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Our New District Deputy Grand Master



**R. W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson with the G. M.,
M. W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling**

Wayne Robinson was born in Hamilton in 1947 and has lived here ever since. Wayne joined Hamilton Hydro in 1970, working as a Line Man. In 1975, he moved to The Hamilton Street Railway and finally in 1979 he was hired at K-Line where he remained until he had an accident in 1985.

It was at this point that Wayne decided to work for himself. He became a very successful entrepreneur, owning several different businesses over the years. Now happily retired, Wayne spends time socializing with his many friends.

Wayne and his wife Debbie have been together for 30 years. He has two adult daughters, Melanie and Leah. His daughters and their husbands have blessed Wayne and Debbie with four grandchildren – three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Wayne's Masonic career began in 1994 when he was initiated into Westmount Lodge No. 671. He was installed as the W. M. for the 1999 - 2000 term and served a second term in 2001 - 2002. Wayne was Westmount Lodge's Officer of Instruction for many years. In 1995 Wayne affiliated with Centennial Daylight Lodge No. 679 and was the W. M. for two years, 2005 - 2006 and 2008 - 2009. He is also an affiliated member of Tuscan Lodge No. 551.

Wayne is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Knights Templar in the York Rite and a member of the Noble Mystic Shrine of Hamilton. At the District level, Wayne has served as the Chairman of the Lodge Resources Committee, the Benevolence Committee, and the Masonic Education Committee and served on the Regalia Committee.

Wayne expresses his thanks and gratitude to the brethren of Hamilton District C for the support and confidence placed in him to serve as their D. D. G. M. for 2012 - 2013.

Wayne looks forward to working with our Grand Master, the M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, and the Deputy Grand Master, the R. W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, on behalf of the brethren of Hamilton Masonic District C.

W. Bro. David Midgley
District Secretary

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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.

From the Grand Master

GRAND LODGE WEBSITE PHASE 2A LAUNCH

Brethren, today we are pleased to announce the launch of the second component of our new Grand Lodge Website. As promised with the launch of Phase 1, the good news continues. With the dedicated team of website volunteers and in partnership with Imagination Plus, our development company, we are excited about what this new Phase brings to you – our members.



Delivering on our Promise

We promised a secure section of the website for members only and that is the key component of this release. We also promised more content, more functionality and more security, while at the same time delivering an easy to use and navigate site. Our overall objective is to be among the leaders in Grand Lodge websites in North America and this is another step in that direction.

This is the next step in the process of transitioning our resources to being available to all our members on-line. This is but another small step in making our website an effective, timely and dependable communication media for this Grand Lodge.

The Team

R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman has led his team through a grinding last few months as they delivered on their promise to make this release (Phase 2A) available prior to our Annual Communication.

Your comments about Phase 1 were very positive and you indicated we are on the right track. This release should confirm that direction and we trust that you will like what you see.

After you have had a chance to review the new site and explore its functionality, we hope you will again share your comments with Richard and the team.

I'm certain there will be some initial glitches, but please have patience with the team as they work out any issues. Once this release is solid, we are on to the next release of phase 2, with more exciting things to come.

Looking Ahead Even Further

Next phases include such functionality as “My Grand Lodge” - a facebook style interactive environment that will become our primary networking, collaboration and communication space. Every Lodge, District, Grand Lodge Committee and EVERY MEMBER will have the opportunity to maintain their own profile in “My Grand Lodge”. Lodges will have a secure place to post lodge items like; pictures,

announcements, minutes and summons. District events and the work of the various district chairmen will have a home in “My Grand Lodge”, and each Grand Lodge Committee will have a place to collaborate, and communicate. Stay tuned there is more to come.

Please refer to the notes provided by the website team related to the specifics of the new Login process and the new content and functionality.

In closing, I acknowledge the tremendous support of our website team and our Development Partner for all their efforts in delivering on their promise. Well done!

D. Garry Dowling
Grand Master

THE GRAND LODGE WEBSITE PHASE 2A

The next step in keeping our website promises! Phase 2A , focusing on the Members Only Section with security and access based on the Member level of entitlement (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason)

What is it?

This is a secure area of the website which not only recognizes you as a member of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, but also acknowledges your progress to date in the Craft. Documents and material available in this area of the website are classified by rank (Entered Apprentice, FellowCraft, Master Mason and Past Master) and you will only be able to access material appropriate to your progress in the Craft. In fact, you will be unaware of material that you are not to have access to, as it is not visible to you.

