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A special note of recognition to our EAs, FCs and MMs who joined the team to help out at many of these events. While you may be a small percentage of our population, you are 100% of our future!

To the district Advisors and Secretary, thank you for your support in terms of administrative, constitutional and confidential efforts. I looked to each of you to help me address topics head on, solve them and then move on. This allowed the district to continually move forward, be progressive and not become mired in any single topic. At every turn, each of you, in your own valuable way, helped me faithfully in this regard. Thank you!

So, there are my thank-yous.

There is no particular need to highlight my activities and accomplishments across the past 2 years as I will let my efforts stand on their own and the brethren of the district can decide for themselves how I did. But I can tell you I left everything on the field in terms of effort and commitment to representing our Grand Master and all of you.

Just a quick side note - the district golf tournament and charity event is fast approaching - 06.24.23 at Century Pines. All profits raised will be going to Mission Services of Hamilton (project #2406) and so, if you are able to join us for a fun-filled day of golf or simply for the dinner, please send a note to : masonicopen22@gmail.co

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you all around the district in the month of June!

Sincerely,

Bill

R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Paul

Our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, in this, my penultimate article for The Chronicle, I'd like to share with you a summary of some of my remarks from this past Saturday's district meeting:

To all the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of the district lodges, thank you for your partnership by providing input during meetings and by sharing information with membership. I believe there was an air of cooperation throughout the past two years and, given the times, that was necessary to help us all bounce back.



I have a deeply seated sense of gratitude for the district team. Throughout the past 2 years but especially in the past year, all of you stepped up and took action when called upon. Which was often and which took time away from your families and vocations. Your commitment to the vitality of the district was on display for those who are paying attention and your sense of stewardship of the Craft is recognised, respected and appreciated.

To the brethren of the district, you attended your lodge meetings, you visited, you reached out to me and me to you directly, you attended district functions such as district meetings, Divine Services, A Day of Masonry, Golf Tournaments and charity events. This took time, commitment and energy. It also took financial resources. Your support of the Craft, your lodge and your district means you are taking care of your Masonic career - well done and keep it going!

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**168th Annual
Communication of Grand
Lodge July 2023**

**Wednesday July 19th and Thursday July 20th
Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites
600 Highway 7 (Highway 404 and Highway 7)
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1B2**

A G E N D A

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th, 2023

The Annual Communication / annual meeting of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday July 19th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom, Grand Master / President presiding.

THURSDAY, JULY 20th, 2023

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m. in the Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel. The installation and investiture of Grand Lodge officers and the newly-elected D.D.G.M.s.

Grand Lodge Nominees

Grand Senior Warden - Acclamation

- Stephen L. Spence

Grand Junior Warden - Acclamation

- Ebrahim Washington

Grand Registrar - Acclamation

- Jerry Tsubouchi

Board of General Purposes

- Richard Henri Cadotte -
- Aires Joseph Demello-
- Edward Franklin Dunsmore
- Kenneth MacKinnon Elligson
- Richard Kaufman
- Stephen Harvey Maizels
- David John Neave
- Gangadeen Charles Singh
- Robert James Swan
- Terrance H.R. Van Horne

Grand Treasurer

- Sydney Schatzker -
- Brian K. Schweitzer

Grand Secretary

- Louis Michael Domjan
- Peter Frederick Irwin
- Lindsay Reich

Candidate Bios are available in the Members area here:
<https://ontariomasons.ca/GLCPO/OntarioMasons/Grand-Lodge/Elections.aspx?hkey=e782ac39-8b8d-4569-b8d3-abf012e9fcf3>

**Discussion / Participation
Seminars**

Eleven different seminars will be held on Wednesday afternoon July 19th, 2023 from 1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. on the lower Convention level.

