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We are progressing on the realignment of the three Hamilton Districts into Hamilton North and Hamilton South. These two new districts will come into being at Grand Lodge Convocation in 2025.

Our spring district meeting took place on Saturday May 25 at the Hillcrest Temple. At this meeting realignment was a major topic of concern. Thanks to all brethren who submitted reports for this meeting. Also at this meeting, W. Bro. Steven Badger of Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 was nominated to serve as DDGM for the next Masonic year for Hamilton "C" District. Congratulations to him for the nomination.

As always, remember our sick and shut-in brethren. Give them a visit or a call and keep them included and involved in our district.

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. H. Raymond Wilson, DDGM

Our District Deputy Grand Master

Hello Brethren:

We are finally seeing spring as the temperature increases and planting of corn soybeans and home gardens is in full swing.



May was the month we celebrated the birthday of Queen Victoria. She was the Monarch in 1867 when Canada was made a country and to recognize her, we celebrate her birthday with a holiday in May. We often refer to this as the first long weekend of the summer season.

This past month I attended the installation of officers for Buchanan Lodge No. 550 and Landmarks/Doric Lodge No. 654. Congratulations to all brethren who have stepped up to serve these lodges.

May was also the month when The Electric Lodge No. 495 held its final meeting. In June it will amalgamate with Valley Lodge No. 100 to become Electric Valley Lodge No. 100. We wish this new venture success for coming years.

Though the final meeting of The Electric Lodge may have been bittersweet, a celebration of longevity was also held. Congratulations to W. Bro. Alex Mouriopoulos for achieving 50 years as a Mason and membership in The Electric Lodge No. 495. Alex was the recipient of a 50 year certificate and jewel.

Hamilton District C May 25 Meeting



Final Gavel by R.W. Bro. Ray Wilson (DDGM) and W. Bro. Bob Gordon (Secretary)

Grand Master's May Communique

My Brethren:

Never underestimate the power of your contribution to our great work.

Often, the most seemingly insignificant efforts have the most far-reaching effects. This is enhanced by the fact that those who perform such deeds are often men who on the surface appear to be insignificant. Within our Lodges and the Fraternity, we have our fair share of Brethren with great ideas, but let's be honest, most of us belong to a group whose greatest virtue lies in perseverance and devotion to building up the Lodges we belong to. Without the efforts of all members of our Lodges, we would be at a standstill. If you don't believe me, ask any of our great leaders and they will be the first to tell you they couldn't do what they do for us by themselves – it is a team effort. Success takes the effort of all members in many ways and areas.

For example, you may not know how to host and open house, but you do know how to talk and be friendly. You may not be comfortable in organizing a Lodge cookout but I'm pretty sure you can call and invite Brethren to attend or work a spatula. The point is to make yourself useful by expanding your horizons and discovering what you are capable of.

One of the great things about our Fraternity is that it continually gives us as individuals the opportunity to step outside our personal boundaries and achieve our full potential as the Great Architect's Craftsmen. We are continually given the chance to rise to the occasion and learn on the fly, as it were.

I thank the Great Architect of the Universe every single day for this wonderful privilege of serving you and our Grand Lodge. To lose ourselves in the service of something greater than we, as individuals are, is indeed a great honour. I am inspired by all that I see accomplished by you, year in and year out in the name of Brotherly love.

But your importance to our beloved Craft is not determined by brilliance near as much as your hard work, performed with likeminded individuals. Your Lodges and your Grand Lodge need your skills and talents to prosper and grow. Even if you feel you are nothing more than the 'average Hiram,' you are an important labourer in this great work. Without you, we are nothing. It is important to remember that history is made by the labours of those who seek to serve, not those who seek to drape themselves in glory.



A few months ago, I used the baseball story of Coach Scolinos' plea not to 'widen the plate' and received a lot of positive comments regarding the message and even one who passed it on to his Son – thanks W. Bro. Cumming! And given that Major League

Baseball Opening Day has passed as you read this, I have another baseball analogy. It comes from a book I am currently reading called 'Teammate – My Journey in Baseball and a World Series for the Ages' written by David Ross with the assistance of Don Yaeger.

