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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren,



R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan

May I first extend my appreciation to family, friends and brethren for supporting my 'Coldest Night of the Year' walk on February 22nd in support of the 'Neighbour to Neighbour Centre'. On short notice, we raised an additional \$1,200.00 towards our District Project. Many thanks!

I thought it might be best in this message to concentrate on a number of things that I feel are worthy of your attention. On April 25th, the Past Masters' Association will be hosting the Grand Master's Reception at the Scottish Rite in honour of M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell. Ticket sales are

going reasonably well, however there are still a few Worshipful Masters and Senior Wardens that have not yet replied to my invitation to attend with your lady a special reception with our Grand Master prior to the banquet. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you plan on purchasing tickets and attending so I might organize my introductions for that evening. Our District Secretary, W. Bro. Jordan Slade, will be pleased to take your ticket order.

After we have enjoyed a wonderful meal on the 25th, the Hamilton Masonic Districts' Board of Relief will be holding the Annual Spring Divine Service at St. John's United Church in Oakville on Sunday April 27th at 7:00 pm (assembly). Please promote this occasion and plan to attend. It was unfortunate, but we only had 13 brethren from District 'C' in attendance at the Fall Divine Service. I know we can do much better. Family and friends are most welcome.

Finally brethren, tickets are now available for the District 'C' charity event, 'The Ultimate Exotic Food Drive' on Saturday, May 3, 2014. On that day at the Scottish Rite we will have music courtesy of Y108, BBQ goodies, Auction items and three exotic cars on display from Ultimate Exotics. A ticket is only \$20 and draws will take place prior to the event for a chance to test drive one of these fantastic cars on that day. The Grand Prize is a track day for one with a professional driver and the opportunity to exceed 200 km per hour (on a track, of course). You are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item.

Brethren, thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you in my travels.

R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan

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From the Grand Master



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

The following paragraphs, which may be of interest to all Masons, are extracted from the most recent newly-named newsletter, The Communique.

“We all share membership in an organization well respected for its commitment to learning. I encourage each of you to contribute in some manner in its operations. Your active participation can make a significant impact on the well-being of our fraternal organization and, at the same time, broaden our commitment to the communities in which we live.

Masonic leaders around the world agree that the greatest challenge facing the Craft today is not declining enrolment, but rather the lack of understanding of what it means to be a Freemason in the 21st Century. We don't need members; we need to revitalize our current membership. Freemasonry provides the opportunity for ordinary men, who hold a shared set of morals and values to do extraordinary things. And each of us has been honoured with this very special opportunity.

Leaders are also ordinary people, with all the struggles, all the strengths, and all the weaknesses of people like us. “It's not what you are that's important, the issue is what you are willing to become” (John MacArthur Jr., President, Master's Seminary). In any organization, including Masons, they need leadership. Someone to direct the administration that makes the organization a living, vital team and, particularly, to ensure that there is some growth, and that standards of

enthusiasm, action and competence are maintained at a high level.

I have asked our DDGMs and Worshipful Masters to follow these three simple objectives: (1) It is everyone's duty to create a welcoming, friendly and supportive environment and a positive atmosphere for learning; (2) Utilize the skills of your membership, and; (3) Give them the opportunity to lead.

Your Grand Lodge is seeking qualified, motivated and active Past Masters who have the skills necessary to become a leader at the Grand Lodge level. Are you that person? If so, the right time to plan to be part to Grand Lodge is now.”

Donald A. Campbell
Grand Master

From the Deputy Grand Master

“We as Masons should look forward to the future of our craft with optimism. It is the membership's opportunity to prepare Freemasonry for the changing times and future challenges that lie ahead in this technological world. As the use of postal service and telephone service diminishes we have to be ever mindful that the written and spoken word moves across the world almost instantly. There is no time to withdraw or recant any message we might circulating. So I say, just be very selective when you are sending your thoughts or intentions that might interpreted improperly. You know this too is a form of education that must be diligent when communicating to those around us.”

