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I was honoured to have M.W. Bro. R. Groshaw and the Grand J.W., R. W. Fred Bryant, accompany me to the Hugh Murray Lodge Installation on December 20, 2011. From their comments, they had a most enjoyable evening.

On December 13, 2011, my wife Ann and I attended the Centennial Daylight Lodge No. 679 Ladies Luncheon. We had a wonderful lunch and a great time of fellowship with the brethren and their ladies. My thanks to W. Bro. Edward Stewart-Burns, and the Secretary, Bro. Warren Page, for their kind invitation. I hope this tradition continues for a long time. Please mark in your calendars brethren January 28, 2012 as this is the Mid-Term meeting of Hamilton District 'C'. It is important that you attend and be brought up to date with the workings within our District. The meeting will be held at the Ancaster Temple at 10:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend please ensure that your Proxy vote is registered with the District Secretary.

January is the month of Robbie Burns celebrations. The following lodges are having their Annual Burns night suppers:

- The Electric Lodge No. 495 - January 18, 2012
- Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 - January 20, 2012
- St. Andrews Lodge No. 593 - January 23, 2012

Please show your support to your lodge and plan to attend so that they have a successful evening.

On January 30, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at the M.C.H., Centennial Daylight Lodge No. 679 will be hosting an Officers Progression Workshop. It will be led by V.W. Bro. Bill Brimer and I ask that you attend and show support for this dedicated mason.

We all take a great pride in how we travel throughout the District and visit Lodges other than our own and rightly so. We must also pay attention to visiting our sick and shut-in brethren, and letting them know that they are still a vital part of the lodge. It is amazing to see the lift it gives to these brethren. Please try and make time to make this a part of your routine; you will be surprised at how good it will make you feel.

I wish all the brethren and their families a Happy New Year.

John K. Johnston

FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER



Brethren, I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year with anticipation. I want to thank you all for your support during the first half of my term and I am really looking forward to being just as busy in the second half.

My congratulations to W. Bro. Andrew Simpson, the W.M. of Ionic Lodge No. 549, and W. Bro. Michael Dufour, the W.M. Of Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602, on their

being installed as Worshipful Masters of their respective Lodges. I wish them a successful year and I know that their Lodges are in good hands. My thanks also to the brethren of both Lodges, for the warm reception that I received from them.

The **DISTRICT CHRONICLE** is published monthly in Hamilton, Ontario and is available for download on the district website at <http://www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org>. Please forward submissions to this newsletter through the contact details on our website.

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.

FROM THE GRAND MASTER

It certainly appears that across the province we have rapidly moved from late fall to early winter to early spring and back to winter. It is hard to believe that the year is almost half over. I read of the many ongoing activities in the Lodge summons and good things are happening all across Ontario.

Many Lodges have done or will be installing new Officers soon and we congratulate all those who have offered to serve.



Freemasonry does indeed ‘happen’ on the floor of each Lodge and it is the Worshipful Master and the Officers of his Lodge who are the real leaders of Masonry.

The District and Grand Lodge teams are just a phone call away.

Housekeeping Items:

As some messages seem to need repeating time and again, I would ask for your support with the following matters:

(1) Ontario Mason Magazine: A reminder that if Brethren in your District did not receive a copy, it is probably because we did not receive their address. If the message did not get through you to the Lodge Secretaries or the Lodge Secretaries did not respond, then no copies were mailed to the Brethren in the Lodge. A very limited number of copies remain in the office, but may only be secured by having the Lodge Secretary contact the office. Postage will be charged to the Lodge semi-annual return. Copies may also be picked up in person at the Grand Lodge office.

(2) Square and Compasses: Any Grand Lodge publication, any District Newsletters, any websites, lodge signage, etc. in this jurisdiction should be using the authorized version of the Square and Compasses logo as found in the Book of Constitution, Section 3.1. Electronic versions are available on the CD distributed to each D.D.G.M. at the Regional meetings last August or on the Grand Lodge website.

