

Dear Brethren,

Enclosed please find the *Beacon: Lighting the Way*,  
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Sunday, 01 September 2024

This issue contains 131 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,

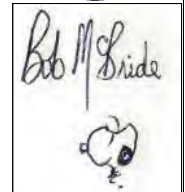
Bob McBride

[ \* 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]

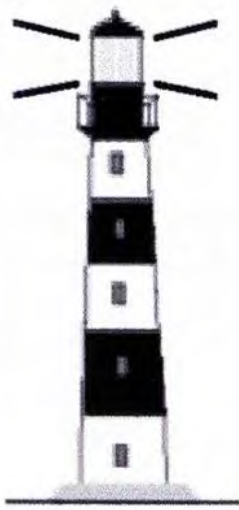
- The *Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* and Peterborough District Historian, 2002 - 2023,
- Past Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master, 2007 - 2008,
- Past W. Master, Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C., May 2022 - May 2024,
- Past W. Master, Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C., January 2002 - 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.





# The 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**

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

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

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

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

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



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

Dear Brethren,  
Greetings to you all!

First I would like to say what an honour and privilege it is to be elected as a representative of the Grand Master in Peterborough District. It is a very humbling experience to be elected by your very own District Brethren to the role of District Deputy Grand Master. I am very thankful for the confidence and trust that you have placed in me. I will endeavour to do my best for the Grand Master and the District.

I hope that all of you have had a great summer, spending time with your families and are well rested and rejuvenated.

The Lodge meeting season is about to start and I'm sure all the Brethren are excited about it and are looking forward to the fellowship.

I have appointed W. Bro. William Lorne Mitchell as the Peterborough District Secretary. W. Bro Larry Castle will also be assisting us.

I have already met with the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the District on two separate occasions this month. I sense an immense degree of enthusiasm and am very encouraged by the number of questions asked to these meetings, indicating the inquisitiveness of our current Officers and their enthusiasm for learning. This assures me that the Lodges in this District have the right Officers in place and Leaders/Senior Members to guide them. They are in good hands. I encourage all the Brethren, and particularly the Officers, to make use of this precious resource in the form of the Past Masters and the Grand Lodge Officers in your Lodges.

Our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James R. Ireland, has put out a vision for the Lodges in Ontario. Three letters sum it up - **REM**. They stand for the following:

**R**itual  
**E**ducation  
**M**entorship

The Masters and Officers of the District Lodges need to make these their priority for the next two years, the term of the Grand Master. I, together with the District Secretary will be closely monitoring the progress on these topics.



We, in the Peterborough District, are already on the way as we have discussed these items in the “*securing the future*” document at the Peterborough District Association meeting last Masonic year.

There are several resources available in the form of, the Chairmen of the various Committees of the District and the Grand Lodge website: [ontariomason.ca](http://ontariomason.ca). You are all encouraged to use these resources as they contain a wealth of information which will be of use to you.

I look forward to working with all of you for the ensuing year.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bharat Maini



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

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



## ***THE RITE OF INVESTITURE***

The rite of investiture, called, in the colloquially technical language of the order, the ceremony of clothing, brings us at once to the consideration of that well-known symbol of Freemasonry, the LAMB-SKIN APRON.

In all the modes of investiture, no matter what was the material or the form, the symbolic signification intended to be conveyed was that of purity. And hence, in Freemasonry, the same symbolism is communicated by the apron, which, because it is the first gift which the aspirant receives – the first symbol in which he is instructed – has been called the “*Badge of a Mason.*”

The apron derives its significance, as the symbol of purity, from two sources – from its colour and from its material. In each of these points of view it is, then, to be considered, before its symbolism can be properly appreciated.

First, the colour of the apron must be an unspotted white. This colour has, in all ages, been esteemed an emblem of innocence and purity.

As to the material of the apron, this is imperatively required to be of lamb-skin. No other substance, such as linen, silk, or satin, could be substituted without entirely destroying the symbolism of the vestment. Now, the lamb has, as the ritual expresses it, “*been, in all ages, deemed an emblem of innocence.*”

Source: Mackey, Albert Gallatin, 1807-1881

[www.thesquaremagazine.com/mag/article/202303the-rite-of-investiture](http://www.thesquaremagazine.com/mag/article/202303the-rite-of-investiture)



**BIOGRAPHY AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF  
R.W. BRO. BHARAT MAINI, D.D.G.M. 2024 - 2025, PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT**



Bharat was born in Nairobi, Kenya, on December 29, 1959.

He was educated at Delhi Public School in India, and, when the family moved to England, at Christ's College Grammar School in London.

He went to medical school at the University of Cambridge, UK, where he attained an honours degree in medical sciences, and went on to complete his medical degree at London University, UK. Thereafter, he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, UK, in 1990, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1992. He came to Canada in 1990 to do one year of paediatric anaesthesia, training at The Janeway Hospital, St. John's, Newfoundland. He decided to pursue Anaesthesia in Canada and moved to Peterborough in 1996, having spent time in Sault Ste. Marie. His wife, Sarita, a French teacher, joined him in 1991.

**Masonic history: The Craft Lodge**

Bharat is a third generation Mason.

His family has been involved in Freemasonry

for many years, in Kenya and then London, England. He became a Member of Equator Lodge No. 8675 EC, London, England: Initiated as an E.A., September 12, 1987; Passed as a F.C., September 10, 1988; Raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., September 9, 1989. He demitted in good standing from his Mother Lodge and Affiliated with Hatherly Lodge No. 625 in Sault Ste. Marie, demitting from it when moving to Peterborough, having Affiliated with Clementi Lodge No. 313. He was elected Worshipful Master in 2020 and ended up doing a two year term due to COVID.



He was the Peterborough District Association Chairman for the term 2023 - 2024 where he authored the "*Securing the Future*" document, presenting a way forward for the District.

### Non-Masonic leadership

Bharat has been active in societies ever since joining university. In the past, he has held the positions of Secretary of Cambridge University, India society, Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Department of Anesthesia Chief, Director of Surgical Services, Chair of the Anesthesia Section of the Ontario Medical Association, Treasurer of the Peterborough County Medical Society, President of the Indo-Canadian Association of the Kawarthas, and is one of the founding Members of the Peterborough Cricket Association.



He has also been involved in raising money for the Peterborough hospital, the old Canoe Museum by organizing Indian dinners (Friends group), Dancing with the docs, and PRHC goes Bollywood functions.

His leisure time is spent painting, usually wild animals, cooking, entertaining, listening to world music, and, most of all, enjoying his family. He is married to Sarita, a French teacher, and has two daughters:

Priya, and Nayna, who are both physicians. He is looking forward to retiring in a few years' time.

Freemasonry, for him, has led to a different sort of freedom with many new friends.



**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].

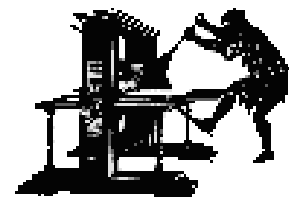
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- Peterborough District Historian,
- Past Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master (2007 - 2008).



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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 !!!



Ontario Masons

# September 2024



Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>GRANDPARENTS ARE A GIFT</b> 	2 <b>Happy Labor Day!</b> 	3 <b>Clementi 313</b> Masonic Education	4 <b>Percy 161</b> Present 25-year Pins.	5 <b>International Day of Charity !!</b> 	<b>I dream in chocolate</b> 	7 <b>World Beard Day !!!</b> 
8 <b>Grand Parents Day !!!</b>	9 <b>Golden Rule 126</b> Masonic Ed by Bob Keay	10 	11 <b>Village 145</b> Second Degree	12 <b>Read a Book Day !!!</b> 	13 <b>International Chocolate Day !!!</b>	14 
15 <b>Wife Appreciation Day !!!</b> 	16 	17 <b>Harvest Moon !!!</b> Peterborough 155	18 <b>Otonabee 101</b> Second Degree	19 	20 <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE</b> 	21 <b>Equinox</b> <b>International Day of Peace !!!</b>
22 <b>I COULD TURN BACK THE CLOCK I'D FIND YOU SOONER AND... Love You LONGER</b> 	23 <b>Havelock 435</b>	24	25 <b>MEETINGS</b> 	26 <b>P.D.M.A. Executive Meeting</b>	27 <b>Native American Day !!!</b> 	28
29 <b>"HOW TO CURE STUPIDITY"</b> 	30 <b>Ask a Stupid Question Day !!!</b>	<b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation !!!</b> 		<b>ORANGE SHIRT DAY</b> <i>Every Child Matters</i> 		

**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**  
**2024-2025**

**GRAND MASTER**

**M.W. Bro. James R. Ireland**

**DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**

**R.W. Bro. Arthur Michael Di Cecco**

**GRAND SECRETARY**

**R.W. Bro. Louis M. Domjan**

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**R.W. Bro. Prince Dilipkumar Selvaraj**

**GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN**

**R.W. Bro. Shawn Warren Hewlett**

**GRAND REGISTRAR**

**R.W. Bro. Robert Michael Culbertson**

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES**

**R.W. Bro. Brian Gilkinson [Honourary]**

**Otonabee 101 (Peterborough)**

**Grand Steward**

**V.W. Bro. William Scott Stuart**

**Village 145 (Millbrook)**



**Ontario Masons**



# The Grand Master's Project



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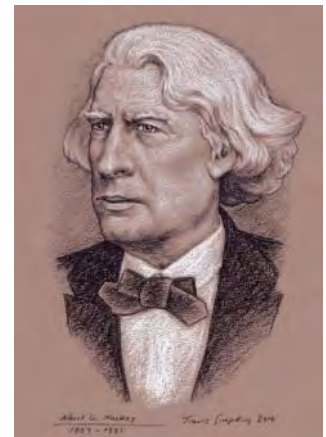
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Freemasonry is a science of symbols, in which, by their proper study, a search is instituted after truth, that truth consisting in the knowledge of the divine and human nature of God and the human Soul.

Albert Mackey



[www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/masonic.htm](http://www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/masonic.htm)



## **DISTRICT LEADERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**Benevolence - Masonic Board of Relief**

**R.W. Bro. Frank Groves**

**Cornerstone Project**

**V.W. Bro. Walter Howell**

**District Divine Service**

**V.W. Bro. Walter Howell**

**Education Committee**

**R.W. Bro. Bob Key**

**District Events Recorder**

**R.W. Bro. Drew Wilson**

**District Historian**

**R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride**



**District Lodge of Instruction**

**R.W. Bro. Andy Henderson**

**New Members Liaison**

**W. Bro. Larry Castle**

**Mentorship Team Chairman**

**R.W. Bro. Keith Buchanan**

**District Project**

**W. Bro. William Prentice**

**Grand Master's Project**

**W. Bro. Al Nelson**

**Special Events**

**R.W. Bro. Al Baswick**

**Strategic Planning**

**R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff**



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

## COMMUNICATION



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

**BEACON** (*electronic newsletter*)  
R.W. Bro Robert Collins McBride  
(Village No. 145 / Otonabee No. 101)



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**DIGITAL ARCHIVIST / PHOTOGRAPHER**  
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(Otonabee No. 101)

**TRESTLE BOARD**  
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(Clementi No. 313)

### P.D.D.G.M. ADVISORS

R.W. Bro. Andy Henderson  
R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff  
R.W. Bro. Frank Groves

*Past D.D.G.Ms of Peterborough District*









## **Peterborough District Lodges**

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

## **PDMA Meetings**

Executive Meeting	Thur. 26 September 2024
Semi-Annual Executive Meeting	Thur. 31 October 2024
Mid-Winter Meeting	Thur. 24 February 2024
Executive Meeting	Thur. 24 April 2025
Annual General Meeting	Thur. 22 May 2025

## **PDMA Degree Teams**

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

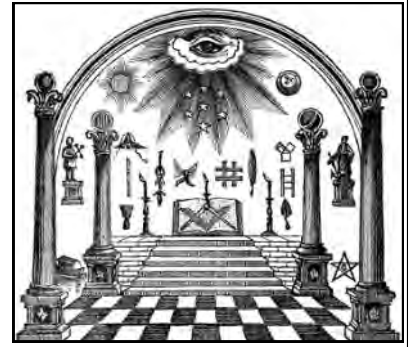
## **District Coffee Club**

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



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

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



## **Official Visits**

VILLAGE No. 145	Wed. Oct. 09, 2024	Millbrook
GOLDEN RULE No. 126	Mon. Nov. 11, 2024	Campbellford
HAVELOCK No. 435	Mon. Nov. 25, 2024	Havelock
OTONABEE No. 101	Wed. Jan. 22, 2025	Peterborough
CLEMENTI No. 313	Tues. Mar. 04, 2025	Peterborough
PERCY No. 161	Wed. Apr. 02, 2025	Warkworth
PETERBOROUGH No. 155	Tues. Apr. 15, 2025	Peterborough



## **Installations**

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



## **District Divine Service**

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



# Peterborough District Masonic Association Meetings

## PDMA DEGREE TEAMS

**W. Masters' Degree Team**  
Village Lodge, Wed. 13 November 2024  
W. Bro. Ian Thompson

**Senior Wardens' Degree Team**  
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W. Bro. James Dunn

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Thur. 22 May 2025

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

### PDMA – Executive

**Chairman:** W. Bro. James Dunn  
**1st Vice:** W. Bro. John Fraser  
**2nd Vice:** W. Bro. Ian Thompson  
**Secretary - Treasurer:**  
V.W. Bro. Adam Baker  
**Honourary Chairman:**  
R.W. Bro. Bharat Maini  
**Member Ex-Officio:**  
R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff





## Peterborough District's

### TRAVELLING SQUARE

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

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

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

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



## Travelling Square Schedule

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

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





**Brethren**

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

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

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

**S&F**

**R.W. Bro. Andy Henderson**

**Chairman, Lodge of Instruction Committee.**





PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT EDUCATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT  
R.W. Bro. Bob Keay, Education Chairman



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.

This Education submission was originally published to be inserted in the July 2024 issue of the newsletter but, because this Editor took off the months of July and August for a well-deserved rest, here it is in the September issue, for your reading pleasure.

Brethren,

As we have now concluded the Masonic year and look forward to Grand Lodge and our annual summer break (to get re-acquainted with our families), I have selected a much smaller piece of education which befuddles new Masons yet becomes second-nature to the rest of us over time. But do we really understand what it represents and why we do it? Of course I am speaking of "Grand Honours".

A new Member of a Masonic Lodge might be quite confused when he first assists in giving The Grand Honours. He might wonder at the significance of the several movements and be inquisitive as to their origin.

He will soon discover that The Grand Honours are given to four ranks: a Worshipful Brother, that is Worshipful Master rank – three times; Very Worshipful rank – five times; Right Worshipful rank – 7 times; and Grand Master rank – nine times. These honours are given at Installation and at the time of visitation in an official capacity Officers of the Rank.

Mackey's Encyclopedia claims this practice dates back to Greek and Roman times and has come to us through the operative craft. Of course, Ancient Cultures were more ritualistic than we are and carried the practice to much wider usage.





**The Grand Lodge Bulletin of Alberta in its May 1973 Issue explains the practice in this way:**

**“The Practice has been adopted by the Masonic Order and various Grand Officers are accorded courtesies as are laid down in the Constitution.**

**Freemasonry has put into these ‘courtesies’ certain symbolism----**

- 1. Slapping the thighs --- a primitive gesture of joy, enthusiasm and thanksgiving.**
- 2. Crossing the arms over the breast --- the formation of the cross of St Andrew and is a sign of respect and honour.**
- 3. Clapping the hands above the head --- to form a right-angled triangle, the fourth part of a circle, the Builder Square, which does not need to be explained to a Mason.**
- 4. Clapping the hands --- a sign of enthusiasm and appreciation.**

**Thus with Grand Honours we say to a Visitor and Distinguished Guest:**

- 1. We welcome you with joy.**
- 2. We receive you with respect and honour.**
- 3. We greet you on the Square.**
- 4. We appreciate your presence.”**

**Note: Grand Honours are given at the reception of distinguished Masons: at the Installation ceremonies of the Worshipful Master; at the Installation ceremonies in Grand Lodge; at the Dedication of a Lodge room; and at the Ceremonies of a Lodge.**

**Remember: Grand Honors should be directed to the distinguished Brethren being honoured and not at the Brother leading them.**

**Bob Keay**

**Education Chairman, Peterborough District**

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

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

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

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

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

# ***PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT PROJECT 2024 - 2025***

## **SKILLED TRADE BURSARY**

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

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

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

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

Name: Skilled Trades Bursary

Project Number: 2469

Donations for EFT: < peterboroughdistrictproject@gmail.com >

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

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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



## ***SEPTEMBER***

- ◇ It is the first month of the Autumn or Fall season.
- ◇ For those in the northern hemisphere, the weather is finally starting to let up, with cooler nights chasing away the heat of the day.
- ◇ September is the time to finish the year's harvest and celebrate its bounty.
- ◇ The Anglo-Saxons had another name for September too, which was Haefest Monath. This is a particularly interesting one as this translates into harvest month, and our modern-day usage of the word harvest originates from this name!
- ◇ September heralds the beginning of Fall in the northern hemisphere, with it officially commencing on the September equinox, which is usually between the 21st and the 23rd of the month.
- ◇ September begins on the same day of the week as just one other month, December.
- ◇ September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as its numerical place on the calendar.



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



On Wednesday, 05 June 2024, W. Bro. Jeremy Mahoney was Installed as the W. Master of Percy Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 161 G.R.C.



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

Then, on Monday, 10 June 2024, W. Bro. Mathew Davis was Installed as the W. Master of Golden Rule Campbellford / Hastings Lodge No. 126 G.R.C.



He was presented with a W. Master's gavel by V.W. Bro. Bill Osborne, from Havelock Lodge No. 435.

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



**On Saturday, 22 June, the Presentation of the District Project, *Skilled Trades Bursaries*, was held in the Peterborough Temple.**

***“Brethren all,***

***Just a quick thank you to all the Brethren who made it out to Peterborough Temple for the inaugural Skilled Trades Bursary Presentations.***

***We had all ten recipients there, along with many of their friends and family. A very good turnout of Masons to welcome them all. I've been told there were 60+ at least.***

***I'm calling this one a success!***

***Very proud and humbled at the same time how all of you have come through on this project, your help organizing, the generous donations, and your general good will towards the concept.***

***So glad to be a Peterborough Mason!***

***Please pass around my grateful thanks to one and all!***

***R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff***

***DDGM Peterborough 2023 - 2024”***







Bob McBride. Past DDGM / The *Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* / 2024-09-01, Volume Eighteen, Issue 01



On Wednesday, 26 June, over 200 Graduates of Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School assembled at the Peterborough Memorial Centre, for their Awards Programme.



Greetings were brought to the Graduates from the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Diane Lloyd, Senior Administration, James Brake, Member of Parliament, Michelle Ferreri, Member of Provincial Parliament, Dave Smith, Curve Lake First Nation, Chief Keith Knott, and Hiawatha First Nation, Chief Laurie Carr.



