

Dear Brethren,

Enclosed please find the *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!*,  
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This issue contains 108 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 06 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,

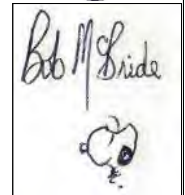
Bob McBride

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



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- Editor of the monthly electronic *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* 2007 - 2024
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- Director, The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, 2009 - 2015
- Former Editor of the quarterly 60-page *Reflections: The Newsletter of the Committee on Masonic Education*, The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Member: July 2006 - July 2008, Editor: July 2008 - July 2010, Advisor: July 2010 - July 2011
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## 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 !!!

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

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in the Province of Ontario  
**Peterborough District**

**Greetings Brethren.**

I have had a wonderful month doing what I like doing best, that is visiting.

First, I, together with the District Secretary, W. Bro. Lorne Mitchell, travelled to Sault Ste. Marie to take part in the 100th anniversary of Hatherly Lodge No. 625. This was the first Canadian Lodge that I affiliated with. It was indeed an honour and a privilege to be present at this momentous occasion of going from Silver to Gold. The ceremony was led by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Hugh F. Fleming.

I am grateful for the hospitality, cordiality and respect afforded to us by R.W. Bro. Robert Craig, District Deputy Grand Master of Algoma East, as well as the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Hatherly Lodge.

Secondly, I also had the pleasure of visiting Bancroft Lodge No. 482 on the occasion of their Official Visit by R.W. Bro. Kevin Fudge, District Deputy Grand Master, Prince Edward District. I also made fraternal visits to many of the Peterborough District Lodges to witness the excellent Degree Work done by all the Lodges and also the 33rd Degree team. I am very appreciative of the very warm welcome that has been afforded to me by one and all.

Brethren, I cannot stress enough the importance of visiting other Lodges in and beyond the District. It opens many doors, offers excellent fellowship, opportunity to make new friends and to learn how different Lodges work. It also helps to consolidate the Degree Work in the ritual book.

Take the opportunity to visit as many Lodges as you can. You will not regret it. I hope to see many of you in my travels.

Have a wonderful fall.

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 SQUARE AND COMPASSES***

The Square and Compasses are one of the most recognized Freemasonry symbols. Its origin is traceable back to the Middle Ages from the stonemason's guild.

The square in Masonry symbolizes morality in the essence of the Golden Rule. To deal with someone squarely refers to treating a person the way we want to be treated.

It indicates Masons' ability to apply the teachings of conscience and morality in testing the rightness of their actions.

The compass stands for the ability to mark a clear boundary around our desires and passion.

It represents self-restraint and control, which is the basis of morality and wisdom. The Square and Compasses combined serve as a reminder to Freemasons to explore personal desires and passions while maintaining morality.



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**From The Editor:**

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



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

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

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

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

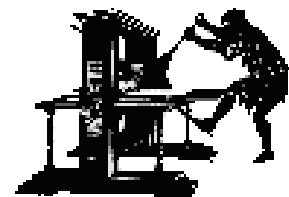
- Editor, *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!*
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- Past Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master (2007 - 2008).



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



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





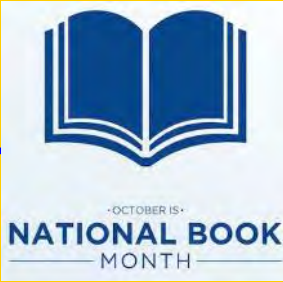
Here are some Masonic and non-Masonic activities for you !!!



Ontario Masons



# October 2024



## National Book Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>*International* COFFEE DAY</b>		<b>1 Clementi 313 Masonic Education International Coffee Day !!!</b>	<b>2 Percy 161 Rosh Hashanah Starts</b>	<b>3 Rosh Hashanah</b> 	<b>4 Rosh Hashanah Ends</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 World Space Week !!!</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 Village 145 Second Degree Bro. Terry Holmes Official Visit</b>	<b>10 National Fire Prevention Day !!!</b> 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14 Happy Thanks- giving !!!</b> 	<b>15 Golden Rule 126 Peter- borough 155</b>	<b>16 Otonabee 101 Third Degree Bro. Bob Docherty, 33° Dg. Team</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 UNITED NATIONS DAY</b> 	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23 MEETING</b> 	<b>24 P.D.M.A. Semi- annual Meeting Banquet</b>	<b>25 United Nations Day !!!</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28 Havelock 435</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>31 Hallow- e'en !!!</b>		

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**2024-2025**

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**Ontario Masons**



# The Grand Master's Project



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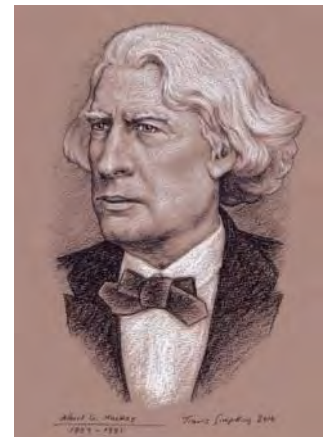
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Charity No. 2477



**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**



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## **DISTRICT LEADERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

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

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

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**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



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**R.W. Bro Robert Collins McBride**  
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**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. 24 October 2024
Mid-Winter Meeting	Thur. 24 February 2024
Executive Meeting	Thur. 24 April 2025
Annual General Meeting	Thur. 22 May 2025

## **PDMA Degree Teams**

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

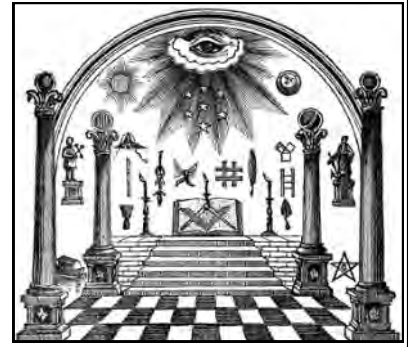
## **District Coffee Club**

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



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

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



## **Official Visits**

VILLAGE No. 145	Wed. Oct. 09, 2024	Millbrook
GOLDEN RULE No. 126	Mon. Nov. 11, 2024	Campbellford
HAVELOCK No. 435	Mon. Nov. 25, 2024	Havelock
OTONABEE No. 101	Wed. Jan. 22, 2025	Peterborough
CLEMENTI No. 313	Tues. Mar. 04, 2025	Peterborough
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**  
Percy Lodge, Wed. 05 March 2025  
W. Bro. James Dunn

**Junior Wardens' Degree Team**  
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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



# Ontario Masons





**Brethren**

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

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

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

**S&F**

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

**Chairman, Lodge of Instruction Committee.**





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

### ***THE KIRKWALL SCROLL***

On the west wall of the temple of Lodge Kirkwall Kilwinning No. 38 in Orkney hangs one of the oldest and most important Masonic artifacts in the world. Known as The Kirkwall Scroll, it is made of three pieces of strong linen (some suggest sailcloth) sewn together and hand-painted throughout.

The complete hanging cloth is eighteen feet six inches long and five feet six inches wide. It consists of a centre strip that contains around one hundred Masonic symbols, and two outer strips that appear to be maps. The two outside strips appear to have come from the same piece of material and may well have been joined at one time.

In 1999, Robert spoke at the Orkney Science Festival and one evening, after dinner with fellow-scientists, Karl Pribram and Andrej Detela, went together for a private viewing of the Scroll.

The Brethren of Lodge Kirkwall Kilwinning take excellent care of this ancient document. It is kept high on the west wall of the temple, protected from direct sunlight within the darkness of the temple and access to it guarded from casual visitors, except by prior appointment.

Robert is a Mason but the Brethren of Kirkwall Kilwinning very kindly extended an invitation to the eminent visiting scientists, Prof. Pribram and Dr. Detela, to view their well-preserved treasures. Senior Members of the Lodge carefully unrolled the scroll and it was clear from its even colouring that the Freemasons of Kirkwall have taken good care of the scroll over the years. It shows no signs of fading and the linen is as strong as the day the Lodge received it into its care.

All three scientists were extremely impressed with the quality and preservation of the scroll and extremely grateful to the Brethren and Officers of the Lodge for allowing them to see the scroll. They all signed the Visitor's Book of the Lodge, noting that it is self-evident to anybody allowed to view the scroll that many generations of Orkney Freemasons have been faithful and careful custodians of this document since it was given to their Lodge in circa 1785.

The Lodge Book itself asks the question; "*Was this the Kirkwall Scroll?*" and then, by implication rather than proof, goes on as if it was.

Not all the Brethren believe this to be the case.

The Lodge Minutes for 27 December 1785 record: "*Bro. William Graeme, visiting Brother from Lodge No. 128 Ancient Constitution of England [Lodge Prince Edwin, in Bury East Lancs] was, at his own desire, admitted to become a Member of this Lodge, and he accordingly signed the articles and Rules thereof.*"

Seven months later the minute book records that Bro. William Graeme gifted to the Lodge a floor cloth. This is believed to be the Kirkwall Scroll. Its history before this time is not known.

Bro. Graeme was an Orcadian by birth who spent many years living in the North of England.

In a lecture on the history of the Kirkwall Scroll, given to Lodge Kirkwall Kilwinning in 1976 by Bro James Flett, he said: "*When I joined our Lodge many years ago there was at that time a very old Brother who occasionally visited the Lodge meetings at the advanced age of over 90. On one occasion I asked him if he could tell me anything about the Scroll. He said he did not know very much about it except that, at his Initiation, it lay on the centre of the Lodge room floor when he was a young lad of 20.*"

There is some doubt about this story, however, as some senior Members of the Lodge say that the older Lodge Room where they met prior to moving to their present premises was too small to allow the scroll to be used as floor cloth. "*It would have more than filled the floor space and left no room for the ceremony.*"

One venerable Mason said, "*The implication by the old Brother of 90, an occasional visitor to the Lodge, is equally suspect. He was 90, it was seventy years since his Initiation. Could his memory be slightly at fault? Yes, the argument could be put the other way, I agree. But I think it's too tenuous for outright proof. An early Tracing Board is what I believe it may have been. A 'navigation chart' to use the phrase of the non-Masonic Knight Templars which would have been unrolled to the relevant Degree being worked. The Scroll is too long for the floor area of the existing Temple and the previous building used for the Temple, the Tolbooth, which was situated on the Kirk Green in front of St. Magnus Cathedral, was even smaller.*"

The results of radiocarbon dating carried out on the wall-hanging shocked the Members who have been told that their document is a medieval treasure worth several million pounds.

Writer, Andrew Sinclair, claims that the little-known Kirkwall Scroll is second in value only to the famous 13th Century Mappa Mundi that hangs in Hereford Cathedral. *"It's beyond price"* says Sinclair, who heard about the scroll while researching the history of the St. Clair Earls of Orkney *"Its significance is immense. This will demand the rewriting of Scots medieval history."* He claims that radiocarbon dating of the scroll points to the huge 18-foot sailcloth hanging as being 15th Century.

The St. Clair Earls of Orkney were strongly associated with the legendary Templar Knights, and the family stronghold in Midlothian is the site of Rosslyn Chapel, built by Orkney Earl, William St. Clair, in the fifteenth Century. The chapel is well known for its Masonic connections and symbolic carvings and was built in memory of the Earl's grandfather, William de St. Clair, who, legend has it, formed a secret order to protect the Templars a century earlier. Scottish speculative Freemasonry was associated with its symbolism and is believed by many to have originated from there.

*"The operative side of the craft, connected with the trade guilds and stone masons, was also strongly associated with the St Clairs"*, says Rosslyn Chapel's Exhibition Director, Bob Brydon, *"so there's little doubt that the Kirkwall Scroll has very significant implications."*

*"It's quite feasible it's a copy of an earlier document"* he adds *"and when things are copied the style of the era is usually very noticeable."*

Although the Kirkwall Lodge's own archive material records the gift of a symbolic floorcloth in the 18th Century by a William Graeme, Lodge Members disagree about whether this was the Kirkwall Scroll.

Contact with the University of Oxford Research laboratory which did the radio-carbon dating adds to the mystery by supporting the dates.

*"We analyzed material from the Kirkwall Scroll on two separate occasions"* says a spokesman from the Archaeology and History of Art department which carried out the work. *"You have to allow a certain margin of error in calibrating carbon content and the first sample taken from the outside edge of the material was possibly 18th or early 19th Century. The second piece which came from the central panel produced a much older date - 15th or Early 16th Century."*

A senior Lodge Member from Kirkwall says they have a possible answer to that one. *"The cloth has been joined at some stage. You can clearly see where the two side panels interlink with the centre panel."*

London-based Scots businessman, Niven Sinclair, who has done a great deal of research into his St. Clair ancestry, concurs with this theory. *"The symbolically Masonic content which ties in with the Knights Templar is in the central panel"* he says *"the outer panels are more biblically connected later additions; I'm convinced of that."* Andrew Sinclair says the scroll is unique in that it proves how the ancient knowledge amassed by the Templar Knights during the crusades has been passed on into Freemasonry for safekeeping by the St. Clairs. However, many other historians disagree with this view saying there is no conclusive evidence to support it.

But Sinclair is adamant.

*“This knowledge was stored in the Scriptorium at Rosslyn Castle, and it included priceless Templar artefacts relating to the Holy Grail. I believe the Kirkwall Scroll is a unique treasure map taken to Orkney for safekeeping by Earl William after a fire which destroyed much of the original library.”*

The date of the fire has been confirmed by Judy Fiskin, former curator of Rosslyn Chapel, who now works for the National Trust. *“It was documented as being at the time when William was Earl of Orkney and is quite provable”* she says and agrees that priceless documents were stored at Rosslyn.