Looking Ahead:

As we look ahead to the New Year, I wanted to emphasize again the importance of Communication and Masonic Education, two of our top priorities. I encourage the Masters of the District Lodges to elevate the importance of Masonic Education in their agendas. I still see many comments in the Lodge Summons stating that we had a great piece of education last month – when the candidate was unable to be present, when our plans changed, etc. – as though the education was the afterthought. Lodge or District Lodges of Discussion are an extremely useful educational tool that can effectively engage newer and experienced members. Why not ask one of your newer Masons to plan and execute one? Assistance is always available from the Grand Lodge, Lodge Resources Committee.

Grand Lodge continues to push ahead with its primary communication tool. I have been eagerly watching the development of our new website and Team Leader, Richard Kaufman indicates that Phase 1 will be ready for implementation early in the New Year.

This month I hope, with the assistance of the D.D.G.M.s, to stimulate an interest in those Lodges that may not think they have a stepping stone, or a trigger to Ensuring the Timeless Vitality of Freemasonry in their Lodge. The spark that lights the fire again, may be at the very doorstep of the Lodge.

A meaningful communication to all Lodge members from the Worshipful Master or a single bit of education that has a ‘Wow’ factor may be the trigger you need. To emphasize the need, I offer you another excerpt from our Strategic Plan. “Today, men at the West Gate are looking for truth embodied in an ancient moral framework that can be applied to their personal life. They seek the **strength of group experience** and the **benefit of access to wisdom** from those men who have come before them. They seek an opportunity to partake **in inspiring conversations**, marvel at ancient wisdom, and share their deepest fears and delight in the **simple joy of spending quality time** with other good men who are on a similar journey.”

Communication gets the gang together. Education keeps the gang together. **Our Vision requires focus. Let’s believe it and make it happen!**

Wendy and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

D. Garry Dowling

Grand Master’s full itinerary at
www.grandlodge.on.ca - EVENTS CALENDAR

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Your Grand Lodge office is receiving communication concerns from several jurisdictions indicating breaches of International communication protocol by several members/lodges in Ontario.

A reminder, Masonic communication outside of one’s own jurisdiction must be made via the respective Grand Lodge offices.

On behalf of your office staff: Gail Nickerson, Rose Blandin, Stacey Birks, Angela Schmidt and myself, we thank those having Masonic business dealings throughout the year, for your cooperation and extend our best wishes to all for a very happy, healthy and safe New Year..

Terence Shand

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brock University Partnership:

The partnership established between the **Grand Lodge and Brock University** has proven most productive and mutually beneficial to both educational institutions. Its beginning was with the initiative of the Heritage Lodge to support and maintain the Masonic collection in the James A. Gibson Library, and continuing with the posting on line of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge from 1855 to 2010.

The Annual **Dr. Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies**, funded by the College of Freemasonry, is now in its third year with **Dr. Steven C. Bullock** from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. His topic is *The Heart of Masonry: Upstate New York and the New Nation, 1776–1826*, and is being presented on **Sunday, May 6, 2012**.

The first phase is culminating in the joint sponsorship of the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry in 2015 supported by contributions to the Grand Master's Project (Foundation Project Number 2937.) The study of fraternalism in general and Freemasonry in particular has been advanced significantly.

The second phase of the mandate of the Partnership states: *"To establish an endowment fund in conjunction with Brock University to financially assist in the study of Masonry."* We cannot leave it to the conspiracy theorists and the lunatic fringe to project our public image. To gain academic credibility as an institution that has had a significant impact on the shaping of Canadian society over the last three centuries would do much to restore the respect which the Craft once enjoyed.

Brethren wishing to contribute to this phase of the partnership may do so through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario Project No. 2937 – The Brock University Partnership. All contributions are tax deductible.

The Niagara region was the cradle of early Canadian history and the birthplace of Freemasonry in Upper Canada and the home of our senior lodge in the jurisdiction, Niagara No. 2. The forthcoming celebration of the bicentenary of the War of 1812 will focus much attention on the history of Upper Canada. Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, the intrepid hero of that war, was a Freemason.

