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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings, Brethren:

Can you recall back to the time when you bought your first new car? It was exciting wasn't it? If we have similar recollections, you probably remember that new car smell. There is something so unique about that smell that manufacturers try to duplicate it in an aerosol spray. As far as I am concerned, you cannot improve on the original.



R. W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan

Over the years, the technology may have improved, but the fundamental dials and buttons on new cars pretty much do the same thing they did 25 years ago; just better. So by now you are asking yourself where is he going with all this? Well, September is upon us, which means its time to return to our lodge activities. I don't know about you, but I miss that 'new lodge smell'. Every September signals a time of renewal; a time when brethren return from the summer call-off, refreshed and anxious to get back to the business at hand.

Perhaps, this is the time to trade-up to a new lodge year. Maybe we should explore new ideas before relying on the adage 'we have always done it that way'. Maybe there is room for improvement to the things we already do well. Now let me clarify; I am in no way proposing innovations to the ritual, however I am advocating a renewed attitude towards practicing the ritual in particular and our meetings in general.

Your lodge is exactly that...YOUR lodge. Excuse me for paraphrasing an old saying...but 'you get out of it...exactly what you put into it'.

So brethren, with a renewed vigor and enthusiasm, head to lodge. When you step over the threshold into your lodge meeting, take in that 'new lodge' smell and say to yourself; "this is going to be a great year"!

Brethren, before I conclude, I would like to congratulate all the newly elected and appointed members of Grand Lodge and wish them every success over the coming year. In particular I would like to acknowledge M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Master; R.W. Bro. John C. Green, Deputy Grand Master; V.W. Bro. David Midgley, Grand Steward and V.W. Bro. John Terence, Grand Piper.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan

P. S. I am very encouraged by the positive feedback I have received regarding the choice of our District Project for this year. We now need to put our words into action. I am hopeful that each lodge will generously support Neighbour to Neighbour, both financially and with food donations. Although collection bins have not yet been set up in our Lodge Halls, I would encourage each lodge to still collect food items and notify me directly when you have items to be picked up. Many thanks for your support.

District Project Update

Masonic Foundation Project No. 2525



It's been a tough summer for food banks in Hamilton. Early indications are donations are down compared to last summer and the summer before that.

What that means is we have already had to dip into our monetary funds to purchase food to keep our shelves viable for our current clientele of close to 13 hundred families at Neighbour to Neighbour.

Although giving will now slowly increase, peaking at Christmas time, we are currently in need of canned meats like tuna, salmon and chicken. We have a great need, for canned tomatoes and spaghetti sauce.

Because we service a very diverse community now, we welcome canned soups and fruits, lentils, chick peas, beans and tofu. And one item we're always short of, nutritious cereals.

For the kids (and about two thousand of our clients are children), we need baby formula and baby food, drinking boxes, lifestyle cookies and whole wheat crackers.

Coming events at Neighbour to Neighbour – on September 20, “Sleep out for Hunger”; on October 4, our annual fall bowlathon – we still have room for teams – and finally, on September 28, the return of our “Stuff the Bus” team, at the Giant Tiger Store at 969 Upper Ottawa Street. Thanks for your ongoing support of Neighbour to Neighbour. Check out the website at www.n2ncentre.com.

Doug Farraway
Director of Development



Happy Labour Day Brothers!

As September rolls around and we all look forward to that last long weekend of warm weather that we can enjoy with friends and family, let's take a step back for a minute and appreciate the reason for Labour Day. It was celebrated for the first time on the first Monday of September since the 1880s and can be traced back to the parade staged in Toronto in 1872 in support of the union strike for a 58-hour work week. 58 hours a week,

you say? Sure some of us struggle through long work weeks but most of us look at that and think that's crazy! My 40-45 - hour week barely gives me time to spend with my family, enjoy my extra-curricular activities and my obligation of a fellow mason!

