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FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren, as our Masonic Year is nearing an end, and my term as your DDGM is about to conclude, may I say it has been filled with some very memorable events and some experiences which I will never forget. It has been a pleasure to be your representative throughout the District and the Province and

what a great joy it has been to visit your lodges and to see the fine work that Hamilton District C Masons are doing.

I am happy to report that during this year, there have been more Masonic initiations than Masonic Funerals, which is an encouraging sign. Many of the new brethren are young men, which bodes well for the long-term well being of the Craft in our District.

Our District charity this year was Ronald McDonald House and very shortly I hope to make a significant donation to this facility to assist in their operations and programs so as to help those families in need of a home away from home while their child is receiving medical care. Brethren, if you could forward all donations directly to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario and reference project #2384, I will see that it is included.

The May 14th Blood Donor Clinic at Upper Stoney Creek was sponsored by Buchanan Lodge No. 550 and several Buchanan brethren assisted as hospitality volunteers on that day. The brethren who assisted were B. Fulton, D. Falconer, M. Kingsley, P. James, G. Magwood, G. Pearson, D. Newton, K. Wallace, G. Molner and V.W. Bro. Bill Rutledge as lodge blood donor chairman.

Each year we have three district 'C' meetings to hear of projects or events which are taking place in the Lodges, District or at the Provincial level. Your lodge's officers should be in attendance along with members who are all very welcome to add to these discussions. We will be electing the DDGM for the following year at our annual meeting scheduled for July 21 at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on Wed. July 21 (Saskatchewan Room - 4 p.m. F.R.Y. Hotel) .

Finally brethren, I would like to thank all those Masons who supported me throughout the year, and I wish the D.D.G.M.-elect a very successful term ahead. I know that the Masons of this fine District will assist him and make him very proud.

To our sick and shut-in brethren, we send to you our best wishes for a speedy recovery and your return to Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Wm. J. MacPherson

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Please note: The opinions and views expressed in any article in the District 'C' chronicle are those of the writers and therefore do not necessarily reflect the opinion of Grand Lodge. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

BURSARY PRESENTATION



Our District Deputy Grand Master presents a Masonic Foundation Bursary to Ryan deLottinville a 4th year Hons. B. Commerce Program at McMaster University.

FROM THE GRAND MASTER



Our ancient and honourable fraternity has been described as a gentleman's philosophical society. This apt definition implies a certain standard of courtesy and conduct that goes beyond mere civility and is characterized by respect, honour, and integrity in all interpersonal relations, both within and without the lodge. The Charges of a Freemason specifically forbid *“doing or saying anything offensive that would forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes.”* We are admonished in the General Charge: *May kindness and brotherly love distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons.*

The twenty-first century is an age of instant global communication through sophisticated Information Technology. Email and electronic texting devices allow us to exchange information with the click of a key. Every tool created and invention known to man can be perverted and put to sinister use. So it is with our communication tools. While the efficiency and expediency of communication has been of great benefit to us, it has also created many serious issues in the jurisdiction. Private piques and quarrels, instead of being kept ‘in house’ and settled amicably in a gentlemanly fashion, are fuelled and escalated when emails written with a full head of steam are circulated to anyone and everyone in the address book.

When differences arise between brethren, it is all too easy to fire off a scathing note before cooling off, and allowing common sense and reason to prevail. Many of the issues that come before the Grand Master and Grand Secretary for mediation stem from this misuse of the electronic communication media.

During the last three years, emails critical of Grand Lodge in general, and recently, the Grand Master in particular, have been circulated by an anonymous writer. The source being unidentified, these letters are considered unworthy of acknowledgment or response by Grand Lodge. Every democratic institution benefits from positive criticism and a loyal opposition. However, unfounded allegations and slanderous accusations circulated indiscriminately with malicious intent create disunity and are unworthy of anyone who claims to be a Mason.

Each one of us could benefit from a careful reading and contemplative study of the General Charge where the Ideal of a Freemason is portrayed. We ought to ask ourselves, do we really mean what we say on the floor of the Lodge? More importantly, do we actively practise what we preach? It is our bounden duty to press toward the mark of our high calling.

