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From our District Deputy Grand Master



R. W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson

The Mould of a Mason

What is the mould of a Mason and what is the aim of a Mason and Masonry?

The Charge in the E. A. Degree concludes with the explanation that “The fundamental principles of Ancient Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and

Truth”. We therefore, according to the Book of the Work have defined the “AIM” of a Mason and Freemasonry - that of practicing Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

In the Fellow Craft degree, we are taught that, “the Level (the Jewel of the Senior Warden) teaches equality, demonstrates we are all descendants of the same stock, are partakers of the same nature and share in the same hope. Although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination and to reward merit and ability, yet, no eminence of station in life should make us forgetful that we are brothers and he who is

on the lowest spoke of fortunes wheel is justly entitled to our regard”.

When it says in the work “Although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination”, what do we mean by “distinctions between men”?

Should a candidate who is blind, who has no limbs, who is deaf, who has a speech impediment, who does not have a university degree, who lives on the other side of the tracks or simply does not meet “YOUR” standards not be permitted to join our Fraternity?

Should that individual not be permitted to advance through the Offices and become the W. M. of the Lodge? Should he not be permitted to seek higher office and become the Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry?

Before you answer that question, let me once again direct your attention to our Ritual. Near the beginning of the Charge to the Fellow Craft it says “The ‘INTERNAL’ and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards”.

At the beginning of the Charge to the E. A. it says; “On being admitted a member to our ancient and honourable society, Ancient, as having existed from time immemorial and Honourable, because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honourable, who are strictly obedient to its precepts”

We are taught that “the important duty we owe to our neighbour is by acting with him on the square, by rendering to him every kind office which justice and mercy may require, by soothing his afflictions and by doing unto him as in similar cases you would wish him to do unto you.”

On your entrance into Freemasonry you declared upon your honour that “once admitted you will cheerfully conform to the ancient usages and established customs of the order” and that your obedience be proved “by a ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions passed by the brethren”.

During the Master Mason degree you agreed to solemnly promise to maintain the five points of fellowship in act as well as in word, that your hand, “when given to a Master Mason, shall be a sure pledge of brotherhood”. Were these promises and declarations merely words with no substance or do we as Masons live by these promises?

During the Ceremony of Installation it is noted that “A Freemason’s lodge is a temple of peace, harmony and brotherly love; nothing is allowed to enter which has the remotest tendency to disturb the quietude of its pursuits.....As our fraternity has been formed and maintained in perfect unanimity and concord, may kindness and brotherly love distinguish your conduct as men and masons and by the regularity of your behaviour afford the best example for the conduct of others.”

“In Freemasonry; is found the true import of the three great social treasures – Fraternity, Liberty and Equality. Therefore, the utmost extension of fraternal feeling and affection which can exist between man and man is expected to be displayed amongst the brethren in a Freemasons lodge, and then will be attained the chief point in Freemasonry, namely, to endeavour to be happy ourselves and to communicate that happiness to others.”

D. Wayne Robinson
District Deputy Grand Master

DISTRICT CHARITY UPDATE

Members of the District have put in over 200 hours in manning the kettle and assembling food packages. In manning the kettles at Jackson Square, we raised over \$1700. We have collected over 3500 pounds of food for the Food Bank and have raised over \$5000 in direct financial donations from the Lodges and individual members. Thank you, Brethren, for your support.



Westmount Lodge is conducting a raffle with a number of major prizes donated, 100% of the proceeds being directed the District Charity. The draw will be made at the Hamilton C,B, and A Districts’ Picnic on June 22.
R.W. Bro. John MacPherson



A Letter to the Editor - You may want to consider a correction notice in the June issue of The 'C'hronicle. My father-in-law, **Morley Balinson**, is actually **the oldest living “Regimental Sergeant-Major”** of the “Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (PL) Regiment”. There are still several living members in their nineties who served in the 1st Battallion of the Canadian Argylls. Also, note the spelling should be “Argyll”.

