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assisted in this by R.W. Bro. Ian Craig to whom I then presented his PDDGM pin for his service to District C in the past year. Congratulations and thanks to all of these brethren.

The Beef and Corn Roast in August was an outstanding success with over 700 people attending. The committee involved in running this event should be very proud of what they accomplished this year.

Thank you also to W. Bro. David Wilkinson for once again heading up the Masonic Chip program at the Ancaster Fair. It was once again a great success, but as W. Bro. Wilkinson is moving on to a higher post within the Masonic CHIP program, a replacement is required for next year. If you can assist in this area can you please contact myself or W. Bro. Wilkinson.

On September 17, 2011, I attended a barbecue at R.W. Bro. Michael Kingsley's home, in honour of their American brethren of Western Star Lodge No. 21, Boardman, Ohio. It was a most enjoyable evening and I thank the Brethren of Buchanan Lodge for their kind invite and hospitality.

The Lodge of Instruction on September 27, 2011 and the Deacons Floor work and Balloting workshop on September 29, 2011 were both very well attended and I thank all of the Brethren for attending and showing support for the organizers of these events.

My official visits in October are:
October 5, 2011, Ionic Lodge No. 549, MCH
October 18, 2011, Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602, MCH
October 24, 2011 Wardrobe Lodge No. 555, MCH

I will also be attending Buchanan Lodge No. 550 on October 6, 2011, when V.W. Bro. Don Faulkner will be presented with his Grand Steward regalia.

Electric Lodge No. 495 will be holding their 1000th meeting on October 19, 2011.

I hope you can join me in lodge at some of the above events.

Fraternally, *John K. Johnston*

FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER



Brethren:
September has been a busy month and I would like to thank the Masters, Brethren of The Electric Lodge No. 495, Corinthian Lodge No. 513, and Wardrobe Lodge No. 555, for their kind invitation to attend their regular meetings. The hospitality I received from all of you was greatly appreciated.

On September 26, 2011, while attending Wardrobe Lodge No. 555 I had the pleasure of presenting V.W. Bro. Rankin Boyd with his 50 year service pin. It was an honour for me to present V.W. Bro. Boyd with this pin in recognition of his outstanding service to Masonry, as he is a very close friend, and mentor, as well as being from my home town of Bangor in Northern Ireland.

At the same meeting, I also had the honour of presenting V.W. Bro. Gary Woods with his Grand Steward regalia. I was

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FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Greetings Brethren:

I would draw your attention to a couple of housekeeping items that need to be addressed. Some items bear repeating from year to year and I would ask for your support with the following matters:



William Mercer Wilson Medal

Submissions: It must be noted that these submissions are considered confidential and the nominee must not be told that a submission has been made in his name. This can lead to tremendous disappointment later if the Committee is unable to honour the request.

Lodge Officers holding Multiple Offices: The D.D.G.M. must ensure that at Installation, any or all required dispensations have been obtained. Please note the constitutional requirements (section 221) for holding Office and contact the Grand Secretary if you have any questions.

Casual Attire: A reminder to the Lodges in your Districts that there are no “dress down” lodge meetings. Unless specific dispensation has been received, dress code in our Lodges is shirt and tie – preferably a business suit or at least blazer and slacks.

Photographs: No photographs are to be taken while the Lodge is in session. Presentations, etc. can be accommodated by those involved remaining immediately after Lodge for as long as the photographer requires.

Looking Ahead: There is a full fall schedule of Receptions and Anniversaries and we are looking forward to meeting with as many of you as possible on these occasions. In particular, these Lodge Anniversaries offer us an opportunity to rejoice in the legacy which we have been given and also to take time to contemplate the path that, not only our Lodge is following but also the Masonic path along which we are personally travelling.

Our focus at Grand Lodge this year will be in three areas:

Communication: simply put, making an effort to get better at it;

Education: educating not only the great number of new Masons joining us these days, but rededicating ourselves as experienced Masons to re-energizing our thirst for Masonic knowledge;

Condition of Masonry: utilizing our D.D.G.M. reports and our survey results to get the best picture we can of the real condition of Masonry in our jurisdiction, in order to focus our planning and initiatives on being responsive to those real needs.

Great things are happening in Masonry in Ontario these days. Our Brethren are enthused and energized. It is up to us as leaders of the Craft to do whatever we can to support and encourage that enthusiasm and to channel our efforts as Grand Lodge Officers into ensuring that the programmes, the tools, and whatever else is required, are available in a timely, effective and efficient manner.

