

# *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!*

newsletter

has come to a new crossroad !!!



Begun in September 1995 as the Peterborough District Masonic Newsletter with two hard-copy issues per year, it was first published by R.W. Bro. Frank E. Lucas, when he was the Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master (1995 - 1996). Frank continued to publish the newsletter until 1998, when the now-late V.W. Bro. Thomas J. King took over the publication for three years. These hard-copy newsletters shared information about Peterborough District's events along with various announcements and advertisements.

In September 2001, I took over the hard-copy newsletters, publishing both a Fall and Spring issue. Our District Newsletter was the Recipient of the Grand Lodge Award in 2002 and 2003, then Grand Lodge's Award of Merit in 2004, 2005, and 2006.

When I became the Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master in July 2007, I decided to create a monthly electronic newsletter, that I entitled the *Beacon*.

*T*eamwork  
*E*ncourages  
*A*ctive  
*M*asons

**Teamwork is the fuel  
that allows common people  
to achieve uncommon results.**



In my introductory issue, I wrote, in part:  
*"I look forward to receiving feedback about this form of communication. It does not replace any other forms of communication within our District but, hopefully, will provide a forum for rapid communication throughout the District."*

By September 2008, I was able to write, in part:  
*"There are currently 393 Brethren who receive the 'Peterborough District Electronic Beacon' across the Peterborough District, other Districts within Ontario, elsewhere in Canada, the United States and abroad, including the British Isles and New Zealand !!!"*



By June 2016 I wrote:

**“Over the years, this number [400] has increased to over 1,000 throughout the world.**

**At one point, I decided to sub-divide the recipients into two major categories: those Brethren in Peterborough District, and those living elsewhere: the Peterborough District Brethren in three distribution lists, and those living elsewhere in six distribution lists, for a total of nine distribution lists.**

**This worked exceedingly well until March 2019 when my Internet Service Provider (ISP), made some changes to their service limiting subscribers to 200 e-mails within a twenty-four hour period.”**

**Then, with the September 2019 newsletter, I was able to announce that, thanks to the advice of V.W. Bro. Walter Howell, and the assistance of R.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman, Treasurer of Canada Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 532 G.R.C., Toronto East District, I was able to start sending out each month’s newsletter using the free version of the American-based *MailChimp*.**

**The data base has continued to grow exponentially until it has been decided that it needs to take another cross-road !!!**

**Therefore, starting with the April 2024 issue, I am no longer using *MailChimp* to circulate each month’s newsletter.**

**Instead, each of the Lodge Secretaries within Peterborough District will now receive each month’s newsletter to forward on to each of their Members.**

***The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* has also been placed on the Peterborough District web site**

**< [peterboroughmasonry.ca](http://peterboroughmasonry.ca) >**

**so that everyone worldwide can access it electronically from their computer.**

***Not just a man.***

***A Mason.***

***Being a Mason doesn’t make you better than anyone else.***

***It just makes you a better you.***

**We trust that you have welcomed and enjoy these new changes in our delivery model !!!**

**Sincerely and fraternally yours,**

**R.W. Bro. Robert (Bob) Collins McBride**

**Editor, *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!***



Dear Brethren,

Enclosed please find the *Beacon: Lighting the Way*,  
Volume Seventeen, Issue 08 (Whole Number 173),  
Wednesday, 01 May 2024.

This issue contains 104 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 08 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.

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,

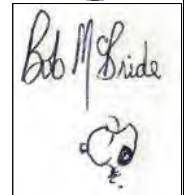
Bob McBride

[ \* 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]

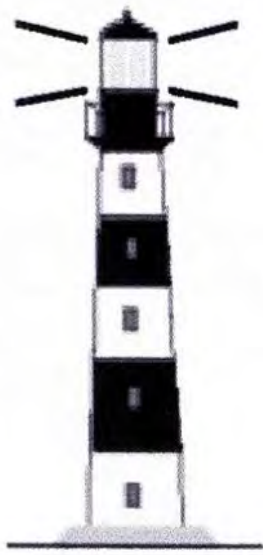
- The *Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* and Peterborough District Historian, 2002 - 2023,
- Past Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master, 2007 - 2008,
- W. Master, Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C., May 2022 - May 2023,
- Past W. Master, Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C., January 2002 - May 2004,
- Past W. Master, William James Dunlop Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 675 G.R.C., 2010, 2017, 2018, 2019,
- Director, 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, Fall 2008 - Fall 2010,
- Past Co-Editor of *The Ontario Mason Magazine*, The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



### 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.





# Peterborough District's Electronic Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!

**T**eamwork  
**E**ncourages  
**A**ctive  
**M**asons

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

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Became the *Peterborough District's Electronic Beacon* in July 2007.

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in the Province of Ontario  
Peterborough District

**Greetings Brethren,**

I'm writing my May message today, April 28th, while winding down from the busy Tri-District Day of Masonry held yesterday. The weather was well-timed by pouring with rain, so the best place to be was in Peterborough Temple with our Brothers from Victoria and Ontario Districts. Our Grand Master, along with three other distinguished Grand Lodge Members of the Board, presented educational and entertaining talks for the afternoon. Most everyone then de-camped over to the Holiday Inn for a great social evening. I believe we can safely call the result of the day informative, laced with fellowship and a good time had by all.

I'd like to publicly thank M.W. Thomas W. Hogeboom, R.W. Bros. Michael Steel, Terrance Van Horne, and Art Di Cecco for their time in preparing and delivering such worthwhile presentations as they did. Great job!

Special mention to R.W. Bros. Jeff Anderson, and Ronald DeMerchant, (DDGMs for Victoria & Ontario respectively) along with Aubrey Periera, Ryan Kennedy & Beau Reines, (District Chairmen) plus a few last minute draftees, (you know who you are ...) for all their guidance and assistance with the planning and execution of the day. A group effort all the way. Thank you! Peterborough Brethren were a healthy portion of the attendees. I also noted most of our Worshipful Masters, and many senior Officers were on hand as well. Continuing support for our District events is truly appreciated!

Finally, special thanks to my wife, Lisa, who organized and hosted a special afternoon for the ladies while the boys were in Temple. Details are slim, but I understand from all the smiles and laughter at the banquet that a good time was certainly had there too!

I attended the Senior Wardens' Degree Team at Clementi Lodge and Percy Lodge's Official Visit in early April. Both were very well-attended, driving home the idea that we enjoy healthy and harmonious inter-Lodge activity within our District. Great to see Brethren!

I also attended the final regular meetings of J.B. Hall and Keene Lodges this month. Somewhat bitter-sweet as the books were being closed on all the combined history of these two storied Lodges. Overlaced with a clear sense of excitement though, as all Members of the former two look forward to writing a brand-new history as Village Lodge No. 145, comes into being on May 8th. Millbrook Temple will no doubt be bursting at the seams that day. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

The District Project bursary cheque presentations will take place at 11:00 a.m. on June 22nd, at Peterborough Temple. My goal this year was to help ten young people seeking to enter their new life as skilled tradespeople with a gift of a tangible means to start. I'm only able to present this money through all of your very generous donations this year, Brethren. (Thank you!) I look forward to seeing as many as possible at the presentation, not only to see your gifts being delivered, but also be on hand to speak with any interested relatives or friends of the winners.

Until next month ... Safe travels and I'll see you out and about!

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff

R.W. Bro. Robert Kiff  
Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master, 2023 - 2024



W. Bro. Scott Stuart  
Peterborough District Secretary, 2023 - 2024

**From The Editor:**

This electronic *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].

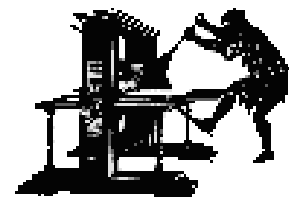
- Editor, The *Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!*
- Peterborough District Historian,
- Past Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master (2007 - 2008).



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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 and non-Masonic activities for you !!!



# May 2024



Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity for us to learn more about the diverse culture and history of Asian communities in Canada.

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat



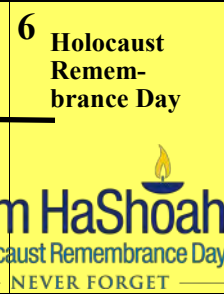
1 Percy 161 Elections  
May Day !!!



3 World Press Freedom Day !!!



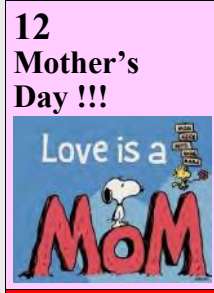
5 Yom HaShoah - sunset evening of Sunday, May 5 to Monday, May 6



7 Clementi 313 First Degree: Initiation of Mr. Bruce Brown

8 Amalgamation forming Village 145 with the Grand Master.

9 Ascension Day !!! Celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven



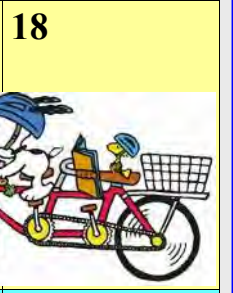
13 Golden Rule 126 Elections and Memorial Service

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15 Otonabee 101 Installation of Officers for 2024 - 2025

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17 Bike-to-Work Day !!!

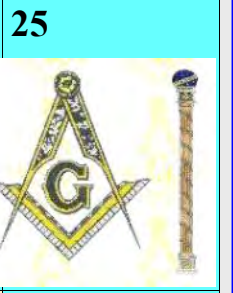


21 Peterborough 155



23 PDMA AGM Peterborough Temple

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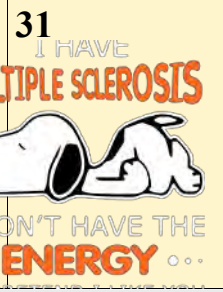


27 Havelock 435 Installation of Officers for 2024 - 2025



29 International Day of United Nations Peace-keepers !!!

30 World Multiple Sclerosis Day !!!





**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**  
**2023-2024**

**GRAND MASTER**  
**M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom**

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**GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN**  
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**R.W. Bro. Jerry Tsubouchi**

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES**

**R.W. Bro. Brian Gilkinson [Honourary]**  
**Otonabee 101 (Peterborough)**



# **DISTRICT LEADERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**Peterborough DDGM's Committees 2023 / 2024**

**Benevolence**

**Chairman – R.W. Bro. Frank Groves**

**Strategic Planning**

**Chairman – W. Bro. John Fraser**



**Masonic Education**

**Chairman – R.W. Bro. Bob Keay**

**New Members Liaison**

**Chairman – W. Bro. Will Prentice**

**Grand Master's Project**

**Chairman - W. Bro. Al Nelson**

**District GM's Project**

**Chairman - R.W. Bro. Tom Mortlock**

**Communication**

**Chairman - W. Bro. Scott Stuart/District Secretary  
(sole liaison w/webmaster per PDMA Operations Manual)**

**Mentoring**

**Chairman - R.W. Bro. Keith Buchanan**

**Cornerstone Project**

**Chairman – V.W. Bro. Walter Howell**

**District Lodge of Instruction**

**Chairman - R.W. Bro. Andy Henderson**

**District Divine Service**

**Chairman - V.W. Bro. Walter Howell**

**Special Events**

**Chairman – W. Bro. Aubrey Pereira**

**District Events Recorder**

**Chairman – R.W. Bro. Al Baswick**

**District Photographer**

**Bro. Danny McLaughlin**

**Editor: *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!***

**electronic newsletter**

**and District Historian**

**Chairman - R.W. Bro. Bob McBride**

**I'LL BE IN TOUCH!**



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.

# District Deputy Grand Masters Theme

*“Quality over Quantity”, be it men, meetings or meals ...*

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



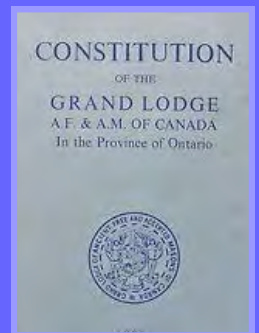
The District Deputy Grand Master is authorized to preside, and only those with this authority are presented, received under the wands, accorded the Grand Honours and given the gavel.

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.*



***“Masonry is an order,  
whose grand object  
is to promote  
the happiness  
of the human race.”***



61 Masonic Quotes to Inspire and Uplift ([quotedeclare.com](http://quotedeclare.com))

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## **Peterborough District Lodges**

Otonabee #101	Peterborough	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Golden Rule C/H #126	Campbellford	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
JB Hall #145	Millbrook	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Peterborough #155	Peterborough	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Percy #161	Warkworth	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
Clementi # 313	Peterborough	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Keene # 374	Millbrook	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Havelock # 435	Havelock	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday

## **PDMA Meetings**

AGM -	May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	- Peterborough Temple
Executive -	Sep 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	- Peterborough Temple
Semi-Annual -	Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	- Peterborough Temple
Mid-Winter -	Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	- Peterborough Temple
Executive -	Apr 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	- Peterborough Temple
AGM -	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	- Peterborough Temple

## **PDMA Degree Teams**

WM's Degree Team	- (2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice)	- Oct 3, 2023 (Clementi # 313)
SW's Degree Team	- (Chairman)	- April 2, 2024 (Clementi #313)
JW's Degree Team	- (1 <sup>st</sup> Vice)	- March 6, 2024 (Percy # 161)

## **District Coffee Club**

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







## **Official Visits**

Keene #374  
 Golden Rule #126  
 Havelock #435  
 Otonabee #101  
 Clementi #313  
 JB Hall #145  
 Peterborough # 155  
 Percy #161

Thursday, October 19, 2023  
 Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 Monday, November 27, 2023  
 Wednesday, January 17, 2024  
 Tuesday, March 5, 2024  
 Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
 Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
 Wednesday, April 3, 2024



## **Installations**

Clementi #313  
 JB Hall #145  
 Peterborough #155  
 Otonabee #101  
 Keene #374  
 Havelock #435  
 Percy #161  
 Golden Rule #126

Tuesday, December 5, 2023  
 Tuesday, December 12, 2023  
 Tuesday, December 19, 2023  
 Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
 Thursday, May 16, 2024  
 Monday, May 27, 2024  
 Wednesday, June 5, 2024  
 Monday, June 10, 2024

Peterborough  
 Millbrook  
 Peterborough  
 Peterborough  
 Millbrook  
 Havelock  
 Warkworth  
 Campbellford



## **District Divine Service**

Sunday, January 21, 2024.  
 St. John's Anglican Church,  
 99 Brock Street, Peterborough. 11:00 a.m.



# Peterborough District Masonic Association Meetings

## PDMA DEGREE TEAMS

**W. Masters' Degree Team**  
(Second Vice Chairman)  
October 03, 2023 (Clementi Lodge No. 313)

**Junior Wardens' Degree Team**  
(First Vice Chairman)  
March 06, 2024 (Percy Lodge No. 161)

**Senior Wardens' Degree Team**  
(Chairman)  
April 02, 2024 (Clementi No. 313)

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<b>AGM -</b>	<b>May 23rd, 2024</b>	<b>- Peterborough Temple</b>

Meetings scheduled to begin at 7:30

## PDMA – Executive

**Chairman – W. Bro. Bharat Maini**  
**1st Vice - W. Bro. James Dunn**  
**2nd Vice - W. Bro. John Fraser**

**Past DDGM Advisors**  
**- R.W. Bro. Scott Drummond**  
**- R.W. Bro. Brian Gilkinson**  
**- R.W. Bro. Frank Groves**



## 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

YEAR	DDGM	FROM	TO	DATE
2023-2024	R.Kiff	Havelock	Otonabee	October 2023
		Otonabee	J.B Hall	April 2024
2024-2025		J. B. Hall	Golden Rule C/H	October 2024
		Golden Rule C/H	Clementi	April 2025
2025-2026		Clementi	Percy	October 2025
		Percy	Keene	April 2026
2026-2027		Keene	Peterborough	October 2026
		Peterborough	Havelock	April 2027
2027-2028		Havelock	Otonabee	October 2027
		Otonabee	J.B. Hall	April 2028
2028-2029		J.B. Hall	Golden Rule C/H	October 2028
		Golden Rule C/H	Percy	April 2029
2029-2030		Percy	Clementi	October 2029
		Clementi	Keene	April 2030
2030-2031		Keene	Peterborough	October 2030

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

**This schedule is subject to change as there are amalgamation talks in progress between certain Lodges. In the event that the amalgamation goes ahead, then the other Lodges would be moved up to fill the gap and maintain a logical order.**







**Brethren**

**As Chairman of the Lodge of Instruction Committee, I'm going to try something different this year.**

**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.

***THE THOUGHTS AND WORDS OF JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON,  
PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,  
FROM HIS BOOK, TALKS WITH CRAFTSMEN FROM 1891.***

Brethren, the following short piece shows us that the words and thoughts of all of us are important to the Craft, but only if they are put down on paper and left for others to peruse and give thoughtful comments. Don't think we want to know how to tie a tie or polish our shoes. Although important, we all look for something far more meaningful and thought-provoking: Something far more Masonic! There were few better than John Ross Robertson for writing daily in his journal and turning his thoughts into books for us to enjoy. There could be a little author in all of us!

Bob Keay

**NEVER**

- ◆ Never take an office the duties of which you cannot discharge.
- ◆ Never fail to watch the ballot box, and thus keep your role clean.
- ◆ Never join cliques. As a rule they are always in the cold shade.
- ◆ Never talk about every subject up for discussion. Give someone else a chance.
- ◆ Never canvass for office. If you have any value the Craft will seek you out.
- ◆ Never be late for your Lodge meeting. Be on hand when the WM opens and go home when the Lodge closes.
- ◆ Never talk rashly. Think before you speak. Words without thoughts have no mission and are lost in the maze.
- ◆ Never air your knowledge at the expense of your younger Brother. Be generous and remember you were once young yourself.
- ◆ Never walk into your lodge room in a shambling manner, as if you had no right to be there. The heft of a Brother is oft-times indicated by his gait, when advancing to the altar.



