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Our District Deputy Grand Master

Hello Brethren:

April is now behind us and as we come into May we hope to have some good weather to permit planting of spring grain, corn, soybeans and vegetables. Home gardens with flowers and vegetables will now take precedence to be planted during the sunny days.



Weather is a distinctive aspect of spring. I can remember one year in the sixties when my father and uncle started seeding spring grain on my father's birthday – March 30. We have also had wet years and one in particular when we began seeding on May 24. It is surprising how many things are dependent on the weather.

I can now say that I have weathered the storm. All of the Official Visits have been completed. This past month Official Visits were made to Seymour Lodge No. 272 in Ancaster, my homecoming, and Dufferin Lodge No. 291 in West Flamborough where we had a feast of pies following the meeting. I would like to thank all of the lodges for their hospitality when I visited them.

We regret the passing of R.W. Bro. D. Wayne Robinson. Wayne was a member of Westmount Lodge No. 671. He served as our District Deputy in 2012 – 13. He will be missed by his lodge brethren and

by our district. Our condolences to his family at this time.

Realignment of the three Hamilton Districts into Hamilton North and Hamilton South is now under way. The lodges are to make their decision as to which district they would wish to be a part of and inform the current District Deputies.

May is a month of renewal and time for planting, cutting grass, blossoms, pollen, allergies and, hopefully, warm weather. Some of our lodges have renewals with installations and new leadership. Lets attend and show our support for these lodges and their members.

As always, brethren, remember those who are sick of shut-in. A visit, call or a note can be uplifting for these brethren.

Faternally,

H. Raymond Wilson, DDGM, Hamilton "C" District

R.W. Bro. Raymond Wilson



Hamilton's Three D.D.G.M.'s
At our DDGM's Homecoming in Seymour Lodge No. 272
R.W. Bro. Nicholas Laine – Hamilton A
R.W. Bro. Ray Corrin – Hamilton B
R.W. Bro. Ray Wilson – Hamilton C

Grand Master's April Communique

My Brethren:

In 2016, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ) commissioned a comprehensive, data-driven analysis of the state of Freemasonry. The study led to the development of the data-driven strategic marketing initiative known as the 'Path Forward', and 'Not Just a Man. A Mason.' campaign that would serve as a robust, compelling lead-in for men looking to join our Fraternity.



Four years later, the NMJ, Shriners International and Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction partnered together in creating and launching the website 'BeAFreemason.org' with the objective to grow Freemasonry in the United States and Canada. The site has proven to be an extremely effective tool in helping men begin their journey into Freemasonry. To date, more than 120,000 'leads' have been sent to Grand Lodges across the United States and Canada through the website's referral portal, which shows no sign of abating.

The effectiveness of the campaign and website revitalized Grand Lodges worldwide and renewed optimism about the future of Freemasonry. These tools have been widely adopted across North America and additional countries, with its impact transcending language barriers as it has been translated into five languages.

Men have responded to this campaign not because these efforts are slick or clever but because the messaging articulates Freemasonry's ideological core and strikes at the heart of modern man. The tremendous response evoked by the campaign and website year after year provides solid proof that men want to join the organization - they just need help to find their way.

With the help of our Masonic friends to the South, we have undergone a massive evolution in the approach to membership development, recruitment, marketing, and communications. This campaign has proven remarkably successful, with more than 40% of all new members being found through our digital recruitment and tracking process. Interested men can now apply and begin the process of joining online.

With the help of this campaign, there has been a rise in the profile of Freemasonry in North America.

The 'Not Just a Man. A Mason.' campaign has instilled a renewed sense of pride among Freemasons and has

served as the catalyst to inspire thousands of new members to join the fraternity. With the cooperation of our Lodges and Districts, we are now tracking over 2,700 men in Ontario who have shown an interest in Freemasonry.

