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From our District Deputy Grand Master

It is with deep sadness that I have to inform you of the recent passing of the Grand Registrar, **R. W. Bro. James A. Van Trigt**. On Saturday January 26, along with R. W. Bro. John L. MacPherson, I had the pleasure of visiting New Dominion Lodge No. 205, (Waterloo District) for their Annual Robbie Burns Celebration. I was graciously invited to sit in the East



next to R. W. Bro. James A. Van Trigt and had a most interesting discussion on Masonry with him. I was saddened to hear about his passing just a few days following that meeting. My deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

On a more pleasant note, this month I had two official visits the first on February 11 at Valley Lodge No. 100. The work of the evening was a Fellow Craft Degree that was delivered in an excellent manner. On that occasion I was accompanied by a number of Grand Lodge Officers, in the persons of R. W. Bros. Douglas Waller, DDGM Wilson South, Harold Forbes, DDGM North Huron District and John McIntyre, DDGM St. Thomas District. Also accompanying me was V. W. Bro. Mike Martin, Grand Steward. A most enjoyable social evening followed the degree.

On February 13, I made an Official Visit to Meridian Lodge No. 687. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Lindsey Reiach, DDGM Hamilton District B.

The work of the evening was a very informative education topic “Did Masonry exist in the 1300s?” The presenter was W. Bro. Roy Metcalf and at the conclusion he gave the brethren food for thought.

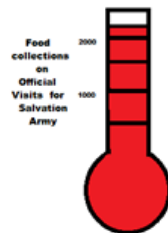
I made a fraternal visit to Meridian Lodge last November and witnessed a Master Mason Degree due to the W.M. and Secretary being out of the country the day of my official visit.

Brethren, as I have no Official Visits or Installations to attend in March, I have scheduled some minor surgery for the beginning of the month. After a few days of recuperation I hope to make fraternal visitations when called upon. Remember to set your clocks forward on March 10; I look forward to the Easter celebrations at month's end.

D. Wayne Robinson
District Deputy Grand Master

DISTRICT CHARITY UPDATE

To-date we have collected over **ONE (1) TON** of food. Last year food donations to the Family Services dropped after Christmas that resulted in the Salvation Army having to buy



products at a cost to them of \$40,000.00. Please remember that the Family services provide over 100 food parcels per day, 5 days per week during the entire year. Your food and financial donations go a long way to assist the Army in performing this valuable community service. On **Saturday, April 6, 2013**, we will be having **another city-wide food drive** to support the Family

Services summer donations. Non-perishable food products can be dropped off at your nearby fire station between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A group of volunteers will pick-up the items from the fire stations and deliver them to the Family Services on Bay Street. More information will be mailed to each Lodge Secretary.

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

See the DDGM Communiqué for Messages from the G.M., D.G.M.

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 >> **Communications** >> **Grand Lodge Newsletters**, which appears below the word **Publications** >> **D.D.G.M. Communiqué** >> **2013-01 February** to take you to the current message. In addition, you can 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 issues (current or previous) of **Protocol & Etiquette**, the latest of which includes "Draping the Warrant", "Memorial Services" and "The Altar".

The Grand Master Appoints New Grand Registrar

Due to the recent untimely death of **R. W. Bro. James van Trigt**, I have appointed **W. Bro. James Harrison** to fill the position of Grand Registrar for the remainder of the 2012-2013 term, based on Section 49 of the Book of Constitution.

W. Bro. Harrison is from Embro, Ontario and is a member of King Solomon's Lodge No. 43, Wilson North District. He was initiated into King Solomon's Lodge No. 43 in March 1992. He served as Master in 2001- 2002 and again in 2002 -2003. He served two terms as Masonic Education Chairman for Wilson North District and one term as Co-Chairman of the Friend-To-Friend Committee. He is a York Rite Mason and a member of Oxford-Harris Chapter No. 18 and Stratford St. Elmo Perceptory No. 22.