This was followed by the presentation of Diplomas, Certificates, Awards, Scholarships, and Bursaries.



**Recipients of Bursaries from Keene Masonic Lodge No. 374 were:**



**Thomas A. Stewart  
Secondary School**

**Commencement**

Exercises and Awards Programme  
Wednesday, June 26, 2024  
7:00 pm

**Brooklyn Allen**



**Joe Davis**



**Colby Wood,  
grandson of  
W. Bro. George R. Wood,  
W. Master  
of Keene Lodge, 1990**



and Natalie Woods



who sent us a follow-up e-mail:

***“I am writing to thank you for considering me and awarding me with a scholarship from the Masonic Lodge. I am very grateful for the money, and honoured as someone who has lived in Keene their whole life, and will put the money to good use. Thank you!  
Natalie Woods”***

**The Keene Masonic Lodge Bursary states:**

***“This award is presented to a North Shore Public School graduate who demonstrates scholastic excellence and is going on to Community College, University, an Apprenticeship in any trade, or starting their own new business.”***





Then, on Saturday, 06 July 2024, the unveiling and dedication ceremony of *Keene Masonic Park* was held in the Village of Keene.

You are cordially invited to attend the unveiling and dedication ceremony of *Keene Masonic Park*, on the southwest corner of Pinecrest Avenue and Hillview Drive, Village of Keene, Ontario, on **Saturday, 06 July 2024**, at 11:00 a.m. with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace Hogeboom, presiding.



Because this is a formal occasion, the Grand Master has requested that the Brethren are to wear business suits and regalia.

Looking forward to seeing you there !!!

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R.W. Bro. Bob McBride,  
Immediate Past W. Master of Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C.

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

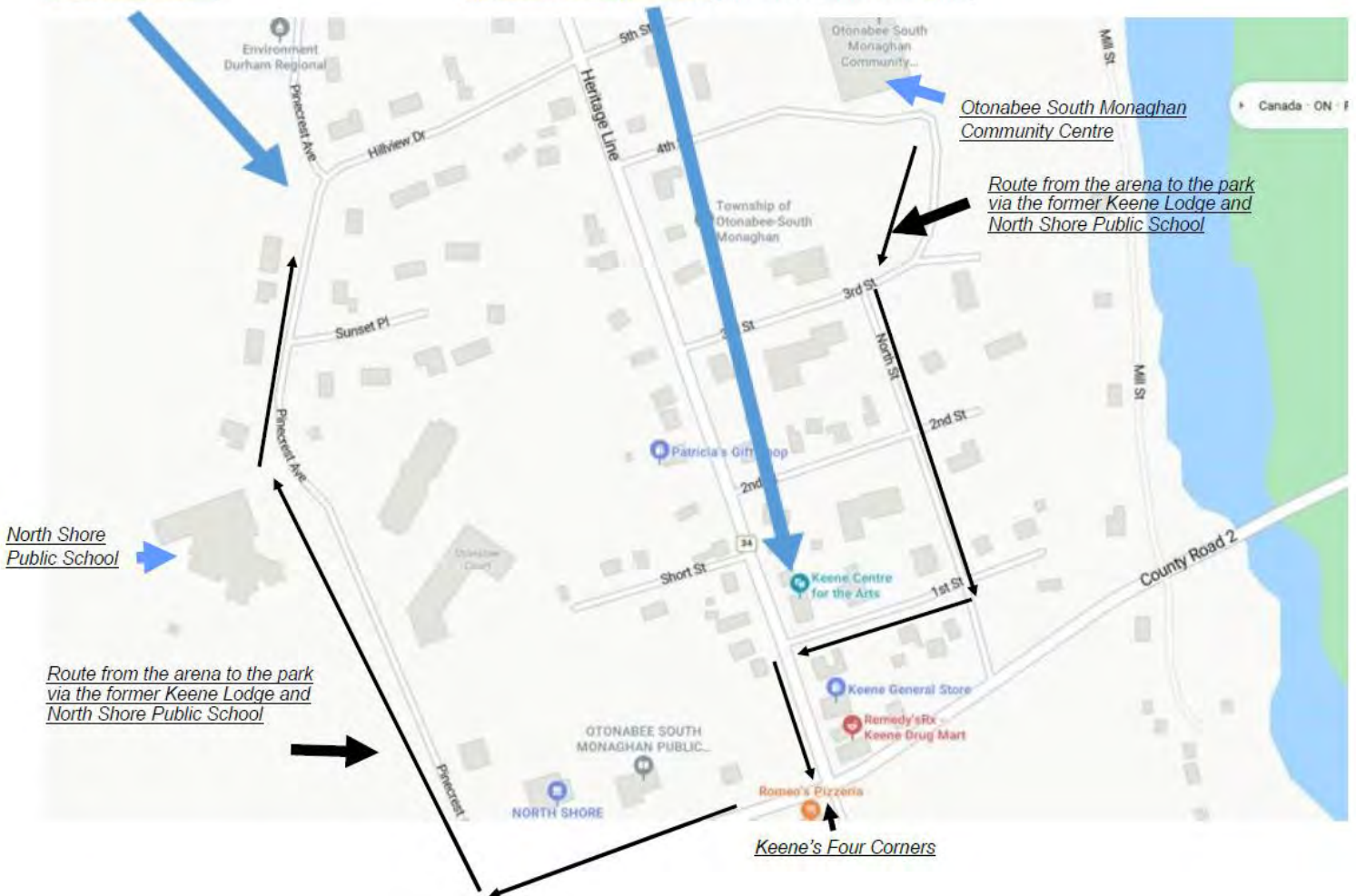


The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace Hogeboom, was met at the Otonabee South Monaghan Community Centre (arena) by W. Bro. Scott Pimmett, Past Master of Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C. (W. Master 1997), and privately escorted through the Village in Scott's vintage automobile, via the former Keene Lodge and North Shore Public School.



Keene Masonic Park

former Keene Masonic Lodge (now Keene Centre for the Arts).





**Dignitaries included:**

**R.W. Bro. Bob McBride, Immediate Past Master, Keene Lodge No. 374.**



**Otonabee – South Monaghan Township  
Deputy Mayor and County Warden:  
Bonnie Clark**



**Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace  
Hogeboom  
Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master,  
R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff,  
Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. Steven Spence  
Grand Junior Warden,  
R.W. Bro. Ebrahim Washington  
and  
Grand Director of Ceremonies,  
R.W. Bro. Graeme McDonald**



When the Grand Master arrived at Keene Masonic Park in Scott's vintage car, the ceremony began:







Joy Godfrey and Bob McBride beside the pink granite boulder.







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

Both Germain Ma from CHEX TV and Clifford Skarstedt from *The Peterborough Examiner* were present and it was reported on TV that evening with a newspaper report appearing on Monday, 08 July.

## Keene Masonic Park officially unveiled at Saturday event

CLIFFORD SKARSTEDT  
PHOTOGRAPHER

Masons from throughout Peterborough District attended an unveiling and dedication ceremony of Keene Masonic Park Saturday morning in Keene.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace Hogeboom conducted the ceremony, accompanied by Bob McBride, immediate past Master of Keene Lodge No. 374; members of Grand Lodge; and Bonnie Clark, Peterborough County warden and deputy mayor of Otonabee-South Monaghan Township.

Keene Lodge No. 374 meetings began on Jan. 31, 1879 in the third floor of an emporium, located on the north-east corner of the junction of Water and North streets.

It had an interesting location in that the lodge members could enter the third floor from the ground level due to the fact that the three-storey structure had been built into a steep bank. Keene Lodge always met on the third Thursday of the month, as that was the closest date to the full moon and it was easier for horses to find their way home after an evening of fellowship.

The rooms continued to be used for 50 years until 1930, when Keene Lodge No. 374 bought and remodelled the former Methodist church. Lodge meetings were held there for another 88 years until 2018, when Keene Lodge moved to the Millbrook Temple.

In 145 years, the lodge has initiated or affiliated 276 members.

Keene Lodge No. 374 has decided to leave three lasting legacies for



Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace Hogeboom, left, listens to remarks from immediate past Master of Keene Lodge No. 374 Bob McBride accompanied by members of the Grand Lodge during the unveiling and dedication of Keene Masonic Park on Saturday.

the inhabitants of the Village of Keene:

1. Playground equipment at North Shore Public School. The lodge gave a substantial donation to the parent council at the school.

2. The lodge gave a substantial donation in order to have four bursaries presented to graduating students at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School who are graduates of North Shore Public School.

3. Keene Lodge No. 374 also gave a donation to Otonabee-South Monaghan Township for the naming rights of Keene Masonic Park.



Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace Hogeboom, second, immediate past Master of Keene Lodge No. 374 Bob McBride, left, accompanied by members of the Grand Lodge including Peterborough County Warden Bonnie Clark attend the unveiling and dedication of Keene Masonic Park on Saturday.



Children listen to remarks Saturday from Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace Hogeboom accompanied by members of the Grand Lodge during the unveiling and dedication of Keene Masonic Park through a generous donation from Keene Masonic Lodge No. 374, recognizing the 276 Masons who have contributed to the Village of Keene for the past 145 years.

CLIFFORD SKARSTEDT PHOTOS METROLAND



**CHEX TV reporter, Germaine Ma, provided a link to the news broadcast that appeared on Saturday, 06 July, and again on Monday, 08 July:**

< <https://globalnews.ca/video/10613502/masons-attend-keene-masonic-park-dedication-ceremony/> >

**[ Note: To open the news broadcast, click on the above link and enjoy !!! ]**

**Here's a brief summary about Keene Lodge and its lasting legacy:**

**Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C. meetings began on January 31, 1879 in the third floor of an emporium or general store, located on the north-east corner of the junction of Water and North Streets in the Village of Keene.**



**It had an interesting location in that the Lodge Members could enter their third floor Lodge rooms from the ground level due to the fact that the three-storey structure had been built into a steep bank. The third floor rooms continued in use for fifty years until 1930 when a new opportunity arose.**

**On 25 May 1875 the cornerstone had been laid for the new Methodist church with its light gothic architecture.**





**In 1930, Keene Lodge No. 374 bought and re-modelled the former Methodist church.**



**Lodge meetings were held there for another eighty-eight years until 2018 when Keene Lodge moved to the Millbrook Temple.**

**Keene Lodge always met on the third Thursday of the month, as that was the closest date to the full moon and it was easier for horses to find their way home after an evening of Masonic fellowship.**

**In the one hundred and forty-five years, the Lodge has Initiated or Affiliated two hundred and seventy-six Members.**

**After 145 years of existence, (1879 - 2024), Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C. decided to leave *three lasting legacies* for the inhabitants of the Village of Keene:**

**1. Playground equipment at North Shore Public School.**

**Keene Lodge No. 374 gave a substantial 5-figure donation to the Parents' Council at the school.**



2. Keene Lodge No. 374 also gave a substantial donation in order to have four bursaries presented to graduating students at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School who are graduates of North Shore Public School in the Village of Keene, Ontario.

The criteria is as follows:

*“For scholastic excellence by a graduate going on to Community College or University or Apprenticeship in any trade or Startup of a New Business. Thomas A. Stewart graduate awardees must all be graduates from North Shore Public School in Keene, Ontario”.*



Because of the increased number of graduates in June 2024, Thomas A. Stewart Commencement was held at The Peterborough Memorial Centre on Wednesday, 26 June.





3. Keene Lodge No. 374 also gave a substantial donation to Otonabee - South Monaghan Township for the naming rights of a new park, to be called “*Keene Masonic Park*”. A pink granite boulder was provided by W. Bro. Scott Pimmett from the farm of the late Bro. Bob Godfrey, and his father, Bro. Ralph Godfrey, Members of Keene Lodge for many years.



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



Thus, with these three donations, we are leaving an enduring legacy to the children of the Village of Keene in perpetuity !!!

***We might have been Small  
but we were Mighty !!!***





The Valley of Peterborough Scottish Rite recently held its annual barbeque on Sunday, 21 July 2024, at Bill Lee's Barn, 2489 Sherbrook Street West, Cavan.







**Photos compliments of  
Scott A. MacEachern 32°  
Assistant Grand Secretary -  
Registrar  
Valley of Peterborough**



**A big thank-you to the Lee family for hosting this event !!!**

**Then, on Saturday, 17 August 2024, R.W. Bro. Bharat Maini, Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master 2024 - 2025, hosted Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, Lodge Secretaries and District Chairmen, along with their significant others, at his home, where he shared information from his meeting with the Grand Master, in preparation for this Masonic year.**



**Photos by R.W. Bro. Bob Key,  
Peterborough District Education Chairman**



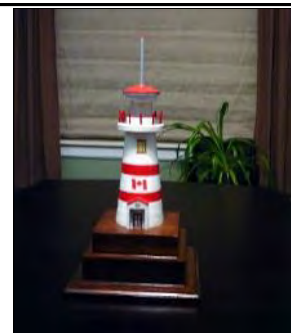
# Peterborough District *Lighthouse Trophy*

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.

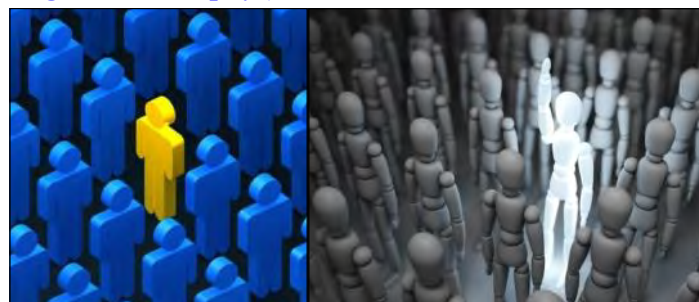
The theme of this trophy is a lighthouse that imparts knowledge to the ships at sea that helps them to navigate dangerous waters and reach a safe harbour, which is a good thing for the communities that they service.

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*.



## *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	11	19	169
Golden Rule 126	1	2	4	5	1	1	8	3	3	5	33
J.B. Hall 145	4	5	6	4	5	3	15	4	X	X	X
Village 145	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4	4	77
Peterborough 155	0	1	0	8	3	2	3	2	5	4	73
Percy 161	0	1	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	19
Clementi 313	2	8	9	9	4	2	16	12	13	11	86
Keene 374	2	2	3	3	2	2	6	3	X	X	X
Havelock 435	1	3	6	8	3	1	2	4	2	8	38

**The winner of the *Lighthouse Trophy* for 2023 – 2024 is Otonabee Lodge No. 101.  
The trophy will be presented to them on Wednesday, 16 October 2024.**

# Trent Valley Shrine Club

**THE LITTLE CLUB WITH THE BIG HEART** 

## **OUR ANNUAL PICNIC IS COMING UP**

We are once again having Annual Picnic welcoming our Fellow Nobles and their Ladies to the first gathering for the 2nd half of the Shrine year.

If you are able please join us.

<b>Where:</b>	Farntown Park 437 W. Front Street, Stirling
<b>When:</b>	2 Sept. 2024
<b>Time:</b>	3:00 p.m.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$40.00/person

Please bring your Lawn chairs, beverages of choice and Sense of Humour.

We want everyone to have a great time.

If you can attend, please advise your Club Ambassador so he can supply the correct numbers to us. We don't want to run short of food.

We are looking forward to seeing all our friends on **Labour Day**  
at **Farntown Park**



**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**

**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**

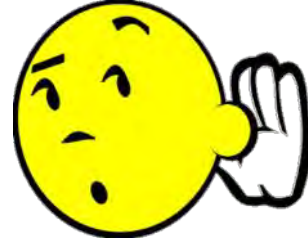




Bro. Patrick Steeves, the new Treasurer of Peterborough Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 155 G.R.C., climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in August 2024 alongside Team Fox, for the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease (PD) Research. This climb helped to raise critical funds for continued research to help those inflicted with PD.

Bro. Steeves has indicated that, when he returns to Peterborough District, he will describe his adventures and share photos of the climb.

We eagerly await hearing from him !!!



**VILLAGE LODGE**  
A.F. & A.M. No. 145 G.R.C.  
11 King St., Millbrook, ON, L0A 1G0  
Instituted 31 January 1861



Regular Meeting  
Second Wednesday of each month  
(except June, July & August)  
7:30 p.m.

Every month, the newly-formed Village Lodge No. 145 is including in their summons a piece of Masonic Education. Here is what is in the September issue:

### ***IS FREEMASONRY FOR ME?***

It is the goal of Freemasonry to take good men and make them better by generating fraternal fellowship and building strong moral character in its Members.

Masonry can set out the advantages of Membership. The decision to join, however, must be a personal one, based on an assessment of what the Craft has to offer and its net worth to the individual.

Masonry offers the opportunity to make each man better through its teachings, his Masonic associations and a philosophy that has served the social needs of men for centuries, by promoting:

- **Personal Development:** learning portions of the Ritual and participating in the Degree stimulates the mind and, coupled with committee work and Lodge management, presents the opportunity to develop leadership and organizational skills, build self-discipline through commitment, poise and self-confidence, and strengthen presentation and public speaking proficiencies;
- **Sense of Accomplishment:** participating in Lodge Projects, be they charitable or social in nature, provides the opportunity to contribute, work with others and enjoy the success of effort well expended;
- **Fellowship - Belonging to a Like-minded Group:** the modern work environment has reduced or eliminated social association with co-workers; joining with Lodge Members in a fraternal atmosphere can substitute for that former workplace fellowship lost;
- **A Break from the Workaday Routine:** Masonry brings together in Lodge men of diverse backgrounds, where the daily pressures of a career can be left outside the door and where fellowship is the common theme.

These attributes are summarized in the tenets, or fundamental principles, of Ancient Freemasonry:

Brotherly Love; Relief; and Truth.



If these values address your needs, Masonry would welcome you.

Here's an event that all of you who are Shriners may enjoy:



# Rameses Hillbilly Clan 46

**Invites All Shriners and their Families to come and have a great time at our**



# Country Chow-Down Social



Hillbilly Degrees (*Paws and Maws*)

## Saturday, September 14, 2024

**(Rain or Shine)**

**12 Noon at  
Cuzzins Laundry's place  
1294 South Portage Road**

Just East of Huntsville off Hwy. 60

### Our "Road Kill" Menu

Pothole Possum – Fender Squirrel  
Porcupine Pulp - Scattered Skunk,  
Dashboard Deer—Mystery Meat  
Yummy

**\$30. p.p.**

**Games, Lots of Socializing, Degrees,  
Food, Attitude adjustment, Fun,  
Bonfire, Music and Sing-a-long**

### CONTACT

Cuzzin Bob Ruck Home 705-789-8353

Cell 705-380-2499

# 'Y'all kum now U'ear'



Net proceeds are for the benefit of the Rameses Hillbilly Clan 46. Pavments are not deductible for tax purposes.