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/> -
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COMMITTEE NEWSLETTERS >> DDGM Communique

***“The game of life is a game of boomerangs.
Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us
sooner or later with astounding accuracy.”***

– Florence Scovel Shinn

A Masonic Minute

“Our Fraternity Has Been Formed and Maintained in Perfect Unanimity and Concord”

The suggestion is sometimes made by a well-meaning Brother that the words of our ancient Ritual should be modernized and the archaic language put into current English. Rather than tampering with the time-honoured words and phrases, the Craft might be better served by explaining them. It is often informative and enlightening to trace the etymology of the words used in our rites and ceremonies. These words are from the concluding lines of The General Charge delivered once a year as the finale of the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Officers of a Lodge.

‘Concord’ is from the Latin ‘con’ and ‘cors’ – of the same heart or mind. Concordia was the Goddess of Harmony, worshipped from early times in Rome. She was a symbol of peace and agreement between the two social classes of Rome – plebeians or commoners and patricians or nobles. Thus, our use of the word concord in the Masonic context implies not only peace and harmony, but also equality, reminding us that we are all Brothers ‘on the level.’ A lodge is comprised of men, “men with a common purpose, governed by a common idea, believing in a common ideal.” In the Book of Common Prayer, the Most High is addressed as “The author of peace and lover of concord.” In music, ‘concord’ is defined as harmony that is pleasing to the ear. In Masonry, we are admonished to work together in harmony. As Masons, we are charged “to act as the dictates of right reason prompt us, cultivate harmony, practise charity and live in peace with all men.”

The General Charge reminds us that ‘the chief point in Freemasonry’ is “to endeavour to be happy ourselves, and to communicate that happiness to others.” This has a much deeper meaning than simple enjoyment or having fun. Happiness in this context implies personal satisfaction and inner contentment based upon a solid foundation of sincere fraternal affection and respect. This was the meaning of “the pursuit of happiness” penned by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence of the United States. It was rooted in the 18th Century Enlightenment, articulated by the Scottish philosopher, Francis Hutcheson (1694-1746): “That action is best, which procures the greatest happiness for the greatest numbers.” To apply that concept in practice, the English philosopher Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832) wrote: “The greatest happiness of the greatest number is the foundation of morals and legislation.” Modern Freemasonry emerged in and is a product of the Enlightenment. It is from this historical perspective that we should understand the meaning of happiness.

Bro. Albert Pike (1809-1891) eloquently described the Masonic ideal: “When friends meet, and hands are warmly pressed, and the eye kindles and the countenance is suffused with gladness, there is a religion between their hearts; and each loves and worships the True and Good that is in the other. It is not policy, or self-interest, or selfishness that spreads such a charm around the meeting, but the halo of bright and beautiful affection: the splendour of kindly liking and affectionate regard – honest, heartfelt, disinterested, inexpressible affection.” If we find such an overt expression of magnanimous sentiment uncomfortable it is because it is diametrically opposed to the self-serving, me-first hedonistic age in which we live. It also makes nonsensical the current notion that communication through the several forms of social media can replace personal contact.

The Worshipful Master is charged at his Installation with the responsibility of ensuring the happiness of the brethren: “The happiness of the brethren will be generally promoted in proportion to the zeal and assiduity with which you promulgate the genuine tenets and principles of the fraternity.”

Referring to the Lodge, Bro. Pike continued, “Here we meet as brethren, to learn to know and love each other. Here we greet each other gladly, are lenient to each other’s faults, regardful of each other’s feelings, ready to relieve each other’s wants.” In this context those insidious ‘private piques and quarrels’ that all too often arise between Brethren would be avoided. Surely this is what it means to be a Mason and defines what is meant by perfect unanimity and concord.

Raymond S. J. Daniels
Past Grand Master

DISCLAIMER

These Masonic Minutes are intended to supply a short instructional note that may be used by the Worshipful Master to provide a Learning Opportunity at every meeting of the Lodge, thereby fulfilling his stated duty: “to employ and instruct the Brethren in Masonry.” Ideally, they could be used to initiate a discussion among the Brethren present. The ideas expressed and the interpretations suggested are strictly personal, and are not sanctioned or authorized by the Grand Lodge or any of its Committees.