*“William St. Clair was one of the great illuminati of the time and I have been told from reputable sources that such people were also Master Masons.”*

Members of Lodge Kirkwall Kilwinning also have, in their records, information that the Orkney Earl, who owned Kirkwall Castle, where the present Lodge building now stands, held the appointment of *“Patron of the Masons of Scotland”* in the mid-15th Century. *“We don’t discount the possibility that something could have been stored in Kirkwall Castle, though there is no evidence to support it. What does bother us is the adverse publicity these kinds of claims will stir up”* says a former Office Bearer.

And the statement by Andrew Sinclair that the priceless scroll should be removed for safekeeping has incensed them. *“Anything is priceless if you’ve got a market for it so his sensation-making claims of it being worth millions mean nothing. It is priceless to us, and we have safeguarded it well for more than two and a half centuries. No one can have access without special permission, and it is protected from the light, so we would urge ‘leave well alone’.”*

What is not in doubt is that the Kirkwall Scroll has been in the care of the Lodge for a very long time. The symbols up the centre strip seem to show the means of progression of the Initiate from the Degree of Entered Apprentice through to the rank of Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

The scroll as it is presently displayed could be used as a Tracing Board for the Degrees Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite by simply unrolling the relevant section for each Degree. Many of inscriptions on the scroll are written in a Masonic code, which forms part of the Secrets of the Thirteenth Degree of Master of the Ninth Arch, or The Royal Arch of Enoch.

This Masonic Cypher is known as the Enochian Alphabet. On the second tabloid upwards, an altar is shown standing on a black and white pavement. On the pavement lies the triangular apron of a Deputy Grand Master of the Lodge of Perfection. The part of the inscription on the Altar reads: *“I AM hath sent me unto you. I AM THAT I AM. I am the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. I AM that I AM or I WILL BE that I WILL BE.”*

This is a clear reference to the 18th Degree of the A&A known as Knight of the Rose Croix.

On the two tabloids higher there is a diagram of the Lodge layout for the reception of a Grand Inspector Inquisitor General, modeled on the description of Solomon's Temple found in the Bible. The Lodge describes the scroll as "*Our first treasure of antiquity,*" and long may the Lodge continue to keep this fascinating document in its careful and loving care.

The early dating of the centre portion of the scroll, which describes symbolically the route through the many Degrees of the Ancient Scottish Rite, adds to the evidence that Speculative Freemasonry started in Scotland around the mid-fifteenth century. The use of the Enochian Cypher is also interesting and may well reveal more in due course.

It is entirely appropriate that such an important Masonic artifact should remain in the excellent care of one of Scotland's oldest Lodges.

After all, Lodge Kirkwall Kilwinning holds a Warrant, signed by William St Clair, direct descendant of the last St. Clair, Earl of Orkney, and the scroll is housed alongside it.

**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.*

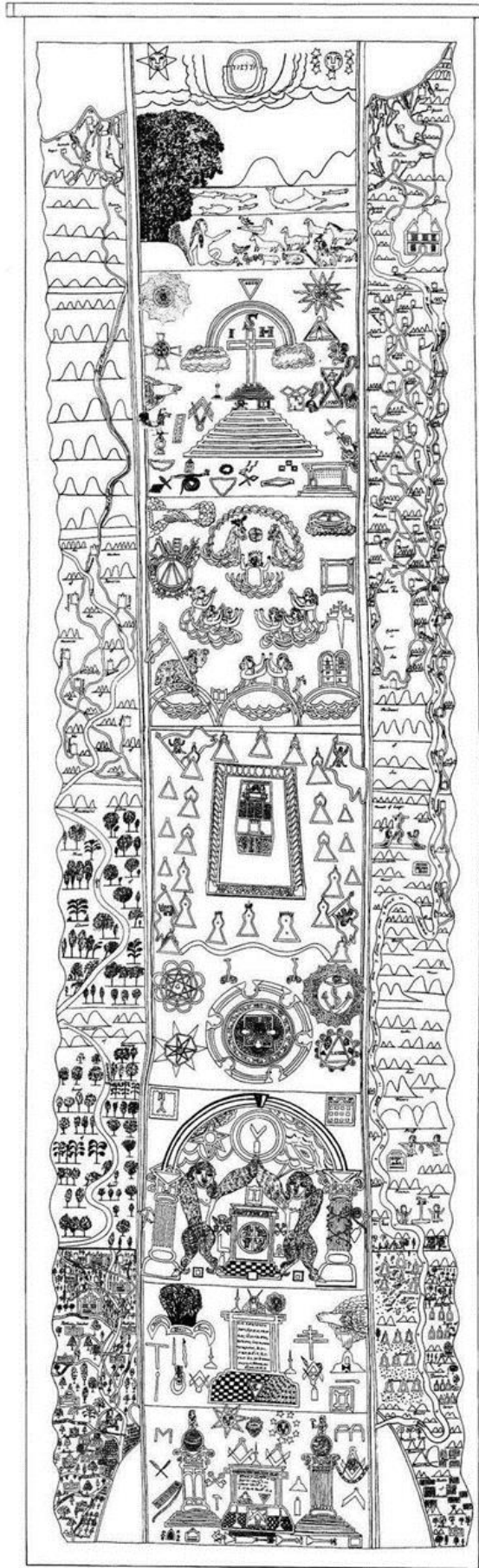
*As your District Education Chairman, I am charged with preparing and delivering presentations on a great many topics to help your Members gain more from their Masonic experience. I will come to your Lodge and deliver formal presentations in the Lodge Room, talks at the banquet hour, or small group discussions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



## ***FUN FACTS ABOUT OCTOBER***

- ◇ Derived from the Latin *octo*, meaning eight, October's name is a fascinating historical remnant. This might seem confusing since it's the tenth month in our current Gregorian calendar. But in the ancient Roman calendar, October was the eighth month.
- ◇ The Anglo-Saxons, early settlers of England, referred to October as *Winterfylleth*, indicating the start of winter. This name combines the words for winter and full moon, suggesting the first full moon of winter.
- ◇ October is known as the best harvesting month for many crops including apples, carrots, corn, grapes, onions, potatoes and squash. Oh, and obviously pumpkins too!
- ◇ The changing of the leaves is one of the most spectacular events of October.
- ◇ October is seen as a lead up to the granddaddy of spooky days, *All Hallows Eve* aka *Halloween* on October 31st.





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



On Wednesday, 11 September 2024, Village Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 145 G.R.C. held its first meeting ever, where Bro. Nelson Ross, nephew of W. Bro. George Wood, was Passed to the Second Degree.



Photo by W. Bro. Kevin Ross, Past Master, Clementi Lodge No. 313



As well, V.W. Bro. Scott Stuart received his Grand Steward's regalia from R.W. Bro. Robert M. Kiff and R.W. Bro. John Hay, previously worn by the late V.W. Bro. Clarke Mayhew.

Photo by R.W. Bro. Bob McBride



# **MEETING**

Then, on Thursday, 12 September, Members of Village Lodge visited Orono Lodge A.F. and A.M. No. 324 G.R.C., Ontario District, to resume fraternal visitation between the two Lodges, originally begun in 1950 as a result of making the acquaintance of some of the Orono Lodge Members the year before at a picnic Keene Lodge had attended in Orono.

Very Worshipful Brother Norman Allin was Master of Orono, and Very Worshipful Brother Fred Nelson was Master of Keene. It was long before Highway 115 and Highway 401 were built. One would travel south from the Village of Keene, down the very windy Highway 28 through Bewdley, to Highway 2, then westward to Highway 35 and north to the Village of Orono.

We have visited each other's Lodges on alternate years since then, with the exception of the COVID pandemic years.

This marked the 74th year since we began this fraternal visitation between our two Lodges, perhaps a record in the province !!! ???



Photo by R.W. Bro. Frank Lucas, Village Lodge No. 145.

Bro. John Due, Member of Village Lodge, also Affiliated with Orono Lodge at our fraternal visit on 12 September !!! Congratulations John !!!

On Tuesday, 17 September, R.W. Bro. Bharat Maini made another fraternal visit, this time to Peterborough Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 155 G.R.C., where the Lodge Treasurer, Bro. Patrick Steeves, gave an excellent presentation about his trip to climb Mount Kilimanjaro this past summer.



Photos by W. Bro. Larry Castle, Past Master, Clementi Lodge No. 313

You can read about his climb in this October 2024 issue of *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter on pages 65 to 73.



On Wednesday, 18 September, R.W. Bro. Bharat Maini made another fraternal visit, this time to Otonabee Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 101 G.R.C., where Bro. William Nathan Patrick was Passed to the Second Degree and Bro. Dennis Delorme was re-admitted into Lodge after a few years' absence. Bro. Peter Thirnbeck, former Member of Corinthian Lodge No. 101, also received his 50-year Masonic pin.



Photo by W. Bro. Larry Castle, Past Master, Clementi Lodge No. 313

On Wednesday, 25 September, V.W. Bro. Roger Morton and the Peterborough Coffee Club made a \$500.00 donation to Hospice Peterborough.



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

Then, on Thursday, 26 September, the Peterborough District Masonic Association held an Executive Meeting in the Peterborough Temple.



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



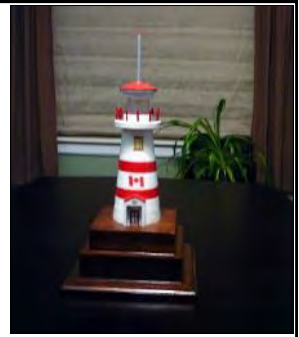
# Peterborough District *Lighthouse Trophy*

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

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

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

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



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

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

Cheers, Bob McBride,  
 Creator of *The Lighthouse Trophy*.

## Lighthouse Trophy results:



**STAND UP AND BE COUNTED**

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



	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	March 25	April 25	May 25	June 25	Total
Otonabee 101	2										
Golden Rule 126											
Village 145	2										
Peterborough 155											
Percy 161											
Clementi 313	17										
Havelock 435	1										

**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 at their Lodge meeting.**



**Ontario Masons**

**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**

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 October issue:

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

Masonic Education

***Taken from: Have you ever considered becoming a Mason?***

Freemasonry is the oldest, largest Fraternity in the world. Its Members have included Kings, Presidents, Prime Ministers, Statesmen, Generals, Admirals, Supreme Court Chief Justices, corporate CEOs, opera stars, movie stars, and, probably, your next door neighbour. And Masonry is always ready to welcome good men into the Fraternity. It's ready to welcome YOU, if in your heart you can answer "yes" to a few questions ....

- ⇒ Do you believe that there is such a thing as honour, and that a man has a responsibility to act with honour in everything he does?
- ⇒ Do you believe in God?
- ⇒ Are you willing to allow others the same right to their own beliefs that you insist on yourself?
- ⇒ Do you believe that you have a responsibility to leave the world a better place than you found it?
- ⇒ Do you believe that it is not only more blessed to give than to receive, It's also more fun?
- ⇒ Are you willing to give help to your Brothers when they need it, and to accept their help when you need it?
- ⇒ Do you feel that there's something more to life than just financial success?
- ⇒ Do you believe that a person should strive to be a good citizen and that we have a moral duty to be true to the country in which we live?
- ⇒ Do you agree that man should show compassion for others, that goodness of heart is among the most important of human values?
- ⇒ Do you believe that men should strive to live a brotherly life?

**IF YOU ANSWERED  
"YES",  
YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BECOMING A MASON.**

**Freemasonry offers much to its Members  
— the opportunity to grow,  
the chance to make a difference,  
to build a better world for our children.**

**It offers the chance  
to be with and work with men  
who have the same values and ideals -  
men who have answered  
"YES"  
to these questions.**







The Companions of

## Maple-Granite Chapter

**R.A.M. No. 61, G.R.C.**

Cordially invite you to attend our

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

**1874 - 2024**

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

**Guest of Honour**

**Most Excellent Companion George Fairbairn**

Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

### **Chapter Room Rededication Ceremony**

34 Mill Street, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0

3:30 pm

Open to all Royal Arch Masons

### **Reception and Banquet**

Almonte Civitan Club

500 Almonte St, Almonte, ON K0A 1A0

Open to the public

**Reception 6:00 pm    Banquet 7:00 pm.**

Admission    \$50.00 per person

RSVP – Scribe Ezra: Ex. Comp. Mark Davis

613-796-3802

[se061@royalarchmasons.on.ca](mailto:se061@royalarchmasons.on.ca)



*Harington Preceptory No. 14 and the Valley of North Bay invite you to celebrate a unique event in Masonry titled "Unity in Masonry".*



*October 19, 2024*

*Celebrating M. Em. Kt. Clive D. Stephenson, GCT, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada*

*the 150th Anniversary of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Canada*

*Recognizing the 150th Anniversary of Harington Preceptory*

**5:30 pm Cash Bar & 6:30 pm Gala Buffet**

*Best Western North Bay 700 Lakeshore Dr, North Bay, ON P1A 2G4*

*Guest Speakers: Supreme Grand Master, M. Em. Kt. Clive D. Stephenson GCT and Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada*

*Door prizes and silent auction items throughout the evening*

*\$80 a ticket, or table of 8 for \$600*

***All Masons and Guests are welcome!***

*For tickets, contact: Jake Lacourse, Treasurer of the Valley of North Bay Scottish Rite and Presiding Preceptor of Harington Preceptory at [aasrnorthbay@gmail.com](mailto:aasrnorthbay@gmail.com) or call/text at 705-493-1751*

*E-Transfer is accepted at [aasrnorthbay@gmail.com](mailto:aasrnorthbay@gmail.com)*

*There will be no tickets sold at the door as cutoff is October 12, 2024*

*A room block has been made under the name of "Unity in Masonry". Standards with 2 beds at \$134.99 plus fees and taxes per night, King rooms with 1 King bed at \$149.99 plus fees and taxes per night. To reserve, please call 705-474-5800*



## ***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:

Allan Nelson: 705-768-2295 / [almelson2016@gmail.com](mailto:almelson2016@gmail.com)

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

David Glover: 705-772-3562 / [dcagtemplar@hotmail.com](mailto:dcagtemplar@hotmail.com)

John Acheson: 705-292-1274 / [corinthianscribe@gmail.com](mailto:corinthianscribe@gmail.com)



# THE EDUCATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT COMMITTEE OF SUPREME COUNCIL



PRESENT OUR NEXT NATIONAL ZOOM EVENT

## “BROTHER LAFAYETTE”

THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE, HERO OF TWO WORLDS, AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO FREEMASONRY AND SCOTTISH RITE

BY CHRIS RULI

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30, 2024 7:00 PM EDT

Ill. Bro. Ruli is an historian and researcher on early American Freemasonry and its often-overlooked relationship with politics, economics, and society. A former Grand Historian and Librarian, Ruli leads efforts to digitize and disseminate Masonic research and strengthen academic approaches to studying Freemasonry.

