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MEET OUR NEW DDGM – R.W. BRO. JOHN K. JOHNSTON



John K. Johnston was born in Northern Ireland and immigrated to Canada in 1970.

A retired Police Officer, John started his police career in Northern Ireland. On immigrating to Canada, he continued his career in the Policing with the Hamilton Harbour Police and the Hamilton Police. After a total of forty-five years service, he retired in June of 2009.

John has been married to Ann for forty-four years. They have two sons - the elder son, following in his father's footsteps is a Police

Officer (in Peel Region) and with the assistance of his wife has

presented John and Ann with a grandson and a granddaughter. John's younger son is an Executive Producer at Rogers Sportsnet.

John enjoys golfing and is an avid soccer fan, his favourite team being Manchester United.

John joined Hugh Murray No. 602 Lodge on March 17, 1976 and was installed as the Master in December 1983. He also served two additional terms as Master - 1999-2000 and 2005-2006. John was made a Fellow of the College of Freemasonry in January 2010 after completing the necessary course material, and has also completed the District Deputy preparatory course.

As a Past Master of Hugh Murray Lodge, John has served as an Auditor and as the Hugh Murray Lodge Representative to the Masonic Bureau.

At the District Level, John has served as the Chairman of the Benevolence Committee, the Lodge Resources Committee and the Masonic Education Committee.

John looks forward to a good year, under the leadership of our new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling and D.G.M. R. W. Bo. Donald A. Campbell.

Submitted by W. Bro. Martin Tees,
District Secretary

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MEET OUR NEW GRAND MASTER - M.W. BRO. D. GARRY DOWLING

M.W. Bro. Garry Dowling was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba where he graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in 1969.



He married the former Wendy Wilson in Winnipeg in 1969 and shortly after they moved to London, On. and have lived there ever since. They have two children, a son Christopher and partner Sharon, living and working in Toronto, and daughter Deanna, son-in-law Ryan and grandson Lawson living in Ottawa. Garry and Wendy are members of Riverside United Church and have served as both serving elders and visiting elders for many years.

He has participated in the London Community with service to Scouts Canada for a number of years and also spent many years serving as a coach, referee and Committee Chairman in the Oakridge Optimist minor Soccer program.

He was employed as a Business Systems Analyst in the information systems field, until his retirement in September of 2009.

Garry is a Life Member of Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, having been initiated in 1979. He served as Worshipful Master in 1987. He was proud to serve London East as District Deputy Grand Master in 1994-1995.

After his term as DDGM, he served for several years on both the Grand Lodge Long Range Planning Committee and the Seminars and Workshops Committee. He was appointed to the Board of General Purposes in 1997 and elected to a two year term in 1998. He served as a member of the DDGM Orientation team for several years. He served as Chairman of Masonic Education from 1999 to 2001 and as Chairman of the Condition of Masonry Committee from 2001-2003. In July 2003, he was appointed a member of the Management Committee and served on that committee from 2003 until July of 2009. Garry was elected as Deputy Grand Master in July 2009.

M.W. Bro. Dowling has served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire near our Grand Lodge since July 2000.

He is an Honorary Life Member of Doric Lodge 289, a member of the London Lodge of Perfection, London Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, Moore Sovereign Consistory and the Mocha Temple Alumni Unit. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33 degrees in Moncton in Sept. 2010. He is also a member of St. John's and St. George's

Chapter No. 3 Royal Arch Masons. He was accepted into the Royal Order of Scotland in Oct 2010.

When not busy at Lodge activities, Garry enjoys several hobbies including running, wood carving and working in the yard.

Grand Lodge of Canada Yearly Tactical Plan 2011-2012

The "Grand Lodge Strategic Plan 2010-2016" contains our Grand Lodge Vision, Mission, Imperatives and Goals.

The Vision of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario is to:

"Ensure the timeless vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario"

The Grand Lodge Mission Statement for 2010-2016 is:

"Grand Lodge's mission is to provide effective and sustainable leadership to Ontario's Masonic community and preserve the timeless Masonic initiatory system as a framework for all good men to transform their lives through the ancient and enduring tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth."