In 2016, the Chicago Cubs snapped their 108year 'curse' by capturing the World Series in an epic, history-making, seven-game battle with the Cleveland Indians. Of the many storylines to Chicago's fairytale season, one stood out: the late career renaissance of David Ross. At thirty-nine years old, David had played thirteen of his fifteen year professional career as back-up catcher with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Pittsburgh Pirates, San Diego Padres, Cincinnati Reds, Boston Red Sox, Atlanta Braves and the Chicago Cubs.

I got to know David in August of 2008 after he was released by the Reds in the middle of a multiyear contract because he was considered to 'not be a good teammate.' That was the year my beloved Red Sox picked him up to add catching depth to a team on its way to its fifth postseason appearance in six years, including the 2004 World Series Champions after a 76-year drought and again in 2007. (Sorry, I had to get that in!) That was the year David turned his life around. There was no more being disgruntled for playing a diminished role on the field and no more being a headache for management. Over the next two months, despite being the new guy on the team, despite hardly playing, despite suffering through a tough season, David became a favourite among his teammates, found his way into the middle of the clubhouse dynamic and was even invited to advance scouting meetings as a third string catcher. A reformation if you will. He would still be in Boston when they won the World Series again in 2013 as back-up to a much younger catcher and as a leader in the club house.

The details of the book continue to say that beyond David's remarkable strong play, he became the ultimate positive force in the Cubs locker room, mentoring and motivating his fellow players, some of them nearly twenty years his junior. Thanks to his young teammates, Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo, "Grandpa Rossy" became a social media sensation. His last career at bat was a solo home run in game seven of the World Series and proved critical to the Cubs victory. At the end of the game, the capstone of a remarkable and resilient career, he was carried off the field on his teammates' shoulders.

My favourite line in the book is – "You don't have to be the Most Valuable Player on the team to be an invaluable player."

The next time you are called upon to do something that you feel is above your abilities, just remember that we are all part of the big picture, and we all have a part to play for us to be successful. Even your most seemingly insignificant efforts have far reaching consequences for

good or evil. Therefore, we must choose our actions wisely for the benefit of those who will most assuredly follow in our footsteps.

Never forget that you and your fellow members are the future of Freemasonry in the Province of Ontario. Continue to persevere. Continue to serve. And above all else, continue to lead by example and push the great work of Ontario Freemasonry forward into the future!

Thank you, Brethren.

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 May Communique

Brethren,

It's finally the much-anticipated month of May and we should all be so thankful for another chance to eventually reap later what we sow now. Whether you are living in the busiest city, the quietest corner of a farming area or somewhere in between, May is the greatest month to plant our seeds, our flowers, and our ideas, especially our ideas. It is our ideas that, if they are properly planted and cultivated, they may grow and flourish into something spectacular. Never forget to plant your ideas and watch them grow into the positive vision that you have been dreaming about.

I am going to try to plant a seed here for you to contemplate and reflect upon. I want to suggest to you that the Cornerstone Program from Grand Lodge may be one of those ideas that, if cultivated properly, it will grow and flourish into a most active and energized Lodge. If nourished just right and allowed to take root, a Cornerstone Lodge will grow at an incredible rate. As the Lodge grows it will produce improved qualities such as visitation, Masonic Education and much better Protocol and Etiquette. A proper dues structure will result from the needed task of budgeting and the discipline to follow that budget. The Ritual will rise to perfection, Mentoring will form the backbone from which the future successes will sprout and expand from and this will be all anchored by the Worshipful Master and the members of the Lodge. Brethren, please let the Cornerstone Program guide your actions and may this new growing season be meaningful and bountiful. Do all you can to nurture that growing seed into one of the most beautiful creations ever. Build your Lodge into one to be proud of, one that will make you want to hand out a properly Branded Ontario Masons card to all of the "Like minded men that you know". I'll say it again, the Cornerstone Program will make your Lodge flourish and grow into a

successful, welcoming, vibrant and envied place to experience the Grand Lodge vision of Ritual, Education and Mentoring, R.E.M.

Spring is also the time of year on the Masonic calendar when you get to attend the Official Visits, where the Lodges get to show off their proficiency in the work, their willingness to do better and their dedication to our gentle and faithful Craft. Get out and around your Districts if possible, support your fellow Lodges and show them that you care. Make it known in your Districts that you love to see and witness great Ritual, Education and Mentoring. Let us gently push every Lodge to move in a positive direction in order to succeed, grow and flourish. The Cornerstone of every Lodge should inspire us to want to do better.

