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## Our District Deputy Grand Master

Greetings my brethren,

I hope your festive season and New Year's celebrations were relaxing and filled with joy. I would like to thank lodges, Electric Valley No. 100 and Buchanan No. 550, for inviting me to their Holiday celebrations before the Christmas break. The events were very well attended by their members and friends and family, a most encouraging indicator for the future success of these lodges.



On December 27<sup>th</sup> the District Secretary and I attended the installation of Niagara Lodge No.2 at Niagara on the Lake. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, and the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Art Di Cecco, were also in attendance. In total there were 13 serving Grand Lodge Officers at the installation. The work of the evening was very well done, the room was packed to the rafters.

On January 4<sup>th</sup> I will be attending the DDGM mid term meeting with the Grand Master in Whitby. There I will give a report on the progress/cares/concerns of our District so far in this Masonic year. As you may already be aware, Grand Lodge has sent us the outline for the

future of the amalgamation process for the 3 Hamilton Districts, we will be discussing this in further detail at the District Mid-term meeting

Looking ahead Seymour Lodge No. 272 will be holding their installation on Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ancaster Temple. On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> I will be attending the Robbie Burns Night hosted by Electric Valley Lodge No. 100 at Michelangelo's Banquet centre. I am sure it will be a great success, as always. On Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> I will make my official visit to Landmarks Temple Lodge No. 324. Please make every effort to come out and support your brethren at these important events.

Lastly, the Hamilton C District Mid-term meeting will be held on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Hillcrest Temple. There were 28 district members in attendance at the Fall meeting, I hope to see that number, if not more, this month. Masters, please make sure that you have appointed a proxy if you cannot attend. All members of the District team should have a report prepared as well.

For the remainder of the Masonic year I hope that we can give a concentrated effort in supporting one another at installations and official visits. I would like to see C District go out with a bang and then carry that on into the new District in September 2025.

Fraternally,

**R. W. Bro. Steven William Badger FCF**



**Mid Term District Meeting  
10 am, Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>  
Hillcrest Temple**

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## Grand Master's Holiday Message

This holiday season, as we celebrate with loved ones and reflect on the spirit of goodwill, let us remember the timeless principles of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. May the spirit of the season fill our hearts with compassion, inspire us to serve our communities, and guide us towards a life of integrity and virtue.

Let us strive to embody the light of Freemasonry, shining brightly in the darkness and bringing warmth and hope to all those around us. Wishing you a joyous and meaningful holiday season.

Fraternally,

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



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## Grand Master's December Communique

Brethren,

It is finally December, which marks the end of the calendar year, and while we are heading into the winter months, this season that we are approaching allows us time to read and learn more about Freemasonry. It affords us more time to read and reread the Ontario Masons Magazine and any

other publication that we find interesting. Although I am not wishing for snow, hopefully the weather conditions imitate more of a summer feel these next few months. That being said, we will probably get a few centimeters of precipitation that we will have to shovel through.

My apologies for not promoting last month that our members should be attending a Remembrance Day Memorial Service in their community, but I want to now thank everyone that took the time out of their busy schedules to go to the local cenotaphs to show their support to the fallen Armed Forces Personnel. We need to take a moment to remember and reflect upon the past and to realize how lucky we are that the freedoms and liberties that we enjoy today, are ours to hold on to. We also need to thank the Armed Forces men and women that are still working hard today to protect us, for their service to our country is still needed and highly valued. The chance to remember the past and present world conflicts is a must in order for us to want to do better as a civilization. I also want to thank our members for wearing their Masonic regalia in the community Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Proudly wearing the Masonic aprons in the public forum is a great feeling and an opportunity for the community to ask questions and gather information about Freemasonry. Being able to remember and respect the Masons that have passed while protecting our country is an amazing feeling that we have the opportunity to open our hearts to. Well done Brethren!

Lest we forget.