How Do I get Access?

With this phase 2a launch, when you select the “LOGIN” tab at the top right of our website home page, you will be asked for a username and password, to enter the Member’s Only Section.

First Time Login Instructions

Your username is your Grand Lodge Certificate Number (six digit number). Your password is also your Grand Lodge Certificate Number – the first time you log in you will be asked to change your password and provide a valid email address to administrate your password reset in the event you forget it

Your Grand Lodge Certificate Number can be obtained from your Grand Lodge Certificate, your Lodge Secretary or by emailing the Webmaster.

You now have access to the Grand Lodge Members Area of our website, explore, keep in mind that this is a work in progress. Please forward your comments or suggestions directly to our Webmaster.

Note: If you have been a Mason for less than six months, your Grand Lodge Certificate Number may not yet have been assigned. If such is the case, please contact the Webmaster for the assignment of a temporary Login.

A Word About Privacy

We are reviewing all our Grand Lodge website policies to ensure that they are relevant and reflect both the current and best practises for fraternal organizations. Our Privacy Policy is one of those currently under review, but we want to share with you some of the principles that will be reflected in the final document:

RESPECT – This Grand Lodge respects the information of a personal nature that you entrust us with. This means that we do not sell it or indiscriminately disseminate it. Grand Lodge collects personal information from you for the purpose of communication with you by Grand Lodge Officers, Committees, employees and members throughout the jurisdiction for the sole purpose of conducting the business of Lodges, Districts and Grand Lodge.

CONFIDENTIALITY - Personal information held by Grand Lodge will be kept in the strictest of confidence.

Information such as your name, address and phone number which would be accessible via a public phone directory or other publicly-accessible internet directories is not confidential, however you can be assured that we treat all information with respect and discretion.

When providing Grand Lodge with contact information, unless expressly advised your contact information (email, cell phone, etc) may be used for the purposes of communicating with you for the purposes of Masonry.

A Word About Finding What You Want

Content on the new website has been structured based on a new sitemap that organizes the data based on the key imperatives found in our Strategic Plan. These five key areas are:

- Craft Stewardship
- Membership
- Operations
- Communications
- Community Awareness

No doubt it will take you a while to get used to where to find what you are looking for, but once again we ask for your patience and your comments and suggestions to make it work for us all. Yes, it is a change!

What happened to the Old Website?

With the release of phase 2a, there is no longer a need for the old Grand Lodge website. Therefore, access to that site has now been disabled.

A thorough review of all the material on the Old Website was completed and items of content were marked for inclusion on the new website entirely, inclusion in similar or updated format, or exclusion or deletion.

You will find many commonly used items, such as the Grand Lodge Forms, available in the new Members Only Section of the website. Other content related to our Grand Lodge programmes and services also have found a new home in the Members Only Section.

If you find that there is something from the old website that we need and did not make available, please let us know.

Brethren, Phase 2A, another step forward.

Take a look!

We think you'll like it.

R. W. Bro. Richard Kaufman,
Team Leader, Website Technology

RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

The Board of General Purposes

Richard Hay
Les Armstrong
David Sheen
Tom Siemiernik
Barry Burchill
Robert Cresswell
Robert Manz

Grand Senior Warden
Robert Stillwell

Grand Junior Warden
Ronald F. Janes

Grand Registrar
James Van Trig

Have you wondered -

What makes a lodge just?

The Sacred Law unfolded. Because it is understood to contain the dictates of an unerring Being; it must therefore be considered the standard of truth and justice, just when it is furnished with the Great Lights

What makes it perfect?

The number seven (it then goes on to explain the liberal arts and sciences)... "three form a lodge, five hold a lodge, and seven of more make it perfect".

What makes a lodge regular?

The Charter, Warrant and Constitution.

