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*Thanks for your messages  
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<a href="#"><u>R.W. Bro. Craig L. Knapman</u></a>	Valley Lodge No. 100	100	2016
<a href="#"><u>R.W. Bro. Devin L. Tuinstra</u></a>	Dufferin Lodge No.291	291	2015
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<a href="#"><u>R.W. Bro. John K. Johnston</u></a>	Hugh Murray Lodge No.602	602	2011
<a href="#"><u>R.W. Bro. Ian A. Craig</u></a>	Wardrope Lodge No.555	555	2010
<a href="#"><u>R.W. Bro. William J. MacPherson</u></a>	Landmarks/Doric Lodge No.654	654	2009
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## 17 Years of Content



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## September 2008 Hamilton Masonic District C Edition No.1

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MANDATE AND MEMBERS

With the new District Guidelines provided to us by our long range planning committee and accepted by the district at our May meeting, came the creation of the district Communications Committee.

Our mandate is defined as: 'To consolidate communication across Hamilton Masonic District C lodges, identify gaps, and develop solutions with a focus on meaningful, long term, growth-oriented, and self-sustainable initiatives.' The committee as a result will not only be producing this newsletter on a monthly basis, but will also be rebuilding the district website.

The new website will be designed as a current information resource for all district members, which is updated by the district lodges themselves. There is more to come on this initiative in future issues of this newsletter, but you can expect a new district website to be posted within the next 2 months at <http://www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org>

The committee consists of :  
Bro. D. Tuinstra (chair), R.W. Bro. W. Elgie,  
W.M. Glen Notman, and Bro. S. Lehane.

### DISTRICT C MEMBERSHIP STATS 2008

When formed in 1974, our District had 14 lodges with a membership of 3,549. Since then, one lodge went into darkness, one new lodge was instituted, and one lodge received another lodge by amalgamation. Thus, by December 2006, with 14 lodges, we had a membership of 1,249. In 1974 the total membership for the 3 Hamilton Districts was 10,225, while today it is less than 3,912. At our District Meeting held during Grand Lodge we had 45 members register, representing 13 lodges from our district.

[www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org](http://www.hamiltondistrictcmasons.org)

## Looking Back at the District 'C'hronicle

Issue No. 1 was distributed via Go Daddy web service on Sept 1, 2008

Editorial team R.W.Bro. Wayne Elgie, Devin Tuinstra, Glen Notman and S. Lehane

### Communications

The DISTRICT CHRONICLE is published monthly and is available for download on the district website. Submission have always been welcome from our first communication committee to the current editorial team.

#### 2011 - 2013

Editor: W. Bro. Harley Auty Assoc. Editor: R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson Ed. Advisor: R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie Webmaster: Bro. Devin Tuinstra

#### 2014

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#### 2015

Editor: W. Bro. David J. Jack Associate Editor: R. W. Bro. Bill MacPherson Webmaster: W. Bro. Bill Paul

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## Past Editors Reminiscence

### *Having the Vision*

As I look back over the first few editions of the District C Chronicle, there is so much to recall from the contributions of so many great volunteers. When the 2008 Communications Committee decided to go forward with the District C Website, and the District Newsletter, it was a great step forward lead by Devin Tuinstra who had the skills to help us on our way. With the assistance of Glen Notman, and the District Lodges, we were on line with the first Chronicle for September 2008. Soon after each DDGM's report, the G.M. and DGM started forwarding their reports. And John Lyness was a strong supporter with all his picture taking.

So many Lodge and District socials are evidence of an active District, and are archived for the future. So many highlights, but to mention a few:

- 1) The District C tour of the Detroit Masonic Temple
- 2) The 2005 Plaque celebrating the founding of Grand Lodge.
- 3) The Masonic Legacy Tour at the Head of the Lake 2016

It has been a pleasure to assist in the development of our District C. Chronicle.

**R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie**

### *Contributions*

As I reflect back on the early beginnings of the District 'Chronicle I can't help but think of all of the contributions; from the editors, the photographers, the advisors and DDGMs, and of course, the membership. During the initial meetings with R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie, I don't think that we ever really looked at the long term. We kept an eye on sustainability, but the primary focus was to bring to light and celebrate the happy moments and pertinent news from across our district. This project has been a true joy from the start and something that I'm quite proud to be a part of.

