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FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

As we begin another year may I first extend my thanks to all who were able to attend the first District C levee held on Dec. 27th – an event which I hope will continue in the years ahead. Many of us are in the habit of making at this time of year “new year resolutions” and may I offer to you a few suggestions in keeping with our Grand Master’s theme.

*Get Knowledge - Get Wisdom -
but with all thy getting, Get Understanding*

i) **Reflections**, formerly known as The Newsletter of the Committee on Masonic Education, is a long-established and highly respected quarterly publication of our Grand Lodge. Each issue features short, informative articles and papers written by Ontario Masons specifically for Ontario Masons on a variety of topics relative to Freemasonic symbolism, history, and philosophy.

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Raymond S. J. Daniels

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R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson

OUR DDGM's HOLIDAY LEVEE



The above enjoyed themselves at the first DDGMs Levee held in the Round Room of the Scottish Rite Club on Sunday, December 27th, 2009. We thank Bill and Helen for hosting this most timely event on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

FROM THE GRAND MASTER

“*Buy a Soldier a Coffee*” has become a catchphrase for the ‘Coffee for Our Troops’ initiative announced last month. Many lodges and individuals have responded generously to this appeal. The trust fund will be left open through to the beginning of January 2010 to receive further donations.

Our goal is to provide a Tim Horton’s swipe card of ten dollar value for each of the 2,700 men and women serving in the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan. A reminder: all contributions should be sent by cheque for the total amount collected and made payable to: “ALLAN FREEDMAN IN TRUST” and mailed to: Allan Freedman, 3000 Langstaff Road, Unit 15, Concord, Ontario L4K 4R7. To reach our goal of \$30,000, it would take less than a dollar each from the 40,000 Masons in Ontario – a small token of our respect and support for those valiant men and women striving to protect our safety and freedom serving under fire in a far away foreign land.

Due to the perseverance of the Ad Hoc Committee chaired by R.W. Bro. Colonel William Lewis, D.D.G.M. Prince Edward District, the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario will establish a lodge for our Masonic Brethren serving in the Armed Forces in Afghanistan. Dispensation will be issued to open this military lodge in January under the Warrant of Trent Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 38 G.R.C., Trenton (Prince Edward District) to provide a fraternal environment for discussion and sociability, presided over by an Installed Master. The necessary paraphernalia is being assembled in a lodge box for transport by military personnel to Afghanistan. This marks the culmination of five years’ work by the committee first appointed by M.W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson, reappointed by M.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, and subsequently reappointed in July 2009.

In his Address, given at the 2nd Annual Communication, Montreal, 1857, M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson expressed these ideals: “I would express in the language of a learned brother, my fervent wish and earnest prayer, that whenever or wherever you are assembled as Masons, you may meet in *unity*, work in *love*, and part in *harmony*. May *fidelity* watch your door, *faith* prompt your duties, *hope* animate your labours and *charity* diffuse your bounty. May *wisdom* and *virtue* ever distinguish you, so that Masonry may become glorious in all the earth.”

Please accept my personal best wishes for the happiest holiday season for all your family circle. As Freemasons we espouse the great Masonic Doctrine of universal Brotherhood. In that sense, our family circle knows no bounds. Let each of us remember the lonely, the homeless, the infirm, the hungry, and the distressed among us.

Raymond S.J. Daniels

A mason is not judged by his duration, but his donation.

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

It is important to maintain **personal contact** with our brethren, first, to ensure that we open the lines of communication so we can listen to local needs, and second, so that a workable agreement can be reached that hopefully satisfies all parties. The 'well, I got no response, so everything must be ok' approach should not be followed by dumping more into the black hole! As the D.D.G.M., you and your District Chairmen are closest to our Lodges and brethren. Let's expand our horizons as Masonic leaders to make time for two way communication which could result in some tremendous benefits. Think about the potential of programs and services that actually addressed a real need. Think about the satisfaction that someone gets from having been given '**an ear to hear.**' Our brethren have questions to be posed, a concern to be heard or an idea to be nourished and a great deal of satisfaction will result when two brethren are engaged in a conversation in which both are listening

The festive season and its opportunities for many Kodak moments provides a good lead in to a reminder that pictures are not to be taken while Lodge is open and that every Lodge is a 'cell free' environment.

Season's Greetings and may the true meaning of fraternity give warmth to your heart and thoughts!