The strategic planning process generates a set of objectives and projects, based on our six Strategic Imperatives and our Strategic Goals, that defines the work to be undertaken in the **current year** to allow us to achieve our Grand Lodge Vision.

This annual set of Objectives and Projects is called the **Yearly Tactical Plan**.

The theme of the 2011-2012 Tactical Plan is three part:

1. **Communications:** Enhancing two-way communications throughout our jurisdiction by providing and utilizing multiple channels of communication to make access to information easier for all Brethren
2. **Condition of Masonry:** Getting a better grip on where we are today – realistically evaluating the condition of Masonry in Ontario and being responsive to the needs and expectations of the Brethren
3. **Masonic Education:** Providing quality products for expanding the value of Masonry for today's members and reaching out to tomorrow's members

Based on this three part theme, the Tactical Plan for 2011-12 identifies 11 important Projects that will be implemented during the year. Several Projects are defined in each of our Six Strategic Imperatives and Goals and Benefits are identified. We consider all to be important, therefore there is no priority established.

- ✓ Enhance and expand Website
- ✓ Delivery of quality hard copy of Ontario Mason and introduce on-line version.

- ✓ Central communications strategy
- ✓ Integration of 2011 Survey results into Strategic Plan
- ✓ Implement changes to Lodge Resources content and delivery
- ✓ Expand Educational offerings of papers and bulletins and develop new delivery vehicles
- ✓ Develop Leadership Best Practices Material for BoGP and match Skills and tasks
- ✓ Sponsor and promote Sankey Lecture 2012
- ✓ Initiate planning for World Conference 2015
- ✓ Create tactical Plan 2012-2013
- ✓ Measure and publish performance on Strategic Plan activities 2011-2012

THE NEW DISTRICT C TEAM

The following brethren were named as members of the D.D.G.M.'s Team for 2011 - 2012:

Treasurer: V. W. Bro. Ray Wilson
 Chaplain: Bro. Jason McCulloch
 Auditors: R.W. Bro. Roger Parliament and V.W. Bro. Robert Doherty
 District Advisors: R. W. Bro. R. James Stewart, R. W. Bro. William J. MacPherson, V.W. Bro. Archie McQuillie
 Masonic Education: W. Bro. Wayne Robinson
 Masonic Foundation: R.W. Bro. John MacPherson
 Blood Donors: R.W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero

Lodge Resources: W. Bro. Geoffrey Allan
 Benevolence: W. Bro. Ed Patterson
 Finance: V. W. Bro. R.P. Beres
 Regalia: W. Bro. Brock McCulloch
 Piper: W. Bro. John Terrence

Communications: Bro. Devin Tuinstra
 Newsletter Editor: W. Bro. Harley Auty
 Associate Editor: R. W. Bro. Bill MacPherson
 Editorial Advisor: R. W. Bro. Wayne Elgie

Masonic Chip: W. Bro. David Wilkinson
 Photographer: V.W. Bro. John Lyness
 Historian: Bro. Mike Cuberovic

**Next District C Fall Meeting
 September 3, 2011
 Hillcrest Masonic Hall, 10:00 a.m.**

DISTRICT C HONOURS AT GRAND LODGE

R.W. Bro. Don Jagger,



The **Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award** was established by M. W. Bro. William R. Pellow, Grand Master 1987 - 1988, to recognize exceptional services rendered by members of this Grand Lodge. It is the personal award of the Grand Master. This year there were three recipients, one of whom is R. W. Bro. Don Jagger, a P.D.D.G.M. of Hamilton District C, whose Mother Lodge is Acacia Lodge No. 61 (Hamilton District B). Don is also a Past Master of Ancient Landmarks.

R. W. Bro. Jagger was Worshipful Master of Millennium Lodge No. 743 formed in celebration of the new millennium in 2000 as part of the Help to Hear Project. He has served on the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, tireless in its promotion, as "the Charity of Choice" and has shared his pedagogical skills with many lodges in the Hamilton Districts.