One cannot overstate the importance of an existing familiarity with the Craft in society today and what it means for membership growth. In marketing terms, this level of brand awareness familiarizes potential members with Freemasonry and differentiates it from other social options. As brand recognition grows, trust is built, and apprehension is diminished, making men more likely to join. Not to be overlooked is the sense of unity and pride that takes root in existing members as Freemasonry once again takes its rightful place in the centre of our cultural conversation.

Since 2020, 'BeAFreemason.org' has enjoyed more than two million unique page views and has generated more than 120,000 inquiries from prospective members that have been shared with Grand Lodges throughout North America. These efforts are proving sustainable as the inquiries are increasing every year.

The success of 'BeAFreemason.org' is not accidental. The invisible hands of top experts in the fields of keyword research, content marketing and search engine optimization support the site daily.

This electronic campaign has helped instill a renewed sense of optimism for the future of Freemasonry. Your Grand Lodge was one of the first to sign on to the program as an extension of our duty to guide men to the Craft to help them discover their rightful place within Freemasonry's esteemed order.

Last year, another survey was conducted but with 3,500 men rather than the initial 1,000 back in 2016 to reassess the terrain. The goal was to understand what would motivate men to join Freemasonry and what, if anything, had changed in nearly a decade. The most glaring result from this most recent survey to me was that after learning what Freemasonry was about, nearly two-in-three men (64%) stated that they would consider joining, which is an increase from the 44% in the original survey of 2016. Looking at millennials alone, this number jumps to 77%.

Freemasonry has survived for centuries by fostering enduring friendships among like-minded men. Freemasons share immutable values, a thirst for self-improvement, a commitment to virtuous purpose and living a life imbued with selflessness, integrity, and charity. For Freemasons, friendships are bound in part by a reliance on each other to continually learn and improve both as Master Masons and upstanding men.

Today, there are few places a man can turn to for connection. Friendship has become a game of chance and is often subjected to the ebb and flow of work and family demands. In many ways, forming new friendships has been relegated to the back of the line for men. In contrast, the Lodge is fully dedicated to forming meaningful bonds as, by definition, the Lodge is filled with men who share these noble values. True bonds are

formed through sharing a common purpose and noble values, which is reflected in the data on what attracts men to Masonry.

Freemasonry is practiced shoulder to shoulder with fellow Brethren, creating a sense of belonging by bringing men together in a supportive and inclusive community. Learning from and practicing the Craft is the catalyst for forming deep bonds of friendship and camaraderie by providing opportunities for social interaction, companionship, and shared experiences. Our Craft is unto itself in that it creates unique bonds through shared values and virtuous purpose, unparalleled support network, timeless rituals and traditions, and never-ending personal development.

As I mentioned last month, I believe our success in this recruitment initiative and ultimately, our objective of retention, lies solely on our follow-up with these men knocking at our West Gate. We are light years ahead of our Brethren to the South in this key focus where many men who want to join are ignored. All the early trust built through messages of brotherhood and connection are undone by a lack of follow-up. Thus, ignoring a prospect breaks trust, it breaks your word as a Mason, and you may not get the chance to repair the damage done.

Follow-up addresses concern; it strengthens Freemasonry's image and reputation; it drives conversion and fosters retention; and proves to be a significant method for building trust.

That was a long way to go to say thankyou to all the mentors and administrators involved with this program on behalf of your Grand Lodge and Masonry in Ontario and we encourage you to continue. Follow-up with our potential candidates is the key to our success in growing our Order. It is the first step in an effective retention strategy.

Thomas W. Hogeboom

Grand Master's Banquet on July 17, 2024:

- **Tickets went on sale April 1st.**
- <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grand-masters-banquet-2024-tickets-863985071607>.



Deputy Grand Master's April Communique

Brethren,

April is here and so is Spring! This is the time of year for new beginnings, for renewed excitement for future endeavours and for another chance of building a superstructure of hope and positivity. Spring is for eagerness and anticipation of what will transpire from the seeds that we have sown in our own masonic career. Spring is, in my opinion, the best time of year to feel great about ourselves and it's another chance to cultivate great results from a positive and fresh beginning.

