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FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

I would like to thank all of the brethren who attended the Craft Association's Annual DDGM dinner and dance on March 3, 2012. It was a wonderful evening and a terrific turnout of the brethren. Thank you for the plaque that was presented to me on behalf of the district; it will have a very special place in my home and is much appreciated.



I would personally like to thank you, for all of the support and hospitality that you have shown me so far and I look forward to the rest of my visits throughout the District. A special

thanks to W. Bro. Bob Blundell and his committee, for putting on such a wonderful evening, and to my

wife, Ann, for her part in replying to the Toast to the Ladies.

I would ask all of you to please make a special note in your calendar of the Hamilton Masonic Districts Board of Relief Divine service on April 22, 2012. All of the information is listed in the Chronicle, but I would request that as many brethren as possible attend and show our support to this fine body of masons. The Grand Chaplain will once again be the guest speaker.

April 27, 2012 marks the date for the Grand Masters reception to be held at the Masonic Centre of Hamilton. I have sent out a letter earlier stating that it was important that the Master and his Wardens of all 14 lodges in District C, with their wives, attend at 6:00 p.m. as this is your opportunity to meet with our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling and his wife, before the festivities commence. We only have a few occasions to meet the G. M. and I would appreciate a large turn out from District C to show support for this outstanding Mason.

My thanks to R.W. Bro. Bob Kerr, President of the Hamilton Past Masters Association, and R.W. Bro. Mike Kingsley, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, for the vast amount of work that they and their committee have put in to arranging all of the details that are involved in running this large event.

W. Bro. Edward Patterson has reported that the District C BBQ is to be held on Saturday June 23, 2012, at the Serbian Community Centre. Further details will be available at a later date. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of the District C brethren and their families and friends to get together and show what Harmony and Fellowship is all about.

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

John K. Johnston DDGM

FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

There are several issues which I wish to bring to your attention at this time.

1. District Events: Many of you have been using the services of our Internal Communications team under the leadership of W. Bro. Eric Lakien to distribute news of your District events. Recently we have had several situations where material sent to Eric was incorrect and not properly validated. We are reminded that information dealing with G.M. Receptions, and several Lodge Anniversaries, visits, etc., must be sent to the Grand Lodge Office for review prior to distribution. Please ensure that the Grand Secretary has approved your material before to sending to Eric for distribution. Eric provides us with a great service, BUT it is up to each of us to ensure the quality and accuracy of the material we ask him to send out.



2. Use of Electronic Devices: We are getting more and more interruptions due to cell phones ringing and Brethren utilizing their electronic devices for texting and communicating while in Lodge. I have spoken with R.W. Bro. Gordon Crutcher, the Chairman of the Protocol and Etiquette Committee and the current issue of P & E Essentials addresses this issue. When you receive it, please give it your attention. (Please see page 5 of this edition for the relevant article.)

3. Survey Says...: Results of the Grand Lodge Long Range Planning Committee's spring 2011 survey have been released and are available on-line and will be discussed in a future issue. (Please see page 7 of this edition for a summary of the results.)

Looking Ahead:

We are eagerly looking forward to the spring season of banquets and visitations. What a privilege and honour to be able to meet with so many of you around the jurisdiction. Each time we are out, we are greeted

with warmth, friendship and hospitality that is unbounded. As we travel back from these wonderful evenings, I often ask myself if this enthusiasm and excitement carry over to the next Lodge meeting. You honour the Office of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers by the attendance of you and your ladies at such events. They are exciting nights.

Do you share the same excitement on a regular basis at your Lodge meeting or your District events? If the answer is yes, then I encourage you to understand what the catalyst is for that excitement – is it one Brother, a group of Officers, the Worshipful Master, dedicated Past Masters, new Members, a fundraiser, work on the Lodge premises? Find out what it is and, (a) don't let it get away and, (b) figure out how to capitalize on it in the future.