As Lodges in part of our Jurisdiction hold their Elections and Installations during this time of year, it's an exciting time for the newly Installed Worshipful Masters and Lodge Officers. It's a time for hope and dreams to be implemented in order to move the Lodge members forward into the next Masonic year. One thing that bothers me is members that are forced to skip a chair, and I am not a fan of skipping Officer Chairs, I still promote that every member should experience every office. When you finally achieve the Chair of King Solomon, then and only then does the pieces of the Ritual come together. In my own experience, when I finally got to the senior officers chairs in the Lodge, I felt that the Ritual finally made sense. I felt that the lectures came together to tell the story and that's when it was apparent that I was so thankful that I didn't skip over any chair/office. A Lodge always has a choice to have members NOT skip chairs. They can always put a Past Master in an office as a place holder, or they can do some other solution, the end result is to NOT skip an officer chair.

Since this is the December Communique, let me take this opportunity to wish you and your families and loved ones a very Merry Christmas. It is this time of year that we gather with our family, we share in a few Christmas feasts and we exchange presents with our kids, relatives, family, loved ones and maybe even colleagues. We should also remember the widows that are a part of our Masonic families, as these women were supporters of

the Lodges for many years. Now that they are widows, I believe that we still need to show them that we value them, maybe they could be invited to a Christmas dinner or the Lodge could have a Poinsettia given to them. In some way, shape or form, the widows can be included and remembered for the loyalty that they had for the Lodge and for the support that they devoted to a past Lodge member. It's the right thing to do at this time of year.

Also, at this time of year especially, please remember to be on your best behaviour. Do not drink and drive for any reason, call a taxi or Uber if you need it. Remember that life can change in the blink of an eye, not only your life can be affected but an innocent family can be dragged into your questionable decision making.

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 to this Masonic year with hope and determination and let us all inspire someone to do better !!! Remember Brethren, a cloudy day doesn't mean the sun isn't there.....let us all be the shining light to our friends and families, our Lodges and ourselves.

Thank you Brethren, safe travels and God Bless.

**Jamie R. Ireland**

## **Deputy Grand Master's December Communique**

Greetings Brethren,

In this edition, let's take a comprehensive look at the development of our ongoing branding initiative. Our Grand Lodge recognizes the importance of a brand identity and how it can directly establish the sense of value and strength of an organization. During our previous administration, our Community Outreach Pillar was mandated with the task of establishing a firm brand identity regulated by proper branding standards.

Our initial focus was on the 'Path Forward' marketing initiative introduced by the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. It's research and survey findings showed that the values and tenets of our Craft resonate strongly with men of today's society, and that the foundation of our Craft is as strong as it has been at any time in our history. These findings led the Northern Jurisdiction to introduce their 'Not Just a Man a Mason' campaign.

In support of this initiative, our Grand Lodge has subscribed to this campaign. An important feature of the 'Not Just a Man a Mason' initiative is the website 'BeaFreemason.org'. It was launched by the combined efforts of The Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction, The Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction, and Shriners International. This interactive website is open to all Grand Lodges of North America and its' purpose allows for any local interest in our Craft to be directed to the

appropriate jurisdiction. Our subscription to 'BeaFreemason.org' has given our own jurisdiction a further venue for potential interest to be directed our way.

With Freemasonry now at a time where a comprehensive united front, both optically as well as internally, is essential to a successful path forward. The 'Not Just A Man. A Mason' campaign serves to benefit us towards a collective commitment to the universality of Freemasonry, as well as to the global unity of the Craft.

Moving forward, we noticed that several jurisdictions in North America have begun to adopt this "Not Just A Man. A Mason" campaign as an overall backdrop. This initiative has served the individual jurisdiction as a means towards a path of refresh and renewal, with a specific focus on their own path to a distinctive and definitive Brand Identity.

By taking part in this fresh, new initiative, it set us on our own course of self analysis and rediscovery. It gave us an opportunity to look within our own jurisdiction, and it posed the question; to what extent does the 'Not Just A Man. A Mason' campaign speak to our own identity and to who we are. In addition, when potential interest is directed to our jurisdiction, how are we as an organization ready to receive it. What is the initial sentiment generated from our own brand identity; is a potential candidate compelled to inquire further and subsequently, are we poised to ensure that a new recruit's expectations match his actual experiences.

