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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings, Brethren:

In the 19th Century, the Latin phrase “Unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno” came into widespread use, particularly in Switzerland. Although not the official motto of this tiny country, it was promoted by Government officials in the autumn of 1868 to solicit aid after the devastating floods in the Alps. It had a positive impact of evoking a sense of duty and solidarity amongst countrymen and newspaper ads used the motto to call for donations from all parts of the country.



R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan

Literally translated, this Latin phrase in English means “One for all, all for one”. I thought this was a good theme for this month’s message as we head into the holiday season. I am hopeful we will pull

together as a District and support our local charities. Our District Project, ‘*Neighbour to Neighbour*’ is one such charity providing food and other social services to members of our Hamilton community.

I am very encouraged by the support you have been giving so far and it really warms my heart to see my brethren embrace an initiative that means so much to so many.

We have a duty to give if it is in our power, and I know we have the power. At our District meeting in September I said I was looking for support in terms of food, financial and hands-on. I have not been disappointed by your participation and I hope it will continue throughout the year.

If you have not already, you will receive notice from your Lodge Secretary shortly about helping ‘*Neighbour to Neighbour*’ with their Christmas Hamper Project. Between December 12th to 19th, they will be looking for volunteers and I am hopeful 20 to 25 brethren will join me and offer their time for a scheduled 4 hour shift during this time. Details will follow.

Finally Brethren, I wish you and your family the very best of health and happiness for the holiday season.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you in my travels.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan
District Deputy Grand Master

From the Grand Master



**M.W. Bro.
Donald A. Campbell**

The following paragraphs are extracts from the most recent Communique with messages from the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master.

“If I have a message it’s this: Don’t be a ‘*wuss*’, have the Full-test PSA every year, and follow-up with whatever tests are required. Have whatever treatment method you and your surgeon think best; there are lots of choices. Life is worth living – get the “**Full**” PSA test annually!

Brethren, Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in Canadian men and is the second largest cause of male cancer deaths. There’s no single cause for prostate cancer but we know that the risk of developing prostate cancer increases with age, so certainly if you’re 50, you should talk to your doctor but if you have a family history of prostate cancer think about testing earlier.

Thank you, Brother Graffmann, for sharing your experience. (see the G.M.’s Communique for the whole story) I hope it will encourage other men to get the PSA test, especially those who would not have otherwise done so.”

Donald A. Campbell,
Grand Master

*The best executive is the one who has sense enough
to pick good men to do what he wants done,
and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling
with them while they do it.*

—Theodore Roosevelt

From the Deputy Grand Master

“This month I want to address a couple of Grand Lodge programs that can be helpful in our respective lodges.

The BROTHER TO BROTHER has made many contributions over recent years. The Lodge RESOURCE MANUAL can provide information for most situations that may occur in your lodge. There are easy to use projects to improve attendance, to STIMULATE and REVITALIZE the membership and to improve efficiency of lodge meetings. It can provide guidance in explaining FREEMASONRY to non-Masons.

Use the Six Steps Membership Retention Guide “RUSTY MASON” to bring back non attending members and to make proper presentations of long service pins etc. Brethren these guides can help your respective lodges and they are there for you to use. I encourage you to consider attempting their effectiveness. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

BROTHER TO BROTHER is a program that will be of great assistance to lodges and members in almost any situation of lodge gatherings. It is there for our use and we should take advantage of this information.”

John C. Green,
Deputy Grand Master

To read the complete Messages from the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, go to the G.L. website at <http://www.grandlodge.on.ca/> -
LOGIN>>COMMUNICATIONS>>GRANDLODGE
COMMITTEE NEWSLETTERS >> DDGM Communique

*Christmas is not a time nor a season,
but a state of mind.*



*To cherish peace and goodwill,
to be plenteous in mercy,
is to have the real spirit of Christmas.*

– Calvin Coolidge

The Heritage Lodge No.730

~ Symbolism (Coat of Arms) ~



The Grant of Arms was issued to The Masonic Heritage Corporation by Robert D. Watt, Chief Herald of Canada, The Canadian Heraldic Authority, September 1, 1998.

Coat of Arms

The blue shield, typical of that carried by the knights of the Middle Ages, is used to support the armorial bearings of The Heritage Lodge. The Square and Compasses are recognized the world over and symbolize the universality of Freemasonry. The letter "G" in its center represents the Great Architect of the Universe, and the Supreme Being of the various religions of the world. The floral Trillium with its three white petals and three green leaves represents the floral emblem of the Province of Ontario.

