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From the District Deputy Grand Master



Brethren:

I have come to the end of what has been for me a fantastic journey through Masonry. I have had the distinct pleasure of representing Hamilton District 'C' as the District Deputy Grand Master for the Masonic year of 2011 – 2012 and what an honour that has been.

Let me first congratulate W. Bro. Matt Wilkinson, (Meridian Lodge No. 687), W. Bro. David MacDonald, (Temple

Lodge No. 324), and W. Bro. Scott T. LeHane, (Valley Lodge No. 100), on being installed in the chair of King Solomon for their respective lodges. I wish you, your officers and members a successful year.

The District BBQ on June 23, 2012 was a tremendous success and W. Bro. Ed Patterson and his committee are to be congratulated for a job well done. I look forward to next year already and hope that more lodges will participate.

To W. Bro. Martin Tees, District Secretary – thanks for your dedication and hard work; it was a pleasure to travel with you. To all of my advisors my thanks for your

continuous support and advice. I hope that I have been able to maintain the high standards you set before me.

To all of my District Chairs and their committees, I want you all to know how much I appreciate the time and effort you have put in on my behalf in serving the District. When I first approached you to take on the various committees there was no hesitation on your part in accepting, and what a wonderful job you have done. You are all to be commended and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your efforts.

A special thank you brethren for achieving a total of 1341 units of blood donated by our district. This is the highest total in 20 years. Thanks, also, for your support of the District Charity "Autism Ontario, Hamilton Chapter" where thanks to your generosity a total of \$6800.00 dollars was raised.

To all of the lodges in District C their Masters and brethren, thank you for your warm reception, and the fellowship that you showed me during my term. At the beginning of my term I asked you to raise the bar in certain areas and I am delighted to say that you have met and exceeded this and the other challenges that were set. I must also thank you for the way that you made my wife, Ann, feel so welcome when she accompanied me during the various functions that we were invited to. You have made the district proud and things look good

To W. Bro. Wayne Robinson – I hope that your year will be as rewarding and fulfilling as mine has been. I wish you, your prospective District Secretary, W. Bro. Dave Midgely, and your committees, nothing but the best for the coming Masonic year, and I look forward to assisting you in any way that I can.

To my wife, Ann, who has been beside me and behind me as I journeyed through the year – it is something that I could not have accomplished without your support and love. For the dinners missed and the nights you were on your own, for the countless hours I spent on the computer "Doing my homework" as you called it, for making sure I was dressed properly, thank you for being there for me on this wonderful journey and for your continuous love and encouragement.

Thank you to all who attended my "Journeys End" on June 19, 2012. It was a fantastic turnout, and it was wonderful to have our ladies present.

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.

My heartfelt thanks brethren for the hospitality you have shown me in my year. I leave you with this little Irish blessing –

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May you have a roof above your head,
A soft pillow for your bed.
And may you be in Heaven a half hour
Before the Devil knows you're dead.*

John K. Johnston
District Deputy Grand Master

From the Grand Master

Summertime! BBQs and beaches; tans and towels; grass and weeds, flowers and birds. With the advent of summer we tend to move into more social arenas. End of year parties, meeting



wrap ups, strawberry socials and so on. Masonically, before we actually slow down, we had some busy times in June, with many Districts holding annual Installations. But as the Masonic year begins move to a more relaxed summer schedule, it is time to reflect on our Masonic accomplishments of the past year. Our Grand Lodge chairmen have compiled their reports, as have the D.D.G.M.s and we look forward to our Annual Communication where

we highlight those accomplishments and set our plans for the next year.

As Grand Master, I would like to express my appreciation to the Members of the Board who have given their time to serve as your Committee Chairmen, Committee Members and Ambassadors for Grand Lodge. We appreciate all their efforts, and thank them for their contributions and wish them a relaxing, enjoyable summer. I would also like to thank all our District Deputy Grand Masters who have acted as Representatives of the Grand Master in their respective Districts. Thank you for managing the District teams; thank you for completing your reports and thank you for the time and effort you have given in the service to your Brethren.

There are several specific items that I would like to address in this Communique. They are not Housekeeping items, but rather items that will **significantly** impact this jurisdiction in the months ahead.