Our Vision is *“To Ensure the Timeless Vitality of Freemasonry In Ontario.”*

I believe in Freemasonry, and I am confident that with your support and the leadership of the Members of the Board of General Purposes under the direction of our Deputy Grand Master, we can make measurable strides towards achieving that Vision.

As we offer ourselves in the service of Freemasonry, never forget that Freemasonry is dedicated to ensuring that as we pursue our life’s journey, we afford the best example for the conduct of others.

D. Garry Dowling

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Some may hold the opinion that Grand Rank marks the summit of attainment in a Masonic Career. Don’t be under the mistaken idea that the task of working for the Craft is finished by the attainment of that high rank. Those who now wear the regalia of a District Deputy Grand Master have worked hard to reach this office, and now they must continue to work for the benefit of the Craft as a whole.

Provincial Grand Master, Lord Ampthill at the meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England, April 27, 1932, when addressing the new Grand Lodge Officers said, “Each and every one of you has a definite and constant duty, and that duty is to maintain the honour and dignity of your rank. The badges with which you will be invested is meant to not only point out your superior rank, but also to remind you that it is our particular duty to afford assistance and instruction to all those below you.”

M.W. Bro. Raymond Daniels reminded us in his many talks – it is our responsibility as Grand Lodge Officers, *to serve and to protect*. We are here to serve the Brethren and protect the Constitution.

When you hear the Grand Master or other Grand Lodge Officers speaking of the Members of the Board, they are referring to the 35 elected, appointed and honorary members of the Board of General Purposes. In total, 14 are elected and 21 are appointed by the Grand Master. We are very fortunate to have assembled a team of knowledgeable and well skilled Chairmen, Team Leaders and Committee members.

If a Lodge or Brother in your District needs information or assistance, whether it is for financial advice, Masonic

Education, Long Range Planning, or even help in keeping their Lodge going, I urge you to contact the Grand Lodge Chairman. It won't be a surprise to them when they receive your call and/or request. They are expecting it.

As an example, your District Blood Donor Chairman needs to be in contact with Grand Lodge Blood Donor Chairman, R.W. Bro. David Dainard. Further, Grand Lodge Chairmen, when holding a meeting in your area, will be inviting your District Chairman to their meeting. That's why it is imperative that W. Bro. Eric Lakien has an electronic copy of each D.D.G.M.'s Trestle Board, so that he can forward them to the Members of the Board.

These Brethren are a great resource. They are there to assist you and serve you. Likewise, the Grand Lodge Chairmen need you to be knowledgeable about their committees or the various programs they can offer you and your District Team, and where those programs might have a place in the Lodge or in your District.

Publishing Review Committee

As you start to write your messages for various newsletters in your District, or reviewing articles submitted by the Brethren, you should be aware there is a policy on publishing articles.

In the application of this policy, due diligence is the level of judgement, care, prudence, determination, and investigation that a Mason would reasonably be expected to use when authoring a Grand Lodge publication.

- Ensure that the ritual is not quoted at length, and the secrets not at all.
- Current political and religious references are to be avoided.
- Subject matter supports a positive image of Grand Lodge.
- Subject matter is authenticated and properly authored.
- Material is consistent with and supportive of Grand Lodge publications.
- Information supports the unity, civility, and harmony among the members of our Craft.

The Board of General Purposes passed these guidelines to ensure that no inappropriate articles are published. Our intention is to prevent embarrassing situations to our membership.

Donald A. Campbell

D.D.G.M.'S OFFICIAL VISITS – OCTOBER 2012

Wednesday, October 5

Ionic Lodge No. 549 at MCH
Accompanying Lodge - Seymour No. 272
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Lodge opens: 7:30 p.m.

October 18th, 2011

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 at MCH
Accompanying Lodge - The Electric No. 495
Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Lodge opens: 7:30 p.m.

October 24th, 2011

Wardrope Lodge No. 555 at MCH
Accompanying Lodge - Meridian No. 687
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Lodge opens: 7:30 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT C FALL MEETING

Hillcrest Masonic Hall

Saturday, September 3, 2011, 10 a.m.