If the answer is no, ask the question – where do we find the catalyst? Is it an individual or group of individuals, an event not yet planned, an outside trigger? Ask yourself – could I be the catalyst – why not? Have you visited the most successful Lodge in the District and asked them what they do, how they do it and why they are successful. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

When the crowds have gone home after the reception, the glow of that special evening has worn off, and you are looking at the agenda for next month's meeting, remember the warmth, friendship and hospitality and use it generate excitement for your next meeting.

One of the goals stated in our strategic plan is to "Ensure that a vital membership continues to grow and expand in Ontario." Exciting, vibrant, productive meetings would go a long way to contributing to that goal. Look to the future. Be bold. Be creative. Enjoy Masonry. Contribute. The vitality you demonstrate will rub off on those around you.

You don't have to be an officer to be a leader. I believe every Mason is a leader in one way or another. Accept the challenge – Believe in yourself, Believe in Freemasonry – Be the catalyst.

D. Garry Dowling
Grand Master

"Act enthusiastic and you will be enthusiastic!"
- Dale Carnegie

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Thinking about serving our membership at Grand Lodge? Grand Lodge is seeking qualified, motivated and active Past Masters, who believe in our Mission: “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.” Are you that person? If so, now is the time to plan to be part of the team.

As we prepare for our Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on the third Wednesday of July and the Thursday following (July 18, 19, 2012), many of our Past Masters are considering being a candidate for the office of Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Registrar, or a Member of the Board of General Purposes. If that is your intention, then your nomination application must be received by the Grand Secretary on or before April 1st. Because April 1st falls on a Sunday, the closing for 2012 nominations will be 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2012. Don’t test the system; get your applications in early. There are no exceptions. I strongly recommend prospective candidates familiarize themselves with Sections 36 to 41 inclusive, of the Book of Constitution (2011).

No Brother shall be eligible for office in Grand Lodge unless he has attained the rank of Past Master. Candidates, other than G.M., D.G.M. and D.D.G.M.s, are nominated, in writing on a prescribed form, by any member of Grand Lodge. The Nomination Form, which will have an attached passport-size photo of the candidate (colour preferred), must be signed by the nominator and the candidate.

Grand Lodge consists of its Grand Lodge Officers, its Past Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters and the Masters and Wardens of all Lodges duly returned on the Grand Lodge register. Any Lodge which has neglected to deliver to the Grand Secretary its returns and payments to Grand Lodge on or before July 8, 2012, Masters and Wardens will not be able to vote at Grand Lodge, including voting for the elective Grand Lodge Offices and the Board of General Purposes. This includes proxy votes. Attention D.D.G.M.s - that is why you have been directed by Grand Lodge to ensure Lodges in your District have submitted their returns to the Grand Secretary.

All constituent Lodges in Ontario who attend our Annual Communication of Grand Lodge should have an opportunity to exercise their right and vote for their Grand Lodge Officers two of whom are the Grand Wardens and the Grand Registrar.

The office of Grand Warden is an elective Grand Lodge office for one year. Aspirants may be nominated by any member of Grand Lodge and submit that nomination to the Grand Secretary. The candidate receiving the majority of votes will be declared elected by the Grand Master. The Grand Wardens, whenever directed, shall attend the Grand Master and act as his Warden. Further, the Grand Wardens have an important role in the Ceremony of Constituting and Consecrating a Lodge, dedicating or rededicating a Cornerstone, Ceremonies of Amalgamation and Extinguishing the Lights of a Lodge. More importantly, the Grand Wardens are expected to know their Work, such as, Opening and Closing in all Three Degrees, calling from Labour to Refreshment and vice versa, opening and closing a Board of Installed Masters and/or Grand Lodge, together with, the Ritual Work of a Warden. I can assure you, when you attend a Lodge and sit in the chair, Lodge Junior and Senior Wardens will be watching you. You will need proficiency in the Mechanics of the Work and of our Ritual.

The nomination and the election process of the Grand Registrar is the same as the Grand Wardens, with an additional qualification. The applicant must comply with Section 50(b) and be in possession of a certificate of completion of the course for the prospective District Deputy Grand Master, as offered by the College of Freemasonry. This qualification relates to the duties of the Grand Registrar found in section 114: “The Grand Registrar may, at the pleasure and direction of the Grand Master, take charge of any District for which there is not a District Deputy Grand Master.” Therefore, the Grand Registrar must be familiar with the duties and responsibilities of a District Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Registrar will also visit and report on the activities of the Heritage Lodge.