**R.W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra**

### *District C Newsletter*

It was my distinct honour to be asked to serve as Editor for 2013 and 2014 for the "District C Chronicle". Joining the directors and R.W. Bro. Glenn Notman as editor was a very enjoyable and learning experience at our monthly meeting for our breakfast in Dundas. Being very involved in other bodies I was happy when R.W. Bro. Glen Notman agreed to become editor following his great year as District Deputy Grand Master for Hamilton District C.

**W. Bro. David J. Jack**

### *Reflections*

A few weeks ago Bill MacPherson gave me a call and asked if I would write up a few words reflecting on my

involvement with the publication of the Hamilton District C Newsletter The "C"hronicle as part of the celebration of the 75 anniversary of the newsletter.

I began with involvement with The "C"hronicle as Assistant Editor under the guidance of Editor R. W. Bro. Wayne Elgie, and W. Bro. (at the time) Devin Tuinstra as Web Master in April 2010. I think this was the year that the "C"hronicle won the award as Best Newsletter in Ontario. The award was announced prior to my involvement, but I was there for the actual presentation of the award. Congratulations to both Wayne and Devin on their excellent achievement.

After helping with subsequent editions as Assistant Editor for 14 issues, I took on the role of Editor in June 2011. At that time Wayne became Editorial Advisor, Bill MacPherson came on Associate Editor, and Devin continued with his role as Web Master.

I continued in the role of Editor until July 2014, and endeavoured to carry on the high standard set by Wayne Elgie and Devin Tuinstra.

It was a pleasure to serve the District in the capacity of Editor of The "C"hronicle for those years and to carry on with the high standard set by my predecessors.

**Harley Auty**

### *Attention to Detail*

As we say good bye to the District C newsletter, the "Chronicle" I must think back to the initial communication we struck in the District. The initial publication team distributed the at the time a new electronic document in Sept. 2008 to District members and other readers. This initial team set in motion a document generating publication to link all members of the district as to district events and to other we hoped items of interest. This foundation has been established for over 200 issues and has reached all subscribers by the first of every month.

The format had the current DDGM's message on page 1 and that was followed by the G.M. communique when available. Each issue had information on specific lodge events, and as many photographs as available from these Lodge events and special visits. These items have been continued thanks to the submission of material from the lodges. The editors with some cyber skills have done a fantastic job in collating these items so that the number of pages remained about 8 -10 per edition. With the help of some special writers, we also had a number of special features such as the "Temple Tours" and profiles of District lodges leaders to mention a few. We also attempted to provide information to members for District wide events i.e. Divine services, Beef and Corn roasts, and obituary information

It has been a great pleasure to work with the many great editors and District leaders on this publication for District C.

Fraternally

**R.W. Bro. Bill MacPherson**

# Grand Master's June Communique

Brethren,

June marks a significant transition within our Jurisdiction, as we observe the close of one Masonic year and the dawn of another. This period is particularly active with elections and installations of officers across many Lodges, the transition of District Deputy Grand Masters, and elections for Grand Lodge offices.

While some Lodge bylaws align these events with the calendar year-end, many conduct them in June. For the purpose of this communique, let's focus on these June activities.

## Lodge Leadership: Progression and Planning

Lodge officers typically progress through the chairs with a blend of anticipation and thoughtful planning for the year ahead. A common discussion revolves around whether a member should advance rapidly to a senior position or adhere to the traditional path toward becoming Worshipful Master. While a Past Master can certainly fill any necessary role, a newer member truly benefits from experiencing each office as they progress. It's generally not advisable for a new Master Mason to become Senior Warden within their first few years of membership, as this often hinders their understanding of the Ritual and the Lodge's long-term objectives. Filling a chair with an unprepared member simply to have a "warm body" rarely contributes to a successful long-range plan.

