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From our District Deputy Grand Master

As we start the New Year and return to our Masonic duties I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



On January 3, I attended Buchanan Lodge No. 550 and witnessed a Master Mason Degree, the lodge was well attended and the degree was excellent that I am sure left an everlasting impression on the candidate Brother Brown.

On January 8, I attended Seymour Lodge No. 272 on the Installation of Bro. Kojo Chintoh. I wish him and his officers an enjoyable and successful year in their Masonic endeavours.

On January 12, I attended the Grand Lodge Mid-Term meeting held at the Masonic Centre, Hamilton. There was considerable discussion on Lodge buildings, specifically fire codes. All lodge building must have a current fire code plan and emergency exits plan in place by June 30, 2013.

An extensive presentation on the new Grand Lodge website was given by R. W. Bro. Richard Kauffman. Details have been forwarded to the Lodge secretaries.

On January 14, I attended Valley Lodge No. 100 where I had the privilege to present Bro. Don Chappel (a William Mercer Wilson Medal recipient) his 50-year pin for dedicated service. Also, Mr. Michael McKenzie was initiated into Masonry by the well-skilled Brethren of Valley Lodge.

On January 15, I attended Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 and presented a 25-year pin to W. Bro. Steven Thiede; my congratulations are extended to you, Steven.

On January 16, along with my wife Debbie, I attended the Electric Lodge's Robbie Burns night. Both Debbie and I enjoyed the "haggis, neaps and tatties" and the entertainment. The proceeds from the silent auction were forwarded to the Electric Lodge charity and I commend the Lodge for their continued support to their worthy cause.

On January 19 was the District mid-term meeting held at Hillcrest Temple. A motion was given and passed to change the District guidelines with respect to the DDGM rotation due to Centennial Daylight Lodge going into darkness. There was also a Notice of Motion to change the guidelines with respect to revising the DDGM allowance; details will be sent to the Lodge secretaries.

On January 22, I made an official visit to Landmarks/Doric No. 654. The evening was well attended and the work of the evening was a Fellow Craft Degree. I had a most enjoyable evening and I thank the Lodge for their hospitality.

On January 24, I made an official visit to Corinthian Lodge No. 513. I was warmly received and saw an excellent E.A. Degree conferred upon the candidate Mr. Moustafa Alaa El-Din. Welcome to Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry, Bro. El-Din.

D. Wayne Robinson
District Deputy Grand Master

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DISTRICT CHARITY UPDATE

At this time, we have an accumulated total of **1900 lbs.** of non-perishable food items which have been passed along to the Salvation Army food bank. Donations can be brought to Official Visits and Installations throughout our District.



DDGM Communiqué Publication

At the request of Grand Lodge, in order to promote the recently up-dated Grand Lodge website, we will no longer be running the Messages from the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary which appear monthly in the DDGM Communiqué. We encourage our readers to go to the Grand Lodge website at www.grandlodge.on.ca/.



To find the Messages go to the Grand Lodge website. Login with your username and password;

at the next screen, click on the word **Communications**, which appears in the blue line along the top of the screen;

next, click on the words **Grand Lodge Newsletters**, which appears below the word **Publications**, which is highlighted in brown in a drop-box;

then click on the words **D.D.G.M. Communiqué**, which appear in a grey/purple box on the left of the screen;

finally, click on **2013-01 January** to take you to the current message. You can also see previous messages by clicking on either **2011** or **2012**, which appear on the left-hand side of the screen.

You may also peruse the latest issue (or previous issues) of **Protocol & Etiquette**, which features **The Finance Advisory**, by clicking on those words in the **Grand Lodge Newsletters** section.

Some recent topics presented in **Protocol & Etiquette** include The Committee of General Purposes (January), How To Efficiently Conduct The Business Portion of a Lodge Meeting (February), and Cell Phone Etiquette and Multiple Volumes of the Sacred Law (March).

*This decision was made by
The Chronicle Editorial Team.*

*Knowledge is of two kinds.
We know a subject ourselves, or
we know where we can find information on it.
- Samuel Johnson*

Who's In Charge Here?

Westmount Lodge No. 671

W. Bro. Jeff Heimpel

Although born in Kitchener, Jeff spent most of his formative years in neighbouring Cambridge, where he attended Preston High School. After graduating from Conestoga College, with a Business Diploma, Jeff opened and operated his own retail store in Kitchener. In 1994, he left the retail world to join the Ford Motor Company in Oakville, where he remains actively employed. Jeff eventually left Cambridge to be closer to work, and presently resides in Stoney Creek with his wife, Tracy, and their clan of rescued cats.



