

# District 'C'hronicle



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## Our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings my  
brethren,

October has come  
and gone in a flash  
and I was almost as  
busy as I was in  
September.

Practically all of  
my fraternal visits  
have been  
completed and I  
have moved onto  
my Official Visits,  
only Westmount  
No. 671 remains.

On Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Temple Lodge No.  
324 hosted a  
contingent of  
Romanian Masons  
from Poseidon  
Lodge 232, in total  
there were 22 visitors there for this special occasion.  
The night consisted of some Masonic education, and  
2 presentations from their Romanian guests. It was to  
be Temple's final Regular meeting before their  
amalgamation as a new path lays ahead for their  
members in Masonry.

October 15<sup>th</sup> saw my Official Visit to my own Lodge,  
Hugh Murray No. 602. It is always a special occasion  
when you can visit your mother lodge on your Official  
Visit. The work of the evening was a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, and  
the candidate was more than prepared for his passing.  
There were 4 Masters of the District in attendance as  
well. Thank you to the members of Hugh Murray for a  
memorable evening and to the visitors for supporting  
them on my Official Visit.



On Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge provided a Lodge of  
Instruction at the Harmony Temple in Caistorville, led  
by The Custodian of the Work, PGM Donald A  
Campbell. The work of the morning focused on the  
mechanics of each of the 3 degrees and the ceremony  
of installation for Installed Masters. The event was  
quite well attended, but it still would have been  
beneficial if more of our lodges had been represented.  
I am looking for the Lodge of Instruction team to visit  
District C in the spring of 2025. My hope is that all the  
Lodges in District C will have members attend,  
especially their junior officers.

I visited TEAD,  
my district  
charity, along  
with your  
District  
Secretary  
(Adrian Haigh)  
on Sunday



October 20<sup>th</sup> for their annual open house. There were  
a lot of family activities open to the public and tours  
of the facilities were given. I hope that they benefit  
greatly from our support over the year.

The amalgamation of Temple Lodge No. 324 and  
Ancient Landmarks Lodge No. 654 took place on  
Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Grand Master and the Deputy  
Grand Master were both in attendance, something  
that rarely occurs. I was honoured to have had the  
Grand Master ask me to enter the lodge, under the  
wands, at his side. After the ceremony was complete  
the new lodge held its installation for its appointed  
and elected slate of officers. As the lodge embarks on  
a new path, I hope this union will create a stronger  
future for their brethren.

The Fall Divine Service took place at the Masonic  
Centre of Hamilton on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. The service  
went well but attendance could have been better. My  
thanks to Buchanan Lodge No. 550 for hosting the  
event. They also walked away with the Travelling  
VOSL. My next Official Visit will take place at  
Buchanan on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>, I hope to see  
many of you there.

Fraternally,

**R. W. Bro. Steven William Badger FCF**

District Deputy Grand Master Hamilton C District

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necessarily reflect the opinion of Grand Lodge. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions

## Grand Master's October Communique

Brethren,

Welcome to the October Edition of the Ontario Masons Magazine, we're creeping into the Fall months, but it really is a beautiful time of year.

The bountiful harvest is upon us and the Fall colours have been set into motion. It's the time of year where we are thankful for our labours in our fields and gardens. We planted the seeds,

have cared for the plants that have grown and flourished and the results of the time and dedication to nurturing those seeds to fruition is paying off. We will be able to enjoy the fruits, vegetables and the satisfaction of the harvest for many months to come.

Much like the Vision of our Grand Lodge, the seeds of R.E.M. have been, and are continuing to be planted. I believe that we are starting to bask in the bountiful harvest that this ongoing initiative is producing. The feeling of being in full Lodge rooms is incredible and it's contagiously spreading around the Jurisdiction. What a great feeling it is to sit in Lodge and look out over a full room. To see the Ritual being done at a higher level is encouraging. The Grand Master's message of only one open Ritual book in a meeting is spreading and it's paying off. That accomplishment, coupled with having a Masonic Educational component added, is helping the members to better understand the lectures, the symbolism and the mechanics of our great Fraternity. It could be stated that proper Mentoring is both the starting and ending of a productive Lodge meeting. Mentoring the Officers and members of this Jurisdiction parallels the positive actions of planting the seeds of success. We practice the Ritual of Openings and Closings; Lectures and Ceremonies and it is the Mentoring that makes it perfect. Our Grand Lodge Vision of Ritual, Education and Mentoring is an ongoing way of nurturing the seeds of success and it's paying off with a bountiful harvest.