1) Website Development: The website development team under R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman is making great progress with Phase 2 and I have been informed that we are counting on an initial release of Phase 2 just prior to Grand Lodge. I have seen the drafts and I can tell you that I am excited by what I see. I can promise you that you will not be

disappointed in the direction in which we are moving. Keep your eyes open for the announcement!

2) Tactical Plan 2012–2013: It seems like a long time ago when we completed our survey. We promised you the results would be used and I am certain that you will find the project initiatives on the plate for next year, reflective of not only our collective long term strategic goals but also of the comments you expressed in your responses. The Tactical (operational) Plan for 2012–2013 will be presented to the Board for approval in July. Once approved, it will be communicated as widely as possible so that all of you can see what your Grand Lodge will be working on over the next year. I trust you will find that these initiatives demonstrate our **commitment** to bringing value added services to you; demonstrate your leadership's **accountability** for achieving our Vision and contribute to **ensuring** the Timeless Vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario.

3) Lodge Buildings: For many, many years, this Grand Lodge has wrestled with the increasingly poor conditions of our Lodge meeting places. Financial concerns, safety concerns and liability concerns among others are causing increased headaches not only within our Lodges but within our Grand Lodge. The time has come when we, collectively, must take whatever actions are necessary to ensure we do the very best we can to avoid any major accidents.

Therefore, **effective immediately, all Lodges and Temple Corporations must begin the process of seeking current compliance to all fire, health, safety and municipality code requirements.** As this will take time and be a very difficult process in some cases, we will require compliance be attained by the third Wednesday of July 2013. All Grand Lodge Committees that have mandates related in any way to this compliance will be actively engaged over the next few months in helping us all to understand the process for compliance, what compliance means and how it is to be achieved and proven. These committees will be required to communicate to all Lodges so that they, in partnership with you, the Brethren who own and operate these premises, can embark on the path to compliance as soon as possible. Together we must act now!

Looking Ahead: As I look forward to our Annual Communication next month, I remind you of **our commitment to provide effective and sustainable leadership to Ontario's Masonic community.** "Our" includes you and me. Be sure you take the time to determine if you are selecting the most capable and qualified leaders for your Grand Lodge next year. Be an informed voter.

Special Announcement: I am delighted to be able to inform you that Bro. Chris Hodapp, author of "Freemasonry For Dummies" has agreed to speak to our Grand Lodge on Wednesday afternoon, July 18th. Plan now to come and hear this distinguished Masonic author and speaker. Check out his website.

D. Garry Dowling
Grand Master

From the Deputy Grand Master

On behalf of the 35 Elected, Appointed and Honorary Members of the Board, I thank the District Deputy Grand Masters, the District Secretaries and the many brethren who served on District Committees for your contributions and time to Freemasonry this year.

Brethren, last September I gave you a quote from the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Amphill at the meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England, on April 27, 1932, when he was addressing the Grand Lodge Officers. He said: "Each and every one of you has a definite and constant duty, and that duty is to maintain the honour and dignity of your rank. The badges with which you will be invested is meant to not only point out your superior rank, but also to remind you that it is our particular duty to afford assistance and instruction to all those below you." Those words were as relevant back in 1932 and that are today. As your term of office is nearing completion, what can you say about your year? Did you follow the words of P.G.M. Amphill? What advice will you give your successor?

Candidates Bios: As a pilot project this year, those candidates nominated for the office of Wardens, Registrar and Members of the Board, who volunteered, will have their Bibliographic Abstract posted on the Grand Lodge Web Site listed under the "Member Login" section.

Next Year: It is essential of the future of Masonry that you continue to be actively involved at the Lodge, District and even Grand Lodge level by being available for committee and other work within your District and by being available to Grand Lodge for similar assignments. If you have an interest to serve on a Grand Lodge Committee, you should seek out the member of the Board of General Purposes who is the Chairman of the Committee in which you are interested. Inform him that you would be pleased to assist his committee in any way.

Finally, as President of the Board of General Purposes, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Board who have given their time, energy and talents to serve as Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen and the nearly 250 Committee Members. Your work was very much appreciated.

Donald A. Campbell
Deputy Grand Master

Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked; leadership is defined by results not attributes.
- Peter Drucker

Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

MONDAY, JULY 16

The Board of General Purposes will meet in the Ballroom, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, presiding.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

The Board of General Purposes will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Ballroom.