Bro. Mike Cuberovic
Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

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**; and then proceed on to >>**Communications**>>**Grand Lodge Newsletters**, which appears below the word **Publications**>>**D.D.G.M. Communiqué**>>**2013-01 May** to take you to the most recent 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. See the Grand Master’s full itinerary at – www.grandlodge.on.ca under Events Calendar.

Seminars and Workshops For Your Consideration

Tuesday July 16 at our Annual Communication
Check the Agenda for times, locations and more information.

THE COLD CALL

Presenters: R. W. Bro. John Forster, W. Bro. Angus Gillis and W. Bro. Wlad Kinastowski

ENGAGING THE COHORT: HOW TO GET NEW MASONS INTERESTED, INVOLVED AND A MAJOR PART OF A VITAL LODGE

Presenters: W. Bro. Adam Nesrallah and W. Bro. Martin Dorner

PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE TOWN HALL

Presenters: R. W. Bro. Gordon Crutcher and The P & E Team

LODGE OF INSPIRATION

Presenter: R. W. Bro. Gordon Forbes

“MY GRAND LODGE” – ON-LINE - THE GRAND LODGE WEBSITE

Presenters: R. W. Bro. Richard Kaufman & The Web Technology Team

Who's In Charge Here?

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654
W. Bro. George Jones



W. Bro. George Jones is serving as W. M. for an additional year. His biography appeared in the June 2012 issue of The District 'Chronicle. To find his bio, go to the District website (www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org), click on District Newsletter.



Next month –
Meridian Lodge No. 687

New at Uxbridge Historical Centre!

...an exhibit to promote the knowledge, appreciation and understanding of Masonic history, and Freemasonry's influence upon our society today.

June 8–Sept. 29, 2013
Wed to Sunday and Holidays (10am–4pm)
Regular Admission Rates Apply.

Thank you to Uxbridge's Zeradatha Lodge, Uxbridge–Scott Historical Society, and the Uxbridge Rotary Club for helping to finance this unique exhibit.

www.uxbridgehistoricalcentre.com
(905) 852-5854
7239 Concession 6, Uxbridge

Speaking of history, brethren from other parts of Ontario may find this exhibit quite interesting. Why not check it out?

Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks Historic Seal



by R.W. Bro. Donald L. Jagger

In the center of the Seal are lines radiating out from a central circle. This circle and radiating lines represent the SUN which is referred to in the first degree as one of the three lesser lights of masonry and we are instructed that the sun rules the day. Superimposed upon the sun is a STAR which, as we heard in the raising of the third degree, represents the bright morning star whose rising gives peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race.

Finally, in the very center, is an ear. In the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, by Mackey and McClenachan, we learn that the LISTENING EAR is one of the three precious jewels of a Fellowcraft Mason. In the Hebrew language, the verb “shemong” signifies not only to hear, but also to understand and obey. Hence, when Jesus said, after a parable, “he that hath ears to hear let he hear.” he meant to denote that he who hears the recital of allegories should endeavour to discover their hidden meanings and be obedient to their teachings. This is the true meaning of the symbol of the Listening Ear, which admonishes the Fellowcraft, not only that he should receive lessons of instruction from his teacher, but that he should treasure them in his breast, so as to ponder over their meanings and carry out their design.

In Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia, we read that the Attentive Ear, the Instructive Tongue, and the Faithful Breast are said to be the Jewels of a Fellowcraft. By the Attentive Ear, he hears the secrets of the Craft, and should not only hear but understand them. The Attentive Ear is also an understanding ear.

The above references are from American sources, therefore I would suggest that the Listening Ear is part of the American ritual. As such, being displayed in our Crest (Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks No. 654), I would think that the Ear is to be a reminder to us of our American connection. Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks, No. 441, Buffalo New York.) Finally, each time that we see our Lodge Seal, we are reminded of the three degree in Masonry, and the lessons that they portray to us.

A Young Mason's Journey

to find, the making of a good man, better.

PART II

by Brother Mark Kapitan, F.C.F.
Ivy Lodge No. 115, A.F. & A.M. G.R.C.