I want to thank the members of Dereham Lodge No.624 in Wilson District and Hatherly Lodge No.625 in Algoma East District for the hospitality that was shown to me and the attending Grand Lodge Officers at their 100 year, Silver to Gold anniversaries. Both Lodge rooms were full for the Ceremony and both Lodges held an exceptionally



well organized Banquet following. Thank you to the organizing committees for the work that was needed to pull off such successful events, thank you to the caterers for the delicious food at the banquets and thank you to everyone for taking the time to spend the day with us.

We also attended the 150th Annual Session of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada which was held in beautiful downtown Ottawa. Congratulations to the Class of 33rd Degree members for 2024 and everyone that made the trip to Ottawa to share in the festivities. Again, the hospitality was incredible, and I thoroughly enjoyed my trip.

The month of October has some exciting events coming up, one being the joint Gala with our Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Quebec. M.W. Bro. Robert Dupel and I are looking forward to attending together and celebrating such a great occasion. Both of our Grand Lodge's have been looking forward to this for months and it's finally here. The tickets have been sold out for a while but for the members that are attending, it's going to be a fun night.

I am also in Toronto West District on October 15th at Victoria Lodge No.474 to present the Regalia to the newly appointed Grand Historian, V.W. Bro. Cory Turnbull and the Grand Steward, V.W. Bro. David Junop. Congratulations Brethren on your Grand Lodge Appointments.

October 16th will be a great meeting at Mercer Wilson Lodge No.678 in Wilson District where five members will be receiving their 25 years Past Master pin presentations. I am honoured to attend to present these pins to such worthy Brethren.

I will also be attending the Installation of Bro. Edward Faruzel at Mystic Tie Lodge No.279 on October 28th, please feel free to join me if you are able. It is going to be a great night of fellowship in Waterloo District.

On October 22nd I will be conducting a meeting at the Grand Lodge Office in Hamilton where the leaders of the Concordant Masonic Bodies have been invited to attend in order to discuss the issues that affect us all. We will be addressing membership issues, branding, social media and any other questions that arise. I am looking forward to our collective working group that will be tackling these many opportunities that lie before us, together. It is an exciting time to be a Freemason in Ontario and with the Masonic Bodies aligned with our Grand Lodge, we are unstoppable.

The Sarnia District Grand Master Reception on October 26th is going to be a great night. This is the reception for the Grand Master, in my home District in Point Edward, ON. It will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton where you can enjoy the evening at the banquet and then stay overnight in this newly renovated Hotel.

Feel free to contact R.W. Bro. Jim Sercombe for tickets at [sercombe@rogers.com](mailto:sercombe@rogers.com)

Please come to Sarnia District and help me to celebrate this Grand occasion, it's going to be a great night in my home District.

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's October Communique

Dear Brethren,

In our previous communication, we highlighted our ongoing commitment to Ritual, Education, and Mentoring, with an emphasis on the significance of Ritual within our Craft. For this edition, let's touch on the importance of Education.



During a recent Masonic event, the Worshipful Master took a progressive approach by centering the educational portion of the evening around the newly entered Apprentices of the Lodge. The main event of the evening was to honour two distinguished Brethren for their dedication and long service to Lodge and to the Craft, by recognizing their contributions with Long Term Service Pin awards and a Veteran Jubilee award for one of the Brethren.

Following the ceremonial portion of the evening, the educational segment was entrusted to one of the Lodge's Entered Apprentices. He had been encouraged to reflect on the evening's proceedings and share his impressions and sentiments about the experience. I commend the Worshipful Master for this initiative, for not only did it engage our new initiate, but also provided a valuable opportunity for him to explore and articulate the impact of his experience and his perceptions of the Craft.

