

Dear Brethren,

Enclosed please find the *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!*,
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Sunday, 01 June 2025.

This issue contains 132 pages.

The monthly calendar in *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter allows the Brethren to see, at a glance, the work being done in the District for that month. Thus, if you're interested in attending a particular Degree, look at page 07 to see where one is being conducted in the District.

Each month also provides an inspirational message from the D.D.G.M. as well as the monthly D.D.G.M. Communiqué from the Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master. Here too, for May and June, are the Grand Lodge Nominations for 2025 - 2026

Definitions of Masonic terms are also included in each issue along with various aphoristic * "*Masonic Points to Ponder*", designed to be used for that short piece of Masonic Education that should be a part of every Lodge meeting, a longer piece of Masonic Education, excerpts from Mackey's *Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry* and excerpts from Grand Lodge's publication by R.W. Bro. Wallace E. McLeod, *Whence Come We ? Freemasonry in Ontario: 1764 - 1980*.

Please don't hesitate to forward it on to anyone who might find its contents of interest. I would be very pleased to include the e-mail addresses of the Brethren in your Lodge in my distribution list if sent to me. By the same token, send me an e-mail if you would not like to receive further issues of *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter and your name will be immediately removed from its circulation list.

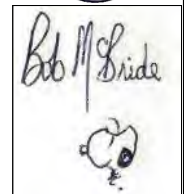
Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R.W. Bro. Bob McBride

[* An aphoristic style means a compact, condensed or epigrammatic
{ a concise, clever, and sometimes paradoxical statement
or line of verse } style of writing.]



R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride [Bob]
- Past Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master, 2007 - 2008
- Editor of the monthly electronic *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* 2007 - 2025
- Peterborough District Historian, 2001 - 2025
- Peterborough District Communications Chairman, 2002 - 2021
- Past Master, Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C., January 2002 - May 2004, May 2022 - April 2024
- Past Master, William James Dunlop Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 675 G.R.C., 2010, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Director, The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, 2009 - 2015
- Former Editor of the quarterly 60-page *Reflections: The Newsletter of the Committee on Masonic Education*, The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Member: July 2006 - July 2008, Editor: July 2008 - July 2010, Advisor: July 2010 - July 2011
- Past Editor of *The Ontario Mason Magazine*, The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Member: July 2003 - July 2007, Assistant Editor: July 2008 - July 2010, Editor July 2010 - July 2011



Because I Am A Freemason

• I believe that freedom of religion
is an inalienable right
and tolerance an indispensable trait
of human character;
therefore, I will stand in my Lodge
with Brothers of all faiths
and respect their beliefs
as they respect mine,
and I will demonstrate the spirit
of brotherhood in all aspects of my life.





The Electronic Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!

Teamwork
Encourages
Active
Masons

Recipient of the Grand Lodge Award of Merit: 2012
Grand Lodge Award for the Best District Newsletter: 2009

Begun in September 1995 as the *Peterborough District Masonic Newsletter*
 with two hard-copy issues per year.

Editors: 1995 - 1998: R.W. Bro. Frank E. Lucas

1998 - 2001: V.W. Bro. Thomas J. King

2001 - present: R.W. Bro. Robert C. McBride

Recipient of the Grand Lodge Award: 2002, 2003, Award of Merit: 2004, 2005, 2006
 Became the *Peterborough District's Electronic Beacon* in July 2007.



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

Dear Brethren,

I trust that this message reaches you in the best of health.

My year as the DDGM is fast coming to an end. It has been a tremendous experience, having learnt a lot and made new friends. It has been a pleasure and an honour to represent the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, in Peterborough District.

Peterborough District is in excellent shape in so far as the Lodges are concerned. Every Lodge has made significant progress especially in Ritual, Education and Mentoring. Every Lodge has had ritual work to do this year and has undertaken their tasks seriously and with pride. The credit for all of this goes to the District Chairmen, Worshipful Masters and the Brethren of the individual Lodges. You all have worked very hard and have been rewarded with the fruits of success. 100% of the Lodges in the District have committed to undertake the Cornerstone Program with two already having completed it.

The District Secretary, W. Bro. Lorne Mitchell, with some help from W. Bro. Larry Castle, has collected a lot of data from the District and I summarize the conclusions made by the District Secretary (and I concur with them) below.

There is a direct relationship between interest and attendance in a Lodge by Officers, Members and Visitors alike and the overall health of the Lodge both currently and longer-term.

Member participation has increased by 4.7 %

Visitor participation has increased by 12.43 %

Officer Participation range between 71 % to 93 % with an average of 82 %

I want to thank our District Secretary from the bottom of my heart for the very hard work and dedication, not only to his office and the DDGM, but towards the craft and well-being of the District and its Lodges. He has set a very high bar for the future District Secretaries.

The District project has gone particularly well and this year we will once again be handing out ten one-thousand-dollar bursaries to the skilled trades students. Thank you to everyone who organized events and donated for this worthy cause.



R.W. Bro. Bharat Maini,
Peterborough District
Deputy Grand Master.
2024 - 2025

All the District Chairmen need to be commended and thanked for their hard work and dedication in making their portfolios successful. They all made my year very easy and enjoyable.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Past Peterborough District DDGMs for laying down a solid foundation on which the future DDGMs can continue to build. I ask them to continue their support of the District as their wisdom, knowledge and experience is invaluable for the continued success of the District.



W. Bro.
William Lorne Mitchell,
Peterborough District
Secretary. 2024 - 2025

Our “preferred” D.D.G.M. Candidate, W. Bro. James Dunn, was elected at the PDMA Annual General Meeting. He is one step away from the position.

Brethren, please cast your electronic votes for your preferences of Candidates for Grand Lodge positions. This is one of your duties to do so. Instructions will be sent out shortly.

Finally, Brethren, I would like to congratulate you all for making this District and the District Lodges successful and bringing them back on track. I can only encourage you to keep up and continue the great work of the last year.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bharat Maini.

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R.E.M.: Ritual, Education, Mentoring.



Ontario Masons

From The Editor:

This electronic *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* is a means of communicating with Brethren who have e-mail addresses. Please copy any information contained in this newsletter and forward it to Brethren who do not have access to e-mail. I look forward to receiving feedback about this form of communication. It does not replace any other forms of communication but, hopefully, will provide a forum for rapid communication.



I have purposely not included a listing of the Brethren on the circulation list for privacy reasons. If you know of other Brethren who would like to receive a copy, please let me know.

The first issue of *The Beacon* was sent on 30 July 2007.
A big thanks to everyone who contributes to this newsletter.
Your continued input and feedback is most appreciated.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride [Bob].

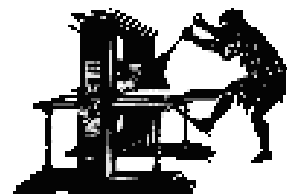
- Editor, *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!*
- Peterborough District Historian,
- Past Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master (2007 - 2008).



**Masonic Licence Plates
Available now through
the Service Ontario office
- a Maple Leaf, Square and Compasses
graphic licence plate.**



Price: \$ 82.15 lundT.I.P. (Tax In Price)





Here are some Masonic
(in blue with white lettering)
and non-Masonic
activities for you !!!




Ontario Masons



June 2025



The month of June is known as the time schools
let out for the summer !!! Summer break for July and August !!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Flip a Coin Day 	2 Rocky Road Day 	3 World Bicycle Day 	4 Percy 161 Installation Master Elect: Bro. Chris Lalande	5 World Environment Day 	6 Doughnut Day 	7 Chocolate Ice Cream Day 
8 Best Friends Day 	9 Golden Rule 126 Installation Master Elect: W. Bro. Matthew Davis	10 Ball Point Pen Day !!! 	11 Children's Day 	12 Red Rose Day 	13 Friday the 13th 	14 Flag Day 
15 Father's Day 	16 International Waterfall Day 	17 Root Beer Day 	18 Gone Fishing Day 	19 Juneteenth & United Empire Loyalist Day 	20 Summer Solstice 	21 Presentation of ten District Bursaries at Peterborough Temple
22 Rainforest Day 	23 Havelock 435 Strawberry Social 	24 Celebration of the Senses Day 	25 First human blood transfusion 	26 Handshake Day 	27 Sun Glasses Day 	28
29 Camera Day 	30 Meteor Day 					

R.E.M: Ritual, Education, Mentoring.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
2024-2025

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Grand Steward

V.W. Bro. Scott Stuart

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Ontario Masons



The Grand Master's Project



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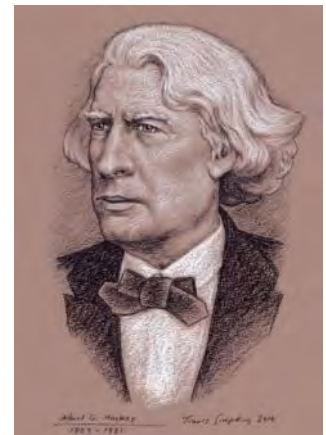
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Freemasonry is a science of symbols, in which, by their proper study, a search is instituted after truth, that truth consisting in the knowledge of the divine and human nature of God and the human Soul.

Albert Mackey

www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/masonic.htm



DISTRICT LEADERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Benevolence - Masonic Board of Relief

R.W. Bro. Frank Groves

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V.W. Bro. Walter Howell

District Divine Service

V.W. Bro. Walter Howell

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R.W. Bro. Bob Keay

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R.W. Bro. Andy Henderson

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W. Bro. Larry Castle

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R.W. Bro. Keith Buchanan

District Project

W. Bro. William Prentice

Grand Master's Project

W. Bro. Al Nelson

Special Events

R.W. Bro. Al Baswick

Strategic Planning

R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff



It might be time for a new apron and office to be added. As more Lodges try to navigate this new world of technology-based meetings, we may need the Tech Support apron.

COMMUNICATION



**COMMUNICATION
DISTRICT SECRETARY**
W. Bro. William Lorne Mitchell
(Clementi No. 313)

***The Beacon* (electronic newsletter)**
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R.W. Bro. Andy Henderson
R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff
R.W. Bro. Frank Groves
Past D.D.G.Ms of Peterborough District





Peterborough District Lodges

Clementi No. 313	Peterborough	1st Tuesday
Percy No. 161	Warkworth	1st Wednesday
Golden Rule No. 126	Campbellford	2nd Monday
Village No. 145	Millbrook	2nd Wednesday
Otonabee No. 101	Peterborough	3 rd Wednesday
Peterborough No. 155	Peterborough	3 rd Tuesday
Havelock No. 435	Havelock	4 th Monday

PDMA Meetings

Executive Meeting	Thur. 26 September 2024
Semi-Annual Executive Meeting	Thur. 24 October 2024
Mid-Winter Meeting	Thur. 24 February 2024
Executive Meeting	Thur. 24 April 2025
Annual General Meeting	Thur. 22 May 2025

PDMA Degree Teams

Masters' Degree Team	Village Lodge Thur. 13 Nov. 2024 W. Bro. Ian Thompson
Senior Wardens' Degree Team	Percy Lodge Wed. 05 March 2025 W. Bro. James Dunn
Junior Wardens' Degree Team	Otonabee Lodge Wed. 16 April 2025 W. Bro. John Fraser

District Coffee Club

V.W. Bro. Roger Morton
– Every Wednesday morning



Peterborough Lodge Building:
415 Rubidge St.
Peterborough K9H 4E2

All Masons and guests
are welcome to attend
this opportunity
for quality fraternity.



Official Visits

VILLAGE No. 145	Wed. Oct. 09, 2024	Millbrook
GOLDEN RULE No. 126	Mon. Nov. 11, 2024	Campbellford
HAVELOCK No. 435	Mon. Nov. 25, 2024	Havelock
OTONABEE No. 101	Wed. Jan. 22, 2025	Peterborough
CLEMENTI No. 313	Tues. Mar. 04, 2025	Peterborough
PETERBOROUGH No. 155	Tues. Apr. 15, 2025	Peterborough
PERCY No. 161	Wed. May 07, 2025	Warkworth



Installations

CLEMENTI No. 313	Tues. Dec. 03, 2024	Peterborough
PETERBOROUGH No. 155	Tues. Dec. 17, 2024	Peterborough
VILLAGE No. 145	Wed. May 14, 2025	Millbrook
OTONABEE No. 101	Wed. May 21, 2025	Peterborough
HAVELOCK No. 435	Mon. May 26, 2025	Havelock
PERCY No. 161	Wed. June 04, 2025	Warkworth
GOLDEN RULE No. 126	Mon. June 09, 2025	Campbellford



District Divine Service

Sunday, January 19, 2025.
St. John The Baptist Anglican Church,
81 Queen Street
Lakefield, Ontario. K0L 2H0



Peterborough District Masonic Association Meetings

PDMA DEGREE TEAMS

W. Masters' Degree Team
Village Lodge, To Be Announced
W. Bro. Ian Thompson

Senior Wardens' Degree Team
Percy Lodge, Wed. 05 March 2025
W. Bro. James Dunn

Junior Wardens' Degree Team
Otonabee Lodge, Wed. 16 April 2025
W. Bro. John Fraser



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*Meetings scheduled to begin at 7:30
at the Peterborough Temple*

PDMA – Executive

Chairman: W. Bro. James Dunn
1st Vice: W. Bro. John Fraser
2nd Vice: W. Bro. Ian Thompson
Secretary: to be announced
Treasurer: W. Bro. Brian James
Honourary Chairman:
R.W. Bro. Bharat Maini
Member Ex-Officio:
R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff



Peterborough District's

TRAVELLING SQUARE

Created by R.W. Bro. W.R. Morris (DDGM 1927-1928), who wrote,
*"The purpose and significance of the Travelling Square is to promote
and encourage fraternal visits among the Lodges in the District."*

The wooden box was hand-made in 1994 by W. Bro. David Montgomery
and W. Bro. Reg Nelson, Members of Norwood Lodge No. 223.

The visiting Worshipful Master will take with him a full complement
of his Officers to perform the Degree work of the evening,
planning the Masonic Work of the evening with the host Worshipful Master.

By continuing to choose the months of October and April
(other than in the cases of Otonabee, Keene, and Havelock Lodges,
who hold their Elections in April), good travelling weather should be assured.



Travelling Square Schedule

The schedule is made to bring back the Lodges into a logical rotation.

YEAR	D.D.G.M	FROM	TO	DATE
2024 - 2025	B. Maini	Village	Golden Rule	October 2024
		Golden Rule	Clementi	April 2025
2025 - 2026		Clementi	Percy	October 2025
		Percy	Havelock	April 2026
2026 - 2027		Havelock	Peterborough	October 2026
		Peterborough	Otonabee	April 2027
2027 - 2028		Otonabee	Golden Rule	October 2027
		Golden Rule	Village	April 2028
2028 - 2029		Village	Percy	October 2028
		Percy	Clementi	April 2029
2029 - 2030		Clementi	Havelock	October 2029
		Havelock	Peterborough	April 2030
2030 - 2031		Peterborough	Otonabee	October 2030
		Otonabee	Golden Rule	April 2031



Ontario Masons



Brethren

As Chairman of the Lodge of Instruction Committee, I would like the opportunity, if invited, to visit each Lodge at their regular practice meeting(s), or at a regular Lodge meeting if they are short of work.

My hope is that, in this way, I can be of service to more Brethren of the District.

I look forward to working together with the Lodge Officers and to provide some instruction and information in a framework of fun and fellowship.

S&F

R.W. Bro. Andy Henderson

Chairman, Lodge of Instruction Committee.





R.W. Bro. Bob Keay,
as this year's District Education Chairman,
will include a short piece of Masonic Education
in each month's issue of *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter.
As the District Education Chair I will try and bring some education
to *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* each month that is informative,
but not tedious to read.

Not sure where this one came from, but I know I didn't create it.
Kudos to the author who wrote it and credit to me for bringing it to your attention!

NOTHING TO FEAR BUT FEAR ITSELF!

In our lives as Masons and as men, fear is one of the greatest barriers
we face. It whispers caution where courage is needed, and it builds walls
where we are meant to step forward. But is fear not also a tool for reflection?
A challenge urging us to move past inertia and toward action?

Consider the allegory of the rough ashlar:

An unpolished, imperfect stone brimming with potential.
It is shaped through labour and refinement, not through
avoidance of difficulty. Similarly, the obstacles we face
and the risks we fear are the mallet and chisel of our lives,
tools to carve out a better version of ourselves.

Freemasonry teaches us that every Brother must apply
these tools to his own stone...

But the work begins by facing what we fear to undertake.
Taking risks, whether in your personal pursuits,
professional ambitions, or even in the context of an Officer of the Craft,
requires stepping beyond your comfort into the boundless possibility.
Just as we are reminded to seek light in darkness, so must we trust
that stepping into the unknown leads us closer to understanding and fulfillment.

Why do we hesitate?

Perhaps it is the fear of failure or rejection, of disappointing others or ourselves.
Yet our obligations call us to see past these fleeting doubts.
True failure lies not in falling short but in never having dared to try.
As Freemasons, we are builders: not merely of structures, but of lives of integrity,
courage, and influence.

Every great endeavor begins with a single step: one where fear is acknowledged,
understood, and ultimately overcome.



Reflect, too, on the lessons of Initiation.
There, blindfolded and uncertain, we took the first steps
in our Masonry. That moment symbolizes the courage
to move forward without knowing the outcome, trusting
in a greater light ahead.

Why, then, would we hesitate now?

Every opportunity we embrace could lead to greater insight,
stronger connections, or unexpected rewards.

Brothers, the Lodge itself thrives on this principle.
A Trestle Board is laid out not for us to simply admire,
but to act upon. How can you challenge yourself
to contribute more to your Lodge, your community,
or your own development?

Are there opportunities before you now that fear
is holding you back from pursuing?

Step forward.

Work your stone.

Trust the process.

The greatest monuments of humanity, from cathedrals to characters,
are built by those who dared to move beyond fear.

I'll leave you to it.

by R.W. Bro. Bob Keay, Education Chairman, Peterborough District

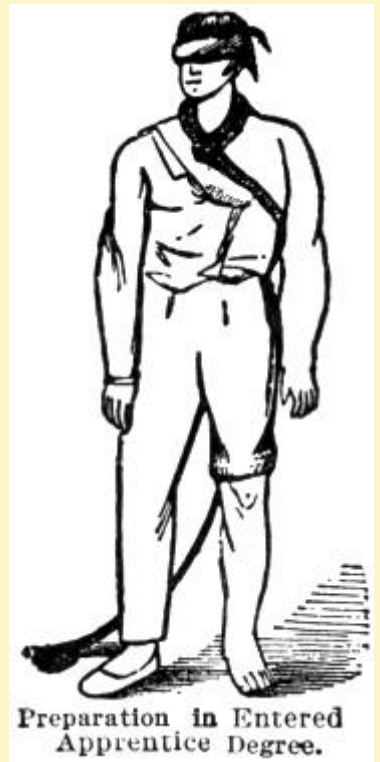
*If you want to know more about our Masonic Ritual or any other educational topic
of interest to you and your Lodge, please contact me.*

*As your District Education Chairman, I am charged with preparing
and delivering presentations on a great many topics to help your Members
gain more from their Masonic experience. I will come to your Lodge
and deliver formal presentations in the Lodge Room, talks at the banquet hour,
or small group discussions on topics of your choosing.*

*All I ask is that you allow sufficient time for me to conduct research
and be properly prepared to make the delivery fulfilling for you and your Lodge.*

R.W. Bro. Bob Keay – Peterborough District Education Chairman

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Ontario Masons

District Deputy Grand Master's Theme

“Working together, achieving excellence.”

***Is the District Deputy Grand Master
automatically
a Member of each Lodge in the District
during his term of office?***



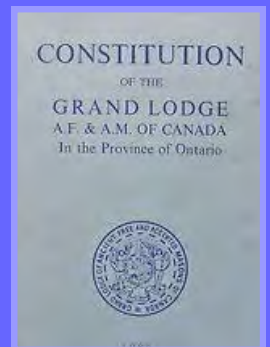
The District Deputy Grand Master is authorized to preside, and only those with this authority are presented, received under the wands, accorded the Grand Honours and given the gavel.

Each Lodge in the District is required to send a copy of every Summons to the District Deputy; however he is not a Member of every Lodge in the District, and is certainly not entitled to vote or ballot. (See the Book of Constitution Sec. 96, 239 and 344).

Book of Constitution-Sec. 96-*The District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority, unless the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master be present, to preside at any Lodge Meeting within his District and to direct the business thereof during his visit thereto.*

Book of Constitution-Sec. 239-The Master shall cause the Secretary to send a copy of every Summons to the Members of the Lodge, the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the Lodge is situated, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master.

Book of Constitution-Sec. 344-*All Members of the Lodge present when the Ballot is taken must Ballot.*



The Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master's Project



presents:

Continuing the “*trade skills*” bursary program for promising young people who are trying to better themselves by going straight into a licensed trades training school from high school. This ties into our history as an early form of trades guild, while providing tangible assistance

for the hard-working winners.

Plus, the exposure of Masonry in Peterborough during an end-of-year presentation awards ceremony, with subsequent potential inquiries of interested men related to the recipients is a positive step for us also.

**Charity No. 2469**



SKILLED TRADE BURSARY - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

At the end of last year, and with your help, we had fantastic TV and newspaper coverage of high school students, with their families, receiving bursaries going into a trade.

This provides great positive exposure to Freemasonry !!!

Peterborough District is trying to do great things for the youth in our community !!!

The Bursaries will help high school students to succeed in the goal of achieving a Trade. We Freemasons have learned from a traditional trade. Starting as an Entered Apprentice and, with your help and guidance, we were Raised to be Master Masons.

The demand for people with skilled trades is at an all-time high. If you could please make a donation it would be greatly appreciated.



Electronic Email Money Transfer is strongly recommended.

Please include your name, your Address and Lodge Number in the message box.

You are still welcome to write a Cheque and physically hand to your:

- Lodge Secretary
- District Deputy - R.W. Bro. Bharat Maini
- District Secretary - W. Bro. Lorne Mitchell
- Immediate Past District Deputy - R.W. Bro. Robert Kiff
- Kiff Auto or Prentice Lift Truck Inc.
- District Project Chair - W. Bro. William Prentice

Name: Skilled Trades Bursary

Project Number: 2469

Donations for EFT:

< peterboroughdistrictproject@gmail.com >

Cheque address: 399 Pido Road, Peterborough, Ontario. K9J 6X7

Tax receipts will be provided at the end of the year.

Proper addressing of cheques should show "*The Masonic Foundation of Ontario*" as payee and a notation on the Memo line should read: "*Project # 2469 – Peterborough District*"

Sincerely and Fraternally, W. Bro. William Prentice, District Project Chair

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PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT PROJECT 2024 - 2025

SKILLED TRADE BURSARY

Last year's project was a fantastic success !!!