The April Edition of the Ontario Masons Magazine is full of great information, education and events that will help you to get a fresh start on this Spring Season. Please sit down for a few minutes and read the OMM and maybe you can pick up some new ideas to get your Lodge and/or District active and moving forward better. Don't be afraid to try new ideas, your thoughts just might be that something that turned things around and reenergized the membership.

I want to talk about the Spring Masonic activities that are either already planned or are in the planning stages. I am truly happy that there are so many functions in the works, but I am asking the Organizing Committees to please use the Grand Lodge Branding on all of the posters and promotional material. Our Ontario Masons Branding has been designed to help our Fraternity to be recognized in our communities and to be used exclusively in Ontario. It will help the membership to identify our activities and to draw interest from everyone that happens to notice the promotional material. The Ontario Masons symbol and word mark will hopefully be used on everything in order to make us proud of our heritage and still move us forward into the future to keep us noticed and relevant.

All advertisements that have the Grand Master and/or the Deputy Grand Master involved in them are to be approved through the office of the Grand Secretary. If, for example, the Grand Master happens to be attending or is the guest speaker at that event, his name must be prominent as the main attraction. If his picture is used, it must be the Grand Lodge approved picture and it must be clearly placed on the poster. His name must be correctly spelled and his rank and title must be listed correct. If there are other speakers at the same event, that is alright, but the Grand Master must be and will be listed as the headlining attraction. Please send all related material to the Grand Secretary and he will help you to promote your event successfully. Remember, we are all in this together and we want every event to be well attended and recognized as an Ontario Masons event.

For the events that are being planned that do not have the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master attending as the special guest, please continue to use the official Grand Lodge Branding on all promotional materials. I feel that our Ontario Masons Branding provides consistency throughout the entire Jurisdiction for

everyone to see and be proud of. It's our Ontario Masons Branding in the Lodges, Districts and Communities that is going to make a significant difference to us in the long run. We need our members and our potential members to recognize and understand that wherever they see the symbol and word mark being used, good things are happening. Please forward your posters to the Grand Lodge Communications Pillar so that they can help you to place our Branding in a prominent placing, so that you can receive the full benefit of a well-recognized and trusted Ontario Masons Brand.

The official Branding document, for your use, is located on the Grand Lodge website, please review it and use it. I want you to be successful and to have fun in all of your activities and I want you to be ever mindful of the potential members that you might be in the eyes of. Branding is a positive step forward for us, let's reap the benefits that it will produce.

In conclusion, as always, my Brethren, let us rub and cherish our shiny penny, plan for a bright, safe and happy future, keep our Lodges vibrant and make someone smile today and tomorrow. Let us look ahead to this upcoming Masonic year with hope and determination and let us all inspire someone to do better!!! Remember Brethren, a cloudy day doesn't mean the sun isn't there.....let us all be the shining light to our friends and families, our Lodges and ourselves.

Thank you Brethren, safe travels and God Bless.

Jamie R. Ireland Deputy Grand Master



Link to the Grand Lodge Website: [Our Brand](#)

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The Grand Lodge Masonic Education Speaker Series

May 4, 2024 7:00 pm

Meet the Candidates

Register here:

<http://bit.ly/GLMasonicSpeakers>

On behalf of the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee, we cordially invite you to register and attend the annual "Meet the Candidates" evening, to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, commencing at 7:00pm.

Those brethren who have put their name forward to be elected Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Registrar, and the Board of General Purposes will have an opportunity to deliver an address and ask for your consideration when you vote in July. Each candidate will have three (3) minutes of screen time to speak. If a candidate can not attend, they have an opportunity to provide a written statement, which will be read by the moderator.

R.W. Bro. Edward F. (Ted) Edward F. Dunsmore
Chairman, Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee

Past Presentations

Since September of 2020 the Grand Lodge Speakers Series has delivered 35 presentations and has been fortunate enough receive permission from many of the speakers to record their presentations.