The numeral three is the most significant number in Freemasonry representing, among others, the three theological virtues, faith, hope, and charity; and the three grand masters who bore sway at the building of the temple at Jerusalem namely Solomon King of Israel, Hiram King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. The number three also represents the three important architectural pillars of a lodge: Ionic - representing wisdom, Doric - representing strength, and Corinthian - representing beauty.

The constellation of seven stars represent the seven liberal arts and sciences namely: Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy. The two red maple leaves on the motto ribbon are symbols of the Dominion of Canada, and the lodge motto is "Light From The Past".

The colours are:

Blue - Symbol of universal friendship and benevolence, and as it is the colour of the vault of heaven, which embraces and covers the whole globe, we are thus reminded that in the

breast of every brother these virtues should be equally as extensive; it is also the dominant colour of Freemasonry.

Yellow - Symbol of wisdom and adopted as the representative of the sun and of the noble metal gold. Red - Symbol of fervency and zeal and a common colour in the concordant bodies of Masonry.

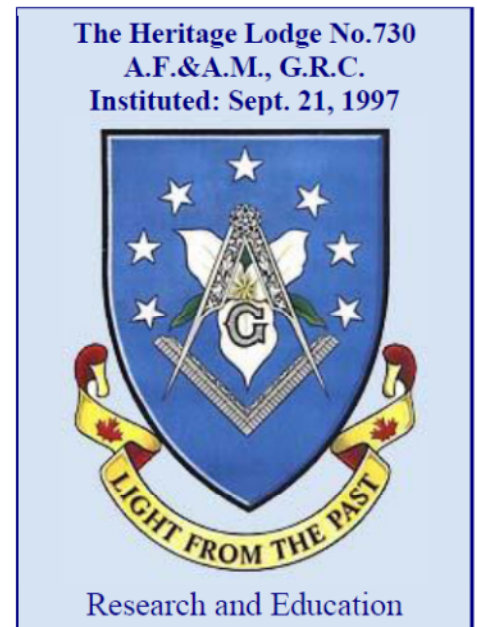
White - which also represents the metal silver, is the symbol of purity and innocence, and among the Ancients it was the symbol of the regeneration of the soul, they always imagined the deity clothed in white as the colour of absolute truth.

Black - Symbol of grief and the garment of mourning; it is often tempered with humility. Black is also a symbol of silence and secrecy. Green - Symbol of hope and immortality. The evergreen of the Acacia is emblematical of a new creation of the body, and a moral and physical resurrection. Lodge.

Lodge Banner Example

Only the Coat of Arms is registered, as the Heraldic Authority does not allow words or phrases except as a "Motto"; therefore the Lodge Banner was created using the registered Coat of Arms and adding a top and bottom caption.

The top caption identifies the Lodge and the Grand Register under which it was Instituted, and the date of Institution; while the bottom caption indicates that the principle function of the Lodge is "Research and Education". The Lodge Banner is used primarily as a means of identification, as over sixty percent of the Lodge



Meetings are held as the guest of a host lodge or other venue on special occasions. When a Regular Meeting is held at the invitation of another Lodge, the entire program is under the direction of The Heritage Lodge; therefore it is desirable to display the Lodge Banner in a prominent position in the meeting room. The Lodge Banner will be displayed on a standard with a cross arm and a free hanging golden sash with tassels.

Upcoming District Blood Donor Clinics



Hamilton Convention Centre – 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hosted by Buchanan Lodge No. 550

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| January | 13 | 2014 |
| February | 07 | 2014 |
| March | 17 | 2014 |

Saltfleet Secondary School – 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Meridian Lodge No. 687

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| January | 10 | 2014 |
| March | 07 | 2014 |

35 Stone Church Road from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hosted by Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

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| December | 7, 21 | 2013 |
| April | 5, 19 | 2014 |
| June | 7, 21 | 2014 |
| August | 2, 16 | 2014 |

**Still available for District C Lodges to volunteer at
 35 Stone Church Rd.** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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| December | 14, 28 | 2013 |
| April | 12, 26 | 2014 |
| June | 14, 28 | 2014 |
| August | 9, 23, 30 | 2014 |

Brethren, the community appreciates your support.

