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FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER



Brethren,

April saw me finish my official visits to the 14 Lodges of District 'C' my calendar still will be a busy one. I am looking forward to May and June when I have the opportunity of attending the remaining 7 lodges on the occasion of the Installation of their new Masters and line officers.

My thanks to the Masters of Seymour Lodge No. 272, (April 10), Dufferin Lodge No. 291 (April 19), and

Westmount Lodge No. 671 (April 24), and all of their brethren for the hospitality, and kindness shown to me during my official visits. It was a wonderful sight to see the lodge hall packed to capacity on each occasion.

To the Masters and the brethren of Westmount Lodge No. 671, Valley Lodge No. 100, and Temple Lodge No. 324 who accompanied me on these visits thank you for turning out in such large numbers. It shows that District 'C' is in really good stead when it comes to visitations.

The Grand Masters reception held on April 27, 2012 was a great success, with a large number of masons turning out in support of our Grand Master M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling and his lovely wife Wendy. It was a pleasure for me to introduce the Masters, S.W's and their wives to them just before the start of the official reception. The banquet, and musical entertainment were excellent, but the speech given by the Grand Master was the crowning part of the evening. Again my thanks to R.W. Bro. Kerr, R.W. Bro. Kingsley and their committee for the efforts they made in putting on such a wonderful evening.

The Spring Divine Service was also a great success and we had a wonderful turnout of Masons from all three Districts. Thank you to the Hamilton Districts Board of Relief for organizing the event St. Clair Lodge No. 135 for hosting and to the Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. Hawkins for attending and delivering a fine sermon.

On May 6, 2012 at Brock University in St Catherines the Sankey lecture will be held and I urge you Brethren to try and attend. All the pertinent information is noted later in the Chronicle.

On April 28, 2012 at the Stoney Creek Temple I attended the exemplification of an American 3rd Degree hosted by Tuscan Lodge No. 551 and performed by the Red Jacket Lodge of Lockport, New York. It was a great to witness the ritual of another jurisdiction and compare the differences. The event was a sell out and congratulations to Tuscan Lodge for their efforts in hosting it.

It is with much sadness that I inform you Brethren that on June 19, 2012 Centennial Daylight Lodge No. 679 will be turning off the lights and going into darkness. I attended the meeting when the issue was discussed and the circumstances were such that there was no other option left for the brethren and the decision to go into darkness was made. The W.M. and the Secretary of Centennial Daylight are to be commended for the manner in which this whole issue was handled. I pledge my support to you and the Lodge in the time that you have remaining. The information regarding the times and details of

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the “Going into Darkness” ceremony are noted later in the Chronicle.

The dates for the 4 Installations within District ‘C’ are noted later in the Chronicle. I hope that we will turn out in large numbers and show our support for the new Masters and their officers.

John K. Johnston

FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Spring Fever! Brethren, it is not only the golfers that look forward to the sunny warm days of May. As we move from the inside to the outdoors we, as Masons, seem to be invigorated, gain a renewed sense of excitement and a desire to become more active once more. In many of the Lodge Summons, I see this same invigoration and excitement. Lodge educational activities seem to be on the increase, Lodge and District social events are prevalent and we continue to see a flurry of degree activity across the jurisdiction.

May is also the month when some of our members will offer their skills and talents in the service of Grand Lodge. Our candidate list will be available in the next few weeks and I encourage you to become acquainted with the candidates during those exciting Lodge and District activities over the next few months. Determine for yourself, which ones you think will bring exciting new ideas forward, contribute with energy and enthusiasm to our plans for the future and bring their skills and talents to bear in providing the services that you expect. See what makes them tick! Look for those future leaders who will embrace the same kind of excitement and enthusiasm found in your Lodges and Districts to move this Grand Lodge ahead.

