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From our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, I would like to begin this month by wishing you and your family a most prosperous and happy New Year. The Christmas holiday season has endured in our country as a time of rest, and reflection, and a time when family and friends connect with each other with the sincere intent of spending quality time together. I hope that you were able to take advantage of this time yourself in order to meet the New Year with renewed vigor and a fresh outlook.



This time of year marks what is commonly referred to as the midway point in our Masonic Year because we see a shift in our Masonic activities. The year to date has been filled with Official Visits, a few Installations, special events, and most especially a great deal of planning meetings for future events. At our Mid Term meeting, we will now begin to see these events and efforts unfold into what promises to be a great remainder of our Masonic Year.

Our District Meeting is scheduled for Saturday January 9 at Ancaster Temple with Meridian Lodge hosting the event. This is a most important meeting, and I strongly recommend that you consider attending the proceedings, as the chairmen will be

presenting the forthcoming activities of their various committees, as well as, I will also be making some significant announcements which will impact the future of our District. The WMs, and senior officers of each of our Lodges should ensure that they are present. We are also very happy to have received confirmation of the attendance of R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman, Chairman of the Condition of Masonry committee of Grand Lodge. R.W. Bro. Kaufman will be attending in order to provide us with an insightful presentation on some of the statistical trends seen throughout the Lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction. Additionally, he has run reports specifically on our District in order to provide insight into how we compare against the average.

Throughout the early days of this Masonic year, I expressed the need for the members of our District to spend a few moments to consider the newer members within their Lodges and encourage those capable men to take an active role at the District level. Our District committees truly do not need a great deal of effort or time commitment in order to make a great impact because our District is so strong. However, many hands make for very positive and enriching work, and succession planning is always present on the horizon. If you or one of the brethren in your Lodge has taken an interest in one of the facets of our District activities I would like to strong encourage you and them to attend the District meeting on January 9 and get involved.

Finally brethren, let brotherly love, relief and truth prevail in the face of difficulties; may we not be confounded by challenges in the face of our opportunities, but rather seek the opportunities arising from our challenges, and may we have a most prosperous remainder of this Masonic Year together.

Faternally,

R.W. Bro. Devin L. Tuinstra

From the Grand Master M.W. Bro. John C. Green



Brethren, as the American Thanksgiving is now history and Black Friday has passed, we turn our attention to the Holiday Season. It is when we celebrate the spiritual meaning of this time of year and see smiles on the faces of children in many parts of the world. While these celebrations are a time for family and friends let us remember there are many who also face hardships and who

require the benefit of our generosity for comfort and food. We should always attempt to provide for those less fortunate than ourselves. I encourage you to consider your respective situation in life and assist those in need.

Brethren, for those who have been receiving and submitting to the Reflections newsletter over the years let me inform you that Reflections will be discontinued in its present format. Due to a small subscription level Grand Lodge found it to be too expensive to print and issue it currently, however, Reflections will be continued as an insert in the Ontario Mason Magazine. There are many worthwhile articles that should interest many members and hopefully it will gain greater exposure in this manner.

I very proudly attended the World Conference of Grand Masters on behalf of your Grand Lodge in San Francisco and I can tell you it was a proud experience for me as Grand Master. There were more than one thousand Masonic delegates and observers representing approximately 60 countries in attendance. Although our numbers were small, M. W. Bro. Terence Shand and I were proud delegates representing our Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Garry Dowling was a member of the Planning Committee and was a capable moderator of one of the sessions. R.W. Bro. David Cameron presented a most interesting paper that was humourous and thought provoking. Although I may be considered prejudice I can tell you that David made us proud as part of the delegation of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. I also want to impress upon you how important Freemasonry is looked upon, by the world in general, as a fraternity that demonstrates universal co-operation, tolerance and good will in all continents of our world. Although I have been a proud Mason for several years my enthusiasm about the role Freemasonry plays in life today did increase my attitude about the influence we, as Masons, exemplify in what is quite often a troubled world.