Jeff was initiated and raised in Westmount Lodge, and was installed as the Worshipful Master in November of 2012. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Regalia Committee for Hamilton Masonic District C.

Jeff firmly believes that the strength of a lodge depends upon a united and consistent co-operation towards a common ideal; its success relies on the ability to form a group consciousness towards this goal. Jeff's plan for the year is to focus on the candidate, with the belief that "if we fully understand what motivates a candidate into joining the brotherhood, we can be in a better position to meet their needs – thus, guiding them appropriately towards lifetime membership as they experience the full potential that Masonry has to offer."

**Next month –
Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602**



Famous Masons - Robbie Burns

One of the greatest names in Masonry is Robbie Burns. If there are those who question his investiture as Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge No. 2 S.C., owing to the absence of certain documentary evidence, no one denies that he was, and is, the greatest poet of Freemasonry, its faith and its friendship, its philosophy and its fun, its passion and its prophecy.

Higher tribute there is none for any man than to say, justly, that the world is gentler and a better place for his having lived; and that may be truly said of Robbie Burns, whose very name is an emblem of pity, joy, and the magnetism of Brotherly Love. It is therefore that men love Burns, as much for his weakness as for his strength, and all the more because he was not a superficial human being. Few men thus live in the hearts of their fellows; and today, from Ayr to Sidney, from Chicago to Calcutta, the memory of Burns is not only alive, but a living force uniting men of many lands into a fellowship of Liberty, Justice and Charity.

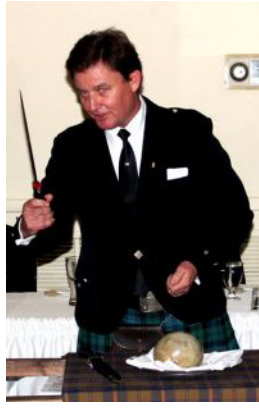
In a tiny two-roomed cottage, clay-built and thatched-roofed, on the banks of the Don, in the district of Kyle, two miles south of the town of Ayr, in Scotland, Robbie Burns was born on January 25, 1759. It was a peasant home, such as he afterward described in "The Cotter's Saturday Night," in which poverty was consecrated by piety, where the father was a priest of faith and the mother a guardian angel of the holy things of life. So far as schools were concerned, his education was limited to grammar, writing and arithmetic. Later he picked up a little Latin, a smattering of French, and some knowledge of English and classic poets.

At the age of twenty-two Burns was initiated into the Mysteries of Freemasonry, in St. David's Lodge at Tarbolton No. 133 S.C., July 4, 1781. Lockhart says that he was introduced to the Lodge by John Rankine. The minute recording his initiation reads: "Sederunt for July 4th. Burns in Lochly was entered an Apprentice. Jo Norman, Master." The second and third degrees were conferred on the same evening, in the month of October following his initiation. Six years later he was made a Knights Templar as well as a Royal Arch Mason in Eyemouth, as under the old Regime the two were always given together. By this time he had won some fame as a poet, and the higher degrees were given him in token both of his fame as a poet and his enthusiasm as a Mason.

On July 27, 1784, Burns was elected Deputy Master of St. James Lodge, Tarbolton No. 135 S.C., a position which he held until 1788. He was made an honorary member of St. John Lodge No. 22, Kilmarnock, on October 26, 1786. Major William Parker, the Master of St. John Lodge No. 133 S.C., became a great friend of Burns, and subscribed for thirty-five

copies of the first edition of his poems. He is the "Willie" in the song "Ye Sons of Auld Killie" (a contraction of Kilmarnock) composed and sung by Burns on the occasion of his admission as an honorary member of St. John Lodge.

The minutes of this meeting concluded as follows: "Robert Burns, Poet, from Mauchline, a member of St. James, Tarbolton, was made an Honorary Member of this Lodge." (Sgd.) Will Parker. This was the first Lodge to distinguish Burns with the designation "Poet," and to honour him with honorary membership. Besides being a faithful and enthusiastic attendant upon the meetings of his own Lodge, Burns was a frequent visitor at Lodge when away from home. It is said that, with a very few exceptions, all his patrons and acquaintances were members of the Fraternity.