Register by clicking on,  
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# NIAGARA SHRINE CLUB



5621 NORTH STREET, NIAGARA FALLS  
NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2024 3 – 6:00 o'clock p.m.

\$25.00 per person

Includes Sides, Cash Bar and Prizes

Open to Shriners, Masons, Family and Friends

Tickets Available for Pick Up at Club House or Call 905-358-9110

Limited Amount of Tickets Available

Proceeds to Benefit Niagara Shrine Club



Join Imperial Sir Richard Burke, his Lady Judy  
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For the November 2024-25 Imperial Cruise

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*Tips & Gratuities - \$18 per person, per day = \$144 per person*  
*Cruise pricing listed is for 2 people per cabin, including port charges, government taxes and fees.*

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

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

Tour the Ship: <https://tinyurl.com/Tour-Ship>

Booking questions, contact:

Booking Number #8803296

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*This cruise may sell out and prices are good for only 30 days!*  
*Be sure to lock in pre-negotiated rates.*



*We look forward to seeing  
you onboard!*

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

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

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

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

**Please contact**

**Peterborough District  
Masonic Association Chairman**

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



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

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



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

**John can get these items  
for you or your spouse,  
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**BECAUSE I HAVE A  
BROTHER  
I ALWAYS HAVE A  
FRIEND**



## Scottish Rite Valley of Peterborough



The Ancient and Accepted  
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada  
represents a fulfilling and comprehensive  
system of further instruction

for Master Masons seeking further Masonic light.

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



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

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

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



### Lodge of Perfection



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

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

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

### Chapter Rose Croix

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

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

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



# Coffee Club

## MORNING COFFEE CLUB

Downstairs Wednesday mornings

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

at the Peterborough Masonic Temple  
on Rubidge Street, Peterborough.

**Come on out !!!**

**Bring your non-Masonic friends and relatives.**

**Coffee and donuts will be served,  
casual dress.**

**Donations will be accepted  
and applied to the District Project  
as well as to supply**

**the Lodges in the Peterborough Temple  
with pop, water and other items as needed.**



Founders: Steve Hedgcock,  
Mike Gallimore, Roger Morton



**You deserve good things.**



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

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



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





**Quatuor Coronati**  
Lodge No. 2076

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

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

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

**Correspondence Circle members enjoy the following benefits:**

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

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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.

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**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.

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Thank you!!!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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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](mailto:eric@lakien.com) >

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

***BIBLE***

Two old friends met one day after many years. One attended college, and now was very successful. The other had not attended college and never had much ambition.



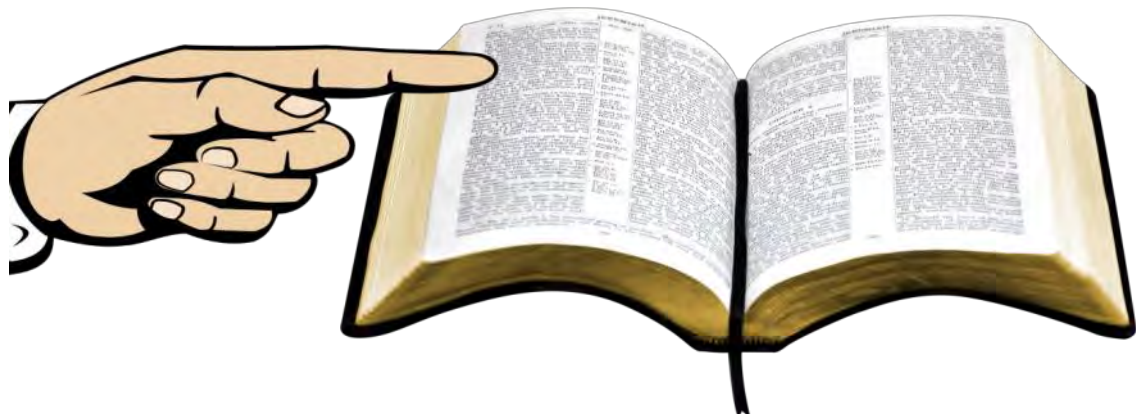
The successful one said, "How has everything been going with you?"


"Well, one day I opened the Bible at random, and dropped my finger on a word and it was oil. So, I invested in oil, and boy, did the oil wells gush."

"Then another day I dropped my finger on another word and it was gold. So, I invested in gold and those mines really produced. Now, I'm as rich as Rockefeller."

The successful friend was so impressed that he rushed to his hotel, grabbed a Gideon Bible, flipped it open, and dropped his finger on a page.

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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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In the September 2024 issue of *The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* newsletter, W. Bro. Warren Northcott, Member of Otonabee Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 101 G.R.C., and former W. Master of Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523, shared with us an article about his guard dog, Tolstoy, the article stating:

## ***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.**

**Editor's Note: It is with great sadness that I wish to report to you that, on Wednesday, 25 September, W. Bro. Warren Northcott wrote to me, saying:**

***"My guide dog companion, Tolstoy, will unfortunately no longer be with us when you read this.***

***In his final days, Tolstoy was treated with the best of treats: Dairy Queen ice cream, and anything his accelerated retirement wished for."***

**Tolstoy laying with his front paws showing from under his WM apron in front of the grandfather clock at the Peterborough Temple, September 25, 2024.**





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



## Grand Master's Communiqué

September 2024

Brethren,

Again, I want to Congratulate everyone who put their names forward for election to our Grand Lodge. To those elected to a higher office and to those that didn't get elected, thank you everyone, for your dedication and commitments to our Grand Lodge. Your goal to lead is admirable and your desire to be better is what we require. Together, we can have a most successful year ahead.

September is upon us, and most of the Lodges in this jurisdiction are called back from refreshment to labour. The new Masonic year is upon us, and it is now up to us to make a difference in our Lodges.

Let's move our Grand Lodge vision of R.E.M. forward. Let us conduct excellent Ritual by holding practices before every Degree, let our Lectures be done with meaning and emotion and let there be but one open book for prompting. Yes, only one official prompter is required. If you have been asked to do a part of the Ritual, please practice it, memorize it and do the correct floor work. If you have been asked to be the Installing Master, take the time needed to learn the Ceremony. An Installing Master should be asked to conduct this important Ceremony at least a year ahead. There should be plenty of time to learn how to install the new Worshipful Master and the Officers. If you have been asked to do a part in a Degree, please put in the time to do it correctly. As long as you have tried your best to commit that piece to memory, there is no shame in asking the prompter for a word.



I have seen open books and tablets used and I am not a fan of that. Reading the Ritual out of an open book or from an electronic device only waters down the Lodge meeting, but it doesn't help the Members connect to the lectures and ceremonies. We need to do better. In fact, I have asked the District Deputy Grand Masters to let the Lodges know that more than one open book for prompting in a Lodge meeting is unacceptable. I understand if the Lodge Secretary is too busy recording the minutes of the meeting to be the official prompter, one Member can still be appointed as such, to prompt. Only one prompter with only one open book of the Ritual is required.

R.E.M. is the vision of our Grand Lodge, Ritual, Education and Mentoring. Ritual is the part of that vision that we can do better on if we commit ourselves to more practices, education and mentoring. Better Ritual means being better prepared for the Lecture and/or Ceremonies ahead of time; open Ritual books in the Lodge room are not permitted other than the one for the official prompter. Thank you Brethren for helping me to spread the word about this important step forward. It takes all of us to make our Grand Lodge and this Jurisdiction better.

Brethren, let's turn our attention to a few events that are coming up. We continue to have Lodge Amalgamation Ceremonies that we need to support and attend. We also have some more solemn Ceremonies of Surrendering the Warrants of Lodges, which need our attention and support. Grand Lodge will continue to work through the list of these Ceremonies with your help.

There are two Lodge Silver to Gold Anniversaries in September that I will be attending, one being in Wilson District at Dereham Lodge No. 624 and the other one is Hatherly Lodge No. 625 in Algoma East District. Dereham Lodge No. 624 is on September 7th, 2024 at the Mount Elgin Masonic Hall and Hatherly Lodge No. 625 is on September 14th, 2024 in Sault Ste. Marie. Both of these events will be White Tie and Tails for Grand Lodge Officer dress. If you are able to attend with me, please help out by showing your support.

Some other events that are coming up are a joint Gala with the Grand Lodge of Quebec that will be held on October 12th, 2024 in Gatineau, QC. It's going to be a great night of friendship and fellowship, and I'm excited and honoured to be with M.W. Bro. Robert Dupel, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Tickets are disappearing fast, so get yours without delay if you plan on attending this wonderful evening. The information on this Gala is in the **Ontario Masons Magazine**.

We are also putting together a joint Lodge meeting with the Grand Lodge of Michigan on February 8th, 2025. This is shaping up to be a great event at the Detroit Masonic Building and, if you haven't ever been to that building and always wanted to go, this is an incredible opportunity for you. The details are still being worked out but I'm really looking forward to attending this joint venture. Please help me to show off our Grand Lodge support to our neighboring Jurisdictions by attending Detroit and Gatineau with me.

One more celebration I am truly looking forward to is the Grand Master's Reception being held in my home District, Sarnia District, in Point Edward, Ontario. There is a block of hotel rooms at a reduced price, excellent meal choices for you and the hospitality in Sarnia District is incredible. The information for this reception is also in the **Ontario Masons Magazine**, and the contact person is R.W. Bro. James Sercombe. Please feel free to email him at sercombe@rogers.com for tickets and further information.

Please come to Sarnia District and help me celebrate this grand occasion.

It's going to be a great night in my home District.

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,

As I prepare to share this message, I am amazed at how quickly we have arrived at the end of August. Our summer months have come and gone, and the season will soon be behind us.

As our committees lay plans for the upcoming Masonic year, we are pleased to note that our continued focus will be to continue our mandate of Ritual, Education and Mentoring. Over the recent terms, it has been a focus of our committees to concentrate our direction and attention to these three basic, yet crucial, fundamentals of our Craft. The importance of this concentration has become that much more apparent as we have returned to our in-person meetings. For our newer Masons who have been recently welcomed into our folds, as well as for our more veteran Members, the importance of these three great fundamentals is paramount to our core and essential to our perpetuity, regardless of the tenure we hold within our organization.



For this edition, let's take a look at Ritual, the first of these great pillars. By definition, ritual is *“a ceremonial act or action regularly repeated as in a set precise manner”* and *“a set of actions or words performed in a regular way, often as part of a ceremony”*.

In Masonic terms, our Ritual is the instrument that binds us to our convictions, our tenets and our principles. In recollection of the words of a dear friend and mentor who now holds his rightful place in the Grand Lodge Above, he would stress the importance of the Ritual on so many levels. That there is only one chance to leave a compelling impression on a new Candidate, not only at his Initiation but also as he continues his journey.

He stressed repeatedly, how our Ritual is rooted with many lessons, and how it is up to us to explore their hidden meanings, the mysteries. It is therefore incumbent on us to embrace the learnings of our Ritual, not only in its literal form, but more so for the lessons that it carries. This process of absorbing the benefits of our Ritual is tried and true and has prevailed throughout the ages.

As our Ritual requires us to remain faithful to the protocols of our rites and ceremonies, the fundamentals of learning within our fraternity is rooted in the structure in which our organization is modeled.

As with our operative forefathers, the mastery of any skill, requires time, dedication, and repetition.

The skill of any trade is refined through repeated performance until that skill is perfected over time. The allotted timeline of a full apprenticeship was measured over a period of seven years, with the intention of giving the apprentice the time and ability to sharpen his physical skill, while contemplating the mental and spiritual meaning of what he was learning. This principle holds true, not only in the physical and operative trades, but also in our Masonic practices. Just as a craftsman hones his abilities through repetition, so too must we commit ourselves to the regular practice of our Ritual. It is through our dedication that we cultivate a deeper understanding of its meanings, and the lessons found within.

Moving forward into the new Masonic year, let us recommit ourselves to the study and practice of Ritual. Our Custodian has a full schedule of Lodges of Instruction coming to a District near you. Please take the time to register and attend our Lodges of Instruction, the experience is a benefit for all Masons.

Together, we can ensure that both new and seasoned Members benefit from these lessons revisited. Let us continue to encourage open discussions and mentorship, allowing the wisdom of our veterans to guide our newer Members.