When electing and installing a Worshipful Master, it is crucial that the Lodge puts forward a qualified candidate who possesses a thorough understanding of the Lodge and a clear vision for its future. Anything less could prove detrimental to the Lodge's vitality. As members, we should all aspire to contribute to our Lodge's success and longevity, rather than merely getting by. I strongly encourage you to utilize the Grand Lodge Long Range Planning Committee for guidance and recommendations on how to enhance your Lodge's vibrancy and focus on the future. Develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and a clear path forward. Should your KPIs require adjustment in the future to align with Lodge activities, that's perfectly acceptable. Regularly revisiting and refining your long-range plan is a proven technique that will instill confidence, conviction, and ensure the Lodge's sustained success for years to come. R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson is available to assist you with your Lodge's Long Range Plan; please don't hesitate to contact him for support.

District Deputy Grand Masters: Transitions and Successors



To our outgoing District Deputy Grand Masters, your service, dedication, and tireless efforts in improving your Districts and our Grand Lodge are deeply appreciated. I trust your year has been filled with meaningful activities, memorable banquets, milestone pin presentations, and abundant Masonic education. As your term concludes, please prioritize a thorough debriefing with your successor. Share all significant experiences—both positive and challenging—to ensure a smooth transition and prevent any unforeseen issues. This advice will be invaluable to your successor.

To the membership of each District, the responsibility lies with you to elect the most qualified candidate for the success of your District moving forward. Appointing an unprepared member to the office of DDGM weakens the future and hinders a positive environment. If a qualified candidate is not readily available, consider leveraging the experience of a Past District Deputy Grand Master to ensure the best possible Masonic year.

To our incoming District Deputy Grand Masters, or DDGM elect, congratulations on your election to this esteemed office. Your commitment and dedication are commendable. Being nominated by your peers and elected to uphold the good name of your District is a tremendous honour indeed. I sincerely hope this will be your most fulfilling year yet. Again, conducting a comprehensive debriefing with your predecessor will equip you with the necessary insights to make informed and positive decisions. For additional support during your upcoming term, we will continue to hold monthly virtual meetings where you can ask questions and receive direct assistance from the Grand Master and Deputy. We are committed to reinforcing and ensuring your success, and I look forward to a productive Masonic year together.

## Grand Lodge Elections: Informed Decisions

Finally, to the brethren running for a Grand Lodge office, congratulations on stepping forward. This is a significant and rewarding leap to a higher office, requiring considerable nerve and dedication. If successful, it offers the opportunity to contribute your talents to various Grand Lodge Committees and make a tangible difference. As Grand Master, I eagerly anticipate working with you. My only request is that you exercise your right as an informed voter in July. Please attend a "Meet the Candidates" meeting and assess the candidates directly. Do not rely on second-hand information or the opinions of uninformed Brothers. Do your research and make an independent decision about whom you feel comfortable supporting. Informed voting is essential for electing capable committee chairmen and dedicated workers, which will propel our Grand Lodge forward in a positive direction. Uninformed voting, conversely, does a disservice to our Fraternity. Please strive to elect the best. Review the nominees' biographies and past experience in advance and elect the most qualified individuals to the Board of General Purposes. Ask a current Board member about what an individual has contributed to an existing



committee and make a decision based on actual information. Please do your homework to elect the best!

I also want to add some more homework for you, please take the time to ask someone that knows what the proposed constitutional amendments are all about. You can ask any Board of General Purpose member, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary or myself and we will be happy to talk about it. I've heard much talk about some of the proposals, and I would welcome the opportunity to explain the meaning that brought them forward. There is lots of negativity around some of the proposed amendments and I believe that an honest explanation needs to be voiced. Everything that is put to the membership to vote on is for the good of the order, nothing more and nothing less.

In closing, my brethren, let us continue to nurture our Fraternity, plan for a bright, safe, and prosperous future, keep our Lodges vibrant, and bring a smile to someone's face today and tomorrow. Let us approach this upcoming Masonic year with hope and determination, and let us all inspire one another to excel. Remember, a cloudy day doesn't diminish the sun's presence; let us all be a shining light to our friends, our families, our Lodges, and ourselves. Carry your shiny penny with you and look to it for guidance, self fulfilment and self betterment.