As free-thinking or Speculative Masons, I cannot tell you how to think, nor can I tell you what to think, but hopefully I can give you something to think about. - RSJD

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.
— Mahatma Gandhi

**THE PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION
OF THE HAMILTON DISTRICTS**

Cordially invites you and your lady to the
RECEPTION AND DINNER
to honour

M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell
Grand Master

**Grand Lodge of Canada
of A.F. & A.M. in the Province of Ontario**
to be held in the Scottish Rite Banquet Room
4 Queen Street South

Friday, April 25, 2014

Doors Open and Refreshments: 5:30 p.m.

Worshipful Masters' and Sr. Wardens'

Reception with the Grand Master: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment: Crooner Ron Dewberry

Tickets \$ 45.00 per person

Purchase your tickets on or before

April 9, 2014 by

W. Bro. Jordan Slade

289-362-4211 slade.jordan@gmail.com

Working Tools of the Travelling Mason

Presented to Fort William Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 415 by
Port Arthur Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 499
Thunder Bay, Ontario

I now present to you the working tools of a travelling mason; they are the Tire Jack, CAA Card and the Cell Phone.

The Tire Jack is the first tool placed in the hands of the traveling brother, to enable him to lift his car and change the tire, while swearing and soiling his clothes.

The CAA Card is a small piece of plastic; meaningless by itself, but powerful when the first tool proves unsatisfactory. Though recognized by various drivers under different class licenses, it yet admitted by them all that no towing can be done without it.

The Cell Phone is an annoying tool, expensive in its use and yet "an evil necessity". It is calculated to have its battery die just when it is about to be engaged with the second tool, and the mightiest curses have been created by its aid.

But as we are not traveling masons, but more social and local or visiting brethren, we apply these tools to our social graces. In that sense from the Jack we learn that it is more important to lift our brethren up than worry about a soiled trouser or a bit of inconvenience.

From the CAA Card we learn that help, support and back up are of vital importance. It is more important to help one another than to try to go it alone. That teamwork is the way to grow. Although the lodge may be strong and the members may be dedicated it is all in vain if we do not support one another.

From the Cell Phone we learn communication is necessary to achieve camaraderie, that devotion is achieved through repeated and caring conversations alone and nothing short of familiarity and support is necessary to induce the virtue of brotherly love, encourage the lodge and raise membership from obscurity.

On the whole we deduce the following moral, that visiting, meant as support, aided by team work and prompted by brotherly love will finally overcome all our hurdles, raise attendance through association and promote contentment in the Lodge of Free Masonry.

This lecture was created as a toast to the visitors in January of 2004 for installation of officers for Lebanon Lodge No. 139. The creator was: W. Bro. Scott McQuillin, P. M., Lebanon Lodge.

ULTIMATE EXOTICS
FOOD DRIVE FOR
NEIGHBOUR 25 NEIGHBOUR CENTRE
SATURDAY MAY 3, 2014
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
4 Queen St. S. Hamilton ON - The Scottish Rite Club

\$20 PER TICKET

PLAY TO WIN

1st prize is a track day for one person supervised by Ultimate Exotics. A chance to go 220 km per hour on a private race track.
2nd, 3rd, 4th prizes to be drawn prior to May 3rd. Winners will be Notified.

Sponsored by Ultimate Exotics
WIN A FREE TEST DRIVE ON LOCATION

TEST DRIVE PRIZE 2 TEST DRIVE PRIZE 3 TEST DRIVE PRIZE 4

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Blood Donors Committee Report

Congratulations to all the Lodges in the District which financially or with volunteers continue to support the District Committee in our efforts to assist the Canadian Blood Services with their noble cause of collecting precious blood for all the Hospitals in Southern Ontario.

Hamilton Masonic District C is now responsible for volunteers manning the following clinics: The Hamilton Convention Centre by Buchanan Lodge, Salt Fleet Secondary School by Meridian Lodge, 35 Stone Church by Temple Lodge and Hugh Murray Lodge and Redeemer College by Meridian Lodge and Hugh Murray Lodge.

The District is still looking for Lodges to take over certain clinics at 35 Stone Church Rd. If you think your Lodge can volunteer at this location, please contact E. Cordero at ecordero@cogeco.ca or David Macdonald at macdonald@airwhistle.com.