- ◆ Never turn from a Brother with a gruff answer. Politeness is an essential that should be cultivated by all. It smooths the rough edges in debate and should never be lost sight of by the Brethren.
- ◆ Never revenge yourself with a black ball. It is an unfair advantage to take. The chances are that you are in the wrong. Rather return good for evil and let the Applicant come in. You will both be better friends when clothed in the lambskin.
- ◆ Never bother the WM. He has enough to do to rule the Lodge, and your advice interjected at pleasure is a source of annoyance, not only to the WM, but to the Lodge. When asked for advice, give it, but wait 'til you are asked and, when giving it, be as unostentatious as possible. Say what you have to say in as few words as will express your meaning.
- ◆ Never go to Lodge and sit through the business routine, taking part in the discussions, showing that you are a man from head to foot, and then, when a Degree is to be worked, go home or seek the ante-room to smoke and gossip. Better to stay away altogether. It is such as you that do harm to the Craft. You are always on deck, save and except when you are wanted.
- ◆ Never leave your Lodge with temper ruffled. Masonry means friendship and, as the sun should not go down on our anger, so neither should we part with ill-will to a Brother. Life's struggle is but a short one, and our mission should be to clear away boulders of ill-will, help one another along the road so that, hand in hand, we may enter the gateway that guards the portals undissolving Lodge.

I hope you enjoyed this shortened piece and feel free to contact me for any other topics you might like me to cover in future editions of the *Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter.

*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*

*< bobkeay1@gmail.com > (705) 930-3476*





# ***PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT PROJECT 2023 - 2024***

DDGM's project, with R.W. Bro. Tom Mortlock as Chair.

This year's project is going to be somewhat different from years past. Our aim is to create a "trade skills" bursary for promising young people who are trying to better themselves by going straight into a licensed trades training school from high school. I feel this will tie 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 from interested men related to the recipients is a positive step for us also.

More details are forthcoming on the specifics of the proposed program.

R.W. Bro Mortlock is a very mission-driven Mason who is perfectly suited to overcome the inevitable rough patches of getting a project like this up and running. I would personally appreciate your support by your help in any way possible to this worthy endeavour.

R.W. Bro. Tom Mortlock can be reached at: < [tamortlock@sympatico.ca](mailto:tamortlock@sympatico.ca) >



## ***MAY***

- \* May is known as a month of transition. If you live in the northern hemisphere, the fresh cold winds are gone, as are the rains of early spring.
- \* The weather becomes warmer and the days start getting longer. May is a time of new beginnings when nature comes back to life after the long winter months.
- \* The name May is the modern-day English adaption of the Latin word Maius, which has origins going back to the time of the ancient Greeks. They named the month of May (or Maius) after the Greek goddess of growth.
- \* Every year there is a particular meteor shower in May called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower. Discovered in 1870, this meteor shower passes by Earth between April 19 and May 28. It's easiest to view it from the equatorial regions of the world and can be glimpsed passing by just before dawn.
- \* It is said that those born in May have a greater chance of being more successful in life and experience more love. While this may not be scientifically factual, it has been noticed that people born in May understand the importance of love and success more than others.





# ***AROUND AND ABOUT PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT:***



On Tuesday, 02 April 2024, the Peterborough District Senior Wardens' Degree Team, with the Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. Stephen Spence, Passed Bro. Andrew Kerr, from Peterborough Lodge No. 155 to the Second Degree at Clementi Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 313 G.R.C.



Photo by V.W. Bro. Walter Howell, Otonabee Lodge No. 101.



Two selfies were also taken on the camera of R.W. Bro. Stephen Spence.



Then, on Wednesday, 04 April, Percy Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 161 G.R.C. welcomed R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff for his eighth and final Official Visit where Bro. Shane L.R. Watson, from Otonabee Lodge No. 101, was Passed to the Second Degree.



Photo by V.W. Bro. Walter Howell, Otonabee Lodge No. 101.

On Tuesday, 09 April, J.B. Hall Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 145 G.R.C. held its final Lodge meeting before Amalgamation with Keene Lodge No. 374 to form Village Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 145 on Wednesday, 08 May. Bro. Nelson Ross was Initiated into the Mysteries and Privileges of Ancient Freemasonry as the 716th and final Member of J.B. Hall Lodge after 162 years of continuous operation.



Photo by R.W. Bro. Bob Keay, Otonabee Lodge No. 101.

Can the Grand Honours be given in public?

The Grand Honours are never given when the lodge room is not tyled.

Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers - 2004



On Wednesday, 17 April, Otonabee Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 101 G.R.C. held its Elections, presented Service Pins for 25-year and 50-year Masons, and held a Memorial Service for Departed Brethren from this Masonic year.



As well, out-going W. Bro. John C. Fraser was presented with cuff links and a Masonic cap by his 2023 - 2024 Officers .

Photos taken on W. Bro. Fraser's camera.



Then on Thursday, 18 April, Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C. held its final Lodge meeting before Amalgamation with J.B. Hall Lodge No. 145 to form Village Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 145 on Wednesday, 08 May. Four Brethren Proved themselves in the Third Degree:

Bros. Iain Buchanan, Mark Fry, Richard Ochnik and Bruce Stewart,

in order to become Officers of the new Lodge. A contingent of Brethren from Orono Lodge No. 325, Ontario District, joined us **for this, our final meeting.**



Photo by V.W. Bro. David Rosefield, Otonabee Lodge No. 101.



***We might be small,  
but we're mighty !!!***





On Saturday, 27 April, Peterborough Temple hosted a *Tri-District* event with Brethren from Ontario District, Victoria District, Peterborough District and elsewhere in attendance, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom and Grand Lodge Officers.



**Tri District Masonic Day**  
**April 27th 2024** [masonsday.ca](http://masonsday.ca)

**Very limited seating. Please purchase tickets ASAP**

1pm: Peterborough Temple -Masonic Education  
[click here for directions](#)

5:30pm: Social Hour/Dinner  
Holiday Inn  
[click here for directions](#)

Masonic Town Hall- N/C  
Social/Dinner \$100 per person  
Dress code - Business Casual

**CLICK TO  
PURCHASE  
TICKETS**  
Or go to  
[masonsday.ca](http://masonsday.ca)



We haven't forgot about you ladies. Womens Social (afternoon get together)  
Please RSVP to Lisa Kiff at [lisa@kiffauto.com](mailto:lisa@kiffauto.com) or call or text at 705-868-7737.

Special room rates available at Holiday Inn  
(877)660-8550 code: Tri District Event  
[click here to book room](#)

EVENT CHAIRMAN - W.Bro. AUBREY PEREIRA (905)621-1804  
PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT - DDGM R.W.Bro. ROBERT M KIFF  
VICTORIA DISTRICT - DDGM R.W.Bro. JEFFERY M. ANDERSON  
ONTARIO DISTRICT - DDGM R.W.Bro. RONALD DE MERCHANT





### Tri-District Masonic Day Agenda

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Day dress: Business suit for all Grand Lodge Officers. Business Casual for attendees.** Location: Peterborough Temple, 415 Rubidge St, Peterborough, ON K9H 4E2

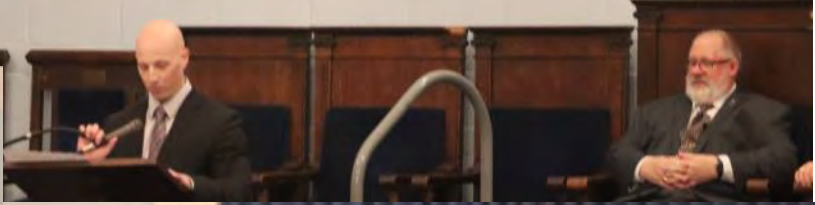
- 13:00 - **R.W. Bro. Jeff Anderson** Introducing Presenter's, and Highlighting Agenda, and the Protocol for the Event.
  - Mentoring Committee presented by **R.W. Bro. Terry Van Horne.**
- 13:45 - Break
- 14:00 - Finance Committee presented by **R.W. Bro. Michael Steele.**
- 14:45 - Break
- 15:00 - Officer Progression presented by **R.W. Bro. Art Di Cecco.**
- 15:45 - Break
- 16:00 - **R.W. Bro. Robert Kiff** introduction of the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace Hogeboom the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
  - Town Hall, lead by **M.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace Hogeboom** the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 16:55 - **R.W. Bro. Ronald De Merchant** Close Information Sessions at the Peterborough Temple, Thanking the presenters at the close of the Town Hall, then remind the brethren to start making their way over to the Holiday Inn banquet, collecting the Ladies (if required) on the way.

**Evening Dress: Business Casual for all.** Location: Holiday Inn, 150 George St N, Peterborough, ON K9J 3G5

- 17:30 - Cocktails at Holiday Inn banquet hall (w/light live entertainment)
- 18:30 - Banquet at Holiday In banquet hall (w/light live entertainment)
- 19:30 - Short presentations by **R.W. Bro. Frank Groves** presenting the accolades to **R.W. Bro John Hay**- return to social gathering (live music continues)

**LADIES ONLY** - 13:00 to 16:30 - Afternoon wine/cheese/painting party at Amandala's restaurant, located at 375 Water Street. (four blocks from Holiday Inn) This event must be pre-arranged with Lisa (705-868-7737 / [lisa@kiffauto.com](mailto:lisa@kiffauto.com)) in order to have proper head count for the paint/food orders.











While the Brethren attended the Tri-District event in the Peterborough Temple, quite a few Ladies enjoyed a fun afternoon of wine, cheese, and painting at Amandala's restaurant on Water Street in downtown Peterborough. Lots of smiling faces !!!



## DAY OF MASONRY LADIES EDITION

Lisa Kiff is organizing a wine/cheese  
and painting party for the ladies at  
Peterborough's No. 1 fine dining  
restaurant

*Amandala's*

CLOSED JUST FOR THIS EVENT  
TIME: 1PM-4PM

DIRECTIONS



Contact [Lisa@lisakiffauto.com](mailto:Lisa@lisakiffauto.com) to confirm your spot and details

### AMANDA MENARD, OWNER

Amanda is a visionary who, after years in the hospitality industry, decided to create her own restaurant unlike any other in Peterborough.

Over the years, Amanda has developed a deep love for this city and the incredible people who reside here.

She wanted to bring something unique to the community that both embraces the kindness and compassion that a small-town atmosphere provides, while also creating a "big city" upscale dining experience that cannot be had anywhere else.

375 Water St, Peterborough, ON



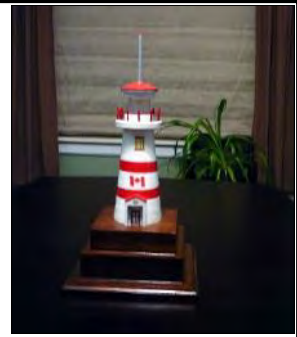
# Peterborough District *Lighthouse Trophy*

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.

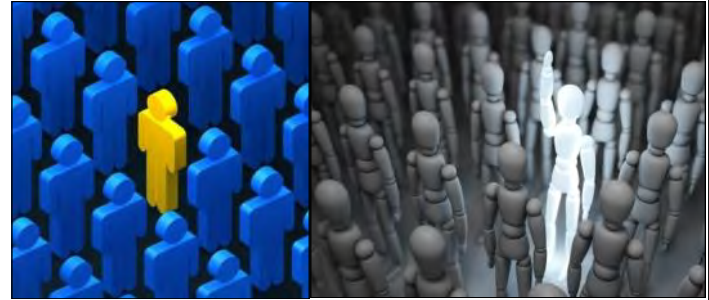
Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
**R.W. Bro. Bob McBride (Creator of the Peterborough District's *Lighthouse Trophy*.)**



**As I have been asked  
 by our Peterborough  
 District Deputy Grand Master,  
 R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff,  
 to take on this role for 2023 - 2024,  
 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*.**



**STAND UP AND  
 BE COUNTED**



## *Lighthouse Trophy results:*

	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	March 24	April 24	May 24	June 24	Total
Otonabee 101	5	22	28	19	1	5	37	22			
Golden Rule 126	1	2	4	5	1	1	8	3			
J.B. Hall 145	4	5	6	4	5	3	15	4			
Peterborough 155	0	1	0	8	3	2	3	2			
Percy 161	0	1	3	3	2	3	2	2			
Clementi 313	2	8	9	9	4	2	16	12			
Keene 374	2	2	3	3	2	2	6	3			
Havelock 435	1	3	6	8	3	1	2	4			



**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 !!!**



# **WING NIGHT**

**Location: Wing House  
320 Water St, Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

**COME OUT FOR A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP  
AND GOOD FOOD. WE WILL BE PASSING THE  
HAT FOR THE DISTRICT PROJECT.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



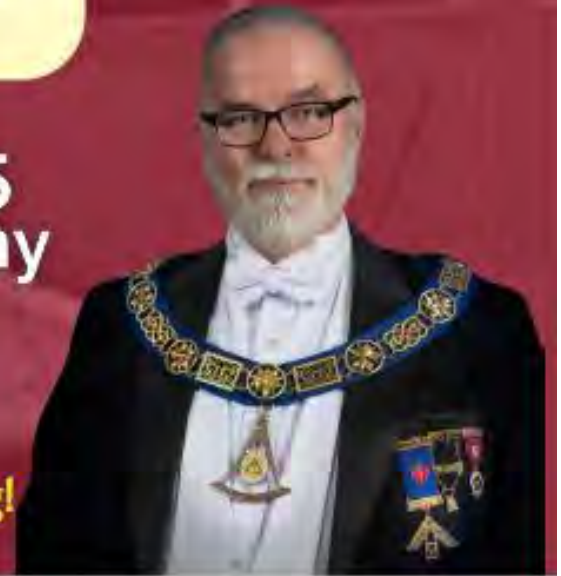


# Ontario Masons

## Village Lodge No. 145 Amalgamation Ceremony

Officiated by  
M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom,  
Grand Master

Please Join Us for an Historic Evening!



**WEDNESDAY**  
**08 MAY, 2024**  
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

**LOCATION:**  
Millbrook  
Masonic Temple

**ADDRESS:**  
11 King St E.,  
Millbrook, ON

We are excited to invite you to a momentous occasion in the history of our fraternity. M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom, Grand Master will be officiating the amalgamation of JB Hall Lodge No. 145 and Keene Lodge No. 374 creating Village Lodge No. 145. This amalgamation Ceremony marks the beginning of a new chapter, and we would appreciate you joining us.

### Evening Schedule:

- **5:30 PM:** Open Lodge
- **6:00 PM:** Social
- **6:30 PM:** Banquet
- **7:30 PM:** The Grand Master will conduct the Amalgamation Ceremony followed by the installation of officers

*\*Space is strictly limited RSVP requested*

Please confirm your attendance by visiting:

<https://www.bit.ly/VillageLodge145>

For more information or support, please contact Jason by email at

[jason@getuncommonresults.com](mailto:jason@getuncommonresults.com)

We look forward to celebrating this significant event with you.





## THE VALLEY OF PETERBOROUGH MASTER MASON NIGHT



### Now that I'm a Master Mason, What's Next?

Scottish Rite is a world-wide Masonic Fraternity with a membership of approximately 17,000 in Canada. Its goals are to build upon the moral and philosophic teachings found in the degree work studied in the Craft Lodge, the foundation of all Masonic work.

How many degrees are there in the Scottish Rite? Thirty-three, including the Craft degrees. However, the Craft degrees are accepted as conferred by the Grand Lodges. The Thirty-third is conferred directly by Supreme Council, the governing Body of the Rite.

The Valley of Peterborough will be hosting a Master Mason's Night. We invite all Masons for Fellowship and Information.

Brethren, this is an Event you will not want to miss!  
Come and find out what Scottish Rite Freemasonry  
is all about at our Master Masons Night.

**Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024,  
Dinner at 6:00pm.**

**A cast of characters from Scottish Rite history  
Starting at 7:00pm**

**The Peterborough Lodge. RSVP is a must!**

For more information or to RSVP please contact:  
Mark Smith (905) 985-3110 or Ian McKenzie (905) 983-9542.  
[marksmith106@gmail.com](mailto:marksmith106@gmail.com) -- [iandmck@hotmail.com](mailto:iandmck@hotmail.com)  
(The attire for the evening will be business casual.)





Here's an announcement from Will Prentice: Founders Golf Classic: 22 May 2024

The Founders are a Fun Shrine Streetcar unit that help raise funds for Shrine Kids Hospitals. Awesome door prizes at a fantastic golf course. If interested please fill out this form for your foursome or individual and send to Founder - Jay McBride - [jay@rpmonline.ca](mailto:jay@rpmonline.ca) Also if interested in a hole sponsorship that includes your advertisement at a specific golf hole around the gold course, please contact Founder - Ryan Holland - [Ryan@holland-homes.ca](mailto:Ryan@holland-homes.ca)



# FOUNDERS GOLF CLASSIC

SPONSORED BY THE FOUNDERS UNIT 1888

**WEDNESDAY MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2024**

**BEAR CREEK GOLF CLUB**

8545 Simcoe County Rd. 56, Utopia, Ontario, L0M 1T0

**Shotgun tee off at 1:00pm**

**First 216 Golfers to Register & Pay  
Entry Fee of \$190 per person**

Registration opens at 11:00AM, BBQ Lunch is served at 12:00 noon and Steak Dinner will be waiting for us after.

**Fee Includes: Lunch • Green Fee • Power Cart  
• Steak Dinner • Fantastic Prizes • Putting Contest  
A Prize for Every Golfer!**



Try hovering your camera phone over the QR Code and it will take you directly to the Founders website and Golf registration form.

Golfers and sponsors will be able to submit their application and payment directly to us and save all of us a lot of time.