At the end of last year, and with your help, we had TV and newspaper coverage of high school students, with their families, receiving bursaries going into a trade. It was good to see fantastic exposure of Freemasonry in Peterborough District doing great things for the youth in our community.

The Bursaries will help high school students to succeed in the goal of achieving a Trade. We Freemasons have learned from a traditional trade. Starting as an Entered Apprentice and, with your help and guidance, we were Raised to be Master Masons.

The demand for people with skilled trades is at an all-time high. With your donations and support, we can achieve that goal :)

Name: Skilled Trades Bursary

Project Number: 2469

Donations for EFT: < peterboroughdistrictproject@gmail.com >

Cheque Mailing address: 399 Pido Road, Peterborough, Ontario. K9J 6X7

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. William Prentice, District Project Chair Cell: 705-875-5517



FUN FACTS ABOUT JUNE

It's typically the month with the most daylight hours.

In the ancient Roman calendar, June was the fourth month of the year. The Roman calendar had only ten months.



June's full moon is known as the "Strawberry Moon" in North America.

Fireflies, also known as lightning bugs, are often seen in June.

In many countries, June marks the end of the academic year and the beginning of summer vacation.

June is when honey production typically reaches its peak in many Northern Hemisphere regions.

No other month in the year begins on the same day of the week as June.

If you live in the northern hemisphere, then June 21st is the longest day of the year and the first day of summer.



**R.W. Bro. Rob Kiff reported on 27 February 2025
at the Peterborough District Masonic Association Meeting:**

Thank you everyone for allowing me the opportunity to provide an update on our local District Project, now in its 2nd year.

The Skilled Trades Bursary for Graduating High School Trades Course students.

The local project, # 2469, has collected and accounted for \$25,561 since inception of the Project. This is the current figure taken directly from my local records ledger. R.W. Bro. Thomas Manning, current Director of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, has relayed to us that Project #2469 has approximately \$15,800 on balance with them. This does not include the 25% top up, which will be calculated near the end of this Masonic year.

Therefore, in our current state, we'll have had approximately \$30,000 raised and "topped up" by the end of this May. We gave out \$10,000 last June, and discussions are already in play to pay out another ten \$1,000 bursaries this June. This will leave \$10,000 left to be able to give for a third and final round in June 2026.

Speaking with next year's prospective DDGM, James Dunn, he has indicated that he wants to have another way for his charity project. However, as he very much appreciates and understands the merits of this project, he is willing to see us run it in parallel to his.

Which means no fundraising for this Trades bursary next Masonic year.

A) because we'll already have the funds, and

B) so as not to compete with next year's project.

It is agreed that this is a steady way to disburse the remaining funds evenly over the three-year intent of the project. Naturally, this also ensures the funds donated to this specific cause will in fact go to the intended recipients.

To answer the question of just giving out \$20k this year, and forget spreading it out, both boards prefer to keep it manageable at ten students per year and, in fairness to all recipients, the bursary should be the same amount year over year.

June 21st is the scheduled awards ceremony at the Peterborough Temple. We would appreciate lots of attendance again this year, as we did last June. It was, and is, a great way to showcase a part of Masonry at work.

Both school boards are more than happy to accommodate us with this two-year plan, and we are working closely with them to facilitate the District Project through their respective OYAP plan.

Both board representatives have also asked that we pass along a warm "Thank You" from them to all the Brethren for their overwhelming generosity to this particular project. They know first-hand the tremendous impact it has had on our young apprentices' early start onward into their new life in the workforce!

To our current DDGM, R.W. Bro Bharat Maini, our prospect DDGM, W. Bro. James Dunn, and to all of you, the local Brethren, Thank you!

The enthusiastic support received since inception of this project is overwhelming. It could not have been done without all of you.

Thank you.

R.W. Bro. Rob Kiff

*Thank
you* 

AROUND AND ABOUT PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT:



On Tuesday, 06 May, Clementi Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 313 G.R.C. welcomed Bro. Graeme Neil Caughill into the hidden Mysteries and Privileges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, when Golden Rule / Hastings Lodge No. 126, Campbellford, brought the Travelling Square to Clementi Lodge.



He was greeted afterwards by his uncle, R.W. Bro. Rodney N. Caughill, from Keystone Lodge No. 412, in Sault Ste. Marie.



On Wednesday, 07 May, R.W. Bro. Bharat Maini made his seventh and final Official Visit, this time to Percy Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 161 G.R.C. where Bro. John Rutherford was Passed to the Second Degree.

Because of balloting, elections for the ensuing Masonic year and the conferring of the Second Degree, it was a very rewarding but long evening so no photos were taken.



Then, on Saturday, 10 May, the Village of Keene celebrated their “Explore Keene And Area” event with 25 stations set up in the village and surrounding township.

KEENE 200TH COMMITTEE PRESENTS..

EXPLORE KEENE AND AREA

Join Us On A Little Road Trip

May 10th 2025 , Anytime between 1 & 4 pm.

Pick up your Bingo Card and instructions at the Lion’s Den and be on your merry way to finding “ Points of Interest” throughout the Keene area. Finish off the day by returning to the Lion’s Den for Refreshments. Prizes by Elmhirst’s Resort.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THIS FREE EVENT.

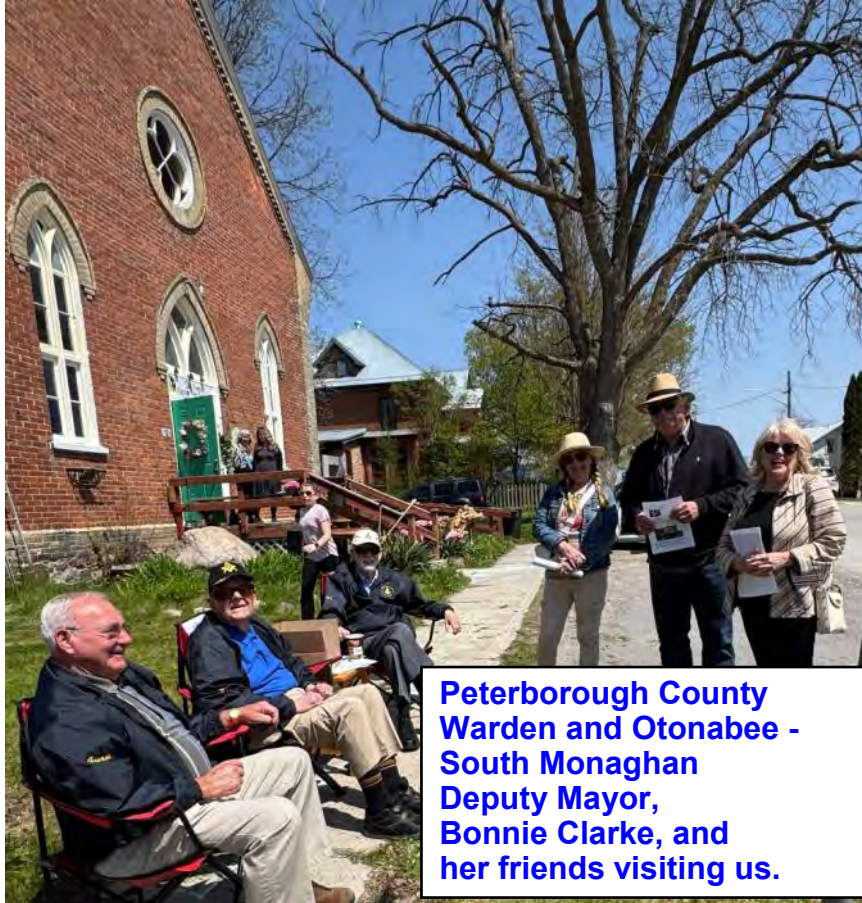


YOUR MAY 10TH 2025
EXPLORE KEENE BINGO CARD

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K	Lion’s Den 1137 Heritage Line	Lang Pioneer Village 104 Lang Road	Whalen’s Art Gallery 3306 County Rd 2	Keene Cenotaph County Rd 2 and Heritage Line	Otonabee Court Seniors Res. 30 Short Street, Keene
E	Larryland Adventures 73 Allandale Road	St. John’s Catholic Church 3217 County Rd 2	Kawartha Credit Union 1107 Heritage Line	Keene United Church 30 North Street	Library / Historical Society 3252 County Rd 2
E	Lang Grist Mill 104 Lang Rd.	Northshore School 42 Pinecrest Ave.	Elmhirst’s Resort 1045 Settlers Line	Glen Isle Ag 15 McCallum Place	Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan Office 20 Third St.
N	Keene Centre for the Arts (Former Masonic Hall) 12 First St.	Dorisdale Farm 2612 County Rd. 2	Remedy’s Rx – Keene Drug Mart 1105 Heritage Line	Romeo’s Pizza 3265 County Rd. 2	Otonabee Memorial Community Centre (Arena) 21 Fourth St.
E	Hope Mill 3414 Hope Mill Rd.	Keene General Store 1111 Heritage Line	Keene Fire Hall 21 Third St.	Former Presbyterian Church 3218 County Rd 2.	Trans Canada Trail Gazebo Base Line east of Heritage Line

People travelled from one *Bingo* location to the next, where they were met by volunteers who stamped their card and provided a piece of education about their location.

R.W. Bro. Frank Lucas, R.W. Bro. Bob McBride, and W. Bro. George Wood manned the former Keene Masonic Hall, describing *The History of Freemasonry in General and Keene Lodge in Particular*, including a handout to fifty-three individuals that also described the three legacies the Lodge has left in perpetuity for future generations of the young people of the village:



Peterborough County Warden and Otonabee - South Monaghan Deputy Mayor, Bonnie Clarke, and her friends visiting us.

the Lodge has left in perpetuity for future generations of the young people of the village:

- * playground equipment at North Shore Public School,
- * four bursaries presented annually to graduating students at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School who are graduates of North Shore Public School in the Village of Keene,
- * a new park, named "*Keene Masonic Park*" on the corner of Pinecrest Avenue and Hillview Drive.

The park has already become a favourite site for children of all ages and abilities to gather to enjoy the playground equipment.

A number of young men also inquired about becoming Freemasons.

It was a most successful day, with sunny weather and no clouds !!!





On April 21, 2023, Frank Lucas and Ted Post presented a cheque to the staff at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School for four bursaries to be presented annually to graduating students at TASS who are graduates of North Shore Public School in the Village of Keene.

On November 10, 2023, Frank Lucas and Bob McBride, on behalf of Keene Lodge, presented a cheque to the Parent Council at North Shore Public School for future school playground equipment.



On July 06, 2024, The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom, Grand Lodge Officers, and fellow-Masons consecrated the new park, named "*Keene Masonic Park*", on the corner of Pinecrest Avenue and Hillview Drive.

While the Masons were talking about Freemasonry and stamping the *Bingo* cards on the sidewalk outside the former Keene Lodge building, Ida Brown, owner of *The Keene Centre for the Arts*, and her cast of children, were performing *Alice in the Summer of Love* in the former Keene Lodge building, now The Keene Centre for the Arts.

Here's a photo, taken by Ida, as Bob waited for visitors in "*Explore Keene And Area*" to arrive at his station:



"Here is the play that we did at the same time and two children playing hopscotch on the sidewalk beside you.
Ida"

Frank Lucas also took one before the cast members assembled inside the building to perform their play:



On Wednesday, 14 May, Village Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 145 G.R.C. welcomed its new W. Master for 2025 - 2026, W. Bro. Jason Burnett, who was Installed into the Chair of King Solomon by V.W. Bro. Alex White and his team of dedicated Masons, a large number of them being Members of the Masonic Widows Sons.



{The Widows Sons is an International Masonic Motorcycle Association comprised of Master Masons. Its purpose is to aid and assist widows and orphans of Master Masons. Founded in 1999, the Widows Sons also offers regular charitable donations to Masonic and other charities. They are the largest Masonic organization of Freemason motorcycle riders in the world.}

Members of the Widows Sons gathered outside after the Installation Ceremonies before returning to their respective homes.



Photos by Bro. Danny McLaughlin, Peterborough District Digital Archivist / Photographer.

On Wednesday, 21 May, Otonabee Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 101 G.R.C. officially welcomed the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, when W. Bro. Danny McLaughlin was Installed into the Chair of King Solomon and other Officers were Invested into their respective Chairs for the ensuing Masonic year.



Photos by R.W. Bro. Alan Wright from Ottawa.

Peterborough District *Lighthouse Trophy*

In 2007 - 2008, Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride [Bob] donated an Attendance Trophy, "*Teamwork Encourages Active Masons*", in order to promote travelling in Peterborough District.

The theme of this trophy is a lighthouse that imparts knowledge to the ships at sea that helps them to navigate dangerous waters and reach a safe harbour, which is a good thing for the communities that they service.

The lighthouse also has many Masonic symbols within it, ranging from those words that the Candidate in the First Degree hears, "*Let there be light*", to its winding staircase, its column shape, and the fact that it can steer Brethren in the proper direction.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R.W. Bro. Bob McBride

(Creator of the Peterborough District's *Lighthouse Trophy*.)

As I have been asked to take on this role for 2023 - 2024 and 2024 - 2025, I have requested that every Lodge Secretary in Peterborough District send me a list of their Visitors after each meeting so that I can keep you all up-to-date !!!

I will announce each month's statistics as they become available to me from each Lodge Secretary in the Peterborough District.

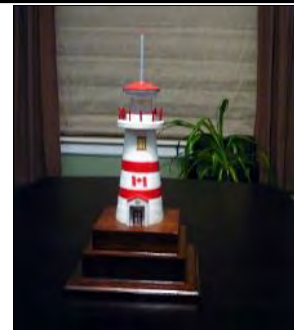
Cheers, Bob McBride,

Creator of *The Lighthouse Trophy*.

The Lighthouse Trophy results for 2024 - 2025:



	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	March 25	April 25	May 25	June 25	Total
Otonabee 101	5	30	22	3	1	14	14	2	13		
Golden Rule 126	3	2	6	0	3	6	8	0	4		
Village 145	3	19	10	0	2	8	2	2	2		
Peterborough 155	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	5		
Percy 161	2	5	1	0	2	6	1	0	5		
Clementi 313	20	16	14	2	13	16	27	9	19		
Havelock 435	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	2	1		



STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES...
...SOME WEAR APRONS



Ontario Masons

The winner of *The Lighthouse Trophy* for 2023 – 2024 was Otonabee Lodge No. 101. The trophy was presented to them on Wednesday, 16 October 2024, at their Lodge meeting.

Dear Brethren

It is with great pleasure that we are able to invite you, and your families and friends, to the re-established Annual Event at King Solomon's Plot in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto.

Led by our Grand Master, and accompanied by the pipes, the Event is scheduled for Sunday the first of June, assembling at the gate on Yonge Street at 1:30 pm.

As a result of a lot of hard work by Members of Grand Lodge, the Toronto Masonic Service Guild and Bureau was just re-established this year, with many Toronto Lodges participating by electing representatives. This was the impetus for re-establishing the Annual Event that was led by our Grand Masters for over 120 years.

This impressive plot was established for the Toronto Welfare Board in 1884 by the generosity of Most Worshipful Brother John Ross Robertson. The magnificent twenty-five-foot Masonic column is surrounded by nearly three hundred grave plots which are reserved for Masons without financial resources. The Welfare Board included the many Toronto Lodges that comprised the Eleventh District of Grand Lodge, and was eventually renamed The Toronto Masonic Service Guild and Bureau.

The burials have always been under their management.

The first parade to the plot was held on John Baptist Day, June 25, 1884. The eight hundred Brethren that paraded in regalia, led by M.W. Bro. Robertson, covered the two miles from the Masonic Building on Toronto Street to The Mount Pleasant Cemetery, just north of St. Clair. Most of it was through open countryside as then Toronto ended around Queens Park. Casa Loma, built nearly thirty years later in 1912, was on the hillside overlooking Toronto.

It is worth mentioning that one of the three chairs that M. W. Bro. Robertson had made from the beams of the Goose and Gridiron in London England is now in Casa Loma.

Bro. Robertson was the initiating force that created the Toronto Sick Kids Hospital, The Ontario Amateur Hockey League and much more of that at the Event. As a writer and publisher, he wrote up all of the speeches that were delivered at the original dedication. They were published in the *Freemason Magazine* of the Grand Lodge of England at that time.

We have them and those short speeches will be delivered by Brethren who have been cast. Our Grand Master is expecting support for the re-established Event from the Masonic Service Guild and Bureau Brethren, Members of Grand Lodge, many Brethren from the GTA and beyond, all who live within the length of the cable tow, along with their friends and families.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to let the world at large see what Freemasonry has been and still is.

Sincerely and Fraternally, R.W. Bro Stephen Maizels

**Greetings Brethren,
Please join the Grand Master
for a wonderful event
at King Solomon's Plot
on Sunday afternoon June the 1st.
Friends and family are welcome.
Masons will parade in regalia.
Dress for Masons wearing regalia
is dark business suit, white shirt,
dark tie.**

**The event will include
a short re-enactment first envisioned
by Past Grand Master,
M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson,
over 140 years ago and the tradition
that continued for well over 100 years.
The Grand Master will be waiting
to greet us all for this very important
and historical event.**

**June 1, 2025
Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto
Plot Q, Lot 60
Assembly 1:30 p.m., Parade 2:00 p.m.**

**Parking along the inside roads is permitted and there is a great deal
of space.**

**It will be a wonderful event and a very valuable experience
for your younger and newer Brethren, as well as more experienced
Brethren.**

**Why not make a day of it in Toronto where there is so much to do,
both before and after. Lots of great restaurants in all price ranges!
Please pass this along to the Members of your Lodge asap.**

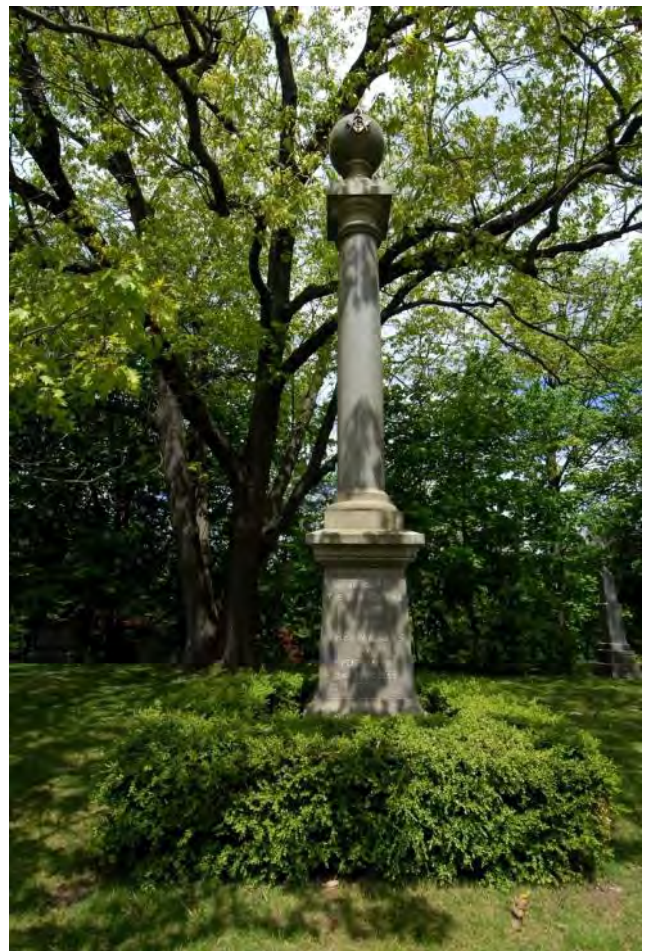
***"The large burial plot surrounding the striking Masonic monument
was given to the Masonic Order in 1883 by one of its most celebrated
Members, John Ross Robertson, founder of The Evening Telegram
newspaper and himself a staunch member of the Craft.***

***The first burial in this plot occurred that same year. The monument,
which had been designed by F. B. Gullett, another Member of the Craft,
was unveiled by Robertson, a past Grand Master on June 24, 1893.***

***The ritual took place following a parade of 800 Masons
from the Masonic Temple on Toronto Street through city streets
to the cemetery. This is still an active burial plot."***

Mike Filey

Mount Pleasant Cemetery: An Illustrated Guide





KING SOLOMON'S PLOT THE CONTINUING TRADITION

MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY - TORONTO

SUNDAY JUNE 1st, 2025

Assembly 1:30 P.M. at the Cemetery Gates on Yonge Street.
Parading in regalia 2 pm. Led by Pipers and drummers.



LED BY THE GRAND MASTER MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER JAMIE R. IRELAND

. : Programme : .

Grand Master — Welcome

The Immortal Memory — M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson

The Masonic Service Guild & Bureau Story

The Reenactment “*word for word*” of the 1883 founding Event

Grand Master final word — Auld Lang Zayne

“Happy to meet Sorry to part”

Family and friends are most welcome.

They will not be in the parade.

They will be conducted to the plot and seated with their hosts for the event.



Bro. Bruce Stewart, Secretary of J.B. Hall Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 145 G.R.C. sent this message:

Brethren, Sisters and Brothers:

Come on out and join us for our monthly social gathering at "*The Wing House*" at Peterborough Square, 320 Water St., Peterborough, every third Monday at 7:30 pm. Kind of like the Wednesday Coffee Club but with optional wings and beer. A great time to meet people. Area Masons, spouses, friends and just plain people are invited. Come on out!

Bro. Bruce Stewart. Secretary, J. B. Hall Lodge AF & AM No. 145

Editor's Note: It has been decided to continue with Monday's Wing Nights, hosted by Village Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 145 G.R.C. Hope to see you there !!!





Scottish Rite Golf Classic

Valley Of Hamilton



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SHOTGUN TEE OFF 1:00 p.m.

CASH BAR 5:30 p.m.

DINNER 6:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS 7:00 p.m.

18 HOLE SCRAMBLE WITH CART

DINNER (ROAST BEEF)

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DINNER ONLY \$75

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or

hamiltonvalleygolf@gmail.com

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OR PAY DIRECTLY BY CREDIT CARD AT THE EVENT

Or on line to : www.scottishriteclub.ca/events

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GOLF TOURNAMENT



WEDNESDAY JUNE 25



BEAR CREEK GOLF CLUB
\$200 / person • Hole Sponsor \$150



PRIZES FOR EVERYONE

CONTACT Joe Malek: joemalek@rogers.com or 705-627-6881 for details.

Brethren:

We would like to bring to you another opportunity to help the children attending the Learning Centre in Barrie, and the Brethren in the Barrie Valley while, at the same time, having a lot of “*fun*” in the outdoors on a Golf Course.