Be careful of your thoughts, for your thoughts become your words.

*Be careful of your words, for your words become your actions.
Be careful of your actions because your actions become your habits.*

Be careful of your habits, for your habits become your character.

Be careful of your character, for your character becomes your destiny.

(The Friendship Book 2010)

This is the season of Installations in many of our Lodges. Best wishes to all those new Worshipful Masters and Officers assuming leadership roles responsible for the government of the Lodge. In your hands rests the future success of the Lodge.

Raymond S. J. Daniels

AT THE RECEPTION FOR THE GRAND MASTER



The Grand Master and his wife Brenda greet the Hamilton District Deputies and their wives. Chairman for the evening, R.W. Bro. Michael Kingsley and wife Alice.



Several District C masons and their wives were presented to the Grand Master.



This is what it looked like from the best seats in the hall.

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Honorary and Life Memberships:

We still see references to making Brethren Honorary and Life Members or to changing By-Laws with respect to Life Members in the Summons that we read. I have asked the D.D.G.M.s to keep an eye out for such situations in their District Lodges and encourage the Brethren to be certain that they conform to the requirements of Sections 185 and 187 of the Book of Constitution. In the Condition of Masonry Reports, we continue to find Lodges that have Life Memberships yet do not have a separate Life Membership Fund. Please consult the Grand Secretary if you have any questions.

Strategic Plan Projects:

Our Grand Lodge Vision: "To ensure the timeless vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario."

Last month we reported on the 9 strategic projects that had been started March 1, 2010. Initial work continues on these projects, but as they are still in the initial stages, not all have updates at this time. We can report the following:

- Project 2010-04: Ontario Mason Address Database – 11 Lodges have volunteered to participate in the pilot and we are now in the process of creating the technology sandbox in which to conduct the pilot.
- Project 2010-05: Information Systems Strategy for Grand Lodge Committee Shared Computer Resources – A strategy for configuring the Sharepoint software to manage the pilot has been created. Server hardware will shortly be purchased to support this pilot and the pilot for project 2010-04.
- Project 2010-07: Establishment of Publishing Review Committee – members of the Publishing Review Committee have been identified and we hope to have this group in operation soon.
- Project 2010-08: Proposal for MasoniC.h.I.P. Business Model – the details of the proposal continue to be put in place and the final proposal will be made to Grand Lodge in July.

In addition to the above, several new initiatives have started: A new taskforce has been assembled to define a short term strategy for our Grand Lodge Website. This group has had its first meeting, reviewed its mandate, generated some good discussion and will begin documentation of the strategy and action plans in the near future.

A proposal is in the initial stages to deal with digitization of the Grand Lodge Proceedings in order to make them available to all our Brethren via a website connection.

Grand Lodge Committee Budgets:

The Management Committee is reviewing the budget requests for next year as submitted by the Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen and will make its recommendations to the Audit & Finance Committee this month.

D. Garry Dowling

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

As summer approaches, several of our members choose to vacation in Europe and/or visit with family members of their ethnic origin. With the advent of internet, many are inappropriately using email to lodges/Districts/Grand Lodges, overseas, in order to affect a visit. Subsequently, your Grand Lodge office is receiving numerous complaints regarding this break in protocol which necessitates this message being circulated to our membership via the office of the D.D.G.M. A Masonic protocol exists between Grand Lodges that, quote, “**correspondence outside of one’s own jurisdiction MUST be made through the two respective Grand Lodge offices.**” Some jurisdictions reply with the information requested directly to this office (with reminders of the protocol) while others ignore the request in its entirety.

A related issue is that of accompanying documentation to the visiting lodge/jurisdiction. Suggested is: a current dues card, together with, a letter of introduction and good standing, on lodge letterhead, under lodge seal, with signature of the Worshipful Master and Lodge Secretary. Only the lodge has the most recent up-to-date information of a member’s status.

Several concerns have materialized due to recent emails from an anonymous source.

Consequently, the following is provided as accurate information.

“Emails and correspondence from anonymous sources are not responded to by this Grand Lodge, including anti-Masonic articles from a variety of sources. I can assure you that our Grand Master is fully cognizant of his obligations as a Mason and as Grand Master.”