**Cut off date is Wednesday, May 8th, 2024.**

## 2024 ENTRY FORM

Mail Completed form to: Ryan Holland, 20 Elgin St. E, Oshawa L1G 1S8

Name: (Individual or Team Captain)

Home Address:

Apt:

City:

Phone:

Cell:

Team Entered Represents:

Postal Code:

Team Members Include:

Email:

**Cut off date is Wednesday May 8th, 2024**

Cheque or Money Order payable to, "Founder's Golf Tournament" MUST accompany the entry. For the team (\$760), Individual (\$190). If you have arranged to play with another individual on a team, all money must be received before the starting time is assigned. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.



Scan the QR Code to Register

For More Information Please Contact:

Jay McBride 905-441-4288 [jay@rpmonline.ca](mailto:jay@rpmonline.ca)



V.W. Bro. Adam Baker, Secretary of Clementi Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 313 G.R.C., invites you to their 150th Anniversary Celebration on 24 May 2024. Hope to see you there !!!

# Clementi Lodge



## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Date: May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at **THE VENUE**

286 George Street, Peterborough

Social: 6:00 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm

Buffet Dinner of Chicken or Roast Beef

Live Band to follow speeches.

 **MIKE M. KENNA'S**  
*Slidewinder Blues Band*

Tickets: \$50.00 ea.

Ticket cut-off date: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

E-transfer to Larry Castle: [katlarcas01@gmail.com](mailto:katlarcas01@gmail.com)

**\*\* DRESS: BUSINESS SUIT \*\***



# Picton Motorcycle Breakfast Run: Our 37th year !!!



Once again, this year our bike ride will support our Peterborough Masonic District Project. The goal this year is to raise funds to award bursaries to deserving high school graduates who will continue their education in the skilled trades by entering apprenticeship training. For years society has lamented the dearth of people entering these trades notwithstanding the fact that much of our societal infrastructure and its maintenance relies on them.

We have been blessed over several years with riders who embrace the opportunity to come together for a great day of fellowship while contributing to worthwhile charitable causes.

Our ride this year is Saturday May 25th .

We leave the Sobeys's/Tim Hortons parking lot on Lansdowne Street West at 7:30 a.m. sharp, travelling through Warkworth to Brighton for a pit stop at the Tim's, on County Road 2, about 9:00 a.m. Riders from that area can meet up with us there or along the way. We leave Brighton about 9:30 to arrive at the Picton Golf Club about 10:30. Marnie is able to put on her wonderful breakfast for us again. The cost this year will be \$12, very reasonable for the buffet she provides. This will be the last year Marnie will cater this event as a well-deserved retirement awaits her. There will be a visit after breakfast to a winery and/or cheese shop or you can head off home.

Please respect our long-standing position that no patches/colours are to be worn by the participants. With this caveat, this ride is open to all who wish to combine a very good time with the knowledge that bursaries will flow to many secondary schools in the Peterborough and Northumberland area.



As in the past, the requested donation is \$25 per bike. If you are unable to ride on that day, your continued support, as your means will allow, will be greatly appreciated. Non-riders are most welcome at a cost of \$25 also. We only ask that you take a different route to the Golf Club than the one mentioned above.



If you are a Mason and, in particular, a Member of Otonabee Lodge No. 101, it is crucial that you aid this District project to achieve its goal.

To donate, please e-transfer to [whowell16@gmail.com](mailto:whowell16@gmail.com) and your donation will be forwarded. No security question or password required.

As an alternative, you can make cheques payable to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. Mail or deliver to

Walter Howell, 1622 Champlain Drive, Peterborough, Ont. K9L 1N6

Tax receipts will be issued by the Foundation.

Our goal this year is to raise \$2,000 so, if you have not yet supported the District Project, this may be the opportunity for which you have been waiting.



W. Bro. Colin Hughes, Secretary of Percy Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 161 G.R.C., has sent this poster.

# Fish Fry

\$2:00 from every ticket to go to the local Food Bank

1st June 2024

4pm-7pm

Adults \$20.00

Under 15.\$10.00

Under 5 Free



Percy Masonic Hall

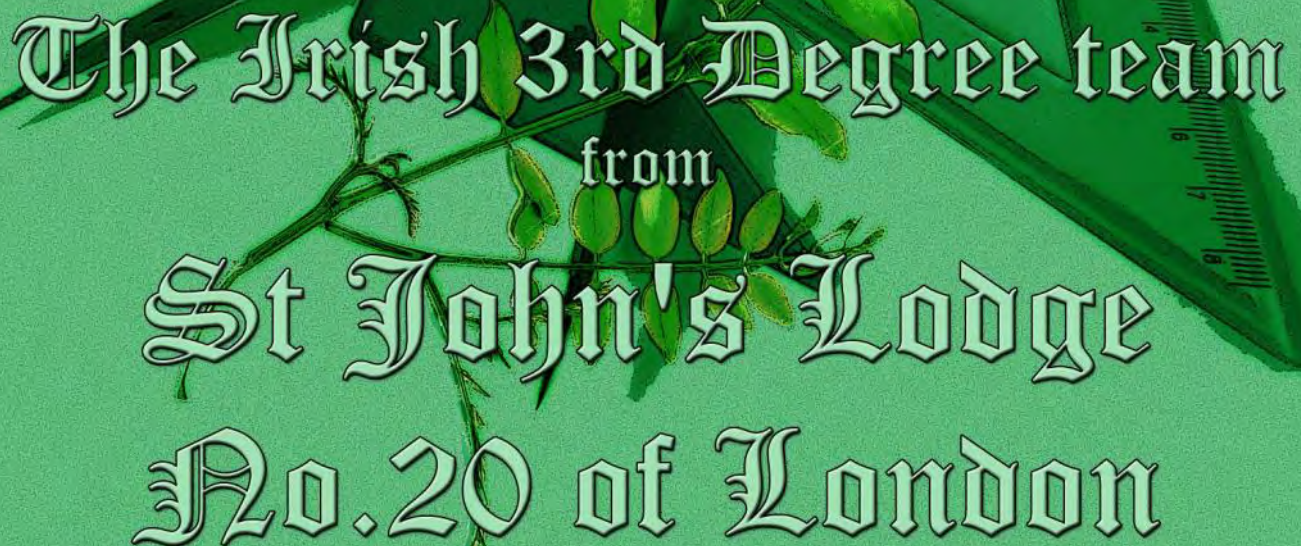
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**Looking forward to seeing you there !!!**





Peterborough Lodge 155, presents:



The Irish 3rd Degree team  
from  
St John's Lodge  
No. 20 of London

June 8 at the Peterborough Masonic Lodge  
415 Rubidge Street Peterborough,  
1pm

Cost \$20.00 including a potluck meal  
only 80 tickets available

Contact

John Hewitt 705 742 8067 or email at  
[bjhewitt@sympatico.ca](mailto:bjhewitt@sympatico.ca)

Dave Glover 705 748 3587 or email  
[dcagtemplar@hotmail.com](mailto:dcagtemplar@hotmail.com)





**ST. MARK'S LODGE NO. 105  
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO**

# **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**FRIDAY JUNE 14TH/2024  
FORT ERIE GOLF COURSE  
TEE OFF: 10:30 SHARP**

**\$120 / PERSON**

**INCLUDES:  
CART, BEVERAGES, DOG AT THE TURN**

**STEAK DINNER, 1 DOZEN BALLS**

**RAFFLES + PRIZES**

**CONTACT:  
GRAHAM LUNDY:  
905-371-6084**

**PAUL THOMAS:  
905-932-0133**







Grand Highways to our Shrines by  
Sovereign of Ninety-Two No. 44  
Toronto, S.S.D.P.M.S.

# Waubuno Shrine Club

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

**Friday June 21, 2024 1:00 PM**

**At the Parry Sound Golf & Country Club**

**This is a tournament to honour All Shriners. It is not about prizes, but is about the fellowship and Shrinedom.**

<b>Format</b>	Four Person Scramble
<b>11:30 AM – 1:00 PM</b>	Attitude Adjustment
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Shotgun Start (rain or shine)
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Dinner
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Trophy Presentation

Price is \$640.00 per four person team which includes golf, golf cart, meal and prizes.  
Extra meals are available (with notice) at \$45.00 each.

First 30 teams accepted. Please send entry & cheque payable to Waubuno Shrine Club to:  
Dave Garagan, C/O Parry Sound Ins. 69A Bowes St  
Parry Sound ON.  
P2A2L5

**Shriners Bring Your Fez**  
This function is run by the Waubuno Shrine Club but you do not have to be a Shriner to participate. All men and women are welcome!

Please note: Parry Sound Golf and Country Club is soft spikes only

**Entry Form:**

Player # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Player # 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Player # 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Player # 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Dinners: # of Dinners Required: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50/ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (add to cheque total)

Net proceeds from this event are for the benefit of the Waubuno Shrine Club. Payments are not deductible as charitable donations.

**Bro. Patrick Steeves has recently become the new Treasurer of Peterborough Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 155 G.R.C.**

**Here's an appeal from him as he was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease:**

***"In August, I am participating with the Michael J Fox Foundation in climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Parkinson's research.***

***I was wondering if you would be able to include the details as April is Parkinson's Awareness Month.***

***I will be climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro***

***in August 2024 alongside Team Fox, for the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease (PD) Research. This climb will help to raise critical funds for continued research to help those inflicted with PD - people like me.***

***My Parkinson's journey began with a variety of symptoms and issues leading to my initial diagnosis in 2018. Following more testing and increasing issues, the diagnosis was formally confirmed in April 2022. I began treatment immediately, taking advantage of the LSVT Big program, physiotherapy and medications, but PD will continue to impact my life.***

***Please join me as I out-climb PD by donating through my fundraising page.***

***I am among the more than 7 million people worldwide living with Parkinson's — the second most common neurological disorder.***

***In Canada, approximately 6600 new cases will be diagnosed this year alone. Currently, there is no known cure for Parkinson's.***

***Together, we can change that.***

***Team Fox is the grassroots community fundraising program at The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF). MJFF accelerates critical scientific research through smart risk-taking and problem-solving with a commitment to urgency and efficiency.***



***100% of Team Fox proceeds from the Mt. Kilimanjaro will go directly to high-impact Parkinson's research. As a participant, I have covered my travel costs to and from Africa and I am committed to fundraising at least \$10,000.***

***While my Parkinson's journey is far from over, this is my chance to give back and make a lasting impact for all of those living with PD, like me.***

***Please help me reach my goal as I climb for a cure by considering a contribution by sponsoring me at***

***< <https://tinyurl.com/PatrickSteeves> >***

***Be sure to select Canadian funds and provide your details to ensure you receive a tax receipt.***

***Feel free to share this with friends or organizations that might also consider a donation.***

***Thank you, from myself and my family, for helping find a cure for this devastating disease.***

***Patrick Steeves"***

**APRIL IS  
PARKINSON'S  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**







Join Imperial Sir Richard Burke, his Lady Judy  
and Illustrious Sir Bob Mount and his Lady Nancy  
For the November 2024-25 Imperial Cruise

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8 Nights departing Ft Lauderdale on Saturday, November 9th,  
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*Tips & Gratuities - \$18 per person, per day = \$144 per person*  
*Cruise pricing listed is for 2 people per cabin, including port charges, government taxes and fees.*

Day	Date	Port or Activity	Arrive	Depart
Sat	Nov 9	Fort Lauderdale, FL		4:00pm
Sun	Nov 10	At Sea		
Mon	Nov 11	At Sea		
Tue	Nov 12	St. Maarten	8:00am	6:00pm
Wed	Nov 13	St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands	8:00am	6:00pm
Thu	Nov 14	St. Kitts	8:00am	5:00pm
Fri	Nov 15	At Sea		
Sat	Nov 16	At Sea		
Sun	Nov 17	Fort Lauderdale, FL	6:00am	

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/Imperial-Cruise>

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Booking questions, contact:

Booking Number #8803296

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All other questions, please email: **Chuck Rager** [crager@bellsouth.net](mailto:crager@bellsouth.net) or **Gaines Wallen** [wallenag@gmail.com](mailto:wallenag@gmail.com)

**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. Bharat Maini  
(Clementi 313)**



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

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



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fatherless:  
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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 Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada 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](http://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](mailto: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 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  
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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](http://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](http://www.quatuorcoronati.com).

Thank you!!!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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

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**Quatuor Coronati**  
Lodge No. 2076



**Quatuor Coronati Lodge** - 'QC', the world's premier research lodge, shares its research publications and provides support to Masonic scholars and researchers nationally and internationally through 'QCCC' - the QC Correspondence Circle.

And they have access to research support and online reference material at [quatuorcoronati.com](http://quatuorcoronati.com)

**WOW**  
I DIDN'T KNOW

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



**WHAT MADE ME SMILE TODAY**



Every morning, I received a *Daily Smile* from V.W. Bro. Eric Lakien, Assistant Grand Chaplain, 2012 - 2013, and thought that I would share this one with you from 06 October 2023. He has gone on a sojourn for the winter months and won't be back until spring.

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.

**MAGICIAN**



A magician was working on a Caribbean cruise ship.

The audience was different each week, so the magician allowed himself to do the same tricks over and over again.

There was only one problem: The captain's parrot saw the show every week and began to understand what the magician did in every trick.

Once he understood, he started shouting in the middle of the show:

*"Look, it's not the same hat!"*

*"Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table!"*

*"Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades?"*

The magician was furious but couldn't do anything. It was the captain's parrot after all.

One day the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself on a piece of wood, in the middle of the ocean, and of course the parrot was by his side.

They stared at each other with hate, but did not utter a word.


This went on for several days.

After a week the parrot finally said:

*"Okay, I give up. What'd you do with the boat?"*







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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.

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 !!!”*



David Poluck, owner of Luray Gems / Northern Jewellery, is a supplier, manufacturer and restorer of Masonic merchandise, regalia and memorabilia. Having corresponded with Dave, from Luray Northern Gems in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, for a number of years, here is his latest announcement to you about his custom-designed Masonic jewellery.



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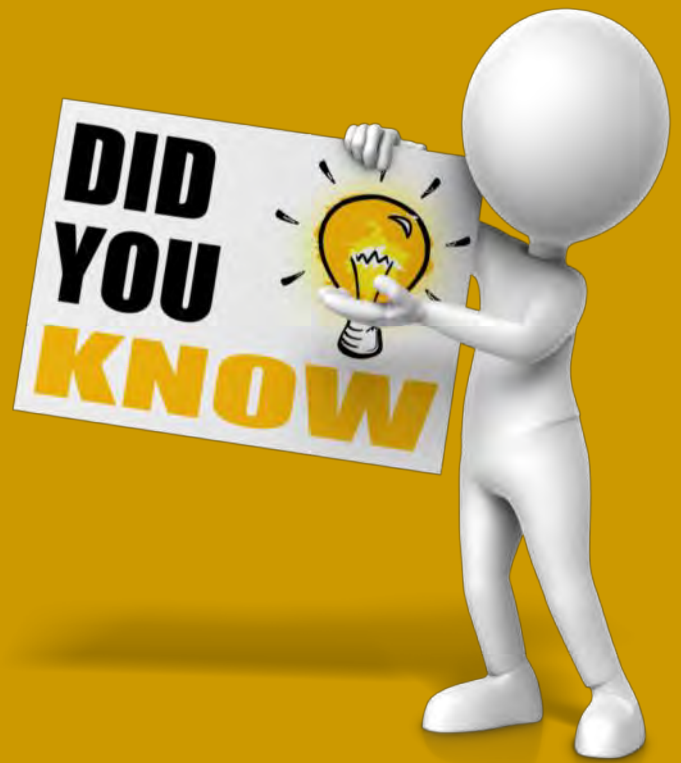
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Here's a bit of trivia  
for you:



Great Britain's Union Copper Company, Birmingham, 1812, One Penny Token.

Note the Masonic connection !!!

## Monthly Communiqué from Grand Lodge:



For many, many years, starting when I was the Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master in 2007, I have included Grand Lodge's Monthly Communiqué in each issue of the *Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter.

Grand Lodge has decided to publish each month's Communiqué in the monthly *Ontario Mason Magazine*,



so, in keeping with that change, here is the

## ***Grand Master's Communiqué***

**April 2024**

My Brethren:

In 2016, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ) commissioned a comprehensive, data-driven analysis of the state of Freemasonry. The study led to the development of the data-driven strategic marketing initiative known as the "*Path Forward*", and "*Not Just a Man. A Mason.*" campaign that would serve as a robust, compelling lead-in for men looking to join our Fraternity.

Four years later, the NMJ, Shriners International and Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction partnered together in creating and launching the website "*BeAFreemason.org*" with the objective to grow Freemasonry in the United States and Canada. The site has proven to be an extremely effective tool in helping men begin their journey into Freemasonry. To date, more than 120,000 "*leads*" have been sent to Grand Lodges across the United States and Canada through the website's referral portal, which shows no sign of abating.

The effectiveness of the campaign and website revitalized Grand Lodges worldwide and renewed optimism about the future of Freemasonry. These tools have been widely adopted across North America and additional countries, with its impact transcending language barriers as it has been translated into five languages.

Men have responded to this campaign not because these efforts are slick or clever but because the messaging articulates Freemasonry's ideological core and strikes at the heart of modern man. The tremendous response evoked by the campaign and website year after year provides solid proof that men want to join the organization – they just need help to find their way.

With the help of our Masonic friends to the South, we have undergone a massive evolution in the approach to membership development, recruitment, marketing, and communications. This campaign has proven remarkably successful, with more than 40% of all new Members being found through our digital recruitment and tracking process. Interested men can now apply and begin the process of joining online.

With the help of this campaign, there has been a rise in the profile of Freemasonry in North America. The "*Not Just a Man. A Mason.*" campaign has instilled a renewed sense of pride among Freemasons and has served as the catalyst to inspire thousands of new Members to join the fraternity.

With the co-operation of our Lodges and Districts, we are now tracking over 2,700 men in Ontario who have shown an interest in Freemasonry.