**TIFF'S GOLF TOURNAMENT
BEAR CREEK GOLF CLUB
WEDNESDAY JUNE/25/2025
SHOTGUN AT 12.30 P.M.
\$200.00 PER GOLFER**

NAMES:

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FOR DYSLEXIA IN BARRIE**

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**The Peterborough District Masonic Association
is looking for
any Grand Lodge regalia
from Past Grand Lodge Officers
to refurbish and present to incoming**

**Peterborough District Deputy Grand Masters
and Peterborough District Grand Stewards.**

**If you have any of this regalia,
or know of any individuals who have some,
and would like to donate the regalia,**

Please contact

**Peterborough District
Masonic Association Chairman**

**W. Bro. James Dunn
(Percy 161)**



**Do you need a walker,
wheel chair, crutches ???**

**If so, contact
V.W. Bro. John Hewitt
705-742-8067
E-mail: bjhewitt@sympatico.ca**



**Defend the
poor and
fatherless:
do justice
to the afflicted
and needy.**

**John can get these items
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London Scottish Rite.**



**BECAUSE I HAVE A
BROTHER
I ALWAYS HAVE A
FRIEND**



Scottish Rite Valley of Peterborough

The Ancient and Accepted
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represents a fulfilling and comprehensive
system of further instruction



for Master Masons seeking further Masonic light.

Each of its thirty-two degrees features explanations in addition to dramatic ritual
which make a meaningful impact upon the observer.



The Peterborough Valley of the Scottish Rite affords an opportunity
for those Master Masons in the Masonic Districts of Ontario,
Victoria, Prince Edward and Peterborough to take advantage
of the opportunity to further a life-long advancement
in Masonic knowledge.

The Valley conducts spring and fall reunions in both
its Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix.

The www.scottishritecanada.ca website provides
the interested person with very useful information,
including a membership video and instructions on how to apply
to join the Scottish Rite. In addition, the Peterborough Valley
can be contacted by emailing peterboroughvalley@gmail.com
or by calling (705)-879-8658.



Lodge of Perfection



This Body confers the Degrees from 4th to 14th. They exemplify the legend
of the Master Mason Degree and the story of the building
of King Solomon's Temple. These Degrees are designed to build on
the teachings of the first Three Degrees given in the Craft Lodge.

Unlike the Craft Lodge, Candidates are not required to do memory work
in any of the Scottish Rite Degrees.

Upon completion of the 14th degree, the new Scottish Rite member is entitled to wear
the distinguished Scottish Rite ring that has retained its design for over 200 years.
An inscription inside the ring reads: "*Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit*" that is to say,
"*Virtue has joined, death shall not separate*", or "*Whom virtue unites, death will not separate*".

Chapter Rose Croix

After completion of the 14th Degree, the Masonic educational journey continues
with the Degrees of the Rose Croix. The 15th and 16th Degrees related to the rebuilding
of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel. The Second Temple Degrees portray the never-ending
struggle against the adversaries of Truth and Light: a struggle that is still going on today.

In these Degrees important moral and spiritual precepts of value to Masons of all ages
are proclaimed.

The 17th Degree is an approach to, and the 18th Degree a recognition of, the religious ethics
in universal terms: thus assisting in the building in our hearts of the Third Temple not made
with hands. The 18th Degree culminates with the Degree of the Knight Rose Croix.

Coffee Club

MORNING COFFEE CLUB
Downstairs Wednesday mornings
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
at the Peterborough Masonic Temple
on Rubidge Street, Peterborough.

Come on out !!!
Bring your non-Masonic friends and relatives.
Coffee and donuts will be served,
casual dress.
Donations will be accepted
and applied to the District Project
as well as to supply
the Lodges in the Peterborough Temple
with pop, water and other items as needed.



Founders: Steve Hedgcock,
Mike Gallimore, Roger Morton



You deserve good things.



At the Peterborough District's
Wednesday Morning Coffee Club
in the Peterborough Temple
on 29 November, Coffee Manager,
V.W. Bro. Roger Morton,
and W. Bro. John Muise,
prepared the morning's coffee
and treats for visitors.

Photo by Peterborough District
Digital Archivist / Photographer,
Bro. Danny McLaughlin.



Coffee
is **NOT** just a drink...
it's a *Lifestyle*





Quatuor Coronati
Lodge No. 2076

Dear Sir and R.W. Bro. Bob McBride:

I am the local Secretary for Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle (QCCC) for Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, the premier Research Lodge in the world.

We have put together a one page advertisement with the sole purpose of informing the membership in Ontario of the benefits to joining QCCC, that are as follows:

Correspondence Circle members enjoy the following benefits:

1. To receive on joining a complimentary copy of a recent volume of AQC.
2. To receive annually the latest volume of AQC.
3. To receive a newsletter with Masonic information including the activities of Quatuor Coronati Lodge. This will usually include a "*questions and answers*" section largely inspired by queries that have been sent in by Circle members;
4. On payment of a small fee, to receive in advance, in .pdf format, only a copy of the paper due to be read in Lodge, and to comment upon it in writing;
5. (If qualified by membership of a Lodge under the UGLE or under a Grand Lodge recognized by the UGLE) to attend all meetings of Quatuor Coronati Lodge; to participate personally in the discussion of papers after their delivery; and to dine with members of the Lodge after the meeting [see note on dining arrangements below].
6. To attend public presentations of papers delivered under the auspices of the Lodge, and to dine with members of the Lodge after the meeting [see note on dining arrangements below].
7. To submit to the Editor
 - (a) comments on papers published in AQC and
 - (b) questions relating to Freemasonry
(to which considered answers will be given as speedily as possible
- an important and rare service, drawing upon extensive scholarship).
8. To offer letters, reviews, information, photographs, and works of original research for possible publication within AQC;

For other elements of Masonic advantage, please consult www.quatuorcoronati.com.

Dining

Notice of intention to dine must be given to the office of Q.C. Correspondence Circle Limited at least 48 hours prior to the date of the meeting. Correspondence Circle members and other visitors are asked to help defray the cost of the meal, and their contribution will be collected at the table.

Corporate Membership

The Secretary of the Lodge (or the equivalent) receives only one copy of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum* per year and one copy of each newsletter. The volume circulates but slowly, if at all.

It can thus be seen that there are weighty advantages of individual membership in the Correspondence Circle.

Material for Lodge Meetings

There are now more than one hundred and thirty volumes of the Lodge's transactions, AQC, both printed and on CD, and in them can be found papers, notes, answers to questions, etc., that can be read at Lodge meetings.

The Editor will be happy to assist a Lodge for which such a meeting is being planned.

How to Join the Correspondence Circle

Download the application from www.quatuorcoronati.com.

Thank you!!!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman, P.G.S.W. (Hon.),
Canada Lodge No. 532

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Fax: (905) 707-6884

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Lodge No. 2076



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WOW
I DIDN'T KNOW

*The
Brotherhood of Man
begins with
the Manhood
of the Brother.*



**WHAT MADE
ME SMILE
TODAY**



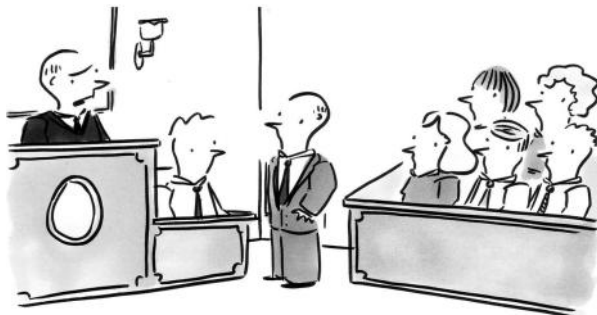
Every morning, I receive a *Daily Smile* from V.W. Bro. Eric Lakien, Assistant Grand Chaplain, 2012 - 2013, and thought that I would share this one with you.

If you would like to receive the *Daily Smiles* from V.W. Bro. Lakien, please contact him at: Eric Lakien < eric@lakien.com >

Enjoy this *Daily Smile*. Stay safe. Best Regards ... Eric.

VERDICT

The trial went on for four weeks with testimony by both sides.



Finally, the jury retired to determine the verdict.

After two days the jury had reached a decision to acquit the prisoner.



Judge: "What possible reason could you have for acquitting the prisoner?"

Foreman: "Insanity, sir."

Judge: "WHAT, all twelve of you?"



BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Tuesday 3pm-7pm
 Wednesday 10am-2pm
 Thursday 3pm-7pm
 Friday 8am-12noon
 2nd & 4th Saturday
 8am -12noon
NEW DONORS NEEDED

Book your appointment at blood.ca




 Canadian Blood Services
 it's in you to give

Donate Today!

It's in you to GIVE



Sow a word of praise today,
 Plant a kindness-seed,
 Listen to a troubled friend,
 Help someone in need.



THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR DONORS

There is an immediate need for donors from all communities to keep appointments and help restore the low supply of blood for patients. Inventory of several blood types are at concerning levels. Right now, patients across Canada need donors more than ever. Please, only cancel your appointment if necessary.

People with which blood type tend to misspell things?
 TypO

Here is a short story about blood type:

I knew a lady who had lost her husband,
 and she told me her sad story ...

*"Well, he needed a blood transfusion,
 but his blood type was not on record,
 so the doctors asked me if I knew what it was,
 as they urgently needed to know,
 in order to save my Norman's life."*

*"Tragically, I've never known his blood type,
 so I could only sit by his side and say goodbye.
 I'll never forget how supportive my Norman was.
 Even as he was fading away,
 he kept on whispering to me,*

'Be positive, be positive !!!'

That was my Norman! Always encouraging others !!!"





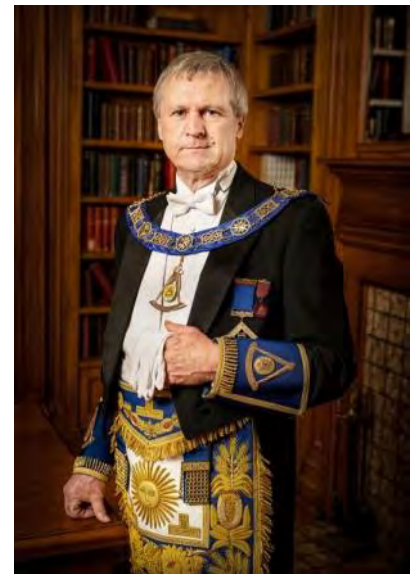
Grand Master's Communiqué

May 2025

Brethren,

Finally, the month of May has made it's arrival and that means that, even in the northern parts of our Jurisdiction, Spring is here. The buds and blooms are bursting open, the lakes and streams are alive and God's creation is green again. Not that Winter is a bad season, it's just too cold and snowy for my liking. Being a farmer means that Spring is the season for sowing seeds and watching new growth emerge. It's the season that starts the cycle all over again. All is well, Spring is here !

I'm going to start this Spring Communiqué with some good news and some bad news. Let's do the bad news first. Many of you already know that we are in a terrible mess with our current Technology. It's very unreliable, it's extremely costly, and it seems to be letting us down more and more as each day passes. We were promised the world when we first looked at this, and, as we now know, this technology was oversold and it was completely under delivered. It has been on my mind ever since I was Installed into the office that I now hold. We have finally found out that, in order to get this technology to where we need it to be, it will cost approximately another \$ 240,000.00 and there is no guarantee that it will stop there. On top of that incredible number, our yearly maintenance fee to keep this technology running is another \$ 80 000.00, which also rises about 3.5% per year. Let me say once more that in order to continue with our current technology, we would be on the hook for another \$ 320,000.00 this year. To me, as the head of this Grand Jurisdiction, this is completely unacceptable, unaffordable and undoable. Commonsense must prevail.



And now for the good news !

Our Grand Lodge is going in a different direction now, a more affordable direction that will give us what we need. When the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and myself were attending the North American Conference of Grand Masters, we were given a private showing of a technology system that has already been designed, developed and tested, and it works. It's an existing system that has been developed by Masons for Masons. It makes sense, it is affordable and it works. I'm talking about the technology called *Grand View*. Our Management Committee has viewed a demonstration of it and gave their approval, the Audit and Finance Committee has given it's approval and I, as your Grand Master, have approved it. We are moving forward in this direction and it makes complete sense.

It's called *Grand View* and it is wholly owned by four Grand Lodges. It is a complete system and, as I said, it was built by Masons for Masons. It has everything that we need plus more. Everything that we were hoping to have in our current technology is already built into *Grand View*. This commonsense change in direction is a game changer. There is even stuff already developed that we were only thinking about, that we will now be implementing as well. *Grand View* is absolutely going to save us ! Now, let me tell you the cost to move forward with this incredible initiative. It's \$ 1.05 USD per Member per year. And since our current unreliable technology cannot give us an accurate number of current Members, I am going to forecast approximately \$ 40,000.00 CDN, total !! Wow, are you kidding me, you say. Brethren, I am not kidding you. \$ 320,000.00 vs \$ 40,000.00 and this is the price for accuracy, for reliability and for success.

So now I come to the Members of our great Jurisdiction with this information. In July at the Annual Communication, we will be turning on the *Grand View* platform. The Seminars on Tuesday will have *Grand View* personnel giving instructions on it's capabilities, it's use and it's accuracy. *Grand View* is incredible, just wait and see for yourself. Not only will common sense prevail, but accountability is our positive path forward. We have to accept that we have spent an alarming amount of time and money on technology that just didn't make the grade, and now we must rethink our direction and move on. I believe that the solution to our woes is to embrace *Grand View*.

I intended to have so much information in my May Communique but I have used up my allotted space already. Brethren, stay tuned for more in the June Communique.

It is such an exciting time in the Masonic year as we are building up to our Grand Lodge Annual Communication in July, I hope that every Member who can make it to Toronto, does. Please plan on attending in July, take the time to sit in on the Seminars, so that you can take some Masonic Education back to your Districts and your Lodges. Come to the Grand Lodge meeting on the Wednesday and Thursday and see what is going on.

Come and attend the Grand Master's Banquet on Wednesday night for some fellowship, a great meal and to listen to our distinguished speaker, M.W. Bro. Andrew Beeler, from Nova Scotia. I can't wait to see you all in July at Grand Lodge !! Brethren, let us embrace the opportunities that lay before us with enthusiasm and dedication. Let us nurture the vibrancy of our Lodges, spread a blanket of positivity and inspiration wherever we travel, and work together as a team to build a bright future for Freemasonry in Ontario.

Remember, even on a cloudy day, the sun is still shining. Let us all be that shining light for our families, our Lodges, and ourselves. Carry and rub your shiny penny and hopefully you are as proud to be an Ontario Mason as I am.

Thank you Brethren. May you have safe travels and God Bless.

M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland
Grand Master.



Grand Master's Visitations

- June 3, 2025, Macoy Lodge No.242 and Lyn Lodge No.416 Amalgamation, St. Lawrence District
- June 5, 2025, St. John's Lodge No.35
- June 14, 2025, St. Thomas District GM Reception, Masonic Centre of Elgin, St. Thomas, ON
- June 20 – 27, 2025, Grand Lodge of Ireland 300 Year Anniversary
- June 28 - July 2, 2025, Imperial Session, Shriners
- July 14 - 17, 2025, Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- July 28 - 31, 2025, DDGM Regional meetings.

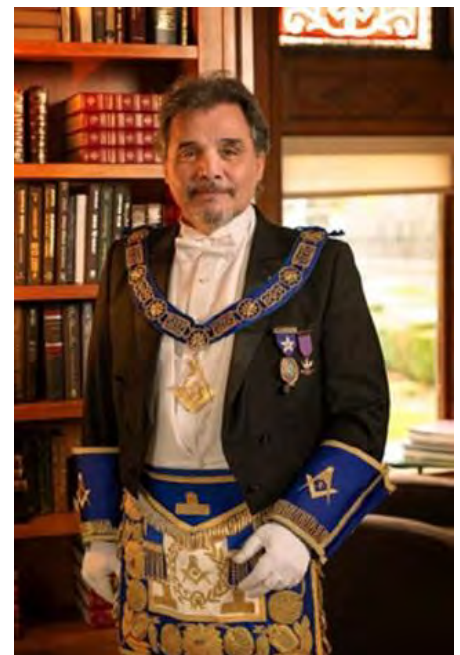
Deputy Grand Master's Communiqué

Greetings Brethren,

In a recent edition we highlighted the significance of leadership development and its intrinsic relationship with the structure of our Craft.

The notion is that leadership development and Freemasonry are synonymous in both terms and practice as we progress in our journey of personal growth and development.

As we enter another season of Elections and Installations, let us remain mindful of the duties and responsibilities we have committed to uphold. Let us not underestimate the importance of this personal commitment and the contribution you are making to the betterment of your Lodge, your District, your Grand Lodge, and to the Craft as whole.



The timeless principles of trade guilds, upheld in many societies around the world, form the backbone of our development as we progress through the chairs of our Offices, and refine our abilities in our leadership roles. Similar to the tradition of our trade guilds, we are required to prove our proficiency before we are qualified to move forward.

Entering the Officer line is firmly a commitment to personal growth. Consider each Office as a milestone achieved towards an ultimate objective. As significant progress takes time and perseverance, this gradual and deliberate approach through the Officer line, is also tempered with the realism that unrealistic expectations can manifest frustration.

This incremental approach was specifically designed to foster a sense of accomplishment, while ensuring that the pursuit of this journey remains attainable. Each goal achieved will solidify your own commitment to your ultimate goal and will fortify your resolve.

As a testament to what has been outlined above, I share with you this experience at a recent Installation.

In his compelling address to his Brethren at the end of the evening, the newly Installed Worshipful Master proceeded to thank the Brethren for their support and guidance through his journey and his advancement to the East. He went on to share that this journey had changed and impacted his life so much more than anything else in his life. Before entering the Craft, he felt uncertain of his direction, his focus, and his purpose. He explained how his Masonic journey has brought meaning and a level of purpose to his endeavours. How the growing confidence he felt in his abilities was a direct result of the support and fellowship of his Brethren.

He went on to express how pleased he was to belong to our Craft where we all share common values, and where honour and virtue are held with high regard. Where the gesture of a handshake truly means something, an unsolicited bond of honour, integrity, and friendship. His address was received with a long, standing ovation by all present.

Officer Progression has always been an important part of the curriculum of our Grand Lodge. Many Brethren may recall our Lodge Resource Manual where a full Section 5 was solely dedicated to Officer Progression. Although it dealt primarily with the Office of the Worshipful Master, it did capture the basic fundamentals pertinent to the development of the Lodge Officer as he progressed through the chairs to the ultimate Office of Worshipful Master.

Over the past several terms, our Grand Lodge has identified the need to focus particular attention to this area of our Craft. This Masonic year, we have reinstated an Officer Progression Committee whose mandate is to update our Officer Progression presentation and establish a Lodge Officer Manual or Guidebook to be available for all our Brethren. Both have been submitted and are currently under review and we anticipate the availability for circulation in the very near future.

In closing Brethren, to all our aspirants for Lodge, District and Grand Lodge Office, and to all our Members and Officers, the commitment to any Office is less about a physical presence and more about a commitment to the spirit and purpose of our gentle Craft. When we recognize our internal commitment at heart, the commitment of time will naturally follow.

With my best fraternal regards,

R.W. Bro. Art Di Cecco

Deputy Grand Master

Grand Chaplain's Communiqué

One of the many privileges of our craft is visiting. Knowing I will be made welcome, with a group of people I do not yet know.

I was a new Mason and had just finished visiting the, then, 9 Lodges in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District. I mentioned that among some of the Brethren before a lodge meeting and a Brother from another District told me that he travelled more and farther than I had. He ended what I was saying in quite an abrupt manner. He made sure we all knew of his travelling.



But mercifully, he did not dampen my love of our craft and visiting in particular. The exciting aspect is the, almost, automatic welcome to another Lodge. The smiles and handshakes. Glad you are here expressed in many ways.

A Brother and I have been doing some visiting together this Masonic year. We were on an overnight trip. After the festive board, I was asked if either David or I had other business in the town. I said no. The only reason we travelled was to be in Lodge in that place on that day.

Some lodge buildings are quite impressive. A past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio showed Tracy and me through 6 floors of Masonic history in downtown Cincinnati. Other buildings are more modest. In either case, the treasure is not the brick and mortar but the Brethren.

When we were living in Kenora, Tracy took up letter writing. One of my granddaughters had never received a paper letter in the mail. She showed it to her mum and saw her name and Tracy's name. Her mum explained the post mark and the stamp.

She then asked, "*Is this new? Sending paper like this?*"

That was a tad humbling to hear.

My granddaughter was going to put the envelope in her room, a bit unsure of what exactly to do with it. She was then told to open the envelope, as there was something inside written just to her. The treasure was inside.

The most important aspect of any building is the people inside.
We are the Lodge, not the building. Do each of us contribute to our Lodge that someone would wish to visit? Do we make our Visitors welcome? Do we take the time to be an encouragement when we visit another Lodge.?

As you look at your schedule, set aside the time to attend another Lodge. Perhaps, bring a brother or two with you.

R.W. Bro. David Spencer

Grand Chaplain

< david.spencer54@yahoo.com >

Grand Secretary's Communiqué

Brethren,

A few items for your information and consideration:

April mailing

I am hoping you received copies of all of the great information distributed electronically to the Lodges in April. If you did not receive the package, please contact the Secretary of your Lodge.

Hotel – Annual Communication

The added rooms are almost sold out. Once sold out, rooms may become available, including in late May or early June, so please check back using the reservation links shared earlier and in the Hotel Notice emailed to all Lodges in the April mailing. Membership Guest Behaviour was also emailed to all Lodges in April.

Other nearby hotels include:

- Hilton Garden Inn Toronto/Markham
- Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Markham
- Residence Inn by Marriott Toronto Markham
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Toronto – Markham

Grand Master's Banquet – Wednesday July 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Purchase your ticket before they are sold out. 4-Course Steak & Salmon Dinner, including Soup, Salad, Entrée and Dessert.

Tickets are once again only available for purchase online using Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grand-masters-banquet-2025-tickets-290121561319>.

Individual Tickets \$90 and Tables of Eight (8) \$700.

The Banquet Notice with further details was emailed to all Lodges in the April mailing.



Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

Seminars and Workshops are Tuesday afternoon July 15, 2025.

Grand Lodge will once again have Used Books and New Books available for sale Tuesday afternoon July 15th and Wednesday July 16th, 2025.

Annual Meeting is Wednesday July 16, 2025 and Thursday July 17, 2025.

The Summons with further details was emailed to all Lodges in the April mailing.

Voting 2025

Registration Monday-Friday June 9-13, 2025.

Voting for DDGMs Monday-Tuesday June 16-17, 2025.

2nd Ballot (if any) Tuesday June 17, 2025.