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602,

Hugh Murray Lodge, No. 602, was designated as a **Cornerstone Lodge** for the second year in a row, under the leadership of W. Bro. John Terrance, and with the support of many dedicated and actively involved Hugh Murray brethren.

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654

LODGE OF THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS A.F. & A.M. No. 654 G.R.C. incorporating DORIC LODGE No. 382 established in 1879 - Grand Lodge Award Winner for **Best Lodge Website - 2011** - Bro. Devin Tuinstra, Web Master - <http://www.landmarksdoric654.com/>

HAMILTON DISTRICT C BRETHREN ELECTED/APPOINTED TO GRAND LODGE OFFICES

District Deputy Grand Master – R.W. Bro. John Johnston,
Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

Board of General Purposes - R. W. Bro. Norm McCarthy -
Ancient Landmarks /Doric No. 654

Grand Steward – V.W. Bro. Donald D. Falconer, Buchanan
Lodge No. 550

Grand Steward – V.W. Bro. Wolfgang H. Schneiders, Valley
Lodge No. 100

Grand Steward – V.W. Bro. Gary S. Woods, Wardrope Lodge
No. 555

HAMILTON DISTRICT B BRETHREN ELECTED/APPOINTED TO GRAND LODGE OFFICES

District Deputy Grand Master – R.W. Bro. Louis M. Domjan,
Harmony Lodge No. 57, Caledonia

Grand Pursuivant – V.W. Bro. D. Lee Sutherland, Union
Lodge No. 7, Grimsby

Grand Steward – V.W. Bro. Ralph J. Button, Acacia No. 6,
Hamilton

Grand Steward – V.W. Bro. Louis E. Leousis, St. Andrew's
No. 62, Caledonia

HAMILTON DISTRICT A BRETHREN ELECTED/APPOINTED TO GRAND LODGE OFFICES

District Deputy Grand Master – R.W. Bro. Nick Ellis, St.Clair
Lodge No. 135, Milton

Board of General Purposes – R.W. Bro. Steven Warren,
Oakville No. 400

Board of General Purposes – R.W. Bro. John Logan, Oakville
No. 400

Grand Supt. of the Works – V.W. Bro. William Denison,
Claude M. Kent No. 681, Oakville

Grand Steward – V.W. Bro. Percival Greenridge, Claude M.
Kent No. 681, Oakville

THE HISTORY OF LODGE OF THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS A.F. & A.M. NO. 654 G.R.C. INCORPORATING DORIC LODGE NO. 382 ESTABLISHED IN 1879

Our Mother Lodge, Acacia No. 61, along with other lodges advanced the idea of forming a new lodge during the late 1920s. There would be a number of resulting benefits- “to afford a broader basis for Masonic work, more opportunity for enthusiastic members of the Craft to participate in office”, and the further fostering of the “fraternal friendship and association between Acacia and the Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks No.441, Buffalo, NY, our two parent Lodges. Finally it would provide the opportunity to establish a lodge with its own unique character. Ancient Landmarks would depart from tradition, with a ‘formal’ dinner served prior to each regular meeting. Our regalia was designed as a distinguishing characteristic of the new Lodge. The aprons were slightly smaller than those in general use, the collars were narrower and shorter and the Past Master’s jewel, chosen from a selection of designs, is a symbol of the Craft, embellished by three small diamond flakes.

The Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks was formally instituted on March 27, 1931 and constituted and consecrated in September, of that year. Our name “The Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks” eventually received unanimous consent by our founding fathers after some opposition in support of another option “Ancient Landmarks Lodge” - the title the Grand Master used in the original dispensation. Our Lodge starting with a membership of 117 and numbers fluctuated over the years, increasing after the war to over 200 members and eventually declining to 84 in 2004. Many of the ornaments, furniture and jewels, presently in use, were donated by Lodge members, as early as 1931, with others coming or being changed or restored in subsequent years. The 3 silver gavels used by the Master and his Wardens were given by our Buffalo ‘parent’ - the handles of these gavels were carved from a piece of mahogany actually removed from their furniture for that particular purpose. All the furniture, the ornaments and jewels, although stained by smoke and scorched by flame survived the Temple fire in 1968 and were replated and refurbished. The aprons and collars did not survive the cleaning process, and new regalia conforming to standard size, shape and colour was introduced with the original jewels, pendent to the collars, restored to their present splendour.