From the **Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry, Albert MacKey**

CHRONICLE PUBLISHING SCHEDULE FOR W.M. PROFILES AND LODGE SEAL HISTORY

Issue	Lodge	Profile Due
September	Valley 100 & Wardrope 555	Aug. 15/12
October	Temple 324	Sept 1/12
November	The Electric 495	Oct 1/12
December	Dufferin 291	Nov 1/12
Jan. 2013	Buchanan 550 & Corinthian 513	Dec 1/12
February	Westmount 671	Jan. 1/13
March	Hugh Murray 602	Feb 1/13
April	Seymour 272	Mar 1/13
May	Ionic 549	Apr 1/13
June	Landmarks/Doric 654	May 1/13
July	Meridian 687	June 20/13

Please submit :

- A photo of the W.M.
- A short biography (approx. 300 words)
- A comment on his vision of Freemasonry in general or his Lodge in particular
- Seal article should be a maximum of 350 words, along with a copy of the Lodge Seal (perhaps the Lodge Historian can help with this submission)

Please forward articles to R. W. Bro. Bill MacPherson at wjmac@sympatico.ca.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



The Hamilton Masonic District C Blood Donors Committee is in need of volunteers to man the Hospitality Stations at the blood collection Clinics. If you are interested in helping in this noble cause, you first need to register as a volunteer with the Canadian Blood Services at:

<https://www.blood.ca/web/Volunteer.nsf/Volunteer?openform&Lang=E&cURL=/web/Volunteer.nsf/French?openpage&Category=Forms>

Once you have registered, contact R. W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero at 905-548-5111 (res.) or 905-730-9850 (Cell.) or e-mail to ecordero@cogeco.ca. He will make sure that you receive the proper training and he will assign the clinics that need to be manned.

IT'S EASY! REALLY!

Manning the Hospitality Stations involves the following:

1. The Blood Donors Committee prefers volunteers to work in pairs and to man the Hospitality Stations in two-hour shifts. You will only have to be at the clinic for the two hours for which you have volunteered.
2. Prepare the table at the Hospitality Station by covering it with a red plastic table cloth (table and table cloth are provided by the C.B.S. - Canadian Blood Services - and setting out refreshments and drinks (also provided by C.B.S.)
3. Make sure several chairs are placed around the table.
4. After donors have made their donation, cordially invite them to have a seat at the Hospitality Station.
5. Ask donors how they are feeling.
6. Invite the donors to help themselves to any of the drinks and/or treats on the table.
7. Stamp the "Donations Card" of each donor with that day's date after they have donated.
8. Assure donors they can stay at the Hospitality Station until they feel well enough to leave.
9. Make sure donors are in condition to leave when they leave the Station.
10. If a donor seated at the Hospitality Station's table starts to show signs of not feeling well, alert the clinic staff. Raise your arm and yell the words "Ice please!", which is a code for a nurse to come immediately to their assistance.
11. If a donor starts to re-bleed from the needle puncture, to alert the clinic staff, raise your arm and yell the words, "Gauze, please!", which again is a code for a nurse's assistance. After making the call, stay calm; do not touch blood, as the staff will look after the donor. Ask the donor to sit down and rest - for re-bleed, hand the donor a pad of serviettes to press on the site themselves and ask them to sit down.
12. Be respectful, and thank them for their invaluable donation. Continue to maintain the table with a number of each of the refreshments and treats available.
13. Ask donors to fill in a confidential, anonymous questionnaire regarding the service provided to them. These are strictly confidential and are to be placed in a specific white envelope to be sent to the head office of C.B.S.

**PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION MTG.
SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 @ M.C.H.**

For Breakfast reservations, contact W. Bro. Tom Young
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**DETROIT MASONIC TEMPLE, CASS PARK
MAY GET \$38M RENOVATION**

June 9, 2012
By Louis Aguilar -The Detroit News

Our speaker from Dog Guides of Canada has been confirmed for our September meeting. You can Google ...Dog Guides of Canada and find lots of information on the Dog Guide program



“Follow Your Guide” was a successful District B Benevolent Project implemented by D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. David Gibson Sr. in 2006 - 2007. He gave his Benevolent Chairman W.

Bro. Robert J. (Bob) Brooks free reign to create a program that would run for more than one year, and inspire the brethren to contribute. W. Bro. Brooks’ long time friend and dog guide foster parent Steve McDonnell introduced him to the Dog Guides of Canada program. This program, centred in Oakville and created by the Lion's Clubs of Canada, donates free of charge to worthy recipients, Hearing Ear, Canine Vision, Special Skills, Seizure Response or Autism Assistance Dog Guides.