Housekeeping Items:

- 1. Masonic Education Conference** – Ottawa June 02, 2012, Ottawa. See Chronicle Page 7 for details.
- 2. D.D.G.M. Attendance at Grand Lodge:** Deputy Grand Masters are reminded that they must attend at the Royal York Hotel for the meeting of the Board of General Purposes on Monday and Tuesday July 16-17 as well as for the Annual Communication on Wednesday and Thursday July 18-19.
- 3. Dress Code Annual Communication** – Please pass along to all Brethren in your Districts that the dress code for attendance at our Annual Communication is Jacket, Shirt and Tie.
- 4. Summons Font Size** – I am always amazed at the size of some of the fonts that I see in many of our Lodge Summons.

Please encourage the Worshipful Masters and Lodge Secretaries to consider the age of some of the members who must read the summons. It is a shame to see a lot of empty white space and a font size that requires a magnifying glass to read.

5. Candidate Biographies: Please see the note from the Grand Secretary regarding the upcoming availability of Candidate Biographies to provide more information to those voting at Grand Lodge.

Looking Ahead: Last month, we shared with you the summarized results of the province wide survey that so many of you participated in last spring. I hope you have had a chance to look over those findings. Allow me to briefly explain what will be done with those survey results. They form the primary input to the planning process that creates our operational (tactical) plan for 2012–2013. The Long Range Planning Committee and the Management Committee are charged with reviewing the survey results and merging them with the Strategic Plan. The Deputy Grand Master then adds the tracking results of our current 2011–2012 projects to that mix. We then are able to see what we started this year, what we will complete and what will remain incomplete. The two committees then evaluate our resources (both people and dollars) and apply all this information to the selection and prioritization of a set of projects for 2012– 2013. That results in the first draft of the operational plan for next year. All members of the Board of General Purposes have the opportunity to review that draft and offer any comments and suggestions they may have. The final Plan is presented to the Board of General Purposes at the Board Meeting in July for approval. If approved, this determines our key initiatives for 2012– 2013. Once approved, the operational plan will be made available for all to view on the Grand Lodge Website. Looking into the not too distant future, it will again be important for us to survey the membership once more, in order to ascertain if the projects and initiatives undertaken as a result of the planning process are delivering the expected results and meeting the needs of the Brethren.

I quote from our strategic plan, “The offering that Freemasonry renders to Ontario society equates to that of an *essential service*, and, as such, should be *safeguarded* for future generations.” Our planning is the activity that provides the safeguard. Part of Believing in Freemasonry means enjoying it today and planning for its greatness tomorrow!

D. Garry Dowling



FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Masonic Hall Corporations are subject to regulation, observation and comment from a wide variety of interested constituencies. Once you have accepted the position of a director and/or officer of a corporation, you cannot take the position that you were ignorant or not compensated for your time and trouble and should therefore be exempt from liability. To reduce your risk and to demonstrate that you take your responsibilities as a director seriously you should prepare for, attend and participate constructively at board meetings. Colossal failures in various other organizations have resulted in greater scrutiny that has led to increased accountability and a heightened focus on corporate leadership and transparency in decision-making and the financial reporting processes.

By the summons I receive, visitors and perspective candidates are visiting lodge buildings and lodge rooms in an increasing number. Most active lodges, after several years of declining membership, are experiencing new, younger and better educated men joining Freemasonry. These same people are coming over to your lodge building, your Masonic home, only to find a building and/or its property in disrepair. It has been said that Masons are the worlds greatest fundraisers. Are we, or have we been more concerned trying to outdo the previous D.D.G.M. charity project rather than looking after our own home? To me first impressions are lasting impressions. Is your house in order before our guest come knocking on the door? If not, why not?

In our Grand Jurisdiction, we recently conducted a province wide survey asking a number of questions. We asked our membership why they joined Masonry. The top three responses were: Brotherhood, Self Improvement, and Knowledge. The results do, however, indicate that charity is low on the totem pole as a reason for joining. Most brethren seem to feel satisfied with their lodge level of charitable activity and community involvement.