So, what is next? If you have the energy, time and qualities, consider being part of your Grand Lodge team.

Donald A. Campbell
Deputy Grand Master



WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

Ionic Lodge No. 549

W. Bro. Andrew Simpson, W. M.

Born in Cranbrook, British Columbia, Andrew



was an infant when a job opportunity for his father brought the family to the Hamilton/Burlington area. He currently resides in Hamilton with his fiancé Blair and a houseful of rescued animals. The two are avid outdoor adventurers, who camp and/

or canoe whenever possible.

Trained as a chef, Andrew has spent the better part of twenty years working in the restaurant industry in various capacities. While he is not cooking at the moment, the craving to get behind the line again has been taunting him. Andrew is teased frequently by friends and family for his insatiable passion for both the cooking *and* consumption of great food. He was inspired at an early age by both his grandfather and father, who were both papered chefs, to pursue and perfect this passion.

It was also his grandfather, a Knight Templar and Shriner, who inspired his keenness for Masonry. He was initiated in 2005, passed and raised in 2006, and installed as W.M. at the end of 2011. Andrew looks forward to following in his grandfather's footsteps.

His vision for Masonry at present is to see it brought back to the forefront of society as a regular part of the community, as well as play a part in encouraging membership, thereby returning Freemasonry to a time where it derived benefit from increased participation and support. In turn, Andrew gains from Masonry a sense of belonging to something far greater than himself and knowing that there is a worldwide network of good people as well as always having a great wealth of information, documents and texts that never cease to engross and engage him.

W. M. profiles scheduled for next month - Wardrobe Lodge No. 555 and Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 Buchanan Lodge No. 550 W. Bro. Gary Magwood, W. M.

Gary was born in Hamilton and raised on the West Mountain. Currently living in Stoney Creek, he and his wife have two wonderful grown children, a son and a daughter.



As a youngster one of his earliest recollections of Masonry was watching his father stepping out for the evening dressed in a tuxedo and hearing his mother stating that my Dad was going to ride a goat.

Many years later he, too, joined the Craft and is glad to say that his dad and he still attend Lodge together. One of his proudest moments, besides his wedding day and the birth of his children, was at his Installation when he had the honour to present his father with a fifty-year Past Master's pin.

In his earlier career, he was employed by Westinghouse Canada for twelve years. For the past nineteen years he has been self-employed, owning and operating Total Office Furnishings Inc. which supplies and installs office furniture in the GTA.

Along with being the Worshipful Master of Buchanan Lodge he is active in the York Rite and the Scottish Rite and is presently the Chairman of the Scottish Rite Club.

If asked what Freemasonry means to him, his immediate thoughts would go to the Ceremony of Installation and the General Charge.

On that occasion, on May 5, 2011, W. Bro. Gary Magwood was installed Worshipful Master of Buchanan Lodge No. 550.

At the same time, W. Bro. Rowe Magwood, father of the new W. M., was celebrating 50 Years as a Past Master of Buchanan Lodge. He presented his son with the gavel he used 50 years ago. Assisting were R.W. Bro. Ian



ANCIENT CHARGES OF 1723

VI. Of BEHAVIOUR.

3. “BEHAVIOUR when BRETHREN meet WITHOUT STRANGERS, but not in a LODGE Formed.

You are to salute one another in a courteous Manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other Brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being ever seen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that Respect which is due to any Brother, were he not Mason: For though all Masons are as Brethren upon the same Level, yet Masonry takes no Honour from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his Honour, especially if he has deserve well of the Brotherhood, who must give Honour to whom it is due, and avoid ill Manners.

4. BEHAVIOUR in presence of Strangers NOT MASONS.

You shall be cautious in your Words and Carriage, that the most penetrating Stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated, and sometimes you shall divert a Discourse, and manage it prudently for the Honour of the worshipful Fraternity.