Here's another event that all of you who are Shriners may enjoy:



**NSA Fall Field Days**  
 Kingston, Ontario Canada  
 September 19-22, 2024  
 Registration and details



NAME:

TITLE:

TEMPLE:

LADY'S NAME:

PHONE #:

EMAIL:

Activity (Nobles and Ladies)	#of People	Price CDN (taxes included)	Total
3 night stay @ Holiday Inn WaterFront 2 Princess St. Kingston		\$705.00/Per Room	
Ladies Luncheon Boat Cruise Friday September 21 (Crawford Wharf next to Holiday Inn)		\$125.00/Per Lady	
Tunis Temple Dinner Friday, September 20 @ TBA		\$75.00/Per Person	
NSA Awards Banquet Saturday, September 21@ Ben Ry Hall (Queens University)		\$75.00/Per Person	
Hillbilly Degree Thursday, September 19 @ Secret Location		\$ 60.00/Per Noble \$ 40.00 Per Lady	
Camping Sites Available Need to contact Rideau Acres Campground directly 613.546.2711 Location: 1014 Cunningham Road, Kingston Ontario K7L 4V3 When calling have Credit Card & Licence Plate of Rig & Tow Vehicle Info ready		Will require at least one night's deposit. Will also require an email & phone number.	
<b>Total</b>			

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE: TUNIS SHRINERS or eTransfer to [duesandevents@tunisshriners.ca](mailto:duesandevents@tunisshriners.ca)

MAIL BOTH FORM & CHEQUE TO: 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa ON K1G 3V3,

or email the form to [Recorder@tunisshriners.ca](mailto:Recorder@tunisshriners.ca) or

call 613-729-2296 with credit card info Tue – Thurs 9:00 – 13:00

***Thursday, September 19***

1-4 PM Travel & Registration @ Holiday Inn-Waterfront, 2 Princess Street, Kingston ON

4 PM Raising of the Shrine Flag @ Kingston City Hall

6-8 PM Dinner on your own, Counterparts Dinner

9 PM Hillbilly Degree, Secret Location

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***Friday, September 20***

6-8 AM Breakfast (On your own)

8:30-11:00 AM NSA Opening Sessions and Annual Meeting (Bellevue Room 6th. Floor Holiday Inn) Dress: Shrine Casual with Fez

11:30 AM-3:00 PM Ladies Luncheon & Cruise (Crawford Wharf next to Holiday Inn) PASSPORT REQUIRED

Afternoon On your Own to explore Kingston (Tours will be available upon request)

6:00-8:00 PM Temple Dinners (various Kingston Restaurants)

8:00 PM Explore the Kingston Night Life

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***Saturday, September 21***

8:00-11:00 AM NSA Competitions (Klown & Bands) Kingston City Hall

Motor Corps TBA

12:30-1:30 PM Parade Assembly (Corrections Canada Head Office Union Street)

2:00 PM Parade Steps Off Dress: Temple Choice or Unit Uniforms

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARADE MAY BE MOVED AHEAD BY AN HOUR

4:00 PM Post Parade Oasis (Location yet to be determined)

6:00-9:00 PM NSA Closing and Awards Banquet (Ben Ry Hall Queens University) Dress: Shrine Casual or Club or Unit Uniform WITH FEZ

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***Please note...this is a tentative schedule and subject to changes.***

***Sunday, September 22***

Thanks for joining us, hope you Enjoy the Event & Safe Travel Home





ONTARIO DISTRICT MASONIC

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3:30 pm

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RSVP – Scribe Ezra: Ex. Comp. Mark Davis

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## ***CORINTHIAN CHAPTER NO. 36*** ***ROYAL ARCH MASONS***

Cordially invite all Master Masons of Peterborough & Surrounding Districts to the

### ***2024 MASTER MASON'S NIGHT***

WEDNESDAY, October 23, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

PETERBOROUGH MASONIC TEMPLE

- Come and witness the Royal Arch Chapter Presentation, "Fervency & Zeal" to understand the historical connection between the Holy Royal Arch and the Master Mason's Degrees
- Listen to an explanation of the Chapter Officers, furnishings and distinctive regalia worn by the Companions
- Witness the conferral of a portion of the Royal Arch Degree
- Extend your knowledge into the hidden mysteries of nature and science
- Meet the Officers & Members of Peterborough's Royal Arch Chapter
- Enjoy some light refreshments following the presentations, so bring a friend to share the experience

For any further inquiries Contact:

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John Morton: 705-768-9978 / [peterboroughddgm1516@gmail.com](mailto:peterboroughddgm1516@gmail.com)

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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	

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**The Peterborough District Masonic Association  
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from Past Grand Lodge Officers  
to refurbish and present to incoming**

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

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

**Please contact**

**Peterborough District  
Masonic Association Chairman**

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



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**Do you need a walker,  
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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.

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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  
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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.

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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



*The Most High Ruliant and Worthy Charles, Duke of Richmond, Earl of March and Darnley, &c.*

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



**WHAT MADE ME SMILE TODAY**



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

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

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

## **CANADIAN**

A first grade teacher in Canada explains to her class that she is an American. She shares the joys of being a part of the greatest country in the world, and asks her students to raise their hands if they are or want to be American too.

Not really knowing why but wanting to be like their teacher, their hands explode into the air like flashy fireworks.

There is, however, one exception.

A girl named Kristen has not gone along with the crowd.

The teacher asks her why she has decided to be different.



*"Because I am not an American."*  
says Kristen

*"Then",*  
asks the teacher, *"What are you?"*


*"I'm a proud Canadian,"* boasts the little girl.

The teacher is a little perturbed now, her face slightly red.

She asks Kristen why she is a Canadian.

*"Well, my mom and dad are Canadians, so I'm a proud Canadian too."*





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*“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 !!!”*





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**ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS - 2024**

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Grand Senior Warden	Prince D. Selvaraj	Grand Junior Warden	Shawn Warren Hewlett
Grand Chaplain	David Ian Spencer	Grand Treasurer	Sydney T. Schatzker
Grand Secretary	Louis M. Domjan	Grand Registrar	Robert Michael Culbertson

**BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES**

<b>ELECTED</b>	<b>APPOINTED</b>	<b>HONORARY</b>
Peter J. Sialtsis	Brent H. Derochie	Kenneth M. Elligson
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James O. Wark	Garry S. Perkins	Michael J. MacDonald
Jeffrey M. Gatcke	Victor A. Tavares	Graeme D. McDonald
James R. Sercombe	Emilio Testa	H. Alexander Zimmerman
	Barry F. Burchill (1 year)	

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS**

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>D.D.G.M.</b>	<b>LODGE</b>	<b>NO.</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
Algoma	Timothy Glenndale King	Connaught	511	Thunder Bay
Algoma East	Robert David Craig	Hatherly	625	Sault Ste. Marie
Brant	Paul Graham Isaac	Hiram	319	Ohswegen
Bruce	John Donald Jans	Harriston	262	Elora
Chatham	Kenneth Michael Smith	Parthenon	267	Chatham
Eastern	Daniel Garry Roddick	Friendly Brothers	143	Cardinal
Essex County	Ross Rodney Taylor	Xenophon	448	Windsor
Frontenac	Dale Edmond Oliver LaFreniere	Albion	109	Kingston
Georgian North	Michael Dean Loughheed	Northern Light	266	Duntroon
Georgian South	Nathan Publow	Tottenham	467	Tottenham
Grey	Paul Keith Nancekivell	Dundalk	449	Port McNicoll
Hamilton A	Brampton A. Gushway	Claude M. Kent	681	Oakville
Hamilton B	Brian James Muir	Wentworth	166	Stoney Creek
Hamilton C	Steven William Badger	Hugh Murray	602	Dundas
Huron	William Frank King	Stratford	332	St. Marys
London East	Romulo Fernando Villavecer	Moffat	399	London
London West	David Richard Clifford Humphrey	Oakridge	708	London
Niagara A	Steven Arthur Edward	Niagara	2	St. Catharines
Niagara B	Charles Roy James Watson	Myrtle	337	Hamilton
Nipissing Muskoka	James Edward Brien	North Bay Nipissing	420	North Bay
Ontario	John Anthony Reine	Parkwood	695	Baltimore
Ottawa 1	Eustace Roberts	Acacia	561	Lanark
Ottawa 2	Neil Blain	Pembroke	128	Pembroke
Peterborough	Bharat Maini	Clementi	313	Peterborough
Prince Edward	Kevin Scott Fudge	Bancroft	482	Bancroft
Sarnia	Wilbur Shand	Burns'	153	Lambton Shores
St. Lawrence	Robert S. Miller	Merrickville	55	Prescott
St. Thomas	Robert Lee Temple	St. Mark's	94	St. Thomas
Sudbury-Manitoulin	John Mark Miszczak	Friendship	691	Sudbury
Temiskaming	Gerald Patrick Liley	Porcupine	506	Timmins
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Toronto East	Daniel David Thomas Fallows	Markham Union	87	Port Perry
Toronto Humber Valley	Carl Ignatius	Antiquity	571	Pickering
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Victoria	James Edward Jones	Arcadia	440	Baysville
Waterloo	Richard Jackson	Mystic Tie	279	Cambridge
Wellington	William Theodore Oliver	Trillium	724	Guelph
Western	Reginald Peter Jones	Lake of the Woods	445	Kenora
Wilson	David Palmer	King Hiram	78	Tillsonburg
York	Herbert Koch	Corinthian	481	Mulmur

*Updated: July 24, 2024*



**GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS - 2024**

		<b>LODGE No.</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
Grand Director of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. Hugh F. Fleming	419	Sarnia
Grand Senior Deacon	V.W. Bro. Douglas Alexander Crawford	230	Midhurst
Grand Junior Deacon	V.W. Bro. Robert Allen M. Norris	201	Kingston
Grand Superintendent of Works	V.W. Bro. Christopher Robert Wales	119	Newburg
Assistant Grand Secretary	V.W. Bro. Lawrence Pray Jr.	521	Windsor
Assistant Grand Chaplain	V.W. Bro. Richard Carl Gorham	372	Fort Erie
Assistant Grand Chaplain	V.W. Bro. Leonard Richard Healy	416	Brockville
Assistant Grand Chaplain	V.W. Bro. Joseph Emerson Shannon	57	York
Assistant Grand Chaplain	V.W. Bro. Michael Winstanley	698	Elliot Lake
Grand Sword Bearer	V.W. Bro. Lyle Orville Smith	328	Strathroy
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. Donald Alan Davidson	209a	London
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Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. Fred Ludwig Kilian	612	Scarborough

**GRAND STEWARDS**

<b>GRAND STEWARD</b>	<b>LODGE No.</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>GRAND STEWARD</b>	<b>LODGE No.</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
Brian Lee Aikins	230	Barrie	John C. Nywening	328	Strathroy
George Alton Albin	54	Maple	Robert F. Palmer	387	Gananoque
Steven Richard Albright	624	Mount Elgin	Adamo Parete	311	Woodbridge
Vincent Norman Aube	348	Midland	Brent Charles Patroch	195	Ilderton
Kevin Beresten	380	London	Aaron Hector Racine	581	Toronto
Kevin James Bowler	377	Melancthon	Paul Anthony Ross	165	Burlington
Gary Brown	312	Wallaceburg	Michael John Schram	418	Alexandria
Ronald Gordon Carnahan	457	Merlin	Eric Brian Sherren	243	Brantford
Timothy Alan Edwards	343	Toronto	Graham Simpson	297	Cambridge
Grant Allan Fisher	215	Corbyville	Kevin Sitzes	158	Petrolia
Richard Lee Freedman	623	Kirkland Lake	Thomas Geoffrey Skelton	471	Niagara Falls
David Wesley Gohn	334	Fergus	Kelly James Smith	678	Woodstock
Robert George Gordon	272	Ancaster	Wilfred David Steen	203	Rockwood
Douglas Wayne Gustar	114	Port Hope	Johnathon Walsh Stewart	7	Hamilton
Robert Graham Haynes	387	Gananoque	Scott Johnston Stuart	145	Youngs Point
John C. Holmes	473	Toronto	Raivo Tahiste	221	St. Catharines
Ian David Hooker	371	Kanata	Bradley John Tamlin	477	Lindsay
Alan Howard Jones	44	St. Thomas	Keith Albert Travis	622	Chapleau
James F. Jones	444	Stayner	Johan C. K. van den Heuvel	600	Mississauga
David Christopher Junop	474	Toronto	Peter Stephen Watsham	197	Neustadt
Allan Bonnell Monroe	508	Brantford	Mark George Wolfe	141	Startford
John Frederick Mooney	527	Massey	Eric Stuart Wolfe	379	London

		<b>LODGE No.</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
Grand Standard Bearer	V.W. Bro. Steven Carruthers	672	Red Rock
Grand Standard Bearer	V.W. Bro. Marvin Glen Harrison	17	Cobourg
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. Donald Murray Grant	235	Dobbington
Grand Historian	V.W. Bro. Corey Roland Turnbull	474	Toronto
Grand Librarian	V.W. Bro. Ian Miller Donald	594	Burlington
Grand Archivist	V.W. Bro. Angus Gregory McKinnon	494	Toronto
Grand Piper	V.W. Bro. Steve McDougald	596	Bainsville

Included in the June 2024 monthly *Ontario Mason Magazine* was this article that I know you will enjoy reading:

## ***OUTSIDE THE DOOR OF THE LODGE***

The Tyler stands “armed with a drawn sword to keep off all cowans and intruders from Masonry”, but have you taken time to consider what that door actually represents? It is, in fact, the divider between the Lodge and the outside world. It shields the Lodge from the disharmony that tends to exist in our day-to-day lives. In a moral or spiritual sense, it becomes our barrier between what is right and what is wrong.

Now, have you ever wondered why we tyle the Lodge? It would be just as easy to have the Brethren enter Lodge, take a seat, call for order at the appointed time, close the door and start the meeting. Is it an allusion to the past, when stonemasons needed to ensure the privacy of their meetings to protect their secrets? Perhaps, there is a deeper meaning that is not so obvious. During the opening of the Lodge, the Junior Warden is asked “*What is the first care of every Mason?*” not “*What is the first care of the Tyler?*”. You should recall that one of the Tyler’s duties is “*to keep off all cowans and intruders from Masonry*”, and certainly he does this well by having all known Brethren sign the register and questioning those who are not known, but what if that intruder, is one we brought with us?

Most of us attend Lodge meetings right after our workday is finished, some even stopping by home briefly beforehand. You should ask yourself, what extra am I bringing with me when I get to Lodge? Perhaps it is a sale we missed closing; a co-worker we dealt with poorly; the anger toward an uncourteous driver we interacted with; the child we chastised before leaving home; the wife we were angry with for some reason; maybe even the thoughts of a refreshing beverage that we are going to enjoy after the meeting. Our lives are busy, it is common that we have rushed to get to Lodge on time, quickly put on our apron and hastily found a seat in Lodge.

Ensuring that the Lodge is properly tyled is the responsibility of every Mason; each one of us. We all have an obligation to prepare, to protect and to tyle, not the physical Lodge, but the Lodge within ourselves that we started to build at the Northeast angle during our Initiation.

To tyle the Lodge within each of us we must seek a serenity and peace within ourselves and remember where we have entered; we are taught as Entered Apprentices that “*our Lodges stand on Holy ground.*” This is where the all-seeing eye of our Creator looks upon us and we must force aside all things that might intrude into this Holy place to distract or discourage us, or that interfere with the harmony of the Lodge. Each and every one of us is admonished to raise a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder, but that is hard to do unless you tyle your own inner Lodge.

W. Bro. Barry Boughen, FCF  
Worshipful Master  
St. George Lodge No. 243





With our new Grand Lodge for 2024 - 2025, here is the



## Grand Master's Communiqué

August 2024

Brethren,

Welcome to the *Ontario Masons Magazine* for this new Masonic year. V.W. Bro. Dan Dignard, thank you for leading this Committee and for continuing to publish such a wonderful vehicle to transfer Grand Lodge information to the entire Jurisdiction. We are kicking off the year with the August Edition of the *OMM*, to give you an early start on some Masonic Education that can be used in your September Summons. In addition, Brethren, if you would like to be considered to be added to this team, please feel free to contact me through the Grand Secretary.

Let me take a moment to say thank you, I am so honoured to be the Grand Master of this, The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The Jurisdiction has placed the Office of Grand Master in my hands and I will do my best to uphold and maintain its integrity and traditions. I have been looking forward to this day for a very long time and now, it's finally here. What would my grandfather think about this, I'm pretty sure that his smile would say it all. Brethren, the sun is glowing, the penny is shining and inspiration and positivity are evident wherever we look. I am feeling hopeful that Freemasonry is on the upswing and our Grand Lodge vision of R.E.M., Ritual, Education and Mentoring, is bearing fruit. Let's keep the momentum going, let us vow to do better in all our undertakings and let us be proud to be an Ontario Mason.

Congratulations to our newly-elected Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Art DiCecco. I am completely confident that you will proudly uphold your office. You will lead the Board of General Purposes on their quest to fulfill the Committee work and you will continue to be a great friend to me and to this vast Jurisdiction. Welcome aboard Deputy, we have much to do.



To the incoming District Deputy Grand Masters and Board of General Purposes Members, Congratulations on your recent elections and appointments. We are going to have a great Masonic year together. You are now a Member of the Board and I would ask that you represent Grand Lodge accordingly. If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to contact me at any time.

I also want to mention to all of the outgoing elected and appointed Officers as well, your time, talents and dedication to our Grand Lodge has been amazing and incredibly appreciated. You have all contributed to the successes that we are now experiencing and I appreciate it very much. Hopefully you will continue contributing to our Grand Lodge in some meaningful way, whether it's Grand Lodge Committee responsibilities or even just promoting Grand Lodge initiatives in your respective Districts. I would appreciate any help that you are willing to give.

To the Members of Ionic Lodge No. 328 in Napier, Ontario, I can't thank you enough for the support that you have shown me since I became a Member of this gentle Craft. This, my mother Lodge, is the perfect example of how a group of "*like-minded men*" have exemplified peace, harmony and Brotherly love in a Lodge room where piques and quarrels are unheard of. On behalf of Ionic Lodge No.328, I would invite the entire Jurisdiction to visit one of the smallest, most rural Lodges in Ontario. The hospitality here is incredible. Thank you again Brethren, it's going to be an amazing journey for us all.

Sarnia District is where my journey began and I also want to thank everyone in my home District for your support, your help with every District Committee that I was on over the years and, most of all, for your friendship. I truly have a great support group.

And lastly, this Jurisdiction has been so generous to me. I have travelled from the far north to the far south, as well as from the west to the east. Brethren of Ontario, it has been an amazing trip. From the E.A. Degree in 1996 to becoming your Grand Master in 2024, I can't say enough about what being an Ontario Mason means to me and I hope that everyone shares that same feeling on their own journey. R.W. Bro. Hugh Fleming, the incoming Grand Director of Ceremonies, are you ready Brother to set out on these next two years with me? Buckle up, it's going to be an incredible ride.