- 36 Brethren present, representing 11 of the 14 Lodges.
- District C is in good shape financially, according to the Treasurer, V. W. Bro. Ray Wilson.
- R. W. Bro. Roger Parliament has retired as Auditor.
- R. W. Bro. Tom Marshall and V.W. Bro. Robert Doherty were elected for a three-year term.
- Fall Divine Service - The Church of the Nativity (Anglican) - Sunday, October 23, 2011 —1831 King Street East, Hamilton - Assembly - 7:00 p.m. Service - 7:30 p.m.
- The D.D.G.M. commented that he looks forward to a good year. He would like to see a degree on the night of his Official Visit to each Lodge, and that the Brethren should be familiar with the Standardized Pronunciation Guide and Traditional Penalty wording.

District Initiatives

- W. Bro. Ed Patterson of Hugh Murray Lodge is spearheading a District Memorial Service on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
- W. Bro. Ed Patterson is also heading an organizing committee for a combined District A, B and C BBQ to be held on June 23, 2012.

HAMILTON MASONIC DISTRICTS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

A Memorial Service will be held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Centre of Hamilton (4 Queen Street South). Through the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. John Johnston, and the District Secretary, W. Bro. Martin Tees, lodges from Hamilton Masonic Districts "A", "B" and "C" will be personally invited through their respective D.D.G.M.s.

It is proposed that the Memorial Service will be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the Norman E. Byrne Cathedral.

Hugh Murray will host the Service. Members for other Lodges have been and will be invited to take part through the Worshipful Master of Hugh Murray Lodge, W. Bro. John Terrence.

The Service will follow the Guidelines set out by Grand Lodge. During the "Roll Call" Secretaries from each attending Lodge will read out the names of recently-passed Brethren. The Wardens from each Lodge will be invited to the Altar, one Lodge at a time, starting with District A, B, then C. The Wardens, in turn, will place a red rose for each name of the Brethren from their Lodge. Each Lodge will provide the roses for their departed brethren.

Brethren will be encouraged to wear Service Uniforms and Decorations, including those in military service, police, firefighting and medics. Poppies will be made available from members of Hugh Murray Lodge, as Remembrance Day is close to the day of the Memorial Service. A piper, bugler and organist will be playing during the Service.

Following the closing of the Lodge, Brethren will be invited to light refreshments.

Edward Patterson
Memorial Service Co-ordinator
Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

"If you want to be successful, it's just this simple. Know what you are doing. Love what you are doing. And believe in what you are doing."

- Will Rogers

HAMILTON MASONIC DISTRICT C 2012 BBQ

Saturday, June 23, 2012

With permission and through the D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. John K. Johnston, we propose to hold the first Hamilton District C BBQ.

The actual planning and implementation of this event and all its intricacies will be discussed at an initial organizational meeting to be held on **Sunday, October 30, 2011 at the home of W. Bro. Edward Patterson** (9575 White Church Road, Mount Hope, 905-679-5611).

It is requested that each Lodge nominate a volunteer to act as Lodge BBQ Co-ordinator and attend the first meeting to begin planning for this event.

The location for this event will be the subject of discussion at this initial meeting, as well as associated costs, food preparation, entertainment, etc.

For further information or to contact Ed with the name of your Lodge representative, please call the above-mentioned telephone number.

DONATE LIFE!



Your gift will mean absolutely everything to the recipients but it will cost you absolutely nothing -- ever. And you don't even have to give anything now or hopefully for a long, long time. You'll never even notice. Register for organ donation.

Even if you've signed a donor card, you still need to register your consent to donate. It only takes a couple of minutes. But in doing so, you could one day save 8 lives and enhance 75 more. Not a bad return on investment, eh? Register now at www.beadonor.ca.

From "**The Lighthouse**", Toronto East District

THE HISTORY OF MERIDIAN LODGE No. 687

In 1950, West Hamilton and the suburbs of Ancaster experienced rapid growth. As a result, it was determined that the creation of a new Lodge was required to meet Masonic enrolment requests.

In October 1956, a group of senior masons began a series of meetings which led to the first meeting of Meridian Lodge No. 687, under dispensation, on February 13, 1957. Meridian Lodge No. 687 was instituted and consecrated on October 9, 1957 at the Masonic Temple in Dundas when M. W. Bro. Harry L. Martyn was our Grand Master.

Meridian Lodge continued to meet in Dundas until relocating to Ancaster in 1984.