One cannot overstate the importance of an existing familiarity with the Craft in society today and what it means for membership growth. In marketing terms, this level of brand awareness familiarizes potential Members with Freemasonry and differentiates it from other social options. As brand recognition grows, trust is built, and apprehension is diminished, making men more likely to join. Not to be overlooked is the sense of unity and pride that takes root in existing members as Freemasonry once again takes its rightful place in the centre of our cultural conversation.

Since 2020, "[BeAFreemason.org](http://BeAFreemason.org)" has enjoyed more than two million unique page views and has generated more than 120,000 inquiries from prospective Members that have been shared with Grand Lodges throughout North America. These efforts are proving sustainable as the inquiries are increasing every year.

The success of "[BeAFreemason.org](http://BeAFreemason.org)" is not accidental. The invisible hands of top experts in the fields of keyword research, content marketing and search engine optimization support the site daily.

This electronic campaign has helped instill a renewed sense of optimism for the future of Freemasonry. Your Grand Lodge was one of the first to sign on to the program as an extension of our duty to guide men to the Craft to help them discover their rightful place within Freemasonry's esteemed order.

Last year, another survey was conducted but with 3,500 men, rather than the initial 1,000 back in 2016, to reassess the terrain. The goal was to understand what would motivate men to join Freemasonry and what, if anything, had changed in nearly a decade. The most glaring result from this most recent survey to me was that after learning what Freemasonry was about, nearly two-in-three men (64%) stated that they would consider joining, which is an increase from the 44% in the original survey of 2016. Looking at millennials alone, this number jumps to 77%.

Freemasonry has survived for centuries by fostering enduring friendships among like-minded men. Freemasons share immutable values, a thirst for self-improvement, a commitment to virtuous purpose and living a life imbued with selflessness, integrity, and charity. For Freemasons, friendships are bound in part by a reliance on each other to continually learn and improve both as Master Masons and upstanding men.

Today, there are few places a man can turn to for connection. Friendship has become a game of chance and is often subjected to the ebb and flow of work and family demands. In many ways, forming new friendships has been relegated to the back of the line for men. In contrast, the Lodge is fully dedicated to forming meaningful bonds as, by definition, the Lodge is filled with men who share these noble values. True bonds are formed through sharing a common purpose and noble values, which is reflected in the data on what attracts men to Masonry.

Freemasonry is practised shoulder to shoulder with fellow Brethren, creating a sense of belonging by bringing men together in a supportive and inclusive community. Learning from and practising the Craft is the catalyst for forming deep bonds of friendship and camaraderie by providing opportunities for social interaction, companionship, and shared experiences. Our Craft is unto itself in that it creates unique bonds through shared values and virtuous purpose, unparalleled support network, timeless rituals and traditions, and never-ending personal development.

As I mentioned last month, I believe our success in this recruitment initiative and ultimately, our objective of retention, lies solely on our follow-up with these men knocking at our West Gate. We are light years ahead of our Brethren to the South in this key focus where many men who want to join are ignored. All the early trust built through messages of brotherhood and connection are undone by a lack of follow-up. Thus, ignoring a prospect breaks trust, it breaks your word as a Mason, and you may not get the chance to repair the damage done.

Follow-up addresses concern; it strengthens Freemasonry's image and reputation; it drives conversion and fosters retention; and proves to be a significant method for building trust. That was a long way to go to say thankyou to all the mentors and administrators involved with this program on behalf of your Grand Lodge and Masonry in Ontario and we encourage you to continue.

Follow-up with our potential candidates is the key to our success in growing our Order. It is the first step in an effective retention strategy.

If you would like to join the Grand Master in celebrating Masonry in Ontario during the next month, he will be in:

April 11 – Burlington – 164th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter

April 14 – St. Catharines – Sankey Lecture

April 16 – Leamington – Leamington and Xenophon Lodge Amalgamation

April 20 – Toronto – Toronto and York Districts Day of Masonry

April 25 – Carp – Carleton Lodge Arctic Char Night

April 27 – Peterborough – Peterborough, Victoria and Ontario District Day of Masonry

Thank you, Brethren.

Thomas W. Hogeboom  
Grand Master

# Deputy Grand Master's Communiqué

My Brethren:

April is here and so is Spring! This is the time of year for new beginnings, for renewed excitement for future endeavours and for another chance of building a superstructure of hope and positivity. Spring is for eagerness and anticipation of what will transpire from the seeds that we have sown in our own Masonic career. Spring is, in my opinion, the best time of year to feel great about ourselves and it's another chance to cultivate great results from a positive and fresh beginning.

The April Edition of the **Ontario Masons Magazine** is full of great information, education and events that will help you to get a fresh start on this Spring Season. Please sit down for a few minutes and read the **OMM** and maybe you can pick up some new ideas to get your Lodge and/or District active and moving forward better. Don't be afraid to try new ideas, your thoughts just might be that something that turned things around and re-energized the membership.

I want to talk about the Spring Masonic activities that are either already planned or are in the planning stages. I am truly happy that there are so many functions in the works, but I am asking the Organizing Committees to please use the Grand Lodge Branding on all of the posters and promotional material. Our Ontario Masons Branding has been designed to help our Fraternity to be recognized in our communities and to be used exclusively in Ontario. It will help the membership to identify our activities and to draw interest from everyone who happens to notice the promotional material. The Ontario Masons symbol and word mark will hopefully be used on everything in order to make us proud of our heritage and still move us forward into the future to keep us noticed and relevant.

All advertisements that have the Grand Master and/or the Deputy Grand Master involved in them are to be approved through the office of the Grand Secretary. If, for example, the Grand Master happens to be attending or is the guest speaker at that event, his name must be prominent as the main attraction. If his picture is used, it must be the Grand Lodge approved picture and it must be clearly placed on the poster. His name must be correctly spelled and his rank and title must be listed correctly. If there are other speakers at the same event, that is alright, but the Grand Master must be and will be listed as the headlining attraction. Please send all related material to the Grand Secretary and he will help you to promote your event successfully. Remember, we are all in this together and we want every event to be well-attended and recognized as an Ontario Masons event.

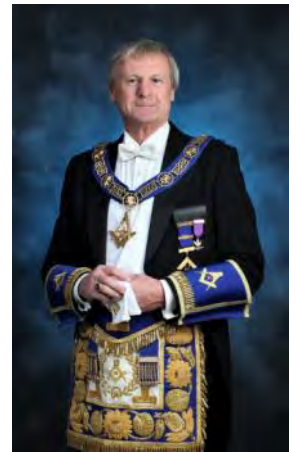
For the events that are being planned that do not have the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master attending as the special guest, please continue to use the official Grand Lodge Branding on all promotional materials. I feel that our Ontario Masons Branding provides consistency throughout the entire Jurisdiction for everyone to see and be proud of. It's our Ontario Masons' Branding in the Lodges, Districts and Communities that is going to make a significant difference to us in the long run. We need our Members and our potential Members to recognize and understand that wherever they see the symbol and word mark being used, good things are happening. Please forward your posters to the Grand Lodge Communications Pillar so that they can help you to place our Branding in a prominent place, so that you can receive the full benefit of a well-recognized and trusted Ontario Masons' Brand.

The official Branding document, for your use, is located on the Grand Lodge website, please review it and use it. I want you to be successful and to have fun in all of your activities and I want you to be ever mindful of the potential Members who you might be in the eyes of. Branding is a positive step forward for us. Let's reap the benefits that it will produce.

In conclusion, as always, my Brethren, let us rub and cherish our shiny penny, plan for a bright, safe and happy future, keep our Lodges vibrant and make someone smile today and tomorrow. Let us look ahead to this upcoming Masonic year with hope and determination and let us all inspire someone to do better!!! Remember Brethren, a cloudy day doesn't mean the sun isn't there.....let us all be the shining light to our friends and families, our Lodges and ourselves.

Thank you Brethren, safe travels and God Bless

Jamie R. Ireland  
Deputy Grand Master





# Grand Chaplain's Communiqué

Just before a Candidate for Initiation takes his Obligation, we advise him that vows of fidelity are required but we then inform and assure him that *"those vows are not inconsistent with your civil, moral or religious duties"*. What exactly does that mean and how do we reconcile our own religious duties with those of Freemasonry that we pledge to uphold? Permit me to share with you how I do that from a Jewish perspective.

Through all of the various journeys of exploration of my own spirituality and religiosity, there seems to be one very common thread, a concept we call Tikkun Olam, which generally refers to various forms of action intended to repair and improve the world. In more modern terms, Tikkun Olam has come to refer to the pursuit of social justice or *"the establishment of G-dly qualities throughout the world"* based on the idea that *"Jews bear responsibility not only for their own moral, spiritual, and material welfare, but also for the welfare of society at large"*. As I expand my thoughts here this afternoon, keep in mind this concept and note how pervasive it truly is.

In the Initiation ceremony, we inform a man of the importance of respecting the laws of government, particularly if he adopts or seeks refuge in a country. We similarly warn him that he is not to become involved in any subversive activities. In Jewish teaching, we are likewise instructed to adopt the laws of the country we choose, FIRST and foremost. And subversive behaviour is most certainly discouraged.

We most emphatically teach a Mason the importance of upholding another Mason's honour and reputation as if it were his own. These are the essential bonds of both friendship and those of supporting even a stranger if he is known to be a Mason. The concept of assisting a stranger is certainly not foreign to Jews. Many times, our family has welcomed a stranger into our home during one of our joyous holidays where they may, otherwise, have had nowhere to celebrate.

Masonry is not a religion; however, regardless of what we call our particular Supreme Being, we, as Masons, must profess to a belief in such a Being. We certainly advise a new Mason to *"look up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support"* as well as *"imploring His aid in all our lawful undertakings"*. Judaism is definitely consistent in its teachings about our relationship with God.

Masonry admonishes a man to *"make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge"*. Judaism is based upon constant learning and the acquisition of knowledge.

As Masons, we extend to our departed Brethren a most sincere and moving Masonic Memorial Service and do our utmost to comfort the mourners, particularly the widows of our Brethren. When a Jew reaches the end of life, we jump into action to support our family and friends. We are there for them from the time of the burial, which typically occurs within 24-48 hours, throughout the week of public mourning that we call Shiva and we provide meals for the family so that their focus is only on their grieving and not on the everyday necessities.

Returning to the concept of Tikkun Olam, how many of you have heard of Israeli Emergency Response Teams that arrive at the scene of disasters around the world to be part of a first response whether that be in an earthquake or hurricane zone? This is clear evidence of that notion that Jews bear responsibility for the welfare of society at large and, by extension, of acts of love and kindness and of welcoming/assisting the stranger.

Indeed, in our daily morning prayers, we recite the following:

These are the obligations whose value cannot be measured. They nourish us in this world and help us to create the world to come:

- To honour father and mother;
- To perform acts of love and kindness,
- To attend the house of study morning and evening,
- To welcome the stranger,
- To visit the sick,
- To provide for bride and groom,
- To keep faith with the dead,
- To pray with sincerity,
- To make peace where there is strife,
- And the study of Torah is equal to them all.

This, my friends is Tikkun Olam, And this, is Freemasonry.

With sincere fraternal regards,

R.W. Bro. Michael A. Litvak  
Grand Chaplain  
michael@litvak.ca  
647-400-2341



## Grand Secretary's Communiqué

Brethren,

2024 Grand Master's Banquet:

The Grand Master's Banquet will be held Wednesday July 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Grand York Ballroom at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites.

4-COURSE DUO STEAK & SALMON DINNER (includes Soup, Salad, Entrée and Dessert)

Tickets will once again only be available for purchase online using Eventbrite.

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

Cut-off Date is Monday July 8, 2024.

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

Please look for further details in the April mailing.

Thank you Brethren.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



## Grand Treasurer's Communiqué

My Brethren.

Last month I discussed the need for planning, especially in a world of rapid social and economic change. As Grand Treasurer, my focus concerns the financial management of Grand Lodge and the steps and plans for the next 5 years.

In addition to cost cutting measures, I recommended a modest \$10 increase of annual dues to be voted on this summer. These are inflationary times. Costs are not only rising; but a large percentage of our Members are past retirement and the overall decline in Membership will continue for some time. So much for a macro-view of the Craft.

Let us focus on the lodge or micro level. The same principles and concerns apply.

Let's begin with the very basics of bookkeeping.

If you record all monies collected including those that are due or receivable and those paid out or payable at the end of your lodge's fiscal year and categorize the sources of income and expenses, you will have produced a financial statement. How do you make it meaningful? How do you interpret those numbers and then produce an annual budget and a forecast; and finally, what does it mean for your Lodge?

The first suggestion is to make the numbers comparative to last year or perhaps a column for the last 2 or three years. When you have a basis of comparison for a period, you can see trends and irregularities.

Is income from dues declining? What is the reason? Is Membership declining? Are your dues too low? Should they increase over time? Should you try to forecast Membership numbers going forward for the next 5 years? What steps can the Lodge take to attract and retain new Members? The same applies to expenses which includes refreshments, rent, the cost of aprons, jewels and other Masonic supplies, insurance, social events, donations, benevolence, Grand Lodge and District assessments? Are these covered by annual dues? Should some variable expenses be covered by Members who attend like food or banquet costs?

Every Lodge should have a finance committee consisting of the WM, Treasurer, Secretary and perhaps a couple of Members who are financially astute to assist in interpreting these numbers, and perhaps using an Excel spreadsheet projecting forward 5 years.

If the bottom line is a loss, you must focus on better cost management and on measures to attract Members. How do you do that?

Here are some suggestions and guidelines. Let me give you a hint.

Lodges are social organizations and places of fellowship. Making friends, working, and socializing together should not only be restricted to a monthly formal meeting. Why not have a regular (once a month?) get together including friends and family for brunch, lunch or dinner which encourages an interest in Masonry and what we do? If you have dinner before Lodge, invite some interested parties to attend and pique their curiosity. Be prepared to answer. Have some copies of [Freemasons for Dummies](#) to refer to. It is fun, well-illustrated and covers a lot of material that Masons and the public may find interesting. Perhaps invite a guest speaker or a brief talk.





There are many established sources of material with great suggestions published by our own Grand Lodge. The Masonic Manual was published in 1988. Few of our Brethren refer to it. Look at chapter 4, in Communications, and, commencing on page 111, public relations. Great ideas! Also, refer to the material on Strategic Planning located on the website that you can download. This is all for the benefit of our Lodges. Part of the problem is not knowing where to look; the other is taking the time to do something about it. We were taught as Masons the virtues of commitment, hard work, dedication, and leadership. It's not easy; but the entire basis of planning requires a plan and commitment. Think about it. It's about time. It's about devoting your time. Finally, it is Springtime, the weather is pretty nice for this time of year, and I am swamped with tax work. Whatever your faith, I wish you a Happy Easter, Passover, Ramadan fast and of course good health. As always, I welcome feedback and questions. Please feel to contact me at (905) 881-1929 or [schatzker@rogers.com](mailto:schatzker@rogers.com) The planning we do today is an investment in our future. Thank you, my Brethren. Be well. Sydney T. Schatzker  
Grand Treasurer

## ***The Grand Master's Travels***



**2024.03.02 - The Grand Master seeks clarification from the Custodian of the Work during his presentation under the watchful eye of the Niagara District Deputy Grand Masters and Members of the Board of General Purposes in attendance at the Niagara Day of Masonry in St. Catharines.**

## What is the significance of the Northeast Corner?



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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"A sound head, an honest heart, and a humble spirit are the three best guides through time and eternity."

Brother  
Walter Scott



On Wednesday, 24 April, I received these announcements from Grand Lodge:

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

April 2024

Dear Sir and Brother:

By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I beg to notify you that the One Hundred and Sixty Ninth 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 17, 2024** 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

Special seats are available for you immediately behind the Grand Senior Warden.

Louis M. Domjan,  
Grand Secretary

## **A G E N D A**

### **MONDAY, JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The Board of General Purposes will meet virtually on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. EDT until 10:00 p.m. EDT. R.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, will preside.

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The Annual Communication / Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom, Grand Master / President presiding.

### **THURSDAY, JULY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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 D.D.G.M.s will take place Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 new D.D.G.M.s 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 SOLD OUT.

There are a number of other nearby hotels, such as:

- 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

July 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Bro. John Ross Matheson  
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 9, 2024.

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 29<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Details will be provided at a later date.

Attendance of all DDGMs is required.

## SEMINARS

Eleven different seminars will be held on Wednesday afternoon July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 1:00p.m. – 4:30p.m. on the lower Convention level.

1:00 to 2:00pm	<b>Lodge of Instruction - EA</b> Custodian of the Work Vaughan Ballroom
1:00 to 2:00pm	<b>Officer Progression</b> R.W. Bro. Art Di Cecco Markham A
1:00 to 2:00pm	<b>Treasurer Workshop</b> Grand Treasurer Markham B
1:00 to 2:00pm	<b>First prepared to be a Mason</b> W. Bro. Mitch Allison Aurora
1:00 to 2:00pm	<b>Secretary Technology</b> R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman Stouffville

2:15 to 3:15pm	<b>Lodge of Instruction - FC</b> Custodian of the Work Vaughan Ballroom
2:15 to 3:15pm	<b>Condition of Masonry</b> R.W. Bro. Ken Elligson Markham A
2:15 to 3:15pm	<b>Membership Strategies</b> R.W. Bro. Jim Sercombe Markham B
2:15 to 3:15pm	<b>Temples (Fire &amp; Insurance)</b> R.W. Bros. Gatcke & Sialtsis Aurora
2:15 to 3:15pm	<b>Secretary Technology</b> R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman Stouffville

3:30 to 4:30pm	<b>Lodge of Instruction - MM</b> Custodian of the Work Vaughan Ballroom
3:30 to 4:30pm	<b>Cornerstone</b> R.W. Bro. Graham Tait Markham A
3:30 to 4:30pm	<b>District Secretary</b> R.W. Bro. Victor Tavares Markham B
3:30 to 4:30pm	<b>Duties of a Corporation</b> R.W. Bro. Chris Handley Aurora
3:30 to 4:30pm	<b>Secretary Technology</b> R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman Stouffville

If there are multiple workshops that interest your lodge, consider sending members from your lodge to each one then gather afterwards to compare notes on what is important to your lodge.