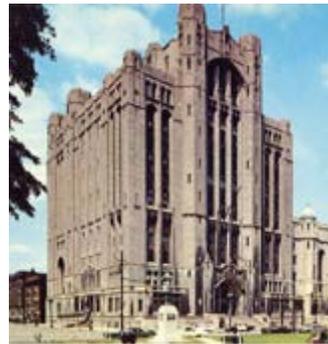
The District’s goal was to collect \$500 per lodge and raise \$6 000 to donate a Canine Vision dog, thus the theme “Follow Your Guide.” Response from the lodges and brethren was truly overwhelming as \$26 000 was raised - enough for four Dog Guides. Brethren were encouraged to submit names for our Dog Guide. “Buzby” submitted by V.W. Bro. Monroe Murphy from Lincoln Lodge No. 544 was chosen, as it went along with R.W. Bro. David Gibson Sr.'s theme “District B is a BUZZZZZZZ.”



The following year, R.W. Bro. Robert J. (Bob) Brooks, D.D.G.M., continued the program under the leadership of W. Bro. Robert Naylor, Chairman of Benevolence. \$18 000 was raised this year resulting in the donation of three more Dog - Guides. Seven Dog

Guides in two years fit in nicely with D.D.G.M. Robert Brooks' theme "Seven or More Make It Perfect." Two years later, R.W. Bro. Terence J. Brown, D.D.G.M., continued the program under the leadership of V. W. Bro. Lou Domjan, Chairman of Benevolence. \$13 695 was raised this year resulting in the donation of two more Dog - Guides.
\$57,695 - Nine Dog Guides - Nine Families Changed Forever

A plan is in the works to pump \$38 million into Detroit’s Masonic Temple and the surrounding desolate area.



The investment in the world’s largest Masonic Temple, in the Cass Corridor, is being driven by a team of state and city economic power brokers who are working on the financing and declare the deal could be done by year’s end, according to information posted online by the Michigan Magnet Fund.

“At this stage, it is expected the project will be able to close in six to eight months,” according to the memo, written about a month ago, by the Magnet Fund. It’s not clear how long the memo was online, but it was removed Friday after The Detroit News made telephone calls to fund officials.

Plans call for a \$9.3 million parking garage, as well as \$5 million in inside upgrades that include a new geothermal heating system and more women’s rest rooms. The building is owned by the Masonic Temple Association.

The 14-story complex has 1,037 rooms and multiple theatre and entertainment venues. Jack White last month played two sold-out concerts at the temple’s rarely used Scottish Rite Cathedral. The once-grand facility has a storied past in Detroit entertainment history, often used by traveling companies of Broadway shows, as well as top musical acts of the day.

The project also calls for \$4 million in upgrades to outdoor public lighting and improvements to Cass Park across the street.

The Masonic facility at 500 Temple is in a lower Midtown area, where 22 property deals, often cloaked in confidentiality agreements, have taken place. The prices of some of the publicly disclosed deals have been well above prevailing market prices for an area that is among the poorest in the city.

Some business owners and others in the area say they believe the area near Temple and Woodward Avenue -just east of the Masonic Temple -may be part of the land used for a new Detroit Red Wings hockey arena, which team owner Mike Ilitch says he eventually wants to build downtown.

Colour is a fundamental element of Masonic symbols. It appears in the descriptions of aprons, sashes and other items of regalia, in the furnishings and wall-hangings of the lodge room for each degree or ceremony, in the robes worn in certain degrees, and in many other Masonic accoutrements. The colours specified in each case appear to have no rational justification. As A.E. Waite wrote: "There is no recognized scheme or science of colours in Masonry. Here and there in our rituals we find an 'explanation' for the use of a certain colour, but this usually turns out to be merely a peg on which to hang a homiletic lecture about it, having little if any connection with the origins of its use." This paper seeks to find some rationale behind the selection of colours as Masonic symbols, restricting our examination to the Craft degrees, and those of the Ancient and Accepted (Scottish) Rite, with occasional reference to the Royal Arch. It was early recognized that colours have a strong influence on the mind and therefore can be employed for certain moral or aesthetic ends, through symbolical, allegorical and mystical allusions. Newton wrote of "the sensual and moral effects of colour," where sensual must be understood as 'transmitted by the senses.' Goethe, too, wrote extensively on colour (over 2,000 pages!).