5. BEHAVIOUR at HOME, and in Your NEIGHBORHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise Man; particularly not to let your Family, Friends and Neighbors know the Concern of the Lodge, &c., but wisely to consult your own Honour, and that of the ancient Brotherhood, for reasons not to be mention'd here You must also consult your Health, by not continuing together too late, or too long from Home, after Lodge Hours are past; and by avoiding of Gluttony or Drunkenness, that your Families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.”

From the Nelson King website: www.nelsonking.ca.

CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE

This article appeared in the **PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE ESSENTIALS** Issue No. 16 - March

2012. The Grand Master sincerely hopes that you will take heed and act accordingly. He encourages every Worshipful Master to make an announcement at the beginning of each meeting regarding these devices.

“How did freemasonry ever get along without cell phones for our first 900 years? Rather nicely, actually.



The presence of electronic devices in our lodge rooms has, unfortunately, become very common. What is their place in lodge? Well, as long as: they don't ring; you don't check your e-mail; you don't send text messages; you don't use your browser and they don't contain excerpts from our rituals and ceremonies, they may have one use.

That use is for emergency calls only, (should such a need arise) – provided your phone is set to vibrate instead of ring.

The solemnity of our Degrees should never be disturbed by a ringing phone. You are doing a great disservice not only to the candidate, but also to every other brother in the room – most especially to the brother who is conducting ritual.

A ringing phone at a **Masonic Memorial Service** is also to be avoided. It can negate the favourable impact we work so hard to leave with the family and friends.

One thoughtless, discourteous act by a single brother can spoil the occasion for so many.

You may think no one else is aware that you are texting or e-mailing in lodge but rarely is such the case. You can quickly become a distraction.

Should a phone ring in lodge, it is completely within the Worshipful Master's authority to order the brother to leave the lodge room. It is up to the Master to decide whether or not to readmit that brother before the meeting ends.

Notes:

- Section 281 of our Constitution prohibits the reproduction of our ritual by any electronic means.
- Should a brother disturb the harmony of the lodge, Section 295 empowers the Master to order him to leave the lodge room.
- If there is the possibility of receiving an emergency call while at a lodge meeting, alert the Master beforehand. He MAY permit you to leave the lodge room “without ceremony” to answer such a call.”

GROUNDBREAKING REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY IN THE U.K.

The Freemasons have today published a groundbreaking, independently commissioned report that sheds new light on Freemasonry, its role in society and its relevance today.

“The Future of Freemasonry” report is the first ever independent study conducted by a non-Masonic body, and was commissioned as part of the build-up to the United Grand Lodge of England’s tercentenary in 2017.

Produced by the highly respected Social Issues Research Centre (SIRC) in Oxford, the report suggests that, contrary to some misleading commentary, Freemasonry actually demonstrates genuine openness and transparency and it concludes that it is arguably more relevant today than ever before.

In particular, the report highlights that Freemasonry acts as a ‘constant’, providing members with a unique combination of friendship, belonging and structure, with many Masons saying they have made valuable lifelong friendships.

The report also highlights the importance that Freemasonry places on charitable giving, the part that many Freemasons play in their local communities and the central role of the family. As well as instilling in its members a moral and ethical approach to life – including thoughtfulness for others, kindness in the community, honesty in business, courtesy in society and fairness in all things – Freemasons are the largest charitable givers after the National Lottery, and also make major contributions to international disaster relief funds.

The role of ritual is shown to be an important part of Freemasonry for many members, with the report concluding that it provides both structure and familiarity, in just the same way as the normal rituals of daily life do for many people.

Alongside the report, the United Grand Lodge of England also commissioned a quantitative survey among non-Masons, which revealed a significant level of interest in the organisation.

Key findings include:

- While half of those questioned said they did not know what Freemasonry is all about, more than one in three (35%) were aware of its charitable role.