Did you ever go to a lodge and ask yourself why certain members, who were "always there," and all of sudden stopped attending lodge, especially on those special nights, such as the D.D.G.M. Official Visit, installations, or special nights to honour a worthy brother? Rather than increasing dues, Lodges are seeking other ways to raise money to augment their operating costs, or raise money for a Lodge, District or Grand Lodge charity. How many times have we seen members, some very persistent members selling raffle tickets for a 'prize' or conduct a 50/50 draw? Such activities are probably illegal. Many of our regular attendees are on fixed incomes, or recently widowed and the only enjoyment they have is sharing a few hours with the brethren, especially during the festive board. Are they staying away because they can't afford the added costs? Are they too embarrassed to say "no"? Unfortunately, the collateral damage being that they stop coming to lodge. If that's the case, then that's wrong. Charity is part of Freemasonry. When is the last time you saw a member pull-out his cheque book and pay for a brother's dues when the brother is having a financial problem? Social clubs

are important and as a community member, I appreciate the work they do.

Freemasonry is about education, knowledge, brotherhood and self improvement. We need to get our house in order, assist our brethren who are experiencing hardships and make sure every member enjoys a sense of ownership in his lodge.

Donald A. Campbell

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

A pilot project will be introduced to provide detailed information regarding those nominated to office at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in July 2012. It is intended to provide our electorate with comprehensive background information of each member seeking election to better enable one's self to select from amongst his peers those he believes is best suited to represent him. Further information in the April mailing from Grand Lodge.

The use of academic distinctions, following ones name, has recently created questions necessitating clarification. The distinction FCF (Fellow, College of Freemasonry), while an academic achievement a Mason is undoubtedly most proud of, its use should be restricted to one's own personal correspondence. It is not a term mandated to others obligating its use in their correspondence or communications.

Terence Shand

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WINNERS AND LOSERS

Everyone's a winner sometimes and a loser sometimes. The trick is to try to be a winner more often than being a loser. Advice is easy to give and difficult to follow. We all know that. Even so, from that famous writer, Author Unknown, we share these thoughts about the difference between winners and losers.

- A winner says, "Let's find out." A loser says, "Nobody knows."
- When a winner makes a mistake, he says "I was wrong." When a loser makes a mistake, he says, "It wasn't my fault."
- A winner says, "I'm good, but not as good as I ought to be." A loser says, "I'm not as bad as a lot of other people."
- A winner says, "There ought to be a better way to do it." A loser says, "That's the way its always been done."

V. W. Bro. Gerald Morgan, P.G.S., F.C.F., member of Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich and New Light Lodge, UD, Waterloo Region.

WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

Wardrope Lodge No. 555

W. Bro. Damon Allan, W. M.



Born in Hamilton, Damon is the younger brother of Jason Allan (also a member of Wardrope Lodge). Damon attended St. Thomas More High School where he spent most of his time focusing on football; it was not until a serious shoulder injury that he began to focus on academics. He attended

McMaster University and graduated with honours in Kinesiology in 2000 and moved to Boston to pursue work and academic ambitions. After almost two years in Boston, Damon returned to Hamilton to pursue other career endeavours - first with Image Consulting under the Alexander Steel name and now Maxima Tours – a family-run business. His hobbies include art appreciation, hot yoga, good food, and travel.

Damon was initiated into Wardrope Lodge in January of 2000 as the 1000th member. He is currently in his third consecutive year as Master of Wardrope Lodge and looks forward to continuing his plans to expand Masonic education.

In 2003, Damon joined a group of younger masons across Ontario in an effort to form bonds and also to facilitate educational projects across Ontario. This group was coined the G15 and its efforts are still very evident across Ontario through Lodges of Discussion, Education Manuals etc. He considers R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie, V.W. Bro. Ian Mackenzie, M.W. Bro. Raymond S. Daniels and V.W. Bro. John Lyness to be his closest mentors.

Damon's goal is to see the creation of a European Concept or Traditional Observance Lodge within the Hamilton Districts. Having experienced the Traditional Observance model in Bath, Ontario at Templum Fidelis Lodge – he is convinced that there are many Masons in our district that crave more knowledge of Masonry in and outside of Hamilton. This proposed lodge model will be one that executes exemplary degree work as a bare minimum and one that challenges each member to focus on being better Masons.