Blue, then, is the Craft colour par excellence, used in aprons, collars, and elsewhere. Let us quote Bro. Chetwode Crawley. "The ordinary prosaic enquirer will see in the selection of blue as the distinctive colour of Freemasonry only the natural sequence of the legend of King Solomon's Temple. For the Jews had been Divinely commanded to wear...a 'riband of blue' (Numbers 15:38)." A modern translation of that verse in Numbers is: 'You are to take tassels on the comers of your garments with a blue cord on each tassel.' The biblical text, then, refers to blue cords to be incorporated in the tassels worn by pious Jews, while Bro. Chetwode Crawley is speaking of blue ribbons which somehow became the embellishments of aprons, sashes and collars.

Another suggested source of the colour mentioned by Bro. Chetwode Crawley could be its association with St. Mary, mother of Jesus, so prominent a figure in the pre-Reformation invocations of the Old Charges, drawing in her train the red ensign of St. George of Cappadocia, her steward and our Patron Saint. Blue and red, the heraldic azure and gules are sometimes associated with the chevron of the Arms of the Mason' Company.

White, the original colour of the Masonic apron, was always considered an emblem of purity and innocence, exemplified in images such as the white lily or fallen snow. Plato asserts that white is par excellence the colour of the gods. In the Bible, Daniel sees God as a very old man, dressed in robes white as snow (Daniel 7:9). In the New Testament Jesus is transfigured on Mount Tabor before Peter, James and John, when his clothes became "dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them" (Mark 9:3). Officiating priests of many religions wore and still wear white garments. In ancient Jerusalem both the priests and the

Levites who performed the Temple rites assumed white clothing. Among Romans, the unblemished character of a person aspiring to public office was indicated by a toga whitened with chalk. This is the origin of the word "candidate," from candidatus "dressed in white." Verdicts at trials were decided by small stones (calculi) thrown into an urn: white to absolve, black to condemn. White signifies beginnings, virtualities, the white page facing the writer, "the space where the possible may become reality." White is therefore understandably the colour of initiation. It is a symbol of perfection, as represented by the swan in the legend of Lohengrin.

In this aspect it is related to light or sky blue. Among the Celts the sacred colours of white, blue and green were understood to stand for light, truth and hope. Druids were robed in white. White is also connected with the idea of death and resurrection. Shrouds are white; spirits are represented as wearing white veils. White, rather than black, is sometimes the colour of mourning, among the ancient kings of France, for instance, and in Japan. White, finally, can signify joy. Leukos (Greek) means both white and cheerful; as does candidus in Latin. The Romans marked festive days with lime and unlucky days with charcoal.

Rainbow for Girls Blue is the colour of the canopy of heaven: azure, cerulean or sky blue. 'Universally, it denotes immortality, eternity, chastity, fidelity; pale blue, in particular, represents prudence and goodness.' In the Royal Arch, the Third Principal is told that it is an emblem of beneficence and charity. In biblical times, blue was closely related to purple.

Some historians have concluded that, in the Middle Ages in Europe, blue was low in popular esteem. The favourite colour was then red because the dyers could achieve strong shades of it which brought to mind the prestigious purple of the ancient world. Towards the end of that period, blue gradually became recognized as a princely colour, the "Royal Blue" which displaced red at court, red then being used by the lower classes and so regarded as vulgar. Blue and gold (or yellow) then became the colours of choice for shields, banners and livery.

Purple is a symbol of imperial royalty and richness but can also relate to penitence and the solemnity of Lent and Advent in the seasons of the Christian church. Although described (in the Royal Arch, for instance) as "an emblem of union, being composed of blue and crimson," I believe this to be a somewhat contrived explanation.

Red or crimson, the colour of fire and heat, is traditionally associated with war and the military. In Rome the paludamentum, the robe worn by generals, was red. The colour of blood is naturally connected with the idea of sacrifice, struggle and heroism. It also signifies charity, devotion, abnegation--perhaps recalling the pelican that feeds its progeny with its own blood. In Hebrew, the name of the first man, Adam, is akin to red, blood and earth.

This connection with earth may explain, perhaps, the connection of red with the passions, carnal love, the cosmetics used by women to attract their lovers. It is the colour of youth. Generally, it represents expansive force and vitality. It is the emblem of faith and fortitude and, in the Royal Arch, of fervency and zeal. Scarlet was the distinctive colour of the

Order of the Golden Fleece, established in 1429 by Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy (1419-67). Not only was the mantle scarlet, but also the robe and a special hat—the chaperon—with hanging streamers.