Thank you, Brethren. May you continue to have Safe travels and God Bless.

**Jamie R. Ireland**

## Deputy Grand Master's June Message

Greetings Brethren,

In a recent edition, I referred to the 'Path Forward' program and the ongoing progress of this research and marketing initiative. The core message of the program emphasizes the development of a contemporary outreach strategy, strongly rooted in the fundamental principles of our organization. The marketing team originally hired to spearhead this campaign in 2016, now works exclusively with the Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction to continue their research and data-driven strategy towards this program.

According to their latest 2023 publication of the 'The Path Forward: Empowering the Future of Freemasonry', "the tremendous response evoked by the 'Not Just a Man, A Mason' campaign and the website 'beafreemason.org' year after year provides solid proof that men want to join the organization, and it is our job to help them find their way."



The current research showed some intriguing results, and that 'today, we find Freemasonry on a better footing than it has been in many years.' as supported by the following:

- 82% of American men are aware of Freemasons understanding of Freemasonry has nearly doubled since 2016, increasing from 20% to 39%
- After learning what Freemasonry is about at its core, nearly two-thirds (64%) men stated that they would consider joining, a remarkable increase from 44% in 2016
- Millennials (ages 27-42) are now the primary target for Freemasonry, with nearly eight-in-ten (77%) expressing interest in joining, which is more than any other generation.

Within our own jurisdiction, the leads generated to us through beafreemason.org have our New Member Distribution and Tracking committee busy with daily distribution and tracking of potential members. In addition, Our own Social Media Committee has also begun to generate additional leads through their own 'Not just a Man, a Mason' social media initiative, as they also show an increase in the number of inquiries and application for potential membership. We are very pleased that both of these initiatives are showing positive results, as our committees continue the vision of our Jurisdiction to be at the vanguard of new member attraction, distribution and tracking for all our members.

Interestingly enough, in our travels we have the opportunity to witness in real time many of these progresses outlined in the noted research data firsthand. For instance, we meet and relate with many of our Brethren across our jurisdiction regardless of rank and station. We share our commonalities, our successes and our challenges. More importantly, we are seeing increased growth and enthusiasm in our ranks with our entered apprentices and fellowcrafts in many of our Lodges, as well as a renewed vitality and renewed participation with our veteran members. We also have the unique opportunity to witness and share in some of the most inspiring moments and enthusiastic revelations that our newer Masons are anxious to share with us. Brethren, I leave you with one such testimony I received during our Northern Tour;

"Becoming a Mason has been the most beautiful, enchanting and deeply revealing experience I have been rewarded with in life until this very moment. To become a Mason is to participate in a true and moral brotherhood, wherein you become aware of the profound love and wisdom woven into the tapestry of society, the very fabric of the world around us. Life is a journey, and it is not in and of ourselves that we are guided through stormy seas. It is with a strong moral compass, and we are called to give direction to the world in turbulent times. How grateful I am to be a part of such a brotherhood. What a gift that kinship is, and it is a gift that I now live to honour."

With my best fraternal regards,

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



## Around The District

### Buchanan Lodge No. 550 – Annual BBQ



Buchanan Lodge held our annual bbq on Thursday, June 5th at the Hillcrest Temple **with over 70** members, family, friends, applicants and men interested in the Craft in attendance.

Most notably, we had 6 of our Special Ladies join us and I'm sure our departed brethren were smiling knowing their wives were in attendance. We were also fortunate to have our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. S.W. Badger, Grand Steward, V.W. Bro. B. Gordon and District Secretary, Bro. A. Haigh in attendance.

Many hands made for light work with all members chipping in to bring food and drink and to help set up, serve and clean up. From our lodge to all of you – have a fun summer call off and we'll see you in the new district!