In its first 53 years, Meridian Lodge has numbered amongst its members: one William Mercer Wilson medal recipient, two Grand Chaplains, one Grand Organist, one Grand Senior Deacon, three Grand Standard Bearers, one Grand Sword Bearer, two Grand Stewards, three District Deputy Grand Masters and one Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Norman E. Byrne.

During 2007, Meridian Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary. W. Bro. Roy Metcalfe was Worshipful Master and R. W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero was our District Deputy Grand Master. Several special events were held during the year including an anniversary Lodge Meeting on February 14. On May 9, an inclusive Anniversary Lodge Meeting and dinner was held in Guelph attended by our then Grand Master M. W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson, Grand Lodge Officers, including the current District Deputy Grand Masters, Worshipful Masters and Brethren of the four lodges that had been instituted in 1957 - Meridian Lodge No. 687, Wyndham Lodge No. 688, Flower City Lodge No. 689 and Temple Lodge No. 690. A second degree was conferred with the work of the evening being carried out by members of all four lodges. To wind up our 50th anniversary year, a ladies night dinner / dance was held at the Scottish Rite in October 20, 2007.

Meridian Lodge continues to be an active lodge supporting local benevolence groups. Regular social activities are held for our families such as an annual Christmas Dinner and regular Ladies Nights. Over the years, our members have participated in hosting annual family picnics and other social events including a pig roast.

Members of Meridian lodge, along with our present (2011 – 2012) Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Stephen Cowell, look forward with confidence to the future.

Submitted by Reg Joyce, Secretary

Masonic Beef and Corn Roast Another Great Success!



R. W. Bro. J. K. Johnston enjoyed the Corn Roast along with V. W. Bro. Rankin Boyd and Bro. Alken



The Corn Roast Team pulled off another successful fundraiser with a \$7500 donation to Alzheimer's Research at St. Peter's Hospital, Hamilton.

Being kind is more important than being right.

- Andy Rooney

SCOTLAND, ANYONE?

For April 2012, at the urging of some Brethren, I am trying to organize a similar trip.



In 2010, a group of eight Masons journeyed to Scotland to demonstrate the various degrees of Ontario Masonry. It was a highly successful undertaking and included a Quarterly Session of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and a visit to Lodge Kilwinning No. 0.

As well we visited the Lodge rooms of Cannongate Kilwinning No. 2, (the oldest existing Lodge room in the World), Roslyn Chapel, Stirling Castle, The Wallace Monument, Dunblane Cathedral and the Royal Yacht Britannia and more.

Some members even took a side trip to London to visit the United Grand Lodge of England.

An Edinburgh company has identified a number of self-catering flats available for rental.

They are priced at around £100 per week per person. They are very nice. To see examples, go to “Edlets” on the web.

Air fare has been identified as \$770, round trip, including taxes. This may get better as we get nearer the time.

If you are at all interested, please contact me, V.W. Bro. Roy Cummings at rcummin@cogeco.ca.

If anyone is interested, I can also forward a PDF report on the previous trip. Wives or companions are very welcome.

Fraternally,

V.W. Bro. Roy Cummings
Wellington Square Lodge No. 725

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*“One’s destination is never a place,
but a new way of seeing things.”*
– Henry Miller

WHEN IS A MASON A MAN?

Joseph Fort Newton answers this question in the last paragraph of “The Builders,” probably the most popular of all Masonic books, in these words:

“When he can look out over the rivers, the hills and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage, which is the root of every virtue;

When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic and as lonely as himself; and seeks to know, to forgive and to love his fellow man;

When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea even in their sins - knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds;

When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them and above all, how to keep friends with himself;

When he loves flowers, can hunt birds without a gun and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child;

When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life;

When star-crowned trees and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead;

When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response;

When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things and see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be;

When he can look into a wayside puddle and sees something beyond mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond sin;

When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope;

When he has kept faith with himself, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song; glad to live, but not afraid to die! Such a man has found the only secret of Freemasonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world.”

Source: **The Alumni News**, Fellows of the College of Freemasonry, December 2010, Volume 1, No. 5. Reprinted with permission.

ANCIENT CHARGES OF 1723

I. Concerning GOD and RELIGION.

“A Mason is oblig’d by his Tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be a stupid Atheist nor an irreligious Libertine. But though in ancient Times Masons were charg’d in every Country to be of the Religion of that Country or Nation, whatever it was, yet ‘tis now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that Religion in which all Men agree, leaving their particular Opinions to themselves; that is, to be good Men and true, or Men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Denominations or Persuasions they may be distinguish’d; whereby Masonry becomes the Center of Union, and the Means of conciliating true Friendship among Persons that must have remain’d at a perpetual Distance.”