The vast collection of research material available in the collections of Dr. Charles A. Sankey, J. Lawrence Runnalls, and others made Brock University the logical location for this Centre for Masonic Studies.

Lodge Resources – The Cornerstone Project:

The primary purpose of the Cornerstone Project is to encourage and recognize lodges that plan, implement and manage a well rounded yearly lodge program that promotes lodge activities, brotherhood, charitable work and involvement in the community. The Cornerstone Project is **not** a competition between lodges.

I would suggest if you want to improve the Condition of Masonry in your lodge, look at implementing a Cornerstone Program that meets your needs. When a lodge makes the decision to participate in this program they demonstrate their desire to increase the value of the experience it provides to the membership.

Participation will bring many value added benefits. The Cornerstone manual can be downloaded from the Grand Lodge Website Home Page – Latest Update Links. Take the time and get involved to improve the Condition of Masonry in your lodge.

I wish you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Donald A. Campbell

Life isn't tied with a bow but it's still a gift.

From **45 Life Lessons to Live By**, courtesy of 90-Year-old Regina Brett, Cleveland, Ohio.

W.M. PROFILE SERIES 2012

Starting with this issue, the District Chronicle is running a series profiling the W.M.s of each Lodge in District C. We request that the Lodge forward to the editors a profile of the W.M. according to the following schedule:

Publishing Schedule	<i>Copy Due Date</i>
Valley 100 & Seymour 272	Dec 15
Dufferin 291 & Temple 324	Jan. 13
The Electric 495 & Corinthian 513	Feb. 17
Ionic 549 & Buchanan 550	Mar. 16
Wardrope 555 & Hugh Murray 602	Apr. 20
Landmarks/Doric 654 &	
Westmount 671	May 18
Gen. Daylight 679 & Meridian 687	June 15

We are looking for a picture of the W.M., a short biography, a comment on his vision of Freemasonry in general or his lodge in particular (approx. 250 words).

Please email material to R. W. Bro. Bill MacPherson at wjmac@sympatico.ca

WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

Valley Lodge No. 100

W. Bro. Aaron T. Smith



W. Bro. Smith was born and raised in the Hamilton/Burlington area, where he continues to reside, in the City of Burlington. Throughout his youth, the Smith family spent their summers in, and around Wolfville, Nova Scotia, and at the family cottage on Aylesford Lake, King's County.

Aaron holds many fond childhood memories of the Annapolis Valley, and recently had the pleasure of paying an informal visit to the local Lodge in Wolfville – St. George's Lodge No. 20 on the Grand Register of Nova Scotia.

After graduating from M. M. Robinson High School, W. Bro. Smith took employment at a local steel processing company, where he continues to be employed as Operations Manager. He began at Whytek Processing Inc. in 2000, and has assumed a general plant management role since 2006.

Aaron and his wife, Victoria, recently celebrated their ninth year together in 2011. They are avid hikers, and are planning to petition for life membership of the Bruce Trail Conservancy in the near future.

While not a professed member of any particular Church, Aaron maintains an open minded relationship with the G.A.O.T.U., and sees His house most clearly defined during regular pilgrimages through forest and field. Aaron finds wisdom and instruction, in all the world's Sacred Texts, and truly considers the V.S.L. a symbol of the Divine will, which is woven into the fabric of life itself.

W. Bro. Smith has one of the most extensive Masonic book collections in our District, and wishes to encourage an increased focus on Masonic Education during his year in the East.



From The Editorial Team
of the District 'Chronicle

Seymour Lodge No. 272

W. Bro. Stan Satchell



Stanley G. Satchell was born and raised in the greater Hamilton area. He received his BA Hon. from Huron College (UWO), and has applied this knowledge as a high school History and Law teacher for the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board since 2000.

Stan has been married to Barb since 1999. They were blessed with the birth of Victoria in 2005, and Aidan in 2007. Since completing renovations to their family home last year, the Satchell family has stayed busy with a variety of sporting and outdoor adventures.