Voting for Grand Lodge Officers Monday-Tuesday July 14-15, 2025.

Voting instructions and further details were emailed to all Lodges in the April mailing.

The Nomination List and Candidate and Supporter Behaviour was also emailed to all Lodges in the April mailing.

Thank you, Brethren.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Louis M. Domjan, Grand Secretary



Ontario Masons

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

April 2025

Dear Sir and Brother:

By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I beg to notify you that the One Hundred and Seventieth Annual Communication and annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Inc. will be held in the Grand York Ballroom of the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025** at 9:00 a.m. All Masons desirous of attending will be officially welcomed following the opening of Grand Lodge.

DRESS CODE

Admission to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Grand York Ballroom) will be subject to Jacket, Dress Pants, Shirt, Tie and Regalia.

REGISTRATION

Registration to attend the Annual Communication and/or to be eligible to vote on the floor of Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication is not required.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Grand Representative are asked to please record their attendance at the Wednesday or Thursday meeting sign in areas.

Louis M. Domjan,
Grand Secretary

A G E N D A

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th, 2025

The Board of General Purposes will meet virtually on Wednesday, June 25th, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. EDT until 10:00 p.m. EDT. R.W. Bro. Art M. Di Cecco, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, will preside.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16th, 2025

The Annual Communication / Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday July 16th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, Grand Master / President presiding.

THURSDAY, JULY 17th, 2025

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m. in the Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel. The installation and investiture of Grand Lodge officers and the newly-elected District Deputy Grand Masters will take place Thursday July 17th, 2025. It is essential that each new officer be present and have his new regalia with him.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS / VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Registration and voting for Grand Lodge officers will take place electronically under the guidelines distributed to all lodges separately from this summons. Voting on proposed Constitutional amendments will take place on Wednesday July 16th, 2025 on the floor of the Annual Communication.

ELECTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Registration and voting for District Deputy Grand Masters will take place electronically under the guidelines distributed to all lodges separately from this summons.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER PHOTOGRAPHS

All newly elected DDGMs must present themselves in the Gormley Room, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, Tuesday July 15th, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or Wednesday July 16th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to have their pictures taken in-person.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER INSTRUCTION CLASS

The Custodian of the Work will instruct the newly elected DDGMs at 7:59 a.m. Thursday morning July 17th, 2025 in the Aurora Room, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel. This is for DDGMs ELECT ONLY. The D.D.G.M.s will see that their successors are in attendance and on time. They will also be present in Grand Lodge, with the regalia for the new D.D.G.M.s, and be prepared to invest at the proper time in the installation ceremonies. The instruction class is for the D.D.G.M.s elect only. Others cannot be admitted. The D.D.G.M. elect will have with him his Past Master's apron so that he can go directly from the class to Grand Lodge. Our time for instruction is very limited – so it is essential that all assemble on time at 7:59 a.m. SHARP.

LOCATION

Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel
600 Highway 7 (Hwy 404 and Hwy 7)
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1B2

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel and Best Western are almost sold out, but rooms may become available. Other nearby hotels include:

- Hilton Garden Inn Toronto/Markham
- Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Markham
- Residence Inn by Marriott Toronto Markham
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Toronto - Markham

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 16th, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Guest Speaker: M.W. Bro. Andrew Beeler
DUO STEAK & SALMON DINNER
Individual \$90 - Tables of Eight (8) \$700
Tickets must be purchased online

[Click here to purchase](#)

Cutoff Date is Monday July 7, 2025.

There will be no tickets for sale at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Please refer to the details provided in the separate Banquet Notice distributed to all lodges in the April mailing.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER REGIONAL MEETINGS

All newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters will be required to attend an in-person Regional meeting during the week of July 28th to July 31st, 2025. Tentative details available from the current DDGM. Attendance of all DDGMs is required.

SEMINARS

Fifteen different seminars will be held on **Tuesday** July 15th, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on the lower Convention level.

1:00 to 2:00pm	District Secretary / L Forms R.W. Bro. Victor Tavares Markham A
1:00 to 2:00pm	Social Media V.W. Bro. Garry Perkins Markham B
1:00 to 2:00pm	Cornerstone R.W. Bro. Graham Tait Aurora
1:00 to 2:00pm	Officer Progression R.W. Bro. Jeremy Fleming Vaughan East
1:00 to 2:00pm	Technology W. Bro. Jeff Clarke Vaughan West
1:00 to 2:00pm	Insurance V.W. Bro. Bernie Shiner Stouffville

2:15 to 3:15pm	District Secretary / L Forms R.W. Bro. Victor Tavares Markham A
2:15 to 3:15pm	Conflict Resolution V.W. Bro. Garry Perkins Markham B
2:15 to 3:15pm	College of Freemasonry R.W. Bro. Michael Kirk Aurora
2:15 to 3:15pm	Leadership Development R.W. Bro. Jeremy Fleming Vaughan East
2:15 to 3:15pm	Technology W. Bro. Jeff Clarke Vaughan West



2:15 to 3:15pm	Budgets / Long Range Plans V.W. Bro. Robert Swan Stouffville
3:30 to 4:30pm	Condition of Masonry R.W. Bro. Kenneth Elligson Markham A
3:30 to 4:30pm	Lodge and District Websites R.W. Bro. Donald Kemball Markham B
3:30 to 4:30pm	Artificial Intelligence V.W. Bro. Corey Turnbull Aurora
3:30 to 4:30pm	Mentoring R.W. Bro. Charles Singh Vaughan East
3:30 to 4:30pm	Technology W. Bro. Jeff Clarke Vaughan West
3:30 to 4:30pm	Strategic Planning R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson Stouffville

If there are multiple workshops that interest your lodge, consider sending members to each, then compare notes.

MEMBERSHIP/GUEST(S) BEHAVIOUR

District, Lodge, and Member Hospitality Suites/Rooms are permitted **only if registered as such** with the Hotel. See Grand Lodge Hotel Notice document.

Dispensing of alcohol at all times must be under the direct control of a Brother in possession of **Smart Serve Certification**.

Admittance to a Hospitality Suite will only be gained by presentation of a valid Lodge **dues card**, which must be shown at the door prior to entry.



Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Grand Master's Banquet July 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Grand York Ballroom
Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites

Guest Speaker:

M.W. Bro. Andrew Beeler, Grand Master 2024-2025
The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia

Ticket Sales:

Tickets are once again only available for purchase online using Eventbrite

Individual Tickets \$90 and Tables of Eight (8) \$700

Cutoff Date is Monday July 7, 2025

The Eventbrite link to purchase tickets is:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grand-masters-banquet-2025-tickets-1290121561319>

There will be no tickets for sale at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

Please notify Grand Lodge at office@grandlodge.on.ca the full names of
William Mercer Wilson Medal Recipients that will be attending

4-COURSE DUO STEAK & SALMON DINNER

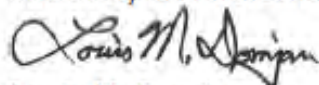
SOUP
SALAD
ENTRÉE

DESSERT TASTING TRIO

Warm chocolate lava cake, strawberry cheesecake, and crème brûlée

Please distribute to all members with email
and kindly post on Lodge bulletin board

Sincerely and fraternally,



Louis M. Domjan
Grand Secretary

Membership and Guest(s) Behaviour Annual Communication 2025

At prior in-person Annual Communications in 2019, 2022, 2023 and 2024 new policies regarding Membership and Guest behavior were implemented. A significant reduction in complaints was received. Also, we received many letters of commendation for the new policies asking that they be continued.

Therefore, the policies implemented in 2019 to manage behavior in Hospitality Suites will also be in force this year (2025).

1. District, Lodge, and/or Member Hospitality Suites/Rooms are permitted **only** if registered as such with Mrs. Sandy Xu Papa (Sales Manager) at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel. Email: sandyxupapa@sheratonparkway.com.
2. The dispensing of alcohol at all times must be under the direct control of a Brother in possession of a **Smart Serve Certification**. Alcohol must not be carried in the hallways from one hospitality room to another or for any other reason.
3. Admittance to a Hospitality Suite will only be gained by presentation of a **valid Lodge dues card**, which must be shown at the door prior to entry.

All other registered private suites/rooms must remain restricted to one-self and privately invited guest(s). They are **not** to be used for general hospitality purposes.

Smoking is not permitted in any area of the hotel, including stairwells.

Large quantities of empty bottles must be removed from Hospitality Suites upon departure.

Incidents necessitating the attendance and direction of Hotel Security or Hotel Staff, for whatever reason, **must** be immediately complied with. Including, the ejection of all those present in the suite/room.

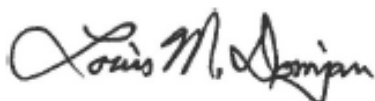
The registered rooms' occupants(s) are also subject to eviction from the hotel property. Previous incidents have necessitated members being permanently banned from the Hotel.

The foregoing rules and restrictions must be strictly conformed to. Any violation; as reported by Sheraton Hotel Security or Hotel Staff persons will be subject to stern disciplinary action by our Grand Master.

Reminder:

Section 409, Constitution of the Grand Lodge (Quote) "A member of the Masonic Order accepts the responsibility for maintaining a mode of life and conduct that is not only above reproach but is an example of good behavior within the community" (end quote).

Sincerely and fraternally,



Louis M. Domjan
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario
Electronic Voting Grand Lodge 2025

To: All Brethren

Brethren,

Voting for District Deputy Grand Masters and other elected Grand Lodge Officers in 2025 will once again take place electronically.

This letter will provide you with the details on how the elections and voting will be conducted and how you will be able to exercise your franchise.

This document may be shared and it will be posted on the Grand Lodge website.

There will be two separate and distinct electronic elections conducted again this year.

- The first election will be conducted in June of 2025 and will be for the election of all District Deputy Grand Masters.
- The second election will be conducted in July of 2025 and will be for the election of Grand Lodge Officers (including members of the Board of General Purposes).

It is strongly recommended that eligible voters register:

- Monday June 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. EDT – Friday June 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
- Successful registrations automatically register you for the July 2025 election of Grand Lodge Officers.

Note that the voting for the proposed Constitutional amendments will take place in-person only on the floor of Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication.

The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Past Masters are eligible to register.

Members and lodge Secretaries - please ensure member email addresses are up to date in the new system to ensure eligible voters receive Electronic Registration information, including the electronic registration links.

Registration links will also be posted on the Grand Lodge website.

For eligible voters who do not have access to a computer or mobile device, please see instructions at the end of this document.

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## Election of the District Deputy Grand Masters

### June 2025:

## Overview:

- The voting for DDGMs will take place electronically (from home or while travelling from any computer, tablet or smartphone).

- The election will run simultaneously in all 40 Districts at the same time.
- The election will be run under the auspices of Grand Lodge.
- The election will be conducted using software provided by Grand Lodge.
- Registration of every voter will be required to verify voter eligibility, acquire voter contact information (email) and for affiliated members of multiple lodges to choose the lodge they will vote under.
- Registration and voting will be conducted electronically only.
- Ballots will not allow for write in names in 2025 (i.e. no late nominations will be accepted).
- The election of the District Deputy Grand Master will be conducted independently from any District meetings held in the spring of 2025.

#### Nomination Process:

- Individual nomination forms must be submitted under the signature of the proposer and the nominee to the DDGM no later than May 30, 2025. The only nomination form accepted will be the fillable PDF form for 2025 provided by Grand Lodge.
- There will be no ability to add or remove candidate names after May 30, 2025.
- The DDGM is accountable for validating the eligibility of each nominee (according to the Constitution of Grand Lodge) and for ensuring the completeness of the nomination forms prior to submitting the District eligible candidates form to Grand Lodge.
- All District Deputy Grand Masters must complete the District eligible candidates form with the names of all eligible candidates nominated for the office of DDGM in their District and submit as the fillable PDF form provided by Grand Lodge.
- The District eligible candidates form AND the individual nomination forms must both be provided to Grand Lodge by June 01, 2025.

#### Election timelines:

- Voter registration will take place from Monday June 9, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Friday June 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- Voting will take place on Monday June 16, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- If required, a second ballot run-off election will be held on Tuesday June 17, 2025. See further details below.
- Results will be distributed to all voters as soon as reasonably possible.
- Once available, the DDGM may further announce and distribute the results to the lodges.

#### Ballot Preparation:

- There will be only one election for all DDGMs.
- Specific ballots will be created for each of the 40 Districts.
- A voter registered in a lodge in a District will see only the ballot applicable to the District for such lodge.
- Ballots will not allow for write-in names in 2025 (no last-minute nominations).
- Grand Lodge will appoint an Election Administrator and a Scrutineer.



### Voter Registration:

Registration is required to:

- Obtain the voter contact information (email address);
- Validate the voter eligibility;
- Assign every eligible voter to the lodge/District in which he is an active member in good standing;
- Allow an affiliated member to select which lodge/District he wishes to vote in;
- Assign a unique voter ID;
- Distribute any election communications required; and
- Receive results of the election as soon as reasonably available.

Masters and Wardens must register in the lodge in which they hold such office:

- Officers as recorded in the [ontariomasons.ca](http://ontariomasons.ca) site as of very early June 2025 will vote in such office for the 2025 elections.
- Officers installed/invested in June 2025 that serve a full term of 12 months will remain recorded under such office for the 2026 elections.
- This allows officers to be eligible to vote once in any given full term of 12 months.

**The Secretary of the lodge must always ensure officers are up to date in the new system.**

Registration will require the voter to supply:

- His Email Address (not validated – be very careful entering the email address);
- His Grand Lodge Certificate Number;
- His Last Name;
- His Given Names (not validated); and
- His Lodge Number.

### **Do NOT unsubscribe to registration or voting emails:**

- If you unsubscribe to all – you will not receive your voting link.
- If you unsubscribe to notices – you will not receive notice for next election (e.g. second ballot run-off or voting for Grand Lodge Officers).

### Voting:

- Once successfully registered, each voter will be sent a unique voter ID link at the start of the voting period to the email address provided in the registration step.
- Voting will require the voter to click on the unique voter ID link in the ballot.
- Once the voter has clicked on the voter ID link he will be presented with his electronic ballot.
- Once the ballot has been completed the voter will submit the ballot.
- Once the voter has submitted his ballot he will not be able to vote again.

### Questions/Issues during the Registration or Voting period:

- Send an email to [grandlodgeon@electionbuddy.com](mailto:grandlodgeon@electionbuddy.com) stating your full name, Grand Lodge certificate number, lodge number and your issue/question.
- Please DO NOT email or copy the Grand Lodge Office.

### Run-off Election for DDGM:

In any District where there are more than two candidates duly nominated there is a possibility that on the first ballot, one candidate may not receive a majority of all votes cast.

The election administrator will confirm that a second ballot run-off election is required. The election administrator will see that all names are removed from the ballot for that District except for the two candidates that placed first and second on the original ballot. The election administrator will see that the names of all eligible voters registered for the first ballot are carried over to the second ballot run-off election (therefore no pre-registration for the second ballot run-off election is required). Eligible voters will receive an automated email advising him that there will be a second ballot run-off election.

- As soon as possible after the close of balloting on Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. EDT each voter who cast a ballot in the first election will receive an automated email advising him that there will be a second ballot run-off election. This same email will contain a link to use in casting a ballot in the run-off election.
- Voting in the second ballot run-off election will take place on Tuesday June 17, 2025 from the time an eligible voter receives his email notification of the second ballot run-off election until 8:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday June 17, 2025.
- Voters will see only the ballot for their District with the two names of the candidates that placed first and second on the original ballot.
- Results will be distributed to all voters as soon as reasonably possible.
- Once available, the DDGM may further announce and distribute the results to the lodges.

Should a tie vote result, the Grand Master will cast the deciding ballot.

Election of Grand Lodge Officers (including members of the Board of General Purposes)  
July 2025:

- The voting for Grand Lodge Officers (including members of the Board of General Purposes) will take place electronically (from home or while travelling from any computer, tablet or smartphone).
- The election will be run under the auspices of Grand Lodge.
- The election will be conducted using software provided by Grand Lodge.
- Registration of every voter will be required to verify voter eligibility and acquire voter contact information (email).
- Eligible voters who successfully registered in the June 2025 election for DDGMs will be automatically registered for the July 2025 election of Grand Lodge Officers.
- Registration and voting will be conducted electronically only.

- Ballots will not allow for write in names in 2025 (i.e. no late nominations will be accepted) except for the office of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master as specified in the Constitution of Grand Lodge.
- Because every eligible voter will be enfranchised with electronic voting, the use of the proxy was eliminated in 2021.

#### Nomination Process:

- Candidates MUST submit nomination forms as per the current Constitution of Grand Lodge (including candidate information and photograph).
- The nomination process for Grand Lodge Officers remains the same as specified in the Constitution of Grand Lodge with a deadline of April 01, 2025.
- Final lists of candidates will be prepared and distributed as specified in the Constitution of Grand Lodge on or before April 30, 2025.

#### Election Process and timelines:

- Voter registration will take place from Monday July 7, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Friday July 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- Voting will take place on Monday July 14, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Tuesday July 15, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- If required, a second ballot run-off election will be held on Tuesday July 15 and Wednesday July 16, 2025. See further details below.
- Results will be announced at the Grand Lodge banquet on Wednesday evening July 16, 2025 and subsequently distributed to all voters as soon as reasonably possible.

#### Ballot Preparation:

- The ballots will list the nominees for each elected office in alphabetical order.
- Grand Lodge will appoint an Election Administrator and a Scrutineer.

#### Voter Registration:

Registration is required to:

- Obtain the voter contact information (email address);
- Validate the voter eligibility;
- Assign every eligible voter to the lodge/District in which he is an active member in good standing;
- Allow an affiliated member to select which lodge/District he wishes to vote in;
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Masters and Wardens must register in the lodge in which they hold such office:

- Officers as recorded in the ontariomasons.ca site as of very early June 2025 will vote in such office for the 2025 elections.
- Officers installed/invested in June 2025 that serve a full term of 12 months will remain recorded under such office for the 2026 elections.
- This allows officers to be eligible to vote once in any given full term of 12 months.

**The Secretary of the lodge must always ensure officers are up to date in the new system.** Registration will require the voter to supply:



- His Email Address (not validated – be very careful entering the email address);
- His Grand Lodge Certificate Number;
- His Last Name;
- His Given Names (not validated); and
- His Lodge Number.

Voters who successfully registered for the election of the DDGM will NOT be required to register a second time in order to vote for the Grand Lodge Officers. Their prior registration will be automatically carried forward to the election of Grand Lodge Officers.

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**Run-off Election for Grand Lodge Officers:**

A candidate for the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all votes cast. Therefore, if there are more than two candidates for an office there is a possibility that on the first ballot, one candidate may not receive a majority of all votes cast. If that is the case, a second ballot run-off election will be held as soon as possible.

The election administrator will confirm that a second ballot run-off election is required. The election administrator will see that all names are removed from the ballot for that Office except for the two candidates that placed first and second on the original ballot. The election administrator will see that the names of all eligible voters registered for the first ballot are carried over to the second ballot run-off election (therefore no pre-registration for the second ballot run-off election is required). Eligible voters will receive an automated email advising him that there will be a second ballot run-off election.

Any second ballot run-off election will then proceed as follows:

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

## CANDIDATE AND SUPPORTER BEHAVIOUR

Freemasonry is a gentlemanly pursuit. It is expected that certain standards of behaviour will be observed, both by candidates and by their supporters.

Election to office should be based solely upon merit and ability. It is not a popularity contest and any undue or improper promotion or solicitation of any kind will not be tolerated at any time for any ongoing or future election period. Without limiting the generality of this statement, the following activities are unacceptable:

- preparation and dissemination of lists or otherwise of any candidate or group of candidates who are deemed "acceptable" by any person, district or region.
- "checking off" of candidates on a list or otherwise and sharing it in any manner.
- mailing, e-mailing or otherwise disseminating any statement or material that in any way encourages support for any one candidate or group of candidates, including encouraging the recipient to vote for any such candidate(s).
- wearing of buttons, emblems or any other articles meant to identify or encourage support for any one candidate.
- using social media, or any other technology or platform, including personal ones, to in any way appear to promote, offer, or pledge support for any particular candidate(s), or encouraging anyone to vote for any particular candidate(s).
- posting pictures that do not include all attendees, or any other posting of any kind, on any platform, including any "like", that in any way appears to promote any particular candidate(s) for an office of which they are or may be seeking.
- solicitation or procurement of monies to assist a candidate and/or his supporters in seeking his election.

These guidelines apply equally to all candidates and their supporters.

Every brother who lets his name stand to serve you as a Grand Lodge Officer deserves your respect. If you are inviting a candidate to your meeting, please invite all candidates running for that office.

The Committee on Credentials have full authority to enforce these guidelines and such enforcement may include disqualification of the offending candidate.

Jamie R. Ireland  
Grand Master

April 2025

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**HECTOR MIGUEL MEDINA AVILA** – Senior Business Intelligence Analyst, 609-90 Ling Road, Toronto, ON M1E 4Y3. Alpha-Tuscan Lodge No. 384, Toronto East District. W.M. 2022.



**NICK DEKOULOS** – Regional Facility Manager (Reena), 36 Faye Drive, Toronto, ON M2J 3S6. Universe Lodge No. 705, Toronto East District. W.M. 2008, 2022.

**GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN**



**ISAIAS MARINAS FRANCO** – Manager of Infrastructure and Projects at University of Toronto, 15 Avonlea Blvd., Toronto, ON M4C 5E4. Acacia Lodge No. 430, Toronto East District. W.M. 2014, 2022.



**ANDREW ALLEN MCDOWELL** – Firefighter, 18 Peggs Crescent, Holland Landing, ON L9N 1B3. Tuscan Lodge No. 99, York District. W.M. 2018.

**GRAND REGISTRAR – ACCLAIMED**



**ALLISON FREDERICK GOWLING** – Retired Legal Advocate/Writer, 3106-855 James Street, Woodstock, ON N4S 8H4. Mercer Wilson Lodge No. 678, Wilson District. W.M. 2023.

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**IVAN ANDONIAS BRYCE** – Retired Electrician, 10002 Urlin Crescent, Port Franks, ON NOM 2L0. Havelock No. 238, Sarnia District. W.M. 1981, 2001, 2002. DDGM 2016, 2022, 2023.



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**DANIEL GRAHAM** – Music Consultant, 25 Wyandotte Court, Kitchener, ON N2A 3H9. New Dominion Lodge No. 205, Waterloo District. W.M. 2015. Grand Director of Ceremonies 2019-2022.



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**SYDNEY SCHATZKER** – Chartered Accountant, 7 Ravenscliffe Road, Thornhill, ON L3T 5N7. Mount Sinai-Pillars Lodge No. 522, Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 2007. Grand Steward 2011. DDGM 2014. Grand Treasurer 2021-2025. Board of G.P. 2018-2021.