Afternoon Discussion and Participation Seminars are for all brethren. Pre-registration is not required.

Time	Alberta Rm	B. C. Rm	Quebec Rm
1:30	What Works For You	Membership & Mentoring	Diversity in Masonry
2:30	Cornerstone Project	Membership & Mentoring	Diversity in Masonry
3:30	Cornerstone Project	What Works For You	Serving Your Grand Lodge

Continuous information on computer resources will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. in Salon A, on the Convention Floor.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

MEET THE NOMINEES Salon A - Convention Floor

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Grand Lodge will assemble in the Canadian Room, at 8:45 a.m., M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling presiding.

Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in Grand Lodge before 8:30 a.m. Distinguished visitors, representing other Grand Jurisdictions, will be received. An Address of Welcome will be tendered and Grand Lodge will then proceed with business until 11:30 a.m. The brethren are asked to reassemble after lunch in the same place at 1:30 p.m.

Christopher Hodapp, author of "**Freemasonry For Dummies**" will be the **Keynote Speaker** following Lunch on Wednesday July 18th, 2012.

Chris became a Freemason in 1998, and is a Past Master of Lodge Vitruvian No. 767, one of the first "European Concept" lodges in the U.S. Chris is also a member of other Masonic organizations, including; the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, the Knights Templar, the Allied Masonic Degrees, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and numerous other Masonic organizations.

See the Freemasonry For Dummies website at web.mac.com/chodapp/Hodapps/Chris_Hodapp.html

**HAMILTON MASONIC DISTRICT C
ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, July 18, 2012
Saskatchewan Room 4:00 pm ROYAL YORK HOTEL**

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Adoption of the Agenda & Roll Call
Minutes of July 20, 2011 Meeting
Nominations and Election of DDGM 2012-2013
Remarks from Newly elected DDGM & Presentation of
Regalia
DDGM Remarks

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

6:30 p.m. Canadian Room, F.R.Y.H.

The **Guest Speaker** at the banquet is
V.W. Bro. Harry Ansara, Distinguished Toast Master.

***Grand Lodge of the A. F. & A. M of Canada
in the Province of Ontario
Nominations 2012***

Grand Registrar

Walter J. Drane	West Hill Lodge	No. 670
Brett D. Kahler	Flower City Lodge	No. 689
Alfred J. Quinn	Corinthian Lodge	No. 481
James A. Van Trigt	King Solomon Lodge	No. 41

Grand Treasurer (acclaimed)

Thomas W. Hogeboom

Grand Secretary (acclaimed)

Terence Shand

Grand Senior Warden

George Ghneim	Wellington Lodge	No. 635
Rui M. Gomes	Doric Lodge	No. 316
Robert D. Stillwell	High Park Melita Lodge	No. 531

Grand Junior Warden

Ronald F. Janes	Sharon Lodge	No. 97
Vincent G. Phillips	York Lodge	No. 156

Board of General Purposes

(updated)

Leslie F. Armstrong	Huron Lodge	No. 392
Barry F. Burchill	Acacia Lodge	No. 561
Robert J. Cresswell	Malahide Lodge	No. 140
John L. R. Hay	J.B.Hall Lodge	No. 145
Gordon Hendrie	River Park Lodge	No. 256
Terrence V. Horner	The Beaches Lodge	No. 473

Brian V. Koivu	Algonquin Lodge	No. 536
Stuart W. Libbey	Corinthian Lodge	No. 669
Robert F. Manz	Port Arthur Lodge	No. 499
Terence D.F. Pachal	Porcupine Lodge	No. 506
David M. Sheen	Trillium Lodge	No. 575
Thomas A. Siemiernik	Oak Branch Lodge	No. 261
Paul R.A.E. Skazin	Ionic Lodge	No. 25
Douglas M. Stewart	Tudor Lodge	No. 141

Who's In Charge Here?

Meridian Lodge, No. 687

W. Bro. Stephen Cowell



Stephen was born in Windsor and raised in Maidenhead, Berkshire, England. He competed in singing competitions as a boy and recorded several records. After graduating from high school in 1965, he went to work for the BBC in London to pursue musical interests. He quickly became enamoured with their computers, reportedly the most powerful in the UK....and less powerful than a modern Blackberry...and became a computer programmer.

programmer.