**June W. M. Profiles
Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654
and Westmount Lodge No. 671**

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

W. Bro. Mike Dufour, W. M.



A resident of Ancaster for eleven years, Mike's youthful abode was in Dundas. Having grown up in the "Valley" his roots have always held him close to the "Hammer". As a young man, he would walk past that building with the "square and compasses" on the corner of King and Main Streets in Dundas. Never did

he think that one day he would have the privilege of visiting Valley Lodge as a Mason.

For the past sixteen years, he has been married to the other "Master" to whom he bends, Tammy, and they are in the process of adopting a baby girl from China. Although on his side of the family, he is the first person to enter into Masonry, in his wife's family, Masonry has seen many generations participate. He finds this aspect of our Craft fascinating, how we are called to it and the spiritual connections we make through it.

This unique fraternal connection has extended even further through his career. He has spent twenty-one years in Law Enforcement at both the Federal and Provincial level. He is currently a member of the Ministry of Transportation as an Enforcement Investigator and Auditor. In November 2004, when he was initiated into Hugh Murray Lodge, he quickly discovered that his Enforcement Supervisor with whom he had been working with for four years was a Mason. He was then discovered that some of his fellow officers were also members of the Craft. which was in itself a fascinating experience because now we greeted each other fraternally.

Brother Mark Twain once observed that we should "keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but really great people make you feel that you too can become great." Masonry teaches us this the moment we enter through the door of the lodge at our initiation. Good men seek to improve on their abilities and to be achieve greatness, however that may be manifested. Masonry in general, and each Mason in particular, facilitates that process through brotherly love, relief and truth.

WISDOM

Wisdom is one of the three pillars that support a Masonic lodge. Although there are many references to wisdom an adequate explanation is seldom found. We are told in the book of Job 12:12-13 that "with the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding."

In I Kings 4:30-31 it is stated that "Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men ... and his fame was in all the nations round about." In verse 10 of Psalm 111 there is "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..."

In St. Augustine's writings can be found "patience is the companion of wisdom." Montaigne, in his essays, says "You can be erudite with the knowledge of others; you can be wise only with your own wisdom." Pericles' funeral oration given in Athens about 430 BCE tells the audience that "Ours is a simple love of beauty and a manly love of wisdom." The word "wisdom" is used quite freely in these, and many more examples. But what is wisdom? And where does one find it? It is suggested that it could be found in Masonry, because Masonry is a sanctuary, a place to breathe, a place to think quietly, and a place to grow wise.

It is clear that "wisdom" is not a thing of itself, but rather a use of other means and materials gathered over a lifetime. Wisdom is using the resources of knowledge, of experience and of good judgement; it is, therefore, the action, the proper use of the tools of the mind, brain and soul. The desire to learn is the beginning of wisdom and so it is very significant that we speak of becoming wise, for wisdom is a creative energy, and its fruits are temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. The human heart is like a bottomless well; it is always thirsty and searching for the quietude that comes only after the heat and turmoil of living has been overcome.

It is certain that the key to civilization is not technology, but the wisdom that comes from ample leisure. As it is humanly impossible to know all the facts, to count the sand of the sea or the drops of rain; it becomes the task of wisdom, therefore, to recognize our limitations and faults. Part of wisdom is knowing when one cannot be wise. One cannot think much less develop new ideas, unless one has units of comparison and wisdom provides the experience and right judgement for this.

Intelligence all by itself is useless, but added to energy and willingness it becomes formidable; combined with knowledge it has no limits.

It is apparent that wisdom is a lonely personal affair and is similar to the loneliness of the leader, for one has stepped beyond the limits of other men and stands apart. Masonry can provide a path to wisdom, along which one meets the happy companionship, the friendliness, the morality and the spiritual values that finally blossom into wisdom. A learned man cannot take you into the sphere of his own wisdom, but can only propel you along the path and leave you at the door to your own wisdom. Many of us remain outside that door, but those who enter are blessed with abundance.

In wisdom there is an intelligent, lucid and holy spirit; wisdom is knowledge, but not knowledge for its own sake, but knowledge which helps to widen the horizon and deepen the communication between man and man. Masonry may be termed a progressive science but it is also a reflective science, a place to think, to become human, to consider one's fellowman, not as an integer, but as flesh and blood, and, above all, as a stepping stone to wisdom.