W. Bro. Harrison is diligently working to get up to speed with his duties as Grand Registrar. We welcome both W. Bro. Harrison, and his wife Carol, to our Grand Lodge team and look forward to travelling with them for the remainder of the year. Upon his Investiture by the Grand Master, Jim will assume the rank of R.W. Bro. I am certain that the Brethren will make Jim feel welcome and offer any assistance that they can.

D. Garry Dowling
Grand Master

Who's In Charge Here?

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 W. Bro. Edward Patterson



Next month – Seymour Lodge No. 272



THIS IS YOUR DAY

Blessed is the man, indeed,
Who in this life can find;
A purpose that can fill his days,
And goals to fill his mind!

The world is filled with little men
Content with where they are;
Not knowing joys success can bring,
Not willing to go that far!

Yet, in this world there is a need,
For men to lead the rest
To rise above the "average" life,
By giving of their best!

Would you be one, who dares to try,
When challenged by the task;
To rise to heights you've never seen,
Or is that too much to ask?

This is your day--a world to win
Great purpose to achieve;
Accept the challenge of your goals
And in yourself, believe!

You will be proud of what you've done,
When at the close of day;
You look back on your battles won,
Content, you came this way!

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Reprinted from "Thoughts On Masonic Education"
by R. W. Bro. Hugh Goldie, District Deputy Grand Master
Frontenac District, GLCPO

“WHITE BALL ELECTS, BLACK BALL REJECTS.”

Part I

This, or some similar statement, is usually made at a lodge prior to voting on the application of one who would be an initiate of Freemasonry.

The “secrecy of the ballot” and the universal (in this country) requirements that a ballot be taken to elect are two of the greatest bulwarks of the Fraternity. Occasionally both the secrecy and the unanimity may seem to work a hardship on a man apparently worthy of being taken by the hand as a brother; but no human institution is perfect, and no human being acts always according to the best that is in him. The occasional failure of the system to work complete justice may be laid to the individuals using it and not to the Fraternity.

“Harmony being the strength and support of all well regulated institutions, especially this of ours.” This phrase, or one similar, is familiar to all Masons. Harmony (oneness of mind, effort, ideas and ideals) is one of the foundations of Freemasonry.

Anything which interferes with harmony by so hurts the institution; therefore, it is essential that lodges have a harmonious membership; that no man be admitted to the Masonic home of any brother against his will. For this reason it is required that the names of applicants to a lodge be set before the entire membership, prior to a vote, that all may know that John Smith is to be balloted upon; that any who think him unfit timber for the lodge, or who have personal objections to entering into the sacred relation of brotherhood with him, may have the opportunity to say “No.”

The power thus put in the hands of the individual Master Mason is very great. No officer, not even the Grand Master, may inquire how we vote, or why we voted as we did. No Grand Master has the power to set aside the rejection of an applicant.

This rejection of an application does more than merely prevent the applicant from being given the degrees. It creates over the petitioner a lodge jurisdiction. He may not apply to another lodge for the degrees refused him by this one, without first securing from that lodge a waiver of jurisdiction. He may not again apply even to the lodge which rejected him until after a certain statutory period (usually six months). When his application is again received and brought up for ballot, the fact that he previously applied and was rejected is stated to the lodge. In other words, the casting of a black ball not only rejects for the degrees, but puts a certain disability upon the applicant which he is powerless to remove.

The brother who casts a ballot, then, upon an applicant, wields a tremendous power. Like most powers, it can be used well or ill. It may work harm, or good, not only upon him upon whom it is used, but to him who uses it. Unlike many great powers put into the hands of men, however, this one is not subject to review or control by any human agency. No king, prince, potentate; no law, custom or regulation; no Masonic brother or officer, can interfere with the individual's use of this power.

For no one knows who uses the black ball. No one knows why a black ball is cast. The individual brother and his God alone know. The very absence of any responsibility to man or authority is one of the reasons why the power should be used with intelligence, and only when, after solemn self-inquiry, the reason behind its use is found to be Masonic.