While implementing computer systems as a systems analyst for Rank-Xerox in their European manufacturing plants, Stephen was hired by Bell Canada and brought to Toronto in 1977. He settled in Brampton, where he helped set-up and was elected President of a rate payers group. Running for City council in 1982...he came second in a "two-horse-race". He joined Unity Masonic Lodge, No. 710 and the Rotary club in 1980.

In 1985 Stephen was hired by the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth as their Systems Manager, and went on to play a key role in the merged City/Region organization. Relocated to Ancaster in 1986 and joined Meridian Lodge in 1991. His systems/consulting career as a Practice Manager with CGI in Toronto reached a crossroad in 2001 when CGI was taken-over and the management team let go. He discovered a "new calling", became licensed as a Financial Advisor and is enjoying working one-on-one with clients through Manulife Securities.

Stephen served as W.M. of Meridian Lodge for a second time this past year, stepping in to help fill a vacancy in the line.



The Life of Sir Allan Napier MacNab

Lieutenant Allan MacNab (1760-1830) served during the American Revolution as a lieutenant of cavalry in Simcoe's Queen's Rangers. He was wounded a number of times. After the war he came to Upper Canada and settled at Newark. It was there, on 19 February 1798, that his son, Allan Napier MacNab, was born.

In 1800 the family moved to York (now Toronto) where young Allan was raised and went to school.

Following military service (at a very young age) in the War of 1812, he studied law. He was called to the bar in 1826 and set up practice as Hamilton's first lawyer.

His first election to public office in 1828 marked the start of a long career in public service that was interrupted briefly in 1829 when he spent ten days behind bars following the burning of an effigy of the Governor.

He acquired large tracts of land in Hamilton which was growing rapidly. In 1835, he built Dundurn Castle as his private residence, a magnificent regency villa at the head of Lake Ontario. It is still standing and has become a museum and historic site. MacNab was named Upper Canada's first Queen's Counsel in 1837.

He was one of the leaders in suppressing William Lyon Mackenzie's uprising. Possibly his best known exploit was the destruction of the *Caroline*, an American boat that was supplying the rebels who were on an island in the Niagara River. The ship was cut adrift and sent over the Falls. The incident earned him a knighthood.

Sir Allan was initiated into Masonry in St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, on 14 December 1841, and was passed to the Second Degree in the Barton Lodge on 12 January 1842. While still a Fellowcraft, he was named Provincial Grand Master of Canada under the Scottish Constitution. He was finally raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in St. Andrew's on December 29, 1842. He received his patent from the Grand Lodge of England as Provincial Grand Master for Canada West in 1844.

When his installation as Provincial Grand Master was to take place on August 9, 1845, Sir Allan MacNab objected to the proposal that he should be obligated as Provincial Grand Master, claiming that his patent of authority was sufficient obligation for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. All the others present agreed that a spoken obligation was imperative and that without it, he could not be recognized as Provincial Grand Master. He then assented with the words, "I suppose you're right, Bro. Richardson. You'll have your own way."

He had served as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada from 1837 to 1841, and was Speaker of the Parliament of the United Canada from 1844 to 1848. In 1854, he became Prime Minister of Canada. He was invested the following year as a baronet by letters patent from Queen Victoria. Also, he was appointed an honorary aide-de-camp to the Queen and received an honorary commission as a Colonel in the British Army. Because of poor health, he resigned as Prime Minister in April 1856 and as a private member the following October.

He served as Provincial Grand Master until September 9, 1857. The next day he was installed Grand Master of the newly-formed Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada.

On 14 July 1858, he took part in the amalgamation of his group with the Grand Lodge of Canada. After that date, he never entered a lodge again.

MacNab was elected in 1860 to the Legislative Council, of which he was chosen Speaker in 1862. He soon returned to Dundurn however in ill health. He died 08 August 1862. Even in death he was the centre of controversy, for he was said to have been a deathbed convert to Roman Catholicism. He was twice married, having one son (who died young) and three daughters.

In general, MacNab seems to have risen to the top by being a manipulator and trimmer, with few scruples. One historian sums him up in these chilly words - "Inept at planning and organization but a promoter and enthusiast in many commercial, military and political schemes, MacNab cultivated an image at the expense of substance and his triumphs had about them a hollow ring."