The Lodge history has recorded a number of changes. The regular meetings of the lodge were held on the fourth Friday of the month, changing in 1938, to the fourth Tuesday as it is today. Originally from 1931 to 1968 we met in the Masonic Temple, on James St. N. On September 20, 1968, this temple was destroyed by fire. Consequently we moved to the Masonic Hall in Ancaster, as guests of Seymour Lodge No. 272, enjoying their hospitality and establishing close fraternal associations. This ‘temporary move’ ended 7 years later. Seymour Lodge presented Landmarks with Canadian and

American flags as a memento of that special relationship. To maintain that connection it has become the tradition that we visit Seymour Lodge on their installation. The new Central Masonic Temple, Main St. East. Hamilton opened in January, 1976. Our last meeting at this location was held on May 27, 2003.

An Extinguishing of the Lights Ceremony was held a month later. Our first meeting at the Masonic Centre, King St. West (Scottish Rite Properties) was held in September, 2003 and a Rekindling of the Lights Ceremony was conducted to celebrate our new Masonic home.

The structure of the Masonic year for Landmarks also changed. In 1935 a motion was passed that there would be no meetings in June although over the years there were exceptions with June meetings actually continuing until 1969. For a period after this our June meeting involved a visit to Westmount Lodge No.671, whose regular meeting was also on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In return they would attend our December meeting which was held on the second Tuesday, our emergent night, becoming our only regular December meeting after 1976. In 1987 we began a new tradition. Temple Lodge No.324 invited us to join with them after our meeting, for “Christmas treats” and carols. After 1996 our elections have been moved from December to April, our Installation changed from January to May, but our DDGM official visit continues in February.

The Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks had traditionally been a strong supporter of fraternal activities outside, and within the Lodge. The first reference of a Lodge picnic was in 1938. These along with our Lodge Bonspiel, which began in 1958, have run continually to the present. A Tri-Lodge Golf Tournament with Acacia Lodge and Ancient Landmarks No. 441 had existed for many years beginning in 1958 but had lost support after 1997. Visiting delegations from our 2 “parent Lodges” have continued for important Lodge and sports events, and ladies nights. In 1991 Acacia No. 61 donated the aprons of the Inner Guard and Senior Steward. We reciprocated in 2005 by giving a Worshipful Master’s Collar and Jewel to help celebrate their Lodge’s 150 year anniversary. In 2000, R.W. Bro. Chester Buck of Ancient Landmarks No.441 was made an honorary member of our Lodge. In that same year a delegation of members visited Buffalo to participate in a Table Lodge meeting.

The success of the Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks can be largely attributed to the leadership provided by many Grand Lodge officers, the dedication of our Worshipful Masters, their executive committees and line officers, and the departed secretaries (Lavell Rouse, Jack Taylor, Leonard Staples and Cliff. Howell) and treasurers, such as V.W. Bro. Adam Zimmerman (39 years) who provided long term commitment to our Lodge. Financial success resulted from good management and sound investments. A major contributing factor was the creation of an Endowment Fund in 1972 with funds from the estate of W. Bro. P. Coon and later gifts and bequests from several of our brethren.

Over our 74 years the Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks has witnessed a number of ‘firsts’ and many important Lodge events. In 1991 we conducted a Regalia Renewal project for our 60th Anniversary. In 1993 we framed the insignia of our line officers aprons in display cases – the insignia used from 1931 to 1956 in one and 1957 to 1991 in the other. Members such R.W. Bro. W. Elgie and R.W. Bro. N. Buckingham, have edited several Grand Lodge publications. In 1995 we were the 1st Lodge to present a Craft Lodge Degree in the Scottish Rite Cathedral which had been dedicated for Masonic use. In 2000 R. W. Bro. D. Jagger was appointed as the Worshipful Master of the Millennium Lodge No. 743, with close to 600 Charter members.