This talk was delivered at Rideau Lodge No. 460, Seeleys Bay, July 5, 2012.

However, do they have many years of Experience in the Craft? Are they Masonically Educated? Familiar with the Protocol and Etiquette expected through experience and practice? Would sitting in the East be a sign of experience and education, as it once was, in only 5 short years?

These last few questions prompt me to ask, did this become the “fast track” to making a good man, better? And, do they, as the older masons did, make that daily advancement in Masonic knowledge?

The answer to the last question I feel is best summed up this way; – when I look at this call to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, which as stated was done by dedicated older Brethren, in their time, I find in our era, we profess a desire to, but, find it easier to provide an excuse not to, which usually involves, “having no time”. These days, I look at this act of making a daily advancement and compare to something as simple as eating. Some of us use a knife and fork, yet others, like me, should use a shovel. Some chew and enjoy every bite and others couldn't tell you how what they ate, tasted like 20 minutes later. Many eat healthy, and others, junk they shouldn't. But the most honest reference I can use to compare this daily advancement, to eating, is in this hustle and bustle of the busy lives we lead presently, one must surely admit that it is not uncommon to skip a meal, even though, we know that it is not healthy, or good for us. Unfortunately, it is easier, after a few times, to develop a bad habit rather than the “better” one.

This question, “how does Masonry make a good man better”, I have asked of many. It often made me feel like a youngster asking his parents where babies come from. I am sure in the time Freemasonry has been around, and from many different geographical areas; someone must have answered this question.

But why was it so allusive to me. Am I looking in the wrong places, asking the wrong men? Truthfully, many I have asked could offer me no more than, it just does. For them, being good men, having been in the Craft for many years, well, maybe it just did. Others suggested it could be found in education. What education? The mechanics, the history, the ritual, operations, protocol and etiquette? Is it any one of these, all on them, or is there something more?

After being Raised, I enrolled in the Masonic Arts and Sciences Course or as it was originally called the Master

Masons Course. This course offered me the education in many of the areas I have just mentioned. It is a correspondence course that has been available since 1984, yet many of the Brethren, young and old, have never heard of it, or know very little about it. At present there are only 259 grads since its inception. Did I find the answer to my question in education? Am I a better man? Nope! Just a Mason with a little more education than I started with, and the privilege of adding the initials of FCF (Fellow of the College of Freemasonry) to my Masonic signings. The completion of this course has offered me many different opportunities and experiences, for upon becoming a Grad, I was invited to join an Alumni group, where education is ongoing. We have a forum for questions and debates by many experienced and well-educated Brethren. Could I possibly ask my question here?

What I was finding was some very interesting, educated views from scholarly Masons, providing discussions and debates far superior to my knowledge, about various topics that I was interested in – the protocol and etiquette, ritual, and history. Yet, as a member, and a very young Mason, I could not find the nerve to ask my question, but hoped I could find the secret by searching in the Q & As of the alumni forum history. No such luck!

My patience, or lack of nerve, was rewarded a few months later, and you can imagine my excitement when I received an e-mail, with this exact question from the Alumni – the making of good men better, What does this actually mean and how do we do this? There it was. Honestly, I must have checked my e-mail for replies every 10 minutes for that whole day.

Many answers were offered to this question, but one in particular caught my attention, causing me to read it several times. It came from Brother Terry Spalding – Martin, FCF

He wrote the following words –“These same questions come up time and time again on the various Masonic e-mail forums. It is a phrase, thrown out there with little thought, or meaning. I consider Freemasonry, to be the biggest and oldest self help group in the world. The emphasis, is on “self”.

“For the most part, our society wants everything given to them. We will move mountains, if it means we don't have to do any work. Thus, making men better is generally perceived as something Freemasonry ‘does’ to men. It is, actually something Freemasonry makes available to men. Freemasonry holds it out, and then, the brother has to do some work in order for it to happen

“Another trite phrase is, ‘you get out of it, what you put into it.’ But it is true. If you just sit on the bench, nothing much happens. You don't become better; you don't become any smarter, and you don't become anything, other than older.