Brethren, I understand and sympathize. Sometimes in our fast paced society we feel like we're running around so much that by the time Friday hits, we just feel out of gas.

But lest we forget that our ancestors who made time for 58-hours of labour also made time for family. They were able to fulfill their masonic duties as well as our wonderful fraternity predates this by many years.

Let us respect and honour what our ancestors marched for and labour just a few more hours to make this wonderful country of ours a much safer and more beautiful place for our children.

As Masons we learn not only the necessity of labour within our lodge but the nobility of labour within our community. The MasoniCHIP program in which has distributed more than 54,000 kits and counting to children and parents has been made possible with the labour of brethren from many lodges and many walks of life. They have been willing to labour outside of their personal and professional lives to help our communities feel safe with the help of the MasoniCHIP program.

On September 21 and 22 the Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654, with the support of St. Andrews Lodge No. 593, will be working together once again at their annual MasoniCHIP event at the Ancaster fairgrounds.

If you would like to help, contact me for details, at landmarks654masonichip@hotmail.ca.

I encourage all brethren willing and able to help their communities to either come out and support this event, encourage others to do so or at least think what you can do in your own lodge to support this program which uses the most advanced technology to increase the safety of children, elderly and special needs of our community.

Remember these words of the famous American Mason – Benjamin Franklin – who said:



“Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.”

Bro. Douglas Pollard, MasoniCHIP District Chairman

From the Grand Master on Lodges of Instruction

Being a member of Freemasonry means striving for perfection in all aspects of one's life, including the Mechanics of the Work and our Ritual. The performance of our Ritual and perfecting the Mechanics of the Work makes our institution unique. Some may believe the Lodges of Instruction is just for "new Lodge Officers". That is not the case. I encourage all Master Masons, including Lodge Officers, Past Masters and even Past Grand Lodge Officers to seek out and attend one of the sessions offered by the Lodges of Instruction team.

Take advantage of what the Lodges of Instruction has to offer you. It's a win-win situation. You won't be disappointed and you will learn something new.

Donald A. Campbell
Grand Master

Hamilton District C - Lodges of Instruction

When "The Work" in the Lodge is done well, everything else – the fellowship, the pride, the purpose, etc. – seems to flow. If only there were someplace you could go to see how the ritual is supposed to be done....Good News! There is such a place...

Brethren, the Grand Lodge Lodges of Instruction exist to provide Masons with a deeper understanding of "The Work". The focus this year is upon the three degrees including the Ceremony of Installation and elements from the Protocol and Etiquette. Team Sessions are limited to Master Masons, but Junior Lodge Officers and those progressing through the chairs are particularly encouraged to attend.

Quoting from the previous custodian of the work, M.W. Bro. D. M. Mumby: "While Masonry extends beyond the ritual, it is an accepted fact that ritual well portrayed makes a definitive and lasting impression upon every new Mason and may well be what causes him to remain an active member."

This year the Lodges of Instruction are focusing on Northwestern and Eastern Ontario. But we in Hamilton District C are fortunate that **one of the sessions is being co-sponsored with Brant, Hamilton A, B and C and Niagara A, B, and C.**

- **Friday, September 20**, in Guelph at 32 Quebec Street, hosted by Speed Lodge No. 180

There are also sessions being offered on the following dates at different locations:

- **Tuesday, September 24**, 7:00 p.m. in St. Catharines at St. George's Lodge No. 15, 23 Centre Street, (registration begins 6:30 p.m.) and
- **Wednesday, September 25**, in Etobicoke, at 596 Renforth Drive, in the Renforth Temple.

One final note on this program, from our Past Grand Master and current Custodian of the Work, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling who said: "The content and presentation of these sessions in informative, educational and engaging and I personally recommend them to you. I can guarantee that at every one of the LOI Sessions someone will say "I didn't know that's how we are supposed to do it".

Please feel free to contact me if any of you have any questions via email at gnotman@hotmail.com or via phone at 905-545-0541.