D. Garry Dowling

FROM THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

I have outlined here, as best as I can, the food rules for Islam and Judaism in particular, two of our largest faith minorities which have dietary restrictions. With some help, I have edited descriptions which I originally found online and I think that now they are probably reasonably close. I think you will see why I do not think it possible in most church or community halls to meet these restrictions. Don't try to meet them all unless you want to renovate your kitchens!

Cooking Kosher

Kosher food is food that meets Jewish dietary laws, or *kashrut*, which comes from the Hebrew word for "fit" or "proper." Any food can be called kosher food if it adheres to Jewish law, or *halacha*. Conversely, foods typically just labelled as "Jewish" or "Jewish Style" aren't probably kosher. Jewish foods are generally those dishes that are traditionally Jewish. Kreplach, cholent, kugel, latke, and kishka are all traditionally Jewish foods, but if they are not prepared in accordance with *kashrut*, they will not be kosher food.

Although the details of *kashrut* are extensive, the laws all derive from a few fairly simple, straightforward rules. Certain animals may not be eaten at all. This restriction includes the flesh, organs, eggs and milk of the forbidden animals. Of the animals that may be eaten, the birds and mammals must be

killed in accordance with Jewish law. All blood must be drained from the meat or broiled out of it before it is eaten. Certain parts of permitted animals may not be eaten. Fruits and vegetables are permitted, but must be inspected for bugs. Meat cannot be eaten with dairy. Fish, eggs, fruits, vegetables and grains can be eaten with either meat or dairy. Although according to some views, fish may not be eaten with meat. Utensils that have come into contact with meat may not be used with dairy, and *vice versa*. Utensils that have come into contact with non-kosher food may not be used with kosher food if the contact occurred while the food was hot. Grape products made by non-Jews may not be eaten. Now you see why I said that we probably can't do it in most of our meeting places!

These rules or their origins can be found in the Hebrew Bible, or what Christians call the "Old Testament." Now, this is where we go into even greater detail. Of the "beasts of the earth" (which basically refers to land mammals with the exception of swarming rodents), you may eat any animal that has cloven hooves and chews its cud. *Lev. 11:3; Deut. 14:6*. Any land mammal that does not have both of these qualities is forbidden. The Torah specifies that the camel, the rock badger, the hare and the pig are not kosher because each lacks one of these two qualifications. Sheep, cattle, goats, deer and bison are kosher.

Of the things that are in the waters, you may eat anything that has fins and scales. *Lev. 11:9; Deut. 14:9*. Thus, shellfish such as lobsters, oysters, shrimp, clams and crabs are all forbidden. Fish like tuna, carp, salmon and herring are all permitted.

For birds, the criteria is less clear. The Torah provides a list of forbidden birds *Lev. 11:13-19; Deut. 14:11-18*, but does not specify why these particular birds are forbidden. All of the birds on the list are birds of prey or scavengers, thus the rabbis inferred that this was the basis for the distinction. Other birds are permitted, such as chicken, geese, ducks and turkeys. However, some people avoid turkey, because it is not mentioned in the Torah, leaving room for doubt.

Of the "winged swarming things" (winged insects), a few are specifically permitted *Lev. 11:22*, but the sages are no longer certain which ones they are, so all have been forbidden. There are communities that have a tradition about what species are permitted, and in those communities some insects are eaten.

Rodents, reptiles, amphibians, and insects (except as mentioned above) are all forbidden. *Lev. 11:29-30, 42-43*.

Some religious authorities require a post-mortem examination of the lungs of cattle, to determine whether the lungs are free from adhesions. If the lungs are free from such adhesions, the animal is deemed "glatt" (that is, "smooth"). In certain circumstances, an animal can be kosher without being glatt; however, the stringency of keeping "glatt kosher" has become increasingly common in recent years, and you would be hard-pressed to find any kosher meat that is not labelled as "glatt kosher."

As mentioned above, any product derived from these forbidden animals, such as their milk, eggs, fat, or organs, also cannot be eaten. Rennet, an enzyme used to harden cheese, is often obtained from non-kosher animals, thus kosher hard cheese can be difficult to find.

Cooking Halal Meals

Muslims follow dietary laws that are similar to, although as best as I can figure it out, a bit less stringent than kosher regulations. Foods that Muslims can eat are called Halal. Prohibited foods are called Haram and questionable foods are called Mashbooh. Swine and pork products, as well in the strictest sense, as meat not properly slaughtered or slaughtered in any name other than Allah are Haram. Carnivorous animals and birds or prey are also Haram. Haram animals include pig, dog, donkey, carnivores, monkeys, cats, lions, frogs, crocodiles, turtles, worms, flies, cockroaches, owls, and eagles. Alcohol, coffee, tea and other drugs are Haram. Halal foods that have become contaminated by contact with prohibited foods are also Haram.