Brethren, it is essential to involve our newer members right from the beginning of their journey. As one of our ongoing concerns is the retention of our members, their immediate engagement is crucial to ensuring a meaningful start to their Masonic experience. By actively involving our new members in rituals, discussions, and educational opportunities, we foster a sense of belonging and purpose. This engagement not only helps them feel connected to the fraternity but also reinforces their understanding of our values and

traditions. In addition, when our newer members see that their contributions are valued and encouraged, they are more likely to remain committed and active. By involving our Brethren right from the outset in our rituals and celebrations it will no doubt promote their understanding and appreciation of the fraternity's values and principles.

Learning from experienced Brethren and being encouraged to share their thoughts and experiences will significantly enhance their sense of contribution and belonging. It also underscores to our more veteran members the importance of delivering a meaningful ritual experience that leaves a lasting impression on our new Masons. It is therefore incumbent on us to provide supportive mentors and create immersive educational experiences that resonate with their aspirations. By doing so, we will cultivate a vibrant fellowship that not only honors our heritage but also inspires the next generation of Masons to thrive within our Craft.

Brethren, Our Grand Lodge offers a variety of tools, publications, workshops, and Speaker Series aimed at engaging both new and veteran members alike. We encourage you to take full advantage of these programs. Our Education Pillar is staffed by skilled brethren who are ready to assist you in all your needs. Whether you seek resources for personal development, guidance for your Lodge, or opportunities to connect with fellow members, we are here to enhance your experience and foster fellowship with your Brethren.

With my best fraternal regards,

**R.W. Bro. Art Di Cecco, Deputy Grand Master**

## October Lodge of Instruction

On Saturday October 19, 2024 Harmony Lodge No. 57 hosted the Lodge of Instruction in our District. The coordinator for this event was R. W. Bro. Brian J. Muir of Hamilton District "B". Those in attendance included the District Deputy Grand Masters of all three Hamilton Districts including Brant.

R. W. Bro. Brampston A. Gushway	Ham District "A"
R. W. Bro. Brian J. Muir	Ham District "B"
R. W. Bro. Steven W. Badger	Ham District "C"
R. W. Bro. Paul G. Isaac	Brant District

Also in attendance was the Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. Louis M. Domjan and a member of the Board of General Purposes, R. W. Bro. Michael R. Martin.

In all, there were roughly fifty brethren in attendance. The Custodian of the Work M. W. Bro. Donald Campbell and his core team of R.W. Bros. Maher Eid, Gilbert Carreiro, Joseph DeMello, Robert Kliaman, Shawn Hewlett and Thomas Peddle conducted a three hour session on the Mechanics of the Work in all Three Degrees including the Lodge Installation. The brethren in attendance were given an opportunity to ask the Lodge of Instruction Team a number of questions and received clarification on a number of issues they were facing in their respective districts.

**Submitted by. W.Bro. Gary Magwood**

## Dates to Remember

November 2024

### Amalgamation Ceremony

Dufferin Lodge No. 291 &  
Waterdown Lodge No. 357  
Tuesday November 12, 2024  
Banquet 6:00 pm

Amalgamation Ceremony  
7:30 pm for  
Flamborough Lodge No. 357

Waterdown Temple  
929 Hwy 6, Hamilton, On

Dinner RSVP [waterdown357secretary@gmail.com](mailto:waterdown357secretary@gmail.com)