- Nearly half (49%) wanted to know more about Freemasonry, while a quarter of male respondents (26%) would consider joining. Of these, 68% were attracted to the idea of belonging to a group and making new friends and 58% would like to do more in the community.
- Of those men who would not consider becoming a Mason, the single biggest response (given by 40%) was the misconception that “it’s not for people like me”. (Freemasonry is actually open to all men regardless of race, colour, religion, political views or social or economic standing.)
- More than a third (37%) of all respondents said that, if they met someone they knew to be a Freemason, they would be hesitant to raise the subject with them, while a further 20% would definitely say nothing, wrongly believing Masons are not allowed to talk about their membership. (In reality, members are actively encouraged to talk about the organisation and the important contribution it makes to society.

Nigel Brown, who has been the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England since 2007 and is leading the plans for the tercentenary celebrations, says: “The results of the research are encouraging, though we clearly still have some way to go to change people’s perceptions. This is just one step in our ongoing efforts to demonstrate our openness and transparency, and to inform people about the role we play in society.

“The tercentenary is a significant milestone for Freemasonry and while we’re keen to celebrate our first three hundred years, it’s also crucial that we look forward to ensure that we remain relevant and continue to grow our membership over the next three hundred.”

Peter Marsh, Co-director of SIRC, said: “The Future of Freemasonry” provides an insightful commentary, not just on the organisation, but also on modern society. Despite the many changes taking place – or perhaps because of them – our desire to be part of something and to help other people is undimmed. It’s here that Freemasonry has an important part to play.”

Nigel Brown concluded: “This report will form an important part of our discussions as to how best to ensure that Freemasonry continues to evolve and adapt to meet the needs of its members and also of wider society, while at the same time retaining the distinctive character and intrinsic values that have

attracted members for centuries and continue to appeal to people today.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Report of the Long Range Planning Committee on the 2011 Grand Lodge Ontario Survey

Why I Joined Masons

Top three reasons for joining Masonry

1. Brotherhood – making new friends and acquaintances from all walks of life, every background and age group.
2. Self-improvement – becoming a better person.
3. Knowledge – finding out about the history and mysteries of Freemasonry.

Least selected reasons for joining Masonry.

1. Achievement – progressing through the offices.
2. Education – learning from peers and mentors by practicing ritual and making short speeches.
3. Charity – being able to contribute to deserving causes, both Masonic and non-Masonic.

The Ritual

78.9% of respondents rated the ritual in their lodges Excellent or good; only 4% rated the ritual poor or marginal.

Lodges

78.4% of respondents rated Lodge buildings Excellent or Good; 7.5% rated lodges poor or marginal.

Member Retention

44.4% of respondents believe their lodge is doing enough to retain quality members; 40.3% believe they are not.

Lodge Viability and Sustainability

59.9% of respondents believe their lodge is at serious or very serious risk of going dark; only 16.5% believe it is not an issue for their lodge.

Attendance at Lodge Meetings

71.9% of respondents attend regularly or frequently; 9.8% seldom attend and 4.7% pay their dues but don't attend.

Future Planning at the Lodge Level

40.3% of respondents are familiar with the future plan for their Lodge; 21.5% don't think their Lodge has a plan.

Preparation of Candidates and the First Three Degrees

52.9% of candidates were not provided with documents or other information to explain Masonry
54.5% of initiates were not invited to an educational session that explained Masonry to them as Masons.
83.2% were not invited to a brother to brother event before being made Master Masons.

71.9% were not invited to an information session that explained the Craft in Ontario or options for membership in other Masonic groups.

The Masonic Journey

42.9% of respondents are not members of concordant or affiliated Masonic organizations.

Respondents by Rank

E. A. 2.6% F.C. 3.3% M. M. 41.6%
W.M. 33.6% V. W. 9.1% R. W./M. W. 9.8%

Participation in the Craft

46.0% of respondents have not been Masters of their lodge; 19.6% have been master of their lodges two or more times.

Memorize the Ritual

77.1% of respondents believe the ability to memorize the ritual should be a requirement to progress.

Instruction for Candidates for EA, FC and MM

70% of respondents believe there should be a programme that instructs candidates for each degree to prepare them for the ritual.