### 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 for contact information.

Dispensing of alcohol at all times must be under the direct control of a Brother in possession of **Smart Serve Certification**. Alcohol must not be carried in hallways from one hospitality room to another or for any other reason.

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.



## Membership and Guest(s) Behaviour Annual Communication 2024

At prior in-person Annual Communications in 2019, 2022 and 2023 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 (2024).

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. See Grand Lodge Hotel Notice document for contact information.
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 Staff, for whatever reason, must be immediately complied with. Including, the ejection of all those present in the suite/room.

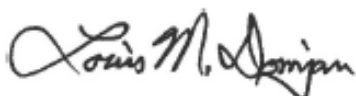
The registered rooms' occupants(s) are also subject to eviction from the hotel property. Previous incidents have necessitated members being permanently banned from the Hotel.

The foregoing rules and restrictions must be strictly conformed to. Any violation; as reported by Sheraton Hotel Security or 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 Meet the Candidates

### Grand Senior Warden



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



**PRINCE DILIPKUMAR SELVARAJ** – Retired Correctional Officer, 130 Citadel Drive, Scarborough, ON M1K 4S6. The Beaches Lodge No. 473, Toronto East District. W.M. 2010.

### Grand Junior Warden



**SHAWN WARREN HEWLETT** – Retired Police Officer, S/Sgt. OPP, 65 Rosemary Road, Orillia, ON L3V 7P9. Equity Lodge No. 659, Georgian North District. W.M. 2001. Grand Pursuivant 2022

### Grand Registrar



**ROBERT MICHAEL CULBERTSON** – Retired Senior Financial Education Specialist, 6 Ironwood Crt., Brighton, ON K0K 1H0. Coronati Lodge No. 520, Toronto East District. W.M. 2017.



**ALEXANDER JAMES DOEL** – Retired Business Executive, 717 West Point Drive, Perth, ON K7H 3C7. True Britons Lodge No. 14, St. Lawrence District. W.M. 2018.

### Board of General Purposes



**DAVID JAMES BRADLEY BROOMHEAD** – Retired Teacher/Principal, 25 Aberdeen Street N., Box 957, Chapleau, ON P0M 1K0. Lorne Lodge No. 622, Algoma East District. W.M. 1988, 2017. DDGM 1992. Board of G.P. 2019-2024



**EDWARD CHARLES DENBEIGH** – Retired Military Officer and Public Servant, 1201-44 Emmerson Ave., Ottawa, ON K1Y 2L8. Hazeldean Lodge No. 517, Ottawa 1 District. W.M. 2000. Grand Steward 2014. Grand Director of Ceremonies 2017-2019.



**BRENT HENRY DEROCHIE** – Water Treatment and Utilities Construction, 22 Bristol Place, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6L8. Hatherly Lodge No. 625, Algoma East District. W.M. 2014, 2015, 2016. DDGM 2021. Board of G.P. 2023-2024



**JEFFREY MICHAEL GATCKE** – Insurance Broker, 32 Dark Island Lane, Gananoque, ON K7G 2V4. Templum Fidelis Lodge No. 746, Frontenac District. W.M. 2023, 2024. DDGM 2016. Board of G.P. 2020-2024.



**DANIEL GRAHAM** – Music Consultant, 25 Wyandotte Court, Kitchener, ON N2A 2H9. New Dominion Lodge No. 205, Waterloo District. W.M. 2015. Grand Director of Ceremonies 2019-2022.

## Board of General Purposes continued



**DONALD S. KEMBALL** – Vice-Principal, 60 Bolton Drive, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1W5. Mount Sinai-Pillars Lodge No. 522, Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 2013. DDGM 2021. Board of G.P. 2022-2024



**ROBERT KLIAMAN** – Chartered Professional Accountant, 14-3000 Langstaff Road, Concord, ON L4K 4R7. Canada Friendship Lodge No. 532, Toronto East District. W.M. 2005. Board of G.P. (Hon) 2009-2015. PGSW (Hon) 2012. DDGM 2022.



**GARRY S. PERKINS** – Commercial Airline Pilot, 92 Crompton Drive, Barrie, ON L4M 6P1. Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Georgian South District. W.M. 2019. Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies 2021.



**JAMES ROBERT SERCOMBE** – Retired Teacher, 426 Hickson Ave., London, ON N6C 2L5. Arkona Lodge No. 307, Sarnia District. W.M. 1989, 2001, 2010. DDGM 1999. Board of G.P. 2017-2024.



**PETER JOHN SIALTSIS** – Barrister, Solicitor & Notary Public, 14 Brairbluff Ave., Toronto, ON M1E 3H3. Birch Cliff Lodge No. 612, Toronto East District. W.M. 2008, 2009, 2023. Grand Steward 2012. DDGM 2014. Board of G.P. 2019-2024.



**VICTOR A. TAVARES** – Photo Editor, 455 Brock Ave., Toronto, ON M6H 3N8. Humber Lodge No. 305, Toronto Humber Valley District. W.M. 2015. DDGM 2017. Board of G.P. 2022-2024.



**EMILIO TESTA** – Retired Business Analyst, 201-41 Ash Street, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1E2. Zeredatha Lodge No. 220, York District. W.M. 2001. Grand Steward 2022.



**JAMES ORVILLE WARK** Farmer/Auctioneer, 1680 Bruce Road 40, RR 3, Paisley, ON N0G 2N0. Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Bruce District. W.M. 2005, 2012. DDGM 2016. Board of G.P. 2019-2024.

### Deputy Grand Master



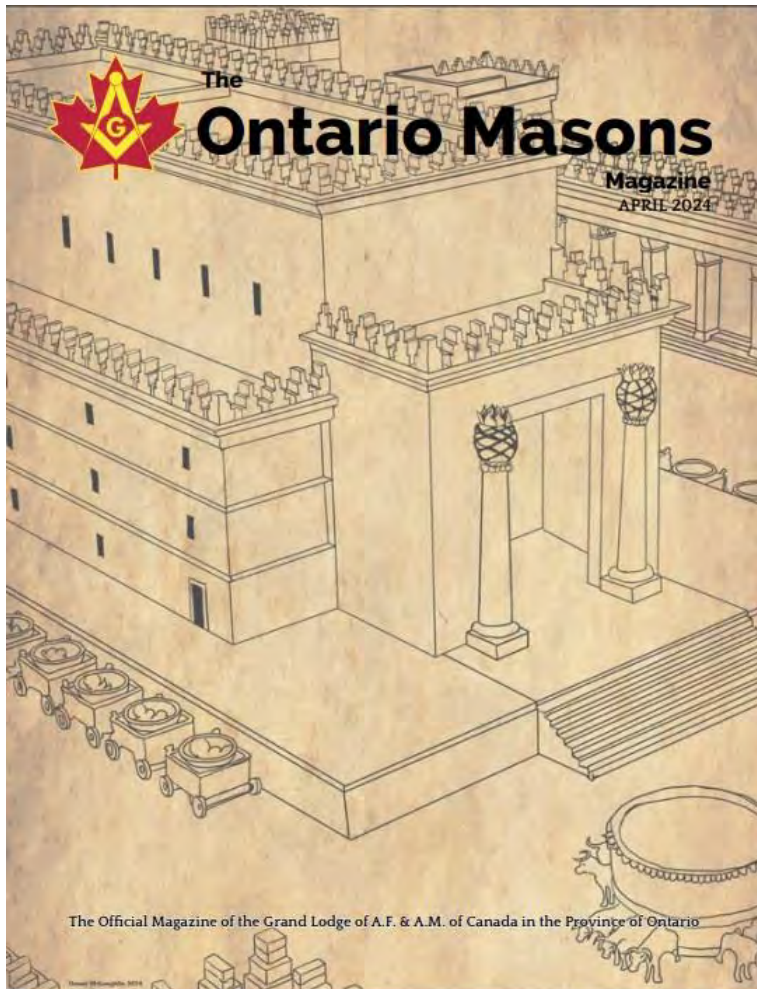
**ARTHUR MICHAEL DI CECCO** – Owner & CEO Project Management, 8 Romney Road, Etobicoke, ON M9A 4G1. Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 2009, 2010. DDGM 2012. Board of G.P. 2012-2024.



**TERRANCE H.R. VAN HORNE** – Security Services Officer, 33-10 Crown Hill Place, Etobicoke, ON M8Y 4C6. Simcoe Lodge No. 644, Toronto Humber Valley District. W.M. 2010, 2011. Grand Senior Warden 2014. Board of G.P. 2016-2021, 2023-2025



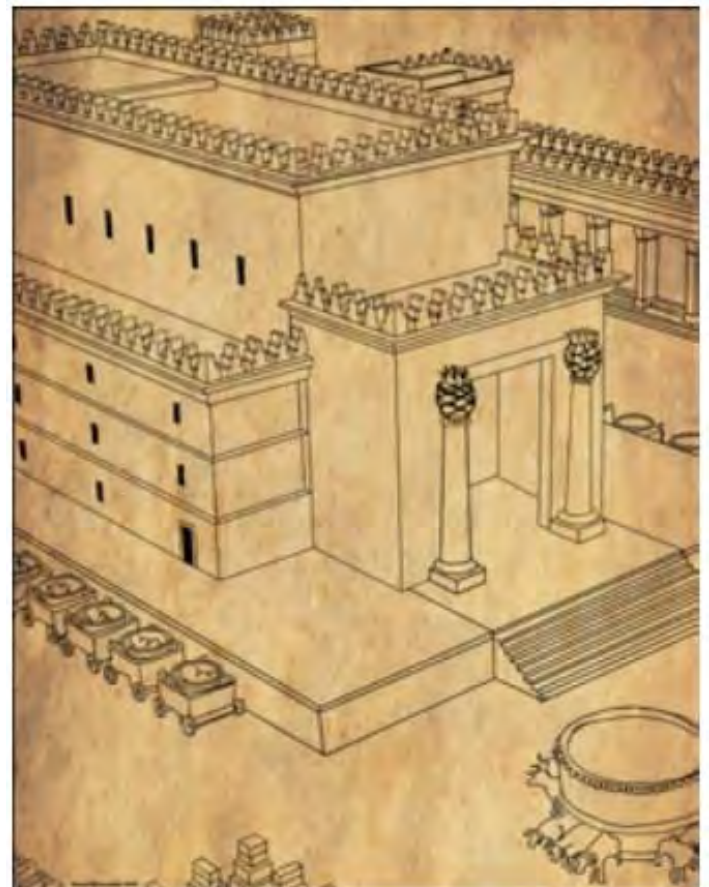
The cover of the April issue of *The Ontario Mason* magazine features our very own Peterborough District's Bro. Danny McLaughlin, Junior Warden of Otonabee Lodge No. 101 and our Peterborough District's Digital Archivist / Photographer:



### About The Art and the Artist

#### Solomon's Temple Drawing Description

This drawing of Solomon's Temple is the result of an idea I had in the middle of the pandemic. I searched for a few scriptures describing the dimensions in the Volume of the Sacred Law, which were quite clear but difficult to render.



During the search I looked at many interpretations by other artists and came across a video on YouTube. The title of the video is Solomon's Temple Explained. I used this video as a reference for this particular line drawing and I am indebted to those creators.

I encourage you to set aside some time and do a little study of the building, completion and dedication of the Temple which will really help you to appreciate the references in our ritual.

My name is Bro. Danny McLaughlin and I am currently the Junior Warden of Otonabee Lodge No. 101, in Peterborough Ontario.

The March 2024 issue of **The Ontario Mason** magazine included this announcement:

The Grand Lodge Masonic Education Speaker Series was started in September 2020.

It had become apparent the COVID- 19 shutdown was going to be in effect for some time and the physical assembly of brethren was illegal. A small team was established and got to work right away on sourcing speakers, producing advertisements, and maintaining a mailing list of those who expressed an interest in viewing the presentations.

The committee has been able to secure knowledgeable speakers from around the world. Many have been from the United States while others have joined with us from England, Scotland, India, Turkey, Japan, South Africa, and Lebanon. Perhaps the biggest challenge the committee faced was the numerous time zone differences as some speakers were upwards to fourteen hours ahead of our Eastern time zone. The presenters have always been impressed with our meeting format and the quality of the questions that have been asked by our audience members. Since May 2021, the committee has hosted a “*Meet the Candidates Night*”, where those who have put their name forward to be elected to a Grand Lodge office, have had an opportunity to speak and hopefully make themselves better acquainted throughout our jurisdiction. The next “*Meet the Candidates Night*” will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of the day have each used this platform annually to conduct a “*Town Hall*” meeting as a way of sharing their vision and plans as the leaders of our Craft.

We have been fortunate enough to have been granted permission from many of the speakers to record their presentations and they are archived on the Speaker Series landing page. They are available for viewing at your leisure. We highly encourage you to visit the landing page and view the many presentations we have recorded.



To access the landing page, go to: <http://bit.ly/GLMasonicSpeakers>  
At the bottom of the page, you will see “*Recordings*”. Click on that to find the presentations we have been granted permission to record and share with you. You will be asked to sign in. Simply insert your email address. Your email address is not shared with anyone.

Your Masonic Education Speaker Series Team:

R.W. Bro. Edward F. “*Ted*” Dunsmore

R.W. Bro. Richard Cadotte

R.W. Bro. Angus Gillis

Bro. Jesus Federico

R.W. Bro. Michael Locke



# Masonic Education Speaker Series



## Upcoming Events:

**May 4, 2024 @7:00pm EDT: Meet the Candidates Night.**  
**Meet the Candidates for Grand Lodge offices.**

**June 1, 2024 @7:00pm EDT: Virtual Town Hall with the Deputy Grand Master.**  
**An evening with the Deputy Grand Master**  
**R.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland.**



# Ontario Masons



**Register on-line: [glcpoomasoniceducationspeakers/home](https://glcpoomasoniceducationspeakers/home)**

**THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION of THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING:**



**MASONIC CALENDAR**

**Ancient Craft Masons:** commence their era with the creation of the world, called it Anno Lucius (A.L.), "In the year of Light," and add 4000 to the common time, thus 2000 plus 4000 equals A.L. 6000.  
Lodges A.F. & A.M. hold Annual Communications

**Royal Arch Masons:** date from the year the second Temple was commenced by Zerubbabell, Anno Inventionis (A.I.), "*In the year of Discovery,*" and add 530 to the common time, thus, 2000 plus 530 equals A.I. 2530.  
Royal Arch Chapters hold Annual Convocations.

**The Order of High Priesthood:** dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, King of Salem, Anno Benedictionis (A.B.) "*In the year of Blessing,*" and add 1913 to the common time thus, 2000 plus 1913 equals, A.B. 3913  
Councils of the Anointed High Priests hold Conventions.

**Royal and Select Masters:** dates from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.D.), "*In the year of the Deposit,*" and adds 1,000 to the common time, thus, 2000 plus 1,000 equals A.D. 3000.  
Councils of Royal & Select Masters, hold Assemblies.

**Knights Templar:** commence their era with the organization of the Order, Anno Ordinis (A.O.), "*In the year of the Order,*" and deduct 1,118 from the common time, thus, 2000 less 1,118 equals A.O. 882.  
Preceptories of Knight Templars hold Assemblies.

**Scottish Rite:** date same as Ancient Craft, except the use of the Jewish chronology, Anno Mundi (A.M.), "*In the year of the World,*" and add 3,760 to the common time, thus, 2000 plus 3,760 equals A.M., 5760. After each September add another year.  
Consistories of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite hold Rendezvous or Reunions.



## Secrecy and Silence

These virtues constitute the very essence of all Masonic character. They are the safeguard of the Institution, giving to it all its security and perpetuity, and are enforced by frequent admonitions in all the Degrees, from the lowest to the highest. The Entered Apprentice begins his Masonic journey by learning the duty of secrecy and silence. Hence it is appropriate that in that Degree which is the consummation of Initiation, in which the whole cycle of Masonic science is completed, the abstract machinery of symbolism should be employed to impress the same important virtues on the mind of the neophyte.

- 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, p. 675.

## Secretary

The recording and corresponding Officer of a Lodge. It is his duty to keep a just and true record of all things proper to be written, to receive all moneys that are due to the Lodge, and to pay them over to the Treasurer. The jewel of his office is a pen, and his position in the Lodge is on the left of the Worshipful Master.

- 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, p. 676.



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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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## ***WHICH LODGE IS THE OLDEST MASONIC LODGE IN THE WORLD?***

The oldest Masonic Lodge in the world (with verifiable Lodge Minutes) is the Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1, Edinburgh, Scotland ... sometimes known as Mary's Chapel. In July, 1949, it observed its 350th anniversary of its establishment. In 2008, (at the time of this writing), Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 is 409 years old.

[Editor's Note: It is now 425 years old: 1599 - 2024.]

Oldest Masonic Lodge Minutes - July 31, 1599:

Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 has records to prove its long time existence as the Oldest Masonic Lodge.

Most impressively, its first 5 pages of minutes incorporate the Schaw Statutes which are dated December 28, 1598.

Six months later, on July 31, 1599, are to be found the Minutes which confirm the Lodge's claim as having the oldest existing Masonic Minutes. It must be noted, however, that from these Minutes there exists no conclusive evidence that the Lodge was actually constituted on this date nor that it is, in actuality, the oldest lodge.

Schaw Statutes: The Schaw Statutes (part of the Old Charges) are named for William Schaw, who was Master of Work to His Majesty and General Warden of the Masonic craft. In these Statutes, he declared that these ordinances issued by him for the regulation of Lodges considered the Lodge at Edinburgh to be for all time, the first and principal Lodge in Scotland.

Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 was first called “*The Lodge of Edinburgh*” and retained this name until 1688, when the Grand Lodge of Scotland confirmed its charter, designating it as “*The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1*”.

Prominent Members belonging to the Lodge of Edinburgh in its very early days were:

His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales (afterward called King Edward VII)

His Royal Highness King Edward VIII

Both were Affiliated with the Lodge, taking the obligation on the “*Breeches Bible*”, which was printed in 1587. The pen with which these two Brothers signed the roll is still preserved in the Edinburgh Lodge No. 1 museum.



## Oldest Masonic Lodge

**First Operative to Speculative in Scotland - 1600:** As early as 1600, The Lodge of Edinburgh began to admit non-operative Freemasons. In June, 1600, the Laird of Auchinleck was made a speculative Member, the first authentic record of the making of such a Member.

The famous Dr. Desaguliers visited the The Lodge of Edinburgh on August 24, 1721. He had served as Grand Master of England and was referred to as "*General Master Desaguliers*". On the next day, while he was present, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Treasurer, the Deacon Convener of the Trades and the Clerk to the Dean of the Guild Court were admitted as Members.

This date is thought to mark the change over from operative to speculative Freemasonry in Scotland.

**Inception of Grand Lodge of Scotland - 1736:** When the Grand Lodge of Scotland was established on November 30, 1736, Lodge of Edinburgh took an active part. Thirty-three Lodges were represented at the meeting which was held in the lodge room of Edinburgh Lodge. Because the oldest Minute of a Lodge was that of Edinburgh Lodge, it was placed first on the roll of the Grand Lodge.

**Lodge Kilwinning - 1642:** Lodge Kilwinning was the second oldest Masonic Lodge because of its records dating to December 20, 1642. (It is believed there may be older Lodges, but empirical proof has not been found.) Considerable friction developed in 1807 when the Grand Lodge of Scotland permitted Kilwinning to prefix the word "Mother" to its name.

**King George VI...Grand Master of Scotland:** At a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge, held November 5, 1936, they elected unanimously, Brother, His Royal Highness, the Duke of York, (later to become King George VI) as Grand Master of Scotland.

**King George VI:** It was also in Edinburgh Castle's Banquet Hall that the ceremony of the Installation of the Duke of York, who later became King George VI, and who was Queen Elizabeth II's father, was carried out on St. Andrew's Day, November 30, 1936. (the bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland ... in 1736)

Therefore, Edinburgh (Ed-in-burr-uh) Lodge No. 1 claims the rank of having:

The Oldest Masonic Minutes

The lodge of record where the first Operative to Speculative Freemasonry began.  
...and, therefore, due to these documented Minutes, claims its title as the Oldest Masonic Lodge in the world.

and...now... for the Rest of the Story...

Lodge Kilwinning ... the Oldest Masonic Lodge in the World??



**Mother Kilwinning Lodge**  
Photo Courtesy of H.P. Gray

Here is what Albert Mackey had to say about the dispute between the oldest Masonic Lodge in the world being Edinburgh Lodge No. 1 or Mother Lodge 0 Kilwinning:

Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Page 517-518, 1929, published by The Masonic History Company:

*"As the city of York claims to be the birthplace of Freemasonry in England, the obscure little village of Kilwinning is entitled to the same honor with respect to the origin of the Order in the sister kingdom of Scotland.*

*The claim to the honor, however, in each case depends on the bare authority of a legend, the authenticity of which is now doubted by many Masonic historians.*

*The Abbey of Kilwinning is situated in the bailiwick of Cunninghame, about 3 miles north of the royal burgh of Irving, near the Irish Sea.*

*The abbey was founded in the year 1140, by Hugh Morville, Constable of Scotland, and dedicated to Saint Winning, being intended for a company of monks of the Tyronesian Order, who had been brought from Kelso.*

*The edifice must have been constructed at great expenses and with much magnificence, since it is said to have occupied several acres of ground in its whole extent."*

Traveling Freemason Architects: Lawrie (History of Freemasonry, page 46, 1859 edition) says that, by authentic documents as well as by other collateral arguments which amount almost to a demonstration, the existence of the Kilwinning Lodge has been traced back as far as the end of the 15th century.

But we know that the body of architects who perambulated the Continent of Europe and have frequently been mentioned under the name of "Traveling Freemasons", flourished at a much earlier period; and we learn, also, from Lawrie himself, that several of these operative Freemasons traveled into Scotland, about the beginning of the 12th century.

Hence, we have every reason to suppose that these men were the architects who constructed the Abbey at Kilwinning, and who first established the Institution of Freemasonry in Scotland.

If such be the fact, we must place the origin of the first Lodge in that kingdom at an earlier date, by 3 centuries, than that claimed for it by Lawrie, which would bring it much nearer, in point of time, to the great Masonic Assembly, which is traditionally said to have been convened in the year 926, by Prince Edwin, at York, in England. (See Old Charges)"

Edinburgh, Scotland is approximately 200 miles from York, England ... a trip of about 4 ½ hours by car.

Empirical evidence supporting the history of Freemasonry prior to the 18th Century (1700s) is difficult to find. The loss of evidence of the Minutes of Lodge Kilwinning from 1140 to 1642, which might well prove it to be the oldest Masonic lodge, is a very sad loss, indeed.

However, history can be reported only as accurately as it is recorded and passed down through the generations.

So ... which of these two Lodges is the Oldest Masonic Lodge in the world?

Empirical (historical) evidence going back this far is difficult (read this to mean: almost impossible) to find.

Dates of the chartered foundations of Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1, Mother Lodge Kilwinning No. 0 nor Lodge of Melrose St. John No. 1 ... all of which were in existence in and before 1598, ... and all three of which are named with a zero or a one in their name, have not been found.

Therefore, while Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 has in their possession the oldest Masonic Lodge Minutes, it may very well be possible that another Lodge may, in truth, be able to claim the title of the oldest Masonic Lodge in the world...if only they could prove their claim to this title.

Therefore, I'll let you decide from the evidence as to which is the oldest Masonic Lodge in the world.



On Monday, 08 April, *The Peterborough Examiner* included this cartoon that I thought you would enjoy seeing:

# JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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○ ○ ○ ○

ZACER  
○ ○ ○ ○

RTUFOH  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

PSPEOO  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

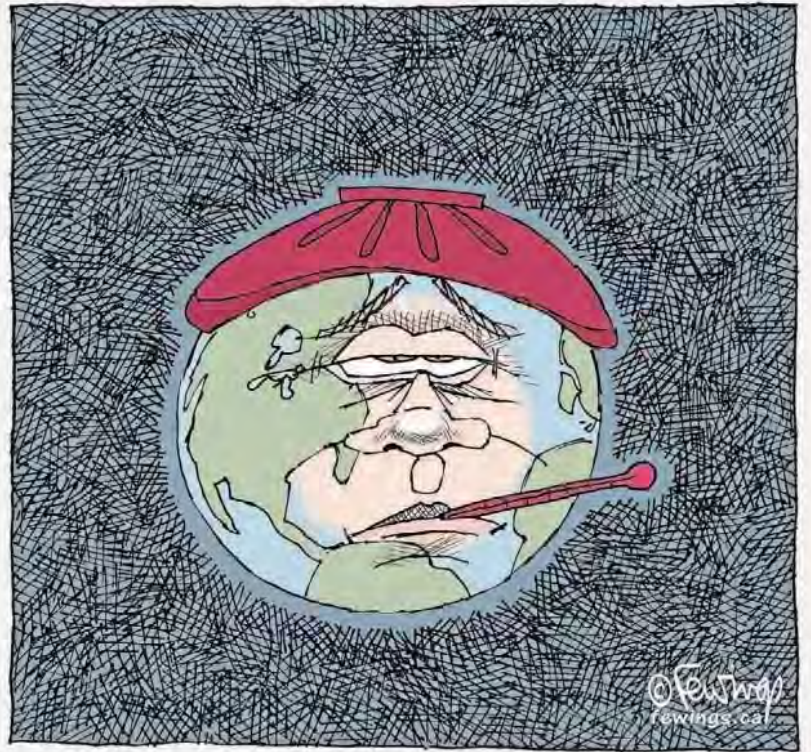
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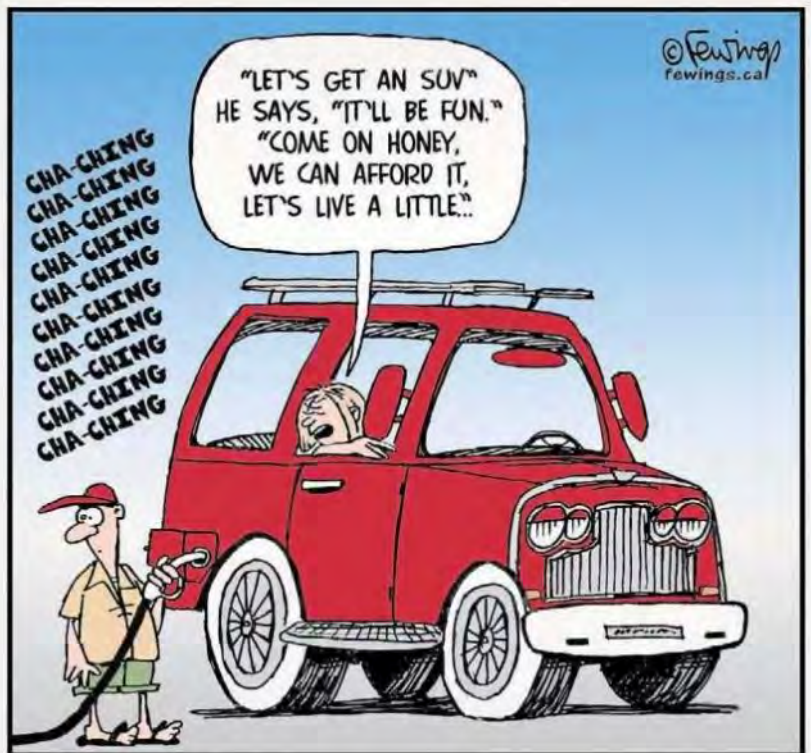
Answer: (see upside down image)

Jumbles: SWIFT CRAZE FOURTH OPOSE  
Answer: For the people gathered to view the total eclipse, the Sun was the — STAR OF THE SHOW

Then, on Saturday, 20 April,  
*The Peterborough Examiner*  
published this cartoon  
that I thought you'd enjoy seeing:



On Wednesday, 24 April,  
*The Peterborough Examiner*  
published this cartoon:





And on Thursday, 25 April 2024,  
*The Peterborough Examiner*  
included this cartoon:



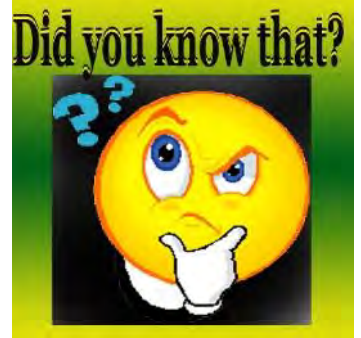
Followed by this one  
on Saturday, 27 April 2024:



And this one  
on Wednesday, 01 May 2024:



# DID YOU KNOW THAT ???



A massive vortex of ocean water encircling Antarctica, a swirling volume 100-times larger than all the world's rivers combined, is getting faster due to climate change.

At least, that's the finding a new study that examined the past 5.3 million years of this polar ocean

vortex's behaviour, using sediment cores samples taken from Earth's roughest and most remote waters.

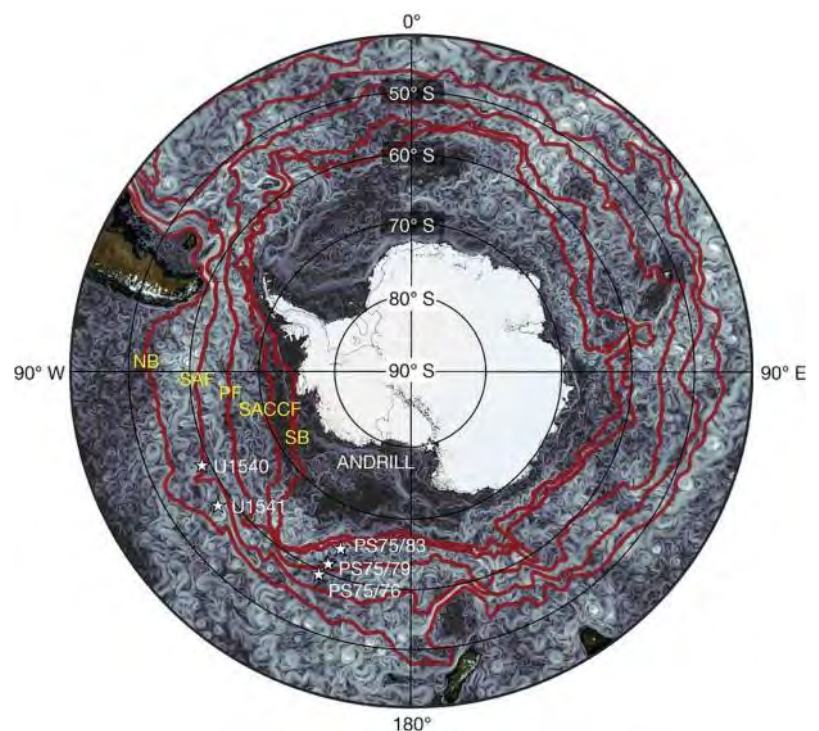
As one co-author of the new research, a geochemist at Columbia University, put it, "*This is the mightiest and fastest current on the planet.*"

Driven by the continuous westerly winds, the ACC rotates clockwise around the southernmost icy continent at a speed of approximately 2.5 miles per hour, swirling along with it about 6 billion cubic-feet of water per second.

Geologists currently believe that the conditions for creating the vortex first emerged after Antarctica separated from Australia 34 millions years ago, during tectonic shifts in the Eocene epoch.

But the vortex, scientists say, only got into its modern groove 12-14 million years ago.

About 40 scientists from a dozen countries contributed to new study, published Wednesday in *Nature*, some aboard the drill ship, *JOIDES Resolution*, which was deployed to retrieve sediment samples from the ocean floor.



Provided by *Daily Mail*



Bro. Bill Hodwitz, from Niagara B District, sent the following on Saturday, 13 April 2024:

*“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.”*

## ***A MASONIC MOMENT: GAVELS GALORE***

### **The Stonemason's Gavel**

The Common Gavel is one of the working tools of the Entered Apprentice Mason.

It was made use of by the Operative Mason to break off the corners of the rough ashlar, and thus fit it the better for the builder's use,



The true form of the gavel is that of the stonemason's hammer. It is made with a cutting edge, either vertical or horizontal, that is used to break off the corners of rough stones, an operation which could never be effected by the common hammer or mallet.



## The Heavy Setting Maul

The maul could be used with a chisel but its true purpose is to adjust stone blocks which have been placed in mortar. Modern bricklayers use the handles of their trowels to nudge bricks into line, but stones need heavier blows from an implements which will not mark or chip the surfaces.





## The Gavel of Authority

A person in a chair of authority should have a symbol of control which makes a loud noise. Forms differ.



The gavel of the Master is also called a Hiram, because, like the architect, it governs the Craft and keeps order in the Lodge.

## The Travelling Gavel

Masons benefit from visiting other Lodges.

One plan to encourage intervisitation between Niagara A and B Districts is provided by the challenge of the Travelling Gavel.

This implement is a large representation of a stone-cutter's gavel.

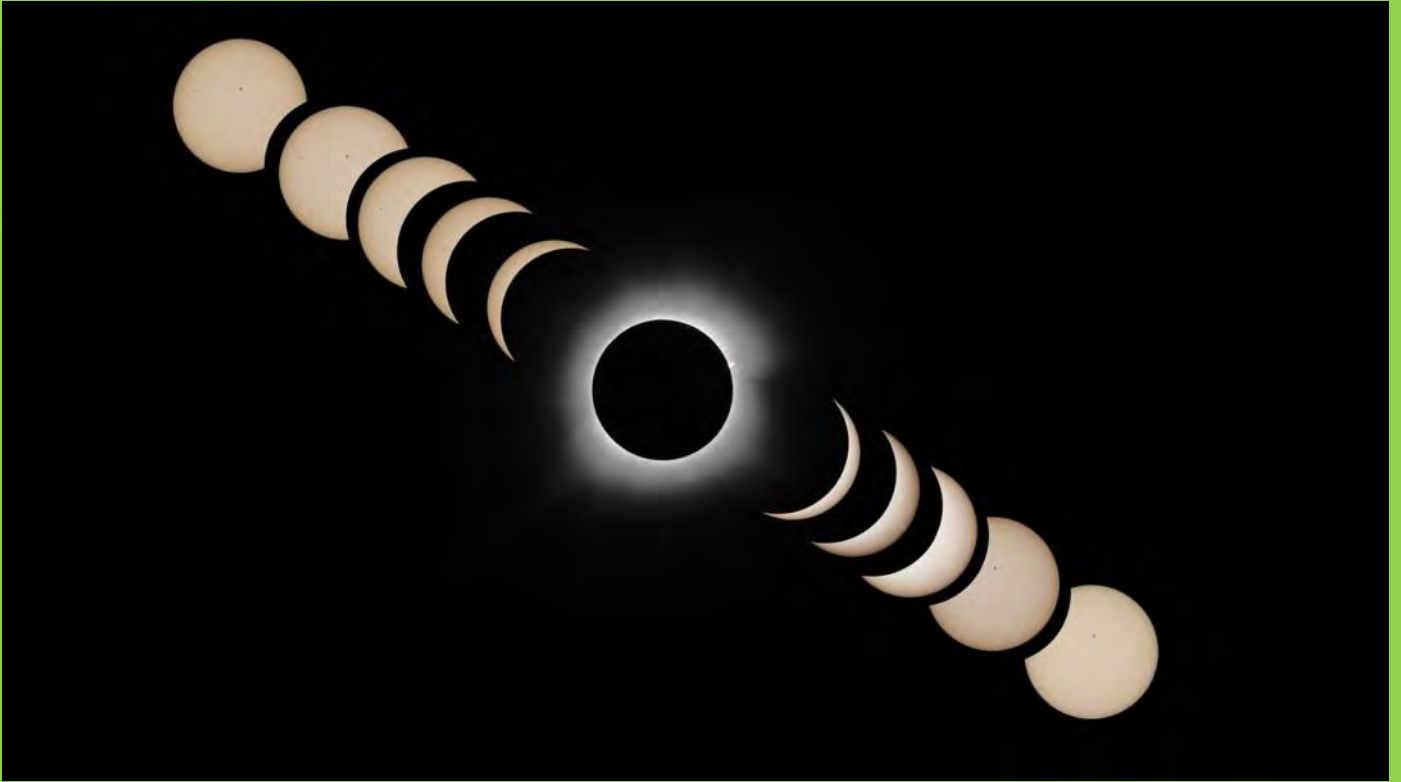


## The Challenge

The concept is that whichever Lodge is in possession of the Travelling Gavel has 60 days to deliver it, accompanied by at least 7 of the Members, to a Lodge in the other District.