In 2004 our Lodge began discussions with Doric Lodge No.382, Hamilton District B, for their amalgamation with our Lodge. In April, 2005, Ancient Landmarks held its last regular meeting thus ending the first stage of its history. Our members can look forward to a new Lodge working with our amalgamated brethren of Doric under our new designation: “Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks A.F. & A.M. No. 654 G.R.C. incorporating Doric Lodge No. 382 established in 1879”, Instituted in September, 1931, Amalgamation May 24, 2005.

W. Bro. Dennis Monteith,
Lodge Historian

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE DORIC LODGE A.F. & A.M. NO. 382

Prior to the inauguration of The Doric Lodge on December 1879, the following situation existed in the Grand Lodge at that time.

On the death of M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada who held office from 1855-1859, from 1866-1869, and again from 1872 until his death on January 16, 1875, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. James K. Kerr became Acting Grand Master.

One of his first acts as Acting Grand Master was the granting of a dispensation to “Eden Lodge of London”. The brethren working under this dispensation petitioned for a Warrant at the Annual Communication held in London, Ontario, in July 1875.

The Board of General Purposes, in its report to Grand Lodge, recommended that a Warrant not be granted, but that the Grand Master be requested to issue a dispensation authorizing the officers and brethren named therein to pass and raise those already initiated in that lodge. Grand Lodge adopted that portion of the report.

R.W. Bro. Kerr was duly elected Grand Master and intimated to the District Deputy Grand Master of the London District that he was prepared to issue a dispensation in the terms of the report at any time, upon delivery to the Grand Secretary of the dispensation then in the hands of “Eden Lodge” and upon a return being made of the work done there under. The

opposition to the granting of the Warrant had emanated from Brethren who had satisfied the Board that it was not in the best interest of the Craft to favour another lodge in London at that time.

The Grand Master learned that a meeting of “Eden Lodge” had been called for the purpose of initiating a candidate, and at once instructed the Grand Secretary to forbid the Worshipful Master from holding the meeting. However, the meeting was held and the candidate was initiated.

The Grand Master subsequently met with the members of “Eden Lodge” and repeated that upon the surrender of the dispensation granted, he would issue a new one in the terms prescribed by Grand Lodge. The dispensation was not surrendered, although the Grand Secretary, on instructions from the Grand Master, had formally applied for the same.

On February 7, 1876, the Grand Master was again requested to issue a dispensation, either general in its terms, or, at all events, extending its operations until the next Communication of Grand Lodge. This request was refused.

Three days later, on February 10, 1876, a Declaration of Incorporation of the “Grand Lodge of Ontario” was made by five of the brethren who had been most energetic in the demand for a Warrant.

When the Grand Master was apprised of the Declaration of Incorporation, he forthwith issued an edict, suspending the brethren mentioned in the Declaration and all others connected with the so-called Grand Lodge.

The interested reader will find these events dealt with, at great length, in the History of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario pages 133-135, 137-139, 151-152, and 179 and in Whence Come We pages 107-108.

This so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario had a very short and undistinguished life, being recognized by only one grand jurisdiction and that recognition was withdrawn when the facts of its formation were made known.

At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in Kingston in 1879, Grand Master Weller announced that the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario had ceased to exist and that the formalities for its extinction had been complied with.

All of these events, while taking place from 1875 to July 1879, and some distance from Hamilton, led to the formation of what we know as Doric Lodge A.F. & A.M No. 382 GRC.

One of the fifteen constituent lodges under this so-called or clandestine “Grand Lodge of Ontario” was situated in Hamilton and named Mount Sinai Lodge No. 20.

On the dissolution of this so-called Grand Lodge, the former members of Mount Sinai Lodge No. 20 found themselves deprived of all rights and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry,

and could not have any communication with any regular Mason or Masonic body.