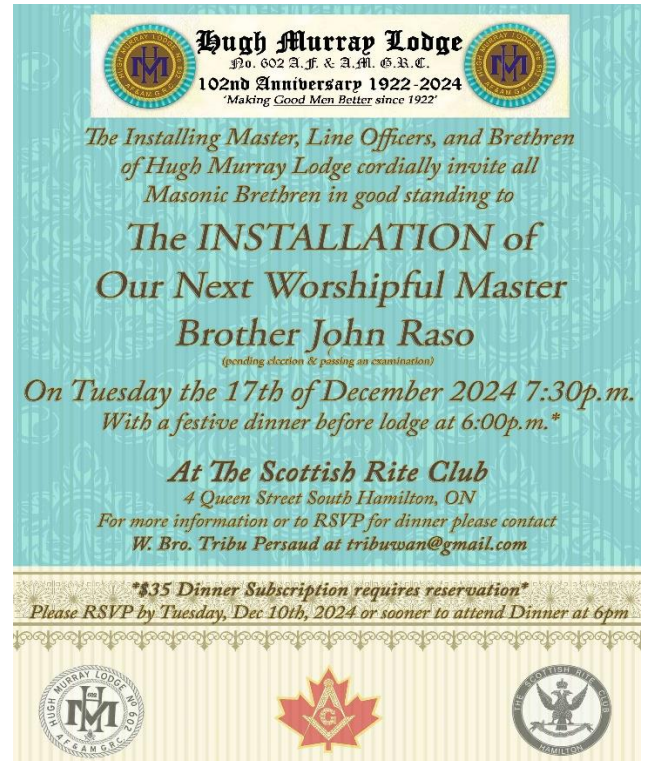
December 2024

### Official Visit

Buchanan Lodge No.550  
Thursday December 5, 2024  
Hillcrest Temple

### Installation

Hugh Murray Lodge No.602  
Tuesday December 17, 2024  
Dinner 6 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm  
Masonic Centre of Hamilton



**Hugh Murray Lodge**  
No. 602 A.F. & A.M. G.R.C.  
102nd Anniversary 1922-2024  
*"Making Good Men Better since 1922"*

*The Installing Master, Line Officers, and Brethren  
of Hugh Murray Lodge cordially invite all  
Masonic Brethren in good standing to*

**The INSTALLATION of  
Our Next Worshipful Master  
Brother John Raso**  
*(pending election & passing an examination)*

*On Tuesday the 17th of December 2024 7:30p.m.  
With a festive dinner before lodge at 6:00p.m.\**

**At The Scottish Rite Club**  
4 Queen Street South Hamilton, ON  
For more information or to RSVP for dinner please contact  
W. Bro. Tribu Persaud at [tribuwane@gmail.com](mailto:tribuwane@gmail.com)

**\*\$35 Dinner Subscription requires reservation\***  
Please RSVP by Tuesday, Dec 10th, 2024 or sooner to attend Dinner at 6pm

### Ontario Masons

The Worshipful Masters, Officers and Members  
of  
Dufferin Lodge No. 291  
and  
Waterdown Lodge No. 357

Cordially invite you to the **Ceremony of Amalgamation** for  
Flamborough Lodge No. 357

the **Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland** presiding

Tuesday, November 12, 2024  
Waterdown Masonic Temple  
929 Hwy 6, Millgrove, Ontario

Lodge Opens at 5:00 pm for business  
Call Off

Banquet at 6:00 pm sharp  
Lodge will Call On at 7:30 pm sharp to commence the  
Ceremony of Amalgamation  
followed by the

Ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Officers of a Lodge

Reservations required for the banquet  
RSVP Deadline November 1, 2024

RSVP via [waterdown357secretary@gmail.com](mailto:waterdown357secretary@gmail.com) or 905-317-6185  
Cost \$20 per person (proceeds to The Mark Preece Family House)

Dufferin Lodge No. 291

Waterdown Lodge No. 357

Flamborough Lodge No. 357

### Save The Date

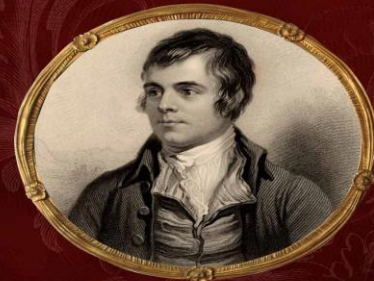
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**HUGH MURRAY LODGE**  
No 602 A.F. & A.M. G.R.C.

### ROBBIE BURNS DINNER

Friday January 24th, 2025  
6:30p.m. Cocktails - 7:00p.m. Dinner

At:  
**THE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB**  
4 Queen Street South, Hamilton, ON  
Ticket Prices to be determined  
Formal/Business Attire or Kilts

We invite you, your friends, and family to celebrate the Immortal Robbie Burns with  
traditional Scottish foods, festivities, music and dancing.