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.

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



# Deputy Grand Master's Communiqué

Dear Brethren,

I take this opportunity to welcome all our Brethren as we embark on our new Masonic year.

A special note of gratitude to all the Brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction as I am humbled by your consideration and confidence to serve you as your Deputy Grand Master as we move our Craft forward.

A heartfelt acknowledgement to all the Brethren who had put their name forward to serve. As the results of our Communication may not have been favourable to all, your devotion and commitment to serve is much appreciated, as it speaks to the purpose and impact our gentle Craft has imparted on many of our Brethren.

To our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Jamie R. Ireland, what a great achievement and a preferment well deserved. It has been my privilege to work with you for many years, and I look forward to serving with you in our continued journey of progress and betterment of Freemasonry in Ontario.

A warm welcome and congratulations to our elected and appointed Officers. Having had the opportunity to work with many of you, I look forward to our continued successes as we continue to develop and refine the many programs and mandates for the benefit of all our Brethren and the whole Jurisdiction. It is hard to believe that our summer break is half way through as the month of July has come to a close and is already behind us. As we are reviewing the past activities and successes, we are finalizing our committee structures to be at the ready as our new Masonic year quickly begins to unfold.

Brethren, I extend my very best wishes to you, your families and friends, and may you enjoy all the very best that your summer has to offer. I look forward to the opportunities that lay before us to enjoy our fellowship and promote our gentle Craft.

With my best fraternal regards,

R.W. Bro. Art Di Cecco  
Deputy Grand Master



# Grand Chaplain's Communiqué

Let me begin by thanking our Grand Master, M.W. Brother Jamie R. Ireland, for asking me to be Grand Chaplain. We met during my first visit to his Lodge in Sarnia. He was then the D.D.G.M. of Sarnia District. He made a point of welcoming me, a then-unknown Fellowcraft from Sudbury.

It was the first time I had visited a Lodge outside of my Home District of Sudbury-Manitoulin, He directed me to sit with some Brethren who welcomed me warmly that evening. M.W. Bro. Ireland also invited me to Lodge in Wyoming the next evening. We have stayed in touch over the years and I am privileged to now address my friend and my Brother as Grand Master.

Three other Brethren deserve a public and sincere thank you. R.W. Brothers, T. Haight, P. Chagger and M. Litvak each took time to respond to my emails and we have chatted over the phone. Each shared his perspective on the office. Each has a bit different viewpoint. Each Brother has a different background. All three are passionate about our Craft.

A Freemason is a man of faith. We are not afraid to use the word "creation". We see the hand of the Creator in His Universe. Some will see the glass as half full or half empty. The same amount of liquid is the topic of discussion. I have been a bit puzzled by the argument. But the varying opinions on said glass seem to be more of perspective. How do we see what is front of us? How do we view the world? Eyes and a heart of faith are both required.

The answer to how much is in said glass is given by David, a prince and ruler in Israel. We know him as the most famous great grandson of Boaz and Ruth. Psalm 23 is a very personal statement of David's faith and life. His enemies were within line of sight.

*"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."*  
Psalm 23: vs 5 NASB

Those who wanted to harm David's life were easily visible. Yet, David's perspective is a man of faith and trust. This is no lapse into wishful thinking. The enemies are there and they are real. More importantly, so is his Creator.

David's cup is neither half full nor half empty. *"My cup overflows."* vs 5 NASB  
David's blessings can not be contained by the measure of his own cup. In the midst of his enemies, the man of faith has a calm about him.

The uncertainty of life contrasts with the eternal GAOTU. To focus on our blessings will help sharpen our spiritual eyes. Indeed, let us count our blessings and remember from Whose hand we receive them.

Regards,

R.W. Bro. David Spencer  
Grand Chaplain

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## Deputy Secretary's Communiqué

Brethren, Welcome to a new Masonic year!  
Congratulations to the Elected and Appointed Officers,  
and the Elected, Appointed and Honorary Members  
of the Board of General Purposes.

Lots of information will be distributed electronically  
to the Lodges later in August. If you do not receive  
the package by the end of August, please contact  
the Secretary of your Lodge.

Thank you for your support and interest  
in our Grand Lodge by attending the Annual Communication  
and Annual Meeting of our Grand Lodge  
on Wednesday, July 17th and Thursday, July 18th, 2024.

Your attendance and participation is important and much appreciated.

Thank you to the eligible voters who registered and voted  
in the District Deputy Grand Master elections in June 2024 and the election  
of other Grand Lodge Officers and the Members of the Board of General Purposes  
in July 2024.

The Grand Lodge Office and I look forward to working together  
with the Grand Lodge Officers, Members of the Board, Chairmen, Committees  
and Lodges in the 2024-2025 Masonic term.

Thank you, Brethren.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



**Masonry was not made to divide men,  
but to unite them,  
leaving each man free to think his own thoughts  
and fashion his own system of ultimate truth.  
All its emphasis rests upon  
two extremely simple and profound principles,  
love of God and love of man.**

**Joseph Fort Newton**

**[www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/masonic.html](http://www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/masonic.html)**



## 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.





The August 2024 issue of *The Ontario Mason* magazine also contained this article that I'm sure you'll enjoy reading:

## ***A MASONIC MUSIC NOTE***

R.W. Bro. Walter Rawlins, PDDGM, District Organist, - YORK District

Over the years, I have often heard from many Brethren, that they really like, and appreciate the music in the Lodge. They said that it adds to the atmosphere, and enjoyment of the ceremony, and general well-being of attending Lodge. I must say that it has also given me much pleasure in providing the music, not only for our Rituals, but also for lighthearted enjoyment, both prelude, and postlude meetings.

I have had the honour, privilege, and pleasure, of accompanying some very talented vocalist, in the Lodges, and recently the Bag Pipes, playing "*Highland Cathedral*". I have made it a point of mixing up the kinds of music, from Classical, to Popular, to religious, even show tunes. Masonic Organists are scarce, and not every Lodge has the services of an Organist, or even an Organ, for that matter.

We are fortunate to have an authentic Pipe Organ in the Annette Temple, which is in the Toronto West District, and of course, the famous Cassavant Organ, in the Scottish Rite temple, in Hamilton.

If you have not seen, or heard any of these, please make it a point to visit. You will not be disappointed.

There is a music book titled "*Masonic Music Ritual for Ceremonies, and Degrees*". Unfortunately, it is out of stock in the G.L. Book Store, and apparently, out of print. I have used extensively, the music in this book, and have added a few other appropriate hymns, for variety. To this end, I recently wrote an Opening, and a Closing Ode, which can be sung, before, or during, the Opening, and Closing of the V.O.T.S.L. The first verse can be sung at the Opening, and the second, or last verse, sung at the Closing. Each verse ending with "*So Mote It Be*". The Hymn Tune used is "*MANOAH*". There are several hymns sung to this tune.

I hope that you will be able to adapt and use it in your Lodges. Here are the words that I wrote.

### Opening:

O for a faith to serve our GOD  
In Peace and Love, and Harmony  
Relief, and Truth, and Charity,  
Our bond in Masonry. "*So, Mote It Be*"

### Closing:

Now that our Rites and Labours end,  
Our Brotherhood supreme here.  
We met upon the Level, and,  
We part upon the Square. "*So, Mote It Be*"



**"HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN"**

Many of you will remember when I included articles from M.W. Bro. Stan Barkley, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, in his monthly eNews. He wrote to me on 07 January 2024: *“I’m going to take a break for awhile and concentrate on my health. I’ll still enjoy your newsletter. Thx”*

Regretfully, here’s an announcement from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

# In Memoriam



## Notice for Distribution

June 25, 2024

TO: All Lodge Secretaries  
Board of General Purposes  
DDGM'S  
The Grand Line

RE: The passing of Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro Stan Barclay

FROM: M.W. Kris Goodmanson  
Grand Secretary

It is with profound regret that I advise the brethren that M.W. Brother Stan Barclay has laid down his working tools and has passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Thursday 20 June 2024. M.W. Bro Barclay was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 2016-17.

As many members are aware, MW Bro Stan had been battling a terminal cancer diagnosis for the last three years. Grand Master Bisharat and I have both been in contact with Lady Donna and have expressed condolences on behalf of the brethren of Grand Lodge Manitoba and all lodges of this jurisdiction.

Lady Donna advised that it was MW Bro Stan’s wish there be no formal service for him, but rather a small family gathering. Please keep Lady Donna and the Barclay family in your thoughts and prayers.



***REST IN PEACE,  
MY GOOD FRIEND !!!***





The Grand Lodge of Manitoba included this article in their newsletter:



## ***MASONIC EDUCATION: THE BEE***

The bee is a symbol that teaches us a lot about working together, sharing responsibilities, and looking out for each other's well-being.

It shows us how living in harmony and co-operation can lead to the greater good of the community.

This is a powerful reminder for us to think about how we organize our societies, emphasizing teamwork and mutual support over going it alone or trying to force others to do things.

The bee is not just busy; it's a model of hard work, resilience, and living in balance with nature.

These qualities are admired in Freemasonry because they reflect a strong work ethic and the ability to bounce back from challenges.

They also show us the importance of living in a way that respects and contributes to the natural world around us.

But the bee's significance goes deeper than just what it does.

It also represents a spiritual and moral lesson for us.

The bee shows that even in ordinary, everyday actions, there's a chance to connect with something bigger than ourselves.

It teaches us that there's a kind of divine intelligence at work in the world, and even the simplest creature can show us something profound about life.

Thinking about the bee in this way can inspire us to find the extraordinary in the ordinary and to seek harmony within ourselves and with the environment. It's a reminder that, by working together and supporting each other, we can achieve something meaningful and contribute to a larger purpose.



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Richmond, Virginia 23298 USA

## Setting-Maul

A wooden hammer used by Operative Masons to “set” the stones in their proper positions. ... In some Lodges, it is very improperly used by the Master as his gavel, from which it totally differs in form and in symbolic signification.

- 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. 682.](#)

## Setting Sun

It was the duty of the Senior Wards to pay and dismiss the Craft at the close of the day, when the sun sinks in the West; so now the Senior Warden is said in the Lodge to represent the setting sun.

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**Masonic Education:**

**Index of Masonic Education within  
the *Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!***

**If you are interested  
in obtaining articles from past issues  
of the Peterborough District's electronic *Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!*,  
please contact this Editor, R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride [Bob],  
who will gladly send them to you.**

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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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2024-09-01		01	131	"Exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction: Report of the Grand Historian" as recorded in the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario For the year 2024, by V.W. Bro. Marshall Kern

Here is an article that was submitted by our Immediate Past Grand Historian, V.W. Bro. Marshall Kern, for publication in the (Preliminary) Proceedings of Grand Lodge. It is a great read and incredibly well researched.

As he says in his note: *"The extraction and re-formatting of the Reports took me a while to complete. I am grateful to R.W. Bro. Jamie Wark for his support to make this project complete by getting the prior Reports of the Grand Historian posted early in July. I've submitted the 2024 Report directly to the website team."* We can now see it and others on the OntarioMasons.ca website, btw.

We look forward to similar submissions from our new Grand Historian, V.W. Bro. Corey Turnbull.

***EXCLUSIVE MASONIC JURISDICTION :  
REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN  
AS RECORDED IN THE ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE GRAND LODGE A.F. AND A.M.  
OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
FOR THE YEAR 2024***

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members  
of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

With sincere gratitude I thank you, M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom, for granting me the honour and title of Grand Historian. With this office comes the opportunity to serve the Craft in general, and the Constitutional requirement “*to record matters that are connected with the history of Freemasonry in Ontario.*” I submit this report in conformance to that requirement.



### Exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction.

During the ceremony of Initiation of a man to become a Mason, he is shown the Warrant or Charter of the Lodge that is issued by the Grand Lodge. He is given a copy of the current Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge. He also receives a copy of the Bylaws of the Lodge and is asked to sign his name in a record book as a token of his submission thereto. At this moment, the Entered Apprentice is swept up into the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and the Grand Lodge.

Only infrequently will most Masons consider what is meant by the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and the Grand Lodge. Very simply, these concepts are not the concern of most Masons until a challenge arises.

Following the pattern of scholars of Masonic jurisprudence, this report of the Grand Historian will begin with a consideration of the history of the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction with respect to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. I recognize that this is influenced by the tradition of common law but remains distinct from that which we proclaim are the laws of the country which affords us its protection. As a history, this report depends on the rulings, decisions, and actions of the rulers of our Craft as documented in *Annual Proceedings*, our *Book of Constitution*, and our *Warrants*. And this report extends its research into the applicability of the broader concept of jurisdiction with respect to private or subordinate Lodges, and individual Masons.

### What is the doctrine?

The idea of exclusive territorial jurisdiction is that a Grand Lodge exercises authority over all Masonic activity within the borders of the described area. At first glance the doctrine may seem limited to promoting and sustaining Masonry in a geographic area conforming to accepted political boundaries such as international and provincial borders. The doctrine also has been applied to recognition of concordant and appendant and other bodies in the family of Masonry. This may include recognition of well-known concordant and appendant bodies such as Royal Arch Masons, Scottish Rite, and Shrine. There are examples of Grand Lodges exercising authority to exclude spurious activities and preventing other organizations from using our dedicated and consecrated Masonic lodge rooms.



### When did it start?

Some Masonic researchers point to documents of the Grand Lodge of New York for evidence of the first application of the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction. More generally it is described and understood to be a doctrine developed across Grand Lodges in the United States of America, arising as those Grand Lodges were formed about the time of the American Revolution.

In its earliest forms of expression, the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction was limited to a Grand Lodge declaring that it would not Warrant or Charter a Lodge in the territory of another Grand Lodge which it recognized. The motive or intent of this action may be seen as demonstrating the strength or authority of a Grand Lodge.

### How was it applied in Canada before the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada?

The early Masonic Lodges active in Upper Canada, then Canada West, and now the Province of Ontario, received their dispensations and warrants from various foreign sources until the institution of the first Provincial Grand Lodge for Upper Canada, and the appointment of R.W. Bro. William Jarvis as Provincial Grand Master. This was followed by the second Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada, led by R.W. Bro. Simon McGillivray. The third Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada was led by R.W. Bro. Allan Napier MacNab. Although these Provincial Grand Lodges issued Warrants for new Lodges, some of the early Lodges held allegiance to the foreign Grand Lodge which granted their Warrant.

Prince Hall Masonry was also active in the area. To quote directly from an authoritative source: *“In 1851, Grand Master George Shreve of the Union Grand Lodge of New Jersey deputized Brother T.C. Harmsley to establish a Lodge of Master Masons in Hamilton, Canada West, under the title of Mount Olive Lodge #1. The Warrant for this Lodge, signed by Grand Master Shreve and attested to by Grand Secretary Joshua Woodlin, was signed December 27, 1852.”*

The evidence that is available shows that there were no assertions of exclusive territorial jurisdiction in the geographic area that is now the Province of Ontario by any of the foreign Grand Lodges: English, Scottish, Irish, or of New Jersey. Growth of Freemasonry depended on the skill and ability of Masons coming together to enjoy fraternal activities. As esteemed Brethren saw opportunities to extend the hand of fellowship in new communities, they would apply for dispensations and Warrants from the foreign Grand Lodges. When one reads the text of the relevant dispensations and Warrants you find only a geographic reference to the locale or community in which the Lodge may operate. The text of the Warrant constrains the Lodge to meet within that community.

## What about when our Grand Lodge formed?

The assertion of territorial jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Canada was more complex and nuanced than the revolutionary fervor in the United States of America.

The established Lodges in Canada were subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or the United Grand Lodge of England. And special note must be made regarding Prince Hall Freemasons in Canada. Again, to quote from an authoritative source: *“On August 25, 1856, these three Lodges (Mount Olive No. 1, Victoria Lodge No. 2, and Olive Branch Lodge), with Olive Branch Lodge now listed as being in Hamilton, were called together in Hamilton where they constituted into Widow’s Son Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons”*.

The formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada was not the best demonstration of warm fraternal feelings by all those involved. There was an immediate schism as R.W. Bro. Allan Napier MacNab formed and led the Ancient Grand Lodge. The absence of letters and communications with the Widow’s Son Grand Lodge (Prince Hall) may be construed several ways; none of them particularly flattering. It took several years to overcome the schisms and set aside the hurts to finally form the Grand Lodge of Canada with its territory being the Province of Ontario. It took more time to overcome various jurisdictional concerns and arrive at an understanding regarding the status and authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Book of Constitution approved by the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855 does not have a declaration of exclusive territorial jurisdiction except in the title of the new Grand Lodge: *“The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada”*.

Section 22 of that Constitution does make an assertion of the authority of the Grand Lodge within its jurisdiction.

*“22. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting laws and regulation for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care that the ancient land-marks of the order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating, and deciding, all matter relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers which it may exercise either of itself, or by such delegated authority as, in its wisdom and discretion, it may appoint; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft, a power which it ought not to delegate to any subordinate authority.*



## How has our Grand Lodge exerted exclusive territorial jurisdiction?

The earliest application of the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction pertained to the issuing of dispensations and Warrants to form Lodges. It is expected that a Grand Lodge will not extend its authority into other jurisdictions, or locales beyond its control.

Consistent with this doctrine, in 1858 the Grand Lodge of Canada declined a request from Masons in the Colony of Demerara to Warrant a Lodge there.

The story of The Royal Solomon Mother Lodge No. 293 G.R.C. is quite different. Bro. Robert Morris describes the formation of this Lodge in his exhaustive travelogue "*Freemasonry in the Holy Land*". In the 1860s, Bro. Robert Morris promoted a plan to launch a pilgrimage of Masons to the Holy Land. He actively sought, and obtained, subscriptions to fund the expedition. To secure a Warrant for a new Lodge to be founded in or around Jerusalem, he found a willing ear through his close personal friendship with M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson.

On the 17th of February, A.L. 5873, A.D. 1873, a Warrant for the new Lodge was issued. This was confirmed and reported in the *Grand Lodge of Canada Annual Proceedings for 1873*.

Bro. Morris spent seven months travelling in the Holy Land and returned to his home. In spite of the detailed descriptions of his travels in his book, he does not share how he founded a Lodge in Jerusalem. Yet the Lodge was formed and made sporadic communications with the Grand Lodge. It became clear that there was no supervision of the work of the Lodge, and that provisions of the Constitution were being violated. Finally, in 1907, it is recorded that the Warrant was cancelled as there had been no recent communication of any kind received from The Royal Solomon Mother Lodge No. 293 at Jerusalem.