Glen Notman
Hamilton District C Education Chairman

Wisdom

It is clear that "wisdom" is not a thing of itself, but rather a use of other means and materials gathered over a lifetime. Wisdom is using the resources of knowledge, of experience and of good judgement; it is, therefore, the action, the proper use of the tools of the mind, brain and soul. The desire to learn is the beginning of wisdom and so it is very significant that we speak of becoming wise, for wisdom is a creative energy, and its fruits are temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. The human heart is like a bottomless well; it is always thirsty and searching for the quietude that comes only after the heat and turmoil of living has been overcome.

In wisdom there is an intelligent, lucid and holy spirit; wisdom is knowledge, but not knowledge for its own sake, but knowledge which helps to widen the horizon and deepen the communication between man and man. Masonry may be termed a progressive science but it is also a reflective science, a place to think, to become human, to consider one's fellowman, not as an integer, but as flesh and blood, and, above all, as a stepping stone to wisdom.

Extracted from an undated article written by M.W. Bro. David C. Bradley when he was Chair Emeritus of the Committee on Masonic Education
A. G. L. A.: January 19, 2013

Interesting Websites

To explore the Archives of Grand Lodge, go to <https://archive.org/details/grandlodge>.

The Annual Dr. Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies funded by the College of Freemasonry is now in its fourth year. To learn more about the lecture series and what is in the Masonic Archives at Brock University, check out [www http://sankeylectures.ca/](http://sankeylectures.ca/)

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 7, 2013

District C Fall Meeting

10:00 a. m.

Dundas Temple, 3 Main St. E., Dundas

W.M. and principal officers of each Lodge are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, September 19, 2013

The 100th International Plowing Match

Meet and Greet

M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, The Grand Master
of

The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada
In the Province of Ontario

Roast Beef on a Bun with all the trimmings

Social - 5.00 p.m. Dinner - 6.00 p.m.

\$20.00 per person Contact:

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Ladies and Gentleman "Everyone" Welcome

Casual Dress

CRYSTAL PALACE Fair Grounds

157 Wellington St., Mitchell, ON

Tickets available in ADVANCE ONLY until September 10.

Saturday, September 21 and

Sunday, September 22

MasoniCHIP Event at the Ancaster Fairgrounds

sponsored by Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654
and St. Andrews Lodge No. 593.

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Lodges of Instruction

at 7:00 p.m.

St. George's Lodge No. 15, 23 Centre Street, St. Catherines
co-sponsored by Brant, Hamilton A, B and C and Niagara
A, B, and C.

(registration begins 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, October 26, 2013

Past Master's Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

Fall Meeting

Guest Speaker – Grand Lodge Webmaster

R. W. Bro. Richard Kaufman

"How to use My Grand Lodge"

Meet and Greet – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting – 9:45 a.m.

Contact W. Bro. Tom Young at thomas.young@shaw.ca to reserve your seat for breakfast.

Saturday, November 9, 2013

London Masonic Conference

Dufferin Masonic Hall

453 Dufferin Avenue

London, Ontario

Come out and enjoy a variety of distinguished and accomplished speakers, including our Keynote –
Brother 2nd Lieutenant Joseph F. Curry,
Member of **Beaches Lodge No. 473,** Toronto,
and **Canada Lodge (U.D.) Kandahar, Afghanistan,**
Author of **The Rifle and The Apron** and
The Craft At Work In Kandahar.

Tickets are \$25 and are available to Masons and guests. For tickets or further information, contact

Randy Hearn

66 Stephen Moore Drive

R. R. # 5, Komoka, Ontario N0L 1R0

Please make cheques payable to:

London West Masonic Event

Saturday November 23, 2013

Fourth Annual Valley Lodge No. 100 Christmas Dinner and Dance

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., Family-Style Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Air Force Club, 128 King Street East, Dundas
Cost - \$60.00 per person.