Sir Allan MacNab was a busy man, not lacking in ability, but he certainly had no particular affection for Masonry except as yet another vehicle for preferment. His appointment as Provincial Grand Master was due to political influence. His attendance at lodge communications was sporadic and his knowledge of the Craft shallow; again e image without the substance. His neglect of Masonry was less damaging however than that of Jarvis or of McGillivray because by now there was a core of devoted and skilled Masons in the province to provide effective leadership for the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Note - Prior to 1763, what we today think of as Ontario was part of New France. Between 1774 and 1791 it was part of what was known as Quebec. Between 1791 and 1841 it was known as Upper Canada, between 1841 and 1867, as Canada West and in 1867 became known as Ontario.

Source: Peterborough District's **Electronic Beacon** Vol. 5, No. 9 and 10. Reprinted with permission. Original source: Wallace McLeod, Ed., **Whence Come We?** Freemasonry in Ontario: 1764 - 1980, (Hamilton: Masonic Holdings), 1980.

The Craft Association of Hamilton Masonic Districts

The name of the Masters and Wardens Association was changed to **The Craft Association of Hamilton Masonic Districts** in July of 2011.

The reason for the change was the decision to include all Lodge Officers in the group, and to aim the educational and social activities to all, rather than just to the offices of Masters and Wardens.

The Masters' and Wardens' Association was originally instituted in 1921. For further information, contact W. Bro. Robert Blundell, President, at [dblundell2@cogeco.ca](mailto:dblindell2@cogeco.ca).

The Labyrinth

R.W. Bro. John Forster

Recently I saw a wonderful movie, “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel”. In it one of the characters says “It will be all right in the end, and if it isn’t, it’s not the end!” This rather pithy saying reminded me of a talk I gave last year when I was District Deputy Grand Master. It was about the thoughts I had after seeing the labyrinth at my church. I have shortened the talk for the purposes of this paper.

A labyrinth is a convoluted pathway leading to its centre.



There are an infinite number of designs but all have an entry point and there is only one path that will lead eventually to the centre. All you have to do is follow the path. Professor Gailand MacQueen writes: “From ancient times, the labyrinth has been used in rituals at the most important moments in life. Although we don't always know exactly how, its structure, as well as its placement at gravesides, seacoasts, and healing sites, suggest that it was used in rituals associated with birth, coming of age, marriage, sickness and death, as well as initiation into secret societies or elders' groups. Like all rites of passage and initiation ceremonies, walking the labyrinth is structured as a pilgrimage with three parts. First comes the journey inward, toward the sacred space where change happens. Next, time is spent at the centre, where the new life begins. Finally, there is the journey outward, the return of the transformed person to the world, often with a new identity.”

Our operative brethren felt them important enough to add to their architectural splendours and to put their marks on them.

Like our rituals in Freemasonry, walking the labyrinth is a symbolic journey. It is a metaphor for life. In a labyrinth there is only one path. The only decision you make is whether or not to start. The path has many twists and turns but it steadily and surely takes you to the centre. However it takes you many places before you get there. Most

labyrinths make you walk in a general clockwise direction, just as we do in our perambulations. The winding path of the labyrinth is much like the journey of Freemasonry.

You can trust the path to take you to the centre eventually, no matter where you happen to be at the moment. Thus, the labyrinth is a powerful symbol of the unity of our life path and of the centre that awaits, wherever we are on the path. Alternatively, we might say that the labyrinth is a symbol of God, who is both the centre we seek and the path that gets us there.

Like being in the tyled recesses of a Masonic lodge, walking the labyrinth is a peaceful reflective pursuit. During your journey you think on your life, where you have been and where you want to go. By the end of the walk, you know yourself better, something Masons are admonished to do. It represents a good journey through life: it enables us to have a virtuous clean and wonderful life.

For some further reading go to :

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labyrinth>

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Excellent Resources For New Masons

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

I AM A NEW MASON! NOW WHAT? PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE NEW MASON March, 2012

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).

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 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.

These 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 <http://www.grandlodge.on.ca/>.

Blood Donors Committee Reports Excellent Support

Last May 11, 2012, 64 units of blood were collected at this same clinic and on May 17, 2012, 70 units of blood were collected at MUMC (McMaster University Medical Centre).