Green has been directly associated with the ideas of resurrection and immortality. The acacia (the Masonic evergreen) has been suggested as a symbol of a moral life or rebirth, and also of immortality. To the ancient Egyptians, green was the symbol of hope. The Grand Lodge of Scotland has adopted green as its emblematic colour, and, in varying shades, it is incorporated in the dress and furnishings of degrees and Orders beyond the Craft in English, Irish and Scottish Freemasonry.

Yellow is rarely seen in lodge, except perhaps on the Continent. It is an ambivalent colour, representing both the best and the worst, the colour of brass and honey, but also the colour of sulphur and cowardice. Yellow is the perfection of the Golden Age, the priceless quality of the Golden Fleece and the golden apples of the Hesperides. It is also the colour of the patch imposed on the Jews as a badge of infamy. In the sixteenth century, the door of a traitor's home was painted yellow. A 'jaundiced view' expresses hostility, but the most memorable symbolism of yellow is that it reminds us of the sun and of gold.

The three fundamental colours found in all civilizations, down to the Middle Ages in Europe, are white, red and black. These, too, may be regarded as the principal colours of Freemasonry: the white of the Craft degrees, the red of the Royal Arch and of certain of the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted (Scottish) Rite, and the black of some of its others, and of the Knights of Malta. Traditionally, black is the colour of darkness, death, and the underworld although it was not introduced for mourning until about the middle of the fourteenth century, such use becoming habitual only in the sixteenth.

The "black humour" of melancholy, the black crow of ill omen, the black mass, black market, "black days": all refer to negative aspects. The Black Stone at Mecca is believed by Muslims to have been at one time white; the sins of man caused the transformation. Black has also a positive aspect, that of gravity and sobriety; the Reformation in Europe frowned upon colourful clothing. Formal dress for day and evening wear continues to be black. It is associated with the outlaw and the banners of pirates and anarchists, but also with rebirth and transformation.

At the time of writing, Bro. Leon Zeldis was the editor of The Israel Freemason. This abridged article is part of a paper printed in the 1992 Vol. 105, Ars Quatuor Coronatorum Transactions.

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ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT MASONICH.I.P.

Brethren, What's more precious than silver or gold? What lights up our world when it dark and brings a smile to our faces when we're sad? What gives up hope when we're lost while holding the future of our world in their hands?



Our children, the children of our family and friends, the children of our neighbours and the children in every place

we go throughout of lives.

As Masons it's our duty to help others and there's none more important than the children. MASONICH.I.P is a program which we raise awareness to the public concerning the risk of abduction or exploitation of our children in today's society. We provide a complete ID package containing vital information that the parents can take with them in the event their child goes missing. Let me lay some facts on you brethren.

The RCMP reported that in 2009 there were 50,492 missing children reports made to Canadian Law Enforcement

- 78% of the missing children reports had repeat or habitual characteristics.
- 83% of the missing children were between the ages of 14 – 17
- 58% percent of abductions by strangers were from the children's family home

As you can see this terrible event can happen regardless of age or location. That's why it's so important that us as Masons promote this free event for the community. Landmarks/ Doric No. 654 with support of St. Andrews lodge No. 593 will continue their legendary partnership at the Ancaster fair again this **September 22-23** for our community.

We encourage all to come out and support the event. Whether it is to volunteer during the event or simply shaking the hand of a friend or neighbour to make known of this important free service we are more than happy to provide to our community for the safety and future of children.

For more information on the MASONICH.I.P program, please feel free to visit www.masonichip.ca/. Or for volunteer, location or another other questions regarding the event at the Ancaster Fair, please feel free to email me at landmarks654masonichip@hotmail.ca

Brother Douglas Pollard

*A pessimist sees the difficulty
in every opportunity;
an optimist sees the opportunity
in every difficulty.*

– Winston Churchill

Around The District
Valley Lodge No. 100
Hosts Successful 7th Annual
Golf Tournament and Charity Auction

Valley Lodge's 7th annual golf tournament and charity auction in support of both the Lodge and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) was, once again, a tremendous success! Although most of the golf portion of the day was spent under rainy skies, spirits remained high with the knowledge that everyone's efforts were supporting a worthy cause. The course was in tremendous condition and all golfers attacked the course with skill and zeal- and where skill was lacking, zeal and camaraderie took hold. By all accounts, everyone had a fun day! Rising to the top for the second time in the tournament's history and shooting a spectacular -13 to par (59), our winners were: V. W. Bro. Wolfgang Schneiders, Les Magyar, Rick Gerrie and Michael O'Callaghan. Congratulations to our winners and to all participants!

this resulted in a level of charity during the ensuing auction which we have not seen on prior occasions!