In June of 1911, M.W. Bro. MacWatt was Grand Master, living and working in Sarnia. Some Masons from Michigan travelled across the international border to conduct a graveside memorial service for one of their Brethren who was interred at a cemetery in Sarnia. They did not approach any of the Masonic Lodges in Sarnia to participate or lead the ceremony. And they followed the memorial service ceremony of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. When M.W. Bro. MacWatt received reports of this action, it was interpreted as a Masonic invasion: the ceremonies of one Grand Lodge being conducted in the exclusive territorial jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge.

The communications between the two Grand Lodges were formal, and forceful. The Grand Lodge of Canada forbade Masonic communication with the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Fortunately, the clarity of the situation prompted an apology, and the resumption of friendly relations between the two Grand Lodges.

Friendly relations have a short history between Prince Hall Masons in Ontario and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The formation of The Widow's Son Grand Lodge pre-dates the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Communications between the two Grand Lodges reflect the discriminations of society about skin colour over many years. Prince Hall Masons in Ontario sought recognition of their Grand Lodge several times. They were rebuffed with responses including challenges to the legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry. Scholarly Masonic research has confirmed the legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry, and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario acknowledged the legitimacy of origin of Prince Hall Grand Lodges in 1992.

But recognition of the jurisdictional authority of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons in Ontario took more time and discussion. In 2005, M.W. Bro. Mumby announced for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario that the *“full right of reciprocal visitation with Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons within this jurisdiction is authorized.”*

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario addresses jurisdictional authority and territory with Section 4 (b) reading: *“Any other provision of this code to the contrary notwithstanding, the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario recognizes the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. and A.M., Province of Ontario (and Jurisdiction), and will consider recognizing more than one Grand Lodge in another jurisdiction if the mainstream Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction ‘chooses to waive its right to maintain exclusive jurisdiction and to permit concurrent jurisdiction.’”*

### What is the territory of a Lodge?

When a man makes an application to a Lodge to be admitted to Freemasonry, he may find a Lodge close to his home, or close to his work, or recommended to him because his friends are there.

For much of the history of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario his choices were constrained because of an extension of the doctrine of territorial jurisdiction.

At the time that only one Masonic Lodge existed in a community, it was easy to expect that a Mason would belong to the Masonic Lodge of that community. As Masonic Lodges proliferated, questions and challenges arose regarding the area for which a Masonic Lodge could claim preference. These questions and challenges no doubt caused anxiety and frustration as they were pushed from individual Lodges, through the Masonic District, to the decision of the Grand Master.



Unfortunately, there are many instances of decisions regarding Lodge jurisdiction made by the Grand Master of the day recorded in the *Annual Proceedings*. These decisions were meant to be instructive to Masons of the jurisdiction as to their duties with respect to accepting men for Initiation. We can review these decisions now with hindsight and wonder why these administrative obstacles were imposed on an Order seeking harmony amongst men.

After many discussions and seeing the examples set in other North American Grand Lodges, in 2004 the Grand Lodge of Canada amended our Constitution to extend the jurisdiction of a Lodge to be concurrent with that of all other Lodges in the Province. The administrative obstacle was removed.

A final anecdote about extending Masonic territorial jurisdiction pertains to Canada Lodge U.D., that worked in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The history of this Lodge has been shared in various publications.

A very short description is that the opening in 2010 of the first Canadian Masonic Lodge in Afghanistan was the culmination of over five years of efforts. Initially conceived by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2005, M.W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson, who formed a small ad hoc Committee of W. Bros. Bill Eastwood and Andrew Pollock and R.W. Bro. Ralph Morgan to look into the possibility of having a Canadian Lodge where Canadian Masons who are serving in the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan would have a place to meet and enjoy some fellowship. The work continued under the guidance of the next Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, who added Col. William J. Lewis to chair the ad hoc Committee, and the Lodge was opened with the assistance of the succeeding Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels.

All of this would not have been possible without finding a Mason who had previously been Master of a Lodge. R.W. Bro. Lewis and W. Bro. Wayne Fraser approached W. Bro. Rick Fulford of Brighton, Ontario, a civilian contractor working at Kandahar Air Field, who quickly agreed to assume the duties of the first Master of this Lodge in Afghanistan.

The first formal meeting of Canada Lodge “*Under Dispensation*” was held on March 4, 2010, and was attended by Masons from both Canada and the United States. It was active through fellowship, it was soon authorized to confer Degrees. As Canadian Forces withdrew from Afghanistan, meetings of Canada Lodge U.D. came to an end. In the *2016 Annual Proceedings* it is noted that Canada Lodge U.D. Kandahar, Afghanistan had ceased operations and its dispensation terminated.

### Extended understanding of “*jurisdiction*”

A Grand Lodge exerts jurisdiction over the Work of the Masons of the jurisdiction. In the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Book of Constitution reinforce this assertion of authority. Exceptions were made for two Lodges originally instituted under the Irish Constitution. The early history of this Grand Lodge is replete with stories of the efforts made to assure the Lodges in the jurisdiction used one standard Ritual with consistently excellent delivery.

In the process of receiving a petition for the formation of a new Lodge, issuing a dispensation for meetings, and finally granting a Warrant of authority for a Lodge, the Grand Lodge exerts control over where and when a Lodge may meet.

### What of a Grand Lodge jurisdiction over Masons?

The reach of a Grand Lodge extends to jurisdiction over its Members. It is a general rule that a Mason accepts the law and processes of Masonic jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge asserting jurisdiction where he resides. Visitors from other Masonic jurisdictions are expected to accept and conduct themselves by our rules.

The lessons of Masonic Ritual, as well as the written body of Masonic law that includes the Ancient Charges, the Book of Constitution, and the Bylaws of the Lodge, create the framework for promoting Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. But when these fail, and discord, such as ‘*private piques and quarrels*’ threaten the harmony of the Lodge, then we enter the realm of what is deemed ‘*un-Masonic conduct*’. To address this with due process, the Grand Lodge has prepared and codified in the Constitution a set of processes and procedures. This is how a Grand Lodge may exert jurisdiction over an individual Mason.

Finally, there is a concept that a Grand Lodge may exercise perpetual jurisdiction over an individual Mason. This is best described with two examples. First, once a man is made a Mason, tradition directs that the Lodge in which he was Initiated is forever known to him as his ‘*Mother Lodge*’. And second, when a Mason dies, his family may request a Masonic Memorial Service to honour him. Even should a Mason not be in good standing through having demitted or being suspended for non-payment of dues, if his family requests a Masonic Memorial Service after he dies, then the Lodge will provide that service.



## Conclusion

The Masonic jurisprudence doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction has been tried and tested and extended to be applicable between sovereign Grand Lodges and to their subordinate Lodges and even to individual Masons. This doctrine works best when it is applied to support and uphold the genuine tenets and principles of our Craft to work for a Mason, a Lodge of Masons, and mutual recognition between Grand Lodges.

Respectfully Submitted.

**MARSHALL JAMES KERN, Grand Historian**

## ***“WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT MY LODGE”***

by R.W. Bro. Touvia (Teddy) Goldstein  
Past Master, La Fraternidad No. 62 Lodge, Tel Aviv.  
Grand Lodge of the State of Israel  
Past Grand District Superintendent and  
President of its Charity Fund

My Mother Lodge, the first Spanish speaking Lodge in Israel, consecrated on January 10, 1970 and called La Fraternidad No. 62, has reached a very special and peculiar status that in these few lines I will try to describe.

To say that the promedia of assisting Brethren to every Meeting is over 75%, is very positive but, its not the most important factor that I want to point out and, please, do not forget to consider that we work every Thursday of the year besides the months of August and September that we are on vacation. There are other interesting factors that make my Lodge very special.

To mention that in every Lodge Meeting the Ceremony and Protocol is strictly observed to the delight of all present Brethren; that the speeches and conferences delivered by our Brethren is each one better and more interesting than the other, demonstrating how much research work is invested by them; that the mutual respect, harmony and fraternity that is felt among all Brethren of the Lodge, are only factual testimonies of circumstantial evidence.

In its almost 25 years of existence, my Mother Lodge has had success to elevate, to incomparable levels, the fraternity and love among its Members, and more important, among and with our wives. In reality, in many Lodges, the relation between the Brother and its own wife is many times negatively affected because, the man, leaves her home in order to assist in a Lodge meeting or activity, sometimes once a month, in other cases twice a month and in our case, the situation is apparently exaggerated as we meet every Thursday. There are some Lodges that the ladies don't even know each other.

Its already many years that our ladies, without a formal Masonic compromise and not pretending to become any organized Masonic feminine group, meet periodically and permanently to listen to conferences and expositions on issues of their interest, including Masonic themes, or other activities, coinciding these meetings on Thursdays with ours. It has become a tradition that the Reigning Master's wife presides the ladies' activities and everybody refers to her, in a fraternal and loving way, as the "*Mother Superior*", an expression that was adopted spontaneously and empirically and that became inspiration to an excellent theatrical parody put on stage by our ladies representing our Lodge as a Convent where the nuns, compared to the Brethren, are presided by the "*Mother Superior*", compared to the Reigning Master.

This situation of true fraternity, directly and indirectly fortifies the union among the Brethren and their families, that comes to a practical and pragmatic manifest, with the opening of our respective homes promoting the virtue of Masonic hospitality to such a degree that, besides the Thursdays that we meet the Brethren in Lodge or at the White Table, tours, picnics and fraternal week ends together with our ladies and families, we also meet on Fridays at our homes to practice Masonry also "*Out Side the Temple Walls*". Some Fridays the Brethren are invited and distributed in three homes simultaneously and we worry to specially invite the just initiated Brethren and their ladies in order to facilitate their integration to our Masonic Family.

All this is done voluntarily, no obligation and with a reciprocity expectation.

To the author of these lines is clear that, this peculiar integrated form of fraternity, is what characterizes primarily my Mother Lodge that, with this system, without making any transgression to Masonic Law or principals of our Fraternity, has found a way and a perfect solution to the integration of the Brethren and the ladies constituting a really great Masonic family that vibrates with the clear happiness of its Members and cries and sorrows with any pain and tragedy they have.

It is very nice to listen to how our Lodge is praised for its achievements, not only by Grand Lodge of Israel Dignitaries but, also, by a great number of Brethren who visit us from home and abroad, and, when they find out about our special way of practicing integrated Masonry, conclude that our system is worthy to emulate.



W. Bro. Warren Northcott, Past Master of Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523, now part of Otonabee Lodge No. 101, sent this for your reading interest:

## ***HOW EVEN THE DOGS AMONGST US CAN DRESS UP***

The story of Tolstoy getting his apron is a tribute to conversations among Masons and what they can contribute to making a wish or initiative happen.

From the start of mentioning to V.W. Peter Rhodes that my guide dog, Tolstoy, needed a dog-sized apron, a feel-good mission began. Peter didn't know what to do with his father's apron in its deteriorated form and found a purpose or wish that gave it more meaning or significance than he could have anticipated.



From: V.W. Peter Rhodes

Re: Albert Edward Rhodes

My Dad was a Mason for 36 years before he Passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 07th June 2005.

He was Initiated in Tates Hall Lodge No. 7645 in Pontefract, Yorkshire, England, on 16th May 1969. After receiving his Master Mason Degree, he served as Secretary until he emigrated to Canada in May 1975. He joined Galt Lodge No. 257 and became Master in 1985 and also served as Secretary. He later became a Royal Arch Mason.

The last time he attended Lodge was September 19, 2001, when I was Raised to the Third Degree. I drove him back home to Cambridge the next night. It was raining. When he got out of the car, his apron case fell into the gutter, which was flowing with water. I told him to make sure he removed his apron to dry it out. He said he would but, since he was showing initial signs of dementia, I called him when I got home to remind him to dry out the apron. He said he would. After he had died, I had the difficult job of clearing out his apartment of all his belongings. I found his apron case and, when I opened it, I found it was full of black mold and the apron was ruined. I knew I had to burn it but was reluctant to do so. Then, when we thought Tolstoy should have an apron, it occurred to me, we could use all the bling on the apron, which could be sterilized, so I removed it and gave it to Warren. I burned the case and the rest of the apron. My dad loved dogs and I am sure he is happy that some of his apron has gone to a good cause.



**This is the only picture of my Dad, wearing his apron in Lodge, that I can find. This was taken at my Initiation on Wednesday, September 20th, 2000. The picture is me, W. Bro. Timothy (Tim) J. Millard (Worshipful Master), Dad (W. Bro. Albert E. Rhodes) and R. W. Bro. Norman (Norm) J. Blodgett. (Norm and Malcolm Woodcock were my sponsors)**

**After receiving the said bling, Brother “Big” Rick Loveless adjusted those jewels on a modified apron that Tolstoy wears with pride. A regular-sized apron was too large and he was uncomfortable wearing it.**



**Brother Rick makes his own costumes now as a clown for the Hastings Shrine club. He adjusted said jewels to give us the proud Tolstoy we have today, a dog who is enjoying summer and looking forward to greeting us in the fall.**



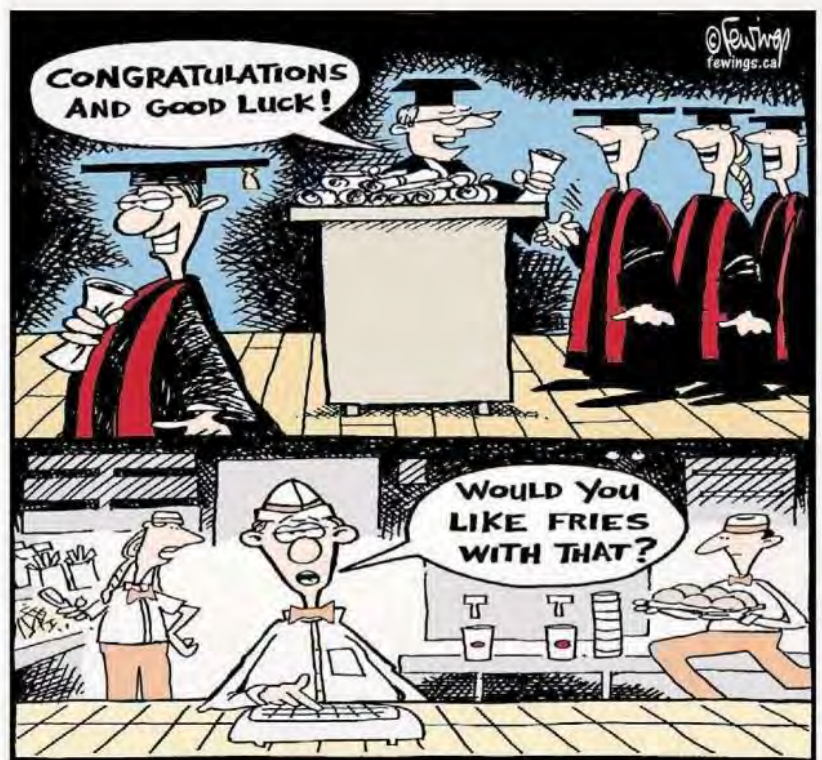


**Tolstoy in his new Masonic apron, July 2024.**

On Thursday, 06 June, *The Peterborough Examiner* included this cartoon that I thought you would enjoy seeing:

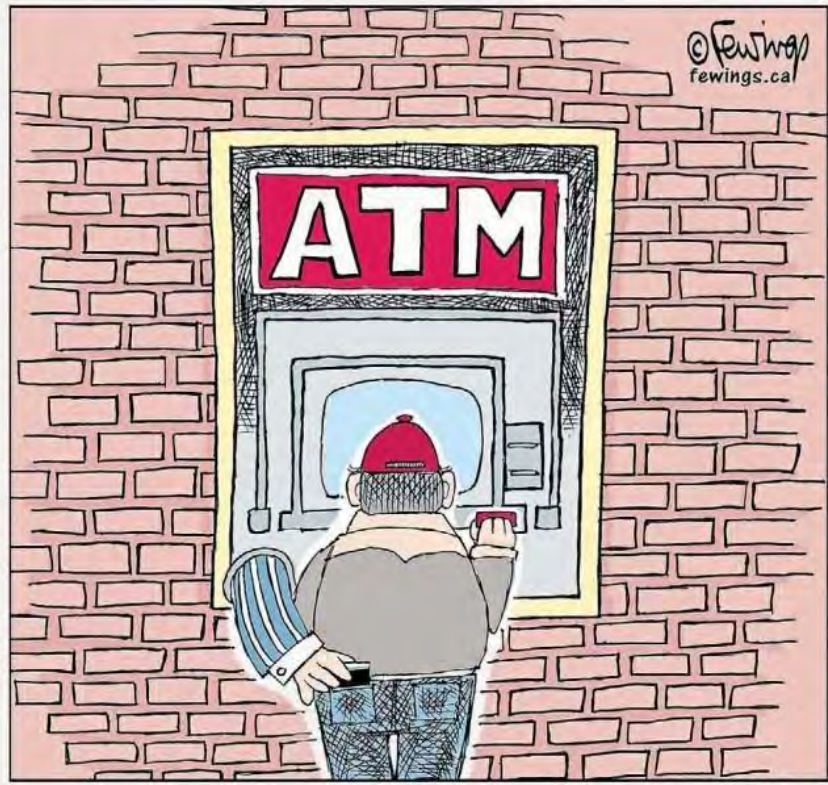


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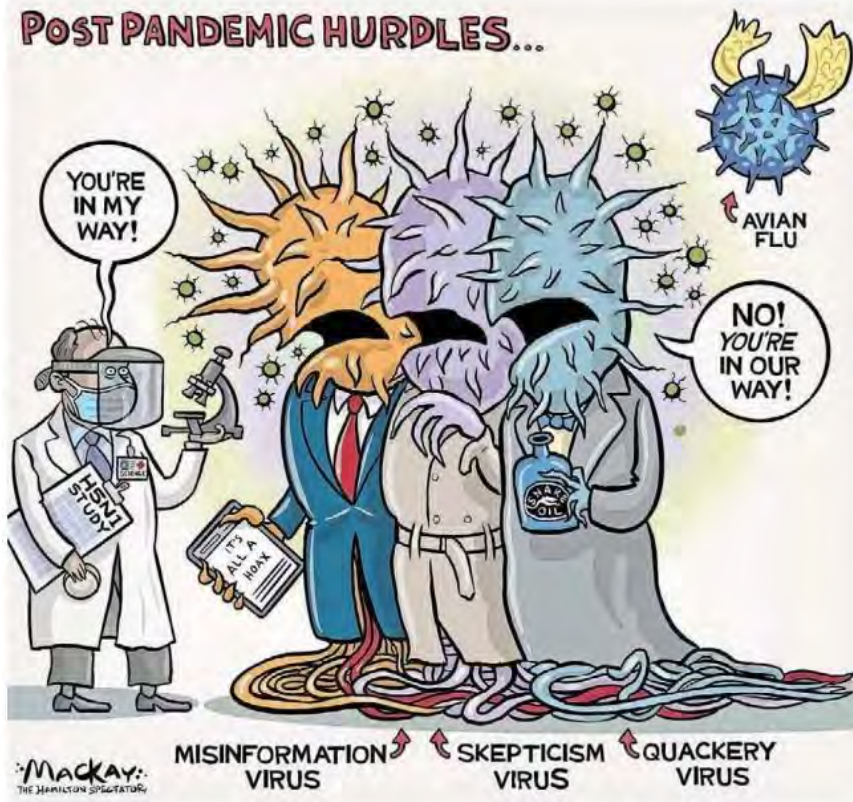




This was followed on Saturday, 15 June, with this cartoon:



### POST PANDEMIC HURDLES...



And, on Tuesday, 18 June, *The Peterborough Examiner* published this cartoon:



On Friday, 21 June,  
*The Peterborough Examiner*  
included this cartoon:



Followed by this one  
on Saturday, 22 June 2024:

[ We were all experiencing  
an extreme heat wave  
here in Ontario !!! ]

And this one  
on Saturday, 29 June 2024:

[ School was out for the summer !!! ]





On Wednesday, 31 July:



Followed, on Wednesday, 21 August:



On Wednesday, 07 August:



And then on Saturday, 31 August:

Here's an item from Scotland that I think you'll enjoy reading:  
Does this qualify as Masonic Education ???