R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Paul



**Masonic Fishing Expedition**  
Submitted by Bro. Jeffrey Currey



**Electric Valley No. 100 Installation**



**Meridian Lodge No. 513 Installation**



## D.D.G.M. Homecoming



**Hugh Murray Lodge Homecoming for  
R.W. Bro. Stephen William Badger  
District Deputy Grand Master**



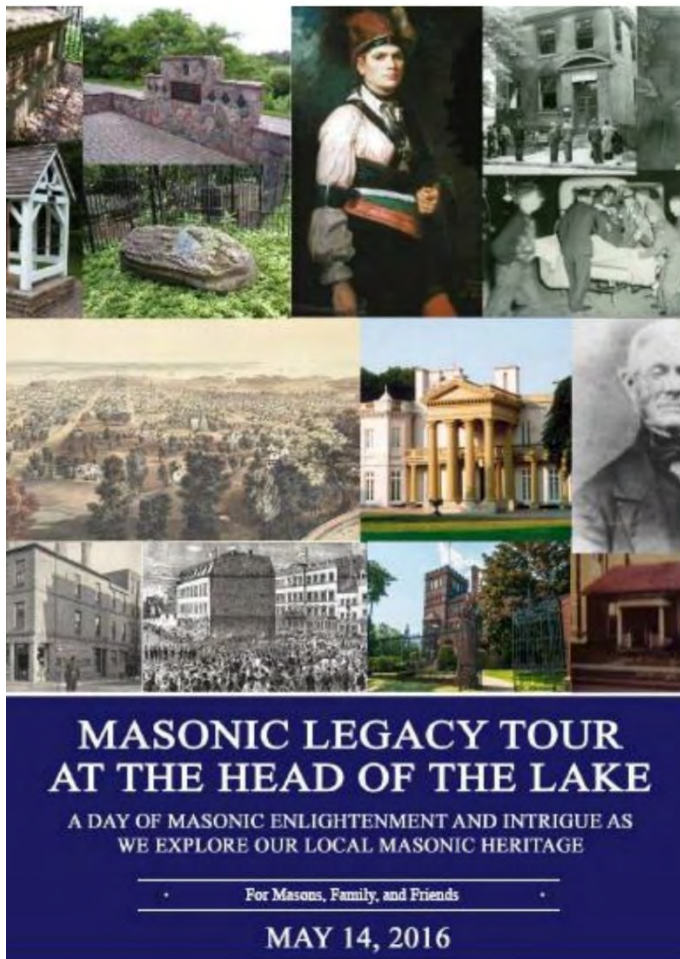
**Our District C Team  
Bro. Adrian Haigh – District Secretary  
R.W. Bro. Stephen William Badger  
District Deputy Grand Master**



**W. Bro. Tribu Persaud, W. Bro. Edward Patterson  
and W. Master John Raso  
present a final cheque from Hugh Murray Lodge  
to our D.D.G.M. for his District Charity T.E.A.D**



## The Masonic Legacy Tour at the Head of the Lake - Revisited



The Masonic Legacy Tour at the Head of the Lake, held on May 14, 2016. It highlights significant figures, events, and locations tied to Masonic history in the Burlington and Hamilton areas of Ontario, Canada. The tour was a celebration of Masonic heritage in the Hamilton and Burlington areas of Ontario, Canada. This event offered participants a self-guided exploration of significant historical sites tied to Freemasonry, followed by fellowship at Dufferin Masonic Lodge No. 291. The tour highlighted the contributions of prominent Masons and their impact on the region's development.

Chief Joseph Brant, a Mohawk leader and Mason, played a pivotal role in the area's history. Granted land at Wellington Square (now Burlington) by King George III, Brant built a home and lived as an English country gentleman. He was initiated into Falcon Lodge in London in 1776 and later affiliated with Barton Lodge No. 6 in Hamilton. His Masonic apron is displayed at the Joseph Brant Museum. Brant's legacy includes the establishment of the Mohawk Chapel and the settlement of Six Nations along the Grand River.

Other notable figures include Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Hamilton's first lawyer and a former Prime Minister of Canada. MacNab was a Mason who built Dundurn Castle on land purchased from Richard Beasley, another influential Mason and early settler. MacNab served as

Provincial Grand Master and later Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada. His burial and reinterment in Hamilton Cemetery and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery reflect his complex religious and Masonic affiliations.