Brethren frequently discuss the relevance of learning ritual. What's the use of learning all that archaic language, and then saying it to someone?

Part III Conclusion - next month

Blood Donors Committee Report Hamilton Masonic District C



The Canadian Blood Services is strongly campaigning to encourage the public to donate blood during the next few months. A shortage of donors has brought the supply of blood to very low levels. Therefore, The Hamilton Masonic District C Blood Donors Committee is

asking the Brethren who are in a position to donate to contact the C.B.S for the location of the nearest clinic to donate. If you are not in a position to donate, you could also encourage friends and/or family who can donate to do so.

Four clinics were scheduled for the month of May, 2013. The first clinic was May 10 at Paramount Drive Alliance Church. This clinic was sponsored by Westmount Lodge No. 671 and the hospitality station was manned, as usual, by Brethren from Meridian Lodge No. 687. Seventy nine units of blood were collected at this clinic on that date.

The second clinic was scheduled for May 27 at the Hamilton Convention Centre. The hospitality station at this clinic is regularly manned every month by the Brethren from Buchanan Lodge No. 550.

The District's Blood Donors Committee welcomes the Brethren from Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 who manned the hospitality station at the U.S. Steel clinic at the Wilcox entrance on May 31, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. A second clinic will be open that same day, May 31, 2013, at MUMC from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. The hospitality station at this clinic was manned by Brethren from Meridian Lodge No. 687.

R. W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero

In Memoriam

Brother Arthur Clifford Darch

Initiated into Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

February 18, 1958

Passed: March 31, 1958

Raised: April 29, 1958

Passed to Grand Lodge Above – April 2, 2013

Brother Joseph Frederick Wood

60 year member of Wardrope Lodge No. 555

Born in Saskatchewan: October 17, 1925

Initiated into Wardrope Lodge: April 6, 1953

Ascended to G. L. A. May 15, 2013

In Life Respected, In Death Regretted.

Communications Committee Report Spring District Meeting Saturday, May 11, 2013

I am happy to report that communications within our District maintained a steady state despite ongoing changes in leadership each year. Our lodges are utilizing the website, 'C'hronicle and other communications methods consistently and training their successors to do the same. Indeed, even Grand Lodge has begun recognizing the communications within our district, and our 'C'hronicle receives requests for postings and circulation of key information as well.

Our District 'C'hronicle now has an active subscriber base of 542 users who receive the publication notifications of when the new editions are posted to the website. Obituary notifications are less popular with a subscriber base of 134.

Our District Website is continually being updated, and the secretaries of the lodges of the district are doing a great job maintaining their respective areas.

Just a few quick statistics about our website that you might find interesting:

- We receive just over 1000 unique visitors per month to our district website;
- The average unique visitor visits the website 1 to 2 times per month;
- The average user on the website visits 6 pages before leaving;
- We receive over 40,000 requests on our servers each month by Search Engines, which are indexing our content for their search results.

Out of all areas of the website, the Lodge profiles pages have become the most popular, followed by the Trestleboard, Newsletter, and Pictures.

The upcoming degrees areas of the website is gaining increased attention over recent months, and I would encourage all lodges to note the work of the evening on their upcoming calendar dates, such that the system may populate the Upcoming Degrees Page, which is very helpful for visiting brethren.

Initiatives that are being considered for updates to the website, include upgrades to the layout and navigation of the photo gallery area, as well as some aesthetic updates to the rest of the website. More information will be forthcoming on that as the improvements are adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra

Around The District

The Electric Lodge No. 495



V.W. Bro. Desmond Washer (W.M.) and the new Officers of The Electric Lodge congratulated W. Bro. Roy G. Roe (not shown) on Fifty Years of Service to Freemasonry. W. Bro. Roe received his 50-year pin from Grand Lodge at Patterson Grey Lodge No. 265, Thornhill, on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

Buchanan Lodge No. 550



R.W. Bro. Michael Kingsley (W.M.), along with our D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson, posed with the Installation Team and the Officers of Buchanan Lodge at the conclusion of their recent Ceremony of Installation.