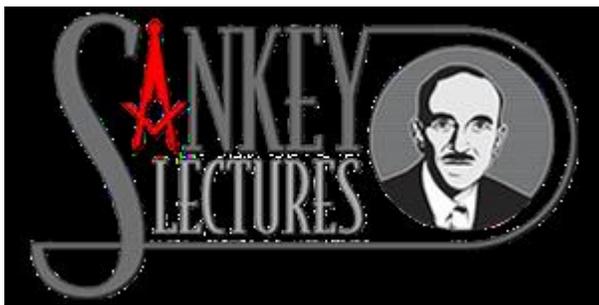
Stan's father Gordon joined Seymour Lodge No. 272 in 1969. It was only natural when Stan joined Seymour in June of 2005, and his father sat as Master for each of his three degrees. Stan was further honoured when his father installed him in the chair of King Solomon in January of 2009.

Father and son furthered their combined Masonic journey in 2006 when they joined Holy Royal Arch Masons - Ancaster Chapter No. 155.

At the District level, Stan has served as a Chair of the Blood Donor Committee since 2008.

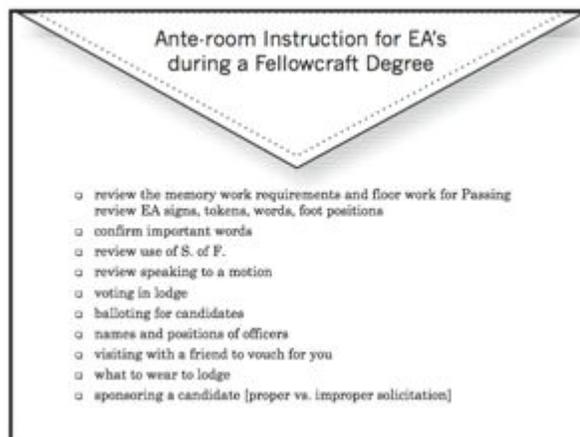
These combined experiences have focused his vision of Freemasonry on the basis of its origins and of its teachings. Stan sees Freemasonry's ability to continue as a progressive science directly linked to the Craft's ability to continue to focus on the commonality of man and our shared responsibilities.





NO TIME WASTED IN LODGE

Some of the best initiatives come from the grass roots - from Districts, Lodges or individual Masons. Here is something developed in Wellington District that is awesome in its elegance. The equipment consists of three Masonic Apron Graphics one of which is shown below.



We are pleased to announce that the **Sankey 2012 Lecture** will be held on **Sunday May 6, 2012.**

The lecturer will be **Dr. Steven C. Bullock.**

Steven C. Bullock is **Professor of History, Humanities & Arts at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.** A prize-winning author, he has published *Revolutionary Brotherhood: Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840*, *The American Revolution: A History in Documents*, and numerous articles.

He has also commented on Masonry and other subjects on ABC, CNN, and NPR, and appeared in documentaries aired on PBS, the History Channel, and elsewhere.

Dr. Bullock's lecture will be entitled:

The Heart of Masonry: Upstate New York and the New Nation, 1776-1826.

For tickets, please contact the Brock Centre for the Arts box office: Phone: (905) 688-5550x 3257 or 1-866-617-3257
E-mail: boxoffice@brocku.ca, Web: <http://arts.brocku.ca>

* Please note that tickets for the 2012 event are not available as of yet. Please check back closer to the date as we will update this page as soon as they become available. Thank you.

*"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement
and the thrill of creative effort."
- Franklin D. Roosevelt,
American President and Freemason*

I suggest you create copies of this, adapt it for other degrees (Fellow Craft or Master Masons: to be used during time in the ante-room while temporarily absent from Lodge e.g. at installations) and hang one on a hook in the anteroom of your lodge. Then arrange for the brethren to use them: Our newest Masons are the most curious, most interested, most easily instructed members we have. At the same time that they are seeking their own understanding of our curious institution, we are at greatest risk of losing their interest. If you can, recall the feeling you most likely had during your degree progress, when you were told perhaps for several months running, that you were to sit outside the lodge while another member received his next degree.