Age of Masons

Of those who responded:

- 4.2% are under 30 • 12.4% are 31-40
- 15.7% are 41-50 • 21.8% are 51-60
- 26.1% are 61-70 • 19.2% are over 70
- 0.6% chose not to indicate their age

Membership in Masons

55% of Masons in Ontario have been members for 20 years or less; 26.2% have been members for more than 30 years.

Electronic Masonry

Respondents were asked to indicate their willingness to use on-line functions if provided by Grand Lodge. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

For the complete report, contact Grand Lodge at <http://www.grandlodge.on.ca> .

MASONIC MILESTONES

Meridian Lodge M. M.s Movin' On Up

On the occasion of his Official Visit to Meridian Lodge No. 687, Hamilton District C D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. John K. Johnston presented Master Mason's Certificates to four proud Meridian Lodge Brethren.



R. W. Bro. John K. Johnston presented M.M. Certificates to Bro. Jeff Sadlier, Bro. Marc Matthyse, Bro. George Stefanyi, and Bro. David Outhwaite. W. M. of Meridian Lodge, W. Bro. Stephen Cowell, was on hand to offer congratulations.

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*"Behavior is what a man does,
not what he thinks, feels, or believes."*
- Emily Dickinson



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Town Hall Meeting with the Grand Master - an outstanding success!

At the recent very-well attended Town Hall Meeting and Breakfast with the Grand Master at the Stoney Creek Masonic Hall, the D.D.G.M.s from Hamilton Districts A, B and C participated in the event, along with several Hamilton Districts' Brethren who filled the downstairs banquet room.



Shown here (from left to right) are R. W. Bro. Nick W. Ellis - D.D.G.M. Hamilton A, R. W. Bro. Louis M. Domjan - D.D.G.M. Hamilton B, R. W. Bro. John K. Johnston - D.D.G.M. Hamilton C, R.W. Bro. Robert E. Kerr - President, the Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts, M. W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Deputy G. M., R. W. Donald A. Campbell.

Another Successful Clinic!



At the recent Blood Donor's Clinic, volunteer Lynda Joyce (on left) and R. W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero (between two Canadian Blood Service Workers) stop to smile for the camera as Photographer (and also a volunteer) V. W. Bro. Reg Joyce commemorated the occasion.

A Very Enthusiastic Response To Masonic Blood Donor Clinics



On March 9, 2012, at the Paramount Clinic, 75 units of blood were collected that day. The Hamilton Masonic District C Blood Donors Committee is proud to report that a total number of **1,318** units of blood were collected within our district during the 2011-2012 Masonic year.

The Blood Donors Committee thanks all of the Lodges in our district for their faithful annual support to the Canadian Blood Services. If your Lodge would like to support a clinic, I would be happy to hear from you.

R. W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero
Hamilton Masonic District C
Blood Donors Committee

Expand Your Wardrobe And Help A Great Cause

To obtain your very own MasoniChip tie or ladies' scarf in return for a donation of \$10.00 for each one requested, contact your District MasoniChip coordinator, W. Bro. David Wilkinson at dsw593@gmail.com



**THERE ARE
NO APRIL INSTALLATIONS
IN DISTRICT C.**

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Share a copy with a member who does not have a computer.

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. James Edward Campbell
Buchanan Lodge No. 550
Called to the G.L.A. - February 26, 2012

Jim was born and raised in Hamilton. He founded a concrete block company and what is now Source Cable. He began his political career here in 1960 as an alderman n Ward 7. Then he served 14 years as a member of the Board of Control for the City of Hamilton and spent one term as a Deputy Mayor. Jim had a commercial pilot's licence and flew his plane from one end of North America to the other, and to Haiti and other islands in the Caribbean. Jim received his helicopter licence at age 74. Jim was involved with Rotary Downtown, the Kiwanis Club, Sick Children's Hospitals and Buchanan Lodge. He was also an active member of the Hamilton Thistle Club, and the Hamilton Golf and C. C. He will be missed.



INTERESTING WEBSITES

To explore Masonic Museums throughout the world, <http://www.freemasonry.fm/Museums-Libraries.html>

Check out the new Grand Lodge website - <http://www.grandlodge.on.ca>.