By M.W. Bro. David C. Bradley, Chair Emeritus of the Committee on Masonic Education

Abridged from **The Newsletter** of the Committee on Masonic Education, Vol. 17 No. 2

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEWLY RAISED MASTER MASON

Now that you have taken your Third Degree, what next? There is, of course, proving yourself in the third degree, but there is much more that you can now do in Masonry. The world has just opened up fully to you. Here are just some of the opportunities.



The second booklet is addressed to the newly raised Mason and suggests opportunities for personal and masonic growth. Some topics include: Lodges of Instruction, Grand Lodge Library, College of Freemasonry, Heritage Lodge, No. 730, Appendant Bodies, and Where to Direct Questions.

The e-booklets were produced by the Lodge Resources Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario to assist newly raised Master Masons in their journey. A printer friendly version is also available. Contact Grand Lodge at www.grandlodge.on.ca.

ANCIENT CHARGES OF 1723

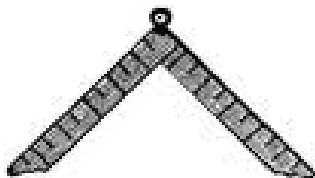
6. BEHAVIOUR toward a Strange BROTHER.

“You are cautiously to examine him, in such a Method as Prudence shall direct you, that you may not be impos'd upon by an ignorant, false Pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and Derision, and beware of giving him any Hints of Knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine Brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in Want, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved; you must employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employ'd. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability, only to prefer a poor Brother, that is a good Man and true before any other poor People in the same Circumstance.

Finally, All these Charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be recommended to you in another Way; cultivating Brotherly Love, the Foundation and Cap-stone, the Cement and Glory of this Ancient Fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all Slander and Backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest Brother, but defending his Character, and doing him all good Offices, as far as is consistent with your Honour and Safety, and no farther. And if any of them do you Injury you must apply to your own or his Lodge, and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication and from thence to the annual Grand Lodge, as has been the ancient laudable Conduct but when the Case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly Advice of Master and Fellows when they would prevent your going to Law with Strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy Period to all Lawsuits, so that you may mind the Affair of Masonry with the more Alacrity and Success; but with respect to Brothers or Fellows at Law, the Master and Brethren should kindly offer their Mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their Process, or Lawsuit, without Wrath and Rancor (not In the common way) saying or doing nothing which may hinder Brotherly Love, and good Offices to be renew'd and continu'd; that all may see the benign Influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the World, and will do to the End of Time.”

From the Nelson King website - www.nelsonking.ca



THE GRAND HONOURS

1. When according the Grand Honours, follow the prime rule:

The Grand Honours are given to the senior officer in the delegation being received. His rank will dictate the number of Grand Honours given.

2. The Grand Honours cannot be specifically given to a visitor of a lesser rank when he forms part of a delegation in which a more senior rank is present. The visitor of a lesser rank would have to be received individually before he could be specifically accorded Grand Honours.

Some of the other rules which apply include the following points.

3. All brethren accompanying the senior officer should stand at the Sign of Fidelity while the Grand Honours are being given.

4. The Grand Honours are compulsory in the case of a Grand Lodge Officer who is entitled to assume the gavel.

5. It is but common courtesy to extend Grand Honours to any current Grand Lodge Officer.

6. It is also the W. M.'s prerogative to afford Grand Honours to a Past Grand Lodge Officer, or to a Past Master, or to a visiting W. M., when circumstances warrant.

7. It is inappropriate for the W. M. to request the D. of C. to lead the Grand Honours.

8. Any brother who suffers from a physical disability need not give the Grand Honours. (He would simply stand or sit, but would not assume the Sign of Fidelity.

9. The established code for giving Grand Honours is found in Section 15 of the Book of Constitution. Also outlined is who is eligible to receive them.

10. The method of giving Grand Honours is described in both *The Masonic Manual* (pp. 45 - 46) and *Meeting The Challenge* (pp. 99 - 100).

From **P & E. ESSENTIALS**, No. 17 - April 2012.