Anderson's Constitutions

In 1723, James Anderson wrote and published *The Constitutions of the Free-Masons, For the Use of the Lodges* in London and Westminster. This work was reprinted in Philadelphia (becoming the first Masonic book printed in America) in 1734 by Benjamin Franklin, who was that year elected Grand Master of the Masons of Pennsylvania. An electronic edition of that work is online. A second London edition, much expanded, appeared in 1738. The work was translated into many languages, including Dutch (1736), German (1741), and French (1745).

In addition to clarifying the rules by which the fraternity was to be governed, Anderson's Constitutions contained a History of Freemasonry which claimed that the Craft was very ancient. He traced the fraternity's history from the Medieval guilds of operative stonemasons through various Roman and Greek builders and mathematicians, all the way back to biblical roots.

It is now recognised that Dr. Anderson's story of the Craft is based on mythical tales and legendary traditions, and is quite controversial. However, Anderson's claim that Freemasonry dates back to ancient times continues to be repeated to this day.

Source: **Wikipedia, The History of Freemasonry.** This article was condensed and edited.



Contributions of Masonic Interest would be greatly appreciated from the brethren.

HAMILTON MASONIC CEMETERY TOUR BACK AGAIN BY POPULAR DEMAND



Have you ever wondered about the stories behind some of our Masonic brethren resting in Hamilton Cemetery? Well, the “Stories in the Stones” Masonic Cemetery Tour is back again by popular demand!

This year, a special treat awaits! A mystery was solved by brother, Al

McLaren, Lincoln Lodge No. 544 and his wife. Find out how they solved the case of the “unknown brother” and the great lengths they went through to provide a new headstone for this dear departed brother.

The Cemetery Tour takes place **Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.** from the main entrance to the Hamilton Cemetery, 777 York Blvd. (across the street from Dundurn Castle).

There is very limited parking on site but FREE two hour parking (enforced) is available at Dundurn Castle.

This event is open to all friends and family.

The “lively” and informative guided tour of selected gravesites of brethren who have returned to the Creator will enrich both your knowledge of the Craft and local history.

The Cemetery Tour takes place rain or shine over uneven terrain. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.

Cemetery Tour takes place from 11:00a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tour is FREE, however, a small donation to our guide would be welcome and appreciated.

For more information contact bro. Mike Cuberovic, Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602, by email at cuber@shaw.ca

Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.

- Sir Isaac Newton

THE CORNERSTONE PROJECT BENEFITS BOTH MASONRY AND YOUR LODGE

Grand Lodge, in conjunction with the Grand Master's theme of "raising the bar", has instituted a programme called the Cornerstone Project. Its primary purpose is to encourage and recognize lodges that plan, implement and manage a well-rounded yearly lodge programme that promotes lodge activities, brotherhood, charitable work, and involvement in the community. It is based on the concept that the cornerstone is the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation and is important because all other stones will be set in reference to this stone, thus determining the position and strength of the entire edifice.

The true purpose of this initiative is to challenge lodges to rise above their current standard, or raise the bar, and set new standards by which they are judged by their members and others.

The programme is not a one-time event. It is an award that is presented on a yearly basis after the lodge has met the requirements: one of three mandatory standards, five of eleven major standards and six of twelve basic standards. Successful lodges will be designated Cornerstone Lodges at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge with certificates presented to the winners.

Mandatory Standard (choose 1)

Friend-to-Friend, Mentor or Officer Progression Programme

Major Standards (choose 5)

1. Officers attend Annual Communication of Grand Lodge
2. Establish an operating budget
3. Utilize officers' mentorship programme
4. Conduct 2 of the 3 degrees
5. Members visit another lodge
6. Conduct Masonic education programme
7. Participate in a district workshop
8. Conduct a lodge survey
9. Distribute 3 written lodge communications
10. Participate in travelling gavel or other visitation programme
11. Blood Donor

Basic Standards (choose 6)

1. Special Event to recognize PMs, 50 year pins, etc.
2. Invite/host another lodge
3. Host social for ladies/widows
4. Hold banquet to honour new members
5. Masons and families attend religious service
6. Hold lodge of discussion
7. Visit youth programme or hold meeting with them
8. Conduct Rusty Mason or similar event

9. Assist shut-ins/widows with chores
10. Implement banquet programme with proper Protocol & Etiquette
11. Participate in a Community Event
12. Hold an Open House

Remember

Qualification window **opens June 1st** of each year.
Qualification window **closes May 31st** of each year.

