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few hours, that is all it cost me for that feeling that I did something good. Let us remember that a little act of kindness can go a long way.

FROM THE GRAND MASTER



FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren, even though we have seen some rather drastic fluctuations in the temperatures from day to day, there are definitely signs that spring is here to stay. The trees now show signs of new growth and some spring flowers have already started to bloom. We have also just come through Easter, a time of reflection and I hope when we each of us takes the time to reflect, we keep in mind the essence of masonry, Benevolent Awareness and our Masonic Responsibility.

Benevolence is the first building block in erecting our personal temple and we can all remember that part of the lecture at the north-east angle when we were asked "Would you give if it were in your power?"

Brethren, Masonic charity or benevolence is not only the giving of financial assistance. Many times it can be just lending a helping hand, a listening ear, words of comfort, or a cup of coffee. A couple of weeks ago, my family joined in with others from our church to feed a hot meal to the needy at Wesley Centre. Many hands make light work and my part was to deliver a meal to a table where a person who had fallen on hard times was waiting. They were such appreciative people and what a good feeling we had when we left. Other than a

Perusing (otherwise excellent) summonses and newsletters I have found a few humorous anecdotes in questionable taste. When publishing humour in either the summons or the newsletter one must be careful that the content can never invite criticism of the Craft. Our prohibition of the discussion of sectarian religion or partisan politics may well be extended to stories that contain sexual innuendo or sleights against our ladies. The same discretion should be observed both in the lodge and at the festive board.

It recently has come to my attention that some lodges have intentionally substituted wording in the ritual through long time practice, which is not in the ritual book. This is considered an innovation. Worshipful Masters are advised to adhere strictly to the edicts of our Constitution and the obligations they agreed to. The Ritual Committee (see Sections 6 and 7 of the Book of Constitution) is the only authority allowed to authorize any changes however small they may be and it is to the Ritual Committee that any suggestion for change should be sent for consideration. For instance, reading of a passage of scripture on opening the VSL in any degree is not in the ritual and should be discouraged. Some Lodges are over 200 years old and conform to the Ancient usages and customs of our order without innovation while some younger generation Lodges may feel that they are at liberty to substitute words or add to the ritual. Since 1855, all lodges in our Grand Lodge except two Irish lodges practice the same ritual. Examine yourself and conform to the ritual of our

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Grand Lodge. The D.D.G.M. has the authority of the Grand Master to bring into line those lodges he deems are practicing outside of the Constitution.

Recently, I attended the Grand Lodge Chairmen's meeting and came away very impressed. Our Grand Lodge chairmen have been very active and the results are excellent. Various workshops have been held throughout the jurisdiction bringing a greater awareness of the programs of Grand Lodge.

We were saddened by the death of R.W. Bro. Brian Bond, Honorary Member of the Board, who served so capably over many years as our Computer Resources Chairman. His interim replacement is W. Bro. Robert Kliaman who will complete any remaining Computer Resources seminars, along with our Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Terry Shand.

Recently, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and I attended the All Canada Conference of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries in Winnipeg. It was an interesting session with the theme, "How do we make good men better?" I was called on, along with four other Grand Masters, to give an essay on the topic, "Freemasonry - what we do to teach good men to be better men," This presentation will appear in the June Chronicle.

In March, R.W. Bro. Samuel Kalinowsky, President of the Masonic Foundation (the Mason's Charity of Choice) and I, presented a cheque for \$120,000 to Mr. Steven Jones, President, Prostate Cancer Research Foundation, Toronto. It will be used to start a new awareness campaign to spread the word further, for I firmly believe early detection is KEY. I thank those who have supported the Grand Master's charity.