V. W. Bro. Martin Tees addressed The Haggis, reciting Burn's famous poem.

No great poet whose name is linked with our Craft ever owed more to Freemasonry, or gave more to it. More intimately than any other he was identified with its life, its genius and its ideals. Its teachings moved his thought; its spirit inspired his song; its genius nurtured that love of freedom and Fraternity which he set to everlasting music. In Freemasonry he found refuge from hardship and heaviness of spirit; and its fellowship served to shelter him from the poisoned arrows of petty

bigots who were unworthy to tie his shoes - men known in every age, whose hard-heartedness was clad in smug hypocrisy.

When Burns appeared, the spirit of Scotland was at a low ebb. Her people were crushed and her ancient fire almost quenched. Her scholars blushed if they used her dialect. It was at such a time that Burns, inspired by the history of his people, the traditions of Wallace and Bruce stirring him like a passion, spoke about the simple life of his nation in its vivid and picturesque language. He struck with a delicate but strong hand the deep and noble feelings of his countrymen, and the genius of his people. It is thus that all men love Burns, for it was he who taught, as few have taught, the brotherhood of man and the kinship of all breathing things.

It is agreed by all that Robert Burns was a lyric poet of the first order, if not the greatest song writer of the world. Draw a line from Shakespeare to Browning, and he is one of the few minds tall enough to touch it. The qualities of Burns are simplicity, naturalness, vividness, fire, sweet-toned pathos, and rollicking humour - qualities rare enough, and still more rarely blended. His fame rests upon verses written swiftly, as men write letters. He saw the world as God made it, woven of good and ill, of light and shadow, and his songs come home to rich and poor alike, a comfort and a consecration.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Johnston

Around The District
Westmount Lodge No. 671



Our D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson, with W. Bro. Jeff Heimpel, Officers, members and visitors who attended the Installation Ceremony.

Wardrobe Lodge No. 555



Several members of Wardrobe Lodge No. 555 and their guests enjoyed a festive gathering.

Valley Lodge No. 100



The D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson, visited Valley Lodge No. 100 to present Bro. Don Chappel, (third from the left), a William Mercer Wilson Medal recipient, with his 50-year Masonic Service pin. Bro. Chappel has faithfully served as the Lodge Organist at Valley Lodge since 1980 and as the Chairman of the Lodge's Blood Donor Committee for over 27 years. The candidate for the evening was Bro. Michael McKenzie – the newest member of Valley Lodge.

Ionic Lodge No. 549



Along with the new W.M. – W. Bro. Martin Bate, are officers, members and guests of Ionic Lodge, including the D.D.G.M., and R. W. Bro. D. Wayne Robison.

Seymour Lodge No. 272



Front Row: W. Bro. Stan Satchell, W. Bro. Gerald Summerville, W. Bro. Ed Coomber, the new W. M., W. Bro. Kojo Chintoh , V. W. Bro. Dan Devison, D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson, and V. W. Bro. John Lyness.

Mid-term District C Meeting

Several brethren, representing all the Lodges in the District, heard the latest up-dates from District Chairmen and from our D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson.

Treasurer V. W. Bro. Ray Wilson indicated the District is in good shape financially. The I.P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. J. K. Johnston lead a lengthy discussion on the report of the District's Long Range Planning Committee.

There was a discussion relating to not duplicating in The Chronicle the Grand Lodge material which is already available on the Grand Lodge website. (Please see page 2.)

Blood Donors Update

A blood donors clinic was held on December 28, 2012 at the Hamilton Convention Centre. This clinic was sponsored by Wardrope Lodge No. 555, with many thanks to those brethren for their generous contribution to this important cause.

I also want to thank W. Bro. Robert Todd, R. W. Bro. Roger Parliament, V. W. Bro. Reg. (and Lynda) Joyce and Bro. Reg. Lewington for assisting during the month of January.



The year of 2013 has started in a good fashion: during the month of January, 2013, 150 units of blood were collected in clinics. The District's Blood Donors Committee continues to ask for the support of the membership in financially supporting the blood collection clinics and in manning the hospitality stations at these clinics. The assistance of the membership will be always welcomed.

Buchanan Lodge No. 550 also sponsored the clinic on January 17 at the U.S. Steel and is manning the hospitality station at the clinic for February 22. For further information or to volunteer, please contact R.W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero at 905-548-5111 or at 905-730-9850 (cell) or at ecordero@cogeco.ca. The following are the February to March 2013 Clinics. (Volunteer shifts.– two hours)

February 22, 2013 Hamilton Convention Centre
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Buchanan Lodge No. 550 Brethren on Hospitality

March 8, 2013 Paramount Drive Alliance Church,
1:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
Meridian Lodge No. 687 Brethren on Hospitality

March 14, 2013 U. S. Steel – Wilcox Street Plant Office
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Help is needed for the Hospitality Station.

