairman

Masonic Education:

What Measurements Were Used in Ancient Times?

In ancient times, people used various measurements to quantify and describe objects, distances, weight, and time. These measurements were crucial for trade, construction, and even astronomy. Let's take a closer look at some of the most commonly used measurements in ancient times.

The Egyptian Measurement System-

The Egyptians were pioneers in measurement systems. They used a system based on the human body. The basic unit of measurement was the cubit, which was the length from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger. A cubit was divided into smaller units such as palms and digits.

The Egyptian measurement system also included other units such as:

- Khet – a unit of distance equivalent to 100 cubits
- Artaba – a unit of capacity equivalent to about 37 liters
- Deben – a unit of weight equivalent to about 91 grams

The Greek Measurement System

The Greeks developed their own measurement system based on body parts as well. They used a foot (called "pous") as their basic unit of length. A foot was divided into smaller units such as fingers and palms.

- The Greeks also had other units such as:
- Stadion – a unit of distance equivalent to about 185 meters
- Drachma – a unit of weight equivalent to about 4.3 grams

The Roman Measurement System

The Romans took inspiration from both the Egyptians and Greeks when developing their own measurement system. They used a foot (called "pes") as their basic unit of length, which was divided into smaller units such as inches and palms.

The Roman measurement system included other units such as:

- Mile – a unit of distance equivalent to about 1,609 meters
- Libra – a unit of weight equivalent to about 327 grams
- Amphora – a unit of capacity equivalent to about 26 liters

The Chinese Measurement System

The Chinese had their own unique measurement system. They used a foot (called "chi") as their basic unit

of length, which was divided into smaller units such as cun and fen.

The Chinese measurement system also included other units such as:

- Li – a unit of distance equivalent to about 500 meters
- Jin – a unit of weight equivalent to about half a kilogram

The Indian Measurement System

The Indian measurement system was based on the human body too. They used a handspan (called "hasta") as their basic unit of length. A hasta was divided into smaller units such as angulas.

The Indian measurement system also included other units such as:

- Yojana – a unit of distance equivalent to about 13 kilometers
- Tola – a unit of weight equivalent to about 11.7 grams

In Conclusion:

Ancient civilizations developed their own unique measurement systems based on their needs and resources. These systems were crucial for trade, construction, and even astronomy.

Despite the differences between these systems, they all had one thing in common: they were based on the human body. While we may not use these ancient measurements today, they are still fascinating pieces of history that can be appreciated for their ingenuity and cultural significance.

Submitted by V.W. Bro. John Thombs Jan 2024

ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN *Uncommon Thoughts on Common Things* by Robert Fulghum

Most of what I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

Share everything.
Play fair.
Don't hit people.
Put things back where you found them.
Clean up your own mess.
Don't take things that aren't yours.
Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
Wash your hands before you eat.
Flush.
Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
Live a balanced life—learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
Take a nap every afternoon.
When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
Be aware of wonder.

Editor's Note



Brethren,

So many submissions!

And we are off, January is in the books for 2024, District Meeting done, all the celebrations in Hamilton for Robbie Burns, Installations and Official Visits. Now with the upcoming Valentines Dance at the Scottish Rite you can feel Masonry in our District resurging.

Congratulations to Hugh Murray Lodge on their 1000th meeting. Thank you to W. Bro. Lorne Evans for his Hugh Murray Lodge Profile. Pictures from Bro. Jeffrey Currey our District photographer and Masonic Education from W. Bro. Steve Badger and V.W. Bro. John Thombs.

I love it when the only problem I have is squeezing it all in.

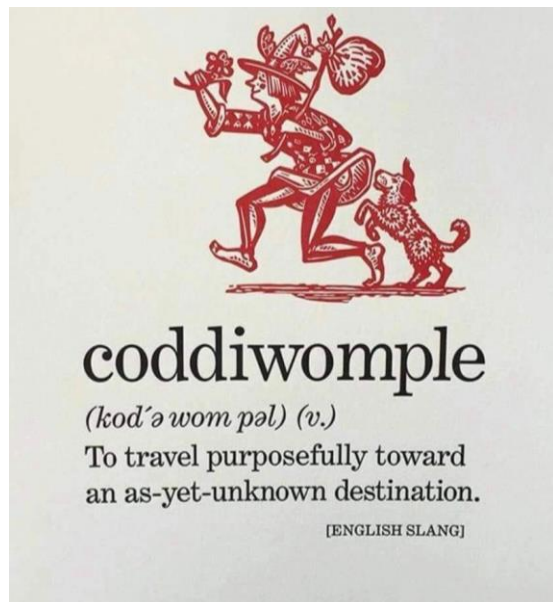
The editors would love to run a series of Lodge Profiles. Calling on all Lodge Historians, or interested members to submit a write up of your Lodge. Let's highlight our District's variety and membership to give people a reason to visit.

Per our website trestle board I see that Valley Lodge is holding a Curling Hele spiel Saturday Feb 10th. I would love to get some pictures from an intrepid member to use in March.

As always, please feel free to comment, contribute and let us know what is working for you.

Here's to Ground Hogs, Valentines and Family Day!

Glen gnotman@hotmail.com



IN MEMORIAM

Brother Dennis James Ryan
Buchanan Lodge No.550

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above January 9, 2024

W. Bro. Milan Petko
Temple Lodge No.324

Initiated: January 11, 1994

Passed: May 27, 1994

Raised: January 10, 1995

W. Master twice

2002-to 2003 and again in 2007 to 2008

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above January 05, 2024



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



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