Safe travels,

Allan J. Petrisor

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

The office of the D.D.G.M. is in reality the conduit through which all the programs offered by Grand Lodge Committees are introduced, promoted and delivered to the Brethren in the lodges for whom they were devised and intended to assist. At Official and Fraternal Visits the DDGM or his District Chairmen have a unique opportunity to inform the Brethren and to inspire them to discover the resources available to them to improve and enhance the fraternal environment of their lodge. Reports submitted and surveys conducted all indicate that the several programs are not reaching many of their intended clients. Perhaps there are reasons for this: 1) The Worshipful Master does not know the program exists (communication); 2) The Worshipful Master is aware that the program exists but does not feel competent to implement it (education); 3) The Worshipful Master cannot find a brother in the lodge who will accept responsibility to work and apply the program in the lodge (leadership); 4) The Worshipful Master sees no need for the program (apathy); In a few lodges the Worshipful Master and the Officers are already applying the program in principle simply by practising the

basic tenets of Freemasonry in the lodge. These programs have been test-marketed and proven effective when applied. Many of them are based on the experience of successful lodges, and developed from the so called 'grass roots.' What has worked for others, may work for you, but these initiatives must be "lodge driven". Every lodge has members with the experience, skill and ability to get things moving, and in many cases are just waiting to be asked to help.

When Committee Chairmen and Team Leaders are invited to make presentations in your lodges, or conduct workshops and seminars in the district, these should be considered as opportunities to "train the trainers." Those attending such sessions should be able and willing to take the information presented back to the floor of each lodge and put the program into practice, adopting the principles and adapting them to the needs and conditions of the brethren in the lodge. Too often those attending these seminars and workshops enjoy the evening with their brethren and fellow Masons, but do not realize that it is only the first step in the learning process. Unless the knowledge gained is shared and applied, these sessions are merely 'entertainment' and not education.

It is the time of year when many Committee Chairmen and Team Leaders are 'on the road' presenting programs devised and designed to assist District Chairmen and Lodge Officers to fulfill their duties and responsibilities – Lodge Resources, Brother to Brother, Mentor, Officer Progression, Protocol and Etiquette, District Lodges of Instruction in the Rites and Ceremonies, et al. All these should be considered as 'training sessions' for the attendees in the most effective ways to communicate the skills to motivate, encourage, and support the brethren 'back home' to energize and revitalize the brethren in the lodge. When the Grand Lodge Committee Chairman or Team Leader goes home, it is up to the brethren in the District or Lodge to work the program. Only then will positive results happen. Success is measured by what happens at the next meeting, and subsequent meetings thereafter.

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved." – William Jennings Bryan.

Raymond S. J. Daniels

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICE 2009

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

(Pursuant to Section 47 of the Book of Constitution)



DAVID GARRY DOWLING

Computer Analyst, Kilwinning Lodge No. 64
London East District. W.M. 1987.
D.D.G.M. 1994 B. of G.P. 1997-2009

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN



JOHN RAYMOND FORRESTER
Retired Electrician, Oakville Lodge No. 400,
Hamilton District A. W.M. 1997.



NORMAN MATHIE
Retired Plumbing Contractor
Keene Lodge No. 374,
Peterborough District. W.M. 2008.



DAMON RUSSELL SMITH
Semi-Retired Transportation Specialist,
St. Andrews Lodge No. 62,
Hamilton District B, W.M. 2005.

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN



ROBIN CAMPBELL GEORGE WARD
Retired RCMP Officer,
Mimico Lodge No. 369,
Toronto Humber Valley District.
W.M. 1984. Asst. G. Chaplain 2004.
(Acclamation)

GRAND REGISTRAR



DONALD KENNETH BROMLEY
Retired Police Officer,
Jerusalem Lodge No. 31,
Ontario District. W.M. 1985.
Gr. Pursuivant 2004.



PATRICK JOSEPH GILLESPIE
Engineering Consultant,
Algonquin Lodge No. 536,
Sudbury-Manitoulin District. W.M. 1988.
Gr. Steward 2005.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES



WILLIAM ARTHUR ATKINSON
Mechanical Contractor,
Thistle Lodge No. 34,
Erie District. W.M. 1976.
Gr. Steward 1995. B. of GP 2006-2009.