Brethren we are fortunate that Freemasonry has penetrated our lifestyle and we move forward knowing this, in many ways, we often don't realize our fraternity exhibits Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth well beyond our borders.

From the Green House Barb and I wish each and every one of you and your families a joyous and Happy Holiday Season. Happy New Year and all the best in 2016.

John C. Green Grand Master

Annual Masonic Essay Contest

Ontario Mason Magazine & College of Freemasonry

Open to all Masons of the jurisdiction, who are members in good standing. Those ineligible include: Current & Past Grand Lodge Officers, Members of GL Committees & Teams and Members of the Board of General Purposes

Essay Contest Theme:

If a non-Mason asked you, “Why are you a Mason?”, what would your answer be?

- Essays to be submitted to the College of Freemasonry at masonic.college@gmail.com
- Essays must be submitted in **doc** or **docx** formats.
- The essay length is a maximum of 1200 words.
- All quoted sources must be identified in an included bibliography.
- The bibliography will not count towards the word count.
- Submissions will be accepted from February 1, 2016 until midnight on February 28, 2016.

Top 3 essays will be announced in Spring 2016 issue - Ontario Mason & posted on Grand Lodge website.

1st Place Prize:

- Essay will be presented at the Ontario Masonic Education Conference in 2016.
- The author will be entitled to complete the College of Freemasonry “Masonic Arts & Sciences” course at no cost.
- Receive a copy of the Masonic Manual autographed by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.
- Essay will be published in the Spring 2016 issue of the Ontario Mason Magazine.

2nd Place Prize:

- The author will be entitled to complete the College of Freemasonry “Masonic Arts & Sciences” course at no cost.
- Receive a copy of the Masonic Manual autographed by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.
- Essay will be published in the Spring 2016 issue of the Ontario Mason Magazine.

3rd Place Prize:

- The author will be entitled to complete either the College of Freemasonry “Past Master’s” course or “Aspiring Worshipful Master’s” course at no cost.
- Receive a copy of the Masonic Manual autographed by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.
- Essay will be published in the Spring 2016 issue of the Ontario Mason Magazine.

For more information contact: masonic.college@gmail.com

From the Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, the month of December is truly a month of contrasts, winter officially begins and another year ends. On December 21st the sun will be over the Tropic of Capricorn marking the beginning of the winter solstice and on December 31 at 12:00 we will mark the beginning of a New Year.

It is a month of tremendous joy as families and loved ones gather for the holidays. However, for some, it can be a time of great sadness. I think of the widow or widower who, for the first time or perhaps once again, faces the loneliness of not having that special someone by their side to enjoy the holiday.

As a Mason, it is our responsibility to remember those who will be alone, with a phone call, maybe a note in a card or perhaps setting another place at the dinner table, for we must always remember the wisest of us know not when we will be placed in the same predicament.

It was another busy month with various events. A Sesquicentennial Celebration in one Lodge; Election of Officers in another; DeMolay Appreciation Night; a Management Committee Meeting and the first meeting this year of the Past Grand Masters, just to name a few. All have been a learning experience for your Deputy.

Each month the Masonically Speaking Initiative suggests to our District Deputy Grand Masters to utilize three Committees as topics for short talks, official visit speeches or general conversation to help promote the good work of those named Committees. You are responsible for the research work and of course one suggested area to explore is the Chairman or Team Leader of those committees who have been identified. To date we have had moderate success but as my teachers always told me, "there is room for improvement".

This program is only a small part of what our **Communications Committee, under the leadership of R.W. Bro. Iain Wates**, with **R.W. Bro. John Hay as Management Liaison**, does each month. It consists of four components:

Internal Communication - Team Leader R.W. Bro. Jim Sercombe: work towards acceptance of nominations for Newsletters and the review of websites. They are also responsible see that all publications are reviewed and meet the publishing standard of our Grand Lodge.

Website Management - Team Leader Michael Locke: currently working on an upgrade / overhaul of our website, identifying what works and what doesn't. Although a slow process, we look forward to a more user friendly site in the future.