In closing, let us bear in mind that our Ritual is more than a set routine. It is a living testament to our beliefs and a powerful tool for personal growth and fraternal strength. As we prepare for the months ahead, let us carry this understanding with us, enriching our gatherings and reinforcing our ties to one another.

With my best fraternal regards,

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

## Grand Chaplain's Communiqué

I had the privilege of being a Border Services Officer for just over 16 years. My very favourite Customs story did not involve me. My mum and dad flew to Scotland to see family. It would be mum's second time back and my dad's first trip to the United Kingdom. Both travelled on Canadian passports.

My dad was born at 36-46-18 M2 in Saskatchewan. My mum was born in Dalmuir, west of Glasgow. My mum was a naturalised Canadian citizen.

The very astute Scottish Customs officer did not stamp my mum's passport, but he certainly stamped my dad's. His stamp allowed my dad to enter the UK for 6 months. My dad pointed out what he thought was a mistake in not stamping my mum's document. The officer replied to my dad. *"Sir, she is family. You are a guest."*

Solomon reminds us that a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Proverbs 25:11

September is in many ways the beginning of a new year. As a young person growing up in Ontario, school started the first Tuesday after Labour Day. We have not been inactive during the summer but our Lodges begin to gather again, oft beginning in September.

We return to Lodge not as guests but as family. Each of us has chosen to belong to the craft. Brethren reunited. Friendships renewed. Handshakes. Perhaps also an empty chair where a Brother would usually sit, but he has Passed to the Grand Lodge Above. Not a Zoom meeting, but once again, sitting beside Brethren assembled in unity expecting a blessing from the GAOTU.

Psalm 133 ought to have a very special place in a Mason's heart. It was written by David. *"How good and pleasant where brothers dwell together in unity."* Psalm 133:1 NASB

It will indeed be well worth a moment to think about unity. It speaks of time together and the same purpose. Assembling at the same time and location. The purposes of learning is to be challenged to be better, to encourage one another.

I look forward to sitting in Lodge

Regards,

R.W. Bro. David Spencer

Grand Chaplain

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# Deputy Secretary's Communiqué

Brethren,

A few items for your information and consideration.

**Did you know? Elections**

Did you know that voters receive the results before the Lodges? Did you know that it only takes a minute to register for elections? Did you know that it only takes a minute to vote for the District Deputy Grand Master, and only a few minutes to vote for the Grand Lodge Officers? Did you know that every current Member with an email address recorded in the Lodge Management system received notice of registration?



If you are a Master, Warden or Past Master and did not receive the notification, please ask the Secretary of your Lodge to ensure the Lodge Officers and your email address are correctly recorded in the system. Please exercise your vote by participating in the elections.

**August mailing**

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

**Quebec and Ontario – Masons United**

Included in the package is an invitation to the Grand Master's Gala, A Night of Fellowship: Quebec and Ontario Masons United on October 12, 2024. Please join Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. Robert Dupel and M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, for the Gala Dinner at the Rivermead Golf Club in Gatineau, Quebec.

**Upcoming Silver to Gold Ceremonies**

September 7, 2024 – Dereham Lodge No. 624

September 14, 2024 – Hatherly Lodge No. 625

Dress for both events for current Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers and all Members of the Board of General Purposes is White Tie and Tails.

**Michigan and Ontario – Joint Meeting**

Plans are underway for a joint meeting of the Grand Lodge of Michigan and our Grand Lodge on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at the Detroit Masonic Temple. Please save the date. Details to follow.

Thank you, Brethren.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



## 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.

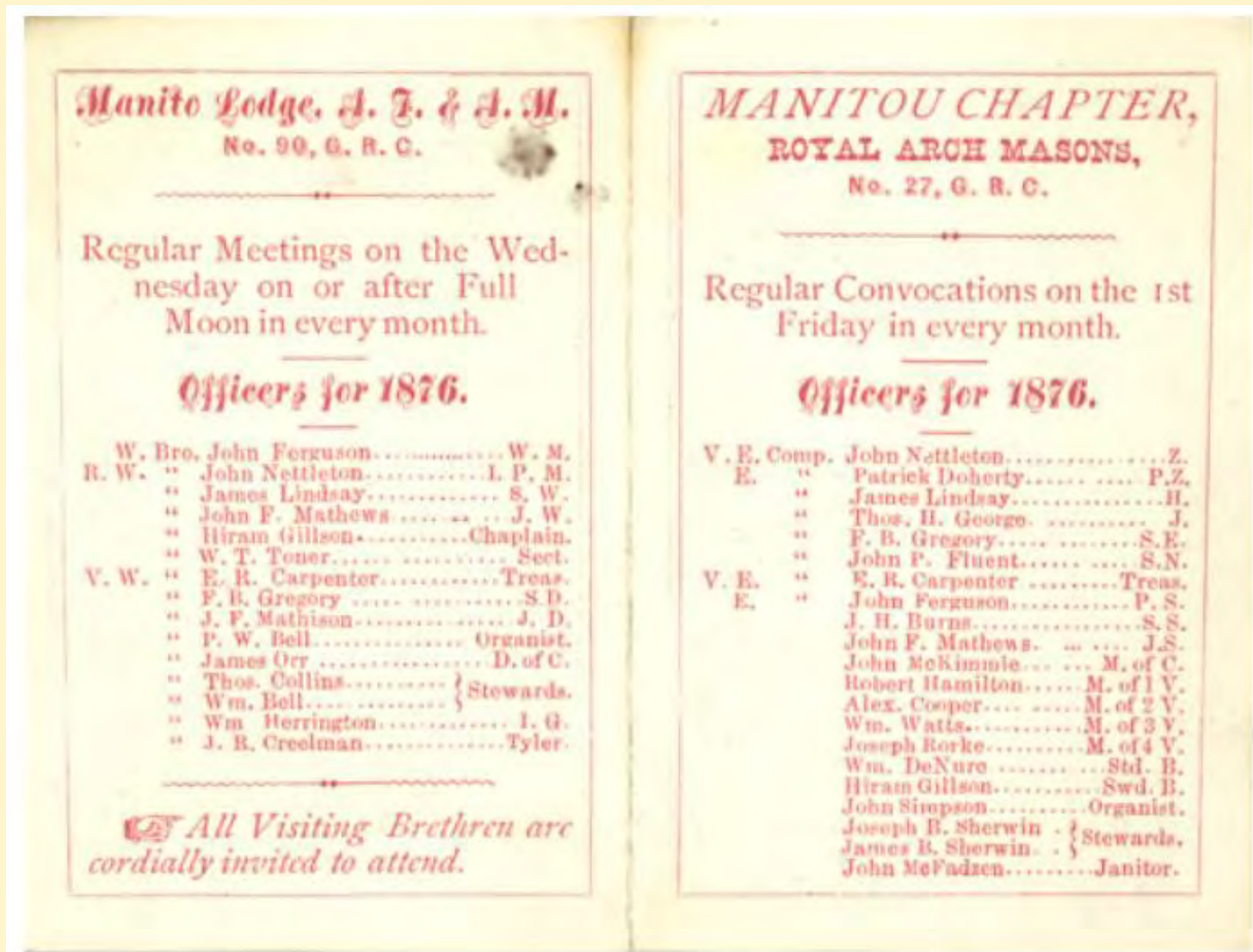
A Lodge is erected, not only by, but upon, her sons. The Entered Apprentice of today is the veteran Mason and Lodge Member of tomorrow.



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

## ***FROM THE GRAND ARCHIVES : AN ONTARIO MOON LODGE***

by V.W. Bro. Greg McKinnon, Grand Archivist



This month's submission offers a glimpse into a particular Masonic practice of the early nineteenth to the early twentieth century. The practice of Lodge meetings being held on or near the full moon. These "moon Lodges" have been a part of modern Masonic lore for a number of reasons - practical, astrological, and esoteric in nature - and offers perhaps a romanticized look at a bygone phenomenon.

Found on the inside left page of the Collingwood Masonic Directory for 1876, you can see that Manito Lodge No. 90 GRC had "Regular Meetings on the Wednesday on or after Full Moon Full Moon in every month".



Many have suggested that moon Lodges had an esoteric reason for meeting during this regular astronomical occurrence. This may be true, but perhaps the most important and practical reason was for light. Not the metaphysical light often associated with our Craft, but physical light and the assistance that it provides in way-finding - particularly in rural Ontario at that time.

Another possibility is that, since Lodges date back to the early 18th century, the moon was a very convenient timekeeping method that everyone had access to.

As M.W. Bro. Raymond S. Daniels pointed out in a 2006 presentation, *“There is a vestige of this tradition still to be found in Section 382 of the Book of Constitution: ‘No higher degree in Masonry shall be conferred on any Brother at a shorter interval than four weeks from the date of receiving a previous Degree, except under dispensation from the Grand Master.’ Four weeks, or twenty-eight days is the lunar month.”*

M.W. Bro. Raymond S. Daniels goes on to say, *“If one examines the recorded history of our early Lodges, invariably the regular meeting will held on a certain day ‘on or before the full moon’ holding thirteen meetings during the year. In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, when the population in Upper Canada was mainly rural, the natural illumination provided by the full moon guided members over rough country roads on their way to and from Lodge.”*

He discusses some of the more esoteric influences in this way: *“The moon is a symbol of life-rhythms, an ever-recurring cycle perpetually returning to its beginning, of periodical change, a cosmic image of growth and renewal, of resurrection and immortality – the cyclical nature of all things. The universal measuring gauge, its successive and regular phases, measure passing time and were the basis of the first known calendars. As the moon has no light of its own, but reflects the light of the sun, it is seen by philosophers to be a symbol of knowledge acquired through reflection – theoretical, conceptual, and rational. As such, it is a meaningful symbol for speculative Freemasonry.”*

Or perhaps it was simply practicality that created the need for the moon Lodges. There is certainly truth to the fact that roads were poorly lit and likely treacherous for various reasons in rural Ontario at this time. And, with the advent of better roads, artificial lighting, and eventually automobiles, the necessity of meeting during the full moon diminished. By the early 20th century, most Lodges in Ontario had abandoned the practice. However, some Lodges retained the tradition as a nod to their heritage, meeting during the full moon out of respect for the past.

## Editor's Note:

**My mother Lodge, Keene A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C., was Instituted on 31 January 1879 in the Village of Keene, Ontario, meeting on 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. The building was owned by James McNeil, one of the first two Candidates of the Lodge, and his partner, Tom Campbell, a Charter Member of Keene Lodge.**



**By this time the village of Keene had been settled for fifty-four years, having been established in 1825.**

**The emporium 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.**

**Lodge night in Keene always occurred on the third Thursday of the month as that was the closest date to the full moon. Before the advent of automobiles, Masons would travel from their homes to the Lodge meeting by the full moon of the month as it was easier for their horses to find their way home after a full night of Masonic fellowship.**



**Keene Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 374 G.R.C. had an Amalgamation Ceremony with J.B. Hall Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 145, forming Village Lodge No. 145, on 08 May 2024. BTW, they meet on the third Wednesday of every month, except June, July and August.**

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



### **IN SEARCH OF...**

**Stepping past three Masters  
Steadily, I climb  
In search from behind  
A veil of filtered light  
Where truth appears  
As Gossamer wings in flight.**

**Fractured, unclear vision,  
Seeking understanding  
Gnosis escapes into  
shadows beyond,  
hidden in plain view,  
beyond my grasp.**

**Each step forward leaving  
Fractured stone beneath  
My stumbling feet  
As I search for the key  
To inner light  
And a path to truth and beyond.**

**My imperfect Ashlar  
Polished with each new stride,  
A new glimmer of light  
Pulls back the veil of darkness,  
Placing the Philosopher's stone  
deeper within, Lead into Gold.**

**With my gaze heavenward  
Sevens Stars shimmer unopposed,  
I ponder upon the Keeper of the Gate,  
Will my Ashlar find me worthy,  
That I may whisper the Master's Word  
And lay my tools of labour at His feet?**



W. Bro. John Mitchell, a Member of Otonabee Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 101 G.R.C., sends me e-mails from time to time. Here's one that he sent on Friday, 13 September, that you may enjoy reading:

## ***REFLECTIONS OF A GRUMPY OLD PERSON***

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own shopping bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.



The woman apologized and explained, *"We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days"*

The cashier responded, *"That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."*

She was right — our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, pop bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every shop and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts — wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that young lady is right. We didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV or radio in the house — not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief — remember them? — not a screen the size of the county.

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the post, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right. We didn't have the green thing back then. We drank water from a fountain or a tap when we were thirsty instead of demanding a plastic bottle flown in from another country. We accepted that a lot of food was seasonal and didn't expect it to be flown in from other parts of the world thousands of kilometers away.

We actually cooked food that didn't come out of a packet, tin or plastic wrap and we could even wash our own vegetables and chop our own salad.

But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus, and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service.

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?



***“All men are capable of reason.***

***That is the fundamental principle of democracy.”***

Source: [libquotes.com/joseph-campbell/quote](https://libquotes.com/joseph-campbell/quote)

## Sharp Instrument

The emblematic use of a “*sharp instrument*”, as indicated in the ritual of the First Degree, is intended to be represented by a warlike weapon such as a dagger or sword.

- 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. 684.

## Shibboleth

The word which the Gileadites, under Jephthah, made use of as a test at the passages of the river Jordan after a victory over the Ephraimites. The word has two meanings in Hebrew: First, an ear of corn; and secondly, a stream of water. As the Ephraimites were desirous of crossing the river, it is probable that this second meaning suggested it to the Gileadites as an appropriate test word on the occasion.