I just want to expand on the opportunities given to the membership by having Official Visits. Aside from showing off the talents of the Lodge, an Official Visit places the requirements on the Lodge to complete the "L Forms". The "L Forms", which should at the very least be discussed and completed by the Lodge members, gives the opportunity for a Lodge to receive a Condition of Masonry Lodge Report Card. Whether this Report Card is red, yellow or green, it provides a much-needed chance for the members to realize what they are excelling at or should be changing in order to do better. It is a great document that can be used as Masonic Education. The Lodge can hear and read about their positive movements and/or their deficiencies, if any. If the Long Range Plan of the Lodge is floundering slightly in one area, it can be tweaked in order to change direction and move on. A caution would be that even if the Report Card shows all green, be aware of where you can change to succeed even more. If the Report Card shows a mixture of colours, use it to move towards an all green objective.

Everything that I've talked about can be made better by using the Cornerstone Program. Worshipful Masters, take another look and put a roadmap in place that utilizes Cornerstone. You really owe it to your Lodge to have the best year possible. Steer the membership towards success, positivity and growth.

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



**169th Annual
Communication of Grand
Lodge July 2024**

**Wednesday July 17th and Thursday July 18th
Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites
600 Highway 7 (Highway 404 and Highway 7)
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1B2**

A G E N D A

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th, 2024

The Annual Communication / annual meeting of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday July 17th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom, Grand Master / President presiding.

THURSDAY, JULY 18th, 2024

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

Grand Lodge Nominees

Grand Senior Warden -

- Nick Dekoulos -
- Prince Dilipkumar Selvaraj

Grand Junior Warden - Acclamation

- Shawn Warren Hewlett

Grand Registrar -

- Robert Michael Culbertson -
- Alexander James Doel

Board of General Purposes

- David James Bradley Broomhead
- Edward Charles Denbeigh
- Brent Henry Derochie
- Jeffrey Michael Gatcke
- Daniel Graham -
- Donald S. Kemball -
- Robert Kliaman
- Garry S. Perkins -
- James Robert Sercombe -
- Peter John Sialtsis -
- Victor A. Tavares -
- Emilio Testa -
- James Orville Wark

Deputy Grand Master

- Arthur Michael Di Cecco -
- Terrance H.R. Van Horne

Candidate Bios are available in the Members area here:

<https://ontariomasons.ca/GLCPO/OntarioMasons/Grand-Lodge/Elections.aspx?hkey=e782ac39-8b8d-4569-b8d3-abf012e9fcf3>

**Discussion / Participation
Seminars**

Eleven different seminars will be held on Wednesday afternoon July 17th, 2024 from 1:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. on the lower Convention level.

1:00 to 2:00pm	Lodge of Instruction - EA Custodian of the Work Vaughan Ballroom
1:00 to 2:00pm	Officer Progression R.W. Bro. Art Di Cecco, Markham A
1:00 to 2:00pm	Treasurer Workshop Grand Treasurer Markham B
1:00 to 2:00pm	First prepared to be a Mason W. Bro. Mitch Allison Aurora
1:00 to 2:00pm	Secretary Technology R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman, Stouffville

2:15 to 3:15pm	Lodge of Instruction - FC Custodian of the Work Vaughan Ballroom
2:15 to 3:15pm	Condition of Masonry R.W. Bro. Ken Elligson, Markham A
2:15 to 3:15pm	Membership Strategies R.W. Bro. Jim Sercombe Markham B
2:15 to 3:15pm	Temples (Fire & Insurance) R.W. Bros. Gatcke & Sialtsis Aurora
2:15 to 3:15pm	Secretary Technology R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman, Stouffville

3:30 to 4:30pm	Lodge of Instruction - MM Custodian of the Work Vaughan Ballroom
3:30 to 4:30pm	Cornerstone R.W. Bro. Graham Tait Markham A
3:30 to 4:30pm	District Secretary R.W. Bro. Victor Tavares, Markham B
3:30 to 4:30pm	Duties of a Corporation R.W. Bro. Chris Handley Aurora
3:30 to 4:30pm	Secretary Technology R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman, Stouffville

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

DRESS CODE:

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

Dates to Remember

June 2024

Amalgamation Ceremony

Valley Lodge No. 100 & The Electric Lodge No. 495
Monday June 10, 2024
Tyle at 7:30 pm,
MCH

Election of the District Deputy Grand Masters June 2024

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

Voter registration

9 am Monday June 10, 2024 to
4 pm Friday June 14, 2024

Balloting

9 am Monday June 17, 2024 to
4 pm Tuesday June 18, 2024



JOIN US FOR A BAR-B-Q

The Buchanan Lodge annual BBQ!!