DAVID JAMES CAMERON
Physician, Grand River Lodge No. 151,
Waterloo District. W.M. 2001, 2002.
New Light Lodge No. 744, Waterloo District.
W.M. 2005 – 2007. Asst. Gr. Chap. 2005.
B. of G.P. 2006-2009.



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Police Staff Inspector – Unit Commander,
Scarboro Lodge No. 653, Toronto East District.
W.M. 1987. The Heritage Lodge No. 730.
W.M. 2002. DDGM 1994. B. of GP 1997-2009



DOUGLAS ALFRED CONWAY
Insurance Broker, Kerr Lodge No. 230,
Georgian South District. W.M. 1990, 1991.
DDGM 1999. B. of GP 2001-2009.



ROBERT JOHN CRESSWELL
Golf Course Owner, Malahide Lodge No. 140,
St. Thomas District. W.M. 1987. DDGM 2003.
B. of GP 2005 – 2009.



GORDON C. CRUTCHER
Reinsurance Consultant, Grey Lodge No. 589,
Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 1984, 1985.
Patterson Grey Lodge No. 265 W.M. 2008,
Toronto Don Valley District. Gr. Steward 1990.



NEIL ALLAN DOLSON
Vice President, St. Johns Lodge No. 104,
Wilson South District. W.M. 1988, 1993.
DDGM 2006.



JOHN CAMERON GREEN
Retired Operations Manager,
Conestogo Lodge No. 295,
Wellington District. W.M. 1983, 2005.
DDGM 1998. B. of GP. 2003-2009.



LLOYD WILFRED HAMMELL
First Line Manager,
Maple Leaf Lodge No. 362,
Bruce District. W.M. 1990
DDGM 1994. B. of GP 2007 – 2009.



GEORGE EDWARD HINDS
Human Resources Manager,
Orient Lodge No. 339,
Toronto Humber Valley District.
W.M. 1986, 1987. DDGM 1990.
B. of GP 2001 - 2009



THOMAS WALLACE HOGEBOOM
Quality Environmental and Public Relations
Manager, Maple Leaf Lodge No. 119,
Frontenac District. W.M. 1994, 1995, 1999,
2006, 2007. DDGM 1997. B of GP 1999-2009.



CHARLES H. M. REID
Retired Sales Manager, Temple Lodge No. 525,
Toronto West District. W.M. 1968, 1978, 1984,
1990. Kilwinning Lodge No. 565, Toronto
West District. W.M. 1998, 1999. Runnymede
Lodge No. 619, Toronto West District. W.M.
2001. DDGM 1986. B. of GP 2003-2009.



BRIAN ERNEST SEABOURN
Director, Huronia Lodge No. 348,
Georgian North District.
W.M. 2000,2001,2003.
DDGM 2006.



JOHN ERNEST STEVENS
Retired Certified Management Accountant,
Henderson Lodge No. 388,
London West District. W.M. 2003. London
Daylight Lodge No. 735, W.M. 2004, 2005,
London East District. DDGM 2007.



PAUL EDWARD TODD
Retired Firefighter, St. Johns Lodge. No. 63,
Ottawa 1 District. W.M. 1993, 1994.
DDGM 1999. B. of GP 2001-2009.



CHARLES ALEXANDER WOODS
Orthodontist, Westgate Lodge No. 734,
Toronto West District. W.M. 2003.
DDGM 2006.

FIFTY-YEAR PRESENTATION

Former DOFASCO SQUARE CLUB members attended the 50-year pin presentation to Bro. William L. Wallace, member of Landmarks/Doric No.654, and former President and CEO of Dofasco.