E-mail Distribution - Team Leader R.W. Bro Peter Sialtsis: this is our link with the District Deputy Grand Masters, who then distribute the information through their e-mail distribution systems.

The Resource Digest: combines all Committees' papers and announcements into one document which is sent out monthly.

The Events Digest: on a continuing basis sends out approved events such as Anniversary Celebrations and Receptions.

Ontario Mason - Team Leader W. Bro. Dan Dignard: a popular e-mail magazine which accepts Masonic articles from all over Ontario ranging from Education – eg. Reflections to Anniversary celebrations, historical Lodge meetings etc. told in verbal and pictorial form.

As one can readily see a large but very busy committee which works diligently to improve communications in and outside our Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

As we approach the end of 2015, I want to personally thank all Chairmen, Management Liaisons, Team Leaders and Committee Members who have worked so tirelessly for you, in the interest of our Grand Lodge, during this past year.

On behalf of Gloria and myself, please take time to enjoy the upcoming holiday season and above all be safe.

Paul E. Todd

From the Grand Lodge Website



Brother to Brother Program

“B2B Nuggets” Volume 1, Issue 1 December 2015

Welcome to “B2B Nuggets”. This newsletter will be typically published three or four times a year. Each Issue of “B2B Nuggets” is intended to focus on one element of the Brother to Brother program, which has been designed to help you retain, revitalize and renew membership in your lodge. “B2B Nuggets” will also assist in promoting a better understanding of the benefits of the Brother to Brother membership retention program and strongly encourage its use in all Lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction. The B2B Team welcomes questions and/or suggestions for topics that could be addressed in future issues. Questions or suggestions not related to the Brother to Brother Program will be forwarded to the appropriate Grand Lodge Committee for response.

“Donations Monthly”

A Newsletter on Ontario Masonic Blood Donations
Prepared by the Grand Lodge Blood Donor Committee
January 2016

“The Finance Advisory”

Prepared by the Grand Lodge Finance Advisory Committee
Volume 3, Issue 5 ~ November 2015

Understanding The new DDGM L4 Return

R.W. Bro. Sydney T. Schatzker

Use this link and check out these newsletters
[Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario](#)



A Masonic Minute

A Masonic Parable

“Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed, in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the recurrence of Christmas.” — Charles Dickens (1812-1870),

What was to become the best loved Christmas story in the English language was penned by Charles Dickens in 1843 and published in London on December 19th of that year. Although classified as a novella, it is in reality a powerful morality play. As such it has been staged and filmed countless times. The quintessential filmed version starred Alistair Sim as *Ebenezer Scrooge* (1951). A CHRISTMAS CAROL has never been out-of-print and is available today. Charles Dickens is regarded as the greatest novelist of the Victorian period.

At the outset, Scrooge is portrayed as a cold-hearted, self-centered shrewd and demanding money-lender that despises the frivolity of Christmas. “*Bah, humbug!*” He lives alone and is the surviving partner of the London firm of Marley and Scrooge. It is Christmas Eve. After grudgingly allowing his clerk, *Bob Cratchit*, the day off for Christmas, Scrooge returns home and retires to bed where he is visited by several ‘spirits’ – Jacob Marley, his long dead partner, and the three Ghosts of Christmas (*Ghost of Christmas Past, Ghost of Christmas Present, and Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come.*) When Scrooge awakes on Christmas morning, he immediately repents and becomes a model of generosity and kindness. A new man, he enters cheerfully into the spirit of the day. Henceforth, “*it was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well if any man alive possessed the knowledge.*”

Dickens portrays a penetrating exercise in self-examination for Scrooge which results in a transformation of his character from a miser who cares only about himself and the accumulation of wealth to a man who genuinely cares about others.

