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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings Brethren,

When the 'C'hronicle Editor asked for my 'final



farewell' message for the July edition, all I could think of was the Von Trapp children from the Sound of Music ascending the staircase on their way to bed while singing "So long, farewell". I would rather think of this as the beginning of a transition and perhaps my last opportunity to offer thanks and extend my congratulations.

R.W. Bro. Geoffrey S. Allan

My thanks are for the kindness, assistance and co-operation of the brethren of District C. You have consistently demonstrated the ideals of Freemasonry to their fullest

capacity, both within and beyond the recesses of the lodge room. The variety of initiatives and projects engaged by each lodge is to be commended and certainly encouraged. From the opening statement in my Trestle Board I asked you to "consider what is possible; to look beyond the limits of our imagination and reach for ideas that will ensure the prosperity of each and every lodge". I believe this has been the case and although some lodges have seen more challenges than others, you have worked together in the spirit of love and harmony to ensure your brethren are happy.

Of our many accomplishments over the past year, I thank you specifically for your collective support of our District Project, the 'Neighbour to Neighbour' Centre. Your hard work and contributions have provided a value exceeding \$25,000 in cash and food towards helping those less fortunate. Sincerely, my heart-felt thanks for a job well done.

My congratulations to the brethren and lodges who have celebrated significant milestones along their masonic journey. Also, let us not forget those brethren who have achieved awards for their service to the craft and community or to those who excelled in their educational pursuits. It would also be appropriate to congratulate and celebrate our newest members. We welcome you and wish you happiness and enlightenment as you explore the wonders of Freemasonry.

I have said on more than one occasion that we are all in this together and the rewards returned are more than proportionate to the effort exerted. I thank you for the wonderful experience and wish you a safe and enjoyable summer. May the blessings of the G.A.O.T.U. be with you always. Rather than farewell, "till we meet again".

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

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From the Grand Master



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

“It just seems like yesterday the DDGMs of the 44 Districts assumed their office. It is hard to believe how quickly the year has passed. To all the brethren who received Past Rank this year and those who will receive it on “July 17”, it is not time to retire. You must continue to work for Freemasonry. It is critical that our Past Grand Lodge Officers retain, renew and revitalize their role. No one said being a Past Grand Lodge Officer was an easy position, it takes work, and your work is not done! Your lodge, your district and even Grand Lodge needs your extensive experience for training junior members. Junior members should not be training new members.

Remember, from the moment an apprentice enters into a Lodge, it is impressed upon him that his duty is not to himself, but to his family and his fellow man and his community. The brethren in our lodges are concerned with developing themselves morally and spiritually in order to become better people. We are members of a unique worldwide fraternal organization that we should be very proud to be a member. Where else in the world, if not in our Lodges, can people from all races, religions, socioeconomic levels of society work together in perfect harmony and equality.

As Masons we are the ones who can make a change. We can influence society and point it in the right direction in a positive way. Masonic wisdom encourages us to judge our performance in every aspect of our lives against certain standards. We insist that our members respect and honour both the spirit

and the letter of the law of the country in which we live and also to encourage all brethren to fulfill their personal responsibilities, both private and public. We ought to be the examples of good order and regularity, because it is only by own conduct that we can reasonably expect compliance from others.

Truly, the sun never sets on Freemasonry. It’s working all the time both within and without our many lodges. The great work of keeping Freemasonry together as a smooth-working machine is due to the continued efforts of our Grand Secretary and his staff. The vast amount of voluntary work done by our Grand Lodge Chairmen, Team Leaders and committee members, all working together, devoting their time to preside over the many initiatives to advance Freemasonry in Ontario. These brethren with their indefatigable interest have earned the honours and respect they truly deserve. We are thankful for and their commitment to the Craft and the brethren they serve.

In today’s social media networking, we need to use all available mediums, including the Grand Lodge Website. But, we must remember that social media is a great tool to get us to a meeting, but social media is not a place to hold a meeting. We need that face-to-face contact. We have the material to educate members about the most important aspects of Freemasonry, that is, education and a learning institution. We’re great at gathering material but we have to improve on disseminating it.