- 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. 686.



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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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Peterborough Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 155 G.R.C. Treasurer, Bro. Patrick Steeves,  
a Math teacher at Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute,



sent me an article that he wrote about his spectacular climb  
of Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, this past summer.

## SUMMONS



PETERBOROUGH LODGE  
A. F. & A. M.  
No.155 G. R. C.



### Regular Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month  
Except June, July, and August

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. At this gathering, we will conduct one Ballot for Mr. Papadopoulos. The work of the evening will feature a presentation on Masonic Education by W. Bro. John Muise. Additionally, we will hear from Bro. Patrick Steeves, who, in collaboration with the Michael J. Fox Foundation, summited Mount Kilimanjaro to advance Parkinson's Disease research. Following the meeting, we will retire to enjoy some light refreshment together. I eagerly anticipate our gathering and trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will watch over and provide comfort to those among us who are unwell or facing hardships.

W. Bro. Will Caffrey

**Here's an appeal from Bro. Patrick Steeves after he was 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.***

APRIL IS  
**PARKINSON'S  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**



*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 6,600 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 project 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"*

**The Michael J. Fox Foundation was created to help advance every promising research path to curing Parkinson's disease. Since 2010, he has led a \$100-million effort, which is the Foundation's landmark observational study, to discover the biological markers of Parkinson's disease with the Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative (PPMI).**



**Michael J. Fox**

**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.**

**Here's his article about his spectacular climb:**

***“Spent our first days in Moshi, Tanzania, touring the local market on foot with a local guide and taking a cultural trip to a Chagga indigenous camp, touring the underground cave system, and were able to pick, roast, grind and make our own coffee to enjoy with lunch.***



***For the climb, we took the Lemosho route of the mountain, which is the eight-day Acclimatization route, allowing climbers more success by giving more time to acclimate to the altitude, upon arrival at approximately 2,000 feet to the top of the mountain at over 19,000 feet.***

***Typical mornings began at 5:30 a.m. with coffee/tea brought to your tent. Hot water arrived shortly after for washing up***

***and you had to pack for the day, eat breakfast, and be ready to march by 6:30 a.m..***

***Lunch was usually set up for 1:00 p.m. o'clock, more climbing, then stopping by 4:00 p.m. for a rest, dinner and an early bedtime, typically by 8:30 p.m..***

***Night skies are amazing with very clear, bright stars and no light pollution.***

***We encountered huge variability in the terrain from hour to hour and day to day with rock, sand, gravel, ash, and boulders and a few streams. Climbing up rock faces, leaping over washouts, stepping over streams and sliding in mud.***

***I found the second day to be the most strenuous of all of the days, not only the terrain to deal with but the temperature variability over the day, starting in rainforest, then baking in sun on rock faces.***

***The never-ending false summits are mind-crushing as you really cannot sense when the trail ends. You just keep climbing higher and higher through rocky switchbacks.***

**The summit night began at 11:00 p.m. on August 15th. We were walking in the dark with headlamps only, on narrow cliffs and steep rock faces to arrive at Stella Point in time for the sunrise. The entire group climbed another hour to the summit, arriving at 7:50 a.m. on August 16, 2024.**

**After approximately 20 minutes at the top, the descent was quick, back to the base camp in approximately three hours, sliding down ash, scree and very loose surface materials.**

**After a lunch and packing one's gear, the group continued walking for 4 hours to get to a safe altitude and spend the last night on the mountain.**

**This day was the most grueling for many and one member of the group was airlifted by helicopter down the remainder of the mountain to rest up and meet us at the gate the following day.**

**The tour company had a celebration outside of the gate with traditional foods plus pizza, Kilimanjaro Beer and local wine.**

**After two nights of rest back at the hotel, some of the group headed back to the States and I headed off on a four-day safari through the Serengeti, Lakey Manyara, the Ngorongoro Crater and Ngorongoro Conservation Area.**



**The wildlife was phenomenal, seeing most everything, with the exception of rhinos.**



**31 hours of airports, flights and roadways to get back home by 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 24th. Certainly a trip of a lifetime, taking me outside of my comfort zone.**



**We did it! All eight members of Team Fox summited at 7:50 a.m. on August 16th.**

**The group fundraising is currently at approximately \$98,000 CAD and still climbing.**

**My personal fundraising has been approximately \$14,000 CAD, thanks to many of you.**

**Donations to the Canadian link for the Michael J. Fox Foundation can still be made at:**

**< <https://give.michaeljfox.org/give/573415/#!/donation/checkout> >**

**Thank you for all of the prayers, kind words of encouragement and for the contributions to fund Parkinson's research."**

**Parkinson's disease (PD), or simply Parkinson's, is a neurodegenerative disease of mainly the central nervous system that affects both the motor and non-motor systems of the body. The symptoms usually emerge slowly, and, as the disease progresses, non-motor symptoms become more common.**

**Usual symptoms include tremors, slowness of movement, rigidity, and difficulty with balance, collectively known as parkinsonism.**

Parkinson's disease dementia, falls and neuropsychiatric problems such as sleep abnormalities, psychosis, mood swings, or behavioral changes may also arise in advanced stages.

Diagnosis is mainly based on signs and symptoms, usually motor-related, found via neurological examination, though medical imaging like neuromelanin MRI can support the diagnosis. Usual onset is in people over 60 years of age, of whom about one percent are affected. In those younger than 50, it is termed "*early-onset PD*".

No cure is known: treatment aims to mitigate symptoms. Initial treatment typically includes L-DOPA, MAO-B inhibitors, or dopamine agonists.

As the disease progresses, these medications become less effective and produce a side effect marked by involuntary muscle movements.

Diet and certain forms of rehabilitation have shown some effectiveness at improving symptoms. Deep brain stimulation has been used to reduce severe motor symptoms when drugs are ineffective.

There is little evidence for treatment of the non-movement-related symptoms, such as sleep disturbances and mood instability. The average life expectancy is near-normal.

### Classification and terminology

Parkinson's disease (PD) is a neurodegenerative disease affecting both the central and peripheral nervous systems, characterized by the loss of dopamine-producing neurons in the substantia nigra region of the brain. [1] It is classified as a synucleinopathy due to the abnormal accumulation of the protein alpha-synuclein, which aggregates into Lewy bodies within affected neurons. [2]

The loss of dopamine-producing neurons in the substantia nigra initially presents as movement abnormalities, leading to Parkinson's further categorization as a movement disorder. [3]

[1] Ramesh & Arachchige 2023, pp. 200–201, 203.

[2] Calabresi et al. 2023, pp. 1, 5.

[3] National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.



Person with Parkinson's disease.

A retouched image from the drawings of a William Gowers. Colour, brightness and size adjusted.

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/>

[Drawings\\_of\\_a\\_Parkinson\\_patient\\_by\\_William\\_Gowers.jpg https://movementdisorders.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/mds.27965](https://movementdisorders.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/mds.27965)



**Mild motor-predominant Parkinson's disease with dystonic foot**

**Intermediate Parkinson's disease**



**Diffuse malignant Parkinson's disease**

**Parkinsonian gait (outdoor), Parkinson's disease.**




**Parkinsonian gait (indoor), Parkinson's disease**



<b>Prevention</b>	Physical activity, <a href="#">nicotine</a> , <a href="#">caffeine</a>
<b>Treatment</b>	<a href="#">Physical therapy</a> , <a href="#">deep brain stimulation</a>
<b>Medication</b>	<a href="#">L-DOPA</a> , <a href="#">COMT inhibitors</a> , <a href="#">AAAD inhibitors</a> , <a href="#">dopamine agonists</a> , <a href="#">MAO-B inhibitors</a>
<b>Prognosis</b>	Near-normal life expectancy
<b>Frequency</b>	8.5 million (2019)
<b>Named after</b>	<a href="#">James Parkinson</a>

Source: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parkinson%27s\\_disease](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parkinson%27s_disease)

<b>James Parkinson</b>	
<b>Born</b>	11 April 1755 <a href="#">Hoxton</a> , London, England
<b>Died</b>	21 December 1824 (aged 69) Hoxton, London, England
<b>Resting place</b>	<a href="#">St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch</a>
<b>Alma mater</b>	<a href="#">The London Hospital</a>
<b>Occupations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgeon</li> <li>• Geologist, <a href="#">palacontologist</a></li> </ul>
<b>Known for</b>	First description of <a href="#">Parkinson's disease</a>
<b>Spouse</b>	Mary Dale (m. 1783)
<b>Children</b>	8
<b>Signature</b>	
	



**Parkinson's home and office at 1 Hoxton Square, London, England.**

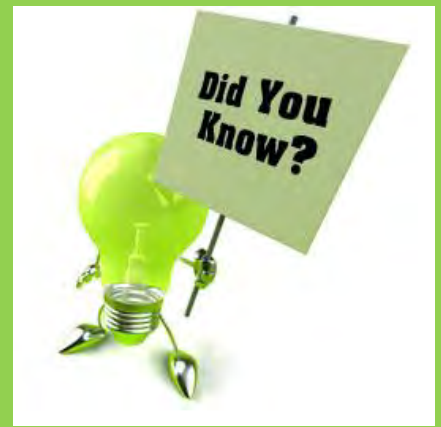
**Dr. Parkinson was interested in improving the general health and well-being of the population. He wrote several medical doctrines that revealed a zeal for the health and welfare of the people similar to that expressed in his political activism.**

Source: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_Parkinson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Parkinson)

## ***DID YOU KNOW ???***

On the 217th Monday night ZOOM meeting, Monday, 23 September 2024, there was a lot of discussion about which pillar was which at the porch-way or entrance to the Lodge.

R.W. Bro Stephen Maizels, Mentoring Chairman, Board of General Purposes of GLCPOO, shared with us this quote from the Bible:



**2 Chronicles 3:17**

**New International Version**

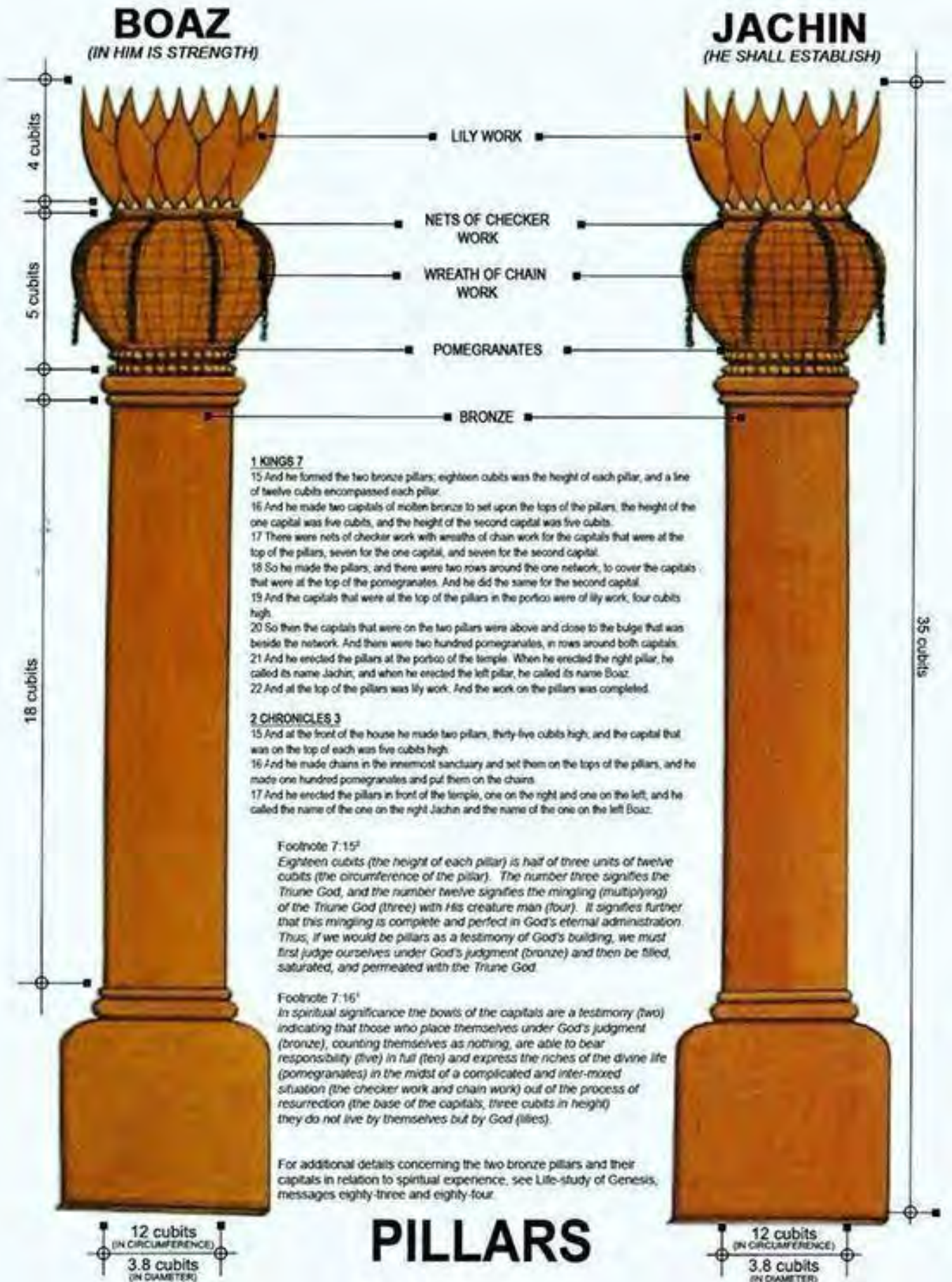
**17 He erected the pillars in the front of the temple, one to the south and one to the north.**

**The one to the south he named Jakin and the one to the north Boaz.**



2 Chronicles 3:17 Jakin {or Jachin} means "he shall establish".

2 Chronicles 3:17 Boaz mean "in him is strength".



Bro. Scott Tower, Chaplain of Village Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 145 G.R.C., sent me this article for your reading pleasure:

## ***WHERE ARE THE WIDOWS SONS ???***

Good day, Brethren.