COLLEGE OF FREEMASONRY Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

The College offers three Masonic Education Distance Learning courses:

D.D.G.M. Preparatory Course Masonic Arts and Science Course Preparatory Course for Aspiring Worshipful Masters

A brief synopsis of all is shown below:

1. **D.D.G.M. Preparatory Course**
Cost: \$50.00

This course is open to all Master Masons
The course is composed of three sections, which, when completed should provide a good grounding in the duties, responsibilities and possible problems, that you might encounter as a District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar. Because knowledge is basic to your success it is anticipated that the information contained within this course will be of assistance to you.

1. DUTIES AND LEADERSHIP:

This sections deals with the D.D.G.M.'s responsibilities as a capable leader and his knowledge of the Book of Constitution.

2. ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & COMMUNICATIONS:

This section looks at policies of Grand Lodge and individual Lodge management practices with the intent to produce a knowledgeable administrator.

3. PROTOCOL, ETIQUETTE & RITUAL:

This section pertains to Protocol, Etiquette and the Ritual, which if not addressed thoughtfully and applied with fairness, propriety and respect, may make your tenure difficult no matter how proficient you have become in every other aspect of your duties. As we alluded to earlier, all eyes are upon you. Do not take Protocol, Etiquette and the Ritual lightly.

Note: The amendment to Section 50 of the Book of Constitution reads as follows ...Section 50 (b) ... "A candidate for the office of District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar shall be in possession of a certificate of completion of the course for prospective District Deputy Grand Masters as offered by the College of Freemasonry."

This amendment will be immediately applied to those standing for election as District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar at the July 2011 Annual Communication.

2. Masonic Arts and Science Course

Cost: \$40.00 per Module or \$135.00 for all four

“.....and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, to consider yourself called on to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.” - from the Charge to the Newly Initiated Candidate.

This course is for all who have reached the rank of Master Mason.

The College offers a series of four modules leading to the designation “Fellow of the College of Freemasonry”. (F.C.F.) The FCF designation can be used on Masonic business cards, name tags, etc.

At the conclusion of each programme, a certificate of achievement will be awarded to indicate the successful completion of such programme.

In broad terms, the programme is designed to give a Master Mason a greater understanding of the Craft at all levels. Normally, a student will complete the programme in 24 to 30 months, although many entrants achieve a final result in a shorter period of time.

Readily available reference material, among them the Book of Constitution, will enable the student to find the correct answers.

1. MASONRY AT WORK:

Discusses the Masonic Foundation: Benevolence and the Board of Relief: Masonic offences and how they are handled. Chaplains and religion in Masonry: How Lodge and Grand Lodge Committees are set up and how they function. General review of Lodge Buildings and Fraternal Relations.

2. HISTORY AND ORIGIN OF MASONRY:

As indicated by the title, this section is an in-depth study of the growth of Masonry in Canada, including its tribulations, from the inception of the Craft to the present time.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION:

Should it be a business or an organization such as ours, neither will succeed without a plan and a strong foundation. Here we look at how Grand Lodge and individual Lodges are organized through good management and sound business practices in each jurisdiction, to produce and develop knowledgeable masons.

4. PREPARING FOR LEADERSHIP:

Whether a student aspires to the “Officer line” in Masonry, or simply wishes business growth in supervisory or managerial skills, this portion of the programme will prove to be invaluable. Herein, much thought is given to motivation and effective leadership, together with hints on speaking and writing effectively.

To sum up, perhaps this quote, from a graduate P.D.D.G.M., will express the worth of the course: “Although portions of the course caused me to dig deep, I have enjoyed every minute of it. My only regret is that I did not take it prior to my election as D.D.G.M. Had I done so, many of the questions posed to me during my term could and would have been answered with greater conviction and authority.”

Preparatory Course for Aspiring Worshipful Masters:

Cost: \$50.00

The Lodge Officers Course is for those Masons who have aspirations for the Office of Worshipful Master of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. The course is composed of three sections, which, after completion should provide a good grounding in the duties, responsibilities and perhaps problems you might encounter as the Worshipful Master of your Lodge.