We must better employ the time of our newest Masons. There should be no wasted evenings at lodge. New members are understandably impatient to progress. They need to learn that we care about their progress and that we are committed to their advancement.

This is a simple plan, and is well within the capabilities of every lodge to employ. On every degree-planning sheet, the Master should designate the appropriate chairman, or a well-skilled member to retire with those members who are being excused for a time, and to ensure that good use is made of that "teachable moment". It may be necessary in a very busy lodge to run anteroom sessions for several meetings in succession with the same new Mason, or group of Masons.

This is an unprecedented opportunity to enhance knowledge. It is player development: team building, expert coaching, practically on a one-to-one basis. The topics suggested for presentation are starting points. I encourage you to be thorough and creative. Team-teaching is appropriate. Have the material for the evening prepared. Let your newest Masons know that there will be something for them at lodge this

month. (A phone call or e-mail contact would encourage their attendance and participation.)

Take whatever time this initiative requires in your own lodge situation and use whatever techniques you find appropriate. Let your DDGM know about your successes and share your best presentations.

R. W. Bro. Donald Hamilton
For The Committee on Masonic Education
Education Monthly April 2010

ANCIENT CHARGES OF 1723

IV: Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices

“All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real Worth and personal Merit only; that so the Lords may be well served, the Brethren not put to Shame, nor the Royal Craft despis'd: Therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by Seniority, but for his Merit.

It is impossible to describe these things in Writing, and every Brother must attend in his Place, and learn them in a Way peculiar to this Fraternity: Only Candidates may know that no Master should take an Apprentice unless he has Sufficient Employment for him, and unless he be a perfect Youth having no Maim or Defects in his Body that may render him uncapable of learning the Art of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a Brother, and then a Fellow-Craft in due Time, even after he has served such a Term of Years as the Custom of the Country directs; and that he should be descended of honest Parents; that so, when otherwise qualifi'd he may arrive to the Honour of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his Merit.

No Brother can be a Warden until he has pass'd the part of a Fellow-Craft; nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden, nor Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge, nor Grand Master unless he has been a Fellow Craft before his Election, who is also to be nobly born, or a Gentleman of the best Fashion, or some eminent Scholar, or some curious Architect, or other Artist, descended of honest Parents, and who is of similar great Merit in the Opinion of the Lodges.

These Rulers and Governors, supreme and subordinate, of the ancient Lodge, are to be obey'd in their respective Stations by all the Brethren, according to the old Charges and Regulations, with all Humility, Reverence, Love and Alacrity.”

Extracted from the Nelson King website - www.nelsonking.ca

THE FOUR CROWNED ONES



Did the Four Crowned Ones ever live ? Were they martyred ? Were they stonemasons in our sense of the word, or artists, carvers in precious metals? To answer one needs to be wise enough to untangle fact from fancy. It is the history of all legends of which the sources are lost in the mists of time, that passing the story from tongue to tongue, year by year, century to century, often confuses the original facts until the student has a hard time digging down through this literary patina of the ages to the hard metal of truth beneath!

However, the legends of the Four Crowned Ones - for there are more than one - are not dependent on one source alone for the telling. Several Latin and Greek manuscripts; and at least eight histories of martyrs, ranging in date from A.D. 400 to A.D. 894, tell the tale - or tales. Then there are the Brevieries, principal among which is that of Rome, dated 1477, but evidently compiled from earlier sources.

All record different versions of two distinct stories which in the course of time, have been confused, interwoven, merged, disentangled, again mixed. In brief, four officers of the Roman Army were executed, and five sculptors, artists or stonemasons, were martyred, all for their faith in Christianity. The murderer was the Emperor Diocletian. The names of the five artists were in time forgotten; it was then ordered that all nine should be commemorated under the title Four Crowned (or Holy) Martyrs. Later the missing names were recovered, but by this time, a church having been consecrated to the Four Crowned Ones, and years having passed, the pleasant fiction was continued and the Nine are still the Four!

Thus, in all strangeness, four soldiers of Rome became the patron saints of early builders, instead of the five sculptors who should have been, although their trade or profession persisted under the names of the four!