On May 29, 2012, Orchard Park Secondary School held one of the two annual blood collection clinics held at this school. 42 units of blood were collected that day. The Blood Donors Committee for Hamilton Masonic District C wants to thank the students and staff, organizers and donors at Orchard Park Secondary School for their enthusiasm and cooperation with the Canadian Blood Service.

Last, but not least, we were back at MUMC June 1st., where 47 units of blood were collected during a rainy and stormy day. So, all together, 223 units of blood were credited to Hamilton Masonic District C during the month of May, 2012. The Blood Donors Committee wants to thank V. W. Bro. Reg. Joyce and his wife Lynda, and W. Bro. Robert Todd, for their never ending support to this cause by volunteering at the Hospitality Stations for these clinics. Your contribution, Brethren, is greatly appreciated.

R.W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero
Blood Donors Committee Chairman

Around The District



A fine array of District C Masons (and their partners) greeted the Grand Master and his wife at the Spring Reception hosted by the Past Masters Association of the Hamilton Districts at the Masonic Centre of Hamilton.



A large number of District C Masons and others assembled at Hugh Murray Lodge's June meeting to pay tribute to R. W. Bro. John K. Johnston (and his wife, Ann) on the occasion of the DDGM's Official Journey's End. A number of the Lodge Officers, as well, were accompanied by their wives. The ladies and other guests were invited into the Lodge after a short business meeting. During the ceremony R. W. Bro. Johnston presented Hugh Murray Lodge with a beautiful custom-made

box (which was hand-made by W. Bro. Bill Veitch) to hold and display the Working Tools during the respective degrees.



At his recent Journey's End (the Homecoming to his Mother Lodge) the DDGM, R. W. Bro. John K. Johnston, acknowledged the many District Chairmen who worked on his behalf for the District.



The Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and our D.D.G.M., led the Ceremony of Extinguishing The Lights at the last meeting of Centennial Daylight Lodge, No. 679 on June 19, 2012.



Photo by Reg Joyce

At the June Installation of Meridian Lodge No. 687, Bro. Matt Wilkinson was installed as W.M. In the photo are shown several of the Officers, members and guests, including the DDGM, R. W. Bro. John K. Johnston, and District Secretary, W. Bro. Martin Tees.

***District C 1st Annual Family Picnic –
An Outstanding Success!***



R. W. Bro. John Johnston welcomed the crowd, while Picnic Chair W. Bro. Edward Patterson modeled the work of the Face Painting Crew, more of whose efforts you see in the following photo.



R. W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero seemed to be having a great time along with other attendees.



Picnic Organizer W. Bro. Edward Patterson took some time out to clown around.



W. Bro. Harley Auty opened the stagershow with some acoustic pickin' and singin' and concentrated very hard on the task at hand.



This group is just part of the many brethren, family members and friends who enjoyed the beautiful day at our first Annual District Picnic.



Brothers in music Martin and Brad turned up the volume and got the crowd rocking and clapping.

Interesting Websites

For quotes on leadership go to -

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/leadership.htm/#vCtfmDQqQeBmqIS7.99>

The Masonic Dictionary.com - several subsections - History, Philosophy, Symbolism, Biography and Papers. Since it is an American website, the majority of biographies are of American Masons, however all the other sites contain generic Masonic information which may be of interest to any Mason - <http://www.masonicdictionary.com/>

Upcoming Events



Happy Canada Day!

Friday, July 13, 2012



Blood Donors Clinic - Hamilton Masonic District C At Paramount Drive Alliance Church, 1035 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Further information is available from R. W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero at 905-548-5111. Sponsors, volunteers and donors are welcome.

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 220 Upper Mount Albion Road, Hamilton, ON at 4:30 p.m. Return drop off at the same address at approximately 11:00 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. All interested parties are requested to contact Federico Otterstein at 905-818-3647 to reserve a seat.

Wednesday, August 22, 2012



Masonic Beef and Corn Roast
In Marriott 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.

Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23, 2012



MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario
Ancaster Fairgrounds
Details next month

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***Happiness lies in the joy of achievement
and the thrill of creative effort.***

— Franklin D. Roosevelt,
American President and Freemason

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