To volunteer or for more information, tickets or table reservations please contact:  
W. Bro. Tribu Persaud 519-239-7940 - [tribuwane@gmail.com](mailto:tribuwane@gmail.com)

### Installation

Westmount Lodge No.671  
Tuesday November 26, 2024  
Hillcrest Temple

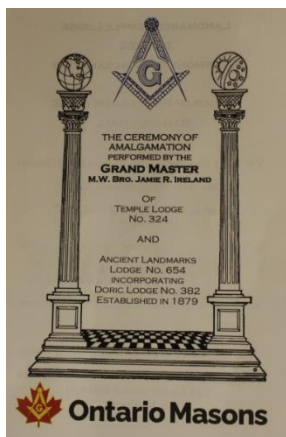
## Around the District



Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 Official Visit & Homecoming



W. Bro. Gary McLean FCF,  
Bro. Joseph Kuta,  
R.W. Bro. Steven W. Badger



Landmarks Temple No. 324 Amalgamation Ceremony



Landmarks Temple No.324 Officers and Members

# Masonic Education College of Freemasonry



## Ontario Masons

**College of Freemasonry  
Distance Learning Courses**

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario offers an education program for Master Masons called the "Masonic Arts & Sciences For Master Masons" through their College of Freemasonry.

*"Make the Most of Masonry Through Learning.  
Explore its Mysteries – Enjoy its Privileges"*

*R. W. Bro. Garnet Schenk, FCF*

### Module Subject & Description

- 1 Masonry in Public – Buildings, MASONICH.I.P., Social Media, Community, Ontario Mason Magazine, Regalia in Public
- 2 Benevolence – Benevolence and the Masonic Foundation
- 3 Faith – Our Ritual, Religion, V.O.S.L., Three Questions to the Applicant, and Memorial Services
- 4 Masonic Lodge – Meetings, By-Laws, Committees, Visiting, Finance, Voting, Balloting & Elections, Applications, Committee of Inquiry, Degree Work
- 5 Justice in Masonry – Ritual, Book of Constitution, Charges of a Freemason
- 6 Leadership – Leadership Traits, Masonic Leadership, Motivation, Leadership Strategies, Delegating versus Assigning
- 7 Communication – Effective Communication, Correspondence, Listening versus Hearing
- 8 Officer Training – Elections & Appointments, Lodge Officers, Planning, Balloting,
- 9 Protocol and Etiquette – Lodge room, Festive Board, Tributes, GLO's
- 10 Worshipful Master – His Collar, Constitution & By-laws, Summons, Committees, Planning, more P & E.
- 11 The District – Communication, D.D.G.M., Official Visits, District Committees, Dispensation

12 Dawn of Freemasonry – Ancient Times, Guilds, Operative to Speculative Masonry, First Grand Lodge, Organization in England

13 Masonry in North America – Early Masonry North America, The Provincial Grand Lodges

14 History of Our Grand Lodge – First Grand Master and the early years of our Grand Lodge

15 Grand Lodge – Elections and Appointments, Annual Communication, Proceedings, Recognition of Grand Lodges,

P & E of Grand Lodge

16a Philosophy & Symbolism –Initiation through Raising (Part 1)

16b Philosophy & Symbolism –Initiation through Raising (Part 2)

17 Grand Lodge Leadership – District Administration & Management, Reports, Observation of a Lodge, Board of General Purposes, Management Committee, and Grand Lodge Committees

18 Esoteric Studies – A study of the deeper meanings and origins of Freemasonry

19 Ethics & Morals – Designed to give you some tools that will aid with conflict resolution within your Lodge prior to it becoming a bigger issue

### Courses

**\*\*NOTE\*\*:** Please select the "Past Master's Qualifying Course" below if you are running for any of the offices.(B.O.G.P., GR, or D.D.G.M.)

\_\_\_ **Masonic Arts & Sciences Course** (FCF) (\$135.00)  
(includes Modules 1 – 16b & 19)

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(includes Modules # 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

\_\_\_ **District Secretary's Course** (\$30.00)  
(includes Modules # 9, 11, 17)

\_\_\_ **Past Master's Qualifying Course** \*\* (\$50.00)  
(includes Modules # 6, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17)

**\*\*Required for BOGP candidates\*\*** –

**\*\* Qualifying course for DDGM, GR, candidates\*\***

### College of Freemasonry Registration

<https://ontariomasons.ca/GLCPO/OntarioMasons/Pillars/Education-Pillar/College-of-Freemasonry>

Forward your questions to

**R.W. Bro. Michael Kirk, FCF \*\***  
[masonic.college@gmail.com](mailto:masonic.college@gmail.com)



# Masonic Passport, Poseidon Lodge No. 232 from Romania and Temple Lodge No. 324

## Masonic Fellowship



Poseidon Lodge No.232



Temple Lodge No. 324

The Worshipful Master, Officers and Members extend our sincere welcome and thank you to the members of Poseidon Lodge No. 232. We welcome our brothers in the spirit of International Fellowship and thank you for attending our final meeting. May friendships started today continue to grow.