In their re-branding approach, the United Grand Lodge of England outlined that "the modernisation of Freemasonry is not just about what happens at a lodge meeting, it is also about the image we project. We need a visual identity that is recognizable, that represents our values and heritage, which also reflects our relevance to society."

Our directive and focus was to develop and establish through a branding lens, a firm brand identity that would be considered both contemporary and instantly recognizable, yet unmistakably linked to our own rich heritage. A common banner with an emotional connection which the brethren would rally and stand behind with pride, a fresh, uniform visual identity, distinguished by a strongly recognized symbol and wordmark, and highly identifiable with the Freemasons of our Jurisdiction.

Our reviews pointed to the common usage of the Square and Compass within the Maple Leaf. This iconic design with the Square and Compass within the Maple Leaf is highly recognized, and notably, widely circulated within our Jurisdiction in its various forms and applications. This would include the Maple Leaf pin as identified in section 384(c) (2024) of our Constitution.

This approach ultimately led to the approved layout for our new Brand Identity which includes the Maple Leaf with the adapted Square and Compasses within the Maple Leaf as our new brand symbol, with the words/title 'Ontario Masons' as our new brand wordmark to its immediate right.



# Ontario Masons

To support and standardize our brand identity, our Brand Standards Manual which outlines the visual guidelines to assist the brethren of our jurisdiction to communicate in a professional and consistent manner. The intent is to establish a standardized look and appeal, which would at the same time illustrate the strength and uniformity of our organization. The Brand Standards Manual includes and outlines the following assets and their usage: The Standard Logo 3.1, The Ontario Masons Brand: Symbol and Wordmark 3.2, Colours, Typography, Cards and Stationery.

The initial steps for the roll-out of the brand standards began in August 2021 and will apply to any new documentation going forward including new Grand Lodge documents, circulations, presentations, letterheads, business cards, etc. These elements are currently available for download from the Grand Lodge website.

Please forward any inquiries to: [branding@grandlodge.on.ca](mailto:branding@grandlodge.on.ca).

Our Public Awareness Committee is ready to assist with any inquiry regarding our branding standards as well as any initiative that will positively enhance our presence and visibility within our Communities.

A special note of acknowledgment to the brethren of Mercer Wilson Lodge No. 678 and Oxford Lodge No. 76 of Wilson District for their most current public awareness initiative. Their efforts have established a positive presence within the Woodstock community with the approved placement of an Ontario Masons 'Not Just A Man. A Mason' banner on a Woodstock city bus. Additionally, our Community Outreach Pillar is currently working on the expansion of our on-line store which will be available soon through our Grand Lodge website.

Brethren, as the Holiday Season is now upon, I take this opportunity to wish all of you, your family and friends the very best of the Holiday season. Let us all take the time to share in the spirit of the season with all those near and dear to us in peace, harmony and goodwill.

With my best fraternal regards,

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

**GEORGIAN SOUTH DISTRICT  
MASONIC ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS...**

**A Talk with The Deputy Grand Master  
R.W. BRO. ART M. DI CECCO**



Join the brethren of Georgian North and South Districts as we host the Deputy Grand Master for an evening of education and fellowship.


**Thursday January 30, 2025**  
**Dinner: 6:30 pm - Meeting: 7:30 pm**  
**99 Morrow Rd., Barrie, ON**  
 Hosted by: Kempenfeldt Lodge #673  
 DRESS: Smart Business Casual COST: JW Fund Contribution Appreciated

 Please register your attendance to the informal dinner by visiting the link below or simply scan the QR Code to complete the Google form.

 **Ontario Masons**

<https://forms.gle/GdKZ1TK62xYCawBEA>  
 For more information, please direct questions to our email:  
[gsdmasonicassociation@gmail.com](mailto:gsdmasonicassociation@gmail.com)




**Brock University**  **Ontario Masons**

**Charles A. Sankey**  
 Lecture in Masonic Studies


**Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 3 p.m.**  
 Sean O'Sullivan Theatre,  
 Brock University


**"Freemasonry and Colonial Power in British India, 1730-1921"**



**Lecturer:**  
 Dr. Simon Deschamps  
 Senior Lecturer  
 Centre for Anglophone Studies  
 Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès  
 France