Candidates, young and old are showing an interest in Freemasonry and are on a quest of searching for something that society is not providing them. They are searching for knowledge and a system that will provide it for them. They know more about Freemasonry before they petition a Lodge than have any of their predecessors. It is now up to us to provide for them for what they are searching for. Each one of them, as we do, wants to be a member of a quality organization and that is what Freemasonry must continue to be.

Masonry for each of us is exactly what we make it, the directing impelling power within us. We can make it an instrument of almost unbounded good to ourselves and those around us. We’re great at gathering material but we have to improve on disseminating it.”

Donald A. Campbell
Grand Master

From the Deputy Grand Master

Well, Brethren, I finally got it right after three attempts. There was not much of a Spring but now Summer is here and the warm weather feels really good. As we embark on summer activities we also look forward to Grand Lodge and all the different events that we can attend: workshops on Tuesday afternoon, meet the candidates on Tuesday evening, Grand Lodge sessions all day Wednesday and Thursday morning, the respective district meetings Wednesday afternoon and the banquet Wednesday night. There will also be a banquet on Monday night to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Masonic Foundation. Our annual communication is an opportunity for any member to witness what has happened during the past Masonic term as well as hearing of any new ventures we may be striving for in the coming year.

Brethren, I also want you to think about where your individual lodge is going in the future. I know that many lodges are flourishing with a number of new members while others are struggling. This seems to be a constant challenge for some lodges. I would suggest that using the guidelines and programme for an Open House or Friend to Friend event has enjoyed much success over the years as well as having the new members and possible applicants attend some of your social functions which many lodges have during the summer months. Such events will display a friendly atmosphere that exists on a personal level amongst the membership. Remember this aspect of masonry stressing family and family activities through social activities is quite attractive to most people when they become involved in a new venture in their life. Barbecues, golf tournaments and picnics play an important role in every organization and Masonry is no exception.

While you are on vacation or at the cottage you should be proud to tell your neighbours and people you meet that you are a Mason and quite enjoy the fraternity. We all too often don't mention our involvement in Masonry when talking to people about life's activities. If we are proud to be Masons we should be proud to tell others outside the craft that we belong to the largest and oldest organization in the world and the many attributes it has brought into your life. I have often experienced that non-masons have the wrong impression of Freemasonry, so when we have the opportunity to demonstrate how we have been rewarded with the philosophies of Masonry in living a good life of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, we should do so. Being generous and respectful of our fellow man allows you live satisfied that our roll in life has been to the service of mankind and made this world a better place.

As we embark into the summer months when a majority of Lodges take a break be ever mindful of the needs of others less fortunate than ourselves. We are members of the

largest fraternity in the world and we should be obliged to carry our banner where ever we go and whatever we do, we must satisfy ourselves that we are living a life as servants to our fellow man. When you have satisfied yourself you will find that friends, relatives and everyone seem closer to you because of the role you play as a leader in the community by being generous, kind and attributes that fulfill your place as a mason.

Brethren, have a good summer. I hope to see you at Grand Lodge in July. See you in September.

John C. Green
Deputy Grand Master



Registration to Vote

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall, in the *Fairmont* Royal York Hotel, on Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **SHARP.**

All balloting, except District elections for DDGMs, shall be done at the time of registration in the Concert Hall.

District C Meeting Saskatchewan Room - Main Mezzanine Wednesday, July 16, 2014 4:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.



**Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M.
of Canada
in the Province of Ontario**

Nominees for Grand Lodge Offices 2014

Grand Senior Warden

George Ghneim
York District

Rui Gomes
Toronto Don Valley District

Terrance Van Horne
Toronto Humber Valley District

Grand Junior Warden

Richard Cadotte
St. Thomas District

Nicholaus Pawluch
Victoria District

Grand Registrar

Roger Hillier
Victoria District

Paavo Liukko
Sudbury-Manitoulin District

Grand Treasurer

Thomas Hogeboom
Frontenac District

Robert Kliaman
Toronto East District

Board of General Purposes

Leslie Armstrong
Sarnia District

Robert Beckett
Georgian North District

Barry Burchill
Ottawa 1 District

Robert Cresswell
St. Thomas District

Leonard Feldt
Toronto Don Valley District

John Hay
Peterborough District

Grant Hughson
St. Thomas District

Richard Kaufman
Waterloo District

Brian Koivu
Sudbury-Manitoulin District

Stuart Libbey
Eastern District

Michael Locke
Niagara A District

Robert MANz
Algoma District

Leyland Muss
Toronto East District

David Sheen
Toronto Humber Valley District

Thomas Siemiernik
Wilson North District

Paul Skazin
Toronto Don Valley District

Annual Communication of Grand Lodge Agenda

Monday, July 14, 2014

The Board of General Purposes will meet in the Ballroom on the Convention Floor of the *Fairmont* Royal York Hotel, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. R.W. Bro. John C. Green, Deputy Grand Master, will preside.

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

The Board of General Purposes will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Ballroom of the *Fairmont* Royal York Hotel.

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Meet the Nominees
Salon A - Convention Floor

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Grand Lodge will assemble in the Canadian Room, *Fairmont* Royal York Hotel, at 8:45 a.m., M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell presiding. Brethren are requested to bring their own aprons and be in their seats in Grand Lodge by 8:30 a.m.

An Address of Welcome will be tendered and Grand Lodge will then proceed with business until 11:30 a.m. The brethren are asked to reassemble after lunch in the same place at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m. in the Canadian Room of the *Fairmont* Royal York Hotel. The installation and investiture of Grand Lodge Officers and newly-elected DDGMs. It is essential that everyone be on time and bring his regalia.



The *Fairmont* Royal York Hotel



The Main Lobby of The *Fairmont* Royal York Hotel

Seminars For All Brethren

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

(no pre-registration required)

BC Room

- 1:30 Officer Progression - K. Smith
- 2:30 Mentorship - L. Feldt
- 3:30 Brock University - G. Taylor

Quebec Room

- 1:30 Protocol and Etiquette - G. Crutcher
- 2:30 Blood Donors - L. Armstrong
- 3:30 Engaging the New Mason Revisited - S. Kalinowsky

Alberta Room

- 1:30 Library, Museum, Archives - C. Reid
- 2:30 Communication - I. Wates
- 3:30 Masonic Debate - A. Nesrallah

Algonquin Room

- 1:30 Computer Resources
- 2:30 Computer Resources
- 3:30 Computer Resources

Plus continuous information on computer resources in the Algonquin Room, Main Mezzanine, from 1:30 to 4:20 p.m.



Upcoming District Blood Donor Clinics

35 Stone Church Road



8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hosted by Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602
and
Temple Lodge No. 324.

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.**

August 09, 23, 30

2014



Canadian Blood Services
it's in you to give

Contact W. Bro. David MacDonald at
macdonald@airwhistle.com if you or your Lodge
would like to volunteer to help or to sponsor a clinic.

Nostalgia, Anyone?

Remember this entrance to the CMT?



Behold the Lodge Room at the long-gone CMT.



Valley Lodge 2014 Holds Another Successful Golf Tournament & Charity Auction

Valley Lodge No. 100 held its 9th annual golf tournament, dinner and charity auction on Saturday, June 14 at Copetown Woods Golf Course and this year's event was our most successful to date!

This success was measured by the fun and fellowship enjoyed by our guests as well as the amount of money we were able to raise for Crohn's & Colitis of Canada (CCC). Everyone was treated to a warm and sunny day, a golf course in tremendous condition, friendly competition, a delicious meal prepared and served by top-notch staff and participation in an auction which raised funds for a worthy cause.