Thursday June 6 at 6 PM

The Hillcrest Temple



257 Mohawk Road West, Hamilton, ON L9C 1W2

You are cordially invited to join

M.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace Hogeboom
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario
for
The Amalgamation Ceremony
of
 & 
Valley Lodge No. 100 The Electric Lodge No. 495

Followed by
The Installation of the Worshipful Master
& Investiture of the Officers of
Electric Valley Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 100, G.R.C.

Monday June 10, 2024
Masonic Centre – Hamilton
4 Queen Street South, Hamilton

Lodge will tyle (business) 5:45pm
Festive Board 6:15pm
The Amalgamation Ceremony 7:30pm
Call-Off for Photographs
The Installation & Investiture Ceremony.... to follow
W. Bro. Aaron T. Smith, Installing Master
Bro. Christopher J. Boivin, Worshipful Master-Elect

Reservations required for the Festive Board
R.S.V.P. Deadline: Wednesday June 5, 2024

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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
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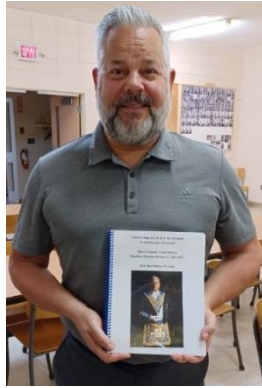
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Around the District



Cornerstone Lodge Certificate
W. Bro. Ed Patterson (Secretary)
and W.M. Gary McLean,
Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602



R.W. Bro. William Walter Paul
(LP.D.D.G.M.) Memory Book
from his District C terms



V.W. Bro. Alex Mouriopoulos Receiving his
50 yr Mason Award



Buchanan Lodge No. 550 Installation



Ancient Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654 Installation

In Memoriam Passing of a Grand Master

M.W. Bro. William 'Bill' R. Pellow passed to the GL Above on May 20, 2018. His mother lodge was Lorne Lodge No. 622 in his hometown of Chapleau ON (Algoma East District). His long and successful career as a dentist in London allowed him to affiliate with Ionic Lodge No. 716. He was predeceased by his wife Leitha (1931 - 2006), and son Robin (1967 - 1997). Since then his daughter Arden has died (2021). Interment of M.W. Bro. Pellow is in Chapleau Municipal Cemetery with his wife, where the monument marking his final resting place notes his role as Grand Master in 1987 - 1989, and other high ranks in concordant bodies.

In his autobiography he estimates he met over 100,000 people in his life and travels.

A short biography is posted on the OntarioMasons.ca website.

Grand Master (1987-88 and 1988-89) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



(1930-2018)

William Russel Pellow was born at Chapleau, Ontario, in 1930, and received his early education in local schools. He attended Albert College in Belleville and received a BA degree from Queen's University in 1960. He completed his studies at the University of Toronto School of Dentistry where he received a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in 1964.

He spent 20 years with CPR (1942-63) becoming a locomotive engineer in 1953 on the White River-Chapleau-Cartier Sub-divisions. During the next decade

he was both a diesel-locomotive engineer and owner operator of a hunting and fishing business. In 1964 he moved to London where he practiced dentistry and branched into real estate, becoming President of Pellark Inc., a land and property development company. Dr. Pellow has also taught at the University of Toronto and UWO Dental Faculties. He is a member of local, provincial and federal dental societies and has held offices in a number of dental bodies.

He married Leitha Robinson in 1955 and they have two daughters, Kimberley Anne and Arden Linda, and one son, William Robin Jackson. The family are members of the United Church.