# The Deacon's Digest

(The Useful Nugget Edition)

March '24

1

Ideal if you have a poor grip due to  
arthritis or painful limb movement

The  
'Pick 'n' Flick'  
Grip

2

Too obvious for words.  
Great starting grip for  
the 'novice' Deacon

The  
'Forward'  
Grip

3

Take your care at corners.  
probably best left to the more  
experienced Bro

The  
'Right Balance'  
Grip

4

A 'Classic', used by young and old alike.  
Gives the appearance of a good posture.

The  
'Fickle Fum  
of  
Fate' Grip



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***THE ROLE OF THE LODGE ALMONER***  
***ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES***



The core role of the Almoner is to be the “eyes and ears” of the Lodge, ensuring the welfare of its Members and of their widows and dependants.

Specific responsibilities include:

**Keeping in touch**

- ◆ Maintaining regular contact with sick or distressed Lodge Members.
- ◆ Maintaining regular contact with Lodge widows.
- ◆ Making contact with families of recently deceased Brethren.
- ◆ Being alert to the needs and problems of Lodge Members and their dependants.

**Keeping informed**

- Being aware of the aims and activities of the four main Masonic Charities (The Freemasons’ Grand Charity; The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; The Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys; The Masonic Samaritan Fund) and how to access the support they offer.
- Having a basic knowledge of the range of support available and from non-Masonic charities (eg armed services charities) and how potential applicants can obtain specific advice.
- Attending training and other events to keep up to date with developments affecting his responsibilities or the Masonic Charities.

**Providing support**

- ⇒ Making new Members welcome, in conjunction with the Proposer, Secunder and Lodge Mentor.
- ⇒ Ensuring that Members, partners and dependants are aware of what support may be available, particularly Masonic support.
- ⇒ Conducting visits and discussions with Members who may need support.
- ⇒ Assisting the Provincial/Metropolitan Grand Almoner when required, eg with a request for visiting a Brother, widow or dependant from another area.



### Record-keeping and reporting

- \* Maintaining accurate records of all receipts and payments made.
- \* Maintaining records of all visits to Brethren, widows or other dependants.
- \* Maintaining a record of the names and contact details of Brethren, widows and dependants, including as far as possible the details of widows and dependants of resigned or excluded Brethren.
- \* Reporting on the above to the Members at each Lodge meeting, while preserving due confidentiality.
- \* Preserving confidentiality and observing data protection requirements at all times.

Source: [masonic-forum.com/uploads/](http://masonic-forum.com/uploads/) ALMONER'S HANDBOOK

Note: This is very much like what the Lodge Member in charge of *Sick and Visiting* does here in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



## SELF-LESS-NESS

by Brother Bradford J. Stallworth

The teachings of our institution tells us that charity is the brightest gem that can adorn our Masonic profession.

Happy is the man who has sowed in his breast the seeds of benevolence; the produce thereof is love and peace. ... It is natural to look for security by taking from life through some useful goal, where you do no harm to yourself, your family, or others. The Supreme Architect of the Universe gave us the Great Book of Nature and Revelation as a spiritual, moral, and Masonic Trestleboard. It teaches us to give to others who are in desperate need of good will and compassion. To Relieve the Distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly the Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection.

My Brethren, we must forever guard ourselves against selfishness through the practice of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the principal tenets of our profession. ... The use of selflessness to understand our needs and the needs of others allows us to obtain that goodness of heart, that fair fame, that purity of intention and love of virtue of which, is the possession of every good Mason. ... Will you be able to hail with joy the summons of the Grand Warden on high to repair from your labour here on earth to eternal refreshment in the paradise of God? Will you be worthy of being seated at the right hand of the Grand Architect of the Universe? Remember Brethren, we should forever use our trowel to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, use the compasses to circumscribe our words and actions. It is through the proper use of our Masonic implements, that we shall protect ourselves from those selfish thoughts and actions which will block our path to the kingdom of God.

Source: <http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181>



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

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

On Sunday, 04 August 2024, he sent the following —

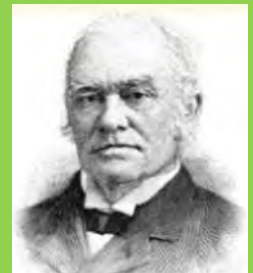
## ***A MASONIC MOMENT: CANADIAN PRIME MINISTERS WHO HAVE BEEN FREEMASONS.***

The following men have been both Masons and Prime Ministers.



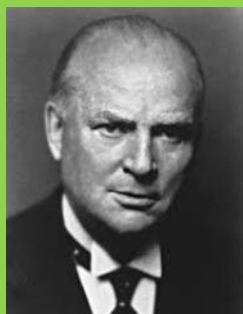
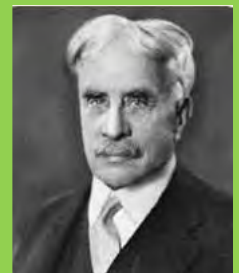
Sir John A. Macdonald - Canada's first Prime Minister, served from 1867 to 1873 and again from 1878 to 1891. He was Initiated into the St. John's Lodge No. 5 in Kingston, Ontario, in 1844.

Sir John Abbott - He served as Prime Minister from 1891 to 1892. Abbott was a Member of St. Paul's Lodge No. 374 E.R. in Montreal.



Sir Mackenzie Bowell - Prime Minister from 1894 to 1896. Bowell was a Freemason and a Member of St. Lawrence Lodge No. 640 E.R. in Belleville, Ontario.

Sir Robert Borden - Prime Minister from 1911 to 1920. Borden was Initiated into the Zetland Lodge No. 9 in Ottawa in 1894. His image appears on the Canadian \$100 bill.



R.B. Bennett - He served as Prime Minister from 1930 to 1935. Bennett was a Freemason and Member of Temple Lodge No. 324 in Calgary, Alberta.

John Diefenbaker - Prime Minister from 1957 to 1963. Diefenbaker was a Freemason and a Member of Wakaw Lodge No. 166 in Wakaw, Saskatchewan. During his tenure, the Avro Arrow project was cancelled.



(Pierre Trudeau) - Prime Minister from 1968 to 1979 and again from 1980 to 1984. Trudeau was not a Freemason himself, but his father, Charles-Émile Trudeau, was a Member of St. Paul's Lodge No. 374 in Montreal.

On 25 August, Bro. Bill Hodwitz, from Niagara B District, wrote:

## ***A MASONIC MOMENT: THE LODGE IN YOUR LIFE***

As we take on more responsibilities in our lives, we realize that we have to balance and manage where we place our attention and efforts.



Our home and work place are the first priorities in our lives. A “*third space*” can be valuable to us if it can be a place where individuals gather to foster camaraderie, engage in intellectual exchange, and partake in the communal spirit outside the realms of our career and family lives. Such places provide a source of relaxation and rejuvenation, a haven where the soul can find solace and the mind can engage in stimulating conversations. The human spirit yearns for such a place of respite and reflection.



Some people may retreat to a bar or a sports program, but Freemasonry provides a crucial balance by offering a sanctuary of tranquility and understanding, offering a serene backdrop against the noise of daily life.



The Lodge can serve as a “*home away from home*” with the gentle offering of reflection, improvement, and unity.



The following was posted by Gord Michie, Edinburgh, Scotland, at Tynecastle Park.



DEAR SIR,

A large-sized portrait in *THE THISTLE* for January, 1923, representing my old friend John Bowers in full Masonic regalia, brought to my mind the Napoleonic axiom that "every private soldier carries the baton of a marshal in his knapsack," which in this case may be rendered as "every drummer boy carries the baton of a Worshipful Master in his haversack."

The accompanying photo, taken by one O'Callaghan, of No. 2 Boy Bowers, 2nd Battalion 1st Foot, represents V. Em. Kt. Comp. John Bowers, M.P.S., when he joined the old 1st Foot at Fermoy in 1881; and should be a grand object-lesson to every lad who joins The Royal Scots as to the possibilities which lie before every good and steady soldier in H.M.'s Army.

The kit portrayed is that curious hybrid kit of the 1871-81 period. The Scottish glengarry and Scottish thistle worn with the typically English red-striped trousers and tunic, with the old "1" on the shoulder straps. Boy Bowers's kit is of interest too, for it was the last kit to be marked with the old "1"; and his brass button-stick, marked 2, 2/1, I recently saw, an honoured treasure in the Regimental collection of Capt. McCance.

With regard to the old "1," could not some of our old N.C.Os. give us some recollections of 40-50 years ago, in the style of 1 Old Milestone in previous *THISTLES*? They would be of interest to the old hands, and of value as a record for future generations of Royals.

Yours truly, H. Co.



Two other electronic newsletters that I now receive come from R.W. Bro. Richard Lacoursiere 32°, Unity District Deputy Grand Master 2020-22, Manitoba, entitled ***Chips Off the Ashlar***, published every month, and ***Threads From The Tassel***, published every two months.

Here's one that appeared in ***Chips Off the Ashlar***. July 2024

A Masonic Moment

(***Chips Off the Ashlar***) July 2024

R.W. Bro Richard Lacoursiere

## ***THE WIDOW'S SON***



Who was the “*Widow's Son*”? The answer might seem easily answered, but when one reads of legends, scriptures, the Apocrypha and other historical documents, it becomes apparent that perhaps we cannot answer this question so easily.

In the writings of Masonic scholars, we learn of Hiram Abiff, “*The Widow's Son*”. There are others in the aforementioned various texts referred as “*The Widow's Son*”. It seems this is a title to which more than one can be named. The use of the title is actually traced back to the Grail lore traditions which speak of a descended blood line and specifically reference Ruth.

Ruth, a woman of the Moabite tribe, was married to Boaz, and she was a heroine of the Old Testament. She was also the Great Grandmother of King David -- the father of King Solomon, who built the Temple. Ruth became pregnant, and married Boaz. He was quite a bit older being 80, while Ruth was just 40. The scriptures say that Boaz dies the next day. That must have been some wedding night.

From this point on, all the descendants of Ruth were known simply as “*Sons of the Widow*”. A genetic title if you will.

A genealogy can be traced. Ruth gives birth to the first “*Son of the Widow*”, Obed, who grows up and bears his son, Jesse, who bears his son, David, who bears his sons: Solomon and Nathan.

Using the lineage given in the Gospels of the Christian Bible, Jesus, the Nazarene, is a descendant of Ruth, making him also a “*Son of the Widow*” or “*Widow's Son*”. There are forty-five generations from Ruth to Jesus.

This leaves an interesting problem for us as Masons. Nowhere in the lineage mentioned in the Bible, does it refer to Hiram Abiff.



Knowing this, it seems the trail grows cold in the search for Hiram Abiff's title of "*The Widow's Son*". The Grail legends were written in a way that lends itself to allegory and therefore the story cannot be just assumed to mean that Hiram was literally just a son of a woman who lost her husband. These legends early on establish this title and what it means, which is a descendant of Ruth or more aptly a descendant of Boaz, either the 31st or 30th generation from Adam if you rely on Luke's genealogy.

Could Hiram Abiff be related somehow to the historical Jesus the Nazarene? The Gospels again, leave a cold trail. He simply isn't mentioned at all in the genealogy given by Luke or Mathew.

When Hiram Abiff is referenced as being a "*Widow's Son*", it is somehow implying that he was of the line of Ruth, who was married to Boaz and from them, according to Luke, a continued line to King David, King Solomon, and eventually to Jesus, the Nazarene. Was he a distant relative or cousin?

King Solomon was also a "*Widow's Son*" in the sense of being of the lineage of Ruth. Is this why King Solomon called for a Tyrian which was handpicked to be the architect of the Jewish Temple of the God of Israel? Could Solomon have hired Hiram since they were family?

Doing detective work in genealogy can be taxing enough when researching ancestry just a few generations removed from the researcher. It is a task made much more difficult using biblical origins as references.

The lineage of Jacob is vital to this story. Twelve generations prior to the time of King Solomon, and eight generations prior to the time of Boaz, the twelve sons of Jacob were the founders of the twelve tribes of Israel. The fourth son of Jacob, Judah, was of the line that included the wise king, and extended through him to Jesus, the Nazarene. The sixth son, Naphtali, was the founder of the line that included Hiram Abiff.

It is elementary to suggest that, at the time of Jacob, the designation of "*Widow's Son*" had not yet been used. However, in his offspring, through time until we reach the time of Ruth, and from then on, it is not so unthinkable that the lineage would have used this epithet when speaking of their heritage or when scholars were recording the history of the time or even the Gospels.

What is it about this lineage which draws the title to it? What was so special? The three largest monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam all regard it [the lineage] with reverence. After all, this lineage contains Adam, Enoch, Noah, Shem, Abraham, David, Solomon, Nathan, Zerubbabel and Jesus, the Nazarene.

Perhaps the coincidence which ties this lineage together is the ability to create. According to Luke, the line starts with Elohim (The Great Architect of the Universe) and then to Adam. The Christian Bible does not specifically make any magnificent claims to what Adam had ever built.

However several other men in this lineage in fact are great builders.

Enoch was the builder of the mythological underground temple consisting of nine vaults with an altar where on the "*Stone of Creation*" and the Tetragrammaton were said to have been hidden. These legends are featured in the York and Scottish Rites, namely the 7th Degree in the York Rite called "*The Holy Royal Arch*" and the 13th Degree of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction, called the "*Royal Arch of Solomon*".

In recent years it has even been suggested that Enoch was the builder of the Great Pyramid at Giza. The ancient Egyptians are said to have known the Great Pyramid as "*The Pillar of Enoch*".

A somewhat obscure reference to that is found in the Bible: "*In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt...*" Isaiah 19:19. Noah, of course, built the mythological Ark to house all of the creations of God that were spared in the legend of the great flood.

Abraham or Abram and his son, Ishmael, are purported to have built the Kaaba, a cube-shaped building in Arabia which is one of the holiest sites for Brothers of the Muslim faith.

King David built a city and his palace and had sons, one of whom was King Solomon, who was responsible for the Temple of Solomon, which we all know is at the centre of the teachings of our noble craft. These builders in the original line or "*Alpha Lineage*" the line that, according to Luke starts with God and leads to Jesus, the Nazarene, go on and on with fantastic accomplishments.

Let us not forget however that there is the allusion to the building of the spiritual temple, a spiritual artificer which Jesus, the Nazarene, seemed to personify and ages before then we find the same in the character Freemasonry calls its patron, Hiram Abiff, the handpicked chief architect of the Temple of God.

A man to emulate in his duty and fealty to his brothers, both Hiram of Tyre and King Solomon, this is the man we learn about in our Degrees and indeed try to emulate.

The "*Alpha Line*" is synonymous with "*The Widow's Son*". It could merely be the separation of the generational gap and a more coded obscure way of saying "*of the Tribe of Judah*" without being abrasive.

It could be that the Tribe of Judah was the main branch of this line and that The Widow's Sons are an offshoot of the original line but whose closeness to the original line needed to be preserved by means of a title given to these builders.



In the end, we will never know if Adam, Jesus the Nazarene, or Hiram were truly related. However it is clear that the Widow's Son is a title given to the offspring of Ruth and her descendants.

It is also clear that Freemasonry calls its patron Saint, Hiram Abiff, a "Widow's Son", who was a builder. The lessons taught philosophically within our Masonic system have much to do with building as well.

The main difference is that we are building our spiritual temples.

In the Masonic system we follow in the footsteps of Hiram Abiff, but we not only represent him, we physically become him in the Degrees and in the end we all end up a "Widow's Son". Becoming a Master Mason, we all end up being builders of fantastic hearts, minds and souls.

So, Brethren, I ask you, "Who is the Widow's Son?" Look in the mirror and you will surely see him.

This Article was written by R.W. Bro. Robert Johnson who is the Managing Editor of the Midnight Freemasons blog.

In Conclusion, if we are true to ourselves, understanding the story of Hiram Abiff is one of the cornerstones of Freemasonry. I know for myself that each of us is building our own spiritual temple. I am of the belief that today I should be a better man than I was yesterday and tomorrow better than I am today.

Lastly, if any of you have papers, ideas for a Masonic moment do not hesitate to email me at < rpal5655@gmail.com >.

Yours in the Craft

RPAL

Remember,

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Here's one that appeared in *Chips Off the Ashlar*. August 2024

## ***KNOW THYSELF***



The greatest knowledge that Masonry proposes to us to know ... is that of oneself.

The Ancient Masonic institution was the depository of all the ancient knowledge that was scattered around the world, and so that this treasure would not be lost in the hands of some, it placed them in a place that few imagine, (the heart of Man), there they were hidden from view and were closed with mysterious keys, these keys were hung in front of everyone, they are the enigmatic symbols that decorate our Lodges.

We, as Men interested in personal improvement, by following the path indicated by Masonry, can reach that unique source of knowledge from which come all the teachings that strive to open paths towards a better understanding of life.

The eternal source of all wisdom is the Human Being, and author of all Religious, Philosophical, Scientific and Social Doctrine that has existed on the face of the earth. Those who are content with only the external part of Freemasonry and those who are content only with holding a high Degree within the Hierarchical Order, go through life without understanding its MISSION and the true message of FREEMASONRY, becoming incapable of transforming themselves.

The above short piece was found on *Freemasonry Networking*.



Below is a poem I recently wrote on Hiram Abiff's final moments.

The Light of Hiram  
In a temple's hallowed walls,  
Silence reigned,  
Where craftsmen toiled,  
Their sacred art unshackled,  
Where shadows lurked  
Envy's seed was sown,  
In hearts of men—  
There, jealousy gave birth.

Hiram, the architect,  
His skill renowned,  
Hiram's wisdom grew,  
As hands shaped stone,  
Yet envy's venom,  
Dark and cruel, arose,  
A plot conceived,  
In secrecy unknown.