The four were secretly Christians and they converted Simplicious to that faith; and this was an evil age for the followers of the Carpenter of Nazareth.

The Emperor Diocletian, worshiping the gods of his day and age, commanded the five to carve him a statute of the god Aesculapius. When they repeatedly refused, the angry Emperor had them first scourged, them immured alive in sealed coffins and cast into the river. Later, one Nicodemus, a Christian, raised the coffins.

Two years later four officers of the army, by name Severus, Severianus, Carpophorus and Victorinus, refused to worship Rome's idols and false gods. Again by order of Diocletian they were beaten to death with whips armed with lead balls, and their bodies thrown into the streets for the dogs, where they lay five days. The names of these soldiers who died for their faith were lost for many years; then (according to

legend), they were recovered by a direct revelation from Heaven.

These two legends, two sets of martyrs, and two dates of martyrdom, in time became confused one with the other. Sometimes it is the four soldiers who were artists and cast into the river in coffins, sometimes it is the five who suffer death by whipping. Sometimes they die on the same day, sometimes eleven months, again two years apart. Sometimes it is five, then it is four, who first suffer. In one version, one set of names is lost; in another the second set is recovered by a revelation from heaven. What's common and agreed upon in almost all accounts is that nine men were put to violent deaths for faith in Christ and refusal to worship images, that their names were lost and recovered, and that all, by order of Pope Melchiades (A.D. 310) became known as the Four Crowned Ones.

The Craft has commemorated the Four Crowned Ones in a way known to all students; the great Research Lodge in London, Quatuor Coronati, is named in their honor. It carries a good little picture, or sketch of the Four Crowned Ones, taken from a decoration or illumination of a page in the Isabella Missal (dated about 1497), on the first page of all its monumental Transactions (now in their forty sixth year). The Lodge published, as the first of its priceless reproductions of old Masonic documents, the Regius Poem which connects the Four Crowned Ones directly with Masonry.

From very early days, the Four Crowned Ones became the patron saints of builders, first in Italy, later in Germany and elsewhere. Statues of the Martyrs were placed in niches in churches, as in the exterior of the northern wall of the Church or San Michele, church of the trade guilds of Florence.

The German Constitutions of Strassburg (1459) open as follows: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and of our gracious mother Mary, and also of her blessed Servants, the Crowned Martyrs of everlasting memory." Flemish Guilds of operative Masons were known as Vier Ghecroonde or Quatuor Coronati. In A.D. 619, a church in Canterbury was dedicated to the Four Crowned Martyrs. As late as 1481 an Article for the regulation of craftsmen in London (Masons Company) reads: "That every freeman of the Craft shall attend Christian church (within Aldgate) on the Feast of Quatuor Coronati, to hear Mass, under penalty of 12 pence.'

Why did the Four Crowned Ones, (whether four, or five, or nine) at once, seemingly, become famous in the annals of craftsmen? During the early centuries a succession of cruel men ruled in Rome: Christians were persecuted, burned, thrown to the lions, tortured, martyred. A noble company and large - why should these four (or five or nine) have been celebrated in Roman church, in story, song, missal, brevity, statue and legend, above others equally as deserving, equally as brave, equal in suffering and death?

No certain answer can be given. But it seems a reasonable guess that Christianity, starting among the poor and lowly, the "underprivileged" as we should call them, spread much more rapidly among the humble than among the patrician. The guilds of workmen, the collegia of Rome, the associations of workers, would normally become Christians far sooner than the rulers, the nobles, the patricians, the wealthy class. It is universal in history that the stronger the persecution, the greater becomes the strength of associations and the more tenaciously they hold to the bond which unites them.

If the four (or five, or nine) who died for their faith were members of the craftsmen's guild or collegia, their fellows would at once think of them as heroes; not only as men who died for their faith, but as craftsmen who upheld the honour and dignity of their order.