Any one can think of a hundred reasons why black balls are cast. An office associate, for example, wants to be a Mason. He applies to our lodge. As far as the investigating committee can ascertain, he is a good man, honest, pays his debts, is a church member, a hard worker. But we have heard him repeat, to us and to others, matters which we know were

given to him in confidence. We have learned to distrust his discretion. We don't believe that a promise means much to him. It may be, of course, that a Masonic obligation would be kept. But we are not sure. How would you vote?

A certain man is our personal enemy. The quarrel between us may have nothing to do with

right and wrong; it may be the result merely of a life time of antagonism. He applies to our lodge. Our lodge is our Masonic home. We would not want this man in our family home; we do not think we will be happy with him in our Masonic home. Would you use your right to vote against him?

These, and a thousand other good reasons, are all proper ones for the casting of a black ball. If the lodge might suffer, if we might suffer, if we know that our absent brother would suffer from the applicant being elected, we have the best of reasons for seeing that he is rejected. Such use of our power is proper, Masonic, ethical, wise, just.

But there is another side of the shield. Unfortunately, no hard and fast rule can be laid down. There is no way to explain “this is a good reason, but that is not a good reason” for casting a black ball. Each of us has to judge the reason for himself. Yet some suggestions may be given. (Part II in April 2013)

R. W. Bro. J. K. Johnston
I.P.D.D.G.M.



Around The District
Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654



Our D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson, with the W.M. - W. Bro. George Jones, Officers, members and visitors, on the occasion of his Official Visit to Landmarks/Doric Lodge, accompanied by the W. M. - W. Bro. Jordan Slade and members of The Electric Lodge No. 495.

Meridian Lodge No. 687



The Official Visit of the D.D.G.M. to Meridian Lodge, accompanied by members of Wardrope Lodge No. 555. Front Row l. - r.: V. W. Bro. John Lyness (a rare photo of the District Photographer), V. W. Bro. Lloyd Oaks, D.D.G. M. of Hamilton Masonic District B - R. W. Bro. Lindsay Reiach, V. W. Bro. George Post, R. W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson - D.D.G.M. - Hamilton Masonic District C, and R. W. Bro. John L. MacPherson.

Valley Lodge No. 100



W. M., W. Bro. Scott Lahane, Officers, members and visitors who attended the D.D.G.M.'s Official Visit, along with brethren from Meridian Lodge No. 687, the accompanying Lodge.

A Masonic Minute *The Canadian Maple Leaf Flag*

The Canadian Maple Leaf Flag was adopted by Parliament on December 16, 1964, **officially proclaimed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and inaugurated on February 15, 1965**, now observed in Canada as National Flag Day. The adoption of the distinctive design emerged from much debate, led by the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Bro. John George Diefenbaker.



Our distinguished Brother, the Honourable John Ross Matheson, at the time the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Lester B. Pearson, by adroit negotiations with the opposing parties, was instrumental in the final resolution of the debate. Bro. Matheson is also responsible for the creation of the Order of Canada.

Bro. Matheson was initiated in Queen's Lodge No. 578, Kingston, in 1940 on the night before he was deployed with his regiment for active service in World War Two. He is the recipient of the William Mercer Wilson Medal for Meritorious Service, a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. On November 13, 2010, Bro. Matheson was presented with the Long Service Award – 70 Years a Freemason in a ceremony attended by the Speaker of the House, Members of both the Federal Parliament and the Ontario Legislature, together with a host of friends and family.

The words from the Sacred Writings in the Book of Revelation, "*The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations*" were quoted to describe the distinctive design of the distinctive design of the Maple Leaf Flag. In a speech given to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Bro. Matheson said: "*Our symbolism must need affirm spiritual values. It conveys a message of noble expectations for humanity, of our Masonic hope for an even 'better country.'* Each of us, like the Flag, represents Canada. This nation can be no worthier than what we imagine and will it to be."

When M. W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby was the Director of the R.C.M.P. Degree Team, this Charge to the Flag was given as part of the ceremony:

"I present our Flag, our symbol of Unity and Sovereignty, between bars of red on a field of white; it blazons forth in its full Autumnal glory the **Canadian Maple Leaf**, whose points represent the Provinces and Territories, which comprise our great Dominion.