Front row l-r. R.W.Bro. Tom Marshall, DDGM for Hamilton C.; Bro. Don. Pepper former Director of Personnel; Bro. Bill Wallace, 50-year pin recipient; R.W. Bro. John Carrick former General Manager of Physical and Chemical Testing; R.W. Bro. Bob Forbes, DDGM for Hamilton District B; Back row l-r, W.Bro. David Jack, W.Bro. Dan Devison, District C. Secretary; W.Bro. Frank Englebrecht; R.W. Bro. Tom Forbes, PGSW.



l-r Wor. Bro. Ian MacLean, W.M. of Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654, Bro. William Wallace, R.W. Bro. Robert Wands, who was the Worshipful Master of Doric Lodge No.382 in 1959 when Bro. Wallace was initiated, and R.W. Bro. Tom Marshall, DDGM of Hamilton Masonic District C.

Too many people are ready to carry the stool when the piano needs to be moved.

THE BADGE OF A MASON

Many of us have, as the S.W. presented to a candidate in the first degree a white lambskin apron and told him that it is, more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honourable than the Star and Garter, or any other order in existence.

I would like to provide you with some Masonic Education on these descriptors for our badge which could be shared at a lodge meeting.

Roman Eagle

The Roman Eagle became the symbol of imperial power about a century before Christ. It was the most prominent fixture or symbol throughout the Roman Empire intending to remind everyone as to who was in power and it preceded all Roman armies when marching to and from battle.

Golden Fleece

More ancient than the Golden Fleece sounds like something we may have learned about in high school, in Greek Mythology from "Homer and the Iliad" with Jason and the Argonauts performing a heroic deed in rescuing the Golden Fleece in 939 BC. Well, you are right. Mythology holds that the Golden Fleece was supposed by the Greeks to be hidden in a remote land far across the sea. This precious fleece grew upon the back of a ram, the gift of one of their gods. The ram was constantly guarded by bulls that breathed fire and by a dragon that never slept. The promise to the Greeks was (or so the fable went) that if they could find and recover the Golden Fleece and bring it to Greece, wealth and prosperity would abound in that country. The hope of redeeming that promise led to the formation of an order which embraced in its membership many of the most illustrious men of that period, who were called Argonauts from the name of the ship, Argo, on which they sailed.

Somewhat later, in England, Philip, the Duke of Burgundy, founded the Order of the Golden Fleece in 1429 as an Order equal to the English "Star and Garter" as a means to keep alive chivalry. The name of the Order and its badge, a pendant sheep's fleece made of gold was certainly intended to represent the fleece sought by Jason and the Argonauts, an heroic legend.

The legend of the Golden Fleece, for which the Argonauts searched, is like the story of Masonry, a search for that which was lost and a voyage of discovery.

Order of the Garter & Star

King Edward III founded the Order of the Garter in 1348 as a noble fraternity consisting of the King, the Prince of Wales and 24 Knights Companion. One account of its founding tells of King Edward at a ball where the Countess of

Salisbury lost one of her garters. Bending down to pick it up, the lady blushing and those present laughed but the King remarked, "dishonour to him who thinks evil of it." He tied it around his own left leg below the knee and vowed to turn it into the most honoured garter ever worn. Since its inception, it remains to this day as the highest Order of English Chivalry and is also referred as the Order of Saint George. The Order of the Star, created by King John II of France in 1351, was an imitation of the English Order.

The apron as professed by our fraternity confers a greater honour than the very highest orders of chivalry. But, it also requires an extremely high standard of conduct for those who wear this emblem.

These Orders may not have much meaning to our present day society, however, during those time periods; non-masons considered these orders to be the ultimate honour that could be bestowed upon individuals. High honours that we can all identify with today, range from the Order of Canada, to the Nobel Peace Prize. Either way, our Masonic Fraternity wants each Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason to know that from the very beginning of their Masonic journey, that the ultimate honour that can ever be bestowed upon them is their white leather apron.

Thus the practice, upon initiation, of being given an unblemished white leather apron has a rich history, and can show the progress made in the Lodge, as Masonic emblems and symbols of offices held, are added to the apron. Essentially it becomes your own personal visual Masonic record.