Within the sanctum,  
Treachery was born  
As three conspired,  
Each consumed by spite,  
They sought the word.

RPAL (June 2024)

As August comes to light, we begin to ready ourselves for more work, mind you many of us have been busy all summer long representing the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Manitoba Freemasons. It is indeed a privilege to so: a Freemason's work is never done. Let us all serve the Craft in Manitoba by moving it forward and let each of us support our newly minted Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Emad Bisharat.

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On Thursday, 25 July, The Summer 2024 issue of the Scottish Rite newsletter, *The Communiqué*, included these two articles:



# **THE COMMUNIQUÉ**

## **SUMMER 2024**

### ***VALLEY OF PETERBOROUGH – BURNS NIGHT***

#### ***CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUPREME COUNCIL***

By: Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°

On January 25, 2024 a combined event sponsored by Otonabee Lodge and Members of the Valley of Peterborough held a Robbie Burns event at the Peterborough Rugby Club.

Approximately eighty people feasted on Haggis, meat pies and other Scottish fare while Ill. Bro. Bob Keay, 33°, performed the Address to the Haggis and the Toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns.

We learned much about the public and the not so private life of Robbie Burns while washing the meal down with libation fit for the occasion.

The evening was an excellent way to mark the 150th Anniversary of our Supreme Council, the first of many events planned for the Valley.

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giving the Toast  
to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns



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***VALLEY OF PETERBOROUGH – ROSE CROIX SPRING REUNION  
AND A 150TH SUPREME COUNCIL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
WITH OUR SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER***

**By: Ill. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°**

On March 23, 2024, our Sovereign Grand Commander and his lady, Aurore, graced the Valley of Peterborough with their presence at the Ill. Bro. Leigh Winfield Spring Reunion, to mark the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council.

The day saw the conferral of the 15th, 16th and 17th Degrees on our class of Candidates. Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, 33°, was the guest speaker at both the luncheon and at an evening banquet attended with the ladies. Following the banquet, a concert that included music from several eras over the period of our Supreme Council's existence was performed by Ill. Bro. Robert Watson, 33°.

A major highlight of the day was the presentation to Ill. Bro. Bennett of a certificate conferring Honorary Membership in the Valley, in recognition of his service to our Rite and of his many attendances at our Reunions.

Those present at this presentation of the certificate by Ill. Bro. Ian McKenzie, 32°, Most Wise Sovereign, were Ill. Bro. Mark Smith, 32°, Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Grand Chancellor and Active Member of Supreme Council. Also in attendance were Ill. Bro. Stephen Hannah, 33°, Active Member, and Errol Stewart, 33°, Grand Master of Ceremonies and Active Member. Their attendance, and that of Ill. Bro. John Militello, 33°, a frequent visitor to our Valley, was also appreciated.



**L to R: Ill. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°, Ill. Bro. Errol A. Stewart, 33°, Ill. Bro. Ian McKenzie, 32°, Aurore Bennett, Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, 33°, Ill. Bro. Mark Smith, 32°, Ill. Bro. Frank Groves, 33°, Ill. Bro. Stephen Hannah, 33°.**



On 08 July 2024, R.W. Bro. Jim Ellis, Provincial Grand Lodge of Linlithgowshire, Scotland, posted this article:

***“The Grand Master Mason, Brother Dr Joseph J. Morrow, in his role as Lord Lyon, greeted His Majesty, King Charles, and Her Majesty, Queen Camilla, on their arrival at Edinburgh Castle on Wednesday 3rd July.***

***The Royal Couple were in the city as part of their official stay in Scotland and were greeted by Brother Morrow, who summoned the Garrison to open the gates to the King and present the Keys to the Castle.***

***The Lord Provost, city councillor, Robert Aldridge, then presented the keys on a red velvet cushion, which the King symbolically touched.***

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## **Grand Lodge of Scotland A Royal Visit**

**Scottish Freemasonry was well represented when King Charles and Queen Camilla began two days of events in Edinburgh for a Holyrood Week shortened this year by the general election.**

**The Royal couple postponed events which may have diverted attention from the election but still had**

**a packed schedule.**

**On Tuesday 2nd July, Queen Camilla met with the Grand Master Mason, Brother Dr. Joseph J. Morrow, along with Grand Lodge Homes and Charities Manager, Dawn Oliff, at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The occasion was a Royal Reception to celebrate Scottish literature. The Queen heard from both Dawn and the Grand Master Mason about the new pilot project Grand Lodge is supporting in Dundee with Literacy Trust Scotland.**

**The Queen, who is an avid reader, was joined by numerous guests, including crime writers, Sir Ian Rankin and Val McDermid, and newly knighted Sir Alexander McCall, as well as publishers and booksellers.**

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**The King and Queen rounded off their trip with a celebration at Edinburgh Castle to mark the city's 900th anniversary, after it was founded by King David I in 1124.**

The Grand Master Mason was accompanied by Brother Adam Bruce, Past Master, and Brother Liam Stewart, Past Master. Brother Stewart, a Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire and well-known musician, had the honour of playing the accordion for the Royal couple. As a champion and accomplished player, he has participated in many Installations and Harmonies across Scotland, including several Festivals of St Andrew. He was Initiated into Lodge St. Peter 331 in 2003 and emulated his late grandfather and father by becoming Master.

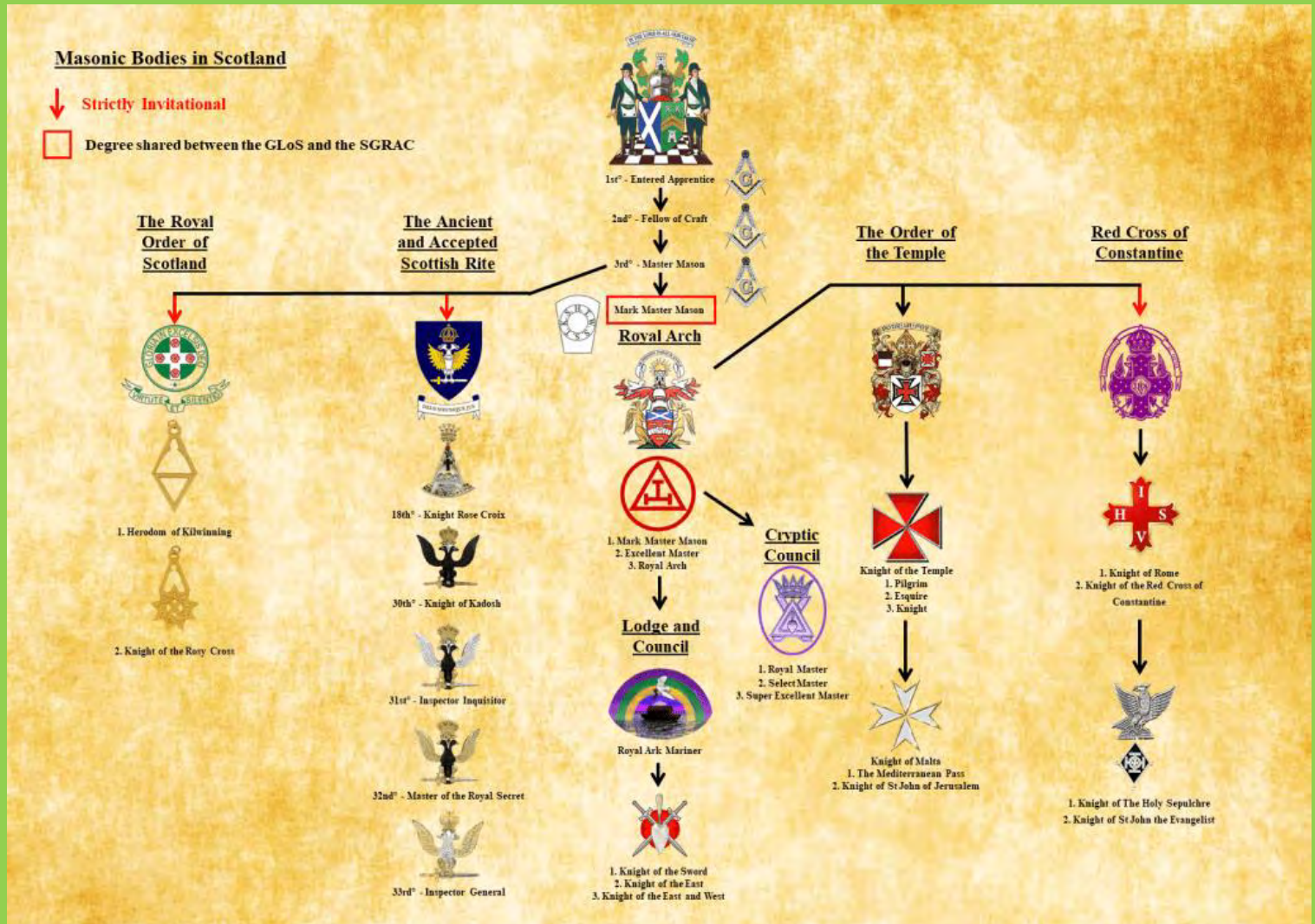


**Grand Master Mason greets His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen at Edinburgh Castle**



# MASONIC BODIES IN SCOTLAND

The following Bodies are Scottish Constitution based Orders. This graphic shows the pathways a Mason can take / be invited to take, after the Master Mason Degree in Craft Lodges.







On Sunday, 28 July, R.W. Bro. Jim Ellis, Provincial Grand Lodge of Linlithgowshire, Scotland, posted this photo on-line:



And wrote:

*“Papa and grandkids. Time simply flies.”*

Seeing your grandkids  
excited to see you...  
it's the best feeling  
in the world.





Hamilton Masonic District C publishes a monthly newsletter, *District 'C'hronicle*. The August 2024 issue contained this article:

Masonic Education

# ***THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS*** ***(1859)***

By R.W. Bro. Robert R Beckett

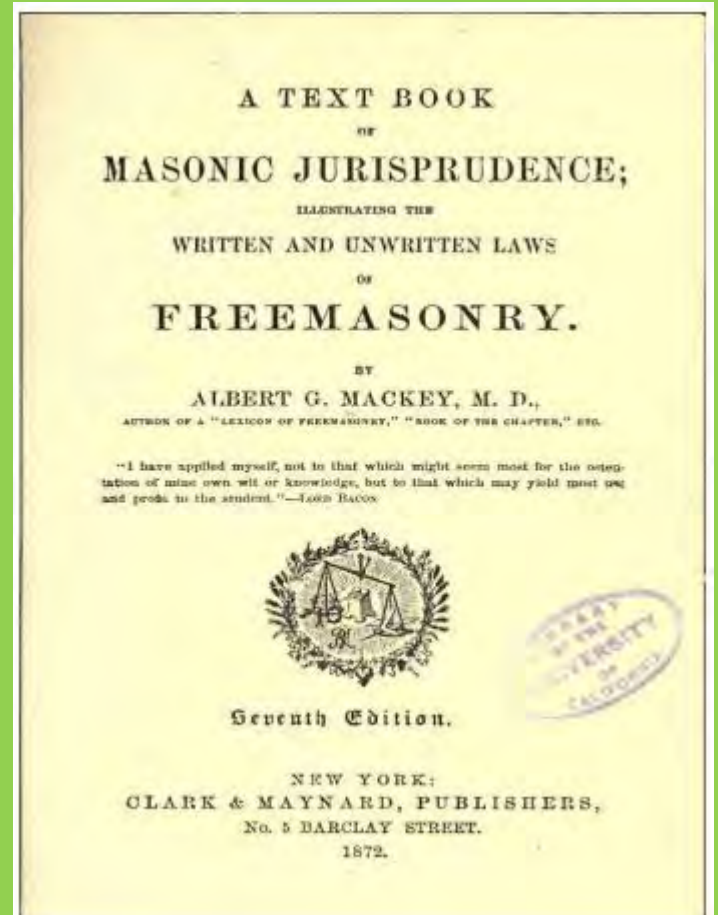
One of the many books I own is entitled A Textbook of Masonic Jurisprudence written by Albert Mackey, MD, published in 1859. I was intrigued by a chapter covering the landmarks or the unwritten Law of Masonry of that era. I thought I would like to share this chapter with you.

In the following piece I will try to portray Mackey's understanding of them, and I begin with the following quote: "*Both the enactors and the time of the enactment have passed away from the record, and the Landmarks are therefore of higher antiquity than memory of history can reach. The first requisite, therefore, of a custom or rule of action to consider it as a Landmark is that it must have existed from time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary*".

*The Modes of Recognition* are of ALL the Landmarks, the most legitimate and unquestioned.

*The Division of Sublime Masonry into Three Degrees.*

Despite the proliferation of such Orders of the Royal Arch including the Royal Arch of England; Scotland; Ireland and America and the High Degrees of France and Germany, the Grand Lodge of England enacted a decree in 1813 that the Ancient Craft of Masonry consist of the three Degrees namely, Entered Apprentice; Fellow Craft and Master Mason, including the Holy Royal Arch.



***The Legend of the Third Degree*** is an important Landmark. There is no Right of Masonry practised in any country or language, in which the essential elements of this legend are not taught. The Government of the Fraternity, by a Presiding Officer called a Grand Master, who is elected by the body of the craft, is the fourth landmark of the order. The office of the Grand Master is not a consequence of a law or regulation for Grand Masters are to be found in the records of the institution before Grand Lodges were established.

***The Prerogative of the Grand Master to Preside*** over every assembly of the craft whensoever held is the fifth Landmark.

***The Prerogative of the Grand Master to grant Dispensation*** for the conferring Degrees at irregular times.

***The Prerogative of the Grand Master to give Dispensation*** for the opening and holding Lodges is another Landmark. Providing certain pre-conditions are met, the Grand Master may grant the privilege to a sufficient number of Masons, the privilege of meeting together and conferring Degrees. The Lodges thus established are called Lodges of Dispensation. They are strictly the creatures of the Grand Master, created by his authority, existing only during his will and pleasure and liable at any moment to be dissolved at his command.

***The Prerogative of the Grand Master to make a Mason on sight.*** The thought that he might make a Mason on sight is often misunderstood. There are definite actions initiated by the Grand Master that must be followed. The Grand Master must summon to his assistance not less than six other Masons, convene a Lodge and, without any previous probation but on sight of the Candidate, confer the Degrees upon him. These types of Lodges convened for a special purpose are called "*Occasional Lodges*".

***The Necessity for Masons to congregate in Lodges*** is another Landmark. It is understood that Members of a Grand Lodge must obtain written permission from their current Grand Lodge to visit or be visited by another jurisdiction, for the purpose of holding a conjoined Masonic meeting. The Government of the Craft, when so congregated in a Lodge, by a Master and two Wardens is the tenth landmark.

***The Necessity that every Lodge, when congregated, should be duly tiled.*** The necessity of this law arises from the esoteric character of Masonry. As a secret institution, its portals must be guarded from the intrusion of the profane.

***The Right of every Mason to be Represented*** in all general meetings and able to instruct is the twelfth Landmark. This generally applies to what we call our current General Assemblies. Originally any Member of our fraternity was permitted to be present at these assemblies.



***The Right of every Mason to Appeal*** from the decision of his Brethren in Lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge of a General Assembly of Masons. A Landmark that is highly essential to preservation of justice, and the preservation from oppression in any secret society.

***The Right of every Mason to Visit and sit in every Regular Lodge*** is an unquestionable Landmark. This is based on the premise that all Lodges are justly considered as only divisions for the convenience of the Universal Masonic family.

The Landmark that ***No Visitor unknown to the Brethren present*** or to be some one of them as a Mason can enter a Lodge without first passing an examination according to ancient usage.

***No Lodge can interfere in the business of another Lodge, nor give Degrees to Brethren who are Members of other Lodges.***

[Editor's Note: Here in Peterborough District, with the permission of the Candidate's Mother Lodge, he may receive a Second and/or Third Degree in another Lodge.]

***Every Freemason is amenable to the Laws and Regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides.***

***Certain qualifications of Candidates for Installation are derived from a Landmark of the Order.***

These qualifications are that he should be a man, shall be un mutilated, and of mature age.

***A Candidate must have A belief in the existence of a God, As the Great Architect of the Universe*** is one of the most important Landmarks of the Order. It has always been deemed essential that a denial of the existence of a Supreme and Superintending Power is an absolute disqualification for Initiation.

Subsidiary to this belief in God, as a landmark in the Order, is ***the belief in a resurrection to a future life.*** To believe in Masonry, and to not believe in resurrection, would be an absurd anomaly.

It is a Landmark that a ***"Book of the Law"*** shall constitute an indispensable part of the furniture in every Lodge. Nb. The term Book of the Law does not necessarily mean that only the Old and New Testaments shall be used. For example, where Judaism is the prevailing faith, the Old Testament alone would suffice. In the Mohammedan countries among Mohammedan Masons the Koran might be substituted, etc. The Book of the Sacred Law is to the Speculative Mason his Spiritual Tracing Board.

***The Equality of all Masons.*** The Monarch, Noblemen or the gentlemen are entitled to all their influence and receive all respect which rightly belongs to their exalted positions. But the doctrine of Masonic equality implies that, as the children of the one Great Father, we meet in the Lodge upon the Square.

***The secrecy of the Institution*** is another and most important Landmark and some would call us a secret society. But in any society in which there is a certain amount of knowledge, whether it be of methods of recognition or of legendary and traditional learning and if this is imparted to those who have Passed through an established form of Initiation, then in this sense then Freemasonry is undoubtedly a secret society.

***The Foundation of a Speculative Science upon an Operative Art*** and the symbolic use and explanation of the terms of that art, for the purpose of religious or moral teaching constitute another Landmark of the Order.

The last and crowning Landmark of all is:  
***These Landmarks can never be changed, nothing subtracted, nothing added.*** As we received them from our predecessors we are bound, by the most solemn obligations of duty, to transmit them to our successors.

***“Nolumus leges mutari”.*** We do not want the Laws to be changed.

It would seem that little has changed in the many years since they were first published. What changes have taken place seem to be dictated by the process of civilisation and the needs of society. Whatever changes have evolved, they have not weakened the basic beliefs and fundamental principles of our Order.

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Source: <https://ontariomasons.ca/OntarioMasons/Pillars/Education-Pillar>





Also included in the August 2024 issue of the Hamilton Masonic District C District 'C'hronicle was:

### Editor's Page

I went to a book store and asked the saleswoman where the Self Help section was. She said if she told me it would defeat the purpose.



A backwards poet writes inverse.

Why is Peter Pan always flying?  
Because he Neverlands.

I recently wrote a book on bricks. Looking back, paper would have been easier.



You know who's leaving Friday?  
Robinson Crusoe.

## I AM A FREEMASON



I am a member of one of the oldest and largest fraternities for men in the world.

The square and compasses I wear on my lapel has for centuries been recognized throughout the world as a symbol of truth, morality and brotherly love; and are the virtues that we strive to exemplify throughout our lives.