Upcoming District Blood Donor Clinics



35 Stone Church Road from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hosted by Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 and Temple Lodge No. 324.

April	15, 19	2014
June	07, 21	2014
August	02, 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.

April	12, 26	2014
June	14, 28	2014
August	09, 23, 30	2014

If you wish to participate, please contact R.W. Bro. Eduardo Cordero at ecordero@cogeco.ca.

*Act as if what you do makes a difference.
It does.*

~William James

Masonic Tour of Scotland

In both 2010 and 2012, I organized Masonic trips to Scotland. Eight people attended in 2010, including Past Grand Master Allan Petrisor. Twenty-four participated in 2012, a group that included both Masons, their wives and families.

Flights were by way of Air Transat to and from Glasgow.

Among the Lodges we visited were Lodge Kilwinning No. 0; Cannongate Kilwinning No. 2; Trafalgar Lodge No. 223; Lodge Anima, Glasgow, and others, as well as the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We also toured a distillery, a brewery, castles and other tourist attractions, including Rosslyn Chapel.

We are contemplating doing this again in September 2014 beginning late in the month and carrying over to early October. Costs will be similar to 2012. We rented shared accommodation in a series of two- and three-bedroom apartments and the cost for the two-week period came in at around \$500. It could be slightly higher this time.

Flights are listing at between \$850 and \$900. The cost for the eight bus trips was around \$300 – \$350. Food purchases are at your own choice. Initially I will be looking for a deposit to cover accommodation and buses. Flights would be left to book on your own directly.

I would be happy to send any interested person an application form and a report on our previous trip.

Contact: Roy Cummings at bowtowca@gmail.com or 905-632-1858.

Interesting Websites

If you have not seen this clip on the Cornerstone Project, you may find it interesting:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-Y_BZ5zLDs.

This can also be seen on MGL VIDEO SECTION.

To learn more about the Scottish Rite, go to <http://www.scottishritecanada.ca/>.

You might consider checking out the new website for the Scottish Rite Club, at <http://scottishriteclub.ca/>.

Around the District

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654 had a Special Guest at their Regular Meeting in February



On February 25, 2014 the Initiation of Bro. Ed. Toye at Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654 was attended by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell (a personal friend of the candidate), along with a number of Grand Lodge Officers.

In the front row: R.W. Bro. Geoffrey Allan (D.D.G.M. 'C'), W. Bro. George Jones (W.M.), Bro. Ed. Toye, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell (G.M.), and R.W. Bro. Jeff Baker (D.D.G.M. 'B').

In the back row: V.W. Bro. David Midgley (G.S.), R.W. Bro. Howard Adams (G. D. of C.), and V.W. Bro. John Terence (G.P.).

A Special Night at Valley Lodge No. 100



R.W. Bro. Bill Clarke Bro. Kevin McQueen

February 10, 2014 was a special night for three brethren at Valley Lodge No. 100. Not only was it the night of the Official Visit of our DDGM, R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan, who is a member of Valley Lodge.

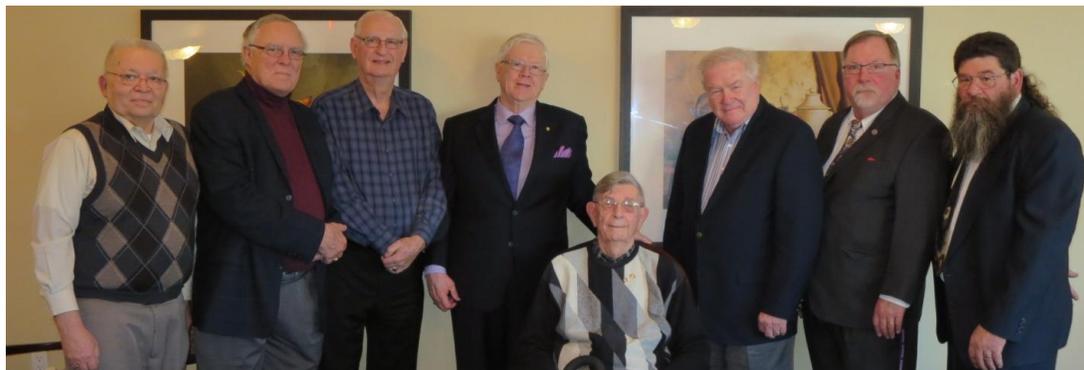
For Bro. Kevin McQueen it was the night of his Initiation and by his comments later in the evening it was apparent that the experience left its intended impression.