Kawartha Chapter Widows Sons had the opportunity to host the annual Ontario Widows Sons Gathering again this year.

We chose to hold it in the same location as last year:

Lion's camp Dorset. Lion's Camp Dorset is a camp for dialysis patients who are able to leave the hospital and can therefore have their dialysis performed outside of a hospital while enjoying nature.

At this year's Ontario Gathering, we had Brethren from all over Ontario and also attending from Quebec, Ohio, and as far away as Kentucky.

All who attended had a great time raising funds to support the camp and patients and enjoying and a wonderful ride through the Lake of Bays countryside where we stopped for lunch to enjoy fellowship or, as we like to call it, family-ship, because we, as Widows Sons, like to involve our families in our events and fundraising.

This year, we were able to raise more than \$18,000 to help the cause.

Please feel free to ask how you can help Kawartha Chapter Widows Sons with this great cause.

If you are a motorcycle rider and would like to join us for a ride, please reach out. We would love to have you join us.

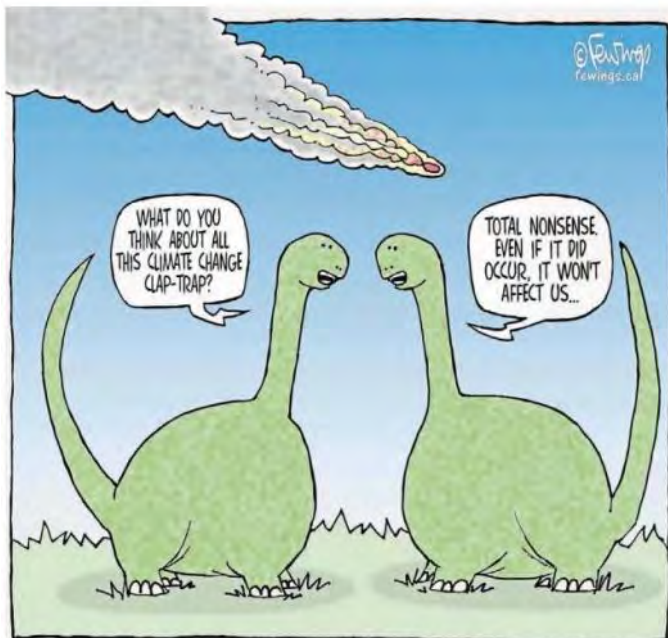




# THE PETERBOROUGH EXAMINER

SINCE 1847

On Wednesday, 04 September, *The Peterborough Examiner* included this cartoon that I thought you would enjoy seeing:



Then, on Saturday, 07 September, *The Peterborough Examiner* published this one:

This was followed on Wednesday, 18 September, with this cartoon (after at least nine days of summer weather with no rain):



And, on Wednesday, 25 September, *The Peterborough Examiner* published this cartoon:

As well as this:

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

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

FWIST  
KRCAC  
LGNOLA  
INLSDA

Get the free JUST JUMBLE app - Follow us on Twitter @PlayJumble

I'm going to teach you knife skills that you can use in any restaurant. Are you ready?  
YES, chef!

9/25  
THE INSTRUCTOR TEACHING THE JOB-TRAINING COURSE TAUGHT THE ---

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

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Jumbles: SWIFT CRACK GALLON ISLAND  
Answer: The instructor teaching the job-training course taught the — WORKING CLASS

Here's an item from Scotland that I think you'll enjoy reading:

## ***THE ROLE OF THE GRAND TYLER***



**Grand Lodge of Scotland,  
96 George Street, EH2 3DH, Edinburgh.**



# ***THE ROLE OF THE GRAND TYLER***

Brother Clark Wilson, Grand Tyler  
Immediate Past Master, St James's Operative Lodge No. 97

Warm and Fraternal greetings from Freemasons' Hall, 96 George Street, Edinburgh. On the 21st of July 2024, I will have spent a total of 20 years as the Grand Tyler for The Grand Lodge of Scotland. It is rather remarkable to think that, as a 30-year-old boy, I would be spending the next two decades working within such a wonderful and prestigious establishment in the beating heart of Scotland's beautiful capital city.

Prior to being employed by Grand Lodge, I assisted the previous Grand Tyler with his duties on a voluntary basis. This provided me with an in-depth working knowledge and understanding of the role of The Grand Tyler. When my predecessor made the decision to take retirement from the role, he strongly recommended that I apply for the position. My employment started at Freemasons' Hall on 21st July 2005 under Past Grand Secretary, Brother C. Martin McGibbon. I have since then served under a further three Grand Secretaries.

The office of Grand Tyler is one that cannot be communicated in its entirety within this article alone due to the unpredictable and varied duties it entails. However, I will endeavour to outline some of the main duties which I undertake regularly.

Firstly, it is necessary to understand that the role of the Grand Tyler is not merely a Masonic ceremonial office on the days of Grand Lodge Communications.

My duties as a full-time employee of The Grand Lodge of Scotland include some of the following: opening and closing Freemasons' Hall for the staff and general public; ensuring health and safety measures are adhered to at all times; assisting the several departments in Grand Lodge with anything they require; communicating with the public for hall enquires and events; stock-taking and manual handling of deliveries; organising events and catering; liaising with security and fire services to ensure the building is up to legislative standards; setting up and laying out the furnishings for Grand Lodge Regular Communications; and a whole host of other general maintenance and caretaking of the premises on a daily basis.

It makes me feel proud to be afforded the privilege of serving the Scottish Craft in this capacity and to work within such a magnificent building that is rich in both architecture and character. All the hard work and long hours spent maintaining Freemasons' Hall to the standards befitting such a beacon of our history and heritage is particularly rewarding when, on the days of the Regular Communications, I put on my morning suit and adorn the green and gold Regalia of the Grand Tyler.

I have been proud to serve The Grand Lodge of Scotland in this capacity for so long and will hopefully be afforded the opportunity to do so for many more years to come.

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.”*

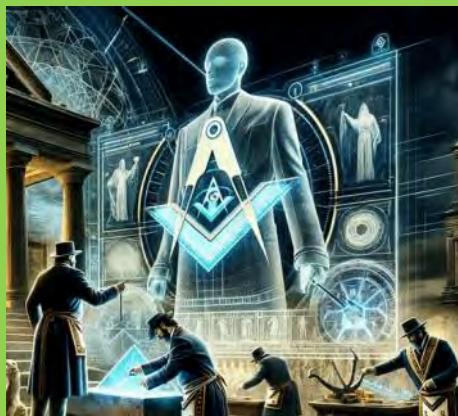
On Sunday, 22 September 2024, he sent the following —

## ***A MASONIC MOMENT: HOW DO YOU KNOW YOURSELF TO BE A MASON ???***

Before being advanced to the Second Degree, an Entered Apprentice is asked, *“How do you know yourself to be a Mason?”*

The expected answer suggests that he is a Mason because he experienced the ritual that made him one. And that is true: once Initiated, a man is a Mason for life.

Initiation, like a baptism, is the ceremony which welcomes an individual into the body of the organization but, to truly belong, a man must find Masonry in his heart.



Freemasonry has a profound commitment to fostering personal growth, moral improvement, and social welfare.

You know yourself to be a Mason first by understanding the eternal principles upon which the Craft is founded and then upon feeling in your own heart a clear response to their call.

One knows himself to be a Mason when he begins to view truth, honour, justice, and charity, not as abstract principles, but as practical everyday virtues that he must practise and exemplify in all of its relationships with his fellow men.

The place to look for evidence that you are a Mason is not in the head, where memory of rituals, grips, signs, and tokens may be retained, but in the heart from whence will flow the healing streams of brotherly love, generosity, kindness, patience, and goodwill.





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***. September 2024

A Masonic Moment

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

R.W. Bro Richard Lacoursiere

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



Freemasonry, our ancient and influential fraternity, often emphasizes the cultivation of moral virtues and the development of personal character. Central to its teachings is the concept of overcoming ego, which aligns with the core values of humility, integrity, and brotherhood.

Ego, in psychological terms, refers to the sense of self or the part of the psyche responsible for self-esteem and identity. While a healthy ego can contribute to self-confidence and personal achievement, an inflated ego can lead to arrogance, selfishness, and a lack of empathy. It distorts reality by prioritizing personal gain over collective well-being and creates barriers in relationships and personal growth. Overcoming ego is not about self-denial but about balancing self-interest with the needs and perspectives of others.

Freemasonry encourages each of us to pursue a path of moral and spiritual enlightenment. This journey inherently involves addressing and tempering our ego. Freemasonry's core values—brotherly love, relief, and truth—are intimately connected with the idea of transcending ego.

**Brotherly Love:** Freemasonry promotes the idea of universal brotherhood. We are encouraged to practise compassion, respect, and understanding towards all people. This value challenges the ego's tendency to create divisions and fosters a sense of unity and shared humanity. By prioritizing the welfare of others and embracing diversity, we work to diminish self-centered attitudes and build harmonious relationships.

**Relief:** The principle of relief in Freemasonry involves providing aid and support to those in need. This value emphasizes altruism and selflessness, directly countering the ego's inclination towards self-preservation and materialism. By engaging in charitable activities and supporting community initiatives, we can cultivate a spirit of generosity and compassion, which helps to diminish our ego's grip and reinforces the importance of our collective well-being.

**Truth:** The pursuit of truth is fundamental to Freemasonry. It requires us to seek honesty and integrity in our actions and interactions. This pursuit challenges the ego's propensity for deceit and self-deception. By striving for personal and moral truth, we can own our flaws and biases, which is essential for overcoming ego-driven behaviors and fostering genuine personal growth.

### **Practical Approaches to Eliminating Ego**

Freemasonry provides several practical methods for each of us to address and manage our ego. These include:

**Self-Reflection:** Regular self-reflection and introspection are encouraged to examine one's motivations and actions. This practice helps us recognize and address our ego-driven behaviors, promoting self-awareness and personal development.

**Mentorship and Guidance:** Often we find ourselves engaging in mentorship relationships, a relationship where more experienced members provide guidance to newer ones. Often this will foster humility and a willingness to learn, as it emphasizes the value of collective wisdom over individual pride.

**Ritual and Symbolism:** Freemasonry employs rituals and symbols that reinforce moral teachings. For example, the symbol of the square and compasses serves as a reminder to align our actions with ethical standards and to maintain a balanced perspective, countering ego-driven impulses.

Eliminating ego should be a fundamental aspect of our personal development and this aligns closely with the values of Freemasonry. By fostering brotherly love, relief, and truth, Freemasonry guides us towards a more balanced and humble approach to life. Through self-reflection, mentorship, ritual, we as Freemasons should strive to transcend ego-driven behaviors and cultivate virtues that enhance both individual character and collective harmony. This process not only enriches each of us but also contributes to the betterment of society. I am of the belief that we must leave our egos at the Lodge door to preserve the peace and harmony that should be residing within.

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,

**FREEMASONRY – “YOURS TO DISCOVER”**

*The opinions and thoughts written here are not of any Grand Lodge, but rather those of my own.*



Here's a similar article, this one extracted from:

## Masonicology



Essays and Commentary

### ***EGO AND THE FREEMASON***



In his writing about ego, “One of Jung’s central concepts is individuation, his term for a process of personal development that involves establishing a connection between the ego and the self.

*The ego is the centre of consciousness; the self is the centre of the total psyche, including both the conscious and the unconscious.”*

The reference goes on to say, “For Jung, there is constant interplay between the two. They are not separate but are two aspects of a single system. Individuation is the process of developing wholeness by integrating all the various parts of the psyche.”

I do know that Freemasonry simultaneously chooses to subdue our egos and find our “self.”

Perhaps one of the binary stars must be dominant, and in that dominance is where we find the traits of a person – arrogance or humility, graciousness or rudeness. In the balance between the stars, we find the nature of the gasses they put off. It is difficult to be of service to your fellow Masons and at the same time be immodest and arrogant.

There’s little room for others when you fill the room with your ego. Perhaps that is also why we learn to subdue passions – the passions of the ego – and develop the passions of the self – the connection to the divine.

In the past, I wondered why we, as Freemasons, pin medals on our chests and put numbers at the end of our names, or added titles when we attain certain Masonic Degrees / Ranks.

I think this is another of those tests – do we do it for prestige?

Do we wear our outward jewels as a “brag rag,” as I heard one Brother call it long ago? Or do we wear them to honour the Work we’ve completed and bring to the gathering?

Do we shine our Ego brightly to make our “Self” fade?

Intent is everything and nothing; we must be clear about what the outward trappings mean in order not to fall into the trap itself, yes?

Is one Degree better than another?

What have we really attained?



I think about these things often.

I do my best to remember the duty and cautiously regard the glitter. It seems to stick to everything.

Does Masonry feed the Ego?  
Or help one subdue it?  
Maybe it’s an ongoing dialogue rather than a simple, solitary question.