The tour also showcased the evolution of Masonic facilities, including the Central Masonic Hall and the Scottish Rite Building, which now houses Masonic lodges and historical displays. Participants learned about the contributions of Masons to local infrastructure, such as the Burlington Bay Skyway named after James N. Allan, a Grand Master and politician.

What follows are highlights of some of the 31 sites from the tour with summary from files.

1. **Joseph Brant:** Granted land at Wellington Square (now Burlington) by King George III, where he built a house and lived as an English country gentleman. He was buried at St. Luke's Churchyard, which he donated land for. His remains were later moved to a tomb beside the Mohawk Chapel.



2. In 1941, the J.W. of a Hamilton lodge, with the approval of the Grand Master, organized a Voluntary Blood Donor's group under the Master's and Warden's Association, for the purpose of making available gratis, whole blood transfusions, particularly for those for whom the burden of payment for this life saving service would weigh heavily. With the MOOSE HALL fire on May 24th 1944, blood was urgently needed if lives were to be saved. In short time, more than 50 members of this group hastened to the General Hospital, to help in the worst Hamilton fire disaster, and gave their blood to the victims of the fire.





3. **James N. Allan:** A prominent Mason and politician, Allan was Grand Master (1965-1966) and contributed to Canadian Masonry, including representing it at the Grand Lodge of England's 250th anniversary.



4. **United Empire Loyalist Statue:** Unveiled in 1929 outside Wentworth County Courthouse, symbolizing hope, faith, and determination. Col. Charles Robert McCullough, a Mason, was the keynote speaker.

5. **Richard Beasley:** A pioneer settler, businessman, and Mason, Beasley played a role in early Hamilton development. His property was later sold to Sir Allan MacNab, and he is buried at Christ Church Cathedral.
6. **Robert Land:** A Loyalist and Mason who founded Barton Lodge in 1795. His family played a significant role in preserving Masonic artifacts during the War of 1812. The Land family is buried in Hamilton Cemetery.
7. **Barton Lodge No. 10 (later No. 6):** Established in 1795, it met in various locations, including Smith's Tavern and Beasley's residence. It went dormant in 1810 but resumed in 1836. Barton Lodge played a key role in the formation of other lodges and the Grand Lodge of Canada.



8. **Sir Allan Napier MacNab:** A Mason, lawyer, and Prime Minister of Canada (1854), MacNab built Dundurn Castle on Beasley's former property. He served as Provincial Grand Master and later Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada. His burial and reinterment are detailed in the image provided.



9. With the dedication and the cornerstone laying ceremonies of April 8th, 1995, Hillcrest Temple left its former facilities at 612 Concession Street, upper floors, to a renovated Salvation Army building at 257 Mohawk Road West.



10. **Central Masonic Hall:** Located at John and Main Streets, it housed Barton, Strict Observance, and St. John's lodges. It was the site of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855.



11. Tuckett built his home, known as “Myrtle Hall” in 1874 where the Grand Lodge building now stands. Myrtle Hall was demolished for the new Grand Lodge Office building in 1959. At a cost of over \$400,000, it was dedicated on October 31 , 1960, having left its former one room office on Gore Street behind the James St. Masonic Hall, as the first permanent headquarters that Grand Lodge has ever possessed. With a fire-proof vault, all the records since the founding of Grand Lodge in 1855, are maintained. Walnut paneling from Myrtle Hall, was saved for the Grand Master's Office.



The Head of the Lake Tour underscored the enduring legacy of Freemasonry in shaping the cultural and historical fabric of the region, offering attendees a unique glimpse into the lives and achievements of its members.

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Glen Notman with thanks to  
R.W. Bro. Wayne Elgie and R.W. Bro. Devin Tuinstra





## Masonic Passport

### Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia

W. Master Phil Vokey was installed into King Solomons Chair on Tuesday June 3 at Victoria Lodge No. 56 in Sarnia.

Landmarks Temple Lodge No.324 is his mother lodge and prior to his installation he invited our current W. Master David Adam Willett and other members to attend the ceremony of his installation.