Fraternally yours,
Terence Shand

How much is enough, and how much is too much?

GRAND LODGE SEMINARS

Tuesday, July 20, 2010 (pre-registration is not required)

Location: Fairmount Royal York Hotel

Time: 1:00 to 2:00pm

Alberta Room Preservation Pondering
Records & Artifacts

B.C. Room Keeping the roof over Our Heads
Maintaining Premesis

Quebec Room New Younger Members
Keeping Them Interested

Time: 2:30 to 3:20pm

Alberta Room Preservation Pondering
Records & Artifacts

B.C. Room P & E Essentials
Discuss – Learn - Grow

Quebec Room Learn To Listen
Listen To Learn
Mentoring Vs Coaching

Time: 3:30 to 4:20pm

Alberta Room Impact of Freemasonry
Masonic World Today

B.C. Room P & E Essentials
Discuss – Learn - Grow

Quebec Room Ceremony of Installation
Changes First Hand

Plus: Continuous general information on computer resources from 1:30 to 4:20 in the Algonquin Room.

ELECTION INFORMATION

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Salon A, Convention Floor

HAMILTON DISTRICT ‘C’ MEETING

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Time - 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saskatchewan Room, M.M. Floor

GRAND MASTER’S BANQUET

Wednesday, July 21, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

Canadian Room

Guest Speaker:

M.W. Bro. Stephen Godfrey Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon

Special Entertainment. Tickets \$58.00

Cut-off date is Friday, July 15, 2010.

Tickets available from the D.D.G.M

Cash/cheque - make cheque payable to: Grand Lodge of Canada

Freemasonry does not instruct its members in what their religious beliefs should be, nor does it offer sacraments. Freemasonry deals in relations between men; religion deals in man’s relationship with his god.

United Grand Lodge of England

INSTALLATION ODE

*Behold! In the East, our new Master appears,
Come, brothers, we'll greet him with hearts all sincere;
We'll serve him with freedom, with fervor and zeal,
And aid him his duties and trust to fulfil.*

*In the West see the Warden, with Level in hand,
The Master to aid, and obey his command.
We'll aid him with freedom, with fervor and zeal,
And aid him his duties and trust to fulfil.*

*In the South, see the Warden, by Plumb stand upright,
Who watches the sun, and takes note of his flight,
We'll aid him with freedom, with fervor and zeal,
And aid him his duties and trust to fulfil.*

THE REGIUS POEM:

A Poem of moral duties. *Continued from Chronicle No.21*



Here is a translation from the old English to a more understandable language. PART 2.

Eleventh article.

The eleventh article I tell thee,
That he is both fair and free;
For he teacheth, by his might,
That no mason should work by night,
But if be in practising of wit,
If that I could amend it.

Twelfth article.

The twelfth article is of high honesty
To every mason wheresoever he be,
He shall not his fellows' work deprave,
If that he will his honesty save;
With honest words he it commend,
By the wit God did thee send;
But it amend by all that thou may,
Between you both without doubt.

Thirteenth article.

The thirteenth article, so God me save,
Is if that the master a 'prentice have,
Entirely then that he him tell,
That he the craft ably may know,
Wheresoever he go under the sun.

Fourteenth article.

The fourteenth article by good reason,
Sheweth the master how he shall do;
He shall no 'prentice to him take,
Unless diver cares he have to make,
That he may within his term,
Of him divers points may learn.

Fifteenth article.

The fifteenth article maketh an end,
For to the master he is a friend;
To teach him so, that for no man,
No false maintenance he take him upon,
Nor maintain his fellows in their sin,
For no good that he might win;
Nor no false oath suffer him to make,
For dread of their souls' sake,
Lest it would turn the craft to shame,
And himself to very much blame.

Plural constitutions.

At this assembly were points ordained more,
Of great lords and masters also.
That who will know this craft and come to estate,
He must love well God and holy church always,
And his master also that he is with,
Wheresoever he go in field or enclosed wood,
And thy fellows thou love also,
For that thy craft will that thou do.

Second Point.

The second point as I you say,
That the mason work upon the work day,
As truly as he can or may,
To deserve his hire for the holy-day,
And truly to labour on his deed,
Well deserve to have his reward.