Freemasonry enables us to see things in a new light, to see things from a new perspective through new eyes. As Freemasons trained to think in terms of allegories and symbols, *A Christmas Carol* resonates with Masonic correlations. Our three degrees in Craft Masonry, simplified as birth, life, and death, correspond to the three Ghosts of Christmas. As an initiatory Order, we also endeavour to transform ourselves by self-examination and ‘*a well-regulated course of self-discipline.*’ Like the transformed Scrooge, we endeavour to be happy ourselves and communicate that happiness to others.

Although Charles Dickens was not a Freemason, I suggest that *A Christmas Carol* may be interpreted as an instructive Masonic Parable. It is a vivid portrayal of the transforming effect of initiation. As such Dickens captures the essence of Freemasonry.

RSJD December 2015

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls



Who are we?

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (Rainbow Girls or Rainbow) was created in 1922.

Rainbow’s members are girls aged 11-21. We also run “Pledge Sisters” in some areas for 7-10 year old girls. Girls don’t need to be affiliated with the masonic family in order to be members, although many are.

Where are we?

There are currently more than 850 Assemblies across the world with 6 here in Canada. Local groups meet in Windsor, Burlington, Brampton, Ajax, Port Hope and Ottawa.

What do we do?

Service and Responsibility:

Rainbow’s main goal is to be of service every day and to do charity work in our communities. At a local level, the girls choose a charity to support each term and either raise funds, volunteer their time or both. Our Assemblies also participate in local charitable ventures such as donating to families at Christmas or collecting for food banks/women’s shelters among others.

Nationally, the Grand Assembly of Canada’s charity is “Pearls for Girls”, an organization that sells jewellery to support leadership training for girls in Lesotho. We make and sell pearl bracelets to support this charity.

We also fundraise for the expenses of running an Assembly. Many of our Assemblies pay rent and insurance at the halls where they meet, some subsidize activities for the girls, and all pay per-capita amounts to our governing bodies and buy regalia.

You may see the girls at your Lodges selling chocolates, raffle tickets, or other fundraising items. They’re there learning about service to their community and responsibility by helping to raise funds for charities or to support the local Assembly.

Leadership:

In doing this work, Rainbow teaches leadership. The group is run by the girls. Rainbow has various stations that the girls rotate through, moving their way up if they choose to the top station in a local group, that of Worthy Advisor. The Worthy Advisor comes up with agendas for the meetings, picks a theme and charity for the term, and runs all meetings.

While there are adult advisors there to help guide and ensure everything goes as planned, the girls are responsible for planning all events, from coming up with the idea to fundraising if needed to the execution.

Our girls also have the chance to become Grand Officers at the national level. These girls serve as examples to their peers and travel representing the Grand Assembly of Canada. The highest station at this level is that of the Grand Worthy Advisor, who is elected to serve this station for a one year term.

Public Speaking

Like the Masons, Rainbow Girls participate in Ritualistic

work that they are required to memorize and present in front of a crowd. They also prepare and present speeches about Rainbow to deliver at larger events. We'd encourage you to contact your local Assembly to either attend a meeting or to invite them to do a presentation at your next Lodge meeting – they'll be happy to present a ceremony or presentation about our order.

Travel

The Grand Assembly of Canada has three major events each year: A Grand Officers' Reception in the fall, Grandy Camp in May, and Grand Assembly in August. In addition to attending these events, our members have the chance to visit other Assemblies and to make friends from all over. For the past several years, Grandy Camp has been completely subsidized by a generous donation from the Masonic Foundation of Ontario

Girls can also travel to other jurisdictions, or attend Supreme Assembly which is held every two years. It's always neat to hear about Rainbow Girls from other countries, and many of our girls have friendships with members they've met by travelling.

Fun

What ties all of these activities and lessons together is FUN. Even while serving at a dinner, manning a table at a fundraiser or driving hours to attend an event, our members always find a way to make it fun. Ask any Rainbow Girl and they'll tell you that one of the best parts of Rainbow is the chance to get to know other girls of different ages, backgrounds, and to spend time with friends. Many of our advisors are past members, and what keeps them coming back year after year are the bonds they've made with others over the years.