*from the District Chairman of Masonic Education.
W.Bro. Bill MacPherson.*

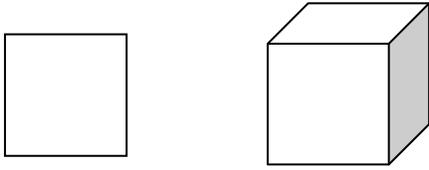
The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

SOLID GEOMETRY

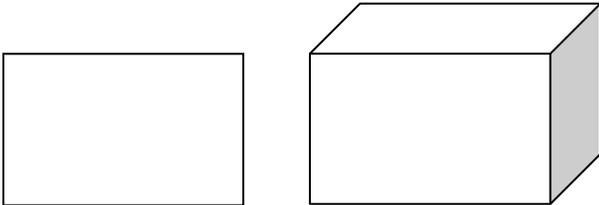
Let me first direct your attention to the form of the lodge, which is a parallelepipedon ...

The modern mathematical term for this object is a parallelepiped, the terminal *-on* being just a noun-ending in Greek. The word is derived from three Greek roots - *parallel*, *epi*, meaning "on" and *pedon*, meaning "ground". By "on the ground" they meant a flat plane, so the word means it has parallel flat planes. It can also be defined as "a prism of six sides, each of which is a parallelogram."

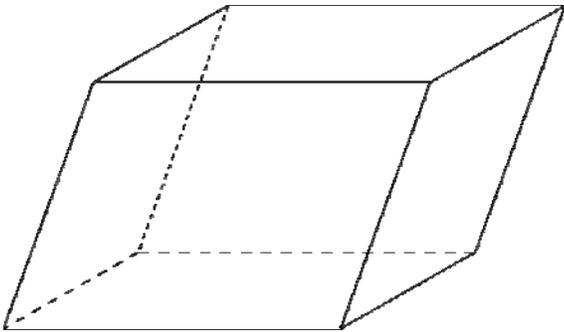
Let us try to imagine this:
Take a square and make it into a three-dimensional object.
You get a cube.



Now take a rectangle and make it three-dimensional. You get a box. (Officially called a cuboid)



Now take a rhombus and do the same.



All of these three-dimensional objects are parallelepipeds. They have six sides, each pair of opposite sides being parallel planes.

In Masonic circles the box shape is usually the one pictured. In fact, in the *Questions and Answers Supplement* M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew points out, "Some jurisdictions use the more easily visualized term: 'an oblong square.'"

It is often described as a brick, no doubt to fit in with the builder's symbolism. *Beyond the Pillars* says this:

"The first part of the lecture in the south deals with the general plan and siting of the lodge. Its form is a parallelepipedon, that is, 'a solid bounded by three pairs of parallel sides and in the shape of a brick.' Some legal codes state that he who holds a plot of land also has rights to the earth beneath and the air above. In this sense, a lodge room extends from the centre of the world to the heavens."

However, the best explanation of what this means Masonically, is what it says in the Ritual: "A Masonic lodge is of this vast extent to show the universality of the science, and also that a Mason's charity should know no bounds save those of prudence."

Now for the weird mathematics:

Given that the Work says that the box is of infinite dimensions (from East to West, *etc.*) it probably doesn't matter exactly which of the types of parallelepipeds it is. In the extreme they all cover the same space.

However, all of the above discussion assumes Euclidian Geometry, that is, a geometry based on flat planes in which parallel lines never cross. But the Work says that the parallelepipedon extends from East to West and North to South - it covers the globe. A globe is a sphere and a sphere has Elliptic Geometry. (Remember that the parallel lines of longitude cross at the poles.) If you extend one side of the parallelepiped from East to West it will meet itself and form a ring. Extend the next side to the North and South and you have a spherical shell. And extend the last dimension from the centre of the earth to the heavens and you end up with a sphere!

But this is no problem because a sphere of infinite dimensions occupies the same space as a cube of infinite dimensions, or any other infinite parallelepiped.

The science is universal, no matter which system of thought you follow.

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by **R.W. Bro. David Cameron, F.C.F.**

for **The Committee on Masonic Education, April 2009**

P.S. Speaking of Euclid, for a step-by-step display of his proof of the Pythagorean Theorem, go to:

<http://math.furman.edu/~jpoole/euclidselements/eubk1/prop47/prop47~1.htm>

GIVE BLOOD, every drop makes a world of difference.