Third point.

The third point must be severely,
 With the 'prentice know it well,
 His master's counsel he keep and close,
 And his fellows by his good purpose;
 The privities of the chamber tell he no man,
 Nor in the lodge whatsoever they do;
 Whatsoever thou hearest or seest them do,
 Tell it no man wheresoever you go;
 The counsel of hall, and even of bower,
 Keep it well to great honour,
 Lest it would turn thyself to blame,
 And bring the craft into great shame.

Fourth point.

The fourth point teacheth us also,
 That no man to his craft be false;
 Error he shall maintain none
 Against the craft, but let it go;
 Nor no prejudice he shall no do
 To his master, nor his fellow also;
 And though the 'prentice be under awe,
 Yet he would have the same law.
 Fifth point.

Fifth point.

The fifth point is without doubt,
 That when the mason taketh his pay
 Of the master, ordained to him,
 Full meekly taken so must it be;
 Yet must the master by good reason,
 Warn him lawfully before noon,
 If he will not occupy him no more,
 As he hath done there before;
 Against this order he may no strive,
 If he think well for to thrive.

Sixth point.

The sixth point is full given to know,
 Both to high and even low,
 For such case it might befall;
 Among the masons some or all,
 Through envy or deadly hate,
 Oft ariseth full great debate.
 Then ought the mason if that he may,
 Put them both under a day;
 But loveday yet shall they make none,
 Till that the work-day you must well take
 Leisure enough loveday to make,
 Hinder their work for such a fray;
 To such end then that you them draw.
 That they stand well in God's law.

Seventh point.

The seventh point he may well mean,
 Of well long life that God us lend,
 As it descrieth well openly,
 Thou shalt not by thy master's wife lie,
 Nor by thy fellows', in no manner wise,
 Lest the craft would thee despise;
 Nor by thy fellows' concubine,
 No more thou wouldst he did by thine.
 The pain thereof let it be sure,
 That he be 'prentice full seven year,
 If he forfeit in any of them
 So chastised then must he be;
 Full much care might there begin,
 For such a foul deadly sin.

Eighth point.

The eighth point, he may be sure,
 If thou hast taken any cure,
 Under thy master thou be true,
 For that point thou shalt never rue;
 A true mediator thou must needs be
 To thy master, and thy fellows free;
 Do truly all that thou might,
 To both parties, and that is good right.

Ninth point.

The ninth point we shall him call,
 That he be steward of our hall,
 If that you be in chamber together,
 Each one serve other with mild cheer;
 Gentle fellows, you must it know,
 For to be stewards all in turn,
 Week after week without doubt,
 Stewards to be so all in turn about,
 Amiably to serve each one other,
 As though they were sister and brother;
 There shall never one another cost
 Free himself to no advantage,
 But every man shall be equally free
 In that cost, so must it be;
 Look that thou pay well every man always,
 That thou hast bought any victuals eaten,
 That no craving be made to thee,
 Nor to thy fellows in no degree,
 To man or to woman, whoever he be,
 Pay them well and truly, for that will we;
 Therof on thy fellow true record thou take,
 For that good pay as thou dost make,
 Lest it would thy fellow shame,
 And bring thyself into great blame.
 Yet good accounts he must make
 Of such goods as he hath taken,
 Of thy fellows' goods that thou hast spent,
 Where and how and to what end;
 Such accounts thou must come to,
 When thy fellows wish that thou do.

Tenth point.

The tenth point presenteth well good life,
 To live without care and strife;
 For if the mason live amiss,
 And in his work be false I know,
 And through such a false excuse
 May slander his fellows without reason,
 Through false slander of such fame
 May make the craft acquire blame.
 If he do the craft such villainy,
 Do him no favour then securely,
 Nor maintain not him in wicked life,
 Lest it would turn to care and strife;
 But yet him you shall not delay,
 Unless that you shall him constrain,
 For to appear wheresoever you will,
 Where that you will, loud, or still;
 To the next assembly you him call,
 To appear before his fellows all,
 And unless he will before them appear,
 The craft he must need forswear;
 He shall then be punished after the law
 That was founded by old day.

Eleventh point.