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**LOUIS MICHAEL DOMJAN** – Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Canada, 69 Haldibrook Road, Caledonia, ON N3W 1M9. The Harmony Lodge No. 57, Hamilton B District. W.M. 2002, 2004. Grand Steward 2003. DDGM 2011. Grand Secretary 2023-2025.



## What is the significance of the Northeast Corner?

My Goal  
Isn't To Be  
Better Than  
Others

My Goal  
Is To Be  
Better Than  
I Once Was



Cornerstones are laid in the Northeast corner.  
Entered Apprentices stand in the Northeast corner of the Lodge.  
The point midway between the darkness of the North and the brilliance of the East was chosen by ancient builders as the point of beginning - a spot to mark a birth - the commencement of a new structure.

Obviously, he who stands in the darkness has no light; as obviously, he on whom falls the whole light of the brilliant East and its rising sun is not in darkness.

The point halfway between then, is a symbol of a beginning - the traveller has left the darkness and moved toward the light. Those who build have left the "darkness" in which there is no building, and progressed far enough towards the "light" to lay a foundation stone: - a place that, by its position, symbolizes movement away from blackness into the day.

The symbolism of the Northeast corner in the Entered Apprentice Degree is taken from this ancient practice of laying the cornerstone in the Northeast corner.

He who stands there in the Lodge, "*a just and upright Mason*," is himself a cornerstone of the Lodge which will be.

A Lodge is erected, not only by, but upon, her sons.  
The Entered Apprentice of today is the veteran Mason and Lodge Member of tomorrow.



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Also included in the May 2025 issue of *The Ontario Mason Magazine* was an article by V.W. Bro. Greg McKinnon, Grand Archivist:

## From the Grand Archives

This month's submission is the cover and first page of the six-page booklet entitled Entered Apprenticed Freemason published by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

This booklet, printed in 1953 is the second printing of the document and was authorized by the Grand Master that year, M.W. Bro. Nelson Collins Hart, (born June 11th, 1888 and died December 7th, 1959). Hart served as Grand Master in the Masonic years 1951-1952 and 1952-1953.

The first printing of this explanatory text regarding the ritual of the First Degree occurred in 1948 under the authority of Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Hamilton Simpson (born January 8th, 1891 and died November 4th, 1969). He served as Grand Master in Masonic years 1947-1948 and 1948-49.

This useful item was presented to the newly-made Entered Apprentice Mason and was used to help explain what they had just experienced on their very special night. It is similar to the updated Entered Apprentice booklet (still yellow) that most Ontario Lodges give to their recently Initiated Entered Apprentices.

The booklet touches on the next steps in the journey, the Candidate's entrance into Lodge, the Temple and the Lodge, and the virtues discussed during the ritual. Although only six pages long, there is a lot of information to aid the newly-made Brother. It clearly states on the cover that "*This Booklet should be handed to the ...*".

This type of document supports the Grand Lodge's ritual, education, and mentoring (REM) work. It provides an explanation of key components of the ritual, it educates the new Member, and is an excellent mentoring opportunity.

The Grand Masters of the past realized the importance of sharing this information as much as our modern Grand Masters do.



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*Anyone who may find this booklet, if it is lost or mislaid, is asked to be so kind as to send it to the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge Offices, Drawer 217, Hamilton, Ontario.*

*Published by authority of the Grand Master  
M.W. BRO. T. H. SIMPSON  
September, 1948.*

*Reprinted, January, 1953, by authority of  
the Grand Master  
M.W. BRO. N. C. HART*

## THE FIRST STEP

*To be presented to the Recipient  
of the*

### ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

THE DEGREE OF Entered Apprenticed Mason has been conferred on you, and you have, therefore, taken the First Step in becoming a Freemason. You are now a member of your Mother Lodge, and of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. You now have voting and other privileges and must assume the responsibilities involved in those duties.

You have received the Book of Constitution and the By-Laws of your Lodge. You should study them carefully in order that you may understand the organization of this Grand Jurisdiction. In the "Constitution" you will find certain portions of the ceremony in which you have participated. Why not study them, and perhaps even memorize the "Charge"?

Before you advance you must be familiar with the progress you have already made; you must memorize certain parts of the ceremony and the answers to certain questions. A minimum of twenty-eight days must elapse before you will be permitted to take the next step.

Perhaps you have been somewhat confused by the experiences through which you have passed and you may be amazed

It is interesting to note that the booklet uses the word "**Apprenticed**" when referring to the Mason.

However when referring to the Degree the more familiar word "**Apprentice**" is used.

This is a small thing but most Lodges use Apprentice for both.

Perhaps we should look at the new Mason as being "**Apprenticed**" to our Lodges and strive to train him in the craft such as an apprenticeship should offer.



Also included in the May 2025 issue of *The Ontario Mason* magazine was this article:

## ***A CONVENIENT ROOM ADJOINING THE LODGE***

Before the Candidate is permitted entrance, the Steward asserts that he is properly prepared. But do we ever consider in what manner he is prepared? Although we do not often question if this preparation can include more than what is stipulated in the Work?

Can it embrace such areas as his mind, comfort, ease, and confidence? Do we converse with the Candidate beyond a few non-committal statements? We must impart a feeling of relaxation with the knowledge that he is well cared for and will suffer no embarrassment. Our preparation should proceed at an earlier time than the convenient room.

A Worshipful Master might consider asking a qualified Mason to remain with the Candidate from the time of his arrival at the Temple until he enters the convenient room. During this period, the Candidate could be assured that the ceremony in which he is about to take part is a solemn and dignified rite; and that there will not be hilarity nor any horseplay.

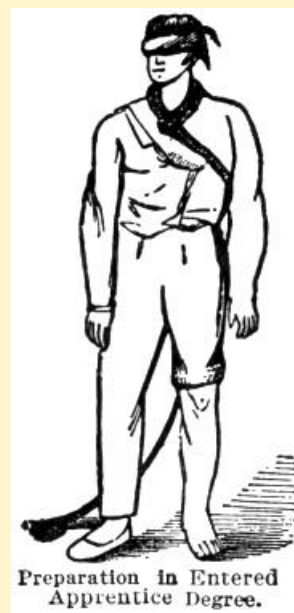
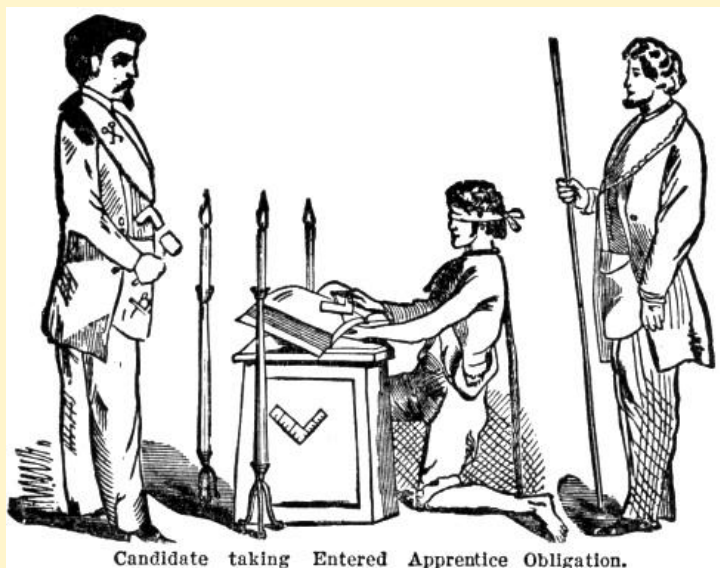
That although Masonic teachings are founded on the V.O.S.L., Masonry itself is not a religion, neither does it try or intend to take the place of religion. If the Candidate relaxes and concentrates on what he hears, many parts of Masonry will be unfolded to him. He will also come to understand that the Members talking to him have learnt their parts and he, in his turn, will have to commit to memory portions of the ceremony and the answers to a few questions.

He need not feel overawed by this as all Masons before him have done it and survived the event. In these few moments when we practice what we preach we may change a man, who is apprehensive about Masonry and may be a little reluctant, into a solid and strong advocate of the virtues of Masonry.

*Reflections Newsletter*

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Also included in the May 2025 issue of *The Ontario Mason* magazine was this article:

## ***THE MASONIC FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO INCREASES DISTRICT & LODGE TOP-UP TO 33%***

The Masonic Foundation of Ontario (MFO) aims to broaden Masonic Charity in Ontario beyond the confines of the fraternity.

Over the years the Foundation, through the support of Masons across the province, has provided more than \$22 million in financial assistance for student bursaries, medical research, drug and substance abuse education, youth initiatives in Ontario, and various community projects.

These efforts have all been directed towards “the cause of good” and enhancing the lives of citizens.

To further enhance Masonic charity into the community, in 1973 the Foundation began supporting local projects sponsored by Lodges and Districts. Additionally, the Foundation introduced an incentive for Lodges and Districts to undertake worthy local projects by supplementing the funds raised locally by 10%, up to a maximum of \$1,000. In 2023, this percentage increased to 25% with no fixed maximum.

In the past year alone, with the support of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, over 30 District and Lodge projects, collectively raised nearly \$500,000 for local charities. These projects have supported local hospitals and hospices, food banks, children’s charities, and charities aiding individuals with disabilities, among others.

To further amplify the impact of local charitable endeavors, effective April 1, 2025, the Foundation’s Board of Directors has decided to increase this supplement to 33% of the funds raised locally with a maximum top-up of \$25,000. This increased supplement will be applicable to all future payouts to District and Lodge projects, including those currently registered with the Foundation.

For Districts or Lodges interested in initiating a local charity project, the application process for a MFO project is straightforward:

- Complete a project registration form naming a qualified registered charity (available online) and obtain approval from the DDGM before submitting it to the MFO Office.
- Throughout the year, Districts and Lodges should send all donations and funds raised to the Foundation, which will track all received monies.
- The Foundation will issue income tax receipts to donors contributing to registered projects.
- Upon the project’s conclusion, the Foundation will issue a cheque in the name of the charity for the amount raised locally, plus an additional 33% provided by the Foundation.

Sixty years ago, the Masonic Foundation of Ontario was established to extend Masonic Charity in Ontario beyond the boundaries of the fraternity. We earnestly encourage Districts, Lodges, and Members to participate in this initiative to promote the principles of Freemasonry within the community for the greater good and the overall benefit of society.



From the May 2025 issue of **District 'C'ronicle**, Edition No.201, Hamilton Masonic District C newsletter:



Postcard submitted by R.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman



The cover of the May 2025 issue of *The Ontario Mason Magazine* is:





One can find the description of the cover on page 13:

## ***ABOUT THE ART AND THE ARTIST***

The Grand Master talks about his love of Spring time in his monthly communique. That brings to my mind the blooming of flowers and the return of forget-me-nots to my front yard. This photo was taken by Karin Teaque of the *Apen Sun Times*

<https://www.aspentimes.com/news/forget-not-the-forget-me-nots/>.

For Masons the forget-me-not has a different meaning than it does for non-Masons.

In early 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, it became evident that Freemasonry was in danger.

In that same year, the "*Grand Lodge of the Sun*" (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges, located in Bayreuth), realizing the grave dangers involved, adopted the little blue Forget-Me-Not flower as a substitute for the traditional square and compasses.

It was felt the flower would provide Brethren with an outward means of identification while lessening the risk of possible recognition in public by the Nazis, who were engaged in wholesale confiscation of all Masonic Lodge proper ties.

Freemasonry went undercover, and this delicate flower assumed its role as a symbol of Masonry surviving throughout the reign of darkness. The explanation is continued on here:

<https://masonicsupply.ca/lapel-pin-forget-me-not/>



During the ensuing decade of Nazi power a little blue Forget-Me-Not flower worn in a Brother's lapel served as one method whereby Brethren could identify each other in public, and in cities and concentration camps throughout Europe.

The Forget-Me-Not distinguished the lapels of countless Brethren who staunchly refused to allow the symbolic Light of Masonry to be completely extinguished.

When the "*Grand Lodge of the Sun*" was reopened in Bayreuth in 1947, by Past Grand Master Beyer, a little pin in the shape of a Forget-Me-Not was officially adopted as the emblem of that first annual convention of the Brethren who had survived the bitter years of semi-darkness to rekindle the Masonic Light.

At the first Annual Convent of the new United Grand Lodge of Germany AF&AM (VGLvD), in 1948, the pin was adopted as an official Masonic emblem in honour of the thousands of valiant Brethren who carried on their Masonic work under adverse conditions.

The following year, each delegate to the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D.C., received one from Dr. Theodor Vogel, Grand Master of the VGLvD.

Thus did a simple flower blossom forth into a symbol of the fraternity, and become perhaps the most widely worn emblem among Freemasons in Germany; a pin presented ceremoniously to newly-made Masons in most of the Lodges of the American-Canadian Grand Lodge, AF&AM within the United Grand Lodges of Germany.

In the years since adoption, its significance world-wide has been attested to by the tens of thousands of Brethren who now display it with meaningful pride.





## Three

In Freemasonry, the ternary is the most sacred of all the mystical numbers. ... There are, in all the Degrees, three Principal Officers, three Supporters, three greater and three lesser lights, three movable and three immovable jewels, three principal tenets, three Working Tools in each Degree, three principal Orders of Architecture ... In fact, everywhere in the system, the number three is presented as a prominent symbol. ...

- source: Albert G. Mackey, M.D., 33°, An Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry and Its Kindred Sciences, Comprising The Whole Range of Arts, Sciences and Literature as connected with The Institution, (London: The Masonic History Company), 1924, pp. 784 - 785.

## Three Senses

Of the five human senses, the three which are the most important in Masonic symbolism are Seeing, Hearing, and Feeling, because of their respective reference to certain modes of recognition and, because, by their use, Masons are enabled to practise that universal language, the possession of which is the boast of the Order.

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## Masonic Education:

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*“There are parts of a ship  
that taken by themselves  
would sink.*

*The engine would sink.  
The propeller would sink.*



*But when  
the parts  
of a ship  
are built together, they float.”*

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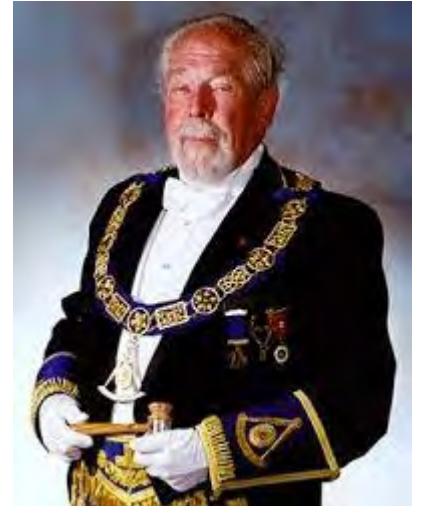


The following was written  
by the late M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels,  
a good friend of mine, as one of his *Masonic Moments*.

Here it is for your reflection:



## ***THE CANADIAN MAPLE LEAF FLAG FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY***



The Canadian Maple Leaf Flag was adopted by Parliament on December 16, 1964, officially proclaimed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and inaugurated on February 15, 1965, now observed in Canada as National Flag Day.

The adoption of the distinctive design emerged after much heated debate, led by the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Bro. John George Diefenbaker.

Our distinguished Brother, the Honourable John Ross Matheson, at the time the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Lester B. Pearson, by adroit negotiations with the opposing parties, was instrumental in the final resolution of the debate. Bro. Matheson was also responsible for the creation of the Order of Canada.

Bro. Matheson was Initiated in Queen's Lodge No. 578, Kingston, in 1940 on the night before he was deployed with his regiment for active service in World War Two. He was the recipient of the William Mercer Wilson Medal for Meritorious Service, a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a Member of the Royal Order of Scotland. On November 13, 2010, Bro. Matheson was presented with the Long Service Award – 70 Years a Freemason, in a ceremony attended by the Speaker of the House, Members of both the Federal Parliament and the Ontario Legislature, together with a host of friends and family. Bro. Matheson died on 27 December 2013. A great Canadian, it can be truly said of him, that he "*lived respected and died regretted*".

The words from the Sacred Writings in the Book of Revelation, "*The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations*" were quoted to describe the distinctive design of the Maple Leaf Flag.

In a speech given to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Bro. Matheson said: *“Our symbolism must need affirm spiritual values. It conveys a message of noble expectations for humanity, of our Masonic hope for an even ‘better country.’ Each of us, like the Flag, represents Canada. This nation can be no worthier than what we imagine and will it to be.”*

When the late M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby was the Director of the R.C.M.P. Degree Team, this Charge to the Flag was given as part of the ceremony:

I present our Flag, our symbol of Unity and Sovereignty,  
Between bars of red on a field of white,  
It blazons forth in its full Autumnal glory.

The Canadian Maple Leaf  
Whose points represent the Provinces and Territories,  
Which comprise our great Dominion.

To Freemasons –  
The red symbolizes the dauntless courage of our forefathers,  
which we strive to emulate,  
The white, that blameless purity of life and conduct to which we aspire,  
And the points, the eleven knightly virtues,  
of which Patriotism is the greatest, and to which we are ever dedicated,  
And finally, it inspires in us a reverence to Him,  
to whom we fervently pray  
God Save the Queen, [before King Charles III]  
and heaven bless  
The Maple Leaf Forever.

As Freemasons we are obligated to fulfill the duties of a good citizen.  
As loyal Canadians, the National Flag is displayed in every lodge room  
and outside most Masonic buildings throughout the jurisdiction,  
a symbol of national unity and pride.

It is important, however, in the Masonic context,  
to make a distinction between *“nationalism”* and *“patriotism”*.

Nationalism, pushed to the extreme, results in conflict and war;  
Patriotism is loyalty and respect for one’s native land.

The distinctive lapel pin of our jurisdiction  
is the Red Maple Leaf surmounted  
by the Square and Compasses in gold,  
signifying that the wearer is a proud Canadian  
and a proud Freemason.

Raymond S.J. Daniels

revised 2015





## ***CLOSING OF THE VOLUME - AND THE OPENING OF THE DOOR.***

A poem written by the late V.W. Bro. Donald D. O'Neil,  
W. Master of William James Dunlop Lodge  
A.F. & A.M. No. 375 G.R.C., 1981 that he wrote in 2007:

With the closing of the Volume – and the opening of the door,  
Think not this Lodge has ended,  
Think what has gone before.

Remember all those worthy men who, as Apprentices, came  
And who developed love and skill and worked in friendship's name.

When you take up the Working Tools to gently put aside,  
Think not their work is ended – think how they were applied.

Remember well the lessons taught, to craftsmen tried and true;  
Of Masons worthy of the name and apron, white & blue.

When your tracing boards are covered and the columns laid at rest,  
Think not their teaching ended, think more a message blessed.

Remember the special meaning to Master Masons all,  
Of birth and life and learning and waiting for the call.

With the sounding of the gavel, as the lights at last go out,  
Think not your Lodge has ended, dispel all lingering doubts.

Master – Wardens – Brethren: remember as you depart  
Your Lodge will live forever in every Mason's heart.

So Mote It Be.  
Happy to Meet. Sorry to Part. Happy to Meet Again.



Bro. Bill Hodwitz, from Niagara B District, writes:

*“A few years ago I put out a Masonic newsletter called “The District Light”. Recently I began another, aimed at the Brethren of my Lodge, hoping to rekindle the interest of lapsed Members.”*

Here's one that Bro. Hodwitz posted on Saturday, 17 May 2025:

## ***A MASONIC MOMENT: THE TYLER'S SWORD***

To Masonry the sword is an emblem of power and authority, never of blood or wounds or battle or death.



The modern tiler keeps off the cowan and eavesdropper by the simple process of refusing to admit those he does not know. If they still desire to enter the tiled door, they must either be vouched for or be examined by a committee. The Tyler's sword is the emblem of his authority, as the Gavel is the symbol of the authority possessed by the Master.

We are told that the sword *“Admonishes us to be ever watchful and guarded in our words and actions, particularly before the enemies of Masonry, ever bearing in remembrance those truly Masonic virtues, silence and circumspection.”*

Properly no Tyler's sword is ever carried in a scabbard. Its symbolism requires it to be ever ready at hand to *“keep off cowans and eavesdroppers”*.



## Eavesdroppers?

There was a time when men did not divulge their Lodge Membership in Freemasonry, even to their sons. Until recently we were told that we should not solicit Members but we should wait for them to ask us about the Masonic Order.

Now we are encouraged to reveal our Membership and be open about what belonging has meant to us.

That can cause a problem.

The “*eavesdropper*” from without is no longer to be feared. Our lodge rooms are so built so that it is unlikely that anyone could listen to what goes on within.

The real “*eavesdropper*” is the innocent profane who is told more than he should hear by a too-enthusiastic Mason.

We want to be truthful but selective in what we say about the Lodge and our work within it. We want to present Masonry in a positive and realistic way while dispelling negative impressions.

Further issues of this Masonic Bulletin will consider this challenge.

This was followed up with a second posting on Sunday, 24 May:

## ***A MASONIC MOMENT: WANDS***

The use of wands in Freemasonry likely draws on older ceremonial and religious traditions where wands were tools of ritual power, authority, or transformation.

There are Biblical references to staffs or rods of power.

For example, Aaron used his rod to show to Pharaoh God’s power.



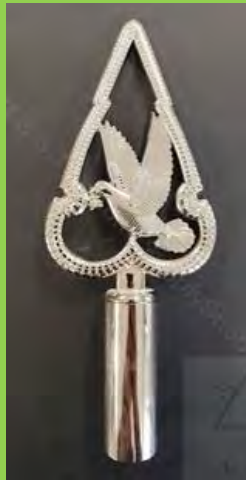
**In royal or court ceremonies, a staff or sceptre denote rank and office.**



**In Freemasonry, wands hold symbolic and ceremonial significance, especially in the rituals and workings of Masonic Lodges.**

**Deacons (Junior and Senior) carry wands as symbols of their role in facilitating communication between the Worshipful Master and other Officers or Candidates.**

**The dove has long been a universal symbol of peace, innocence, and purity, and thus aligns with the pursuit of moral and spiritual harmony.**



**The Stewards also often carry wands, representing their duties related to preparing Candidates and managing Lodge refreshments. Hence, the symbol of the cornucopia dispensing items of food.**



**Without the wand, the Steward must square the Lodge as does everyone else but with the wand he has the freedom to move about while preparing the area for the coming Degree.**



During Masonic rituals, wands are used in formal movements and gestures. This emphasizes the symbolic nature of the ritual, underscoring themes like order, hierarchy, and guidance. Like a shepherd's staff, it helps lead or direct.



The use of the wand indicates that the bearer is acting on behalf of higher Masonic authority.