Condensed and edited from
www.themasonictrowel.com/masonic_talk/stb/stbs/36-10.htm

*Let us endeavour so to live that when we come to die
even the undertaker will be sorry.*

- Bro. Mark Twain

BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE REPORT January 2012

The Committee is pleased to report that our partnership with Canadian Blood Services has strengthened during the first part of this year. In the past, our District has shown to the C.B.S. that we are committed to assist in any way within our reach.

The Canadian Blood Services has opened the opportunity for Masons in our District to volunteer at Hospitality stations at several clinics in the community. Our plans for the future are to organize a dependable group of volunteers to man the Hospitality stations and to continue to encourage our Lodges to sponsor the three clinics we already have.

At this time the Blood Donors Committee for Hamilton District "C" is happy to report that a total number of 433 units of blood have been collected during the last eight clinics sponsored by Lodges in our District. See the dates under Upcoming Events.

The Committee thanks all the Lodges and individuals in the District who continue to support the Canadian Blood Services. The Lodges which have made sponsorships so far this Masonic year are: Corinthian Lodge No. 513, Landmarks/Doric No. 654, Westmount Lodge No. 671, Electric Lodge No. 495, Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602, Wardrobe Lodge No. 555, Buchanan Lodge No. 550, Temple Lodge No. 324, and Ionic Lodge No. 549. Orchard Park Secondary School has also sponsored two blood collection clinics this year.

Eduardo Cordero

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COMMITTEES

In order to keep our members informed, the D. D. G. M. has requested that Committee Chairs submit brief mid-term reports to the Chronicle for the edification of the brethren. Below is one such report. They need not be lengthy or onerous, just an update and/or reminder.

Resources Committee:

The adage "you can lead a horse to water" may aptly be applied to the function of your district Resources Committee. For the lodges and brethren of our district there is no shortage of information for those with a thirst for knowledge.

The extent of information, not limited to the Mentors Program, Friend to Friend and Brother to Brother is readily available to assist Lodges and Brethren in their pursuit of understanding and excellence.

It would appear from my observations on the occasions of traveling with R. W. Bro. John Johnston on his official visits that all lodges employ these tools to a greater or lesser extent and there are those in pursuit of the Cornerstone Designation. I might also suggest the wealth of information available by reviewing regular publications, such as our District Newsletter.

My Brethren, when you have a thirst for knowledge, the Resources Committee is there to assist you in your zeal. Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey S. Allan, District C Resources Committee Chairman.

INSTALLATIONS

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602



Recently, Hugh Murray Lodge installed their new W. M., W. Bro. Michael DuFour. With him are members of the Installing Board and Lodge Officers. Also in attendance were R.W. Bro. John K. Johnston, D. D. G. M. of District "C", M.W. Bro. Ronald Groshaw, P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. N. Fred Bryant, Grand J.W.

MASONIC MILESTONES

Seymour Lodge Honours Members With Long Service



Front Row: Bro. Doug Rogers 50 years, W. Bro. Murray Thompson 25 years, W. Bro. Gordon Satchell 25 years a PM, V. W. Bro. Dan Devison 25 years, W. Bro. Fred Dorr 60 years, Bro. Lanny Hiscock 25 years, V. W. Bro. Ray Wilson 25 year a PM, W. Bro. Dennis Hill 25 years.

Back Row: Bro. Peter Glauser 50 years, W. Bro. Stan Satchell, W.M., R. W. Bro. Damon Smith, G.S.W. R. W. Bro. John Johnston D.D.G.M. Hamilton District "C", R. W. Bro. Tom Marshall, P.D.D.G.M District "C" and Secretary of Seymour Lodge 25 years.

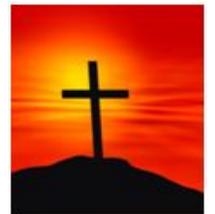
IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Gordon Harold Brushey Wardrobe Lodge No. 555

Called to the G.L.A.: Dec. 10, 2011

In his 91st year. Predeceased in 1999 by his beloved wife of 54 years, Kay. Survived by a son, and a daughter.

Retired from the Post Office. Memorial donations are requested to be made to the Salvation Army.