Contact Us

The Grand Assembly of Canada and our local Assemblies appreciate the support we get from the Masons and we'd like to thank Hamilton Masonic District C and the District Chronicle for the chance to share more about what we do with your readership.

If you know of any girls who may be interested in joining either Pledge Sisters (7-10) or Rainbow Girls (11-21) please see www.gorainbow.org or www.canadaiorg.org for more information and to contact the Assembly nearest you.

Sara Kruek, Chairperson Senior Grand Executive Committee



Order of the Amaranth

The Order of the Amaranth is a fraternal and charitable organization whose membership of men and women with masonic affiliation share in social activities to promote the growth of our Order. Although a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being is foremost to being a member, we welcome many faiths represented within our membership. Our ritual is an integral part of our Order and emphasizes the values of everyday life, founded on the sublime teachings of Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity. It is by these teachings we strive for our own self-

satisfaction and improvement while working with those who are in need of our help and assistance.

Our history dates back to 1653, when Queen Christina of Sweden created an Order for her court of knights and ladies. In 1860, James B. Taylor of Newark, New Jersey drew upon Queen Christina's order to create a new fraternal society. In 1873, Robert Macoy organized Taylor's society into the Order of the Amaranth, part of a proposed Adoptive Rite of Masonry. Eastern Star was to be the first degree, and until 1921, all Amaranth members were required to join Eastern Star first.

In our teachings, members are reminded of their duties to God, to their country and to their fellow beings. They are urged to portray by precept and example their belief in the "Golden Rule" and by conforming to the virtues inherent in Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity. We are an international order with the Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth Inc., having jurisdiction over Subordinate Courts in their area. There are Grand Courts in Canada, the United States, Australia, Scotland and the Philippines. Subordinate Courts also exist in areas that have no Grand Court, and are directly under the supervision of Supreme Council.

Our primary philanthropic project is for Diabetic Research. In Canada, we contribute to the Charles H. Best Foundation. The U.S. Contribute toward the Amaranth Diabetic Foundation, which has contributed a total of \$14.0 million dollars to the American Diabetes Association, Research Foundation. All money not raised in the U.S., Goes toward Diabetic Research with in the country it was raised.

We have 23 officers, with the Royal Matron serving as the presiding officer, and assisted by the Royal Patron. Our meetings are formal, with the ladies required to wear long gowns and gloves. The Royal Matron, wears a crown.

As stated, all women must have Masonic affiliation to join, or attend our meetings. But any Master Mason is welcome to attend, after having taken an oath of Obligation at their first meeting. They remain our welcomed guests until, such a time as they are willing to join into full membership.

Our Court, Queen Anne #3, meets at Dufferin Lodge, 200 Highway 8, West Flamborough, Ontario. We meet on the third Friday of the month. S.K. Kris, and I would like to invite you to attend any of our meetings. We have our social time before the meeting, enjoying a meal together. A nominal fee of \$7.50 is requested if attending the dinner. (R.S.V.P.)

Further information is available on the Grand Court website at: www.ontarioamaranth.org. Or on the Supreme Council website at: www.amaranth.org

Thank you.

H.L. Daylene Betz Royal Matron - (905) 312-9555

S.K. Kris Kalia Royal Patron - (289) 280-0219

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2016

District 'C' Mid Term Meeting

Saturday January 9, 2016, 10:00 am

District Chairman's reports along with a report on Hamilton District C's overall performance compared to other jurisdictions.

Presented by R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman
Chair of Grand Lodge Condition of Masonry Committee,
Ancaster Masonic Temple

Installation of Officers

Seymour No. 272

Tuesday January 12, 2016 7:30pm
Ancaster Masonic Temple

18th Annual Robert Burns Night

The Electric Lodge No.495

Friday January 22, 2016 Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm.
Michelangelo Event & Conference Centre
1555 Upper Ottawa Street, Hamilton

There will be performances by the Argyll & Sutherland Canada Pipe & drums and the Highland Dancers of Sandra Bald-Jones. The Surprise Auction proceeds will be forwarded to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario Project
PROSTATE HOPE

Tickets are \$30/person and are available from any of the Officers or by contacting Bill Gordon at 905-385-7953 or Peter Mouriopoulos at 905-387-4079

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Corinthian Lodge No.513

Thursday January 28, 2016. 7:30 Tyle
MCH

The Masonic Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

Saturday January 30, 2016.