These presentations are archived on the Speaker Series landing page. There are 4 years (series) available for viewing at your leisure. The Committee highly encourage you to visit the landing page and view the many presentations that have been recorded.

- Use the same link as above to access the page.
- Scroll down to the Past Events
- Click on the link for the presentation
 - Register to watch
 - First Name, Last Name and
 - email address.

Your email address is not shared with anyone.

Grand Lodge Meet the Candidates

Grand Senior Warden



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PRINCE DILIPKUMAR SELVARAJ – Retired Correctional Officer, 130 Citadel Drive, Scarborough, ON M1K 4S6. The Beaches Lodge No. 473, Toronto East District. W.M. 2010.

Grand Junior Warden



SHAWN WARREN HEWLETT – Retired Police Officer, S/Sgt. OPP, 65 Rosemary Road, Orillia, ON L3V 7P9. Equity Lodge No. 659, Georgian North District. W.M. 2001. Grand Pursuivant 2022

Grand Registrar



ROBERT MICHAEL CULBERTSON – Retired Senior Financial Education Specialist, 6 Ironwood Crt., Brighton, ON K0K 1H0. Coronati Lodge No. 520, Toronto East District. W.M. 2017.



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Board of General Purposes



DAVID JAMES BRADLEY BROOMHEAD – Retired Teacher/Principal, 25 Aberdeen Street N., Box 957, Chapleau, ON POM 1K0. Lorne Lodge No. 622, Algoma East District. W.M. 1988, 2017. DDGM 1992. Board of G.P. 2019-2024



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JEFFREY MICHAEL GATCKE – Insurance Broker, 32 Dark Island Lane, Gananoque, ON K7G 2V4. Templum Fidelis Lodge No. 746, Frontenac District. W.M. 2023, 2024. DDGM 2016. Board of G.P. 2020-2024.



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Board of General Purposes continued



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JAMES ROBERT SERCOMBE – Retired Teacher, 426 Hickson Ave., London, ON N6C 2L5. Arkona Lodge No. 307, Sarnia District. W.M. 1989, 2001, 2010. DDGM 1999. Board of G.P. 2017-2024.



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EMILIO TESTA – Retired Business Analyst, 201-41 Ash Street, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1E2. Zeredatha Lodge No. 220, York District. W.M. 2001. Grand Steward 2022.



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Deputy Grand Master



ARTHUR MICHAEL DI CECCO – Owner & CEO Project Management, 8 Romney Road, Etobicoke, ON M9A 4G1. Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 2009, 2010. DDGM 2012. Board of G.P. 2012-2024.



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Dates to Remember



Masonic Memorial Service D. Wayne Robinson

A Masonic service and a celebration of life will be held
Saturday May 4th, 11 am
at Hillcrest Temple,
257 Mohawk Rd. West,
Dress: Business Suits

May 2024

Installation

Buchanan Lodge No. 550

Thursday May 02, 2024

Dinner N/A

Tyle 7:30 pm

Installation

Ancient Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Dinner NA

Tyle 7:30 pm

Hamilton District 'C'
Spring Meeting -
Saturday, May 25,
9.00am,
Hillcrest Temple

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Bring your special ladies to the Mother's Day Brunch at
the SCOTTISH RITE CLUB
May 12, 2024 11:30am to 1:30pm
\$40 per person or \$80 per couple +ht
Children Under 12 - 1/2 Price

Brunch includes a Seasonal Soup Station, Salads,
Breakfast Buffet (eggs benedict, bacon, sausages, ham
and more) and Desserts

For tickets go to

<https://scottishriteclub.ca/events/mothers-day-brunch-at-the-scottish-rite/>

Or do an e-transfer to bookkeeper@scotishriteclub.ca
and make sure you advise how many tickets you would
like and if they are adult or children under 12 tickets.