For R.W. Bro. Bill Clarke, one of Valley Lodge's most frequent visitors, it marked exactly 50 years to the day, indeed the hour, of his Initiation into Masonry at Valley Lodge. It was a very special night for him and the following evening he received his 50 year pin at Brant Lodge No. 45.

Submitted by Bro. Colin Pfeiffer, Valley Lodge

Around The District II

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654 Honours Long-Time Member - R. W. Bro. Len Hewitt



From L. to R.: R.W. Bro. Wm. MacPherson, W. Bro. P. Babcock, V.W. Bro. R. Gilbank, R.W. Bro. W. Elgie, R.W. Bro. Len Hewitt, V.W. Bro. R. Doherty, W. Bro. L. Evans, W. Bro. George Jones (W.M.)

R.W. Bro Leonard J. Hewitt, Past District Deputy Grand Master Hamilton District B (1963-64) was presented his 50-year P.D.D.G.M. Masonic Pin along with his 70-year Masonic Service Pin on Feb. 26, 2014. A distinguished group of Masons from Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654 were present to help honour him and to remember some of his achievements.

A full account will appear in the Spring issue of the ONTARIO MASON MAGAZINE.

Wardrobe Lodge No. 555 V. W. Bro. John Lyness Appreciation Night

Monday, April 28, 2014

to honour his dedicated service as the Secretary of Wardrobe Lodge for 29 consecutive years and for serving over 15 years as the District C photographer.

This is Wardrobe Lodge regular meeting night commencing at 7:30 p.m. with the business meeting followed with the Election of Officers for the ensuing year.



V. W. Bro. John Lyness

At approx. 8:30 p.m. family and friends will be escorted into the Lodge Room and the tribute to John will commence. There will be light refreshments following the presentations and photographs. All are welcome to attend to honour Wardrobe's and District C's distinguished brother.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 25, 2014

**Hamilton Districts A, B, and C
Grand Master's Reception and Banquet**
Reception – 6:00 p.m. / Dinner – 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Centre of Hamilton

Sunday, April 27, 2014

**Hamilton Masonic Districts'
Board of Relief
Spring Divine Service**
St. John's United Church – 262 Randall St., Oakville
Assembly – 7:00 p.m. Service – 7:30 p.m.
Arranged by Trafalgar Lodge No. 712

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Ultimate Exotic Food Drive
See DDGM's Message for details.

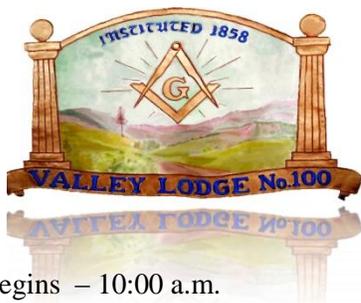
Saturday, May 10, 2014

Please note change of Venue!!!

District 'C' Spring Meeting
10 a.m. at the Dundas Temple,
3 Main St. W., Dundas

Saturday June 14th, 2014

9th ANNUAL VALLEY LODGE GOLF TOURNAMENT & CHARITY EVENT



Registration Begins – 10:00 a.m.
First Tee – 10:30 a.m.
Cocktails – 4:00 p.m.
Dinner & Event – 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
at Copetown Woods Golf Club

contact Bill Paul at bill_paul@dart.biz
or 905-719-6464.

April Official Visits

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Seymour Lodge No. 272
Accompanying: Ionic Lodge No. 549
No Dinner – Lodge – 7:30 p.m., refreshments after.

Thursday, April 17, 2014



Dufferin Lodge No. 291
Accompanying: Temple Lodge No. 324
Lodge – 7:30 p.m. Pie Night After Lodge

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Westmount Lodge No. 671
Accompanying: Wardrobe No. 555
Dinner – 6:00 p.m. Lodge – 7:00 p.m.

*“All right everyone, line up alphabetically
according to your height.”*
– Casey Stengel



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