Please contact Bro. Lance Mullett for more information or tickets at 905-572-5535 or Lmullett@saspt.com.

In Memoriam

W. Bro. Robert John Ellison

Past Master of Wardrope Lodge No. 555
Initiated into Wardrope Lodge No. 555: March 23, 1964
Worshipful Master: 1973 and 2013
A. G. L. A.: July 22, 2013

W. Bro. Clifford Booth

Initiated into Buchanan Lodge No. 550: June 18, 1953
Passed to the 2nd degree: November 19, 1953
Raised to the 3rd degree: February 18, 1954
A. G. L. A.: July 28, 2013

W. Bro. David Neil Morgan

Affiliated Member of Aldworth Lodge No. 235
Paisley, ON
Worshipful Master: 1983 - 1984
Affiliated with Seymour Lodge No. 272: April 11, 2000
A. G. L. A.: Wednesday, July 31, 2013

We will cherish their memory in our hearts.



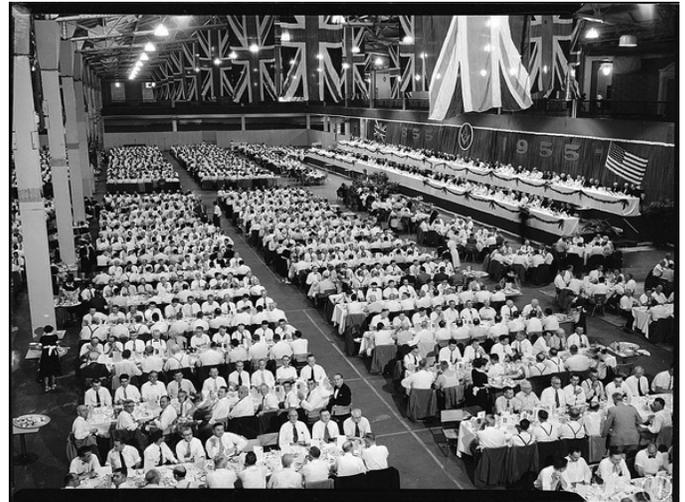
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with someone who does not have
a computer.**

The Editorial Staff welcomes submissions from the
brethren of District C.

Masonic Dinner at the Canadian National Exhibition 1955 Recognize anyone?



Find the details of this and other Annual Communication documents at <https://archive.org/details/grandlodge>.

Greetings from the Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts

Greetings to everyone and good luck, brethren, on the start of a new Masonic year. I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts. We are looking ahead to a very exciting year.

We have three breakfast meetings scheduled; one for **October 26, 2013** featuring the **Grand Lodge Webmaster, R. W. Bro. Richard Kaufman**, will enlighten us about the new Grand Lodge website; on **November 30**, our guest speaker will be the **Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Donald Campbell**. We will employ the same "Town Hall" format we used two years ago. For our **February 22, 2014**, meeting, the guest speaker will be the hero of Team Canada in the 1972 Summit Series, **Paul Henderson**.

As well, on **April 25, 2014**, we will be hosting our bi-annual Grand Master's Reception at the Scottish Rite in honour of our Grand Master.

Before, during and after our meetings, we all enjoy a very high level of fellowship.

However, the Masonic Past Masters Association of the Hamilton Districts needs the support of ALL of the past masters in all three Hamilton Districts.

Membership is only \$10.00 per year, which is a very low cost when one considers not only the fellowship you enjoy, but also the value you would get.

We need your support and we would certainly appreciate, and enjoy, your presence at our breakfast meetings. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

W. Bro. Allison F. Gowling, President

Around The District

New D.D.G.M. Meets with District Chairmen



R. W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan recently hosted a gathering of the Chairmen of the District C Committees in order to discuss his plans for the year and to provide an opportunity for input.

Sometimes We Go Out Just For The Fun of It!



Brethren from Wardrope, Westmount, Corinthian and The Electric Lodges recently gathered together for an enjoyable night-out during the summer.