WHAT KIND OF MASON ARE YOU?

I tend to see things in “threes,” such as looking for three reasons for something to occur, three fundamental stages of growth (such as the three degrees), or identifying three characteristics of something, such as Masons. In my travels through the fraternity, it has been my experience that there are three distinctly different types of Master Masons in the world: Anonymous, Amateur and Professional.

ANONYMOUS MASONS

These are Masons who loyally pay their dues, but are never seen in the Craft Lodge. They are either incapable of attending (due to a short cable-tow, they live out of town, or simply don't care), or they join for notoriety of being a Mason in the hopes it might help their professional career, or they joined in order to advance to another Masonic related body, such as the Shrine, and never look back. Lodge Secretaries are familiar with the Brother's name, but cannot place a face to it. The anonymous Mason is also commonly referred to as the “M.I.A. Mason” (Missing in Action).

AMATEUR MASONS

Perhaps a better adjective for this type of Mason is “casual” as they tend to dabble in the fraternity. For example, they may occasionally make an appearance in the Craft Lodge, send in a donation for a worthy cause, or read a book or article pertaining to the fraternity. They truly like being a Mason but balk at making a major commitment to it, such as becoming an officer or serving on a committee. They are also the first to complain when a dues increase is proposed or if the Lodge doesn't look quite right. Instead of becoming more active and finding out the cause of problems in the Lodge, they find it easier to grumble from the sidelines thereby disrupting harmony.

PROFESSIONAL MASONS

In every Lodge there is a handful of Brothers you can count on for leadership and to lend a hand when the chips are down. They are intimate with the mechanics of the Lodge and the fraternity and do not hesitate to step forward when needed, and help mentor younger and less experienced Brothers so they may grow and take their place in the Craft Lodge hierarchy. The Professional Mason is not a zealous control freak with a huge ego, but rather is unselfish and appreciates the power of teamwork and the tenets of Freemasonry. He rightfully understands that Freemasonry is more about the overall Brotherhood as opposed to the glory of a single individual.

The 80/20 rule (aka “Pareto's Principle”) is a management concept commonly found in business, whereby 80% of the work is performed by 20% of the workers. We see this not only in business but in any nonprofit organization, including Freemasonry. Do not be alarmed, this is natural. In the Craft

Lodge 80% of the work is performed by the Professional Masons, and the remaining 20% is squeezed out of the Amateur and Anonymous Masons. If this is true, the Craft Lodge becomes in danger if Professional Masons are eliminated. Another danger is when an Amateur Mason rises and is elected to the East. This type of person is more interested in obtaining a Past Master's Apron, than doing anything of substance.

So, the question arises, “*What Kind of Mason are You?*” I guess it ultimately comes down to why you joined the fraternity. If you are truly seeking further light, then you are on the right path. If not, you will probably be nothing more than an Amateur or Anonymous Mason, and we have too many of them already. But, you can always make a change for the better!

Wor.Bro. Tim Bryce, Palm Harbour, Florida

PRODUCTION OF THE WOODEN MOSAIC PAVEMENT

(continued from the February Chronicle)



The puzzle, making all the parts fit.



Expert power sanding.



Sometimes wood chips.



Two hands are better than one.

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

**TEMPLUM FIDELIS LODGE, U.D.
THE FIRST TRADITIONAL
OBSERVANCE LODGE IN CANADA
(Templum Fidelis, Latin for Temple of Fidelity)**

TEMPLUM FIDELIS U.D. is the newest Masonic lodge operating in our jurisdiction, having recently received permission from our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Allan Petrisor, to begin meeting under dispensation (U.D.). One can only imagine the excitement and anticipation about the prospects that lay ahead for this new Templum Fidelis Lodge!