The eleventh point is of good discretion,
 As you must know by good reason;
 A mason, if he this craft well know,
 That seeth his fellow hew on a stone,
 And is in point to spoil that stone,
 Amend it soon if that thou can,
 And teach him then it to amend,
 That the lords' work be not spoiled,
 And teach him easily it to amend,
 With fair words, that God thee hath lent;
 For his sake that sit above,
 With sweet words nourish his love.

Twelfth point.

The twelfth point is of great royalty,
 There as the assembly held shall be,
 There shall be masters and fellows also,
 And other great lords many more;
 There shall be the sheriff of that country,
 And also the mayor of that city,
 Knights and squires there shall be,
 And also aldermen, as you shall see;
 Such ordinance as thy make there,
 They shall maintain it all together
 Against that man, whatsoever he be,
 That belongeth to the craft both fair and
 free.
 If he any strife against them make,
 Into their custody he shall be taken.

Thirteenth point.

The thirteenth point is to us full lief,
 He shall swear never to be no thief,
 Nor succour him in his false craft,
 For no good that he hath bereft,
 And thou must it know or sin,
 Neither for his good, nor for his kin.

Fourteenth point.

The fourteenth point is full good law
 To him that would be under awe;
 A good true oath he must there swear
 To his master and his fellows that be there;
 He must be steadfast be and true also
 To all this ordinance, wheresoever he go,
 And to his liege lord the king,
 To be true to him over all thing.
 And all these points here before
 To them thou must need be sworn,
 And all shall swear the same oath
 Of the masons, be they lief be they loath.
 To all these points here before,
 That hath been ordained by full good lore.
 And they shall enquire every man
 Of his party, as well as he can,
 If any man may be found guilty
 In any of these points specially;
 And who he be, let him be sought,
 And to the assembly let him be brought.

Fifteenth point.

The fifteenth point is full good lore,
 For them that shall be there sworn,
 Such ordinance at the assembly was laid
 Of great lords and masters before said;
 For the same that be disobedient, I know,
 Against the ordinance that there is,
 Of these articles that were moved there,
 Of great lords and masons all together,
 And if they be proved openly
 Before that assembly, by and by,
 And for their guilt's no amends will make,
 Then must they need the craft forsake;
 And no masons craft they shall refuse,
 And swear it never more to use.
 But if that they will amends make,
 Again to the craft they shall never take;
 And if that they will no do so,
 The sheriff shall come them soon to,
 And put their bodies in deep prison,
 For the trespass that they have done,
 And take their goods and their cattle
 Into the king's hand, every part,
 And let them dwell there full still,
 Till it be our liege king's will.

To be continued in the July Chronicle

THE DISTRICT MEETING MAY 15, 2010

- 37 were present including 5 Worshipful Masters.
- District Secretary expressed his concern in regard to the security of each lodge's historical records. Suggested lodges consider better storage and develop a working plan for such.
- New assistant editor for the Chronicle was introduced in the person of Harley Auty, S.W. of Meridian Lodge No. 687 and P.M. of Kerr Lodge No. 230 in Barrie.
- Secretaries or their designates were encouraged to print some hard copies of the Chronicle to be distributed to those without a computer, especially senior members.
- District Treasurer's clear and comprehensive report up to April 30 was distributed showing a surplus, but final report will be produced July 31st.
- Communications Report noted 467 subscribers for the Chronicle; 54 individuals use our website each day; photo gallery is the most popular page. Lodges were strongly encouraged to keep their lodge details up to date, as more brethren are using the District website prior to making lodge visits.
- MasoniCHIP: 3 clinics: Mississauga on June 12 sponsored by Westmount; September 24-27 Ancaster Fair sponsored by Landmarks/Doric and St. Andrews; December 4, Breakfast with Santa sponsored by Temple. Always needs volunteers.
- Blood Committee reported 492 units credited to District C. See Electric Lodge's project on following page.
- Masonic Foundation report encouraged brethren to donate.
- Finance Committee requested all Chairmen to submit their committee costs early in order to help set the budget.
- Benevolence Committee reported one application was forwarded to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Committee. To date \$3400 has been received toward the District Charity McDonald House, and it closes by Grand Lodge. \$400 was received from Dufferin Lodge, from the Warplane Heritage Gala. The Masonic Foundation will contribute up to 10%.
- District Chaplain reported over 175 attended the last District Divine Service at Christ Church Cathedral, next Divine Service will be on October 24th, at New Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.
- A Lodge Resource Manual for each lodge, was given out at the Lodge Resource Workshop last October. Chairman stressed for each lodge to have an active Resource Committee. 5 lodges have applied to be recognized as a Cornerstone Lodge.
- Regalia Committee reported that all we need is on inventory.
- History Committee report is nearing completion and is targeted for the Fall District Meeting, with Hard Copy and website copies available.