Hugh Murray Lodge
230, 602 St. J. & A. St. O.B.C.
102nd Anniversary 1922-2024
'Making Good Men Better since 1922'

Ladies Night Dinner

An evening of fine dining to celebrate the amazing Women in our lives.
Friday May 10th, 2024
6pm Meet & Greet 7pm Dinner

At
The Hamilton Club
6 Main Street East Hamilton, ON L8N 1E8

\$170 per couple (\$85 per person) - Formal Attire - Cash Bar
All Hugh Murray Brethren, family, friends and members of other Lodges are most welcome

For more information or tickets please contact W. Bro Steve Badger at
subadger602@gmail.com or 905-746-6828 - Limited tickets available

Ontario Masons

Hugh Murray Lodge
230, 602 St. J. & A. St. O.B.C.
102nd Anniversary 1922-2024
'Making Good Men Better since 1922'

PIE NIGHT

Tuesday May 21st, 2024
after our Regular monthly meeting (7:30pm tyled)

At the
Masonic Center of Hamilton
4 Queen Street South
Hamilton, ON L8P 3R3

Come on out for some friendship, camaraderie and
fun with your Lodge Brothers and fellow Masons!

To sponsor/donate a pie or for more information please
contact tribuwan@gmail.com or HMLsecretary602@outlook.com

Ontario Masons

ST. JOHN'S LODGE
NUMBER 40
A.E. & A.M. CA EST. 1852

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 17, 2024
4pm-9pm

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 163
435 Limeridge Rd. E, Hamilton
Symposium 4pm, Corn served at 4:30
Dinner 6:30. ALL WELCOME

\$35 ADULT/\$20 CHILD

**TICKET INCLUDES: 2 COBS OF CORN
PULLED PORK ON A BUN, 2 SIDES AND DESSERT**

For tickets contact any St. John's member
E-transfer to scottjameshume@gmail.com

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Ontario Masons

Around the District



W. M. Barry McDougall,
R. W. Bro. Ray Wilson,
and Bro. Doug Smith

Dufferin Lodge No. 291 Official Visit



W. M. Ted Burns
Bro. Quinn Colin Spruce
R. W. Bro. Ray Wilson



Seymour Lodge No. 272 - DDGM Homecoming



DDGM Official Visit to Westmount Lodge No. 671

Masonic Education:

The Candidate



The candidate is not merely a participant in our rites; He is the lifeblood of our fraternity.

Each candidate brings a unique blend of aspirations and needs, seeking light through Freemasonry's wisdom and brotherhood.

Thus, it is crucial to recognize that our work does not merely accommodate the candidate - it revolves around him.

Our interactions with candidates are not interruptions but rather the core activities of our Masonic existence.

They are the very purpose of our gathering and labor in the lodge.

When we guide a candidate through his degrees, we are not just performing a ritual;

We are fulfilling our fundamental mission by transmitting the venerable teachings of our craft.

Understanding that the candidate comes to us in search of something profound should forever be central to our approach.

Whether it is enlightenment, fellowship, or moral betterment...

Our duty (and privilege) is to fulfill these expectations.

By doing so, we not only strengthen his Masonic journey but also enrich our lodge and the broader fabric of Freemasonry.

Let us then approach each interaction with a candidate as an opportunity to reaffirm our dedication to the principles of our ancient fraternity.

In nurturing their Masonic journey, we renew our own commitment and ensure the vitality and relevance of our beloved craft for generations to come.

May we continue to serve with the zeal and passion that our candidates deserve, ensuring that our actions always mirror the highest ideals of Masonry.



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

OUR DUTY TO THE CANDIDATE

When a man joins a new company, there is always a period of indoctrination: he is never left to blunder around the office or the factory on his own. Consider the length of time required to train a lawyer, a doctor, or an engineer. A simple ordinary B.A. course takes three to four years. And yet, in Masonry, we say we take good men and make them better, but only allow three rather brief ceremonial evenings for this lofty project.