Fasting is also important. Fasting is a way to earn the approval of Allah, wipe out previous sins and understand the suffering of the poor. Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan and voluntary fasting on Mondays and Thursdays is also common. Muslims are encouraged to only eat to two thirds of capacity.

Warmest Fraternal Regards at all times,

Rev'd Fr. Bill White,
R. W. Grand Chaplain,
The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

"The life given us by nature is short; but the memory of a well-spent life is eternal." Cicero 106-43 BC

ELECTRIC LODGE No. 495 PRESENTS THEIR WORKING TOOLS AND JEWELS TO SUPERIOR LODGE No. 672, RED ROCK.

The following message appeared on
CanadaMasons@yahoo.com

"Brethren, our lodge, Superior No. 672 in Red Rock Ontario was recently broken into and we have lost our working tools, swords, VSL, Tracing boards, mosaic pavement and the lesser lights. Superior is a small lodge with about 55 members and we are already struggling to renovate our lodge building. This theft could not have come at a worse time. If any brother knows of a lodge that may have spare items from other lodges that have gone dark or can assist in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. I can be reached at leif.andersen@shaw.ca or at 807-886-1090.

Fraternally
W. Bro. Leif Andersen PM"

It did not take Electric Lodge much time to mobilize and deliver paraphernalia to the Superior Lodge request.

December 10, 2009.

"W. Bro. Allan was in Red Rock last night to present our lodge with the Working Tools from Electric Lodge along with several other items. We had brethren attending from Thunder Bay and from Geraldton to give him a warm welcome and to express our gratitude. I have attached a picture for the Chronicle."



l. to r. W.M. Geoffrey Allan of Electric Lodge No. 495, W.M. Ron Brace of Superior Lodge No. 672, R.W. Bro. Marvin J. Salmi, DDGM for Algoma District, and W. Bro. Leif Andersen who helped to facilitate all.

WINNERS OF THE 53rd ANNUAL BONSPIEL SPONSORED BY LANDMARKS/DORIC LODGE No. 654



Jack Burn – Vice, Don Currie – Lead, Dennis Monteith – Bonspiel Committee, Chet Puchalski – Lead, and Art Raymond – Skip

WESTMOUNT LODGE No. 671 visits BEAVER LODGE No. 234



What began as fraternal support for Beaver Lodge No. 234 in initiating Stan Reljic, by his best friend Mike Novakovic and good friends Nick Milanivich, Jeff Heimpel and Wayne Robinson, turned into a Westmount Lodge visit to Thornbury, Ontario, on Wednesday December 9th. Thanks to the receptive and obliging brethren of Beaver Lodge No. 234, Wor. Master Rob Robson, Secretary V.W.Bro. Brian Johnson, and the Georgian North District D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Keith Robertson, 16 Westmount brethren and friends led by Hamilton District C. D.D.G.M. R.W.Bro. Wm. MacPherson and Westmount Master Paul Nagy, drove through a snow storm in a Limo Bus provided by Bro. Gaby Ravo of Mermaid Limo to assist in Stan's initiation. Bro. Jeff Heimpel gave the Apron Charge, Bro. Mike Novakovic presented the Working Tools, piper Wor. Bro. Peter Scarr gave the Final Charge. The magic of this visitation forged unleashed bonds between the brethren, the lodges and the districts. It was an unforgettable evening for the new Mason Bro. Stan Reljic.

GRAND MASTER'S PROJECT 2009 - 2011

In the October edition of the Chronicle we introduced the Grand Master's Project (2009–2011) of establishing a fund to create a **Centre for Masonic Studies** in a partnership between the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Brock University, St. Catherines. To advance the study and understanding of Freemasonry and to encourage research into the significant impact fraternalism in general and Freemasonry in particular is the purpose. All contributions to the fund should be made through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, **Project Number 2937**.

To initiate the project, a series of lectures are planned beginning in the spring of 2010.

The meaning of B.I.B.L.E.: Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

MASONICHIP

The following was presented to Buchanan Lodge No. 550 on the Official Visit of the DDGM, by the Chairman of the MasoniChip Programme.

Good evening Brethren;

I would like to take a few minutes of your time to talk about the MasoniChip Program. Are you aware that there are nearly 20,000 cases of missing children in Ontario? Child Find Ontario's caseload of missing children consists of runaways, parental abductions, stranger abductions and children who have become separated from their families. Masons have developed the tools, management skills and volunteer network needed to provide one of the most comprehensive child recovery and identification programs on the continent.