To Freemasons –the red symbolizes the dauntless courage of our forefathers, which we strive to emulate; the white, that blameless purity of life and conduct to which we aspire, and the points, the eleven knightly virtues, of which Patriotism is the greatest, and to which we are ever dedicated,

And finally, it inspires in us a reverence to Him, to whom we fervently pray.

God Save the Queen, and Heaven bless The Maple Leaf Forever."

M. W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels
I. P. G. M.

Blood Donors Update

The Blood Donors Committee is glad to report several areas in which our contribution to the Canadian Blood Services has improved during the course of this 2012-2013 Masonic year.



The number of units collected in clinics sponsored by our District and where Hamilton Masonic District C Volunteers have manned

the hospitality Station is at 1004 as of Feb. 14, 2013, with four clinics still remaining for this 2012-2013 fiscal year of the Canadian Blood Services.

Out of thirteen Lodges in the District, we have 12 Lodges which have sponsored clinics or assisted with the manning of the hospitality stations.

Something new this year is that a number of Lodges have sponsored more than one clinic each: Buchanan Lodge, No. 550 sponsored three clinics this year, and Meridian Lodge, No. 687 sponsored two clinics.

Lodges are starting to assumed permanent responsibility for the manning of the hospitality stations. Again, Buchanan Lodge, No. 550 at some of the clinics at the Convention Centre and Meridian Lodge, No. 687 at all of the clinics at Paramount.

Our commitment with CBS continues to increase: this year; our District will have sponsored or volunteered at 22 clinics. The Canadian Blood Services realizes that they can count on us for assistance and we are very proud to be able to assist them.

The Hamilton Masonic District C thanks all the Lodges and individual volunteers who have helped this year. The campaign of collecting blood is a noble campaign due to the importance of having a steady supply of this precious substance available to the community.

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
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (note time change)

Help is needed for the Hospitality Station.

March 25, 2013 Hamilton Convention Centre
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Help is needed for the Hospitality Station.

In Memoriam

W. Bro. Alexander McDonald Young
a Past Master of The Electric Lodge No. 495
Ascended to G. L. A.: February 17, 2013

Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. David Crowe Bradley
Grand Master, 1989 – 1991

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

David was born in Blackburn, Lancashire, England, where he received his early education. Before he could proceed to university to study medicine, which was his father's profession, World War II intervened. He had been commissioned in 1937 in a reserve battalion of The East Lancashire Regiment. When his Regiment was mobilized in 1939, 2nd Lieutenant Bradley began a seven-year-period of Active Service which took him to India and to operations as an Infantry Officer in the Burmese jungle. Later service included appointments as a General Staff Officer and as an Intelligence Officer. Following demobilization in 1946, he was awarded the coveted Territorial Decoration.

Upon moving to Canada and taking up residence in Toronto, he resumed his interrupted formal education by studying political science at York University, Toronto, and also by undertaking off-campus courses in business administration at Queen's University, Kingston. He graduated from York University with a B.A. degree. Following several positions in financial management of companies in the construction industry he was appointed Director and Corporate Secretary of a conglomerate having extensive holdings in manufacturing, construction and management consulting services. Another position in his business career was that of Assistant to the General Manager of the University of Toronto Clinic at Sunnybrook Hospital. Upon retirement, he was elected to Life Membership in the Medical Group International Association.

M. W. Bro. Bradley was initiated in Queen City Lodge No. 552, Toronto, in 1954. His active business career occasioned the family to change residence location to a number of areas in the Toronto Region; thereby he had need to affiliate with Rising Sun Lodge No. 129 in Aurora, then after returning to Toronto, he affiliated with Doric Lodge No. 316, becoming Worshipful Master in 1968. He served, during 1973-74, as the District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District 3 and became a member of the Board of General Purposes in 1980. He was a member of the Advisory Committee of the Board from 1984 to 1987, serving as Chairman during his last year. As a member of the Committee on Masonic Education from 1980, he undertook a wide variety of duties. Among these were Curriculum Chairman for the Correspondence Course offered by Grand Lodge and Editor of the Newsletter 1981-87. In addition he was Chairman of the Committee on Annual Seminars from 1982 to 1984 and was Chairman of Blood Donors' committee in 1985. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1987. *"He did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good."*

R. W. Bro. Frank R. Fordham
Wardrobe Lodge No. 555

We will remember them.