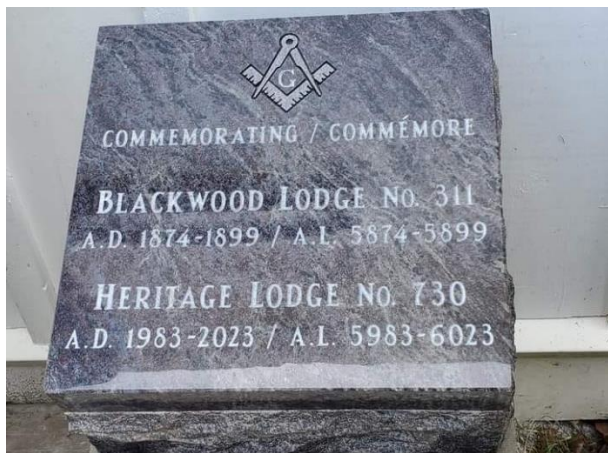
1:00 to 1:50pm	Cornerstone R.W. Bro. Graham Tait Markham A
1:00 to 1:50pm	Condition of Masonry R.W. Bro. Ken Elligson Vaughan East
1:00 to 1:50pm	Committee of Inquiry V.W. Bro. Garry Perkins Vaughan West
1:00 to 1:50pm	College of Freemasonry R.W. Bro. Michael Kirk Aurora
2:00 to 2:50pm	Lodge Insurance Needs & Building Compliance R.W. Bros. Jeff Gatcke and Peter Sialtsis Markham A
2:00 to 2:50pm	Officer Progression R.W. Bro. Art Di Cecco Vaughan East
2:00 to 2:50pm	Conflict Resolution V.W. Bro. Garry Perkins Vaughan West
2:00 to 2:50pm	Mentoring Turning Point 2023 V.W. Bro. Stephen Maizels Aurora
3:00 to 3:50pm	Lodge Insurance Needs & Building Compliance R.W. Bros. Jeff Gatcke and Peter Sialtsis Markham A
3:00 to 3:50pm	Branding R.W. Bro. Joe DeMello Vaughan East
3:00 to 3:50pm	Remembering where you were made' a Philosophical Discussion Bro. Mitchell Allison Vaughan West
3:00 to 3:50pm	The District Secretary R.W. Bros. Victor Tavares and Ivan Bryce Aurora

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

DRESS CODE:

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

DGM at the Corner Stone Rededication Black Creek Pioneer Village.



On May 13, 2023, an unforgettable event took place on the 40th Anniversary of the original Cornerstone dedication, a celebration held at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Members first assembled and enjoyed a pipe and drum led spectacular parade in regalia through the village, which was followed by the historic re-dedication of the Cornerstone Ceremony conducted by R. W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



[Cornerstone Ceremony 2023: Black Creek Pioneer Village Parade & Historic Re-Dedication LIVE](#) - YouTube

Masonic Education

The Legacy and Collected Works of M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels

Meritocracy (A Masonic Minute)

"All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal Craft despised."

*The Charges of a Freemason – Of Masters, Wardens,
Fellows and Apprentices*

Each year at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge the registered delegates (Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters) democratically elect by secret ballot the various officers of Grand Lodge to positions of added responsibility. During April the Grand Secretary will send to each lodge the list of nominees with a brief description of their previous Masonic experience. It is important that the Secretary of the Lodge makes this available to the three principal officers and all the Past Masters.

Several academic studies attest to the fact that democratic elections had their origin in the early Masonic Lodges.¹ In the democratic process, a heavy responsibility rests upon the enfranchised to be well informed in order to choose wisely. However, as a gentleman's society, candidates do not indulge in overt campaigning or 'politicking' but offer themselves for the consideration of the Brethren. Although unwritten, these established rules, based upon propriety and the concept that all preferment is by merit and ability have long been observed by gentlemen's agreement. Thus, by definition, we are a 'meritocracy.' How then do the voting delegates make a valid and informed choice in the ballot box?

It is generally agreed world-wide that finding, attracting, choosing, and electing competent and confident leaders is the real challenge facing Freemasonry as we move through the twenty-first century. This is true for our Lodges, Districts, and particularly Grand Lodge. In such a vast jurisdiction it is difficult, if not impossible, to be personally acquainted with the experience and leadership potential of all the nominees. Too often geography forces us to depend upon the "meet and greet" social occasions or how many times a candidate shows up in the district.

"Leadership is more than shaking hands."