I AM A NEW MASON! .. NOW WHAT? PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE NEW MASON

The first booklet is a practical guide for the new Mason.

Topics discussed include Get Familiar With Your Surroundings (e.g. Behaviours in Lodge, Titles, Officers), Attending Lodge Meetings (e.g. Procedures, Visiting) and What Next (e.g. What is Masonry All About, Ritual Work, Becoming an Officer).

Conference on Masonic Education Ottawa, June 2, 2012

Registration for this conference is filling up fast. We have a limit of 150 registrants and many have booked already. The conference themes are Education, Communication and Philosophy and the format will allow for in depth discussion to occur between conference delegates. At the end of the conference it is our objective to have raised your enthusiasm for Masonic education and be motivated to return to your lodge and district with many useful ideas on how to bring your ideas to the floor of the lodge.

A conference hotel has been arranged and a special room rate of \$99 + tax is available for this conference. On booking mention your attendance at "Masonic Education Conference". Bookings will be accepted at:

2259 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa, ON., K2E 6Z8

You may reserve a room at: phone 1-800-565-1311 – or - <http://www.montereyinn.com>.

The format will be an initial plenary session with a distinguished Masonic speaker, eight seminars each repeated once (Participants will chose 4) and a wrap up plenary with conclusions from each group.

There will be a distinguished speaker at the dinner following our last session. It is expected that the event will be over in time for personal activities with family if present. A registration form is attached below and also a "call for papers". As registration is limited to 150 please submit your form as soon as possible. Every attendee will receive a memory stick containing not only the proceedings of the conference but a library of Masonic books and papers.

Call for Papers

You are encouraged to present a paper on one of the conference themes (Education, Communication and Philosophy). Please submit an abstract of 100 words or less of your proposed talk. Of the abstracts submitted 8 will be chosen for the conference and given in two (2) sessions each of one hour and consisting of the delivery of the paper followed by questions and discussion. Attendees will choose 4 of the 8 sessions available. Please send your abstract to: Dr. J. M. Forster, 79 Birchbank Cres., Kanata, ON., K2M 2J9. Or e-mail to forster.john@me.com or to Bro. Wayne Levere at awlevere@yahoo.com.

From the Committee on Masonic Education, **Education Monthly**, April 2012

BRAND NEW BOOKLETS FROM THE G. L. LODGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE - EXCELLENT ASSETS FOR NEW MASONS

The Grand Lodge **Lodge Resources Committee** has recently released two new excellent booklets for new Masons and for newly-raised Master Masons.

REGISTRATION FORM MASONIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Education, Communication and Philosophy

Ottawa Masonic Centre, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa
Saturday, June 2nd, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Lodge: _____

Conference Hotel: The Monterey Inn

www.montereyinn.com

Conference fee \$75, payable to "Masonic Education Conference" c/o: Mr. Wayne Keech,

195 Barrow Cres., Kanata, ON K2L 2K9

includes morning coffee, lunch and dinner. The dinner will be a smorgasbord: vegetarian dishes will be included.

(Note: attendance will be limited to 150. Register early! There will be NO registration at the door.)

Do you wish there to be a ladies program independent of the conference? Y/N

BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE REPORT

The District C Blood Donors Committee wants to thank Valley Lodge No. 100 for sponsoring the March 9, 2012 clinic at Paramount Drive Alliance Church, 1035 Paramount Dr., where 72 units of blood were collected. Also many thanks go to Seymour Lodge No. 272 for sponsoring the March 13, 2012 clinic at McMaster Student Centre, 1280 Main Street West, where 88 units of blood were also collected.



Dedication such as that demonstrated by nearly all the Lodges in our District is what allows us to consistently assist the Canadian Blood Services in their campaign of collecting and supplying blood to the hospitals, health centers and services in South Western Ontario. Remember Brethren, there are hundreds if not thousands of patients in our communities who are grateful for the blood that was provided to them when they needed it the most to survive.

Thanks to all participating Lodges for their support and let us continue with our effort.