March 25, 2013 Hamilton Convention Centre
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Help is needed for the Hospitality Station.

D.D.G.M.'s Official Visits

Monday, February 11, 2013

Valley Lodge No. 100

Dundas

Acc. - Meridian Lodge No. 687

Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Lodge tyled at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Meridian Lodge No. 687

Ancaster

Acc. – Wardrope Lodge No. 555

Lodge tyled at 7:30 p.m. – Refreshments After

In Memoriam

William Henry Whitworth

Initiated into Hugh Murray Lodge: April 29, 1959

Passed: May 29, 1959

Raised: September 29, 1959.

Ascended to G. L. A.: December 22, 2012

William MacDonald

Bill was an active member of Hillcrest Lodge No. 594, and the Custodian of Hillcrest Temple. He celebrated his 80th birthday on December 2, 2012.

Ascended to the G. L. A.: December 29, 2012.

John King

John was initiated, passed and raised in Buchanan Lodge No. 550. He affiliated with Erie Lodge No. 149 in Port Dover after moving to that community upon his retirement. John was very involved with masonry and belonged to several concordant bodies .He ascended to the Grand Lodge Above on January 2, 2013.

James Wallace Beatt

Initiated into Hugh Murray Lodge
No. 602:

September 19, 1950

Passed: November 29, 1950

Raised: January 29, 1951

Ascended to G. L. A.: December 17,
2012.

In 2012, James received a
60-year Masonic Service pin.



Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. David Crowe Bradley

Grand Master, 1989 – 1991

Ascended to the G. L. A.: Saturday, January 19, 2013

We will remember them.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 23, 2013

Hamilton Masonic Districts' Past Masters Association Breakfast meeting

8:30 a.m. Meet and Greet 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Meeting Commences

Guest speaker: Tom Allan

St. John Ambulance Centennial – 100 years of service to the citizens of Hamilton

Tom Allan has been a member of St. John Ambulance for 45 years and was Knighted as a Knight of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem. He has written a book "St. John Ambulance Hamilton Wentworth - A short History The First Hundred Years." to commemorate the 2012 centennial of 100 years of service in Hamilton. Past Masters are asked to contact W. Bro. Tom Young to reserve your seat at thomas.young@shaw.ca

Saturday, March 2, 2013

Craft Association of Hamilton Masonic Districts' Annual District Deputies' Reception and Dance

Social at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Program at 7:00 p.m..

Cost – \$35 p.p., at the Scottish Rite

Tickets available from your Lodge Secretary.

Saturday, March 23, 2013

Defibrillator & C.P.R. Training

Scottish Rite at 9:00 a. m., in the Round Room. The cost is **\$40.00 plus \$5.00 for Lunch**. Please send your reply to David Midgley at midge44@gmail.com or 905-966-0820 by **March 16th, 2013** in order to give the Trainers the number of attendees.

Saturday, March 23, 2013

Valley Lodge's House Concert featuring Anne Lindsay and Charles James

Cocktails @ 7:00 p.m., Concert @ 8:00 p.m.

Dundas Legion Hall, 280 King Street W., Dundas

Cost is \$20.00 per person (Cash Bar)

For more information contact: Bro. Colin Pfeiffer,
colin_pfeiffer@cogeco.ca, or 905-627-6930.

Sunday, March 24, 2013

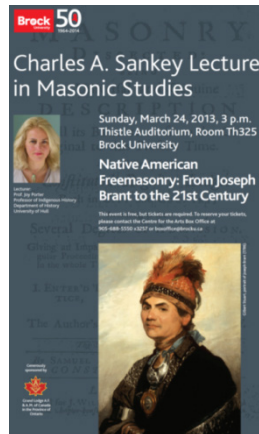
The Charles A. Sankey Lecture Series Presents Prof. Joy Porter

*North American Freemasonry:
Joseph Brant to the 21st Century*

3:00 p.m.

Thistle Auditorium, Room Theatre 325
Brock University, St. Catharines

This annual lecture series is named in honour of R.W. Bro.



Charles A. Sankey (1905-2009) and is part of the partnership between the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Brock University. Dr. Sankey served as Chancellor of Brock University from 1969 to 1974.