Informal meetings between members of regular Masonic lodges and former members of Mount Sinai Lodge were held, but, unfortunately, no records of these meetings appear to exist. These meetings were held, of course, for the purpose of re-admitting (healing) members of Mount Sinai Lodge into Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry. As a result of these meetings, a petition was drawn up requesting the Grand Master to issue a Warrant of Constitution for a new lodge, entitled Unity Lodge, to meet on the third Monday of each month, the first Master being W. L. Smith. Before the petition reached the Grand Master, the name was changed to The Doric Lodge and the first Master was to be R. L. Gunn, IPM of the Lodge of Strict Observance. In his letter dated November 29, 1879, to the Grand Master accompanying the petition, R.W. Bro. Jonathan R. Meakins, D.D.G.M. Hamilton District, stated, in part: “A petition for a new lodge ostensibly for the purpose of healing such parties as may be acceptable, of the members of the lodge called Mount Sinai working in this city under the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario.”

The Grand Master approved the issuing of a dispensation on December 9, the dispensation was issued on December 11, and the first meeting of The Doric Lodge U.D. was held on December 15, 1879. A colourful beginning indeed!

The Doric Lodge No. 382 GRC continued to operate for 125 ½ years until May 2005 when it amalgamated with The Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks No. 654. During that time, Doric admitted 1586 members as Charter, Affiliated, or Initiated members. Space in this media does not permit further expansion of our history which can be found on the website of Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654. The website also contains pictures of the Masters who have lead The Doric Lodge No. 382, Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks No. 654, and Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654 G.R.C.

R.W. Bro. Robert Wands, Lodge Historian

Next month - Westmount Lodge No. 671

A NEW STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR THE MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

The importance of the Masonic Memorial Service to the Craft cannot be overemphasized. For many people, it is the first and only time they will see a Masonic Lodge in action and experience our Masonic principles in practice.

If you are one of the dozen or so brethren who will be CONDUCTING a service, do you know where to stand?

Do you know that all brethren move counter-clockwise at the conclusion of the service?

If you are ATTENDING the service, do you know where you should stand (or sit)?

Indeed, should you sit at all? If seated, do you know the different points when you must rise during the service?

Do you know how to give the Funeral Honours?

Do you know how to deposit the sprig of acacia?

Do you know what evergreen is usually used in place of acacia, in Ontario?

All these questions – and many more – are answered in a new **educational guide** that has been created by the P&E Committee. You can download a copy of this 22 page guide to the Masonic Memorial Services from the Hamilton District A Website, <http://hamiltondistrictamasons.org/publications/P&E/protocol.htm>

From PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE ESSENTIALS
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WILL THE FUTURE REMEMBER?

Will the future remember what we did here today?
Will the future remember? If it does, what will it say?

Will it say we were humble? Will it say we lost sight?
Will it agree with our reasoning whether wrong or right?

Will the future remember of the subjects we spoke?
Will it defend our actions or condemn promises we broke?

Will the future remember? Will it forget our face?
Will it understand our methods to make your world a better place?

Will the future remember these men of the past?
Will the future acknowledge the shadows they cast?

Will the future remember our relief to brothers in pain?
Will the future remember we did it without thought of gain?

Will the future remember we did the best that we could?
Will the future remember we tried to live as we should?

Will the future remember our oaths on bended knee?
Will the future remember promises made between God, you and me?

Whether or not the future remembers or shares our point of view, You are the future, my children; We did it for you!

By Bro. S. Kenneth Baril 2005 - Grand Lodge Writers Guild and Education Committee GL of Minnesota



MASONICH.I.P. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our team this year. As well, I congratulate the many hundreds of Masons from 125 different communities in 39 Masonic Districts on running successful clinics. Every District in our jurisdiction has a District Coordinator who is promoting the program to the Lodges and concordant bodies.

During the Masonic year 2010-2011 we have held 149 clinics, compared to 169 in the same period one year ago. This brings us to 42 Districts that have held clinics since our inception.

We have surpassed 39,000 children.

We have 70 EZ Child ID systems at this time located in 9 locations.