## Provincial Grand Lodge of Linlithgowshire



On 09 September 2024, R.W. Bro. Jim Ellis, Provincial Grand Lodge of Linlithgowshire, Scotland, posted this:

*“Delighted to report that my drive to an improved fitness level is finally paying dividends. Can unconditionally recommend these exercises. So proud of myself !!!”*

### EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

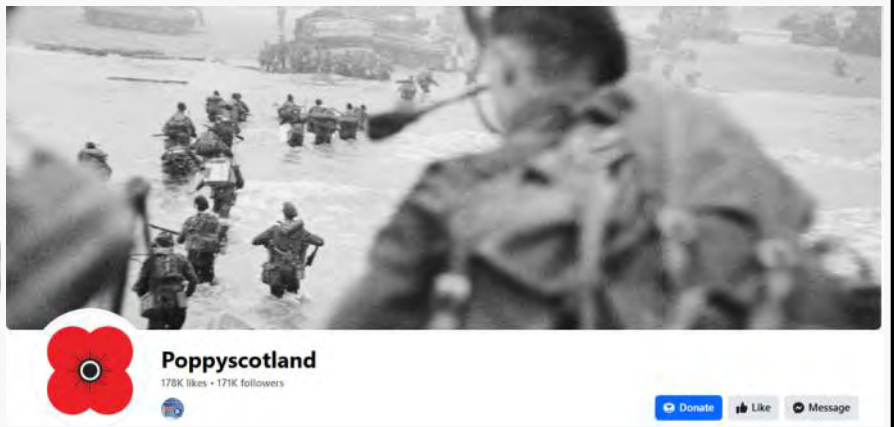
Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

**Hahaha!**





On Wednesday, 18 September 2024, Gordon Michie, from Edinburg, Scotland, shared this with his distribution list that I thought you would enjoy seeing:

## ***LADY HAIG'S POPPY FACTORY!***

***“Hear, see and feel history come to life. The lives of a poppy. A small flower with a huge legacy. Immerse yourself in our symbol of remembrance. Explore the evolution of the poppy, meet its makers, see the vintage machinery, and understand the life-changing support it still provides to this day.”***

**DOORS  
OPEN  
DAYS  
2024**



**Note the Snoopy pilot in the showcase !!!**





**Edinburgh's Poppy Day is on Thursday, the 31st of October!**



**On Thursday, 26 September, Gordon Michie wrote:**

***GOLD-MEDAL WINNING  
VETERAN URGES NATION  
TO BACK  
THE SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL  
AS NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION  
BEGINS***

**It's raining poppies at the National Uplift today at New Haig House. David Jarvis is an Invictus Games Gold medalist and also an Aberdeenshire Volunteer.**

**This week marked a key milestone in the 2024 Scottish Poppy Appeal as thousands of poppies were collected from Lady Haig's Poppy Factory for distribution across the nation.**

**David Jarvis and Gordon Michie make sure the trailer door is secure on the 1st batch of Poppies and Wreaths to make their way all around Scotland.**





The poppies were seen on their way by Scottish sporting hero, David Jarvis, a veteran of the Royal Signals who rode his way to gold for Team UK in the cycling time trials at last year's Invictus Games in Germany.

Poppyscotland factory workers celebrate another successful uplift of Poppies and Wreaths from the factory.

Around 1.5 million iconic four-petalled Scottish poppies have been produced this year at Lady Haig's Poppy Factory, as the charity continues the transition to completely recyclable poppies. Poppyscotland also continues to reduce plastic use in wreaths and other Remembrance items, which are handmade in the Factory by disabled veterans.

## ***LADY HAIG'S POPPY FACTORY***



Lady Haig's Poppy Factory was founded in 1926 by Lady Haig, wife of the Field Marshal. Originally established within the grounds of Whiteford House, the factory is now located on Warriston Road in Edinburgh.

The workforce started out small - "*two workers, a pair of scissors and a piece of paper*" - but expanded quickly to make the bulk of the poppies required for Scotland.

During the 30s, the factory enjoyed great prosperity. The workforce grew to 117 with a waiting list of 338 hoping to join them. Most worked in the factory but some worked in the shops - up to three in Edinburgh at various times for the sale of toys, lampshades, woven goods and other handicrafts.



There was also a travelling shop which drove all round Scotland. The momentum continued into the Second World War but, with the coming of that conflict, production shifted to war goods such as gas mask holders, blackout blinds, identity card holders, wallets, and Red Cross collecting boxes. By the end of the war, the still 100-strong staff included a growing number of Second World War casualties.



Also introduced in this period - in 1955, to be precise - was the standard lapel poppy, almost identical to the one we use today.



### Change and continuity

Updated systems mean the factory can meet current and future demand, producing three million poppies, 40,000 wreaths and thousands of other Remembrance items annually.

At the same time, the reliable 1926 machine used to cut the silk petals for some of our wreaths is still going strong.



Another newsletter that I receive is entitled:



# THE MIDNIGHT FREEMASONS

A group of Master Masons talk about topics of Masonic interest—each from their own unique perspective. You'll find a wide range of subjects including history, trivia, travel, book reviews, great quotes, and hopefully a little humor as well on topics of interest for Freemasons and those interested in the subject of Freemasonry.

Here's one of its articles:

## ***MASONIC EDUCATION IS NOT RITUAL/FLOORWORK INSTRUCTION.***

by *Midnight Freemason* Emeritus Contributor  
RWB: Robert H. Johnson

Masonic Instruction is learning the ritual, floor work, and everything else that relates to the work being performed within a tyled Lodge. It is also the teaching of those skills that will help develop Members' leadership and management abilities. It is part of member development that requires the instructor to be proficient in the skills of ritual and floor work.

While I have a great appreciation for our Ritualists and those who do excellent floor work, I am always amazed that some of these men have no desire to understand where the ritual or floor work came from and what it actually means.

Masonic Education is learning about the meanings behind the work being performed within a tyled Lodge space. It is a study of the philosophies of the world, the liberal arts and sciences, Masonic ritual, the sacred volumes of law from the various world religions, Masonic history, and esoterics. It is the nurturing of the Member's intellect, imagination, and spiritual growth. It is the key to understanding how to follow the instructions left on the trestleboard that guide us as we struggle to shape our rough ashlar into a perfect one in our personal quarries. It is part of Member development that can be undertaken alone, but it really should be done in a group setting, which is why it should be prioritized as a part of our meeting experience.

When done properly in a group setting, men will let their guard down. When this occurs, you see the actual working of brotherly love. You see men who might be polarized oppositely from each other in the outside world agree on something. Every member has a voice during Masonic education.

Because of this, it allows the exchange of differing ideas and concepts to flow freely. It is through Masonic education that our Membership develops their ability to think independently and philosophically and take the lessons taught by our kindred science and apply them in the outside world.

An educated Membership is a Membership who will ask questions, study the constitution and bylaws of that particular body, and demand change.

It is much easier to instruct the Membership how to memorize our rituals and mimic floor movements, what duties they should perform in each chair in the lodge room, and how they should manage the Lodge when they become the presiding Officer.

Change in Freemasonry doesn't happen overnight, it happens very slowly, but we'll get there eventually. It's just a matter of time.

We must have the patience and stay the course.

~RHJ

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Another item, this time from:

# MasonicFind

Your Gateway to Masonic Knowledge & Community

## ***HOW DO FREEMASONS GREET EACH OTHER?***

Freemasonry is not a secret society. These days, everyone knows everything about it. Freemasonry is all about self-improvement and brotherly love.

It is easy for a Freemason, mostly, to recognize you. Most Members don't hide in plain sight. They like to show that they are Freemasons. For example, they use Masonic symbols on their baseball bat, caps, t-shirts, gloves, et cetera. Furthermore, you can see some Masonic-related stickers on their neckties, book covers, and license plates.

All these small secret details let their Brothers from the other Lodges recognize them easily. Though it isn't required, some Freemasons do that on purpose to find and make connections with the Members of other Lodges.

Apart from this, there are some other things Freemasons do as well.

They make remarks and ask questions, such as:

How old is your grandmother?

I see you have travelled to the east.

Are you a travelling man?

How old is your grandmother?

This question is about your Lodge number, which should always be given in whole numbers.

I see you have travelled to the east:

For a Freemason, travelling to the East means "*searching for knowledge*", and travelling to the West means "*propagate that knowledge*".

You answer the question according to your status and goal in the Lodge.

Are you a travelling man?

If you are a Freemason, the answer should be "yes".

And if they ask where you are travelling from, you can say west to east or east to west.



## 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):

At the conclusion of the 1937 Communication, William James Dunlop, Initiated in Peterborough No. 155, Affiliated with University No. 496, Toronto, was chosen as Grand Master.

In 1938, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia celebrated the two hundredth anniversary of the organization of the first Masonic Lodge in Canadian soil. The many distinguished Masons from abroad who attended were invited to come to the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada as well. The response was overwhelming, and no fewer than thirty-one of them attended the meeting in Toronto, including deputations from all three Grand Lodges in the British Isles. Honorary rank in the Grand Lodge of Canada was conferred on twelve of the Visitors.

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

### Next month:

#### Events of 1936 - 1945

#### Boarding Horizons: (continued)

M.W. Bro Dunlop reported that Grand Lodge had, for the first time ...

**Masonic Quotes also provide insight into what it means to be a Mason. This includes such things as loyalty, service and brotherhood.**

***"The temple of virtue must be built upon brotherly love."* – John Locke**

**freemasonry/famous-masons-quotes/**

**John Locke**

**(29 August 1632 – 28 October 1704)**

**was an English philosopher and physician, widely regarded as one of the most influential of Enlightenment thinkers and commonly known as the "*father of liberalism*".**

**Source: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Locke](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Locke)**





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.



Here's one entitled:

### ***A LODGE IS BORN***

*"WHAT did you think of it?" inquired the Old Tiler of the New Brother as they came out of the lodge room in which a Lodge had just been consecrated, dedicated and constituted. "It isn't often that we have a chance to see that ceremony."*

*"I don't care if I never see it again," returned the New Brother. "It's hot in there, and it struck me as a lot of blah, just words which mean nothing. Why do they have to go to all that bother? Why the corn and wine and oil? Why not just say, 'you are a Lodge - go ahead and work,' and have it over with?"*

*"Would you have the Master say, 'this Lodge is open' and 'this Lodge is closed' for an opening and closing ceremony?" asked the Old Tiler.*

*"I wouldn't go as far as that," answered the New Brother. "But this ceremony leaves me cold. I can't see any sense in having this new Lodge anyhow!"*

*"Oh! So that's it!"*

The Old Tiler smiled wisely. *"You are objecting to the beautiful ceremony we have just witnessed because you are not in sympathy with the creation of a new Lodge at this time and place!"*

*"I wouldn't say that." The New Mason flushed.*

*"Did you, by any chance, happen to want election to an Office in the new Lodge, and they chose someone else?"*

The New Brother made no answer.

*"There will be other new Lodges!" comforted the Old Tiler. "And you are a little too young in Masonry to aspire to an Office in a new Lodge. But I can't let you keep this wrong attitude about one of the really beautiful ceremonies of our beloved order. Have you ever attended the graduation exercises of any grammar school, high school, or college?"*

*"My little girl graduated from the eighth grade into high school last week," answered the New Brother. "Why?"*



*"It's at least an even bet that you saw half of that ceremony through wet eyes," answered the Old Tiler. "As you watched all those fresh young faces, boys and girls leaving childhood for youth, taking the big step that is between the grade schools and high school, facing the unknown future so blithely, was not your heart touched with a knowledge of all the disappointments and heartaches these happy and carefree children must undergo?"*

*"Of course."*

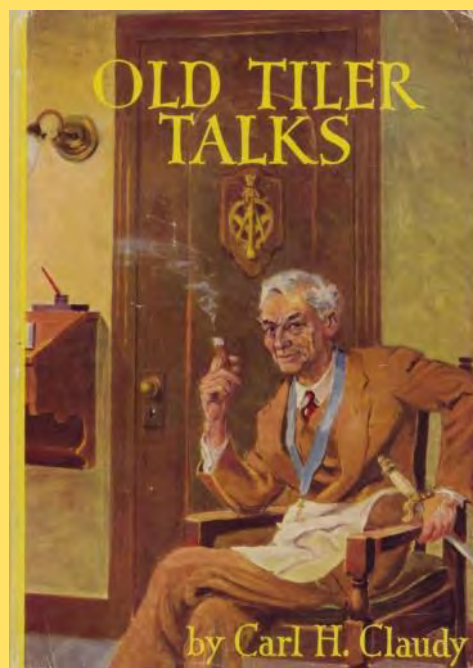
*"You wouldn't be a human father otherwise! To me a consecration, dedication and constitution of a Lodge is something like that. The new little Lodge starts out so bravely. It is composed of Masons who have had no Masonic responsibilities. Sometimes one can find an old Past Master who will go into the new line, but generally they are new and untried Officers. They satisfy the authorities that they are competent to confer the Degrees, but who knows their abilities to form a new Lodge into a coherent whole, their tact in keeping harmony, their knowledge of the necessity for practising brotherhood in the Lodge?"*

*"They come here, these brave bright Brethren, and the Grand Lodge performs this beautiful ceremony. The corn, the wine, the oil, are poured for them. They are consecrated to God, dedicated to the Holy Saint John, and constituted a Member of the family of Lodges under this Grand Lodge. Masters of other Lodges are present to wish them well. Some come bearing gifts - the jewels the Officers wear, the Working Tools, perhaps a modest cheque from the Lodge which sponsored them, to help the new thin Treasury get a start."*

*"They have no traditions to steady them. They have no matters of common knowledge to bind them together. They have no past of which to talk. All they possess is their mutual Masonry and their mutual responsibility - their hopes, their fears, their plans and their determination. An unwritten page is theirs on which to record their Masonic future. The Mystic Tie is all they know of Lodge life. The Grand Master pronounces them a Lodge, the Charter or Warrant is presented and they are born. To me it is a simple, beautiful, pathetic and interesting sight, and one I never tire of seeing."*

*"I am a fool." The New Mason spoke with conviction.*

*"Old Tiler, why did the Senior Deacon gather up the corn that was used and put it carefully away?"*



*“He couldn't gather the wine and the oil, since they were spilled for good,” answered the Old Tiler. “But that little horn of corn will be kept until this new Lodge itself sponsors another new Lodge, then to be offered to them, that they may be consecrated with the same corn poured for the Mother Lodge.”*

*“Oh, I am a fool, indeed,” cried the New Mason. “Please take me with you to the next such ceremony, will you?”*

The Old Tiler grunted. But it sounded like a promise.