Tickets are required, but to enable university students to be exposed to this exemplary speaker and program, they will be free. We are again asking Masons who are able to do so, to make a tax-deductible donation to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario,

Brock University Partnership Project Number 2937, in lieu of the price of a ticket.

Tickets are available through the Brock Centre for the Arts Box Office. There will be a limit of 5 tickets per request. Call (905) 688-5550 ext 3257 or 1-866-617-3257. Email – boxoffice@brocku.ca More information is available at www.sankeylectures.ca All contributions should be made through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Project Number 2937. The Foundation can be contacted at 361 King St. West. Hamilton, ON. L8P 1B4. (905) 527-9105 or FAX:(905)527-8859.

Sunday, April 21, 2013

Hamilton Masonic Districts' Spring Divine Service

St. Stephen -on-the-Mount Anglican Church
625 Concession Street

Hamilton, ON

Assembly - 7:00 p.m. Service - 7:30 p.m.

Arranged on behalf of the Board of Relief by
Westmount Lodge No. 671

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Roberts Rules of Order

Presented by W. Bro. Allison Gowling
The Lodge of Strict Observance No. 27
Stoney Creek Masonic Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Visit to the Detroit Masonic Temple

All Hamilton Masons and their guests are invited to participate in a day-long trip to the beautiful and historic Masonic Temple in Detroit, MI. This trip is sponsored and organized by St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge, No. 62. The cost per person will be \$45.00. Included are the cost of the bus, taxes, tolls, gratuities and donation to the Masonic Temple.

If you have any questions, or wish to reserve your seat, (there are only 56 seats available), please contact **Bro. Stephen Skidmore** - sskidmore4@msn.com.

Buchanan Lodge No. 550 Visit Highlights The Importance of Visitation



From l. to r. – W. M., V. W. Bro. Don Falconer, W. Bro. Guenter Loerke of Germany and W. Bro. Doug Sutton of The Electric Lodge No. 495.

The following is a note sent to The Chronicle, to encourage visitation.

Just a little information on this friendship between mein bruder, Guenter Loerke, and myself, and the importance of visitation.

W. Bruder Guenter Loerke visited The Electric Lodge in 2006, when I was the Master; we instantly became friends and we started correspondence by email and phone. In the summer of 2008 he came to visit his son in Toronto and came to Turkey Point to visit his Canadian Masonic brother, which is me.

I told mein bruder that I wanted to sit in Lodge with him in Germany and in February I went to Berlin, Germany for 21 days. I sat in Lodge in Berlin and in a city called Gornitz in south-east Germany.

I fell in love with Germany and the bruders and the way of life. I have been to Germany three times and just loved it. I have joined my German bruders in many many different cities, and sat in Lodge with them and believe me, they really make you feel welcome. They all seemed so happy that a bruder from Canada came all that way just to visit with them.

It is an honour, just like what happened in **Buchanan Lodge** - the true Masonic spirit of Brotherly Love. Beyond the lodge room we have become family; my daughter Stephanie treats Guenter as her Ohpa .

I feel this is what can happen when the Brothers of District C go out and visit other Lodges.

When I go to visit the bruders in Germany, I take over books such as **The History of The Electric Lodge** plus the Canadian Masonic lapel pin and give them to the W.M. and their Lodge. My German Bruder love trading masonic pins.

I will be going back, but I can not say when, but in a year or so. Bruder Guenter Loerke hails from Mozart Lodge No. 684 in Wiesbaden; he is also very well known throughout the whole of Germany. He is my bruder and friend; if you need any further information please contact me I will be glad to assist you.

W. Bro. Douglas J. Sutton
P.S. I wear my Scottish regalia in Germany.

Visitation – A Privilege and a Pleasure Come and Join Us!

Valley Lodge No. 100	Dundas	2 nd Monday
Wardrope Lodge No. 555	MCH	4 th Monday
Seymour Lodge No. 272	Ancaster	2 nd Tuesday
Temple Lodge No. 324	MCH	2 nd Tuesday
Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602	MCH	3 rd Tuesday
Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654	MCH	4 th Tuesday
Westmount Lodge No. 671	Hillcrest	4 th Tuesday
Ionic Lodge No. 549	MCH	1 st Wednesday
Meridian Lodge No. 687	Ancaster	2 nd Wednesday
The Electric Lodge No. 495	MCH	3 rd Wednesday
Buchanan Lodge No. 550	Hillcrest	1 st Thursday
Dufferin Lodge No. 291	West Flam.	3 rd Thursday
Corinthian Lodge No. 513	MCH	4 th Thursday

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