October /08/ 2024

W. Bro. John Lumsden  
Worshipful Master



Date



Welcome to Canada Barbecue for the 20+ Romanians



From L to R. R.W. Bro. Steven Badger, M.W. Bro. Al Petrisor, M.W. Bro. Daniel Enache, (Deputy Grand Master) R.W. Bro. Silviu Pocora and R.W. Bro. Mike Martin



Members of Poseidon Lodge No. 232 and Temple Lodge No.324.  
Special thanks to V.W. Bro. Mihai Samoila for arranging this fraternal event

## Short History of the Romanian People

### Who are we, the Romanian people?

Our people have ancient roots; born in time immemorial, as a branch of the great Thracian people, who lived at the North and South of the Danube River, beyond the Tisa River to the West and beyond the Nistru River to the East. We know all this from archaeological findings that brought to light archaic pottery and metal culture that flourished more than 5 000 years ago.

Romania spans today over a territory of more than 237 500 square km, having a complex geography: forest-covered mountains, fields crossed by an extended network of rivers, the Delta of the Danube River and the 275 km long Black Sea coastline. The Carpathian Mountain Range, with peaks over 2 500 meters high, mark the limits of three historical regions inhabited by Romanian people: Wallachia, Moldavia and Transylvania. These three regions, together with Dobrudja, got united in three stages, to form today's Romania.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1859, Wallachia and Moldavia elected the same ruler, namely Alexandru Ioan Cuza, and together they became one country, Romania. It took 20 years more for the province of Dobrudja to be incorporated into Romania, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1878, following the Independence War, which brought about the liberation of the Romanian people from the dominance of the Ottoman Empire. 40 years later, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1918, the Great National Assembly adopted the historical decision proclaiming the union of the provinces of Transylvania, Banat, Crișana and Maramureș to Romania, founding what we call today 'Greater Romania'.

There are plenty of written historical sources, even from the Antiquity, that provide information about the inhabitants of our lands and their society.

Great Greek historian Herodot (who lived in the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C.), known as 'the father of history', described the Dacians, as a branch of the Thracian people, having the belief that 'they are immortal' and sending praises to a god called Zalmoxis. Herodot talks about the courage of the Dacians, considering them 'the bravest and the fairest of the Thracians'.

Publius Ovidius Naso (43 B.C. – 18 A.D.), born on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 43 B.C., in the town of Sulmo (modern-day Sulmona, Italy), was one of the most prominent poets of the Augustan age. Despite his success, in the year 8 A.D., he was exiled by the Roman Emperor Augustus to the city of Tomis (modern-day Constanța), by the Black Sea. In his work, *Epistulae ex Ponto* (Letters from the Black Sea), he mentions the Dacians as being fierce, ruthless warriors who lived in a land constantly exposed to danger such as the attacks of the surrounding tribes and rough meteorological conditions. In his book *Tristia* (Sorrows), Ovid describes the city of Tomis as follows:

'Snow falls, and, once fallen, no rain or sunlight melts it, since the north wind, freezing, makes it permanent.'

The inscriptions and the monuments the Romans built after conquering Dacia are another important historical source about our ancestors. The most impressive monument is Trajan's Column, built in Rome to celebrate Emperor Trajan's victory over the Dacian king Decebalus, the son of Scorillo. The bas reliefs we see sculpted on the Column provide us with a detailed visual description of the wars between the Dacians and the Romans, and we can see both the landscape and numerous details of life in Dacia, and Roman war tactics and military technique.

These ancient sources show us a complex image of the Dacians, depicting them as brave warriors and skilled political leaders living in a society with strong traditions and beliefs, but also as a source of great riches for the Roman Empire.