Eduardo Cordero
Hamilton Masonic District C
Blood Donors Committee

MASONIC MILESTONES



The fire at the James Street Masonic Hall, on September 20th, 1968 caused irreparable damage, and Lodges, Chapters had to find new locations. The building was completely demolished to make way for the York Street extension.



The old Lodge rooms were never the same.
Masonic Hall James St. N (1873-1968)

INTERESTING WEBSITES

Take a look at the Canadian Blood Services Official Channel - <http://www.youtube.com/user/18882DONATE>

D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISITS

There are no Official Visits of the D.D.G.M. in May.

INSTALLATIONS

Thu., May 3, 2012, Buchanan Lodge No. 550

Hillcrest Masonic Hall

Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Lodge Tyled - 7:30 p.m.

Wed., May 16, 2012, The Electric Lodge No. 495

Masonic Centre of Hamilton

Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Lodge Tyled - 7:00 p.m.

Tue., May 22, 2012, Landmarks/Doric No. 654

Masonic Centre of Hamilton

Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Lodge Tyled - 7:30 p.m.

Mon., May 28, 2012, Wardrope Lodge No. 555

Masonic Centre of Hamilton

Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Lodge Tyled - 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday May 2nd, 2012

Ionic Lodge No. 549 wish to extend an open invitation to join with us in a celebration of 50 years of Masonic membership by *V.W.Bro. William "Billy" Stanfield*.
Time: Approx. 8:15 p.m. (after the close of lodge)
Location: The "Round Room" of the Masonic Centre of Hamilton

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





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.

Dr. 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.

For tickets, please contact the Brock Centre for the Arts box office: Phone: (905) 688-5550 ext. 3257
 E-mail: boxoffice@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.

Friday, May 11, 2012
Blood Donors Clinic - Hamilton Masonic District C
 Paramount Drive Alliance Church
 1035 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek (mountain) from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Sponsored by Westmount Lodge No. 671. Further information is available from R. W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero at 905-548-5111. Sponsors, volunteers and donors are welcome.



Saturday, May 19, 2012
District C Spring Meeting
 10:00 a.m., Hillcrest Masonic Hall
 The meeting will commence at 10:00 am. There is a notice of motion set for discussion regarding the District Finances. Plan to attend and represent your Lodge at this very important meeting as it is our final one before Grand Lodge in July.

Friday, May 25, 2012
Annual Business Meetings, Hamilton Past Masters' Association and Craft Association of Hamilton Masonic Districts
 Dinner - 6:00 p.m., Annual meeting -5 p.m. (Craft) 7 p.m. (PMA) Masonic Centre of Hamilton, Meet the Candidates for Grand Lodge Office

Saturday, June 9, 2012
7th Annual Golf Tournament & Charity Auction
Valley Lodge No. 100
 Copetown Woods Golf Club,
 Contact Bill Paul at 905-719-6464 e-mail: bill_paul@dart.biz for further information regarding times, costs, sponsorships and location. All payments must be made by May 26, 2012.

Tuesday, June 19, 2012
D.D.G.M.'s "Journeys End"
 Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602, Masonic Centre of Hamilton
 Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Lodge Tyled - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 23, 2012
First District C Annual Picnic
 Serbian Community Centre/Park, near Binbrook (on Guyatt Road off Highway 56), 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 For further information contact,
 W. Bro. Edward Patterson at tardis_01@hotmail.ca

July 17 - 19, 2012
GRAND LODGE 157TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
Fairmount Royal York Hotel -Toronto

Tuesday, July 17, 2012
Westmount Lodge Bus to Grand Lodge
 Pick up at Westmount Lodge at 4:30 p.m.
 Return from the Royal York at 11:30 p.m.
 Cost - \$25 (tip and tax, inclusive) Bro. Gabby Bravo, a member of Westmount Lodge and Owner of Mermaid Limo Service, donates the use of the vehicle for this occasion. Proceeds go to the Westmount Lodge Benevolent Fund. For further information, contact W. Bro. Wayne Robinson at 289-440-8338 or W. Bro. Dave Midgley at 905-389-0030.

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.



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Congratulations to Devin & Cait Tuinstra on their new son.
 Jarvis Finlay Tuinstra, born April 25, 2012.