They are looking for an experience where the focus is on the work, protocol and the candidate. They envision quality as far more important than quantity, only one voice in the lodge room, the Master and anyone to whom he has given the floor, no side bars, no private meetings, no cell phones or electronic

planners. This carries on into the banquet room (agape). They envision candidates learning more about Masonry as they proceed, who will not only prove themselves before advancing, but also present a paper on their experiences and significance of the former degree before they advance, much like the European model. They envision a lodge where the focus is on candidate development, rather than a mason-making machine, and expect the average period between a candidate's degrees to be a year. Tuxedos, white gloves, candles, periods of silence and meditation and solemnity will help make a lasting impression on the candidate and members.

After much research and planning, the founding members chose the Traditional Observance model, via the Masonic Restoration Foundation in California, and after a weekend seminar last December, were recognized as a Traditional Observance Club member. This led to applying for dispensation to operate as a lodge in Bath, 20 minutes west of Kingston, on the shores of Lake Ontario and in Frontenac District.

Expectations are that this experience will grow in other parts of the jurisdiction; hence the charter membership was not exclusive to Frontenac District. Meeting quarterly, with a January Installation, they believe will motivate Templum Fidelis members to maintain their mother lodge membership and support its activities. New members may wish to expand their Masonic experience by affiliating elsewhere.

With Installation in June, and the prospects of receiving approval as a fully functioning lodge, at our Annual Communication, they are looking forward to the formal Consecration Ceremonies there after.

Are we in Hamilton District C., ready for such an uplifting experience?

Reference: <http://www.templumfidelis.com/>

The best way to predict the future is to create it!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What is the purpose of Masonry?

A. The main purpose of Masonry is to take good men and assist them in becoming better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. Masonry does this by keeping them exposed to moral and ethical teachings and by consistently asking them to consider important character building issues. One of most important concerns is what each Mason gives back to his community. Masonry's cornerstone is charity. In short, by improving ourselves we are placed in a better position to help others.

Q. What is the meaning of Esoteric?

A. Esoteric knowledge, in the dictionary sense, is that which is available only to a narrow circle of enlightened, initiated, or specially educated people.

Q. When is Grand Lodge?

A. The annual meeting of Grand Lodge is always held on the third Wednesday in July, at a place decided by the Board of General Purposes.

Q. Where is the Canadian Flag placed?

A. To the right of the Worshipful Master, and we face it when singing 'O Canada'.

Q. When does the I.P.M. leave the E. to open or close the V.O.S.L.?

A. In the openings, after the W.M. has declared the lodge open. In the closings, after the knocks by the W.M.

LATEST DISTRICT NEWS

IN MEMORIAM: BRO. BRUCE HOWARD GILMOUR. Member of Dufferin Lodge No.291. 70 year mason. Passed to the Grand Lodge Above on March 27, 2009. Funeral Services, Smith's Funeral Home, Burlington, Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

IN MEMORIAM: BRO. ROBERT JOHN STOKES ALLAN.

Member of Ionic Lodge No. 549. Passed to the Grand Lodge Above on April 13, 2009. Visitation at the Dodsworth and Brown Funeral Home, King St. E, Wednesday April 15. Chapel Service, Thursday April 16, 11:00am.

IN MEMORIAM: BRO. WILLIAM (BILL) SHOOLBRAID LUMSDEN.

Member of Buchanan Lodge No. 550. Passed to the Grand Lodge Above on April 14, 2009. Visitation at P.X. Dermody Funeral Home, 796 Upper Gage Ave., Thursday April 16. Masonic Service at 9:00 pm. Funeral Service at MacNab Presbyterian Church, 116 MacNab St. S., Friday April 17th at 12:30 pm.

IN MEMORIAM: V.WOR.BRO. LAWRENCE (LARRY) JOHN COWPER.

Member of Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks/Doric No.654. W.M. of Nation Lodge No. 556, in 1978, Assistant Grand Chaplain, in 1981. Passed to the Grand Lodge Above on April 20, 2009. Visitation at Thompson Funeral Home, Fergus, Thursday April 23rd. 2-4 pm, 7-9 pm. Masonic Service 6:30 pm. Funeral at St.Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fergus, Friday April 24th, 11:00 am.