***"I couldn't resist a little humour in the dog days of August. Hope everyone can recall when they made a slip up, and hope the PM's among us approach mentoring with kindness and support."***

Glen [gnotman@hotmail.com](mailto:gnotman@hotmail.com)



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On Thursday, 01 August, I also received



# The Round Table

*Nipissing Muskoka District*



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that included these three items:



*Three Upright Steps... Three Planes of Existence*

*Physical*

*Mental*

*Spiritual*



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## 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 (continued):

In 1937, the Grand Master reported the death of R.W. Bro. William McGregor Logan, who had served as Grand Secretary since 1918. He had been Initiated in Malahide, No. 140, Aylmer, and Affiliated with St. John's No. 40, Hamilton. For twenty-six years before becoming Grand Secretary, he had been Classics Master in Hamilton Collegiate. In tribute to him, the Grand Master said, "*Brother Logan brought to the office of the Grand Secretary great natural ability, a highly cultivated mind, and valuable experience as an educator.*"

The Grand Master had named a Special Committee on the Agenda in 1936 to study such matters as the Election of Officers and Members of the Board. The Committee recommended in 1937 that no changes be made, but that study should continue on the possibility of dividing the jurisdiction into zones for the purpose of electing Members to the Board. A special Committee on the Zoning of the Jurisdiction, under the chairmanship of R.W. Bro. John Ness, reported in 1938, but consideration was deferred for twelve months. Apparently the report was not brought forward again.

- Source: Wallace E. McLeod, ed.,  
Whence Come We ? Freemasonry in Ontario:1764 - 1980, (Hamilton: Masonic Holdings), 1980, pp. 144 - 145.

### Next month:

#### Events of 1936 - 1945

#### Boarding Horizons: (continued)

At the conclusion of the 1937 Communication,  
William James Dunlop (Initiated in Peterborough No. 155 ...



**The true Mason  
always carries  
his working tools  
everywhere.**

**William Howard Taft**

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quotes/topics/  
masonic.html](http://www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/masonic.html)**



**William Howard Taft, the 27th President  
of the United States, was also a Freemason.**

**His family had a strong Masonic tradition:**

**his father, Alphonso Taft, was a prominent Member  
of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356 in Cincinnati,**

**and two of William's brothers were already Raised Masons. However, Taft himself became a Mason in an unusual way. Instead of going through the traditional process, he was "*made a Mason at sight*" by the Grand Master of Ohio, Charles S. Hoskinson, just a few weeks before his inauguration in 1909.**



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

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

***The Old Tilers talks***, first published in 1925,

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



The New Brother leaned against the wall near the Old Tiler and lit a cigar.

*"We would do more good in the world if we advertised ourselves more,"* he said.

*"Why?"* asked the Old Tiler.

*"So that those not Members of the fraternity would know more about our work."*

*"Why should they?"*

*"The more people know about us, the more regard they have for us, the more men would want to be Masons, the larger we would grow, and so the more powerful we would be!"* answered the New Brother.

*"You would advertise us until all men became Masons?"*

*"Well- er- I don't know about all men; but certainly until most men applied."*

*"If all men were Masons at heart there would be no need for Masonry,"* answered the Old Tiler. *"But not all who call themselves Master Masons are real Masons. What we need to do is advertise ourselves to our Brethren."*

*"But we know all about Masonry,"* protested the New Brother, *"the world at large does not."*

*"Oh, no, we don't know all about Masonry!"* cried the Old Tiler.

*"Even the best-informed don't know all about Masonry. The best-informed electricians do not know all about electricity; the best-informed astronomers do not know all about astronomy; the best-informed geologists do not know all about geology. We have much to learn."*

*"But electricity and astronomy and geology are sciences.*

*Masonry is- is- well, Masonry was made by men, and so men must know all about it."*

*"Can a man make something greater than himself?"* countered the Old Tiler.

*"Our ears hear sounds- translate vibrations of air or other material to our brains- as noise or music."*

*"But the ear is limited; we do not hear all the sounds in nature; some animals and insects hear noises we cannot hear."*

*"We have eyes, yet these imperfect instruments turn into colour and light but a tiny proportion of light waves."*



*“Scientific instruments recognize vibrations which physical senses take no account of radio and x-ray for instance.”*

*“Yet our whole conception of the universe is founded on what we see and hear. Very likely the universe is entirely different from what we think. The ant’s tiny world is a hill; he has no knowledge of the size of the country in which is his home, let alone the size or shape of the world.”*

*“A dog’s world is the city where he lives; not for him is the ocean or the continent or the world.”*

*“The stars and the moon and the sun are to him but shining points. Our world is bigger; we see a universe through a telescope, but we can but speculate as to its extent or what is beyond the narrow confines of our instruments.”*

*“Masonry is like that. Our hearts understand a certain kind of love. Prate as we will about brotherhood of man and Fatherhood of God, we yet compare the one to the love of two blood-brothers and the second to our feelings for our children. We measure both by the measuring rods we have.”*

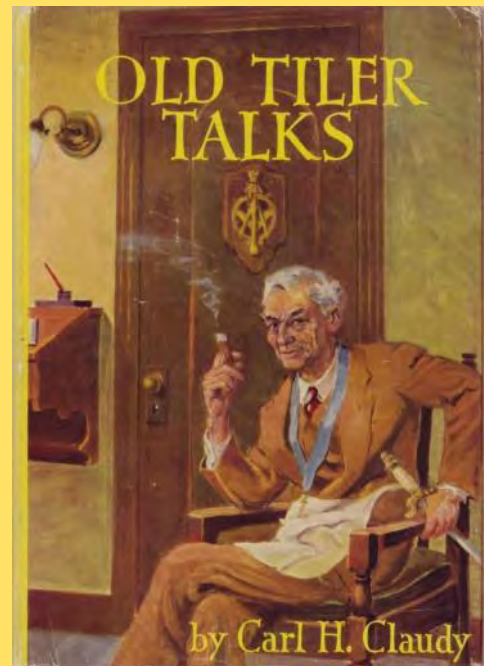
*“Real brotherhood and real Fatherhood of God may be grander, broader, deeper, wider, than we know. Masonry contains the thought; our brains have a limited comprehension of it. If this be so then we know little about Masonry, and what even the most learned of us think is probably far short of reality.”*

*“All that may be so,” answered the New Brother, “and it is a most interesting idea; but what has it to do with advertising to the profane?”*

*“Does a scientist make any progress by advertising his science?” countered the Old Tiler.*

*“Will a geometrician discover a new principle by advertising for more students? Will the astronomer discover a new sun by running placards in the newspapers? Will a geologist discover the mystery of the earth’s interior by admitting more members to the geological society?”*

*“Masonry needs no advertising to the profane, but advertising to its own Members. I use the word in your sense, but I do not mean publicity. Masons need to be taught to extent Masonry’s influence over men’s hearts and minds. We do not need more material to work with, but better work on the half worked material we already have.”*



*"Masonry is humble and secret; not for her the blare of trumpets and the scare head of publicity."*

*"To make it other than what it is would rob it of its character. To study, reflect, and labour in it is to be a scientist in Masonry, discovering constantly something new and better that it be more effective on those who embrace its gentle teachings and its mysterious power."*

*"Oh, all right!" smiled the New Brother. "I won't put it in the paper tomorrow. Old Tiler, where did you learn so much?"*

*"I didn't," smiled the Old Tiler. "I know very little. But that little I learned by keeping an open mind and heart- which was taught me by-*

*"By your teachers in school?"*

*"No, my son," answered the Old Tiler, gravely, "by Masonry."*

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.

**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.**

**George Washington**

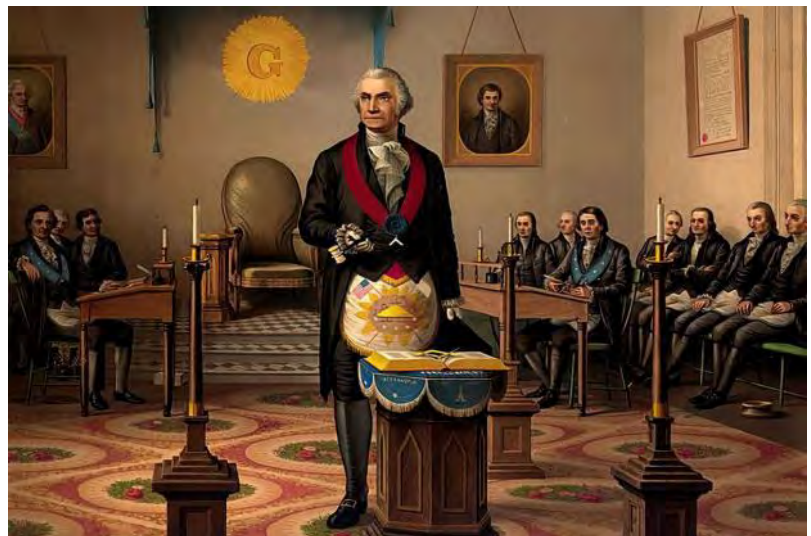
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**George Washington, a young Virginia planter, becomes a Master Mason at the Masonic Lodge No. 4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia.**

**Washington was 21 years old and would soon command his first military operation as a major in the Virginia colonial militia.**

**In 1788, shortly before becoming the first President of the United States, Washington was elected the first Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22.**

[www.history.com/this-day-in-history/washington-becomes-master-mason](http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/washington-becomes-master-mason)







Each issue of *The Trestleboard* newsletter also included articles from W. Bro. Daniel Boyco. W. Bro. Boyco has agreed to send me his W. Master's Message for September 2024:

## *FREEMASONRY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR*



The enigmatic nature of Freemasonry is bound to attract the curious—sometimes the skeptics. We have all dealt with our share of questions about the brotherhood and we usually do so with some degree of pleasure. After all, who doesn't like sharing with others those things that are important to us? To impart the attributes of Freemasonry from a personal perspective can be a delicate matter, although a satisfying experience given the right audience. But to accept a challenge to speak on behalf of the entire institution without a thorough appreciation of where the conversation might lead is a tricky business.

Here is one example of where our bold claims can complicate things if we aren't entirely prepared to elaborate. We are often asked to describe the purpose of the fraternity—a simple question that calls for a simple answer—or so you might think. *"To make good men better"* is a standard reply. It has a worthy ring to it, and those of us who speak from experience believe it to be true. However, prudence calls for caution when making such vague and sweeping statements lest we be caught flat-footed when our response is dissected into little pieces right in front of us. The question is more complex than it seems, and the answer, a meaningful one at least, is in no way a simple one.

We hope that an impartial inquirer will accept at face value that our goal is to receive good men into the Order. The discussion will then shift to the meaning of *"good"* and how that is established. The greatest scrutiny, however, is left for the word *"better"* and what that implies. What constitutes *"better"*? How does Freemasonry make a man better? Can we account for how it happens? Is it not an audacious proposition that good men can be inexplicably made better by signing up to a dusty, old fraternity? These are all reasonable questions that should not come as a surprise to any of us, and each merits a credible response.

Answer (mine, anyway): It's all about the Masonic environment.

American businessman, author, and philanthropist, W. Clement Stone, stated, *“You are a product of your environment. So choose the environment that will best develop you toward your objective. Analyze your life in terms of its environment. Are the things around you helping you toward success — or are they holding you back?”*

Good men approach the Order for personal reasons. Although the benefits may be subtle rather than profound, one thing is for certain: Freemasonry offers the Brother the ideal environment to change himself, and that might best describe its purpose and how good men can be made better.

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







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 September 2024 issue  
 of the *Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter.

## MENTORS

I've found in this life  
 When you travel the path  
 Between God's caring love  
 And His frightening wrath.



To remember the lessons  
 Which you have been taught  
 By those in the Craft  
 Doing just what they ought.

For life's full of questions  
 The answers too few  
 But the knowledge of others  
 Will see us all through.

I CHOSE MY PATH,  
 but God  
 ORDERED  
 my steps

BLESSED  
*by the amazing grace of God*



So, look for that person  
 Whether Brother or Grand  
 Give him your query  
 He'll lend you a hand.

And as you grow wiser  
 Which you will no doubt  
 Give freely to others  
 And they'll seek you out.



That day's round the corner  
 It's time you prepare  
 As a Master of knowledge  
 And one who can share.

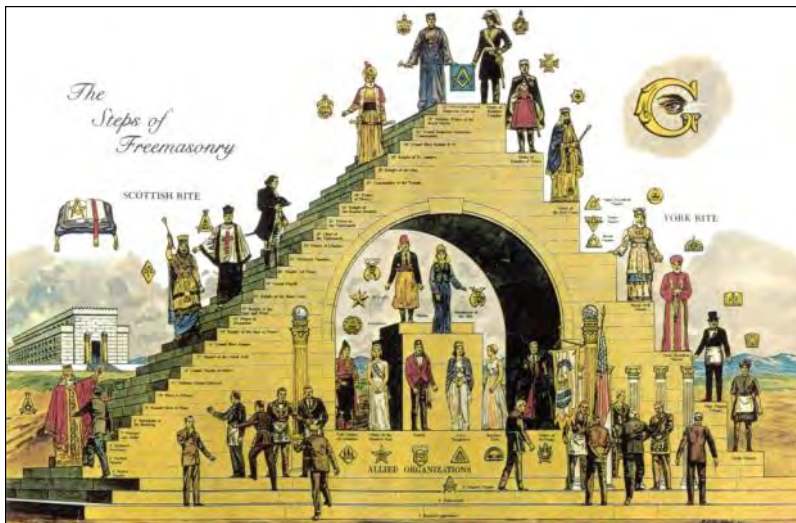
By R.W. Bro Bob Keay,  
 Otonabee Lodge No. 101.



## 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 ???**

**Then ... go to <https://masonicyear.com/>**

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

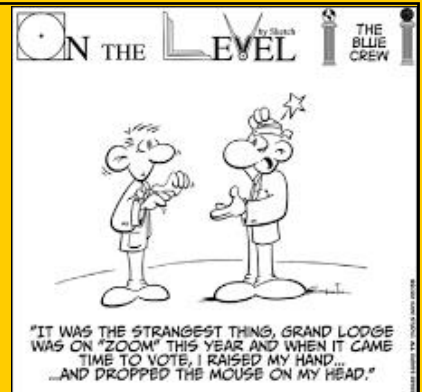
**All bodies are encourage to share their events:**

**Grand Lodges\ Districts\ Lodges**

**Shriners Temple\Clubs Scottish Rite**

**RAM\Cryptic\Templar Etc.**

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





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

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

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

Here is some background about the book:

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

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

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

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

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

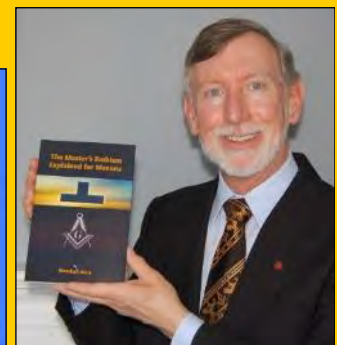
The biography is free; the book is \$20.00 plus shipping.

S & F,  
Marshall Kern, Author

<http://www.masterseblem.com/>

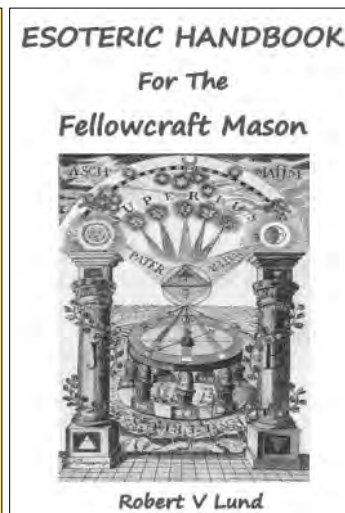
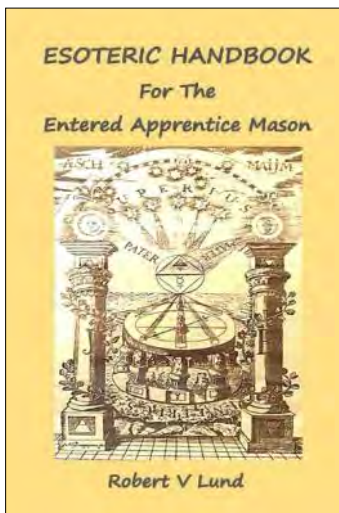
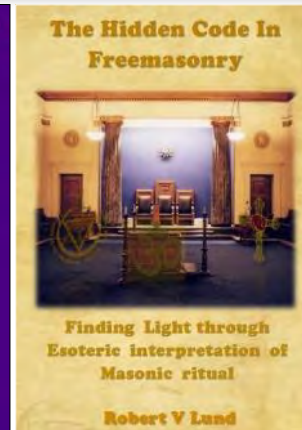
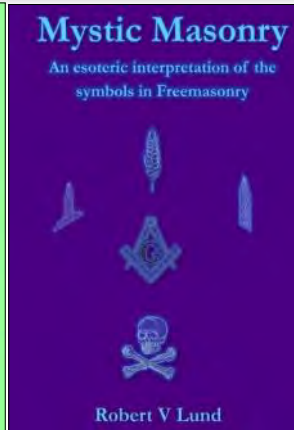
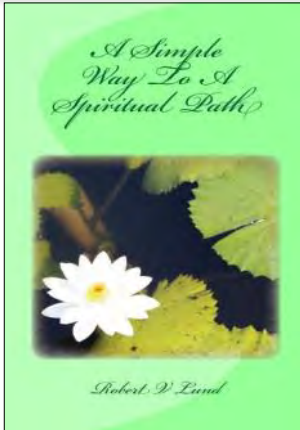
Facebook: [https:// www.facebook.com/MastersEmblem/](https://www.facebook.com/MastersEmblem/)

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



## Well worth the read !!!

## Books by V.W. Bro. Robert V. Lund



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Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/RobertVLund>

***“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.

The Lodge Secretary is R. W. Bro. Dan Graham,  
e-mail: [secretary@heritagelodge730.ca](mailto:secretary@heritagelodge730.ca).

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

R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride [Bob] is the Heritage Lodge Regional Liaison Chairman for the Ontario, Peterborough, Prince Edward, and Victoria Districts. He can be reached by sending an e-mail to [ddgm2007@nexicom.net](mailto:ddgm2007@nexicom.net).





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Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride [Bob],  
The ***Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!*** and District Historian.  
Past Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master (2007 – 2008)

E-mail: [ddgm2007@nexicom.net](mailto:ddgm2007@nexicom.net)



**Masonry aims at the promotion of morality  
and higher living  
by the cultivation of the social side of man,  
the rousing in him of the instincts  
of charity and love of his kind.  
It rests surely on the foundation  
of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.**

**To have a Notice placed  
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please send it to  
R.W. Bro. Robert Collins McBride [Bob]  
([ddgm2007@nexicom.net](mailto:ddgm2007@nexicom.net))  
at least a couple of weeks prior to the event.  
It will be run in each issue until the event is over.**



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