Bidding on this year's items was hotly contested and at the conclusion of the auction, W. Bro. Aaron T. Smith presented a cheque to Janet and Vanessa for CCFC in the amount of \$3,333.00 which was accepted with gratitude.



Bro. Bill Paul, and W. Bro. Aaron Smith presented a cheque for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada to Janet Young, President of the Hamilton Chapter of the CCFC, and Guest Speaker, Vanessa Webster.

Valley Lodge Brethren are very thankful for the support their family, friends and community have shown in this initiative and we all look forward to a successful 2013 tournament! The tournament will once again be held at Copetown Woods and the date is confirmed as Saturday, June 8th, 2013. If you have interest in becoming involved as a participant, sponsor or donor for next year's event; please feel free to contact Bro. William W. Paul at bill_paul@dart.biz or (905)719-6464.

**DISTRICT BRETHERN GATHER FOR THE
DISTRICT MEETING AT THE ANNUAL
COMMUNICATION**



Happy Winners All - Rick Gerrie, Les Magyar, V.W. Bro. Wolfgang Schneiders and Michael O'Callaghan.

As the golf groups began finishing their rounds, the skies began to clear and led to a wonderful afternoon on the patio as our dinner guests also began to arrive. This afforded many friends the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with one another and get caught up on each other's lives. It also gave all attendees the opportunity to preview the terrific charity auction items.

Following an excellent roast beef buffet, Janet Young, President of the Hamilton chapter of CCFC shared the story of many of the over 200,000 Canadians afflicted with Crohn's and Colitis before introducing this year's keynote speaker, Ms Vanessa Webster. Vanessa has been afflicted with ulcerative colitis for over 11 years and she spoke with passion, intimacy and optimism about her challenges. Vanessa's words truly struck a chord with all attendees and



District C Brethren assembled in Toronto.



W. Bro. Martin Tees and R. W. Bro. John Johnston prepare to address the gathering.

D.D.G.M. Official Visits

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Ionic Lodge No. 549

MCH Dinner 6:30 p.m. – Tyled at 7:30 p.m.
Accompanying Lodge – Valley No. 100

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

MCH Dinner 6:00 p.m. – Tyled at 7:30 p.m.
Accompanying Lodge – Temple No. 324

Monday, October 22, 2012

Wardrope Lodge No. 555

MCH Dinner 6:30 p.m. – Tyled at 7:30 p.m.
Accompanying Lodge – Buchanan No. 550

October Installations

Thursday, October 18, 2012

Dufferin Lodge No. 291

W. Flamboro Lodge Tyled at 7:30 p.m.

Interesting Websites

Read more quotes from **Winston Churchill** at
http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/w/winston_churchill.html#9OUbd2so4YOvia5K.99.

Should you have missed any of the previous issues of Protocol and Etiquette, they can be **downloaded** from several District web sites, including the **Algoma District web site**:
http://www.algomadistrict.ca/Protocol%20&%20Etiquette/Protocol_Etiquette.htm.

Additional P&E educational material is also available on that site.

Global Fraternal Network –

<http://www.markwalder.us/gfn-news>.

Guide Dogs of Canada –

<http://www.dogguides.com/index.html>.

Upcoming Events

Friday, August 10, 2012

**McMaster University Medical Centre
(Purple Section)**

Blood Donors' Clinic
Main Street, Hamilton
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Friday, August 24, 2012

Hamilton Convention Centre

Blood Donors' Clinic
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Friday, September 14, 2012

Blood Donors Clinic - Hamilton Masonic District C At Paramount Drive Alliance Church, 1035 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek from 1:30 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.

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.



Saturday, September 8, 2012

District C Fall Meeting

Hillcrest Masonic Hall - Mohawk Road West
- 10:00 a.m.

The D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Wayne Robinson, requests all District C W. M.s, Secretaries, and interested brethren to attend our Fall Meeting.

Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23, 2012



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