To attend in person at BrockU, please reserve your ticket(s) online by going to [sankeylectures.ca](http://sankeylectures.ca) and clicking on the TICKETS link. Tickets are free. There will also be a livestream for those who cannot attend. No tickets are required for the livestream. The livestream link is [live.sankeylectures.ca](http://live.sankeylectures.ca)



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Lodge Harmony, Cawnpore (Kanpur), India (1920s).  
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## Dates to Remember

### January 2025

Mid Term District Meeting  
10 am, Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>  
Hillcrest Temple

#### Installation

Seymour Lodge No.272  
Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Dinner n/a, Tyle 7:30 pm  
Ancaster Temple

#### Official Visit

Landmarks Temple No.324  
Tuesday January 28, 2025  
Dinner T.B.D. Tyle 7:30 pm  
MCH

#### Masonic Past Masters' Assoc.

Breakfast Meeting (RSVP Required)  
Saturday Jan 18<sup>th</sup>  
9 am Breakfast, 10 am Meeting  
Shrine Club Hamilton

### February 2025

#### Official Visit

The Electric Valley Lodge No. 100  
Monday February 10, 2025  
Dinner T.B.D. Tyle 7:00 pm  
MCH

#### Official Visit

Meridian Lodge No. 513  
Wednesday February 12, 2025  
Dinner T.B.D. Tyle 7:30 pm  
Ancaster Temple



## Lodge of Discussion

*“What are newer members looking for in Freemasonry?”*

We are looking to cultivate ideas to stimulate connection, growth and retention in our lodges. If you are a newer or younger mason we encourage you to come and share your input. We also encourage you to bring your spouse to join in the discussion!

Thursday January 16, 7:30pm  
Craft lodge room at the Scottish Rite Temple  
4 Queen St. S, Hamilton

*We will be providing refreshment after the meeting, but please RSVP to [seniorwarden@number40.ca](mailto:seniorwarden@number40.ca) No later than January 2*



**Ontario Masons**



the **WILSON DISTRICT MASONIC ASSOCIATION** presents

# Saturday Morning Breakfast Meeting

with guest speaker  
**M. W. BRO. DAVID J. CAMERON**  
Past Grand Master Of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

- meet & greet
- breakfast
- presentation
- question & answers

**SATURDAY FEB 1, 2025 8:30 AM**

**\$20 per person**

**Woodstock Masonic Centre**  
10 Brock Street, Woodstock, ON

Please contact Bert Hoofman at [HOOF@EXECULINK.COM](mailto:HOOF@EXECULINK.COM) by Monday, January 27, 2025 to reserve your place and prepay via etransfer  
PRE PAY ONLY - TICKETS FOR BREAKFAST WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

# Around the District



Westmount Lodge No. 671 Installation of Officers



Buchanan Lodge No. 550 Official Visit



W.M. Robin Colville,  
Bro. Bro. Angel Arizmendi,  
R.W.Bro. Steven W. Badger



Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 Installation of Officers

# Masonic Education

## DuckDuckGo! Web Browser

### Safe Surfing, no tracking!

*Are you tired of searching for something and then being bombarded by ads for that item? This is related to Google and other web sites tracking your selection with cookies. One option (better than Incognito or Private mode) is the DuckDuckGo browser.*

#### Privacy-Centric Browsing

One of the primary benefits of using DuckDuckGo as a web browser is its strong focus on privacy. Unlike many other browsers, DuckDuckGo does not track your searches, clicks, or browsing behavior. It blocks hidden third-party trackers and ensures that users' personal information remains private. This privacy-first approach is crucial for those concerned about data collection and online surveillance.

#### No Search History

DuckDuckGo does not store search history, meaning your previous searches are not logged or saved. This eliminates the risk of having your data sold or used to profile you, which is common with other browsers. For people who value anonymity and freedom from targeted ads, this feature is a significant advantage.

#### Built-In Tracker Blocking

DuckDuckGo includes built-in tracker blocking, which prevents third-party sites from following you across the web. This blocking improves the overall browsing experience by speeding up load times and reducing the number of intrusive ads. The browser displays a privacy grade for each website, helping users understand how much tracking is being blocked.