How then does one evaluate the experience, life skills, capability and potential of a candidate to contribute to the advancement of the Craft? On a personal note ... Many years ago when, as Junior Warden in my lodge, I first attended the Annual Communication as a voting

delegate, I devised this rule of thumb. Although I had not the remotest notion of ever becoming Grand Master, with the ballot in hand, I asked myself, if I were Grand Master, which of these candidates would I want to be on my team and assist in implementing my vision for Grand Lodge? What knowledge, experience, life skill and aptitude do these individuals have to contribute to the greater good of the Craft?

Many dedicated Brethren go about their assigned tasks as Chairmen, Team Leaders or Committee Members quietly and effectively. These men are the reliable 'working tools' of Grand Lodge, devising, creating and implementing programs to assist lodges to engage and serve the best interest of their members by enhancing the fraternal environment. They personify the concept that 'Masonry is the science of service.'

An article in McLean's Magazine, quoting Professor Sandra Robinson, University of British Columbia, contained this informative statement: "*We need people who have good leadership skills, even if they don't want to be leaders. They could actually be the introverts.*"² The article went on to list the characteristics of a good leader in this context.

- Humility – Collaborators: emphasis on 'we' rather than 'me.'
- A strong sense of responsibility
- A meticulous attention to detail
- An ambivalence about recognition³

All of which raises a more deep-seated and pressing issue. Over the years, our recorded history proves that this Grand Lodge has had the benefit of many outstanding leaders. But while we may learn from the past, we cannot live in it. Our future obviously depends upon the young men we are initiating today and the leadership skills they have or are able to acquire. Leadership training, not only in our rites and ceremonies but also in our traditions, customs and usages must be a priority. This takes time, concerted effort and cannot be achieved overnight. But only then will we have candidates truly qualified for and deserving of preferment.

Take advantage of every opportunity to evaluate the candidates – all candidates meetings, CVs posted on the Grand Lodge web site, meet the candidates on Tuesday night at the Royal York. Then, being better informed, Vote for the good of the Order.

RSJD



³ David Zweig: *Invisibles: The Power of Anonymous Work in an Age of Relentless Self-Promotion*

¹ See Dr. Margaret Jacob

² Ken McQueen, McLean's 23 June 2013

Hamilton District 'C' – Dates to Remember

MASONIC OPEN
GOLF TOURNAMENT
2023

MISSION Services

Register Now @
Masonicopen22@gmail.com

Registration – 12:00 p.m.
Shotgun Start – 1:00 p.m.
Social Hour – 5:30 p.m.
Dinner – 6:30 p.m.
Charity Event – 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday
June 24th, 2023**

\$180 per player
incl. cart, dinner & charity event

\$70 per person
dinner & charity event

rain or shine

June 2023

Installation

Valley Lodge No. 100
Monday June 12, 2023
Tyle at 7:30 pm,
MCH

Installation

Temple Lodge No. 324
Tuesday June 13, 2023
Tyle at 7:30 pm,
Celebration to Follow
MCH

Election of the District Deputy Grand Masters June 2023

*The voting for DDGMs
will take place electronically from
any computer,
tablet or smartphone*

Voter registration

9 am Monday June 12, 2023 to
4 pm Friday June 16, 2023

Balloting

9 am Monday June 19, 2023 to
4 pm Tuesday June 20, 2023

Grand Master's Banquet July 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Grand York Ballroom
Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites

Guest Speaker:
M.W. Bro. Akram R. Elias
Prestonian Lecturer 2023
United Grand Lodge of England

Ticket Sales:

Tickets are once again only available for purchase online using Eventbrite

Individual Tickets \$80 and Tables of Eight (8) \$620

Cutoff Date is Monday July 10, 2023

The Eventbrite link to purchase tickets is:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grand-masters-banquet-2023-tickets-616473006357>

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

4-COURSE DUO STEAK & SALMON DINNER

SOUP
SALAD
ENTRÉE
California cut steak and roasted salmon

DESSERT TASTING TRIO WITH LOGO
Warm chocolate lava cake, strawberry cheesecake, and crème brûlée

**JOIN US FOR A
BAR-B-Q**

The Buchanan Lodge
annual BBQ!!