Masonic Career

Dr. William R. Pellow was initiated into Lorne 622 GRC, Chapleau (1956). His progression as a Lodge officer was interrupted by his education. After removing to London, he affiliated with Ionic 716, London (1966) and served as WM (1972). He was elected as DDGM of London East District (1976-77) and appointed (1980) to the Board of General Purposes and elected (1982-84) to the Board, serving on several committees including Masonic Education. He was elected as Deputy Grand Master 1985-86 and 1986-87 and Grand Master 1987-88 and 1988-89. He served as Chairman of the Commission of Recognition of the Grand Lodges of North America (1987-92). He holds honorary and affiliated membership in many Lodges. He is the recipient of Masonic honours from sister Grand Lodges, including: Henry Price Medal (Massachusetts), Pierpont Edwards Medal (Connecticut), Erasmus James Philips Medal (Nova Scotia), Jeremy L. Cross Award (New Hampshire) and is an Honourary Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

In the York Rite he is a member and Honourary Past First Principal of St. John's No. 3, London and Past Grand Sojourner of Grand Chapter. He is a recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America (1990). He is a member of the Scottish Rite and was coroneted as an Honourary Inspector General 33E (1988).

He was a member of Rameses Shrine, Toronto (1961) and affiliated with Mocha Shrine, London (1966) where he served as Potentate (1968).

[Sources: (1) *Annual Proceedings* of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

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Published and Edited by David Hauraney, Print Master, Etobicoke, 2000.

(3) *Whence Come We? Volume II*, 2011,

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada.]

Editor's note. R.W.Bro. Bill MacPherson came across this tribute this past month and submitted it as content. Despite the passing of time, we recognize the contributions of W.M. Pellow and felt as editors he should be remembered in the Chronicle.

Article: Are you a Traveling Man?

By Worshipful Brother John Bartoszak
Master of Humane Lodge No 21, Rochester

I have learned a lot from traveling throughout the jurisdiction and beyond. I have found that there are differences between jurisdictions, districts, and even subtle differences from lodge to lodge. Those differences define who we are and should never be relegated to history. Maintain your lodge traditions, provided they do not conflict with Grand Lodge. Take as an example, in Humane Lodge 21 we not only use a Chamber of Reflection but celebrate it. An antiquated aspect of Freemasonry, Humane reinstated it, and have found it to add a new level of sublimity to the Entered Apprentice degree. It's different, while not changing or conflicting with Degree ritual, and gives the new initiate a unique perspective when they begin their Masonic journey.

Another benefit of traveling is the feeling of belonging. No matter what lodge I travel to, I am accepted as a friend and honored guest. I can vividly remember walking into Mt. Lebanon Lodge in Laconia, unknown to anybody, and being greeted as a lifelong friend. It was like I was a member of their lodge. "Grab a plate and have a seat, Brother." One of my homes away from home, Winnepesaukee Lodge No. 75 in Alton, is a great place to visit. They always have a program during the Stated Communication and a great meal. Federal Lodge No. 5 in Dover is another interesting place to visit. Their programs are generally more conversation than presentation. Sometimes starting as a book report and turning into a debate on the meaning of symbols in the lodge.

If you have been a Mason for 30 or 40 years you can probably open a lodge without thinking about it. You've seen the opening hundreds of times. As a newer Mason, if you don't travel, you can see the opening ten times a year. You can double that if you travel once a month. Go to one lodge a week and you'll see the opening forty or more times a year. After a few years, you won't have to study to open a lodge, you will already know how to. Sure, you'll probably want to study anyway, but you will have heard and seen it so many times that it will flow in your memory. You can then own the ritual, and not be robotic in the delivery. You'll be able to make it interesting and fresh for your membership.

You never know when you will run into a Brother. I was in Sloppy Joe's in Key West, enjoying an adult beverage when a gentleman asked me if I was a "Traveling Man". I said, "Sure, I just drove down from NH". He pointed at his ring and asked again "No, are you a Traveling Man?". The light bulb lit up bright and we had an hour-long masonic conversation in Key West.

Travel; you won't regret it.

Yes, I am a Traveling man.

Source: <https://www.nhgrandlodge.org/are-you-a-traveling-man/>

IN MEMORIAM



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

Editor's Note

Call for Submissions!



The Chronicle would be like to share your travels with our readers. Please send along a few pictures and if you wish a short comment that would be of interest to other fellow masons.



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