#### Encryption Enforcement

Another benefit is that DuckDuckGo enforces encryption by automatically directing users to HTTPS versions of websites when available. This provides a safer and more secure browsing experience, ensuring that your data is transmitted over a secure connection, which reduces the risk of interception by malicious actors.

#### Ad-Free Search Results

DuckDuckGo's search engine delivers results without relying on targeted ads or personal data. This makes the search experience cleaner and more objective, as users are not bombarded with personalized ads based on their browsing history. The ads shown, if any, are contextual and not based on invasive profiling.

#### Simple and User-Friendly Interface

The DuckDuckGo browser offers a simple and intuitive interface. It avoids the clutter commonly seen in other browsers, providing a clean and straightforward user experience. Users can focus more on the content of the websites they visit rather than navigating through complicated settings or extra features they may not need.

#### No Filter Bubbles

DuckDuckGo avoids creating "filter bubbles," which occur when algorithms personalize search results based on past behavior and preferences. With DuckDuckGo, users receive the same, unbiased search results as everyone else, allowing them to access a wider range of information and perspectives without the influence of personalized filters.

#### Mobile and Desktop Compatibility

DuckDuckGo is available as both a mobile browser and a desktop extension, making it versatile and easy to integrate into your daily internet usage. Whether you're browsing on your smartphone or desktop, you can benefit from the same privacy protections and enhanced browsing security, making it an ideal choice for people who frequently switch between devices.

#### Focus on Open-Source and Transparency

DuckDuckGo's commitment to open-source technology fosters transparency. By making parts of its code open to the public, the company invites scrutiny and feedback, allowing developers and privacy advocates to verify that the platform operates as advertised. This level of transparency builds trust with its user base, ensuring that it remains accountable to its privacy commitments.

#### Improved Digital Footprint Control

By using DuckDuckGo, you can better manage your digital footprint. Since the browser doesn't collect personal data or track your activity, it helps minimize the amount of personal information exposed online. This is particularly beneficial for individuals who want to reduce their vulnerability to identity theft, data breaches, or unwanted profiling.

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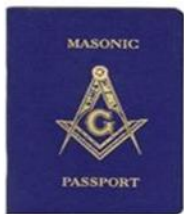
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## Wednesday Morning Coffee Club !

Still a great place to meet and chat.



Anyone interested in joining in contact Gary Chiarot, 905 971 8882.



## Masonic Passport, Poseidon Lodge No. 232 Romanian Masonry Into the Modern Era

The evening of Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we had the opportunity to share the universality of Freemasonry with the fraternal visit of a Romanian Masons delegation to Temple Lodge. As program shared features of our Canadian program and we had a presentation from the Romanian delegation on its customs and history. Continued from last month's article.

### Modern era

As history advanced the Romanian Masons would choose 3 paths:

**"The Way of Exile"** and thus numerous lodges will be established in France, Germany, Israel, Argentina etc... until we could come back home to Mother Romania.

**"The Way of Faith"** in the Masonic Ideals where members would continue to illegally practice Masonry underground in secrecy, but if caught will be imprisoned, exiled, and killed in communist prisons

**"The Way of Betrayal"** by joining with the likes of Călea Tradării și Pactizării and the Communist Regime. Unfortunately, many prominent Masonic leaders were among those who chose this last path

At the end of the Second World War, that is after 1945, Romania fell under the Russian influence, being part of the communist block for 45 years. For almost half a century, the Grand Lodge and the whole Obedience were dormant and many of the Mason leaders who could not flee the country were either imprisoned or placed under very strict surveillance.

National Grand Lodge of Romania was in peril and in dormancy some what and no matter how hard the times were, and no matter how oppressive the political regimes, the flame of freedom never ceased to burn in the hearts of the Freemasons.

The Romanian Freemasons managed somehow to organise themselves into Lodges in France, Israel, the USA, Germany or across South America They were also waiting tenaciously for the right moment to re-awaken the Masonry in the geographical space marked by the Carpathians, the Danube and the Black Sea.