I'll digress for a moment to recount an actual occurrence at the Sept 2008 Ancaster Fair Event. While the event was going on a Hamilton Police Officer came to see me saying that he was working with Child Find and had heard that they had some competition. I asked him what Child Find provided to the parents. His reply was paper and ink fingerprints and an information sheet. I then walked him through our program so he could compare the two. He was very impressed with the comprehensiveness of what we do. This was not told to knock Child Find or the Hamilton Police, but it was told to show how advanced our system is.

Let me tell you what is done at a MasoniChip event. First the parent fills in and signs a permission slip allowing us to use their information to create a kit. Next he or she fills in a data sheet with the information that the data entry personnel will need to create the kit. The next step is the dental station where a Dental impression of the child's teeth is made. As well a quick swab with a Q-tip inside the cheek collects DNA. Now on to the computers where the data entry people enter basic information like names, address, phone number, hair & eye colours, height, weight, distinguishing marks, etc. Next digital fingerprints and still pictures of the child are taken. Additionally, we take a short video of the child in order to capture mannerisms while also asking a few pertinent questions. All this information is then burned onto a CD. The CD, the original data sheet filled in by the parent, the computer printout of that data, the Teeth impression and the DNA swab are all placed into an envelope and given to the parent with the sentiment- "We hope you never need to use it." The computer program then demands that all data is then deleted before progressing on to the next family. The icing on the cake is this. All this is done at absolutely no cost to the families.

As of December 2, 2009, 25,429 kits had been produced in Ontario since our inception 2 ½ years ago. Hamilton District C has produced 414 of those kits. These are good numbers but, if you consider how many children that there are in Ontario, or even the "Greater Hamilton Area", there is a lot more work to do.

We need more lodges to get involved in this program. Involvement is possible by the lodge or individual brethren making financial donations to the MasoniChip Program. There is another way that I and a number of brethren have found very rewarding, which is sponsoring an event. Yes there is a lot of work involved, but help is readily available. One of my tasks, as District C Chairman of MasoniChip is to work with a Sponsoring lodge to make sure that the event is successful. Consider your newer brothers, many of whom have expressed a desire to give something back to the community.

What could be better than helping to protect the children in their own community? What could be better than doing something that brings good publicity to our fine fraternity? What could be better than doing a good deed for the cause of good?

I challenge you now, to think seriously about this Grand Lodge initiated program. Decide how you will get involved. Remember that time honoured saying, "A great journey starts with a single step."

I am only a phone call or an e-mail away. I am always willing to visit your lodge, talk in more detail, answer questions, to assist in making your event work.

Thank you for your time.

W. Bro. David Wilkinson
Tel: 905-549-0656
Email: dsw593@gmail.com

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time. You won't have a leg to stand on!

I AM FREEMASONRY



I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The Crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and symmetry.

In my heart are wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my altar is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the one Omnipotent God. My sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber.

By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and death, and the relationship with man and God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereby find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain.

I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphan's cry, the widow's tears, the pain of the old and destitute.

I am not a church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons share a responsibility to God, to country, to neighbours and to themselves. They are free men, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger.

At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I am Freemasonry.

*From the New Zealand Freemason, 1988,
by R.W. Bro. David C. Bradley*

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

INSIGHTS INTO THE MIND OF A YOUNG MILLENNIAL FREEMASON

The following article appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer Press on November 14, 2009. Jessica Fleming interviewed the Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 67 and the writer of this article about Freemasonry, its setbacks and successes and the Renaissance of Minnesota Masonry.

One quote that really stood out was by W.Bro. Paul Hardt.

"Just as younger people are searching for a place to belong, they are also seeking the intangible."

"I think a lot of people today are looking for answers," he said. "They're looking for spiritual growth. I think Freemasonry can be part of the answer. We do not see it as a religion, though." I think that all men seeking the philosophy of Freemasonry are looking for answers, looking for a guide to help make sense of the chaotic world outside the Lodge. Even as the world becomes almost unbearable, the brother can enter the Lodge to become a part of that Order. Yet, that is what Freemasonry is, one path to understanding how to be a better man.

It is true that younger men are returning to Freemasonry. The Internet has truly changed the way the Fraternity can and will be perceived into the future. I view this blog and all the other social networks that I'm a part of to really complete the circle from being to knowing. We have all the tools we need to get things off the ground, we just need to use them. And yes, I have not mentioned [Freemasons for Dummies](#).