Thursday, June 1
at 6:00 PM

The Hillcrest
Temple

257 Mohawk Road West, Hamilton, ON L9C 1W2

[grand-masters-banquet-2023-tickets](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grand-masters-banquet-2023-tickets-616473006357)

Around the District

Installations



The Electric Lodge No. 495



Peter, Alexander and
W. Bro. Sebastian A.G. Mouriopoulos



Ancient Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654



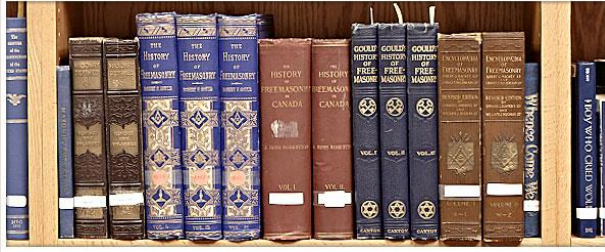
District C Spring Meeting
May 27 2023





LIBRARY, MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

<https://grandlodgelibrary.ca/library/>



Our Vision

Creating Enquiring, Knowledgeable and Engaged Ontario Masons.

Our Mission

The Grand Lodge Library, Museum and Archives collects, preserves and provides the informational resources and artifacts of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Welcome

The Library's collection of over 9,000 items includes books, pamphlets, magazines, periodicals, videos, DVDs, etc., will enrich the reader's knowledge of Freemasonry, its origins and its place in society. The material contained in the Library reflects the views and opinions of the various authors and thus may not always be in harmony with those of your Grand Lodge. As one's knowledge is enriched, one must also recognize the autonomy of each Masonic Jurisdiction.

The Library is available to all Masons in good standing and also for non-Masons in our jurisdiction.



Be Inspired · Get Knowledge · Get Wisdom

Grand Lodge Library Needs You!

What I need is a dedicated group of volunteers to help staff the library during the week. There are plenty of jobs that need to be done so you won't get bored just sitting around waiting for the elusive mason looking to take out a book.

We are rebuilding the library and we want to make it more convenient to masons to come on weekends and evenings. So if you are retired and can make room on your busy schedule and volunteer once or even twice a week. You won't be bored.

The library hours are 10 to 3:30.

You need to take the online training for the Assisting Ontario Disabled Act (AODA) to get a certificate before you can start. All other training will be given at the library for scanning, cataloging, conserving and the Resource Mate library computer program.

There many projects waiting, from conserving very old newspapers, blueprints, documents, and old books, as well as many historical items from the museum to be catalogued and properly conserved.

Enthusiasm for masonry is all you need.

V.W.Bro. Ian M. Donald, Grand Librarian

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Stained Glass Window @ Scottish Rite



Craft Lodge Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix Consistory.

The beautiful Norman W. Byrne Centennial window was dedicated in 1964 in honour of the 100th Anniversary of the Supreme Council of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada. It was donated and designed by Illustrious Brother Norman Warriner Byrne, 33°, a long time, distinguished member of the Valley of Hamilton. It was executed by Robert McCausland Limited of Toronto, one of Canada's foremost stained glass contractors. Moving from left to right, the four panels depict the four stages of Scottish Rite Masonry namely Craft Lodge, the Lodge of Perfection, the Chapter of Rose Croix and the Consistory

Humour, and Editor's Note



Hilarious!

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb."

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Jeffrey Doull

Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654

Initiated: March 23, 2010

Passed: October 26, 2010

Raised: January 25, 2011

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above May 21,2023



**In Life Respected, In Death Regretted.
We will cherish them in our hearts forever.**

From the Editor

Brethren,

June and our Masonic year is winding down. Buchanan Lodge is kicking off the end of year celebrations with a **BBQ at Hillcrest Lodge. Thursday June 1, 6 p.m.**

The final installations are here, new slates of officers ging into chairs showing the Renewal and Recharging happening in our Lodges.

We had a successful, and quick District Meeting on May 27th, with V.W. Bro. Ray Wilson being successfully nominated as our next DDGM (subject to the elections in June). Make sure you register to vote!

The big event in June is the Hamilton District C Golf Tournament on Saturday June 24th. Plan on attending and supporting our District Charity #2406, Mission Services.

Come out and visit, be part of the revival! Your Chronicle will publish all summer - no call off - so send in your pictures of travel and articles.

S&F, Glen- Editor at

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