A prominent leader was Marcel Shapira (1920-2011) He laid the foundation of a Masonic structure called 'the National Grand Lodge of Romania'

Marcel Shapira was the only Eastern-European who led a recognised Masonic organisation in exile in that dark (or red) period of our recent history. In the spring of 1990, he came back to Romania Afterwards, The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California and The Grand Orient of Italy (Grande Oriente d'Italia - G.O.I.), with the acknowledgement of the United Grand Lodge of England, began the process of reactivating Regular Freemasonry in Romania.

The extraordinary event, Rekindling of the Lights took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1993 and he would become, from that date on, the first Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of . It was then that the Rekindling of the Lights of the National Grand Lodge of Romania was decided.

It was Nicu Filip who insisted that this extraordinary event should take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1993 and he would become, from that date on, the first Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania

A short bio of other Grand Master can be found at the site along with the history of the [N:G:L:R:](https://mlnr.info/grandmasters.html)  
<https://mlnr.info/grandmasters.html>

M.W.B. Adrian Dohotaru was elected Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1995

M.W.B. Sever Frențiu was elected Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania in 1995 and he passed to the Eternel Orient in 1997.

M.W.B. Gheorghe Comănescu was Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania between 1998 and 2003

M.W.B. Eugen Ovidiu Chirovici held the dignity Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania between 2003 and 2010.

In 2010, M.W.B. Radu Balanescu was elected Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, holding this dignity until 2023

In 2023, M.W.B. Cătălin Tohăneanu was elected Grand Master of the National Romanian Grand Lodge. With his programme, he intends to continue and extend the scope of the Masonic

activities on as many areas and levels as possible

Since its establishment, N:G:L:R: has had an accelerated process of integration and positioning in the Universal Masonic Chain, the Romanian Brothers being extremely involved in various high-class Masonic actions and activities, both in the country and abroad.

**Submitted by R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson**





# Hamilton Districts Realignment

## Effective July 17, 2025



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

December 23, 2024

### **Hamilton A District**

R.W. Bro. Brampston A. Gushway  
(ddgm24.hamiltonadistrict@gmail.com)  
All lodges in the Hamilton A District (via bcc to lodge email)

### **Hamilton B District**

R.W. Bro. Brian James Muir (brianjmuir@hotmail.com)  
All lodges in the Hamilton B District (via bcc to lodge email)

### **Hamilton C District**

R.W. Bro. Steven William Badger  
(ddgmswbadger@gmail.com)  
All lodges in the Hamilton C District (via bcc to lodge email)

### **Realignment of the Hamilton Districts**

Dear Brethren,  
Thank you to the lodges for proposing the district they wish to be a part of. I am pleased to announce that the Grand Master has considered and agreed to all such proposals.

The Hamilton District lodges shall be reorganized into the following Districts effective Thursday July 17, 2025:

#### **Brant District**

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 62

#### **Hamilton North District**

St. John's Lodge No. 40  
St. Clair Lodge No. 135  
Burlington Reunion Lodge No. 165  
Flamborough Lodge No. 357  
Oakville Lodge No. 400  
Tuscan Lodge No. 551  
Campbell Lodge No. 603  
Claude M. Kent Lodge No. 681  
Trafalgar Lodge No. 712  
Wellington Square Lodge No. 725

#### **Hamilton South District**

The Barton Lodge No. 6  
Union Lodge No. 7  
The Harmony Lodge No. 57  
Battlefield Lodge No. 61  
Electric Valley Lodge No. 100  
Wentworth Lodge No. 166  
Seymour Lodge No. 272  
Landmarks Temple Lodge No. 324  
Beach Lodge No. 475  
Meridian Lodge No. 513  
Buchanan Lodge No. 550  
St. Andrew's Lodge No. 593  
Hillcrest Lodge No. 594  
Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602  
Westmount Lodge No. 671

The new Districts will not exist until Thursday July 17, 2025. It is after July 17, 2025 when the lodges of the new Districts and their new DDGM start on the work (and NOT before).

Now is the time to stay focused on the Hamilton A, Hamilton B and Hamilton C Districts.

There is no work to be done on the new Districts until after Thursday July 17, 2025.