Since knowledge is basic to your success as a line officer in your lodge it is anticipated that the information contained in the course will support you in your journey to the Chair of King Solomon.

The three sections within this course are:

1. DUTIES AND LEADERSHIP

As the representative of your Lodge in your District, you will have a busy but exciting year. It will be imperative that you exhibit proper leadership within the District in general and within your Lodge in particular. By and large, most of your duties and responsibilities are defined and delineated with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the By-laws of your own Lodge. You should become thoroughly familiar with both of them.

2. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Worshipful Master is responsible for overseeing the governance and administration of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master is the bridge between the Lodge, the District and Grand Lodge. As such, the Worshipful Master is responsible for implementing the directives and policies of Grand Lodge. Thus, the Worshipful Master should be a capable administrator.

3. PROTOCOL AND ETIQUETTE

This section pertains to Ritual, Protocol and Etiquette, which if not addressed thoughtfully and applied with fairness, propriety and respect, can make your life difficult no matter how proficient you have become in any other aspect of your duties. As we indicated earlier, all eyes are on you. Do not take Protocol and Etiquette lightly. It is important that you know what we are dealing with in this section.

Applications forms are available from Grand Lodge gordon.hendrie@sympatico.ca or on the Grand Lodge website under the Education tab

W. Bro. Gordon Hendrie FCF
Principal of the College of Freemasonry

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. John Herbert Mills
Wardrope Lodge No. 555
Initiated: February 28, 1949
Passed: April 4, 1949
Raised: June 6, 1949
Called to the Grand Lodge Above on:
August 9, 2011



Bro. Henry Alan Faris
Seymour Lodge No. 272
Initiated: November 27, 1956
Called to the Grand Lodge Above on:
August 30, 2011

W. Bro. Victor Mann
Dufferin Lodge No. 291
Initiated: May 17, 1962
W.M: 1976, 1987
Called to the Grand Lodge Above on:
September 2, 2011

Bro. Bruce Wainwright
Landmarks/Doric No. 654
Initiated: March 16, 1970
Passed: September 21, 1970
Raised: January 5, 1971
Called to the Grand Lodge Above on:
September 25, 2011 in his 63rd year. Bruce worked for Dofasco for 40 years. He was a member of the Hamilton Fire Fighters' Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Shrine.

INTERESTING WEBSITES

The Structure of Freemasonry Poster -
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIp_JdH3ATg

THE 3-MINUTE INTERVIEW: S. Brent Morris
Washington Examiner
<http://washingtonexaminer.com/local/people/2011/09/3-minute-interview-s-brent-morris>

Freemasons History
The history of Freemasons is presented including actual history and the traditions of Freemasons.
http://www.masonicsourcebook.com/freemasons_history.htm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 15, 2011
The **Saturday Java Club** will meet at the Scottish Rite Building, 4 Queen Street South, Hamilton in the Round Room.
10:00 a.m. (sharp) to 12:00 noon.
Guest Speaker: R.W. Bro. Garreth Taylor
Topic: Explanation of Partnership with Grand Lodge and Brock University



Saturday, October 22, 2011
Masonic Cemetery Tour
11:00 a.m. - 777 York Road, Hamilton
(Park across the street at Dundurn Castle)

Sunday, October 23, 2011
Hamilton Masonic Districts' Fall Divine Service
Guest Preacher is R.W. Bro. the Rev. Jeff Hawkins,
Grand Chaplain
The Church of the Nativity - Anglican
1831 King St. East, Hamilton
Assembly 7:00 p.m. - Service 7:30 p.m.



Saturday, October 29, 2011
Past Masters' Association Breakfast Meeting
9:00 a.m. – M.C.H.
4 Queen Street South, Hamilton, ON
Guest Speaker – R.W. Bro. Paul Sabo, D.D.G.M.,
1st Erie District, Buffalo, NY.



Friday, November 1, 2011
Blood Donors' Clinic
at Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek,
from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The sponsor for this clinic will be
The Electric Lodge No. 495.

Saturday, November 26, 2011 – M.C.H.
Past Masters' Association Breakfast Meeting
9:00 a.m. – M.C.H.
4 Queen Street South, Hamilton, ON
Guest Speaker – Chief Rob Simonds,
Hamilton Fire Department.