Meet and Greet 8:30 am, Breakfast 9:00 am
Meeting 9:45 am

Maitre D' Catering, 1159 King Road, Burlington
Breakfast is \$12.00 per person and reservations are required
Contact: Jon Stewart (905) 543-0606 or by email
jstewart41@cogeco.ca

Speaker: David Macdonald, Wounded Warriors



David Macdonald enlisted in the Canadian Army in 2005, was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and on March 4, 2009 was severely wounded with a broken pelvis and leg, broken ribs, crushed hand and traumatic brain injuries when his vehicle was involved in a rollover while on

patrol near Kandahar City. Since coming home David has dedicated his life to raise support for his military family. Starting as a volunteer he has risen to the position of National Partnership Director. In this role he manages 3rd Party Projects that raise money and support for veterans and further developing awareness for veteran and military family needs in Canada.

"HONOUR THE FALLEN, HELP THE LIVING"

February 2016

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Valley Lodge No.100

Monday February 8, 2016.

Dinner at 6:30 pm; Tyle at 7:30 pm
Dundas Temple

M.W. Bro. John C. Green

will be in attendance for the presentation of
50 and 60 year Long Service Pins at
Temple Lodge No. 324
Tuesday February 9, 2016.
Dinner at 6:30 pm; Tyle at 7:30 pm
MCH

D.D.G.M. Official Visit

Meridian Lodge No. 687

Wednesday February 10, 2016. 7:30 Tyle
Ancaster Masonic Temple

2016 SANKEY LECTURE

Sunday March 20, 2016

Presented by Dr. Andrew Prescott

Searching for the Apple Tree: What Happened in 1716?
Tickets will be available in early 2016.

Brock University location

Scottish Rite Open House

Wednesday March 30th, 2016, 7:30 pm.

Scottish Rite/Masonic Centre
Details to follow

Grand Lodge Chair of Masonic Education

Masonic Education Conference

Saturday April 2nd.

Scottish Rite/Masonic Centre
Details to follow
Tickets \$40

A Masonic Thought

“Wherever there is strife and hatred among the Brethren, there is no Masonry; for Masonry is Peace, and Brotherly Love and Concord”. - Bro. Albert Pike (1809-1891)

Around The District



Ionic Lodge No. 549 Installation of Officers

Congratulations to W. Master Andrew Seager.

The Ionic Installation had 16 lodges from 4 Districts take part in the ceremony. It was a great night, attended by

R. W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra, R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman, and R.W. Bro. David Midgley from District A.



DDGM Official Visit Buchanan Lodge No. 550

Congratulations to W. Bro. Kenneth Wallace and his team of officers for the upcoming year



Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 Installation

Congratulations to W. Master Gary D. McLean and his team of officers for the upcoming year

Breakfast with Santa at the Scottish Rite



Santa in the East

Wear Your District Pride

W. Bro. Bill Paul is ordering District C hockey jerseys.

The jerseys will be as shown and each purchaser can let him know what number they would like on the back of the jersey.

The cost of the jerseys is \$80.00 including all applicable taxes. Extra funds will be donated to the District Charity Prostate Hope:

Any interested Brother can contact Bill at

bill.paul@dartcanada.ca

All orders (including size and number) and monies must be submitted no later than January 09 2016 at the District C Meeting.



The Symbolic File Article List

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Masonry and C.G. Jung

The Symbolic File Article #5:

In the previous article the work of Dr. C.G. (Carl) Jung is stated to be of great value in understanding the symbolism and purpose of Masonry. He was one of the fathers of modern psychology and a great researcher and thinker.