- Highlights for DDGM's year were: Trip to Detroit, District Christmas Levee, Cornerstone Project, Support of Lodge Secretaries, Improved District Communications, Valuable Tips from Protocol and Etiquette Newsletters, and the unconditional support of his dear wife Helen.

Announcements:

- Sept 14th, Grand Lodge Recognition Night at CMT, Grand Master in attendance, Banquet Dinner tickets \$20 from Bob Doherty in advance, see notice in May Chronicle.
- Oct 14-17, Bus Trip to Philadelphia and Washington, \$495. See page 10 for details. Contact person, Damon Allan, 905-561-5444 damon@maxima.net
- Defibrillator Training at Masonic Centre, Nov. 20th 10.00 a.m., \$20 per person, send replies to CMT, 4 Queen Street S., Hamilton, L8P 3R3.

DISTRICT MASONIC EDUCATION REPORT

The Masters and Wardens Association under W. Bro. James Court has been a major player, sponsoring three programs; Deacons Floor Work, Brother to Brother and Protocol and Etiquette. Wardrope Lodge No. 555 has also been a significant contributor holding four educational events that have been well attended by brethren from our District and beyond:

- 1) A presentation on the seven liberal arts and sciences followed by a Lodge of Discussion.
- 2) The Empty Chair Ceremony presented in November followed by an educational piece on its origin and usage.
- 3) A slide show on Rosslyn Chapel by W. Bro. Charles Lemmex followed by a presentation on Robert Burns.
- 4) An educational piece on the meaning of the Fellowcraft degree.

For June W. Bro. Damon Allan has planned a program on the 47th problem of Euclid. I would encourage all who are able to attend.

Some lodges that normally have an active Masonic Education program are reporting a decrease in Masonic Education activity due to a back log of candidates and the necessity of doing multiple candidates on a night, degrees on emergent nights. Lots of candidates is a good thing but we should still find ways to make Masonic Education a regular part of the program. Some lodges are doing a good job at it, working in short pieces at opportune times and finding innovative ways of delivering Masonic Education.

The first annual Charles A Sankey lecture on Masonic Studies held at Brock University on April 17 was a highlight of the year. It is hoped this will lead to the establishment of the Charles A. Sankey Centre for Masonic Studies and a chair in Masonic Studies at Brock University.



**A TRIBUTE TO OUR
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
R.W. BRO. WILLIAM J. MacPHERSON**

As the spring season marks a time of new life and growth, so our Spring Meeting is a time to plan and look to the future, an opportunity to put the names forward of the leaders for the years ahead. But, for one to know where we are going, it is imperative to know where we have been and where we are now. R.W. Sir, the Spring Meeting also signifies that your term is nearing completion and we have an opportunity to reflect on the year just past. Your enthusiasm at the start of your term has continued throughout the year and I congratulate you on the manner in which you have filled your office. The District Team in general and your Chairmen in particular have encouraged the brethren and the lodges to adopt the programs made available by our Grand Lodge, programs that can only strengthen our District. You have provided them the guidance and direction to fulfill their duties. I have said it before, the continuance of District programs and initiatives; such as, supporting the Canadian Blood Donor Clinics with both financial aid and volunteer hours, holding a MasoniChip event, and your charity project to support the Ronald McDonald House is important to our community and will help to increase our Masonic exposure in the area.