I want to thank Jessica and the Pioneer Press for allowing us the opportunity to discuss something that is so a part of our lives. Masonry is an essential part of my life, helping to guide me through its ups and downs.

Nick Johnson, Corinthian Lodge No. 67 G.L.Min.

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF FREEMASONS' HALL: GREAT QUEEN STREET LONDON, ENGLAND



Most of us will never have the opportunity to visit this headquarters of the United Grand Lodge of England. It has been a Masonic meeting place since 1775. There have been three Masonic buildings on this site, with the current edifice being opened in 1933. Built in the art deco style to the designs of architects Henry Victor Ashley and F. Winton Newman, it is a memorial to the 3,225 Freemasons who died in active service during World War I.

Take a short 2-minute tour of this great monument to our craft, and visit other Freemason movies on:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=olljEnOHuNE

From the November Issue of Hiram's Lighthouse, Toronto East District

WHY DO I GO TO LODGE?

The following speech by R.W.Bro. Errol Steward was shared with the brethren of Ancient Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654, at the Banquet Hour prior to the 3rd degree by the Toronto Districts' Caribbean Degree Team on November 24, 2009.

I go to Lodge because I was subpoenaed to attend Lodge by my Summons.

I go to Lodge because of my Obligation in the 2nd° and the 3rd°.

I go to Lodge to remind myself that I did not lie on my knees at the Altar.

I go to Lodge because the Ritual like the V.O.T.S.L. fills my Mind, rules my Heart and Guides my Life.

I go to Lodge because the Lodge doesn't need my Ability nearly as much as my Availability.

I go to Lodge because if I stay away I know Bad Company corrupts Good Character.

I go to Lodge because Masons who take Time Off, will Slack Off.

I go to Lodge because I recognize that Bad Habit is like a Soft Chair, Easy to get into, Hard to get out of.

I go to Lodge because the Lodge room is a place where God is still Revered.

I go to Lodge because I am reminded of Where I came from, What am I doing here and Where I go from here.

I go to Lodge because I am reminded that Masonry is not an Impressive Building, but is simple Hearts joining together in Fraternal Friendship. I am reminded that Masonry is not a Conversation Society; it seeks simply to Enhance the good that is already present.

I go to Lodge because the Seed we Sow today will determine the Fruit we'll reap tomorrow.

I go to Lodge because when I see the Mosaic Pavement it reminds me that symbolically life is made up of a pattern of opposites, good and bad, life and death, adversity and prosperity, joy and sorrow, hope and despair.

I go to Lodge because when I see the Rough Ashlar it reminds me of my imperfections and causes me to strive to get as close to the Perfect Ashlar as humanly possible.

I go to Lodge because I will meet Victor, Buddy, George etc. Why? Because I like their company.

I go to Lodge because if I can make a difference in one man's life, my mission in this world will be accomplished.

I go to Lodge because in order to be a good leader you have to be a Good Servant.

I go to Lodge because Masonry faces too many Adversities for me to stay away.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. As W.M., what qualities should I look for in selecting a line officer?

A. Commitment! Commitment! Commitment!

Commitment of time to the office; Commitment of learning the role and responsibilities of the office; Commitment to learning the Work; Commitment to Masonry in General and his Lodge in particular.

Q. From where should the General Charge be given at an Installation?

A. From Protocol Tips about the Installation, compiled by the Grand Lodge Committee on Protocol and Etiquette in consultation with the Custodian of the Work, we learn that the General Charge should be delivered from the East. (The presenter can move back and forth in the East but do not perambulate about the lodge.)

Q. What is a degree?

A. A degree in Freemasonry means some esoteric ceremony no matter how brief, which advances the member, or candidate to a higher rank. It includes communicating to him particular distinguishing words, signs, grips, tokens or other esoteric matter. Those of each degree being denied to members of lesser degrees as firmly as they are denied strangers. Degrees represent different accomplishments of Symbolic Masonry.

Q. What is meant by the term Rite?

A. The term Rite has two different meanings:

- a) An act of performing divine or solemn service as established by law, precept or custom; a solemn or proper observance; a ceremony as the rites of Freemasonry.
- b) A prescribed form or manner of conducting a religious service, as the Roman or Ambrosian Rite.

By the 18th Century in France, the term Rite began to mean not merely a group of related ceremonies, but a collection of degrees under a common administration.

There are well over 100 Rites in the Masonic World. The two principal Masonic Rites in Canada and U.S.A. are the Scottish Rite and the York Rite.