In essence, Masonic wands are tools of ritual, symbolism, and structure — used to represent authority, guide participants, and reinforce the solemn nature of Lodge ceremonies.

Their use reflects the Masonic emphasis on tradition, symbolism, and the careful choreography of its rites.

## ***WHERE DID THE TERM "LODGE" COME FROM?***

As with many things we can only speculate as to where the word "*Lodge*" derived.

Dictionaries say that it probably came from the buildings, or huts, where the craftsmen worked and lived.

Lodges of Masons are mentioned at York Minster in 1352, at Canterbury Cathedral in 1429, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, in 1483 , and at St. Giles, Edinburgh, in 1429.

"*Lodge*" first referred to non-permanent bodies, but gradually reverted to fixed localities, such as Edinburgh in 1598

From [http://www.themasonictrowel.com/masonic\\_talk/stb/stbs/93-09.htm](http://www.themasonictrowel.com/masonic_talk/stb/stbs/93-09.htm)





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# THE PETERBOROUGH EXAMINER

SINCE 1847

On Wednesday, 07 May 2025, *The Peterborough Examiner* published this political cartoon that I thought you might enjoy seeing:



Then, on Wednesday, 14 May, this cartoon appeared:

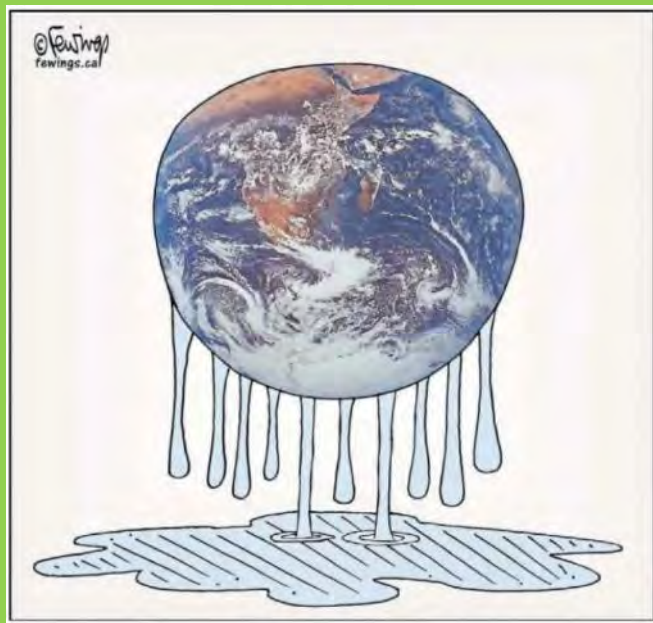




And on Saturday, 17 May:



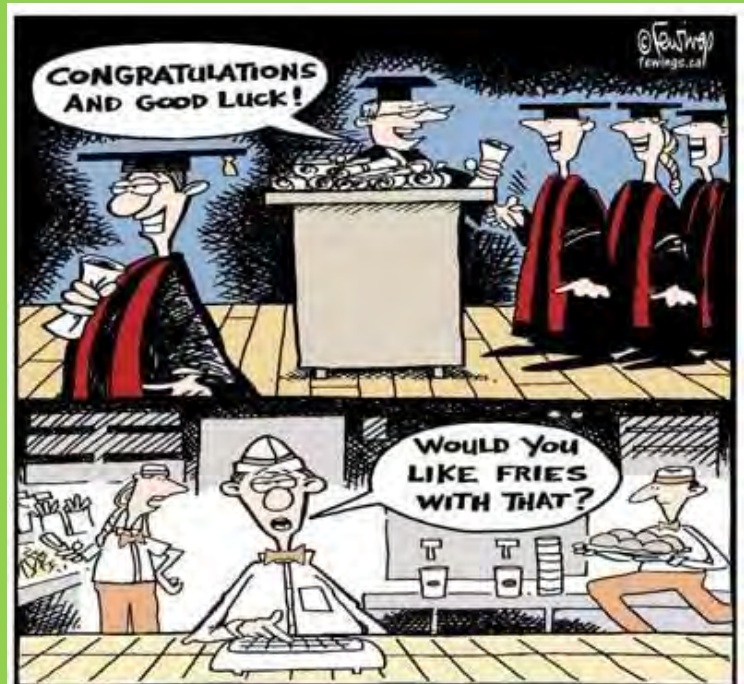
On Tuesday, 20 May:



And on Wednesday, 28 May:



And then on Wednesday, 21 May:





I'm very pleased to receive Manitoba's Grand Lodge newsletter.



In its May 2025 issue, the Editor included this article:

### ***THE BEGINNING OF FREEMASONRY IN CANADA***

In 1717, Col. Richard Phillips was appointed Governor of Nova Scotia and Placentia (Nfld.). The garrisons at Annapolis Royal, Canso and Placentia were under his command. He continued as Governor until 1749. During that time, he was mostly away from the area and left its control to Lieutenant Governors.

Col. Richard Phillips had a brother named Erasmus and he had a son by the same name. It seemed to be a military family and, by 1726, we see Ensign Erasmus Phillips (now age 21) under his uncle's command in the 40th Regiment at Annapolis Royal. By 1737, Erasmus was now a Major and in November of that year he was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1738, Provincial Grand Master, Robert Tomlinson, gave Phillips a "*deputation*" to establish a Lodge. A deputation means the right has been given but there is no Charter or Warrant issued. Erasmus then returned and formed the 5th Lodge to be founded under the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the 1st Lodge in Canada.

Phillips was the first Master of this Lodge, named Annapolis Royal Lodge F.&A.M. (The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts does not number their Lodges).

The formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, as issued from Boston in 1738, was not legal, the reason being that one Provincial Grand Lodge is not authorized to form another. Only a Grand Lodge has that power, in this case the Grand Lodge of England. Today this would never happen but times were much different back then. Personally, I see nothing wrong with a formation such as this, as long as it is done in the right spirit.

Erasmus Phillips may have realized that he was not properly sanctioned for we see in 1757 he applied to the Antient Grand Lodge of England, to be made Provincial Grand Master for Nova Scotia. This request was granted. Three years later Erasmus suddenly died from apoplexy, at the age of 55 years.

It is difficult to say whether Annapolis Royal Lodge was under a Military “*traveling*” warrant or not. If there was no local Lodge, then the military were allowed to take in civilians.

Although Annapolis Royal Lodge did have civilian Members, it was basically a Regimental Lodge and their histories are tied together.

In April of 1775 the American Revolution broke out. It is understandable why, in November of the same year, the Brethren of Phillips Regiment re-Chartered the Lodge under the 2nd Grand Lodge of England (the Antients) to become Annapolis Royal Lodge Number 42.

The Regiment fought at Louisbourg, Quebec City, the American War of Independence and the West Indies.

The Lodge apparently became dormant before 1810, as in that year the regiment, now serving in Spain, applied to the Grand Lodge of Ireland for a “*traveling warrant*”. It was granted bearing the number 204. Irish traveling warrants only had numbers and an actual name was never attached.

From 1767 to 1788, Masonry in Annapolis Royal was neglected. In 1788 they applied to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia (Antients) for a charter. There it sat for seven years and, in 1795, the request was granted and they became Annapolis Royal Lodge Number 25, A.F.&A.M.

They carried on for 32 years before dormancy once again set in.

We must not be too hard on our Brethren. Life in those days was a struggle in itself. This, along with the American Revolution, all took its toll.

In 1863 Annapolis Royal Lodge applied to the United Grand Lodge of England and received Charter Number 1047.

In 1866, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was formed.

All but one English Lodge joined the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and, in 1869, a renumbering of the Lodges took place.

Annapolis Royal Lodge was given Number 33 and this remains so today.

Source: “*The Beginning of Freemasonry in Canada*”,  
by W. Bro. Frederick Harris, P.M., Annapolis Royal Lodge Number 33



**Nova Scotia Freemasons Home - Windsor, Nova Scotia**

## **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!**



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## ***WHEELS OF HOPE TESTIMONIAL***

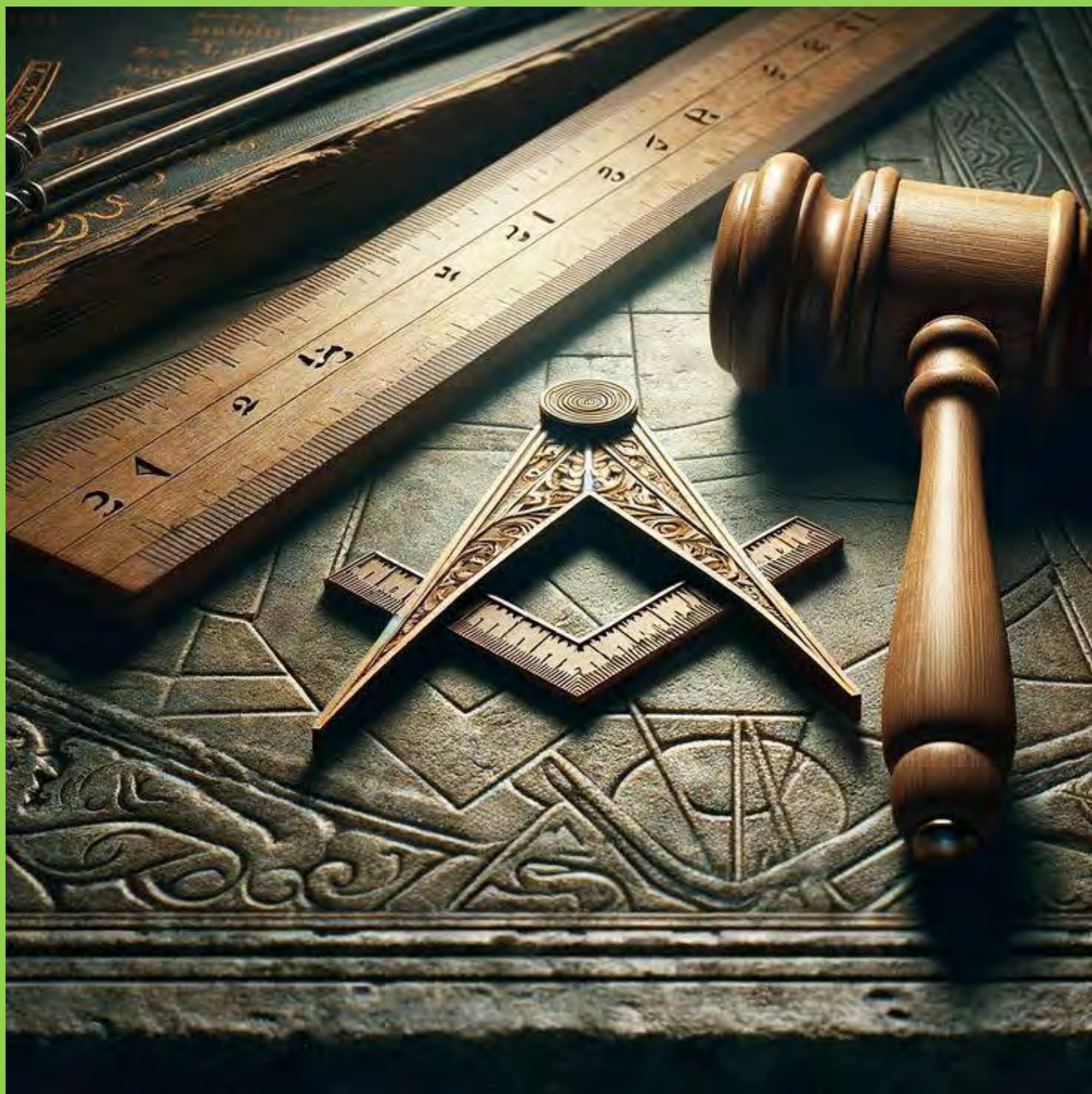
I just wanted to drop you a line saying how helpful and wonderful the Wheels of Hope program is! I had seen the vans around, but it never really clicked in how essential they would be until I started going through my treatments. Especially during radiation, I noticed JUST how many people it is helping! Watching van, after vehicle picking up so many people in the loop outside the hospital, it's really overwhelming how much love people have to give.

All of the drivers are so kind, and it was really interesting learning about their stories and how they became volunteers. Cancer is so consuming, and they decided to give back. I love that.

In particular, there was an absolutely wonderful driver I had, named Trevor. His wife had battled breast cancer twice, and was doing well. He is a gem of a human being. Super funny, always with a fun anecdote about what he had done on the weekend. Open with his wife's battle, and just so, so kind.

Trevor always made my day better. Made me realize that there is hope, that, if his wife could do it, so could I. That there's still no reason not to smile, and be kind toward others.

Cancer can be super lonely and, until you are in the thick of it, you don't realize what a gift just seeing a smiling face can be.







## **The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland**

I am also very pleased to receive the *Grand Lodge Quarterly* newsletter issue from *The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland*, as it contains items that may be of interest to all of us.

Here, for example, is their description of ...

*“Scottish Freemasonry is a community of like-minded individuals committed to personal growth, mutual support, and making a positive impact in our communities. We are proud of our heritage and dedicated to fostering a spirit of unity and respect among our Members.*

*We continue to flourish and grow, offering a unique and original perspective on Freemasonry that has survived for over 400 years.*

*We have a membership that is spread across the 32 Provinces in Scotland, 26 Districts and 4 Grand Superintendencies overseas.*

*As the world is changing, Scottish Freemasonry continues to preserve its traditions and rich heritage while keeping a focus on staying up-to-date with the changes that affect and influence its membership.*

*Our rich history dates to 1736, and we continue to uphold the values of brotherhood, charity, and integrity that have defined us for centuries.*

*Membership is open to men aged 18 from all walks of life.*

*The organisation focuses on character building, providing individual support, and encouraging members to make a positive impact on society.”*

They then describe their *History* ...

*“The Grand Lodge of Scotland was founded in 1736, making it one of the oldest Masonic Grand Lodges in the world.*

*Our origins are deeply rooted in the rich history and traditions of Scottish Freemasonry, which dates to the early 15th century.*

*Over the centuries, we have grown and evolved, but our core values of brotherhood, charity, and integrity have remained steadfast.*





***“It is not clear exactly when Freemasonry began but it is widely accepted to have originated from the stonemason trade guilds of the Middle Ages, referred to as Incorporated Trades or Crafts. The term “incorporated” comes from the fact that these various craft organizations held Royal charters, or “Seals of Cause” which allowed them to work exclusively within the Royal Burghs in the Middle Ages.***

***The language and symbols used in Freemasonic rituals today come from these older craft bodies.***

***The earliest use of the term Freemason dates from around 1390 but referred purely to operative members. Prior to the formalization of Freemasonry as we know it however, Scotland was already beginning to see a shift during the 17th century where more and more non-operative members were joining the old trade institutions.***

***Throughout the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries in particular, the fraternity expanded across Europe and the Americas leading to the position today where you will find Lodges globally.***

***From our humble beginnings, we have expanded to include numerous Provincial Grand Lodges across Scotland and District Grand Lodges and Grand Superintendencies Overseas, each contributing to the vibrant tapestry of our organisation.***

***Our history is a testament to the enduring power of Freemasonry and its positive impact on individuals and communities.”***

### ***An Original Perspective***

**The Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution bears the unique title Grand Master Mason, an office which has been held by distinguished members of Scottish society.**

**Unlike other regular Masonic jurisdictions, all Members, of whatever rank, are addressed simply as “*Brother*”. The usual and more complex Masonic titles are used in Scotland, but attach to the office, not the individual. This differentiates Scottish Freemasonry from much of the other traditions and keeps to the true teaching of the Fraternity and being on the level.**

**Lodges under the Scottish Constitution are sovereign bodies in their own right, with a considerable degree of control over their own affairs. Many Lodges pre-existed Grand Lodge, all zealously guarding their traditions, and were permitted to retain their own procedures, regalia, and distinctive rituals.**

**Having accepted the principle of independence of old Lodges, it was impossible to deny Lodges founded after 1736 the same level of independence. Of course the rituals must contain the principal points of each Degree, but the scope for elaboration is considerable, with numerous interesting variations.**

Since Scottish Lodges have the right to choose the colours of the Lodge regalia, meetings are very colourful, especially if visitors from other Lodges are present.

Today, Scottish Freemasonry continues to flourish and grow, offering a unique and original perspective on Freemasonry that has survived for over 400 years.

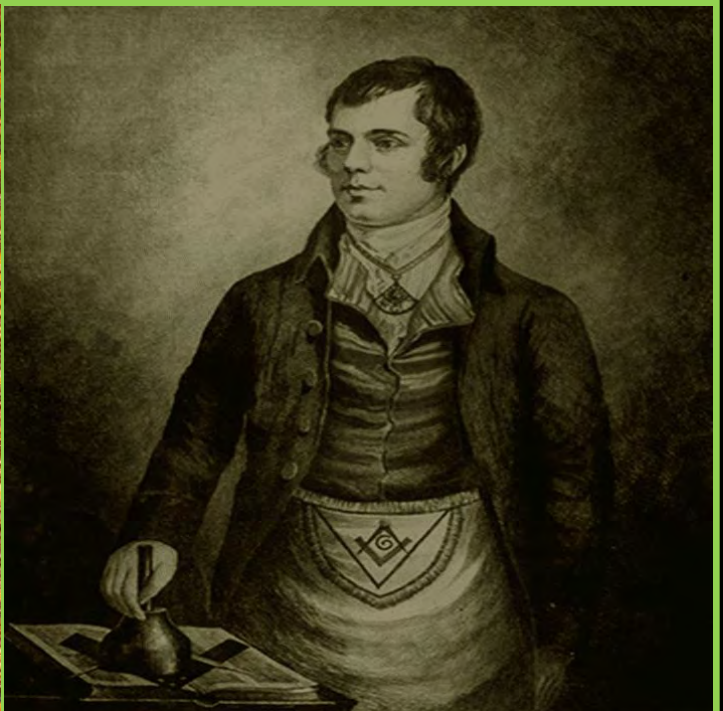
### Key Figures

**William St. Clair of Roslin**



The first Grand Master Mason, elected in 1736, who played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Grand Lodge.

**Robert Burns**



The famous Scottish poet and Freemason, whose legacy continues to inspire Members around the world.

## King George VI



**Duke of York was Affiliated into Scottish Freemasonry on the 2nd of June 1936. The ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall in the heart of the village of Glamis.**

**On the 1st of December he was Installed as Scotland's Grand Master Mason in front of 2500 Freemasons in Edinburgh's Usher Halls. However, he gave up that role after being crowned King George VI just 10 days later.**

**These individuals, along with countless others, have helped to shape the Grand Lodge of Scotland into the respected and influential organization it is today.**



As a 32° Scottish Rite, I received the Summons  
for the Spring Assembly 2025 Moore Sovereign Consistory.

In it is a summary about:

## ***THE TOWERS***

The land on which the Scottish Rite stands was part of the Crown Grant of land to Caleb Reynolds U.E. on December 15, 1796. It was sold to Jean Baptiste Rousseaux, whose widow sold 500 acres in 1816 to James Mills and Peter Hess. James Mills settled on the 240 acres west of Queen Street and, in or about 1835, he built Hamilton's first brick house on the site. In July 1884, Mr. Mills' estate sold the property to George T. Tuckett, son of George E. Tuckett, who had founded the Tuckett Tobacco Company and who served as Mayor of Hamilton in 1896.

In 1892, George T. Tuckett retained local architect James Balfour to design a residence for him on the property. It was completed in 1895. This building is now the Scottish Rite Club. Because of the typical "*Balfouresque*" architecture, the building was named "*THE TOWERS*". The iron fence was built ten years later. It is similar to the fence which surrounds Buckingham Palace in London, England.

The oak dining table in the Coffee Room is the original table made to order for George T. Tuckett. The woodwork in the Club, oak, bird's-eye maple, birch and cherry, was made in the furniture factory of John Hoodless & Sons, Hamilton.

In 1920, a group of Scottish Rite leaders in Hamilton bought the property as a future home for the Scottish Rite in Hamilton. The cornerstone of the Cathedral was laid on May 31st, 1922, by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, K.C., the Grand Master. The building was opened and dedicated on May 7th, 1923, by the Sovereign Grand Commander, Sir John M. Gibson, K.C. M.G.

On September 30, 2007, our Cathedral was dedicated to the honour and in the name of Ill. Bro. Norman E. Byrne, a Past Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Commander. A beautiful display case of his various regalia now adorns the entranceway to the Cathedral.

Title to the property is held by a corporation entitled "*TOWERS INC.*", the corporation being owned by the three Scottish Rite Bodies which meet here.







# District 'C' hronicle



May 2025

Hamilton Masonic District C

Edition No.201

From the May 2025 issue of **District 'C' hronicle**,  
Edition No.201, Hamilton Masonic District C newsletter:

## ***FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MRF SYMPOSIUM***

The Masonic Restoration Foundation Symposium is the largest gathering of Masons in North America who are expressly committed to observing the highest standards of excellence in the Craft.

This year, for only the second time, we are returning to Canada, to one of the most majestic Masonic locations in Canada: the Hamilton Scottish Rite Temple, in Hamilton, Ontario.

The Symposium will take place from August 15-17, 2025, and will be hosted by Templum Lucis Lodge No. 747.

The event will begin with a Harmony [Festive] Board on Friday evening, Keynote Speaker, W. Bro. Ric Berman, Past Master of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 in London, England.

Along with our usual lineup of interesting speakers, Brothers will have the opportunity to witness a Fellow Craft Degree conferred by Heredom Lodge No. 749 on Saturday afternoon.

Registration for the Symposium is \$125.00 USD/\$175.00 CAD, and \$75.00 USD/\$100 CAD for the Saturday session only.

We are hoping that this year's Symposium will be an opportunity for an exchange of different perspectives and methods of Masonic practice in North America, and one that will especially bring in Brothers from across Canada.

All the information you need to participate is found at <https://www.masonicrestorationfoundation.org/symposium2025/index.html>.

We look forward to seeing you at the Symposium!





Here's a short article as found in:



## ***SQUARE AND COMPASSES***

### ***THE FAMOUS SQUARE AND COMPASSES SYMBOL***

The Square (Morality) is an emblem of virtue in which the Mason must square his actions by the square of virtue with all mankind.



The Compasses (Boundaries) exemplify the wisdom of conduct, the strength to circumscribe our desires and keep our passions within due bounds.

The letter G, in the middle, represents God who guides us to follow these values, which leads to peace and harmony.



Source: Square and Compasses | Masonic.net

I have recently begun to receive articles from *Masonic Find*, located in Richmond, Virginia.

Here's one that I received on Friday, May 30, 2025:

## ***THE INVISIBLE TOOLS OF FREEMASONRY***

We speak often of the Working Tools of Masonry.