I consider Dr. Jung's work of more value to Masonry than that of Sigmund Freud. One of the reasons is that his symbolism is much more extensive than that of Freud and relates closer to Masonry. The symbolism of Masonry is so extensive that, as stated earlier, Dr. Jung's work can only give a "foothold" on which to move forward.

In order to set a course from that "foothold" outlining some of Jung's terms and aligning them with references from Masonry may prove to be of some help Science today has proven Jung's theory correct that man is made up of two aspects. Both Jung and science call them the Conscious and the Unconscious. In Masonry these two aspects are often referred to as the Outer Man (the Conscious Aspect) and the Inner Man (the Unconscious Aspect).

In the Lodge there is an axis line running from east to west. This divides the Lodge north to south. The south side of the Lodge represents the Conscious Aspect or the Outer Man. The north side of the Lodge represents the Unconscious Aspect or Inner Man. Jung also refers to what is called the "Centre of Self". A Mason would understand the importance of the term "Centre" since the Lodge is opened in the Third Degree "on the Centre". There are other aspects outlined by Jung and shown in the symbolism not discussed here. Jung calls the combination of all the aspects of man the "Self".

To use a computer term, I call the axis line running from east to west, which divides the Lodge north to south, the "Firewall". The Firewall separates the Conscious from the Unconscious. This divide is much spoken of in literature and is often the subject in art. Masonry is viewed completely from the Outer Man or the Conscious side. All the symbols or "answers" are given to a Mason through the various degrees. It is only necessary to "Speculate" on their meaning. It is not necessary to seek them out for ones self since all the hard work has been done for him.

The reason the Firewall is necessary is that it keeps a complete separation between the Inner Man and the Outer Man. This allows the Outer Man, the Conscious aspect, to function with what is called "Freewill" and make rational decisions on its own. Although he has Freewill, man makes his decisions in conjunction with the "Law" and from moral guidelines, although when watching the news today it is clear that this is not always the case. It is up to Masons to steady the ship on its course and lead by example. Much can be researched on how the two aspects of man function.

They are however much like two computer operating systems that do not talk to one another. The Outer Man, the Conscious Aspect, functions by way of the five senses under the light of the physical sun (in the south) The Inner Man, the Unconscious Aspect, functions in darkness only by way of symbols (in the

north). In order to bring the two aspects together the Outer Man must understand the symbols. Masonry provides both the symbols and the tools to understand them. The knowledge of the symbols of the Inner Man allows a Mason to understand his entire makeup or what Jung calls the "Self". This is the "Self" in the term "Know thy Self" Dr. Jung provides a system to comprehend the symbols of the Inner Man. In turn this system provides a "Process" for a Mason or any individual on the Path to understand themselves. Masonry however is much, much broader than that of modern psychology. It is "Ancient" and not only allows a man to understand himself but also "the hidden mysteries of nature and of science".

W. Bro. David Beland

Temple Lodge No. 324 "Through symbols all is explained."

IN MEMORIAM

V.W.Bro. William Rutledge

Buchanan Lodge No. 550

Initiated June 6th 1966

Passed September 1st 1966

Raised December 8th 1966

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above December 30, 2015

W.Bro. Hugh John Mackenzie

Meridian Lodge No. 687

Initiated - April 13, 1966,

Passed - June 8, 1966,

Raised Sept. 21, 1966

Installed as W.M. on January 8, 1975.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above December 8, 2015

Bro. Harold Lewington,

Charter Member of Landmarks / Doric Lodge No.654

Initiated April 2, 1949

Passed May 07, 1949

Raised June 14, 1949

Passed To the Grand Lodge Above September 16, 2015

Bro. George Elmer Hutchinson

Buchanan Lodge No. 550

Initiated December 18th 1947

Passed January 22nd 1948

Raised February 19th 1948

Passed To the Grand Lodge Above November 27th, 2014

We will remember their families in Prayer



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