DISTRICT EVENTS

IN MEMORIAM: BRO. WILLIAM J.D. HODGINS:

Member of Dufferin Lodge No. 291, passed away on October 9, 2009. A 50 year mason.

IN MEMORIAM: W. BRO. ALEXANDER (Alex) JOHN CZEMERYNSKI, Worshipful Master of Buchanan Lodge No. 550 in 1988, passed away at the West Haldimand General Hospital on Sunday October 11, 2009 in his 71st year. Private Family Service.

IN MEMORIAM: W. BRO. ALBERT 'BERT' EDWARD NELSON, Past Master of Westmount Lodge No. 671, passed away at Wentworth Lodge on Sunday November 29th, 2009 in his 91st year. 33^o Scottish Rite Mason. Private family service, Tuesday December 2nd 2009. Masonic Memorial Service on Sunday December 6th, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the Scottish Rite. A reception followed.

DISTRICT 'C' BLOOD DONORS CLINICS: Friday January 15th, 2010, Paramount Alliance Church, 1035 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek. 1:30 to 7:30 pm. Sponsored by Wardrope Lodge No. 555.

DISTRICT C MID-TERM MEETING: January 16th, 2010 at the Ancaster Masonic Temple, 10:00 am. All masons are welcome, especially Lodge Officers and Past Masters. This is the Operational Meeting for the District.

12TH ANNUAL "ROBBIE BURNS" NIGHT: Wednesday January 20, 2010 at the Scottish Rite Banquet Hall, 6:30 pm. includes Roast Beef Dinner, Haggis, Entertainment and Surprise Auction. Proceeds to Martha House. \$20 per person. Sponsored by Electric Lodge No. 495. Contact Peter Mouriopoulos at 905-387-4079.

BURNS SUPPER: Friday January 22, 2010, 7 pm at the Scottish Rite Banquet Hall sponsored by Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602. Entertainment by the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada Band, the McLeod Lewis Highland Dancers, readings, songs and poetry. Contact Bro. Michael DuFour at 905 304-3496 for tickets.

HELE SPIEL '10: Saturday, January 30th, 2010, 8:30 am at the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club. Mixed Curling and Luncheon, \$50 per person. Sponsored by Valley Lodge No. 100. Contact John MacKay at 905-632-7412.

CRAFT LODGE NIGHT AT THE SCOTTISH RITE: For all masons, non-masonic family and friends, on Friday February 12, 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the Norman E. Byrne Cathedral of the Scottish Rite. Hear the Cavasant Organ, the Scottish Rite Singers, watch the portrayal of the drama of the 7th degree, tour the facilities, and enjoy refreshments. No regalia required.

PAST MASTERS' MEETING: Saturday, February 20th, breakfast meeting at **The Scottish Rite Club**, 4 Queen St S. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a good breakfast. Cost \$12:00 **8:45 am. Meet and Greet, 9:15 am. Breakfast, Meeting begins at 9:45 am.** The speaker will be **Sgt. Carl MacLeod** a retired RCMP officer who is the main character in a book called "**A Man of Deception**" which deals with his role in fighting the drug cartels. Please make your reservation for breakfast with Tom Young, at 905 318-0182, before February 17, 2010. Annual meeting will be Friday May 28, 2010.

BOARD OF RELIEF MEETING: Sunday, February 21st, 2:00 pm, Stoney Creek Masonic Temple.

DDGMs RECEPTION: Friday March 5th 2010, hosted by the Masters and Wardens Association. **Reception at 6 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm. Masonic Centre Hamilton.** Tickets are \$35 and will be available at the District Meeting on January 16. (note this date change)

PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE: for all Lodge Officers, **Tuesday March 30th 7:30 pm, at Inniskillen Lodge No. 185 in Caledonia**, sponsored by the Masters and Wardens Association.

2nd ANNUAL DUFFERIN WARPLANE GALA: **Saturday, April 17th**, for all masons, friends and family. This year marks the second year of this event, and once again each attendee will have a chance to win a flight in a DC-3 Warplane. A buffet dinner, dance, live band, and tours of the hangar are included in the event which will be held at the **Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum at Mount Hope.** Some lodges in the district have used this event as their ladies night. Why not make it yours as well and join in the fun? Half of the proceeds from this event will be donated to our DDGMs charity of choice, the **Ronald McDonald House.** More details to follow.
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GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION & BANQUET: **Friday April 23rd, at the Masonic Centre Hamilton.** more details to follow.



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