So a group of 8 Landmarks Temple members, joined by his initial sponsor W. Bro. Steve Matthews made the two-hour trek to Sarnia to witness his installation to the chair of King Solomon and investiture his of officers, Just as many of use were present to witness, and participate, in his initiation, passing, and raising.

R.W. Bro. Ken Adamson (not pictured) provided accompanying organ music throughout the ceremony and the brethren were delighted to have music back in their lodge. With 50+ men in attendance, fellowship was enjoyed with members from multiple local lodges and cross border attendees. Fellowship, hospitality and congratulations were shared by all in a pot luck celebration. It was a good evening enjoyed by all who attended.

R.W. Bro. Glen Notman



Getting ready in the anteroom at Victoria Lodge



Beautiful Mural and Throne in the East



The West with R.W. Bro. Adamson peeking in from the organ



Members of Landmarks Temple No. 324 celebrating with W. Master Phil Vokey at Victoria Lodge No. 54



## Editor's Page

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**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR ONTARIO**

**HAMILTON DISTRICT MASONS  
ANNUAL CORN ROAST**

Hosted by St. John's Lodge No. 40 and  
Binbrook Chapter No. 117 OES

**Saturday August 9, 2025  
5pm-9pm**

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 163  
435 Limeridge Rd. E, Hamilton**

**Symposium 5pm, Corn served at 5:30  
Dinner 6:00 pm. ALL WELCOME!**

**\$35 ADULT/\$20 CHILD**

**TICKET INCLUDES: 2 COBS OF CORN  
BEEF OR CHICKEN ON A BUN, 2 SIDES AND  
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**Ontario Masons**

### 2025 District Deputy Grand Masters - Elect

Algoma.....	Michael Frederick Sanger
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Brant.....	Dean Walter Bauer
Bruce.....	Thomas Boulding
Chatham.....	Kenneth Michael Smith
Eastern.....	Guy Laberge
Essex County.....	Kent John McMillan
Frontenac.....	Stephen Bertrum Ramey
Georgian North.....	Craig Steven Elliott
Georgian South.....	Barry J. Goodyear
Grey.....	Denis Trepanier
Hamilton North.....	Nilesh Deshmukh
Hamilton South.....	Cory Alexander McCarthy
Huron.....	James Patrick McFadden
London East.....	Sean William Earhart
London West.....	Ian Nicholaas Sprague
Niagara A.....	Kevin Douglas Haner
Niagara B.....	Gregory Adams
Nipissing Muskoka.....	Michael John Russell Millard
Ontario.....	Michael Stephenson
Ottawa 1.....	Abraham R. Garcia
Ottawa 2.....	George Robert Ingraham
Peterborough.....	James Jarvis Maurice Dunn
Prince Edward.....	Donald Ernest Harvey
Sarnia.....	Roger Sydney Martin
St. Lawrence.....	Douglas Harold Miller
St. Thomas.....	Alan Howard Jones
Sudbury-Manitoulin.....	Brent Gary Forsyth
Temiskaming.....	James Henry McLaren
Toronto Don Valley.....	James Bartlett Bellasyse Colley
Toronto Humber Valley.....	Roy Resposo Palacol
Toronto West.....	Steven Randy William Toner
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### Nothing to Report



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We will cherish them in our hearts forever.**

**Dear Readers,**

In preparation of this final District C edition, I was browsing through the past editions. We have a rich repository of the events that have occurred in the past 17 years. Common themes that strike me, the educational content, the fellowship and the strength of our members. One striking change is the number of pictures we use in the modern version. It has been a pleasure sharing our ideas and content with you for the past almost decade.

Looking forward, we are waiting on direction from the new District on what is preferred. Considering moving to an online virtual version of the new Chronicle, Maybe a title change to something along the lines of the Southern Sentinel? Wondering what the readers think and prefer; and would love to hear from you!

In my travels over the years, I have had a lot of positive feedback on the Chronicle and its contents. Our past and current D.D.G.M.s get recognition beyond our District because of the reach of our newsletter. Hopefully the readers feel that we have provided a worthwhile perspective, I do know reading through the archives that all of the editors have met the mandate to report on all things happening within District C and provide an historic record of all our happenings.

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