They are symbols, yes, but also reminders of the practical virtues required to shape a good life.

But there are other tools in the Mason's kit.

Tools not made of metal, not passed from hand to hand, and never displayed in a case.

These are the invisible tools ...

Patience.

Restraint.

Nuance.

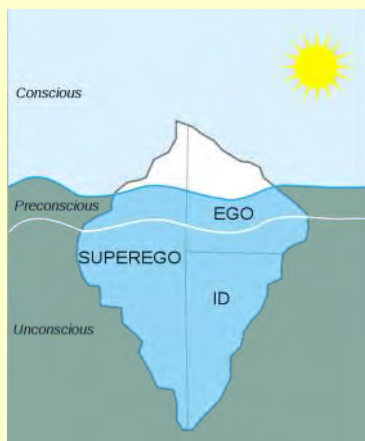
Discernment.

Silence.

You won't find them on a tracing board.

But without them, the rest lose their meaning.

Patience is what allows a Brother to return to the same lessons again and again, trusting that light will come in time.



Restraint keeps ego in check and prevents wisdom from becoming pride.

Nuance is what teaches us that not every question needs a quick answer, and not every answer is simple.



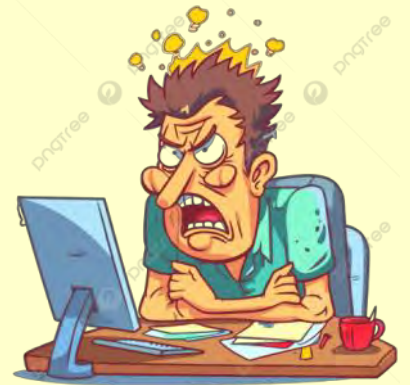
Silence - the most misunderstood of them all - isn't emptiness. It's depth. It creates space for reflection, for others to speak, and for truth to emerge unforced.

**We don't confer these tools in a Degree, we cultivate them over years.**

**Often, they are forged in frustration,**



**polished by failure,**



**and tested  
in the quiet spaces where no one is watching.**



**A Mason may carry  
the plumb line**



**and the trowel ...**



**But the Brother who knows  
when to speak and when to wait,  
when to act and when to hold ...  
He is working with more than symbols.  
He is building with the invisible tools  
that truly shape the man.**



**Let us not only ask  
what tools we've been given.**

**Let us ask what tools we've learned to use.**

**The invisible tools are harder to teach,  
but they're what truly shape a Mason over time.**

**Talk soon.**

**~ MasonicFind.**

**Masonic Find - Teaching the world about Freemasonry !**





Here are some items from R.W. Bro. Jim Ellis, Provincial Grand Lodge of Linlithgowshire, Scotland and other people in Scotland:



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May 19, 2024



June 05, 2022



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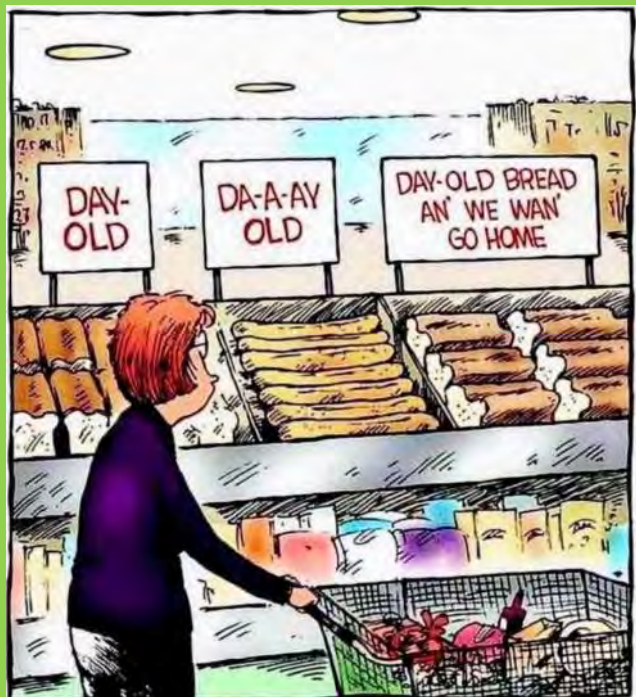
To learn more about the Grand Lodge of Scotland, where you'll see a clip from Jim, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imLop1Z-Byo>





Oh, what a beautiful morning! Oh, what a beautiful day! I've got a beautiful feeling the coffee is commin' my way!







Good morning to you  
on this special day.  
Time to reflect.  
— feeling blessed.  
Jim Ellis, May 08, 2025.

*"Today marks the 80th anniversary  
of Victory in Europe Day,  
a momentous occasion bringing an end  
to World War II in Europe.  
This day is a profound reminder  
of the courage, resilience, and sacrifice  
of countless individuals who fought  
tirelessly for freedom and peace."*

Provincial Grand Lodge of Linlithgowshire,  
The Grand Lodge of Antient Free







Wow ... we just took possession of this stunning Freemason apron dating back to 1891!!

All hand sewn

Absolutely stunning

Canny wait till this gets framed

and

It's that time of year where people will say "It's too hot for coffee"

These people do not understand coffee and are not to be trusted

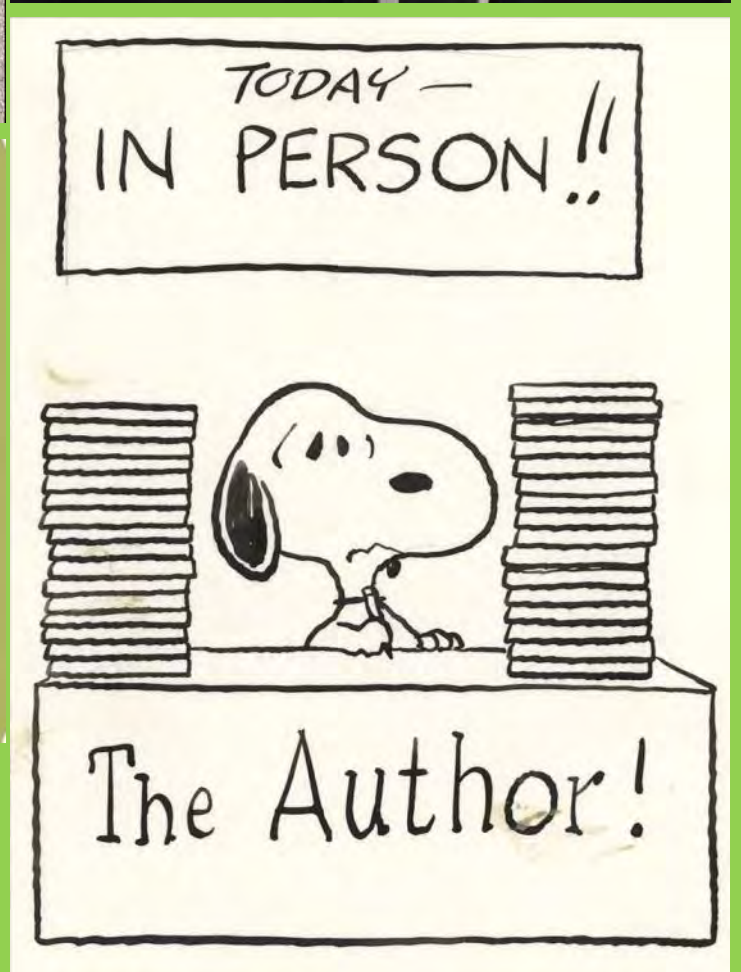
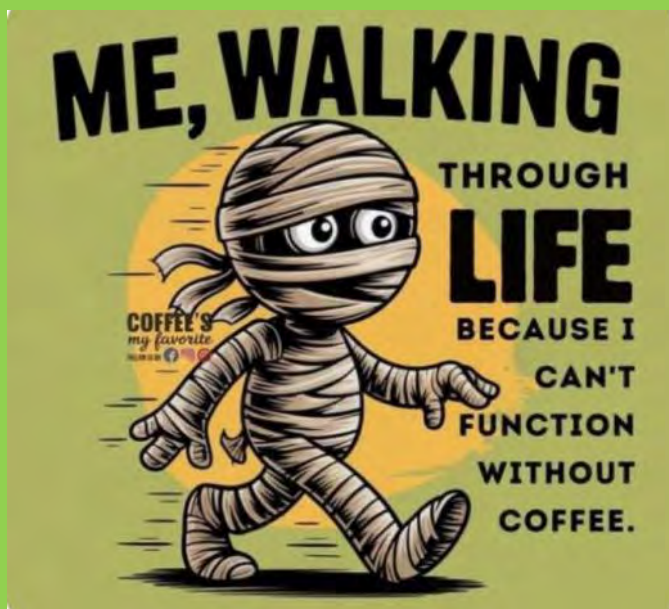


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**The Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1  
was established in 1599.  
This famous Lodge in Scotland  
is 422 years old!**



**Here the last weeks of May  
have been full of rain !!!**





## What's Your Generation?

1. Greatest Generation – 1901 to 1927
2. Silent Generation – 1928 to 1945
3. Baby Boomers – 1946 to 1964
4. Generation X (Gen X) – 1965 to 1980
5. Millennials (Gen Y) – 1981 to 1996
6. Generation Z (Gen Z) – 1997 to 2012
7. Generation Alpha – 2013 to 2025



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## Do these things Daily Never need a Doctor again

1. Drink warm water before meals - boosts digestion and detoxes your gut.
2. Sleep before 11 PM - heals your brain and balances hormones.
3. Walk 30 minutes daily - strengthens heart, brain, and bones.
4. Sit in the sun for 15 minutes natural Vitamin D = stronger immunity.
5. Eat slowly, chew properly improves digestion and prevents overeating.
6. Don't use phones 1 hour after waking keeps mind calm and focused.
7. Have 1 fruit on an empty stomach cleanses your system and energizes you.
8. Keep your gut clean your gut controls your mood, skin, and immunity.
9. Breathe deeply for 5 minutes daily reduces stress and increases oxygen flow.
10. Avoid eating 2 hours before bed - improves sleep and digestion.
11. Stretch after waking up activates muscles and improves circulation.
12. Stay hydrated throughout the day - supports every cell in your body.
13. Limit sugar and processed foods - reduces inflammation and supports long-term health.

Beautiful Words Follow



## Snoopy Ice Cream!



Snoopy is Awesome Follow



Here is an article from *The*  
Volume 90, No. 5,



*Alberta Freemason* magazine,  
May 2025:

# THE ALBERTA Freemason

The Alberta Freemason, vol 90, no 5



## ***THE SECRETARY***

By R. W. Bro. William Brook  
Fort McMurray Lodge 195,  
Fort McMurray

An effective and efficient Lodge Secretary plays a pivotal role in the success of any Lodge. It's not for everybody and not everyone should be a Secretary.

For those who aspire to this important office, there are some key skills and traits you need at your disposal, including communication, interpersonal, management, leadership, and technical. You also need the right personality that allows you to work with a variety of different people, personalities, and backgrounds.

All these must come from a variety of sources: naturally, with training, or with personal growth. You don't need to be an expert in any given area, but you do need to be aware of the role each one plays.

Having a working knowledge of each and the ability to keep learning are key success factors.

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### Carefully Filling the Position

The Secretary position suddenly becomes vacant for a variety of reasons. In some instances, the Lodge may end up scrambling to try to fill the role, depending upon how the previous Secretary left the position.

It is strongly recommended that an Assistant Secretary be given serious consideration, as a backup to the Secretary. There is a measurable learning curve required for the Secretary position, and to be as proactive as possible, there needs to be a strategy in place to have a solid succession plan in place for this position, otherwise, disservice is being done to both the new Secretary and the Lodge.

These roles should not be filled with just anyone, but thoughtful and careful consideration should be the focus before filling the roles with someone who is qualified or can prepare and learn quickly.

### Skills and Traits

The Secretary must wear many hats: manager, project manager, human resource advisor, administrator, communicator, and tactful diplomat. The Secretary is in the business of communication and interpersonal relationships and thus needs all the skills associated with those roles.

As these traits are required to be an effective Master, a Lodge should consider a Past Master to fill the role of Secretary, having had similar traits when they sat in the East. He will already be familiar with developing the monthly notice, Masonic protocol, Constitution and Regulations of Grand Lodge, creating a meeting agenda, et cetera. However, just because a man served as Master, doesn't guarantee he will serve well as a Secretary. The right man, with the right skills and the ability to quickly learn and apply new material, who may not be a Past Master, can quite nicely fill the position.

To assist in deciding if a person is in possession of the right skill set to be the Secretary, here is a list of some soft skills and traits to consider they should have or acquire:

#### Effective recording:

Having the ability to take good notes and be able to read them a few days later is critical to your success. Comprehensive notes during a monthly meeting, without interrupting the flow of the meeting, is an imperative skill set.

### Effective writing:

In conjunction with effective recording, there will be the requirement to write a business letter when communicating officially with the Grand Lodge, a Lodge Member, or a Candidate for the Degrees. The creation of concise and complete Meeting Minutes and assisting with or, in some cases, writing the monthly meeting notice holistically.

### Sound listening skills:

One needs the ability to answer a question, resolve a conflict, or provide advice on protocol or process. Listen attentively, utilizing reflective listening, ensuring that there is a concise understanding of the subject before providing any qualitative answers. Sound listening skills will allow for a thorough understanding of issues or concerns, resulting in Members being more receptive to broaching subjects with the Officer.



### Effective speaking:

This is useful for those times when you must read a report or update the Master and Lodge with information from the District, Grand Lodge, or any other source.

### Patience:

Patience is a virtue and, for the Secretary, this could be considered the most essential skill set in their arsenal. The Secretary wears many hats and deals with many people within and outside the Lodge, and not all interactions will be pleasant in nature.

The Secretary needs to practice patience if he wants to continue to work effectively in all his roles. Patience will have to come naturally; the Secretary will have to control his emotions, therefore, the more natural this skill set, the more effectively the Secretary will fill this role.

### Accuracy and Attention to Detail

“*Know before you speak*” should be the main mantra of the Secretary, as being an effective communicator is to gather the proper information, ensure the details are correct, and then disseminating the information to the Brethren. Incorrect and or insufficient information can be harmful, a nuisance, and an inefficient use of time.





This can result in requiring additional clarifications or corrections and, if this becomes the norm, then credibility and reputation can be compromised.

Take the time to be thorough the first time, reaping rich rewards at the end, keeping in mind the big picture, providing accurate detail without divulging too many secrets of the Craft.

### Time Management, Prioritization, and Organization

The Secretary must practise sound time management skills along with the ability to be organized and effectively prioritize work. As there is a steady stream of communication flowing to and from the Secretary's desk, whether it be of internal or external nature, the Secretary must be cognizant of the variety of deadlines required by their Lodge, the District, and the Grand Lodge, and administer themselves accordingly; tasks including general paperwork, applications for membership and affiliation, letters, emails, phone calls, text messages, invoices, cash receipts, candidate material, and awards, to mention a few.

In dealing with the above items, the Secretary needs a sound method to organize their work.

Without a sound system to effectively receive the information, properly process and distribute it to the correct recipients timely, and organize it, all with a sense of proper prioritization, the inexperienced Secretary can be easily overwhelmed.

Knowing this before assuming the Secretary role and preparing for it in advance will make life a lot easier for everyone.

### Trust, Confidentiality, Judgement, and Discretion

The Secretary is often the first point of contact for information and guidance, regardless of the circumstances, whether it be during difficult situations or pleasant situations. The Secretary is often the "go to" person for everyone in the Lodge.

As such, a level of trust must be developed where confidentiality and discretion are its cornerstones. Once trust is established, people will be more candid and know they can confide in the Secretary with sensitive, possibly embarrassing information.



The Secretary must be able to maintain this level of trust and confidentiality, all the while balancing it with sound judgement and discretion, especially when someone's safety or the interest of the Lodge is at stake.

The Secretary must be able to use all the “*soft skills*” at his disposal and judge a given situation, maintain trust and confidentiality, and practise unbiased discretion to determine what next steps, if any, are necessary.

### Software Application Proficiency and Online Skills

The Secretary will need to have a working knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet creation and maintenance, and publishing. Microsoft Office and Mac Tools provide programs conducive for the Secretary to properly administer their role. However, the more standard the product, the better the chance that others will be able to communicate without software compatibility issues.

In some cases, the Lodge may have a website, which the Secretary will have to navigate through or administer as part of their role. With today's advanced technology, the Secretary will need to know how to navigate through this world to properly administer the role as effectively and efficiently as possible.

### Relationship with the Worshipful Master

It is vitally important that a strong and respectful relationship exists between the Worshipful Master and the Secretary.

It is also important that this relationship is reciprocal, as friction between these Officers manifests itself negatively to the Brethren in general and the Lodge specifically.

There must be a mutual respect between the two, continually fostered throughout the term, for the good of the Lodge. The Secretary must respect the Master's boundaries and authority, respecting the position, even if the relationship can be contentious at times. Resist any temptation, especially if the Secretary is a Past Master, to control the presiding Master.

The Master may conduct himself in a manner that may be perceived as non-traditional. The Secretary must respect the fact that he is not the Master. Instead, the Secretary can better serve the Lodge as a mentor to the presiding Worshipful Master and not as an obstacle to overcome.

Sound guidance and council, timely reminders, following the Master's preferred communication method (ex. Phone, email, text); proactive assistance, discretion, in addition to utilizing the skill set described in this article are beneficial to all.





## Administration

There are specific duties and responsibilities the Secretary must oversee, which are outlined in the Secretaries Guidebook from the Grand Lodge.

Some are mentioned above, such as scribing the Minutes of meetings; disseminating the monthly Summons to the Brethren; completing the semi-annual report required by the Grand Lodge in January and June, et cetera. It is highly recommended that the Guidebook be acquired for all Secretaries of any Lodge. Whether they be new to the role or seasoned, it is an excellent resource for any Secretary to keep them on track in their role.

## Summary

This is one of the most pivotal roles in any Lodge, if not the most pivotal role in the Lodge. While the Worshipful Master oversees the specific meetings and fraternal relations of the Lodge, the Secretary oversees the administration of the Lodge.

While the Master is a one year term (in most Lodges), the Secretary can be in the role for several years. Therefore, the Secretary is the main person in the Lodge who will liaise with the Grand Lodge on issues and or inquiries that the Lodge will bring forth. He is the person that all Lodge Brethren will communicate with on issues that they will have a concern having resolved or directed.



## ***O YE OF LITTLE FAITH***

Bro. Cyrus Sebastian Avon  
Glen Lodge 170, Edmonton



O ye of little faith,  
Come hear my tale,  
A vial of words,  
From this life in a frail pail.

A smile doth wonders,  
When those dark clouds thunder,  
A faint heart crieth,  
When thou art lonely, arise!

But never shy thy tear,  
For one might only fear,  
For life is a journey,  
Filled with all kinds of tears.





O ye of little faith,  
Smile once more,  
Ask thy God to grant thee more,  
Love thou shalt ask,  
Happiness thou must give,  
Always remember, only God doth forgive!

Never shun thy moment,  
Of love and life,  
'Tis what holdeth our reins,  
And keepeth us alive.

Words of wisdom,  
My seniors share,  
I call them Brethren,  
For that is fair!

Are secrets and handshakes, that defines us all?  
O ye of little faith,  
Thou comprehendest naught at all!  
We share love and care for each other,  
Dine and laugh, always together!

Now compass thy direction,  
Walk in that square,  
Lead to that door,  
That helpeth thee prepare!

Have faith in God,  
And thy Brother,  
Hold thy obligation and love one another!



## Excerpts from Whence Come We:

**Editor's Note:** Beginning with Volume Two, Issue, 1, September 2008, *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* has provided you with excerpts from the Grand Lodge's publication, Whence Come We ? Freemasonry in Ontario: 1764 - 1980, Edited by The Special Committee on the History, Wallace E. McLeod, Chairman (Hamilton: Masonic Holdings), 1980. Here's this month's excerpt:



**Editor's Note:** Prior to 1763, what we today think of as Ontario was part of *New France*. Between 1774 and 1791 it was part of what was known as *Quebec*. Between 1791 and 1841 it was known as *Upper Canada*, between 1841 and 1867, as *Canada West* and in 1867 became known as *Ontario*.

## CHAPTER 8: THE SECOND HALF CENTURY

### Events of 1936 - 1945:

#### The Second World War (Cont'd).

#### The Clouds Begin to Break. (continued)

He [M.W. Bro. Timothy Clark Wardley] announced that he had been forced to unprecedented disciplinary action against a Lodge which had neglected to comply with his explicit directions to lay a charge of un-Masonic conduct against a demitted Brother. He had arrested the Lodge's Warrant, and did not restore it until he received assurance that steps would be taken to implement his instructions.

- Source: Wallace E. McLeod, ed.,  
Whence Come We ? Freemasonry in Ontario: 1764 - 1980, (Hamilton: Masonic Holdings), 1980, p. 147.

### Next month:

#### Events of 1936 - 1945

#### The Second World War: (continued)

#### The Clouds Begin to Break. (continued)

He noted that Grand Lodge had neglected ...





On 24 March 2025, I reconnected with V.W. Bro. Brendan Kyne, Secretary, The Victorian Lodge of Research No. 218, United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, author of *Thoughts For The Enquiring Mason* since 2012.



He kindly sent me articles from this publication, saying that I could publish any of them in my newsletter for your reading interest.

The introductory page states:

### ***A HISTORY OF THE THOUGHTS FOR THE ENQUIRING MASON***

In August 1987, a pillar of the Lodge, the late V.W. Bro. Graeme Love, published the first monthly "*Thoughts For The Enquiring Mason*" (TFTEM).

This one-page TFTEM has continued to be sent out every month the Lodge is in session, included with the Summons Notice and Minutes, to all Lodge and Correspondence Circle members.

Over the decades, the TFTEMs have covered a wide variety of Masonic related topics, from symbolism, history, philosophy, principles, famous Freemasons, other Masonic orders and other bits that fall through the cracks.

The Victorian Lodge of Research hopes you enjoy this selection of TFTEM from 2012 to 2018.

The opinions expressed in these transactions are those of the individual authors, and do not necessarily represent those of either The Victorian Lodge of Research or of its Members.

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Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria.

Kind regards,

Brendan Kyne

Sec. The Victorian Lodge of Research

TFTEM author since 2012

Here's his third one:

September 2012

## ***A CONVENIENT ROOM ADJOINING THE LODGE***

Q. Where were you first prepared to be made a Freemason?

A. In my heart

Q. Where next?

A. In a convenient room adjoining the Lodge.

How often do we find in our own jurisdiction that the convenient room adjoining the Lodge is just that? It can range from being nothing more than a utility cupboard, to a room that is used to store the banners and paraphernalia from other Masonic orders.