BRO. TIMOTHY DAVID BRODIE (Capt), member of Seymour Lodge No. 272, son of Bro. William Beesack, member of Seymour Lodge No. 272, on February 24, 2009 was presented with "**THE ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT**" by the Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean at Rideau Hall, Ottawa. This award was established on July 1, 1972, in recognition of outstanding service for those who have demonstrated dedication and devotion beyond the call of duty and honours them for their commitment to Canada. A big **CONGRATULATIONS TIM**, from your District C brethren.

DISTRICT 'C' SPRING MEETING: Saturday, May 9th, 10:00 am. Ancaster Masonic Temple, 419 Wilson Street Ancaster. All District Masons are welcomed, especially the Worshipful Master, Officers and the Secretary of your lodge. Hear the annual written activity reports from all Officers and Committee Chairmen. Bring your new District ideas.

BLOOD DONORS CLINIC: Friday May 15, 2009, Paramount Alliance Church, 1035 Paramount Dr., 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PAST MASTERS'/MASTERS' and WARDENS' JOINT MEETING: Friday May 29th Masonic Centre-Hamilton. **Meet and Greet 5.30 pm; Dinner 6:30 pm \$13.00; Meeting 7:30 pm.** PMs Annual Meeting and Elections. Presentation of Candidates for Grand Lodge Offices. Bring them your questions. For dinner reservations, contact Tom Young at 905-318-0182 or tyoung@mountaincable.net

VALLEY LODGE No. 100: 4th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT and CHARITY AUCTION, Saturday, June 13, 2009. KING'S FOREST GOLF COURSE, 100 Greenhill Avenue, Hamilton. Golf, Dinner and Charity Auction \$125 per person. (includes Golf, Power Cart, Banquet and Auction). Dinner and Charity Auction \$50 per person. Proceeds of Charity Auction to benefit the Chrohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada. Contact: Bill Paul 905 719-6464; John Mackay 905 632-7412; Bill Millar 905 573-382.

ELECTRIC LODGE No. 495: will be celebrating its **100th ANNIVERSARY** on **Friday, June 26th** in the Cathedral in the Masonic Centre at 7:00 pm, with the dedication of the new regalia lead by the Grand Master. This will be followed by a dinner in the Main Banquet Room. Tickets in advance only, \$5:00. Contact Peter Mouropoulos by email at: pcmour@mountaincable.net or 905-387-4079

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to the Grave Site of the First Grand Master, William Mercer Wilson. **Sunday, June 28, 2009, 2:30 p.m.** St. John's Anglican Church, Woodhouse (a few miles South of Simcoe). All Masons and Families welcome. Regalia is worn.

46th ANNUAL STEAK FRY, sponsored by Hanover Lodge No. 432, **Monday, June 29th 2009, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Lodge 7:30 p.m.** No degree work, speaker: **R.W.Bro. Gregory Hazlitt**. Bring your own plate and cutlery. Dress: Business Suit and regalia. Email Al Morrow at alm@bmts.com for reservations or 519-364-4810.



Taking place at **THE ANCASTER FALL FAIR** on **Sept. 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2009**. Hamilton Masons will be on hand to further the safety of area children. More information in the **July Chronicle**. Chairman David Wilkinson needs volunteers. Contact him at 905-549-0656 or dsw593@gmail.com.



MASONIC BEEF AND CORN ROAST:
Wednesday, August 26th. 2009, Opens at 5:00 pm, Corn at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm. Adult \$15, Children under 13, \$5:00. At the **NEW ANCASTER FAIR GROUNDS**, 630 Trinity Rd, at Hwy 2. See lodge Secretary for tickets. No Tickets sold at the door. Sponsored by Seymour Lodge No. 272.

The publisher **Random House**, has just announced that Dan Brown's latest novel, **THE LOST SYMBOL** will be released in September.