You have continued the tradition of representing the Grand Master and the masons of Hamilton District 'C' in a manner that is fitting of your important office. Your talks have been well prepared, interesting, relevant, and easy to comprehend. R.W. Sir, you have been approachable, cordial, and have made the brethren feel relaxed in lodge. You have had a successful year to date and although the next couple of months will be busy, you can finish your term knowing that Hamilton District 'C' is stronger because of your efforts.

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Tom Marshall
I.P.D.D.G.M. (District Advisor)

The Electric Lodge # 495
invites you to
Our Inaugural Blood Drive
In recognition of the 66th Anniversary of the Moose Hall
fire
&
commemorating the Masonic response led by
V.W. Bro. William Hoyle

Saturday July 24 2010

Departing the Masonic Centre—Hamilton at
10:00AM
Liquid Brunch to follow

Please RSVP with Bro. John Hammersley
mrhammersley@hotmail.com or 905 252 6346
so he may reserve a bed for you to donate



**BUCHANAN LODGE TO
YOUNGSTOWN OHIO**

Buchanan Lodge No. 550 is taking their semi-annual trip to Youngstown on the Labour Day weekend (Sept. 3rd to 5th). Members of other Lodges and their spouses are invited to attend.

The highlight of the visit will be a day at the Canfield Fair. The cost of the trip is \$25.00 per person, for the bus, as well as the cost of admission to the fair and the cost of the motel room.

If you wish to attend please contact W. Bro. Bill Smith @ 905-547-6656

ALL IN THE FAMILY AT WESTMOUNT LODGE



Worshipful Master Paul Nagy, S.S. Bro. Gaby Ravo, Bro. Karlous Ravo, (Gaby's brother), R. W. Bro. Bill MacPherson D.D.G.M, V.W. Bro. Chris J.Beard, (brother-in-law to Karlous), from Granton Lodge No. 483 South Huron District.

HAMILTON MASONIC DISTRICT C MASONS PRESENTS...

Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.
October 14 - 17, 2010
4 Days, 3 Nights



W.M.W. AWARD WINNER CELEBRATES HIS 90TH



Bro. Russ Irvine of Ancaster certainly had a big party to help celebrate another milestone at the Masonic Centre, Hamilton.

Tour Highlights

- 2 Nights Stay at he Holiday Inn Express in Philadelphia
 - 1 Night Stay at the Staybridge Suites in McLean, Virginia
 - Deluxe Continental Breakfasts Included at Hotels
 - Walking Tour of the old City of Philadelphia
 - Step on Guide tour of Philadelphia
 - Guided Tour of the Philadelphia Masonic Temple
 - Guided Tour of Washington, D.C.
 - Tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in D.C.
 - Tour of the House of the Temple
 - Opportunities for shopping and exploring
 - Services of Maxima Tours Escort and Brother
 - Duty Free Stops There and Back
 - All Applicable Taxes
 - This is an event for **Masons Only** (No Regalia required)
- \$ 495.00 Double Occupancy (2 to a room)
Deposit of \$100 at Booking
Full payment due August 30, 2010
Contact Person: Damon Allan @ 905-561-5444
or damon@maxima.net

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Which Grand Lodge claims this seal?



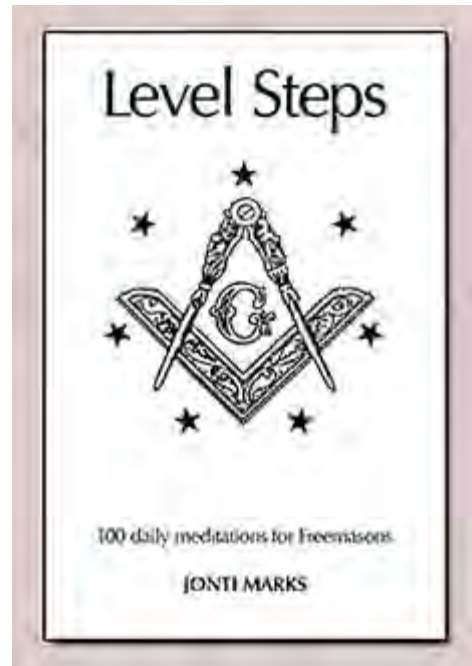
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Q. Why do some believe that because a mason does not attend lodge regularly, that he is no longer interested in Freemasonry or his lodge?