Following the wars between the Dacians and the Romans in 101-102 and 105-106 A.D., part of the territory was occupied by the Romans, becoming thus a Roman province. After 270 A.D., when the Romans retreated to the South of the Danube, for around 700 years, the romanised population living on this territory was subject to the attacks and influence of the migratory people coming from the Eastern Asian plains looking for better pastures. Some of them settled close by, like the Hungarians and the Bulgarians, others just passed through, such as the Huns, the Avars, the Gepids, the Cumans or the Mongols, around 1240, in their haste towards other lands. After the Fall of Constantinople, the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, in 1453, for about 500 years, the Romanian territory fell under the dominance of the Ottoman Empire, with all the consequences this entailed, a dominance from which no Balkan people was spared.

In mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, Dobrudja was one of the important provinces of the Ottoman Empire and the relative stability of the local administration made it possible for numerous foreign travellers to visit the region for very different reasons: commercial, diplomatic, ecclesiastic, military or scientific. A particular group of travellers were the foreign writers, among them being Hans Cristian Andersen, the great Danish storyteller, Franz Seraphim Grillparzer, Austrian poet and playwright, Leo Tolstoy, the great Russian writer, Alphonse de Lamartine, the well-known French poet, and so on.

The Romanian historian Tănase Bajduveanu, mentions in his work, *The French Constanța – French travellers to Dobrudja* ('Constanța franceză – călători francezi în Dobrogea'), that Jules Verne was one of those who came to these lands some time after 1882. He travelled by boat on the Danube to Sulina, a town that was designated *porto franco* in 1870, that is, a free town, not subject to custom duties. Sulina was the most important port town on the Danube and the biggest town on the Black Sea; it hosted the headquarters of the European Commission of the Danube. Due to the railroad that connected Cernavodă to Constanța, Jules Verne visited Medgidia and found it a beautiful town. We should notice that Cernavodă Bridge, built over the Danube by the Romanian engineer Anghel Saligni, a bridge that

connected the historical provinces of Wallachia and Dobrudja, was, when it was completed, in 1895, the longest bridge in Romania and the second longest one in Europe, with a total length of 2 556 m. Jules Verne walked the streets of the city of Constanța, by the Black Sea, and visited the towns of Tulcea and Chilia and the Babadag forest.

In two of his novels, *Keraban the Inflexible* (Kéraban-le-Têtu), published in 1873, and *The Danube Pilot* (Le Pilote du Danube), published posthumously in 1909, the subject-matter, the heroes and the landscapes show he is directly acquainted with Dobrudja and the Danube Delta. In addition, there are three more novels by Jules Verne that have a connection to our country: *Mathias Sandorf*, published in 1885, *Claudius Bombarnac*, published in 1891, and *The Carpathian Castle*, published in 1892.

Jules Verne describes Dobrudja as follows: 'the region consists of a peninsula formed by the bend of the Danube, which, after running North up to Galați, turns East, flowing into the Black Sea through several arms. The Turks call this land „the good country”. This fruitful land is crossed by shepherds and the people are generally Wallachian'.

The city of Constanța was called Tomis when it was founded by the Greeks, in the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Today it is an important economic, cultural and touristic centre, a vibrant city, with a rich history and a fascinating mix of cultural old and modern traditions. It is an ideal destination for those looking to explore both the natural wonders and the historical heritage of Romania.

The Port of Constanța, the biggest port on the Black Sea and the 4<sup>th</sup> biggest in Europe, is essential for the Romanian economy and is also a key logistic hub for international commerce.

Speaking about Europe, the area we also belong to, we must admit that it is there that the cradle of the modern civilisation can be found! Europe is the heir a huge treasure of cultural knowledge in areas such as mathematics, geometry, astronomy, arts, literature, which allowed for a rapid technological development, in the great scale of history.

Being part of Europe, we, the Romanians, could also benefit from the social and economic transformations, as well as from the European culture. We are proud to be able to list Romanian prominent figures who, having had access to high-level knowledge in important university centres from West-European capitals, contributed with significant achievements to the cultural heritage of humanity.