Hamilton North District lodges and Hamilton South District lodges will vote on their DDGM for 2025-2026 during the District Deputy Grand Master Elections in June 2025.

The Hamilton North District and Hamilton South District shall be governed by the enclosed District Guidelines for such District.

To comply with Section 108 of the Constitution, the 2024-2025 District Deputy Grand

Masters of the Hamilton A, Hamilton B and Hamilton C Districts (hereinafter the 2024/2025 DDGMs) shall, following his annual term as DDGM, send to each Lodge in such District an audited financial statement of the receipts and expenses pertaining to the duties of his office during such annual term (hereinafter the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements). The 2024-2025 DDGMs shall also mail a copy of the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements to each of the DDGMs of Hamilton North District and Hamilton South District. All mailings shall be made not later than the 1st day of September following the installation of the 2025-2026 District Deputy Grand Masters.

All lodges shall, after July 17, 2025 and before August 15, 2025, send a copy of their semiannual invoice for the period ending June 30, 2025 to their District Deputy Grand Master to assist with District budget preparation.

The District Deputy Grand Masters of Hamilton North District and Hamilton South District shall announce to the District Lodges the date of the 2025 Fall District Meeting after July 17, 2025 and before August 15, 2025.

The current District Secretaries shall, during the months of April 2025 or May 2025, request preferred Official Visit and Installation dates from each lodge in the District and pass them on to each of the DDGMs of the Hamilton North District and the Hamilton South District to assist in the preparation of the trestle boards for the next Masonic year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

The District Deputy Grand Masters must focus on their respective District, namely the Hamilton A District, the Hamilton B District and the Hamilton C District.

## Editor's Page

### Address to a Haggis - Robert Burns



Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,  
Great Chieftain o' the Puddin'-race!  
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,  
Painch, tripe, or thairm:  
Weel are ye wordy of a *grace*  
As lang 's my arm.  
The groaning trencher there ye fill,  
Your hurdies like a distant hill,  
Your *pin* wad help to mend a mill  
In time o' need,  
While thro' your pores the dew's distil  
Like amber bead.  
His knife see Rustic-labour dight,  
An' cut ye up wi' ready slight,  
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,  
Like onie ditch;  
And then, O what a glorious sight,  
Warm-reekin, rich!  
Then, horn for horn, they stretch an' strive:  
Deil tak the hindmost, on they drive,  
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve  
Are bent like drums;  
Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive,  
*Bethankit* hums.  
Is there that owre his French *ragout*,  
Or *olio* that wad staw a sow,  
Or *fricassee* wad mak her spew  
Wi' perfect sconner,  
Looks down wi' sneering, scornfu' view  
On sic a dinner?  
Poor devil! see him owre his trash,  
As feckless as a wither'd rash,  
His spindle shank a guid whip-lash,  
His nieve a nit;  
Thro' bluidy flood or field to dash,  
O how unfit!  
But mark the Rustic, *haggis-fed*,  
The trembling earth resounds his tread,  
Clap in his walie nieve a blade,  
He'll make it whistle;  
An' legs, an' arms, an' heads will sned,  
Like taps o' thrissle.  
Ye Pow'r's wha mak mankind your care,  
And dish them out their bill o' fare,  
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware  
That jaups in luggies;  
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer,  
Gie her a *Haggis!*

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#### Bro. Sreten Vesich

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

### Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

Another full issue, closing off some existing themes we have been following and adding the realignment news for the upcoming year. Thanks to the Webmail and Browsing Security articles submitted by **W.M. John Raso**, (congratulations to John on ascending to the East last month in Hugh Murray Lodge No.602) and the Romanian History abridgement put together by **R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson**

I found some interesting events on Facebook in the Ontario Freemason page. (Use the link on page 2 to browse there as well)

Always looking to add in **Your** content. Thanks to the Wednesday Morning Coffee Club picture, I'm jealous of everyone who can attend.

I know that there are 4 separate Robbie Burns Masonic events happening in Hamilton, but didn't get any requests for additions this month. So I am left with an address to the Haggis for a sign off.

Be well, and feel free to send me your feedback.

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