R.W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero
 Chairman

A Message from Neighbour to Neighbour

Last year Neighbour to Neighbour served over 1500 families in our Christmas Hamper Program. That's 6,000 people who turned to us for help.

The hamper provides food for all three meals on Christmas Day. Where there is identified need we hand out mittens and scarves. All families received stocking stuffers, discount cards and toys for every child 12 years of age and younger.

This year we are very concerned about the toy situation because we started the year with one-third the number of toys we would normally have by this time.

Hampers will be available to our clients on December 13. Registration for a hamper closes Thursday, November 28.

Doug Farraway
 Director of Development, Neighbour to Neighbour Centre
 28 Athens St., Hamilton, ON
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 905-574-1334

District C December Installations

Wednesday, December 4, 2013 Ionic Lodge No. 549
 MCH Dinner – 6:30 p.m. Lodge – 7:30 p.m.
 Please reserve your Dinner Subscription by contacting
 V.W. Bro. Bill Brimer at wbrimer@cogeco.ca.

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 Hugh Murray No. 602
Hillcrest Temple – Please note change of venue
 Christmas Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (\$25) Lodge at 7:30 p.m.
 Please reserve your Dinner Subscription by contacting
 W. Bro. Edward Patterson at
tardis_01@hotmail.com or 905-679-5611

District C DDGM Official Visits

Tuesday December 5, 2013

Buchanan Lodge No. 550
 Hillcrest Temple
 Dinner 6:00 p.m. - Lodge 7:30 p.m.
 Accompanying the DDGM: Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602

Around The District
D.D.G.M. Official Visit
Wardrope Lodge No. 555



The Worshipful Master of Wardrope Lodge No. 555, W. Bro. Jason McCulloch, welcomed the District C District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Geoffrey Allan, on the occasion of his Official Visit and presented him with a cheque for the District Charity Project. W. Bro. McCulloch also presented a cheque to R. W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero, District Blood Donors' Committee Chairman.

The Electric Lodge No. 495 at Hamilton Remembrance Day Ceremony



Bro. Morley Balinson, a veteran of World War II, salutes after laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in downtown Hamilton on November 10, 2013 on behalf of The Electric Lodge No. 495.

Who's In Charge Here?
Dufferin Lodge No. 291

Worshipful Master
W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra



Born in Hamilton Ontario, Devin has lived in Freelon, Guelph, Fergus, and Ancaster and now resides in Greensville with his wife, Cait, and two young boys.

Despite having grown up on family farms, Devin had an affinity for technology and self-education, resulting in his entering the professional world at a young age. As Devin completed his high school years, he was enrolled and obtained several credits from Mohawk College while also working as the lead developer for a software company in Detroit, Michigan where he worked for several years.

Upon completion of high school, Devin focused his efforts on working for several companies in the local region before founding FloatPoint Media Inc., which at that time built enterprise software and web systems. Ten years later, his company is focused on custom mobile app development and has recently grown into an international company with offices in China.

Devin was initiated into Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654 in January 2007 and affiliated with Dufferin Lodge No. 291 in 2009. He was installed as Master of Dufferin Lodge in October of this year. He is currently serving as Chairman of Lodge Resources for Hamilton Masonic District C, and is actively involved in the development of the website for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Devin has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is a 32nd degree member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where he currently holds the office of Grand Standard Bearer in Moore Sovereign Consistory.

Devin sees Freemasonry as a boundless source of moral, emotional, and intellectual education and guidance and credits the Craft for pushing him to stay the course.

Next month - Buchanan Lodge No. 550
and Corinthian Lodge No. 513

In Memoriam

Seymour Lodge No. 272

Bro. John Melvin Sparks

Initiated: September 25, 1962

Passed: October 23, 1962

Raised: November 27, 1962

Ascended to G.L.A.: July 28, 2012

V.W. Bro. Frans (Frank) Venema

Ascended to G.L.A.: November 6, 2013

Frank was a Past Master of Seymour Lodge, Past Grand Steward, Past First Principal of Ancaster Chapter No. 155 of the Royal Arch Masons and their District Secretary.

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654

Bro. Gary J. Burgess

Initiated, passed and raised in Doric Lodge No. 382 in 1964-65. Ascended to the G. L. A.: October 30, 2013.

May the G.A.O.T. U. grant them peace.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the Editorial Team!



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the brethren of District C.