Upcoming Events

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 – \$35:00/ 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. Open to all interested persons (non-Masons included).

Saturday, March 23, 2013

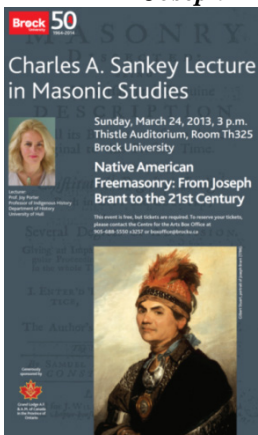
Valley Lodge's House Concert featuring Anne Lindsay and Charles James

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 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, March 24, 2013

Hamilton Masonic Districts A, B, and C Annual BBQ Initial Organizational Meeting 2 p.m.

9575 White Church Road, Mount Hope
Please send a representative from each Lodge: B2B Chair,
Lodge BBQ Chair, Secretary or W.M.

The Second Annual BBQ will be held on
Saturday, June 22, 2013

at the **Serbian Trinity Community Centre** in Binbrook.
More information will be forthcoming once this first meeting has been held. Those interested may contact W. Bro. Edward Patterson at 905-679-5611 or at tardis_01@hotmail.com
(There is an underscore between the s and the 0)

Saturday, April 20, 2013

TOUR & LUNCH The Scottish Rite Club

10:00 a.m.
4 Queen Street South, Hamilton ON L8P 3R3

Hosted by Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

\$27.00/pp Includes: 10 a.m. Tour, Salad, Entrée,
Dessert, Coffee/Tea - Order deadline - April 12
R.S.V.P. to W. Bro. Steven Thiede at s.thiede@sympatico.ca
or (905) 389-0261.

Sunday, April 21, 2013

Hamilton Masonic Districts' Board of Relief 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 23, 2013

District Charity Update (Continued)

Grand Lodge - Brother to Brother Program

Presenter: R. W. Bro. Charles Woods (Team Leader)

8 p.m. MCH

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654

All are welcome.

Refreshments to follow.

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.
All Masons are welcome.

Interesting Websites

Visit the District Website for lots more information at:
<http://www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org>

Official Visits

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Seymour Lodge No. 272 Ancaster

Accompanying: Corinthian Lodge No. 513

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Tyled - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Dufferin Lodge No. 291 W. Flamboro

Accompanying: Ionic Lodge No. 549

Lodge Tyled - 7:30 p.m.

Pie Night After!

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Westmount Lodge No. 671 Hillcrest

Accompanying: Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

D.D.G.M. Homecoming - No degree

Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Lodge Tyled - 7:00 p.m.

*You are never too old
to set another goal
or to dream a new dream.*

- C. S. Lewis

The District has had tremendous support for the District Charity during the past six months; the DDGM and I thank you sincerely for your contributions of **Time, Food Donations and Financial contributions**. However, our drive is only at the half-way stage.

The need for donations continues all year long so I request that you keep in mind **YOUR** district charity and please give **“for the cause of good”**.

To-repeat, we have collected over **ONE (1) TON** of food. To put a better perspective on how much one ton represents take a regular recycling blue box and fill it with cans of food. Each blue box will weigh approx fifty pounds.; then lay forty-four boxes side by side and you can imagine how much has been donated. Once again I thank you for your donations.



All financial donations (cheques) are to be made payable to: “The Masonic Foundation of Ontario” quoting Project No. 2490. Tax receipts (donations over \$20.00) will be mailed to you from the Foundation.

John MacPherson

Wanted – Hamilton District C Reporters/Writers

The District 'C'hronicle would welcome submissions from District members on Lodge or Masonic items in general. Send material to either wjmac@sympatico.ca or hdauty@cogeco.ca

*Whatever you are, be good at it.
- Abraham Lincoln*



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