Petrache Poenaru (1799 – 1875), Romanian inventor, educator, engineer and politician, is well known internationally for having invented the first fountainpen, patented in Paris in 1827. His invention revolutionised the way people wrote, eliminating the need to frequently dip the pen in the inkwell and providing a more efficient and practical method for writing.

Henri Coandă (born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1886 in Bucharest – died on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 1972 in Bucharest, Romania) was a world-known Romanian engineer, physicist and inventor, famous primarily for his contributions to the development of aviation and the discovery of the Coandă effect.

In 1910, Henri Coanda designed and built the first aircraft propelled by a jet engine, known as 'Coandă 1910', which he tested on an airdrome in France, piloting it himself. During his lifetime, he patented over 250 inventions with applicability in various areas.

Gogu Constantinescu (1881-1965), Romanian engineer and scientist, patented, before the First World War, a device that could fire between the blades of a propeller on a plane, irrespective of the speed of the propeller. He also contributed to the development of the automatic gearbox. He spent most of his life in the United Kingdom, where he had over 400 inventions patented.

Constantin Brâncuși was one of the greatest sculptors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and a pioneer of modern art. Arriving to Paris at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, 'an illustrious unknown', he managed to revolutionise the artistic world with his innovative sculptures and his minimalist approach, at once simplified and profoundly symbolic.

Also in Paris, the capital of universal culture and the birthplace of the *Belle Époque*, Eugen Ionescu, the father of the Theatre of the Absurd, became a key figure of the Parisian theatre scene.

Nicolae Paulescu, Doctor in Medicine and Science, was a Romanian scholar, physician, and physiologist, famous for contributing to the discovery of insulin, the hormone that is essential for regulating glycemia and for the treatment of diabetes.

Last but not least, I would like to mention the Romanian physicist Theodor Ionescu, the inventor of the 3D cinema.

I shall stop here with my presentation. I am aware that I did not touch upon many of the subjects I could have talked about. I just tried to give an overview of some of the most representative moments in our history and culture, so that it is easier to get to know us better.

So mote it be!

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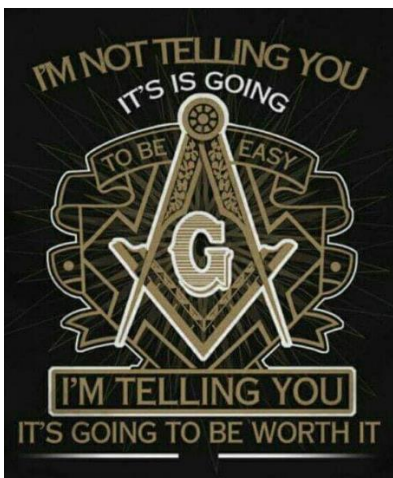
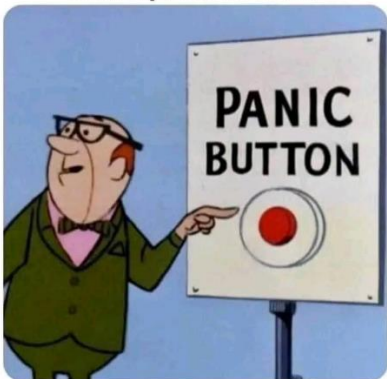


## Editor's Page Humour, In Memoriam and Note



We would like to wish our esteemed William Mercer Wilson recipient, Bro. Bill Lewis a happy 91st birthday.

**Worshipful Master, we're missing the Tyler, the Senior Warden and both Deacons, shall I press it now?**



## IN MEMORIAM



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

## Editor's Note

Dear Readers,  
November is here, Remembrance Day on the 11th, Lodge memorial services and Dufferin Lodge's amalgamation. Another busy month for Hamilton Masons.

We received several submissions this month that has set up the next few editions for Masonic Education.

In addition to this month's "Brief History of Romania" watch for a history of Romanian Freemasonry received from our Poseidon visitors. Also, I have another article on protecting your online presence to run next month from our Webmaster Bro. John Raso.

Thanks to all who take the time to read, comment and let us know your preferences. Looking forward to the upcoming realignment and wondering if a new name is needed for our newsletter.

Be well, enjoy the autumn and don't forget to reset your clocks.

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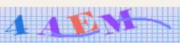

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