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



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

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

## ***BLUE LODGE***

by William R. Fischer

**Blue is emphatically the colour of Masonry. It is the colour of the vault of heaven, which embraces and covers the whole globe.**

**If a Mason does anything under the blue sky of heaven, he should behave in a just and moral manner.**

**He is bound by his Obligation to act under the blue sky in the same manner that he does in the Lodge.**

**Source: MASONIC SHORT TALKS (mastermason.com)  
<http://www.mastermason.com/>**





Each issue of *The Trestleboard* newsletter by Bro. Francis Dryden also included articles from W. Bro. Daniel Boyco in Edmonton, Alberta.



W. Bro. Boyco has agreed to send me his *Eastern Dispatch* W. Master's Message for October 2024:

## ***THE VIRTUAL MASON***

It is a long and colourful account that describes the history of the Masonic Order. Traced back centuries to the stone quarries and towering palisades of the temples and cathedrals of early Europe, operative masons crisscrossed the countryside to ply their trade at the pleasure of monarchs and Popes.

Conventional wisdom suggests that the operative art was the foundation for our speculative science.

As we deliberate upon the particulars of that quiet evolution, from the rough hands and worn leathern apron of the operative mason of the Renaissance Period, to the bright, glittering lambskin and white-gloved hands of today's speculative Mason, it is difficult to know precisely when, where or how one ended and the other began.

While wise men of the Craft ponder those details, a second more strident evolution is taking place that could pull the institution in an entirely unexpected direction. With the whole wired world at our fingertips, we have access to an interminable supply of online Masonic information that can satisfy the most ardent researcher. This deserves our attention simply because it can all be done without ever entering a lodge room or feeling the grip of a Brother's hand.

### **Enter the virtual Mason**

For centuries the secrets of our Order have been communicated from Brother to Brother through rites performed in our temples. The lessons we learned we learned together, instilling in us the true meaning of brotherly love. Indeed, the most important aspect of the Masonic journey was that we never traveled alone. Although our mysteries can now be scrutinized by anyone with a computer and a connection, the information is without context and limited to the ideas of others who may or may not be trustworthy sources. Such research extinguishes any possibility for personal discovery, a principle upon which our institution is founded.

Operative masons toiled in the physical realm to build stone edifices. Speculative Masons labour in the intellectual realm to raise the inner man. The virtual realm — a torrent of digital information where knowledge and engagement are distinct constituents — offers Masonic data at the expense of the Masonic experience. The virtual Mason is in essence a Mason, though not in fact.

We must therefore endeavour to support our Brethren, teach what it means to be a Freemason, and work hard to maintain a positive environment in our lodge rooms. Should we fail, we risk losing Members who would rather seek comfort and convenience alone in front of a computer screen than share time with their Brethren at Lodge.

Freemasons are adept at reaching back in time to draw to the present that which helps us understand our history. The real mystery, however, is not so much our past as it is our future. The way ahead is a web of countless passages, some of which could send the brotherhood in a direction never anticipated.

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



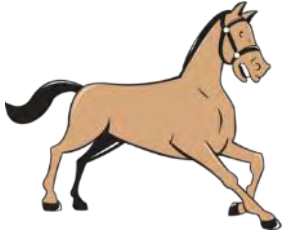


Our resident poet laureate,  
 R.W. Bro. Robert A. Keay,  
 Past District Deputy Grand Master  
 of Peterborough District, 2014 - 2015,  
 continues to share some of his poetry  
 with me that I know  
 you will enjoy reading !!!



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

Norm Stacey was a loved and trusted member of our Masonic Family.



He was kind, generous, supportive and caring.  
 After his wife passed away, Norm suffered  
 through his own physical problems: unable to walk  
 and ride his beloved horses; and, at the appropriate time,  
 decided to leave this earth on his own terms.

## ***NORM STACEY***

Give me one more day  
 Next to my Masonic Brother  
 I met him at the start  
 And I love him like no other.



Give me one more day  
 With the gavel in my hand  
 No matter how I use it  
 All the Brethren understand.

Give me one more day  
 Kneeling at our Holy Altar  
 The words I need to say  
 I'll deliver without falter.



Candidate taking Entered Apprentice Obligation.



Give me one more day  
To look back on my beginning  
And build my House that special way  
No lies, no shame, no sinning.

Give me one more day  
To stand among my peers  
Knowing they'll support me  
As I struggle through my fears.



Give me one more day  
To prepare me for tomorrow  
When my Brethren will assemble  
With their hearts o'ercome with sorrow.

Give me one more day  
To remember all that's past  
Fill my soul to brimming  
So those memories last and last.



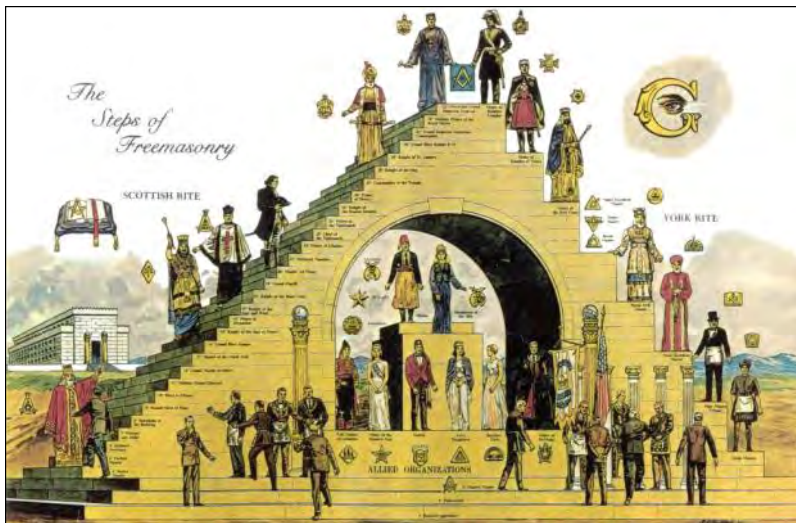
And as they place the evergreen  
I know that one will say  
I think he could have made it  
If they gave him one more day.

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.

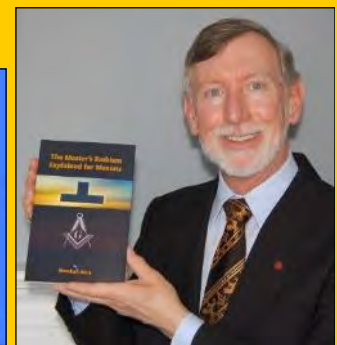
The biography is free; the book is \$20.00 plus shipping.

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Marshall Kern, Author

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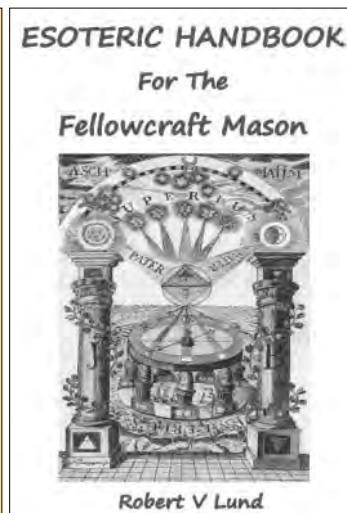
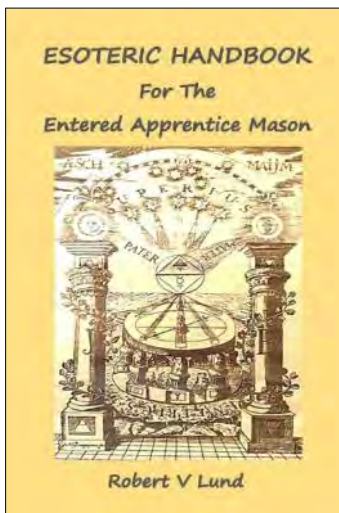
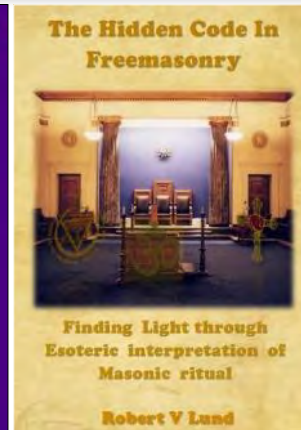
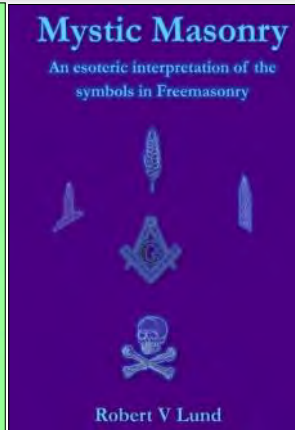
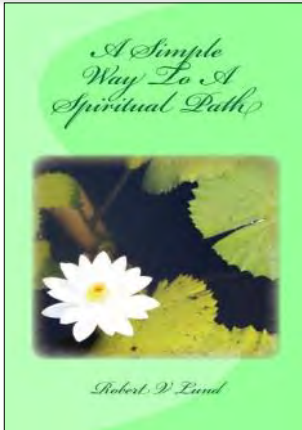
V.W. Bro. Kern's blog is here: <https://masterseblem.wordpress.com/>



## Well worth the read !!!



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



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***“The moment one gives close attention to anything,  
even a blade of grass,  
it becomes a mysterious, awesome,  
indescribably magnificent world in itself.”***

**"Opportunities For Further Light"**

## ***DID YOU KNOW ???***



The Grand Lodge College of Freemasonry offers interesting Correspondence Courses on Masonic Education throughout this Jurisdiction which is comprised of nineteen different modules. Any Master Mason may take any module individually for \$10.00 each or they may wish to complete a course of study for a set fee. If a Brother takes an individual module today, and decides to complete a course of study later in time, he will be accredited with the module he has completed prior. In other words, he does not have to pay for or rewrite



what he has already completed in the past. There are four courses of study offered by the College of Freemasonry:

1. "The Masonic Arts and Sciences course".
2. The "Past Master's course".
3. The "Worshipful Master course"
4. The "District Secretary's course".

Any Brother looking to run for the office of D.D.G.M. or Grand Registrar is required to have in their possession a certificate of qualification from Grand Lodge. In July 2018 a constitutional change was approved by the membership, and Section 50 (b) now reads ... *A candidate for office as District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar must be in possession of a qualifying certificate as offered by our Grand Lodge, on or before June 15 of the year seeking office.* (2018). A copy of the revised 2018 Book of Constitution is on the Grand Lodge website. It can be found under the Recent documents tab.

What this change means is that there are now two paths available to receive a qualifying certificate for this running for D.D.G.M. or Grand Registrar. One remains the Past Masters Course and the other is to participate in any number of the day-long enhanced D.D.G.M. Preparation workshops that are conducted around the jurisdiction.

For a Past Master that is looking to run for the Board of General Purposes, the certificate of qualification remains the same under Section 38 (b), and that is the "Past Master's Course" offered by the College of Freemasonry.

For those who wish to pay for the College course you can do so by cheque, please send it to W. Bro. George Warner, 4010 Chadburn Crescent, Mississauga, ON, L5L 3X2. For those who wish to pay via credit card, just fill in the application form and send it to <masonic.college "at" gmail.com>, and the Brother will be e-mailed payment instructions through PayPal (an account is not necessary). If any Brother has any questions, they may e-mail R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte, FCF, Administrator, College of Freemasonry, <masonic.college "at" gmail.com>. You may also get information by going to the Grand Lodge Website. Sign in, click "Education", then "College of Freemasonry". We also have many electronic books and other resources here. Check it out!



**As Freemasons, what we learn from our rituals and our obligations strengthens our commitment to moral behaviour. We learn to take seriously the question of freedom, to take responsibility for creating our own path and to be responsible for the consequences of our actions. We know a good life depends on having relations with other human beings and that friendship, respect, and love develops best among equals.**

**After all is said and done, a lot more will be said than done.**



***Heritage Lodge No. 730***  
***A.F. & A.M., G.R.C.***



was formed to provide an intellectual environment for the pursuit of Masonic knowledge and also to provide a means for receiving and recording historical artefacts to ensure the preservation of our Masonic Heritage without encroaching on the normal functions of Constituent Lodges. Heritage Lodge accepts, by affiliation in the usual manner, all Masons of like-mind, desirous of working together to fulfil the aims and objectives established by the membership.

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.

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Sincerely and fraternally yours,

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*The Beacon: Lighting the Way !!!* and District Historian.  
Past Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master (2007 – 2008)  
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**Masonry aims at the promotion of morality  
and higher living  
by the cultivation of the social side of man,  
the rousing in him of the instincts  
of charity and love of his kind.  
It rests surely on the foundation  
of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.**

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([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.***