Our guests heard from Holly Shanlin and her daughter, Jordy. We heard about the good work and advances being made by CCC research and development as well as Jordy's very personal struggle with ulcerative colitis. The speech left its impression as Valley's guests and the Lodge itself opened up their pocket books and, at the end of the auction, presented Holly and Jordy with a cheque for \$4,000.00!!



From left to right: W. Bro. Bill Paul, W.M. of Valley Lodge No. 100, R.W. Bro. Geoff Allan, DDGM of District C, Jordy Shanlin, Holly Shanlin and R.W. Bro. Bill Millar

This year's winners were Jim Simpson, Luke Wilson, John Fransaglio and Jason Phillips.

Valley Brethren wish to extend their thanks to all volunteers, participants, sponsors and donors for making this a day where over 120 people banded together to practice benevolence.

Next year's event will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Copetown Woods. Please contact Bill Paul at (905)719-6464 for details.

Around the District



At the recent Amalgamation of St. John's Chapter No 6 and Hamilton Chapter No 175, RAM, which took place on June 12th, 2014 at the MCH, several District C brethren were prominent. Above are the Officers, and below is the whole group who attended the event.



Companions from the area assembled at the MCH for the Amalgamation Ceremony.

Upcoming Events



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS FOR THE CAUSE OF GOOD THE MASONIC FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

invites you and your lady
to join them at their 50th
anniversary dinner.

6:30 p.m. at the IMPERIAL ROOM
Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto

Monday July 14, 2014

Dress: Business Suit

Cost: \$60 per person

Contact the Masonic Foundation Office at
(905) 527-9195 or masonic@bellnet.ca.

Tuesday, July 15 - Thursday, July 17, 2014

Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto

District C Meeting - Wednesday, July 16

4:00 p.m. in the Saskatchewan Room

Grand Master's Banquet

Wednesday, July 16 - 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker M.W. Bro. Robert Conley

P.G.M., G.L. of Michigan

Tickets available from our DDGM at 905-339-7724.

Wednesday, August 27, 2014



Annual Masonic Beef and Corn Roast

Ancaster Agricultural Fairgrounds

630 Trinity Road

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Corn at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Friends and Family Welcome

Tickets - \$20.00 - available from Lodge Secretaries

There cannot be a crisis next week.

My schedule is already full.

-Henry Kissinger

Interesting Websites

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654 recently had a very successful installation. A few pictures are posted in the photo gallery. Go to <http://www.landmarksdoric654.com/past.php> or <http://www.hamiltondistrictmasons.org/> to see photos of recent District activities.

This year's Masonic Lecture: The War of 1812-1814
<http://sankeylectures.ca/lectures/2014-lecture/>

Protocol and Etiquette _ Should you wish to view any previous issues, they can be downloaded from the Grand Lodge web site, as well as several District web sites, including the Hamilton District A web site at:

<http://hamiltondistrictamasons.org/node/167>

A New Editor for the 'C'hronicle!

Hericlitus, one of the many sage Greek philosophers, once noted that "Nothing is permanent, except change." Change is in the air for the District 'C'hronicle as long-time Editor (participating in about 50 of the total of 71 monthly issues), W. Bro. Harley Auty, is handing over the keys to the Editorial Office to W. Bro. David Jack. Our New Editor will take over as of the August 2014 issue.

I wish to thank the Brethren of District C for allowing me the opportunity to serve the District in this important role, especially since having the newsletter on the internet gives the District a very high public profile. R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie and W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra initiated the current model in September of 2008, setting a high standard, of which the members of the District have been proud. My thanks to the Editorial Team for their invaluable assistance in helping me to maintain that high standard. I wish our new Editor all the best and look forward to helping him as he moves into this significant role within District C.



Editorial Team

Editor:	W. Bro. Harley Auty
Associate Editor:	R. W. Bro. Bill M ^{ac} Pherson
Webmaster:	W. Bro. Bill Paul
District Photographer:	V.W. Bro. John Lyness

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