Presentations by Committee members & District Coordinators:

344	Lodges
18	District Associations
10	Concordant Bodies
5	Professional Bodies
15	Corporations
61	Interest Groups
5	District/Lodge Coordinators
175	Media

We continue to receive accolades in the media. Dozens of newspaper articles, radio station interviews, and television news and feature stories have been aired and/or written in the past 12 months from Windsor to Cornwall and Ottawa, from Dunnville and Brantford to Sudbury, and from North Bay to Emo. Our program is providing a huge dividend for our Grand Lodge and Masonry in general. We are offering this program because, unfortunately, it is needed. The problem of missing children and exploited children remains a serious one, and we hear of reports daily of children in danger in our communities. Masonic visibility has greatly increased in Ontario.

Ray Dobbs
Program Director
MASONICH.I.P Ontario

If you would like to get involved with the MasoniCh.I.P. program please contact our District Chairman, W. Bro. Dave Wilkinson by email at dsw593@gmail.com.

Our next clinic will be held at the Ancaster Fall Fair on September 23 - 25, 2011.

DISTRICT BLOOD DONORS SHOW INCREASED SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CLINICS!



On behalf of the District's Blood Donors Committee I am pleased to inform you that we collected **68 units of blood** at the Paramount Clinic held on July 15th, 2011. Many thanks to Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks/Doric No. 654 for sponsoring this clinic.

The next clinic at **Paramount is September 9th, 2011**. This clinic is being **sponsored by Westmount Lodge No. 671**. The Committee is now looking for the sponsorship for the Nov. 11, 2011 (11.11.11.) clinic at the same location.

The District Blood Donors Committee thanks the Lodges in the District who faithfully continue to support this noble cause.

Eduardo Cordero
Blood Donors Committee Chairman

Research Study in Type 2 Diabetes

If you are 30-80 years old and:


- Have had type 2 diabetes for 3 years or less
- Are treated with diet or 1-2 diabetes medications
- Have never had a heart attack or stroke

You may qualify for a research study that will test if a short-term treatment with medications, diet and exercise will allow patients to stop all diabetes medications for a period of time.

This study offers:

- Healthy lifestyle advice
- Study medications at no cost
- Free blood sugar testing supplies and a pedometer
- Free parking during study visits

If interested or to find out more information, please contact Ada Smith at (905) 525-9140 ext. 22205


Version 1.0 – August 11, 2010

Niagara A District project:

Brethren: This project began in 2007 with Dr. Hertzler Gerstein at McMaster University and they are looking for people with certain criteria who might like to put their names forward to be considered as a candidate for the research.

R.W. Bro. Stewart Greavette, PDDGM

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011

HUGH MURRAY LODGE ANNUAL LUNCHEON CRUISE 3 Hour Narrative Cruise on the Grand River. **LIVE MUSIC SHOW**. Lunch includes: Home Baked Bread and Salad, Roast Beef with Vegetables & Mashed Potatoes, Dessert with Coffee & Tea. Arrive @ 36 Brant Road 22, Caledonia by 11:15am. Book Passage with: W. Bro. John Terence, (905) 692-4944 or Edward Patterson, (905) 679-5611 or tardis_01@hotmail.com. Subscription: \$47.00 (taxes incl.) / If 35 or more attend the cost will be reduced to \$42.00.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2011

15th Annual MASONIC BEEF AND CORN ROAST, at Ancaster Fair Grounds. Opens at 4:30 pm, Corn 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm. Tickets \$15 from the Lodge Secretary & Committee members. No tickets sold at door.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2011

Hamilton District C Fall Meeting, 10 am at the Hillcrest Temple, Mohawk Road, Hamilton. Come and meet the new DDGM and his District Team.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

Hugh Murray Lodge's ANNUAL CORN ROAST at W. Bro. Brian Kiernan's Cottage in Fisherville on Lake Erie. Contact him at 905-387-0468 for tickets or more information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

Grand Lodge - Lodge of Instruction Hillcrest Masonic Centre, 257 Mohawk Road West, Hamilton. Registration at 6:30 pm, Session begins at 7:00 pm. Host Lodge - Westmount, No. 671, Co-ordinator - Frank Granville (905) 357-1073. Target audience - all interested Masons in Hamilton Districts A, B, C and Brant, especially line officers.



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