A. Those who believe such should talk with those of whom the questioner speaks. Having spoken to some most recently, I learned that those who were properly prepared before joining the Craft, and came with an understanding of its purpose, have not lost their connections with the Craft and its principles. In their busy world of work, and family, their balance does not allow for regular attendance, but they sure are reading, networking and communicating with their close brethren, and do know what is going on in their lodge, especially through their monthly summons and Newsletter. Otherwise they would be taking a demit. Attendance, although highly encouraged is just one aspect of practicing the Craft and lodges who make regular contact with their members through phone trees, email networking, pairing and a variety of events are successful lodges. Use of the Grand Lodge programs outlined under the Grand Lodge Resource portfolio are most essential programs for each lodge to enhance the interest of all members.

Q. Who is Jonti Marks and 100 Meditations for Freemasons?

A. Jonti is a teacher (Head of Drama) at an Independent Prep School in the West Midlands, in England, and is a member of the Old Bromsgrovian Lodge (5743EC), which is attached to the school. He is about to become Senior Deacon in that lodge and will be installed as 1st Principal of his Chapter. He also a life member of Lodge Scotia, 1008 SC which is based in Kenya, East Africa. We used some of the work from his book Level Steps in the April 2009 Chronicle. Now he has let me know that the book is available as an 'app' for iPhone/iPod/etc. and wishes for me to share this with you.



Q. What are booklets 1, 2, and 3 ?

A. They are small booklets published by Grand Lodge which are to be given to a brother after he has attained each of his degrees. Each booklet explains more comprehensively, and in a simplified manner, what has happened in the degree that he has just received. Hopefully this custom is used in all lodges.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010, 5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND CHARITY AUCTION at **KING'S FOREST GOLF CLUB** sponsored by **Valley Lodge No.100**. Golf, Dinner and Charity Auction \$125 per person. Dinner and Charity Auction only, \$50 per person. For information and registration forms contact Bro. William Paul, 905-719-6464 or bill_paul@dart.biz.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to the Grave Site of our First Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson. **SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010, 2:30 p.m.** St. John's Anglican Church, Woodhouse (a few miles South of Simcoe). Grand Master will Attend. All Masons and Families welcome. Regalia worn. Hosted by Norfolk Lodge No. 10.

47th ANNUAL STEAK FRY, sponsored by **Hanover Lodge No. 432, Monday, June 28th, 2010, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Lodge 7:30 p.m.** No degree work, speaker: **R.W.Bro. Paul Todd**. Bring your own plate and cutlery. Dress: Business Suit and regalia. Email Al Morrow at alm@bmts.com for reservations or 519-364-4810.

JULY 19-22 GRAND LODGE, ROYAL YORK HOTEL, TORONTO. Board of General Purposes Meetings July 19 and 20. Seminars, Tuesday afternoon July 20. Grand Lodge July 21 and 22. District Meetings Wednesday afternoon 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Grand Master's Banquet, Wednesday evening 7 p.m. For more details contact your Lodge Secretary, who has a complete events package.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2010, MASONIC BEEF AND CORN ROAST: Opens at 5:00 p.m., Corn at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m. 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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2010, GRAND LODGE RECOGNITION EVENING. Hosted by Landmarks/Doric No.654 at the Masonic Centre Hamilton. Dinner 6:00 p.m., Programme in Norman E. Byrne Cathedral 7:30 p.m.. Opportunity for all lodges of the 3 Districts to have their newly appointed Grand Lodge Officers presented to the Grand Master and receive their regalia from their lodge or District. Advance reserved banquet tickets **only**, \$20.00. **R.S.V.P. with cheque prior to September 2nd 2010 to: Mr. R. F. Doherty, 547 Sunnyvale Cres. Milton, ON L9T4N1**

MASONIC CHIPS CLINIC, at **THE ANCASTER FALL FAIR on Sept. 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2010**. 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.

OCTOBER 14 – 17, 2010 BUS TRIP to PHILADELPHIA and WASHINGTON DC. See page 10 in this Chronicle. Contact person: W. Bro. Damon Allan, 905.561-5444 or damon@maxima.net

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<http://www.thebahamasweekly.com/publish/bis-news>

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