V. W. Bro. Charles A. Houghton

Meridian Lodge No. 687

Called to the G.L.A.: Dec. 7, 2011

In his 90th year. Loving husband of Jan for 64 years and dear father of two daughters and a son. Sadly missed by 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Charlie was a Past Master and last surviving Charter Member of Meridian Lodge No. 687, Ancaster and a 33rd Degree Mason. He also served for many years as the Captain of the Hamilton Harbour Commission boat **The John Agro**. Donations can be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association. A Memorial Service is to take place at a later date at the Ancaster Lodge Hall.

INTERESTING WEBSITES

For an interesting presentation on **The Four Crowned Ones** by Dr. John S. Wade, I. P. M. of Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research No. 2076, London, England, go to <http://freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com/2011/01/weofmorg-four-crowned-ones-by-john-s.html>

“A page about Freemasonry” (established October 1994) is reputed to be the world's oldest Masonic website. It links on to several other sites with topics of Masonic interest. Take a look at <http://www.mit.edu/dryfoo/masons/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Blood Donors' Clinics:

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

McMaster Student Centre, Hamilton
Sponsored by Buchanan Lodge No. 550
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 13, 2012

Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek
Sponsored by Temple Lodge No. 324
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

McMaster Student Centre, Hamilton
Sponsored by Ionic Lodge No. 549
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 15, 2012

District BBQ Organizing Committee

At 2:00 p.m. at the home of W. Bro. Ed Patterson, 9575 White Church Road, Mount Hope. We are hoping to have a member from each Lodge present. Email: tardis_01@hotmail.com

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Masonry Under the Stars, McMaster Planetarium
7:00 p.m., Organized by Wardrope Lodge
Contact: R.W. Bro. Ian Craig, ian1craig@hotmail.com

Saturday, January 28, 2012

District "C" Mid-Term Meeting

10 a.m. at the Ancaster Lodge Hall.
Committee Updates and D. D. G. M.
Report on the Condition of Masonry

Monday, January 30, 2012

Officer Progression/Masonic Leadership

Presented by **V. W. Bro. Bill Brimer**
at **7:30 p.m.** Sponsored by Centennial Daylight Lodge No. 679 and the Craft Association of Hamilton Masonic Districts at the **Masonic Centre of Hamilton.**

Friday, February 10 - Friday, February 17

Quinte St. Alban's - 3rd Fraternal Visit to Holguín, Cuba
One week Vacation and Masonic Discovery:

Accommodation at the Playa Pesquero Beach Resort.
All Inclusive, Double Occupancy Price \$1,095.24 per Adult (tax incl.) (Subject to availability at time of booking)
To Book, contact Yani – (416) 646-0890 - ext. 268

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Hamilton Past Masters' Association Breakfast and Town Hall Meeting

with the Grand Master -

M. W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling

Location - Stoney Creek Masonic Hall

Reception 8:30 a.m., Breakfast 9:00 a.m., Meeting 9:45 a.m.

W. Bro. Tom Young, Public Relations Chairman for the Past Masters Association of the Hamilton Districts, has announced that our Grand Master thought that this would be a great opportunity to have a **Town Hall Meeting** and the PMA executive was in full agreement. **We have decided to open up this one meeting to all Masons** so that everyone might have the opportunity to spend some relaxed social time with our Grand Master.

The breakfast will be prepared for us by

W. Bro. Jon Stewart of Union Lodge No.7.

Cost is \$10.00. **RESERVATIONS REQUESTED** as seating is limited. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Tom Young by e-mail at thomas.young@shaw.ca or (905) 318- 0182.

D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISITS

Landmarks/Doric No. 654

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 - MCH
Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Lodge - 7:30 p.m.
Accompanying - Corinthian No. 513

Corinthian Lodge No. 513

Thursday, January 26, 2012 - MCH
Dinner - 6:00 p.m. - Lodge - 7:30 p.m.
Accompanying - Ionic Lodge No. 549

UPCOMING INSTALLATIONS

Seymour Lodge No. 272

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 - Ancaster
Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Lodge - 7:30 p.m.

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