If the exchange does not occur within the 60 days, another Lodge can claim the gavel by attending a meeting of the delinquent Lodge.

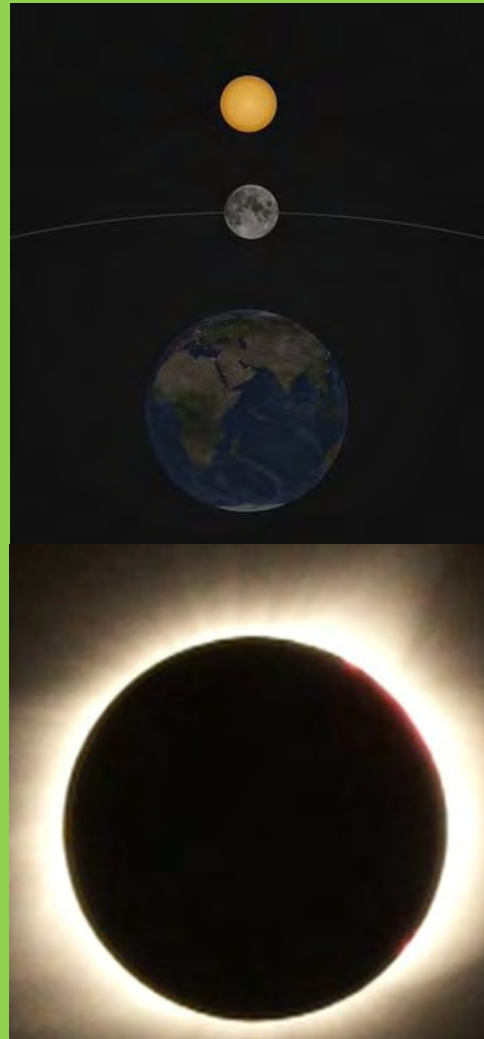
Bill also sent these two images of the recent Solar Eclipse, from 08 April 2024:







And here's one of me at our farm, five miles east of Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, wearing a Snoopy Solar Eclipse t-shirt and solar glasses, holding my wife's cell phone showing the position of the solar eclipse at the time, with the multi-colour reflection of the eclipse around my face !!!





People gather to view the total solar eclipse atop Armour Hill in Peterborough on Monday April 8, 2024.  
Clifford Skarstedt *Peterborough Examiner* photo

The *Peterborough Examiner* reported on Tuesday, April 16, 2024:

Bruce Gravel shares centuries of calamity conspiracies.

So we had a total eclipse of the sun on April 8, 2024 (depending on your location and cloud cover). For most people, wearing protective eyewear, it was an awe-inspiring sight ...

On April 8, some folks resolutely stayed indoors with curtains closed, again an ancient practice. Many other people, especially those gathered

outside to view the celestial event, made loud noises (harking back to olden times, when loud noises were believed to scare mythical creatures away).

Across all cultures and belief systems, dating back to prehistoric times (yes, before flush toilets), eclipses caused awe, anxiety, fear and panic. A stampede to buy and hoard toilet paper often occurred, a common human fear response.

Early folklore (eg: conspiracies) maintained eclipses meant the gods were angry with us, causing the sun to abandon the earth. In fact, the word eclipse comes from the Greek word meaning abandonment. ...

Nowadays, there were concerns that dogs and cats may exhibit fear and confusion prior to and during the eclipse, by hiding, howling, pacing, panting, and watching daytime TV soaps. People owned by pets were urged to keep them indoors, lest they look at the sun and go blind. But what about wild animals? Did they look? If so, did they go blind? Do we now have legions of blind squirrels and chipmunks with white canes, tap-tapping their way across tree branches? ...

My last word on this heavenly topic comes from a DQ restaurant's roadside sign: "*It's eclipse, not apocalypse. Relax.*"





I've begun to receive *The Masonic Journey* newsletter and thought that you would enjoy reading this article:



## ***WHITHER ARE WE TRAVELLING?***

*An article written by Brother Dwight L. Smith, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana and reproduced in the Transactions of the Masters' and Past Masters' Lodge (NZ) Issue 130 in November, 1964 and shared with "The Educator" by V. W. Bro. Robert Taylor, United Grand Lodge of N.S.W.& and A.C.T. (Australia)*

At the outset I may as well precipitate an argument by disposing of the old favourites. Whatever attendance troubles our Lodges may be having, are not caused by television, nor the motor car, nor by bowling, nor "togetherness", nor any of the other "busyness" in which our restless society is engaged.

A multitude of activities may contribute to a decline in Lodge attendance, but they do not constitute the cause. When we complain of lack of attendance, what we really are saying is that INTEREST is at a low ebb, for in any organization, if there is interest, there will be attendance. No amount of television or bowling or "busyness" can usurp the position of eminence a Lodge of Freemasons occupies in a man's loyalty if the Lodge is in a position to command his loyalty.

The ailment is not quite that simple. We are looking at the symptoms – not the disease.

The real source of the troubles is within ourselves.

Such problems as we may have will not be solved by forcing men to memorise a set of questions and answers, not by cramming books and lectures down their throats, nor by devoting our energies and resources to other organizations or movements, however worthy, they may be.

The cure is not that simple either. The patient's indisposition will not be relieved by nostrums. [noun: a medicine, especially one that is not considered effective, prepared by an unqualified person: "a charlatan who sells nostrums". [a medicine, especially one that is not considered effective, prepared by an unqualified person.] The treatment must come from within.

The Lodge which demands little gets little. It expects loyalty, but does almost nothing to put a claim on a man's loyalty. When we ourselves place a cheap value on Masonic Membership, how can we expect new Members to prize it?

Do we pay enough attention to the Festive Board?

This is not merely the partaking of refreshments at the conclusion of a Degree. It is the Hour of Refreshment in all its beauty and dignity; an occasion for inspiration and fellowship; a time when the noble old traditions of the Craft are preserved.

Is there not a danger that this so-called Century of the Common Man may tend to make our Fraternity a little too common? We cannot expect to retain the prestige of the Craft if we allow without challenge a lowering of our standards.

Let us be sure that well-meaning Brethren do not work overtime to make Freemasonry into something other than Freemasonry. We must not lose sight of the fact that one of the reasons our Fraternity is prized so highly is that it does NOT operate like other organizations.

Take a long and thoughtful look at the names of the men who served our Lodges as Masters fifty or more years ago. Consider the positions of importance those men occupied in their respective communities. Then let us ask ourselves if the position is the same today.

We cannot escape the fact that men judge Masonry by those they know to be Members. If what they see does not command their respect, then to them Freemasonry is not a worthwhile institution.

We must re-establish that Freemasonry is a Pearl of Great Price, worth a great deal of effort, a great deal of sacrifice, a great deal of waiting to obtain.

Has Freemasonry become too easy to obtain?

Given the challenge to practise Masonic charity in its intimate and personal form almost any Lodge and almost any Member of it will respond with enthusiasm. Freemasonry will then come to have a new meaning for them.

Any Lodge, large or small, which experiences the joy of giving in a truly personal act of charity discovers that literally it has been born again.

For many Masons, fellowship is a most precious jewel. It is necessary for the very existence of our Fraternity. If Brethren cannot find it in their Craft Lodges they will find it elsewhere. We need to cultivate fellowship with all our zeal. We need the inspiration of our Festive Board; we need to revive those old traditions of the Craft. But if the Festive Board is to serve its purpose it must be joyful as well as dignified. It must be appropriate to the time and place.

One thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its Members which they can get nowhere else in the world: that one thing is Masonry.



Masonic light must come from the east. Instruction by a teacher who knows less than his pupil is neither good nor wholesome. The programme of instruction must have diversity, the doses must not be large, and it must avoid dullness as if it was the plague.

Who among us has faith to "*Lay his course by a star which he has never seen, to dig by the divining rod for springs which he may never reach?*" (Oliver Wendell Holmes).

In our concern for the "*Common Man*", we overlook an important principle of applied psychology. Too much emphasis on common men and common things can serve to make common that which should be uncommon.

When we cease to set a lofty mark and expect our Brethren to measure up to it, when we permit a downward adjustment to conform to practices and manners that are casual and lax, we are dealing our Fraternity a double blow. We cannot expect to maintain the prestige of the Craft if we ourselves accept a lower standard; our Members will respect Freemasonry more if they know there are certain rules to which they are expected to conform; in behaviour, in dress, language and decorum.

All I advocate is that Freemasonry remain Freemasonry; and if we have strayed from the traditional path, we had better be moving back while there is yet time to restore the respect and prestige, the interest, loyalty and devotion that once was ours.

In the restless superficial age in which we live we are impatient unless our organized bodies have slogans, carry banners and make pronouncements about every subject under the sun. We want them to follow the conventional pattern, to publish aims and objectives, and in general to have a finger in every pie.

Freemasonry does none of these. It is strange that our ancient Craft should have gained for itself such a pre-eminent position of honour when it does nothing in the conventional manner.

Then what does Freemasonry do? It erects its Temples within the hearts of men.

Freemasonry has not been tried in the balance and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.

*"Freemasonry has more to offer to the 20th century than the 20th century has to offer Freemasonry."* (Dean Roscoe Pound to the Members of his Lodge).

My faith in the basic worth of our ancient Craft is unshaken. I am convinced that the solution to Freemasonry's problems is Freemasonry. Why do we not try it?

It is realised that there are "*bits and pieces*" extracted from here and there of the original article, but they do show that they are written by someone whose Freemasonry is no different from ours.

Once again we are reminded that NUMBERS do not make Freemasonry successful.

The reality is that, if we as existing Freemasons do not pay proper attention to the Education & Development of our existing Brethren, our foundation will erode.

Have a Wonderful Day & God Bless !!!

## 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:

#### Broadening Horizons:

In 1936 there were 568 Lodges, with 101,652 Members. The amount expended for benevolence from Grand Lodge Funds was \$113,282.24. In 1945 there were 569 Lodges, with 99,509 Members. Benevolence totalled \$61,255.

At the Annual Communication of 1935, Alexander J. Anderson, K.C., M.P., of Stanley No. 426, Toronto, was elected Grand Master. He had a distinguished career at the bar, had ten years of parliamentary experience in the House of Commons, and fourteen years of service on the Board of General Purposes.

In his first Address, M.W. Bro. Anderson settled the controversial question of the proper wording for the first toast presented at all Masonic banquets. He quoted Most Worshipful Brother, the Right Honorable the Earl of Harewood, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, who had made a ruling on the subject earlier in the year. He had pointed out that the toast to "*The King and the Craft*" had been drunk continuously by the Brethren since the early days of the eighteenth century. Grand Lodge endorsed his recommendation.

- Source: Wallace E. McLeod, ed.,

Whence Come We ? Freemasonry in Ontario:1764 - 1980, (Hamilton: Masonic Holdings),1980, p. 144.

### Next month:

#### Events of 1936 - 1945

#### Boarding Horizons: (continued)

The Grand Master urged the Brethren to visit other Lodges. "Visitation", he said, "is a medium through ..."



# Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

**Theodore Roosevelt**

Source: [www.azquotes.com/author/  
12606-Theodore\\_Roosevelt](http://www.azquotes.com/author/12606-Theodore_Roosevelt)

**Born:** October 27, 1858

**Died:** January 6, 1919, age 60.

**Occupation:** 26th U.S. President

**Initiated on January 2, 1901, in Matinecock Lodge  
No. 806, Oyster Bay, New York.**

**Raised to Master Mason on April 24, 1901.**

**He joined the Fraternity as an already-established man at the age of forty-two in 1901, the year he began his service as President of the United States.**

**As President, he was known to visit Masonic Lodges during his travels across the country and the world. He broke ground for a Masonic Temple in Spokane, Washington, in 1903 and attended the Masonic cornerstone laying of the House of Representatives building in 1906.**



I am also now receiving each month's *The Trestleboard* newsletter from Axixic Lodge No. 31, M. W. York Grand Lodge of Mexico, Chartered March 11th, 1989, from its Editor, Bro. Francis Dryden.

## *EDITOR MEETS EDITOR*

By Bro. Francis Dryden  
(*the Ink Stained Wretch*)



Bro. Francis Dryden



R. W. Bro. Robert (Bob) McBride

If you would like to subscribe to *The Trestleboard* newsletter, please contact Bro. Francis Dryden at < francis.dryden@gmail.com >.

### *The Trestleboard*

**Axixic Lodge No. 31**

**M. W. York Grand Lodge of Mexico**

**Chartered March 11th, 1989**

In his e-mail for the April 2024 issue of *The Trestleboard*, Bro. Francis Dryden recorded this from Carl Claudy:

### *THE DISLIKED PETITIONER*

by Carl Claudy

*"I am much disturbed!"* announced the New Brother to the Old Tiler.

*"Tell me about it. I have oil for troubled waters. If your water on the brain is disturbed, maybe I can soothe it!"*

*"I doubt it! I heard the name of Bedford Jones-Smith read out in Lodge tonight as a petitioner. I don't want Bedford here!"*

*"That's nothing to be disturbed about,"* answered the Old Tiler.

*"You have a vote, haven't you? If you don't want to wait until he comes up for ballot, go tell the committee what's the matter with him."*

The Old Tiler leaned back in his chair as if the question was settled.

*"There isn't anything the matter with him!"*  
cried the New Brother.

*"If I could explain to the committee that Bedford was a rascal, or beat his wife or stole money, or had been in jail or something, it wouldn't be a problem. But so far as I know Bedford Jones-Smith is correct to the point of perfection. He is a thoroughly respectable man.*



*I dislike him extremely. He rubs me the wrong way. I despise his unctuous manner; he shakes hands like a fish. I think he wears corsets, and he is the most perfect lady I know, but there isn't a thing against him legally, mentally, morally! The committee will find him 100 per cent Simon pure, and this Lodge will receive the original nincompoop, the pluperfect essence of idiocy, and the superheterodyne of jackasses, as a Member!"*

*"Anything to stop you voting against him?"* asked the Old Tiler.  
*"It's your privilege to cast your little black cube in secrecy against any man you don't like."*

*"That's where the problem comes in! I know I can do it. I know that I don't have to let Bedford Jones-Smith into my Masonic home if I don't want him, any more than I have to let him into my everyday life. It's just because I can keep him out that I am troubled. If I do, I'll feel that I did a mean act. Yet I don't want that double-distilled ass in this Lodge!"*

*"Suppose you dig a little deeper"* suggested the Old Tiler.

*"Just why don't you want him?"*

*"Because I don't like him!"*

*"And just why don't you like him?"*

*"Because he stands for everything that I despise; he never plays games, he never works, he never does anything except wear fashionable clothes, go to parties, and is an irreproachable escort for dumb Doras. He's not a man, he's a wearer of trousers!"*

*"Sounds harmless."* said the Old Tiler. *"He can't pink tea here, can he? He certainly can't bring any dumb Doras to this Lodge. We don't need any games played here, and we have so many men in Lodge who never work at it that one more won't hurt."*

*"But it will make me uncomfortable to have him around."*

*"Then keep him out!"*

*"Oh, you exasperate me! I come for help, and you laugh at me. What shall I do?"*



*“Really want to know?” asked the Old Tiler, the smile fading from his face.*

*“I really do!”*

*“Then I’ll tell you. Snap out of your conceited, selfish attitude. Get rid of the idea that your comfort, your feelings, your happiness are so important. Get hold of the thought that Masonry is so much bigger than you and Mr. Jones-Smith rolled up into one that together you are not a fly speck on its map, and separately you can’t be seen! Try to imagine yourself a part of a great institution which works wonders with men and forget that you are so important!”*

*“By your own showing, nothing is the matter with this gentleman except that you don’t like his ways and manner. Doubtless he doesn’t like yours. To him you are probably a rough-neck, a golf-playing, poker-playing, automobile-driving, hard-working, labouring man. He might not want to join the Lodge if he knew you were in it! He has different standards. That they are not yours, or mine, doesn’t make him poor material for Masonry. The fact that he wants to be a Mason shows he has admirable qualities. That he is moral, and respectable, shows he has manhood. That his manners don’t please you is no reason for keeping him out. To keep a man who wants them from the blessings of Masonry because of personal dislike is a crime against those teachings of toleration which Masonry offers you. Let him in. Try to help him. Try to show him there is something else in life beyond fripperies and foolishness. Maybe you can make a regular Mason out of him. But don’t vote for him unless you are really prepared to take his hand and call him Brother.”*

*“Better let your conscience hurt you for being a snob than to have it hurt for being false to your obligation of brotherhood. Better realize you are a selfish and opinionated person than that you are a bad Mason, a forsworn Member of the fraternity, a traitor to its principles, a . . .”*

*“For the love o’ Mike, let up on me! I’ll vote for the simp -- for the man, I mean -- and try my best. Old Tiler, Masonry has such a lot to do to make me a regular man, I’m afraid I’ll never learn!”*

*“You are getting there, son,” observed the Old Tiler, smiling with satisfaction. “Not every young Mason will admit he is an idiot even when it’s proved!”*



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.