We extend fraternity and brotherly love to our new masons for a moment and then turn towards our older friends. The effort must be made to embrace everyone in our companionship; to bring every member into the magical circle of masonry, whereby each one of us may be encouraged to seek more and become an active part of the Masonic brotherhood. The work on the temple must never be suspended. A few minutes at the end of each degree could be devoted to some very basic information being given to the candidate. As soon as he has completed the three degrees a system of education should be devised to involve the new member in the work of the degrees and in the administrative structure of the Lodge.

The Lodge altar is the hearth of freemasonry around which we gather in the warmth of brotherly love and fellowship. All our candidates have taken Masonic vows at that same altar and, as a result, we ourselves have assumed a great obligation. We have assured the candidate that he has the right to make far-reaching claims upon us that affect time, fraternity, and education. We have a collective duty to that individual to make him better, and help him seek the light of truth, the way of honour, the will to work for men.

Time must be devoted for this purpose in a conscious effort and not just to fill a vacant space in our schedule. Our availability must be organized effectively to provide the opportunity for a continuing and planned effort on behalf of the candidate. The decision must be made as to which activities will occupy one's mind and then plans made accordingly. Do not become involved and hope that time may become available, make sure that it is available.

Intellectual sustenance must be provided for our members. The main aim in Masonry is to advance among ourselves the great masonic principles and display them in our communities by our example. Masonry is not a reform institution. It takes only those who already hold some of the basic beliefs of masonry and carries them further along the road to real brotherhood with mutual regard and esteem and allowances for our faults and failings. Remember that Masonry has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.

The Editor

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<https://ontariomasons.ca/OntarioMasons/Pillars/Education-Pillar/ShortTalks#>

Food for Thought / Editor's Note In Memoriam

Items from CanadaMasons@yahoo.com
dated 2016

Going to lodge no more makes anyone a Mason
than standing in a garage makes one a car. -
Anonymous

Your worst days are never so bad that you are
beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best
days are never so good that you are beyond the
need of God's grace. - *Anonymous*

You must act as if it is impossible to fail.
- African Proverb (Ashanti, Ghana, Ivory Coast)

We have all a better guide in ourselves, if we
would attend to it, than any other person can be.
- Jane Austen (1775-1817), Mansfield Park-1814

Life is short, but it's long enough to ruin any man
who wants to be ruined.
- Josh Billings [Henry Wheeler Shaw] (1818-1885)

Life is pure flame.
- Thomas Browne (1605-1682)

Wherever your heart is, there you will
find your treasure. - Paulo Coelho

A little magic can take you a long way.
- Roald Dahl (1916-1990)

A consistent soul believes in destiny; a
capricious one in chance.
- Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881), British
Prime Minister 1868,1874-80

I don't need you to remind me of my
age, I have a bladder to do that for me.
- Stephen (John) Fry

As we cultivate peace and happiness in
ourselves, we also nourish peace and
happiness in those we love. - Thich
Nhat Hanh

There is no coming to consciousness without
pain.
- Carl Gustav Jung (1875-1961)

Being honest will not get you many friends, but
it will always get you the right ones.
- John Lennon (1940-1980),

A man's doubts and fears are his worst enemies.
- William Wrigley Jr. (1861-1932)

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. David Gordon Poyntz Ricketts
Temple Lodge No.324

Initiated: 1981-03-21
Passed: 1981-09-15
Raised: 1982-01-19

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above April 21, 2024

Bro. William B. Durant
Landmarks / Doric Lodge No.654

Initiated 1956 11 03
Passed 1957 03 02
Raised 1957 05 24

Bro Durant was in his 68th year of Masonic service.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above April 11, 2024



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

Editor's Note

Brethren,

There was a recent meeting of Past Right
Worshipful Masters I attended that left
me with a good feeling that realignment
will work, but will take some positive
energy and effort.

This was mostly due to the closing
remarks from R.W. Bro. Nicholas Laine.
He emphasised that what's behind us is
not as important as what lay in front of us.

Similarly, the Grand Master's words on
the growth of interest in our fraternity
spark a good degree of hope.

Here's to a good ending to our year and
new beginnings!

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