Installations

Monday, June 10, 2013

Valley Lodge No. 100 - Dundas
Dinner - After Meeting
Lodge Tyled at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Temple Lodge No. 324 - MCH
Dinner - After Meeting
Lodge Tyled at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Meridian Lodge No. 687 - Ancaster
Dinner - After meeting
Lodge Tyled at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Buchanan Lodge No. 550 B. B. Q.
at 6 p.m. - Hillcrest Temple
All members of the District are welcome.

Contact Lodge Secretary W. Bro. Bill Fulton at 905-627-9718 to confirm attendance.

Saturday, June 8, 2013

8th Annual Valley Lodge Golf Tournament and Charity Auction

Registration- 10:00 a.m. First Tee - 10:30 a.m.
Cocktails - 4:00 p.m. Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Copetown Woods Golf Club 1430 Concession 2 West
Copetown, Ontario (905) 627-4653

\$150 per player incl. cart and dinner or \$55 p.p. dinner only
Contact: Bill Paul @ (905) 719-6464 or bill_paul@dart.biz
Cheques payable to Valley Lodge No. 100 by June 1.

Saturday, June 22, 2013

The Three District Picnic

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Serbian Centre, Binbrook
Hosted by Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

Contact W. Bro. Edward Patterson for information or to help
organize the event at tardis_01@hotmail.com

Monday, June 24, 2013

Hanover Masonic Lodge

50th Annual Steak Fry

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Lodge: 7:30 p.m. No degree work

Guest speaker: R. W. Bro. Norm McCarthy

Please bring your own plate and cutlery.

Dress -Regalia + Business Suit.

If you are planning on attending, please contact

Garry MacGregor, 735 21st Avenue, Hanover, ON N4N 3E1;
519-364-2756 or Email - gbrmacgregor@wightman.ca

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

MASONIC BEEF & CORN ROAST



Ancaster Agriculture Society Fairgrounds
630 Trinity Road
(Corner of No. 2 Hwy and Trinity Road)

OPEN: 4:30 p.m. CORN: 5:00 p.m.

DINNER: 6:00 p.m.

ADULT TICKET - \$15.00 (12 Years and Over)

CHILDREN'S TICKET - \$5.00 (Less Than 12 Years)

FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE ALL WELCOME
SEE YOUR LODGE "HUSKER" REPRESENTATIVE
FOR TICKETS or Email beefcornroast@quickclie.net
No Tickets Sold at the Door.

Interesting Websites

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



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GRAND LODGE NOMINATIONS 2013 - 2014

The following are candidates for the office of

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. BRO. DAVID JAMES CAMERON

R.W. BRO. JOHN CAMERON GREEN

R.W. BRO. GEORGE EDWARD HINDS

GRAND REGISTRAR



WAYNE DOUGLAS DOBSON
True Blue Lodge No. 98, York District



ALLISON FREDERICK GOWLING
St. Andrew's Lodge No. 63, Hamilton B District



BRETT KAHLER
Flower City Lodge No. 689,
Toronto West District



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Wellington Lodge No. 635, York District



RUI GOMES
Doric Lodge No. 316,
Toronto Don Valley District



DALE ALLISON GRAHAM
North Star Lodge No. 322, Grey District

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VINCENT GEORGE PHILLIPS
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Eastern District



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Toronto West District



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Tudor Lodge No. 141,
South Huron District



GARETH RHYS TAYLOR
Kingsway Lodge No. 655, Toronto Humber
Valley District



STEVEN EARL WARREN
Oakville Lodge No. 400, Hamilton A District



IAIN DONOVAN WATES
Muskoka Lodge No. 360,
Muskoka-Parry Sound District.



CHARLES ALEXANDER WOODS
Westgate Lodge No. 734,
Toronto West District