***“I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men of all walks of life to meet on common ground where all men are equal and have one common interest.”***



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Bro. Alex Sgroi submitted in the April 2024 issue of *The Trestleboard*:

## ***HOW TO LEAD WITH MASONIC VALUES: BROTHERLY LOVE***



I was thinking one day that during my years of service in Masonic organizations I have observed first hand and also heard about some behaviour by leaders that made me think at the time that they had forgotten some things they were taught in the Masonic Degrees.

I have always believed that an essential part of leadership is a correct attitude and what better attitude to assume as a leader than that of one resulting from practising the three great tenets of Masonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

This thought took me back to the EA Degree and how we can use its teachings about the three great tenets of Masonry in conjunction with Dr. John Maxwell's 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership to improve our Masonic leadership behaviour.

Let's first look at Brotherly love. We find in the EA Degree that we first are taught as Masons "*to regard the whole human species as one family*" ... we are then taught "*to aid, support, and protect each other.*" This part of the ritual then goes on to say; "*It is on this principle that Freemasonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.*"

A Masonic education course I recently found describes Brotherly Love this way:

*"It means that we place on another man the highest possible valuation as a friend, a companion, an associate, a neighbour, a fellow. Merely to be with him, merely to spend hours in his company, to have the privilege of working at his side, is all we ask. We do not ask that from our relationship we make money, or further our business interests, or achieve some other form of selfish gain. Freemasonry takes brotherly love for granted, provides opportunities for us to have fellowship, and encourages us to understand and to practise it, and to make it one of the laws of our existence."*

As you read and begin to understand more fully John Maxwell's approach to leadership, you will find it is built around relationships.

He says your best chance for leadership depends upon connecting with those on your team.

He tells us we should look for the following five characteristics in our relationships:

- **Trust** – Maxwell says when you respect people and you spend enough time with them to develop shared experiences, you are in a position to develop trust. However, as Masons, we were taught to trust one another without question. As you recall your condition when you first entered a Lodge of EAs, you will also remember that you were told that since you were in no condition to foresee or avoid danger that you were in the hands of a true and trusty friend, in whose fidelity you might safely confide. **Masonry is trust and trust is Masonry; When you lead with trust, you lead with Masonry.**
- **Respect** – You should show it to others even before they have done anything to warrant it simply because they are human beings. Our ritual says it this way: *“to regard the whole human species as one family”*. So as Masonic leaders leading other Masons, we should lead with respect because following Masonic values, those we lead are the same as we are.
- **Shared experiences** – Maxwell says that you can’t rely on respect alone to develop strong relationships; you must have shared experiences over time. The Masonic education course I talked about said that **Brotherly Love** allows us to spend time with our fellow Masons, gives us the privilege to work by their side, and grants us opportunities in a position to develop trust.
- **Reciprocity** – Team relationships only survive when there is give and take so that everyone benefits as well as gives. As Masons, we are taught to *“be ready to give as well as receive good counsel from a Brother.”* As a leader, we must remember that our positional title does not excuse us from this basic element of Masonry. So when Dr. Maxwell speaks of reciprocity as an element of good relationships, we should already understand this.
- **Mutual enjoyment** – When relationships grow, the people involved begin to enjoy one another’s company. The Masonic concept of **Brotherly Love** contemplates mutual enjoyment. So to lead with Masonic values, we should lead in a way to establish and maintain mutual enjoyment.



So, leading with Masonic values first starts with refreshing our minds and assuming an attitude of Brotherly Love, one of our basic Masonic tenets. I'm sure after thinking through what you have just read, you can recall some difficult times as a leader that would not have been so difficult and problems much more quickly resolved if everyone had approached it with the attitude of Brotherly Love.

I know I can recall some leadership situations that would have been much better had I remembered to Lead with Brotherly Love.

Have a Great Masonic Day!

The April 2024 issue of *The Trestleboard* newsletter also included this article from W. Bro. Daniel Boyco:

## **Brother... You Gotta Try**

**by W. Bro. Daniel Boyco**

**W. M. of Exemplar Lodge  
No. 175 A.F. & A.M. in the  
Grand Lodge of Alberta**

When you entered the lodge room for the first time you took an Obligation. You remember it. Freemasons are well-acquainted with obligations – both giving and receiving them. They are integral to our ceremonies and exemplify the pinnacle of some of our most important rites. They mark a man's entrance into the Order and reflect the progress he makes throughout his Masonic journey. They represent a promise to endeavour to become the better man. While perfection is a lofty and arguably conceptual objective, we all made a commitment to do our best to get there.

Although Freemasons understand the meaning of an Obligation and what it represents, we hold inconsistent views about the level of influence it should impose on us. Knowing that metaphor and symbolism are ubiquitous in our rites does not necessarily mean that the promises we made all fall into that category – to be arbitrarily shed whenever it suits us. Indeed, by applying that logic to our Obligations, we have devised a means to diminish their potency to suit any situation, which undermines the benefit they are meant to impart.

Aside from investitures into public office, marriages, court testimony or other legal proceedings, it is uncommon for regular members of society to affirm, promise or swear to anything nowadays. Even when they do, the force and effect of such undertakings is entirely dependent on the strength of character and level of integrity particular to that individual.

In the Masonic context, the value of our Obligations cannot be overstated regardless of how lofty the objective may seem. The fraternity would not look as it does or have lasted as it has without them. The real benefit each of us derives from our place in the brotherhood is integrally linked to each pledge we made throughout our Masonic career. Yet what matters most is the level of effort we invest in honouring them.

Remember, we took those Obligations of our own free will and accord. We each knelt at the altar in the presence of our Brethren to declare our intention to make a credible effort to achieve positive change in ourselves. That covenant is the mystic tie that binds us to one another as Brothers of like-mind and equal in all respects. It is what makes us Masons.

We have each committed to learn through our ancient rites and to strive to become better men. We have promised to add value to society.

That is best done if we are present in the lodge room (the most basic and fundamental of all our pledges), to learn and understand the lessons, apply them to our everyday lives, be with our Brethren and be prepared to offer relief, truth, and brotherly love.

The ideals of a Freemason, as described in the General Charge at Installation, represent the goal for all men of the Order. Unlikely as it may seem that we have the capacity to fulfill every aspect of every Obligation, the point is Brother ... you gotta try.



W. Bro. Daniel Boyco  
Worshipful Master  
Exemplar Lodge No. 175  
A.F. & A.M., G.R.A.

JUST TRY IT!



The April 2024 issue of *The Trestleboard* newsletter also included this article from Bro. Robert G. Davis :

***MAY BROTHERLY LOVE PREVAIL,  
AND  
EVERY MORAL AND SOCIAL VIRTUE  
CEMENT US***



Every Mason will recognize the above declaration as the epilogue of the closing prayer given at almost every lodge meeting. It was penned by William Preston in 1772.

It is an admonition for toleration.

Frederico Mayor, in an address dedicating the Beit-Hashoah Museum for Tolerance in Los Angeles in 1993 said; “...*our ability to value each and every person is the ethical basis for peace, security and intercultural dialogue.*”

Albert Pike stated it even more poignantly in the Tenth Degree by declaring that without toleration “*we are mere hollow images of true Masons, mere sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.*”

The fact is that a peaceful future depends on everyday acts of kindness and respect. It is a lesson every Freemason knows well.

Among all the teachings Masonry imparts to its Members, none is more important than championing the ideal of toleration in all things. In the book of lectures for the symbolic Lodge, we read: “*By the exercise of Brotherly Love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family; the high and low, the rich and poor; who, as created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support and protect each other.*”

*On this principle, Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.*”

The history of much of the world is a saga of deep ethnic divisions, regional conflicts, religious zealotry, and economic hostilities among peoples. Intolerance, jealousy and greed have fragmented almost every country in the world. There was a time when people came to America seeking asylum from such human suffering and strife. The altruistic nature of democracy has made the United States a multi-cultural society.

Now the same divisions that have caused so much suffering and loss in the rest of the world are becoming manifest in the freest country on earth. We are becoming a nation filled with mistrust and animosity.

The natural reaction to diversity is to isolate ourselves in our own culture. It's a kind of "*out of sight, out of mind*" mentality. It is easy to believe that we can't get hurt if we stay within our own group. We can't get into trouble if we don't participate. But with people now migrating to America in record numbers, everyone who has perceived themselves as 20th century American-born citizens are rapidly becoming a minority. This perception is strong across every culture. National unity will never be possible if we feel threatened by every group outside our own. It's time all of us made a little sacrifice and effort toward a greater cause.

Since (as the saying goes) you can't teach an old dog new tricks, it seems the only chance we have of achieving and maintaining a sense of national unity at home is to develop a healthy learning environment among our children that will give them a full cross-cultural understanding. And such understanding will not just happen. To communicate and learn from one culture to another takes entire families out of their comfort zone. To achieve a reconciliation of idealistic, ethnic, religious and cultural differences between the old ways and the new will require an extraordinary feat of will and learning. In most cases, toleration itself will have to be learned and practised.

But it is a role I believe was made for the Scottish Rite. If the Rite is indeed a great power, it is so because influence is power; and will is power.

The teachings of the Rite answer these kinds of questions:

- ⇒ What kind of society might we have if we were to achieve a culture of peace?
- ⇒ How much would such a culture manifest itself in our family lives, communities, state and national politics and international relations?
- ⇒ What relationship exists between tolerance and peace?
- ⇒ Can human rights be realized without a social commitment to tolerance?
- ⇒ Is there a significant relationship between human rights and democracy?
- ⇒ What are our own personal and community concerns about the issue of tolerance?
- ⇒ How do our concerns relate to tolerance on a global scale?
- ⇒ How can we contribute to promoting a tolerant world?



If our own history is a guide, Freemasonry gains civic and social relevance when it stands up for what it stands for. There can be much value in sharing our values with the cross-cultural world in which we live. Perhaps it is a mission of the Scottish Rite to take the lead in diagnosing the kinds of intolerance which hinders the world; and then pledge, individually and corporately, to do whatever is necessary in educating the next generation of adults that tolerance is indeed the most reasonable means to peace in the world.

It seems like such a worthy mission—to stand on what we stand for.



So far as I am acquainted with the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry, I conceive it to be founded in benevolence and to be exercised only for the good of mankind.

George Washington

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Initiated on November 4, 1752,  
in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 04,  
Fredericksburg, Virginia.  
Elected Worshipful Master  
on December 20, 1788.



Washington As Master Mason.



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 !!!



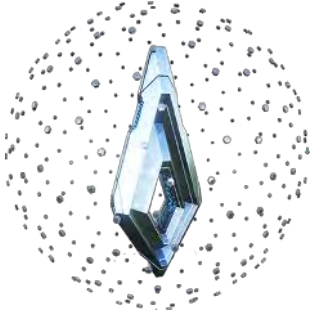
Here's one for the May 2024 issue  
 of the *Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter.

Bob writes: *"I don't know why my mind wandered to this particular topic, perhaps it's because we are doing Memorial Services recently in the Lodges, or maybe too many funerals lately! Of all the things we gain from Masonry, our developed friendships are the nub from which the rest radiates and those friends are dear to us all."*

## **MASONIC MEMORIAL**

Our life on board this trip around the sun,  
 Seems endless when we first embark on it,  
 But it's over when we think it's just begun.  
 And that can prove to be the tragic bit.

For all the things we're taught within the Craft,  
 The friends we meet are uppermost in mind,  
 The times we've met and shared and loved and laughed,  
 Are the treasures that are never left behind.



And when I die, before I'm laid to rest,  
 Surrounded by all those who love and care,  
 Remember me as one who passed the test,  
 A follower of the Grand O'erseer's square.

And at some time, I hope you felt my hand,  
 Offered you in friendship, strong and true,  
 Supported by the fact I'd always stand,  
 To defend the man, I've come to know as you.



And finally, when we knock upon that gate,  
 Where angels sing a song in sweet refrain,  
 And everything we've done is on our slate,  
 I trust we'll meet to do it all again.

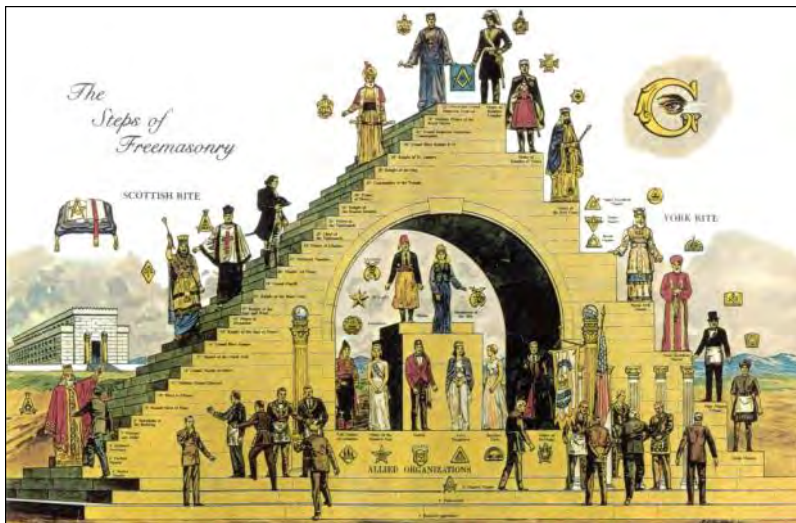
By R.W. Bro. Bob Keay,  
 Otonabee Lodge No. 101



## 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 ???**

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

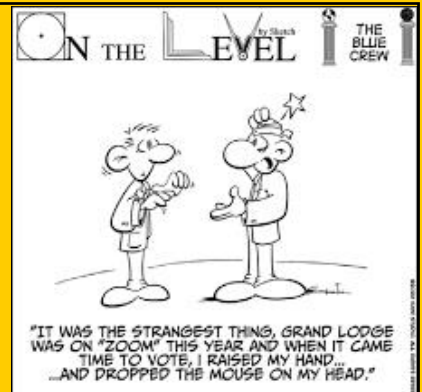
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**Grand Lodges\ Districts\ Lodges**

**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 for the past two years, 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.

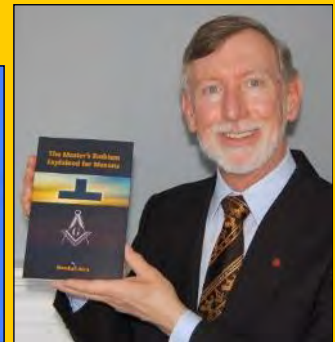
The biography is free; the book is \$20.00 plus shipping.

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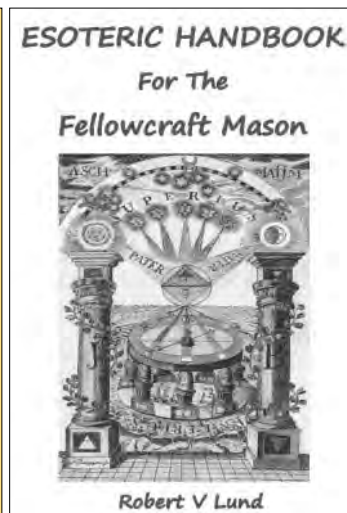
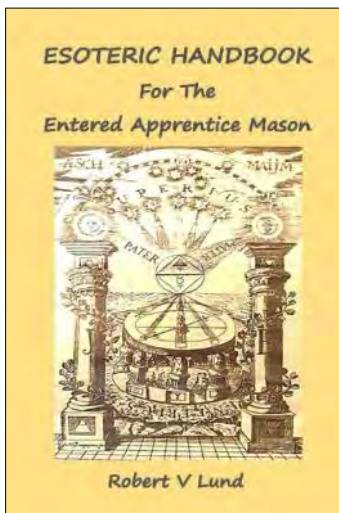
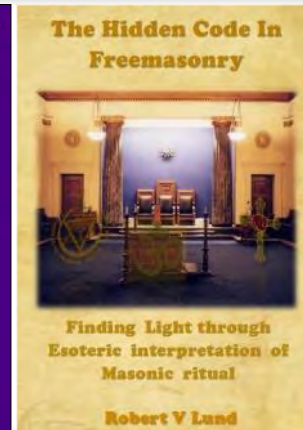
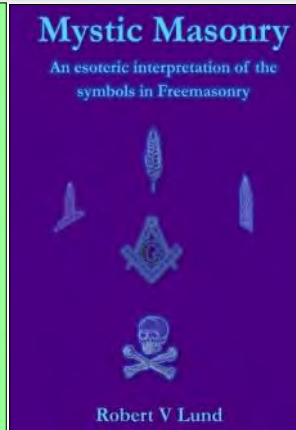
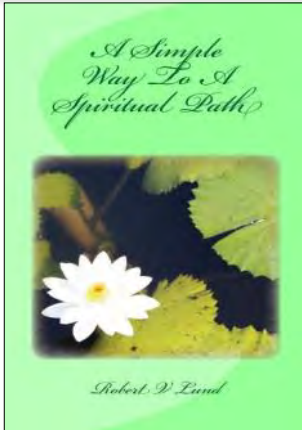
V.W. Bro. Kern's blog is here: <https://masterseblem.wordpress.com/>



## 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.”***

**“Opportunities For Further Light”**

## ***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.**





## *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.

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The fee for Affiliation is \$ 65.00 and the annual dues are also \$ 65.00.

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**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.**

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***Happy to Meet. Sorry to Part. Happy to Meet Again.***