D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISITS

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Seymour Lodge No. 272 - Ancaster
Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Lodge Tyled - 7:30 p.m.
Accompanying - Westmount Lodge No. 671

Thursday, April 19, 2012 – PIE NIGHT!

Dufferin Lodge No. 291 - W. Flamboro
Lodge Tyled - 7:30 p.m.
Accompanying - Valley Lodge No. 100

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Westmount Lodge No. 671 - Hillcrest
Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Lodge Tyled - 7:00 p.m.
Accompanying - Temple Lodge No. 324

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 22, 2012

Hamilton Masonic Districts' Board of Relief Divine Service



Carlisle United Church, 1432
Centre Road, Carlisle
Assembly - 7:00 p.m.
Service - 7:30 p.m.
Regalia is to be worn.
The service has been arranged by
St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, under
the direction of W. Bro. John

Forrester. It will be conducted by The Rev. Diane
Blanchard, with the assistance of R.W. Bro., The Rev.
Jeffrey Hawkins, B.A., M. Div., Grand Chaplain and
the D.D.G.M.s from the Hamilton Districts. Family
and friends are welcome.

Refreshments after the service.

Friday, April 27, 2012

Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts' Reception and Dinner in honour of

M. W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario,
at the Scottish Rite Banquet Room, Hamilton, ON.
Reception and Refreshments - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 7:00 p.m. \$45.00 per person

Ladies Welcome Tickets available from either your
Lodge Secretary or directly (with payment) from R.W.
Bro. Bob Kerr 16 Margaret Ave. Grimsby, L3M 4S1
Email - bobkerr@sympatico.ca

Response by April 9 would be appreciated.

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Stoney Creek Masonic Hall

Red Jacket Lodge No. 646, Lockport, New York

With Tuscan Lodge No. 551, Hamilton, ON

Will proudly exemplify...

THE AMERICAN 3rd DEGREE CEREMONY

Meet and Greet: 1 p.m.

Lodge Opens 2 p.m.

Dinner: 5 p.m.

Cost: \$15 Per Person

(Dress: Regalia and Business Suit or Jacket and Tie)

For tickets contact W. Bro. David Midgley
at (905) 966-0820 or e-mail:

Tuscan551@gmail.com



Sunday, April 29, 2012

District BBQ Organizing Committee

1:00 p.m.

(Please note the change of time to **1:00 p.m.!**)

Meeting at the **Serbian Community Centre** to walk
through the site in order to plan the layout for the
actual event which has been booked for Saturday,
June 23, 2012. Following the walk through, if the
weather is fine, we will have our regular planning
meeting. If not, return to W. Bro. Edward Patterson's
(9575 White Church Road, Mount Hope) to continue
the meeting. We are hoping to have a representative
of each Lodge present. Details to follow; if you wish
further information e-mail W. Bro. Patterson at
tardis_01@hotmail.ca

Sunday, May 6, 2012.

Brock University 2012 Sankey Lecture

Dr. Steven C. Bullock will speak on

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) 688-5550 ext. 3257 or
1-866-617-3257

E-mail: boxoffice@brocku.ca,

Web: <http://arts.brocku.ca>

Free tickets can be reserved to the maximum of 5
per call, for pick up the day of the presentation.
Presentation starts at 3:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 9, 2012

Valley Lodge No. 100 7th Annual Golf Tournament and Charity Auction

Copetown Woods Golf Club

Contact Bill Paul at 905-719-6464 or e-mail

bill_paul@dart.biz

for further information regarding times, costs,
sponsorships and location. All payments must be
made by May 26, 2012.

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

Masonic Beef and Corn Roast

In Marritt Hall - Anc Fairgrounds
630 Trinity Road at Hwy No. 2.

Open: 4:30 p.m. Corn: 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

ADULTS - \$15.00 (12 Years +)

CHILDREN - \$5.00

Family and Friends are welcome.

See your Lodge "Husker" representatives for tickets.

No tickets sold at the door. Funds raised go directly
to St. Peter's Hospital for Alzheimer's research.