In some Lodges the convenient room is at least a small room, whilst in other it can be no more than a section of partition or a curtain that is drawn across a corner of the entrance hall-way.

However this approach to what constitutes a convenient room is not unique to this jurisdiction alone for Masonic author, Bro. Robert Lomas, in his book Turning the Hiram Key, describes his experiences of the convenient room at his Initiation as, “... *On that chilly winter night my lack of proper clothing was bringing me out in goose bumps ... In the distance muffled conversations were audible; the sounds of different voices creeping under the closed door were overlaid with the rattle of cutlery coming up the stairs. I was alone, pondering the wisdom of seeking Masonic Initiation [as] ... I was standing in the ladies' toilet on the first floor of the Eaglecliffe Masonic Hall ...*”

Hopefully we do not have many lodges in our jurisdiction that have to resort to the ladies' toilet for their convenient room. But it raises the question regarding the import of the question, where next? And do we take the answer to that question seriously enough, or is it treated in a purely perfunctory manner with no due relevance or meaning attached.

As most TFTEM readers would be well aware, the concept of the convenient room in many European and American jurisdictions is taken quite seriously with said room being referred to as “*A Chamber of Reflection*”. These rooms are meant to be used as a time of quiet reflection to consider why a Brother has decided to join Freemasonry, and in some Lodges this very question requires a written answer that is then read out to the Lodge before the ceremony takes place.

A Chamber of Reflection may also contain various items designed to stimulate reflection, such as an hour-glass, skull, or a lit candle, with the phrase “*know thyself*” or the acronym V.I.T.R.I.O.L. written on the wall.



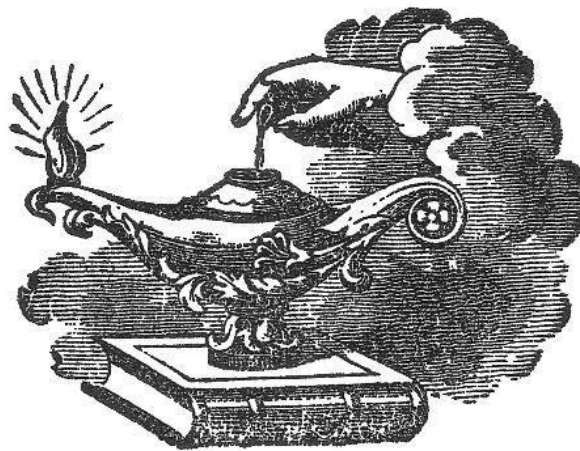
For these Lodges the convenient room is designed to be more than just a place to dress the Candidate, for it is not only meant to stimulate reflection but also to create the right mental state for the Initiation ceremony – to be properly prepared.

So, do we sell our Candidates short by offering them no more than a broom cupboard to mentally prepare themselves for the ceremony of initiation?

Our ritual states that, “... *externally you were prepared in a peculiar manner in a convenient room adjoining the Lodge...*”

Should that preparation at the Lodge prior to the ceremony of Initiation be more meaningful?

Should all future newly-built or renovated Lodge Buildings include a real convenient room adjoining the Lodge – i.e., a Chamber of Reflection?





For a number of years, Bro. Francis Dryden sent me his monthly newsletter, ***The Trestleboard***, from sunny Mexico. However, most unfortunately, it is no longer available.

Each issue of ***The Trestleboard*** newsletter included articles by Carl H. Claudy.

***The Old Tiler Talks***, first published in 1925, by Carl H. Claudy, is a series of short anecdotal stories told in the setting of a new Member asking an Old Tiler for his opinion on various Masonic topics. These short articles are still very relevant, 100 years on, and hopefully provide some insight to new Members today.

Here's one entitled:

## ***COULD BE***

***"I am much disappointed,"*** announced the New Brother, sadly, sitting down beside the Old Tyler during refreshment.

***"Disappointed in what?"*** asked the wielder of the sword.

***"Why, Masonry in general, and this Lodge in particular,"*** answered the New Brother. ***"Neither are what I thought they were."***

***"That's too bad,"*** sympathized the Old Tyler. ***"Tell me about it."***

***"My dad was a Mason. He told me how helpful Masonry was and how a Lodge stood back of a fellow, and how one Brother would go out of his way to help another, and, if you were in trouble, a Brother would help you out of it. I believed it. But I have been a Member here now for some time, and I have seen none of that."***

***"Been in trouble, son?"*** asked the Old Tyler.

***"I suppose everyone has some troubles."***

***"Have you been in any real trouble, in which you could have been aided by the Lodge had the Lodge known of it?"***

***"That isn't the question,"*** answered the New Brother.

***"No, I agree it isn't. So I will ask you the real question,"*** said the Old Tiler, and his lips lost their smile.

***"How many Brothers have you helped since you have been a Member? How many shoulders have you slapped? How many men have you gone to and said, 'Jim, I know you are in trouble, count me in to help because we both belong to the same Lodge?"***

***"Why, how you talk!"*** replied the New Brother. ***"I hardly know anyone in the Lodge, yet. How would I know whether they were in trouble?"***

***"The same way they would know if you were in trouble, of course!"*** answered the Old Tyler.

***"I am a old man and I have had a lot of trouble, most of which never happened. You complain that Masonry is a failure because you have not personally experienced its helping hand. You admit you haven't needed it. And you also admit you haven't held it out. Brotherhood means the relation between two Brothers, not the relation of one Brother to another and no comeback. If you can't be a Brother, how do you expect a man to be a Brother to you? You ask me how you would know if a Brother is in trouble. How does anyone know?"***



***"Here are some stories I heard last week. Brother A, of this Lodge lost his wife two weeks ago. It was in the papers. Two Brothers of this Lodge sent their wives to his house to look after his children until he could make arrangements for a nurse."***

***"Another Brother of this Lodge failed in business. Lodge action wasn't necessary, but two bankers and a business man went to the poor failure and staked him, and put him on his feet."***

***"A Brother of this Lodge has a boy who is wild. Last week the boy went joy riding with too much hooch in him and smashed up a car which didn't belong to him. The owner wanted to put the boy in jail, where he belonged, but a Brother of this Lodge took the responsibility on himself, sent the boy to a farm during good behaviour, saved the father from a broken heart and maybe society from a criminal."***

***"The home of a Brother of this Lodge burned down last month. It wasn't insured. He had just paid for it. Ten Brothers of this Lodge financed his new house; he will pay a dollar a week for life, or something, but he had fraternal help."***

***"Three Brothers in the Lodge tonight are out of work, and with little money. Before they go away someone will see that they get a chance."***

***"But how do Brothers know other Brothers are in trouble? They don't get up in Lodge and tell it!"***

***"How did you expect people were going to come and help you if you didn't let them know you needed help?" countered the Old Tyler.***

***"Why, I just thought maybe someone would have enough interest in me to know ..."***

***"Have you had enough interest in your Brethren to know when they were in trouble?"***

***"I ... er ... why ..."***



***"You needn't answer. In every Lodge are the 'gimme's' and the 'lemme's'. The 'gimme's' are those who want things done, and the 'lemme's' do them."***

***"In every Lodge are the 'have's' and the 'haven'ts'."***

***"It's up to the 'have's' to share with the 'haven'ts'."***

***"I take it you are naturally a 'have'. You have money, clothes, a good position. You are not in need of help from your Brother. But some Brethren are in need of help from you. It may be a dollar, advice, a word to an influential friend, a loan, it may be some of the things I have told you about."***

***"If brotherhood is to mean what you hoped it won't be because you get it, but because you give it. A Masonic Lodge should never be an organization from which a man expects to get something. If everyone was disappointed because no one did anything, it would be a failure. It isn't a failure because most real Masons look for the chance to do something for some Brother who needs help."***

***"Some Brethren do a lot for idiotic new Brothers, just by talking to them!"*** responded the New Brother remorsefully.

***"Do you suppose you could slip a dollar to each of those three who haven't any and tell 'em you found it on the floor?"***

***"Could be,"*** answered the Old Tyler.

***"And please believe I don't think it's a failure and the only thing about it which is disappointing to me is myself."***

***"Could be,"*** answered the Old Tyler.

***"I am going back in that Lodge and vote whichever way the Degree Team votes!"*** announced the New Brother.

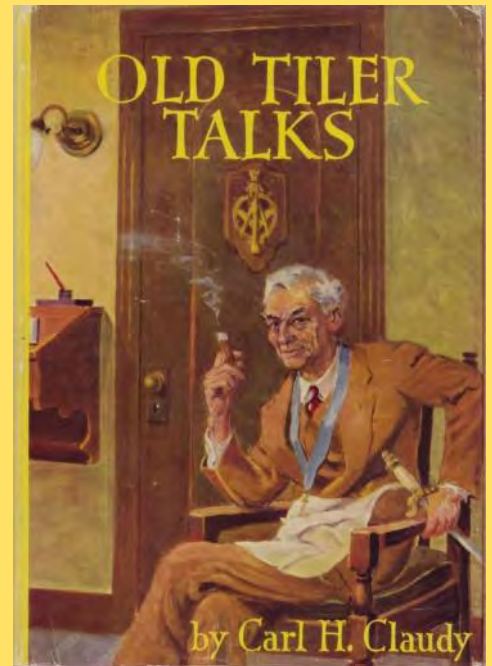
***"You see, I \*did\* manage to tell you!"*** answered the Old Tiler.



Bro. Carl Harry Claudy (1879 - 1957) was an American author, magazine writer, and journalist for the *New York Herald*. His association with Freemasonry began in 1908, when, at the age of 29, he was Raised a Master Mason in Harmony Lodge No. 17 in Washington, D.C. He served as its Master in 1932 and eventually served as Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia in 1943.

If you can believe it ... Bro. Carl Claudy wrote well over 400 of these *Old Tiler Talks* along with many other Masonic books and pieces ... a very dedicated Mason and man.

His Masonic writing career began in earnest when he became associated with the Masonic Services Association in 1923, serving as Associated Editor of its magazine, *The Master Mason*, until 1943.





Our resident poet laureate,  
R.W. Bro. Robert A. Keay,  
Past District Deputy Grand Master  
of Peterborough District, 2014 - 2015,  
continues to share some of his poetry  
with me that I know  
you will enjoy reading !!!



Here's one for the June 2025 issue  
of *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter.

This poem started as five words scratched down on a banquet napkin.  
It spent a couple of days by my bedside and then got moved to my desk  
where it idled for the last several months. Unfortunately, what produced  
those words got lost in the waiting. I will have to come back and do it justice  
at a later date.

## ***SEEKING TRUTH***

With pick and shovel deep they dug  
To find some vital proof,  
Of the long-lost leveler of man,  
The plain and simple TRUTH.



They rolled each boulder to the side,  
To see what was behind,  
And though they searched the workings,  
Real TRUTH they could not find.

But something else was soon unearthed,  
The bones of many men,  
The signs of wars and battles,  
Which were not to come again.





**Mankind is full of anger,  
His hate will never cease,  
And our take-away from history?  
We need to find true PEACE.**

**Still in amongst the rubble,  
Stood old walls and effigies,  
The remnants of those builders,  
Who built anything they please.**



**The words on those old columns,  
Were a gift from far above,  
They spoke of lasting brotherhood,  
A brotherhood of LOVE.**

**But further searching found more bones,  
Mankind exposed in layers,  
They must have promised “*Not Again*”,  
Then defaulted on their PRAYERS.**



**But prayer will lead us all to LOVE,  
And LOVE will show the PROOF,  
That Brotherhood will give us PEACE,  
And that’s the honest TRUTH.**

**By R.W. Bro. Bob Keay,  
Otonabee Lodge No. 101.**

**Life is soooo busy !!!**

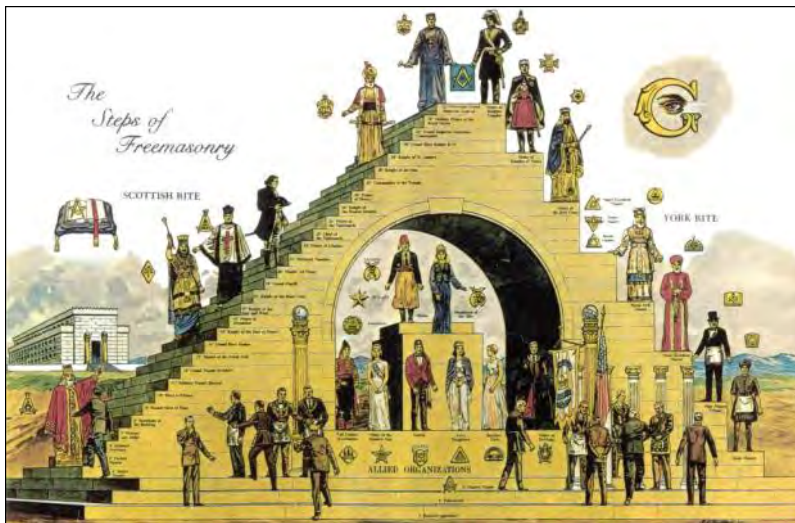




## Family of Freemasonry

### A Brief Compendium of the Family of Freemasonry

Masonry is composed of several layers of membership. At its base are the three Degrees of Craft or “*Blue Lodge*” Freemasonry. The fraternity looks to these three Degrees as being the highest attainable, as all of the lessons of the fraternity can be found within them, but that has not precluded the development of the larger body, often referred to as the “*family*” of Freemasonry.



This illustration depicts the entry and progression of the fraternity.

**Interested in joining *ZOOM* or  
*GoToMeeting*  
across Ontario and beyond ???  
Then ... go to <https://masonicyear.com/>**

**Masonic Calendar of Events happening online ...**

**All bodies are encourage to share their events:**

**Grand Lodges\ Districts\ Lodges**

**Shriners Temple\Clubs Scottish Rite**

**RAM\Cryptic\Templar Etc.**

**Have A Look At The Event Schedule. There's lots there to choose from !!!**



V.W. Bro. Marshall Kern has provided our readership with articles including, in the June 2022 issue, on page 48, about:

## Here is a definition of a word found within Masonic ritual that is not common outside of our Lodge rooms.

In his role as Librarian & Historian from the Sarnia District Masonic Library, he is also an author of the book, [The Master's Emblem Explained for Masons](#).

Here is some background about the book:

The emblem that distinguishes the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and all Past Masters, has been described as a “Tau”, or as “levels”, or as “two squares”.

The reality is quite different. There is a direct connection between Euclid, the Ceremony of Installation of the Worshipful Master, and the Book of Constitution.

From a moment of inspiration, to final release of [The Master's Emblem Explained for Masons](#), W. Bro. Marshall Kern spent two years researching his discovery. The result is a book that includes a Short Talk, and a longer piece of Masonic Education, as well as Bro. Kern's detailed examination of dozens of primary research sources.

Price is \$20.00, plus shipping. Details and ordering information at [www.masterseblem.com](http://www.masterseblem.com)

Also at [www.masterseblem.com](http://www.masterseblem.com) is an extensive biography of the esteemed Brother who introduced the emblem to our Fraternity. He was an Irishman who became a barrister in England and held high Masonic office at the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England. The same scholarly attention to accurate research was given to both the biography and the book.

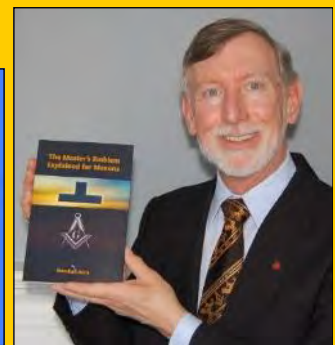
The biography is free;  
the book is \$20.00 plus shipping.

S & F,  
Marshall Kern, Author

<http://www.masterseblem.com/>

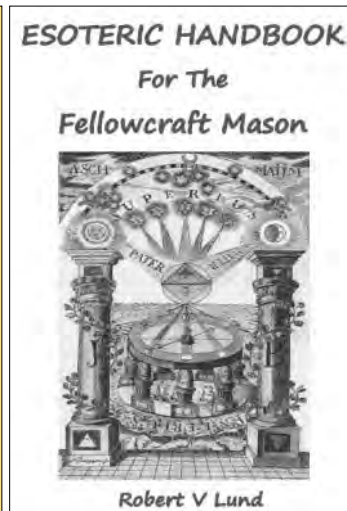
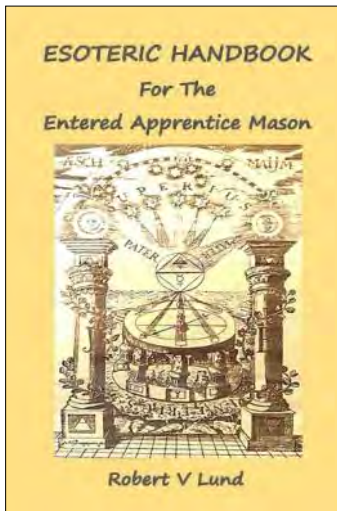
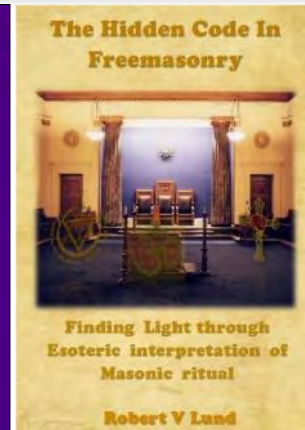
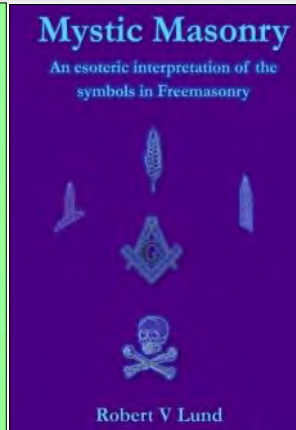
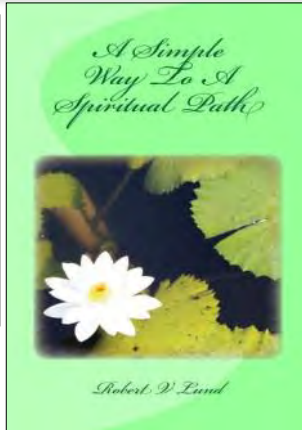
Facebook: [https:// www.facebook.com/MastersEmblem/](https://www.facebook.com/MastersEmblem/)

V.W. Bro. Kern's blog is here: <https://masterseblem.wordpress.com/>



## Well worth the read !!!

## Books by V.W. Bro. Robert V. Lund



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***“The moment one gives close attention to anything,  
even a blade of grass,  
it becomes a mysterious, awesome,  
indescribably magnificent world in itself.”***



## ***DID YOU KNOW ???***



The Grand Lodge College of Freemasonry offers interesting Correspondence Courses on Masonic Education throughout this Jurisdiction which is comprised of nineteen different modules. Any Master Mason may take any module individually for \$10.00 each or they may wish to complete a course of study for a set fee. If a Brother takes an individual module today, and decides to complete a course of study later in time, he will be accredited with the module he has completed prior.

In other words, he does not have to pay for or rewrite

what he has already completed in the past. There are four courses of study offered by the College of Freemasonry:

1. *"The Masonic Arts and Sciences course"*.
2. The *"Past Master's course"*.
3. The *"Worshipful Master course"*
4. The *"District Secretary's course"*.

Any Brother looking to run for the office of D.D.G.M. or Grand Registrar is required to have in their possession a certificate of qualification from Grand Lodge. In July 2018 a constitutional change was approved by the membership, and Section 50 (b) now reads ... *A candidate for office as District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar must be in possession of a qualifying certificate as offered by our Grand Lodge, on or before June 15 of the year seeking office.* (2018). A copy of the revised 2018 Book of Constitution is on the Grand Lodge website. It can be found under the Recent documents tab.

What this change means is that there are now two paths available to receive a qualifying certificate for this running for D.D.G.M. or Grand Registrar. One remains the Past Masters Course and the other is to participate in any number of the day-long enhanced D.D.G.M. Preparation workshops that are conducted around the jurisdiction.

For a Past Master that is looking to run for the Board of General Purposes, the certificate of qualification remains the same under Section 38 (b), and that is the *"Past Master's Course"* offered by the College of Freemasonry.

For those who wish to pay for the College course you can do so by cheque, please send it to W. Bro. George Warner, 4010 Chadburn Crescent, Mississauga, ON, L5L 3X2. For those who wish to pay via credit card, just fill in the application form and send it to <masonic.college "at" gmail.com>, and the Brother will be e-mailed payment instructions through PayPal (an account is not necessary). If any Brother has any questions, they may e-mail R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte, FCF, Administrator, College of Freemasonry, <masonic.college "at" gmail.com>. You may also get information by going to the Grand Lodge Website. Sign in, click *"Education"*, then *"College of Freemasonry"*. We also have many electronic books and other resources here. Check it out!



**As Freemasons, what we learn from our rituals and our obligations  
strengthens our commitment to moral behaviour.  
We learn to take seriously the question of freedom,  
to take responsibility for creating our own path  
and to be responsible for the consequences of our actions.  
We know a good life depends on having relations  
with other human beings and that friendship, respect,  
and love develops best among equals.**

**After all is said and done, a lot more will be said than done.**



***The Heritage Lodge No. 730***  
***A.F. & A.M., G.R.C.***



was formed to provide an intellectual environment for the pursuit of Masonic knowledge and also to provide a means for receiving and recording historical artefacts to ensure the preservation of our Masonic Heritage without encroaching on the normal functions of Constituent Lodges. Heritage Lodge accepts, by affiliation in the usual manner, all Masons of like-mind, desirous of working together to fulfil the aims and objectives established by the membership.

The Lodge Secretary is R.W. Bro. Graeme Boyce,  
e-mail: < [heritagelodge730@gmail.com](mailto:heritagelodge730@gmail.com) >.

The fee for Affiliation is \$ 65.00  
and the annual dues are also \$ 65.00.

R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride  
[Bob] is the *Heritage Lodge*  
*Regional Liaison Chairman*  
for the Ontario, Peterborough,  
Prince Edward, and Victoria Districts.

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Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride [Bob],  
*The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* and District Historian.  
Past Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master (2007 – 2008)  
E-mail: [ddgm2007@nexicom.net](mailto:ddgm2007@nexicom.net)



**Masonry aims at the promotion of morality  
and higher living  
by the cultivation of the social side of man,  
the rousing in him of the instincts  
of charity and love of his kind.  
It rests surely on the foundation  
of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.**

**To have a Notice placed  
in *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter  
please send it to  
R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride [Bob]  
([ddgm2007@nexicom.net](mailto:ddgm2007@nexicom.net))  
at least a couple of weeks prior to the event.  
It will be run in each issue until the event is over.**



***Happy to Meet. Sorry to Part. Happy to Meet Again.***