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Our District Deputy Grand Master

My brethren of District C,

Christmas season is upon us, and I wish you and your families а festive and holiday season. I hope that we can look back on our year and be thankful for all that the G.A.O.T.U has provided us with.

In the month of November, I was invited to and attended 3 social events across the District. Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 held their annual Chilli Cook



Off, Buchanan Lodge No. 550 hosted a Chicken Wings & Football game, while Electric Valley No. 100 held their annual Christmas Dinner. Thank you to the members of Electric Valley for their quite generous donation to the District charity on the evening.

It was encouraging to see all 3 events so well attended. Holding these social events for your members are just as important your Regular Meetings. It is an opportunity for your members to experience some fraternity with their members outside of the lodge room and with friends and family. It is one of the keys of success for our fraternity going forward.

On November 12th I attended the amalgamation ceremony for Dufferin Lodge No. 291 and Waterdown

Lodge No. 357. It is sad to see one of our lodges leave our District, but I hope it will be beneficial to both lodges as they form Flamborough Lodge No. 357. The District now stands at 7 Lodges for the remainder of my term.

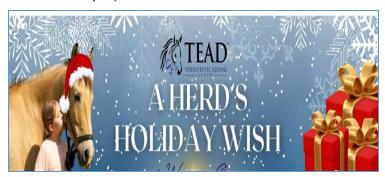
This month I gave blood, for the first time in 35 years, at Canadian Blood Services in Ancaster. Blood Donor Chairman, Bro. James Zimmerman, has provided me with the following information for 2024: 11 District members have donated blood, with over 20 donations and our volunteers have provided over 412 hours of their time. We would like to see the donations reach 30 before the end of the year. Members of Hugh Murray Lodge man the rest station from 3 to 7 PM every Wednesday, come and give blood and see a friendly face afterwards. When filling out your donor information make sure to mark down the organization you are donating blood for: Masonic Lodge – Hamilton District C.

On Thursday December 5th I will make my Official Visit to Buchanan Lodge No. 550 and on the 17th Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602 will hold their Installation. I hope to see as many of you as possible in support of our brethren. With the number of Masons we have in the District there should be a full room for both of these events. Visitation lays at the heart of what it means to be a Freemason, let's embrace that and make every effort to attend.

Enjoy the holiday season and have a safe and festive Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

R. W. Bro. Steven William Badger FCFDistrict Deputy Grand Master Hamilton C District



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Grand Master's November Communique

Brethren,

It's November, the colours of the Fall season are in full bloom, at least when I was writing this communique it was. The Grand Director Ceremonies and myself returned from a trip to Ottawa and Gatineau, in the middle of October. where we attended the joint Gala with M.W. Bro. Robert Dupel, the Grand Master of the Grand



Lodge of Quebec. It was a great time, spent with great friends from both within and outside of our Jurisdiction. The Gala was a sold out event and I want to thank the members and Grand Lodge Officers who attended with us. We value our relationships with our neighbouring Jurisdictions and I would like to attend more of that sort of function as time permits. Thank you again to the Grand Lodge of Quebec for arranging such a successful Gala.

I started out by mentioning the Fall colours, the trees in the Ottawa area were just coming into colour nicely and as we drove further south, the trees were still hanging on to their shades of green. Now, at the end of October as I write this communique, the trees around southwestern Ontario are beautiful shades of red. It's a great time of the year as we witness the splendor of nature, The only trouble with this season is that the cold is creeping in, the days are getting shorter and winter is getting closer. That being said, I do not like the cold.

As we go from the Fall and proceed forward, plans are being made for upcoming Days of Masonry around the Jurisdiction. Many Districts are joining forces and are organizing these with one or two surrounding Districts, what a great idea! A Day of Masonry can have a speaker/presenter on almost any topic that the District would prefer, please contact R.W. Bro. Mike Martin for help and ideas. He Chair's the Seminars and Workshops Committee and he is ready and able to make your Day happen. I really enjoy the Question and Answer component that many functions have, where you are able to ask me anything about Grand Lodge and I will either answer it on the spot or get the correct information for you. It's a great time for the attendees, to be honest and open and maybe even start a great discussion on any topic. There are also Districts wanting to hold a Grand Master Reception instead of a Day of Masonry and that is completely acceptable. I love travelling around this Province and meeting the membership, after all, it's the members that elected me to this Office that I currently hold and I love bringing Grand Lodge to everyone.

I have had many inquiries into my schedule, where I'll be and when. I've been holding off on publishing where I'll be attending only because the fall harvest has been a tremendously busy time for me. Some functions such as anniversaries, amalgamations and milestone pin presentations are a must for me to attend while some fraternal visits may or may not happen due to the events of that particular day. This is the product of being a working Grand Master. Although being a farmer gives me greater flexibility in my scheduling, it also puts huge demands on me at various times of the year. That being said, I will now start publishing my schedule for everyone's perusal so that you can make your plans to attend those places with me. Thank you Grand Senior Warden for putting this schedule into a document for me so that it is easily published.

Recently I heard the comment that the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master rarely travel to the same meetings together. I realize that in the past that may have been the case but in the last few years the Deputy and Grand Master have attended events together many times. The current Deputy and I travelling together cements the bond between us and proves to the members that your Grand Lodge is in good hands well into the future. I think this image is positive and moves us forward with continuity and the assurance of the great things to come. Thank you Deputy Grand Master for everything that you do for all of us.

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



Ill. Bro. D. Kenneth Laliberte, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, alongside M.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland who proudly received his 32° at the Scottish Rite

Deputy Grand Master's November Communique

Dear Brethren.

As we enter this season of harvest and thanksgiving, I extend my warmest wishes to each of you, your families, and friends. Let us take a moment to reflect and be thankful for the many gifts we have received from those who have guided us on our own journeys. Let us celebrate those relationships and the impact they have had on our lives by embracing our own roles as mentors and by passing their legacy forward.

As we progress in our Masonic journeys, it becomes evident that a unique connection exists between leadership and mentorship. The textbook definition tells us that 'mentoring' is a fundamental form of human development where one person invests time, energy and personal know-how in assisting the growth and ability of another person'. In Masonic terms 'mentoring is a learning process where a more experienced Brother invests time, energy and Masonic experience in assisting, and caring for a new Brother so that he may fully enjoy the benefits of our Craft.

As leadership within Freemasonry extends far beyond the confines of formal office terms, those who have held positions of leadership carry a profound responsibility to guide and nurture our newer Brethren. Our terms of office prepare us for the more subtle and continuous forms of leadership; to mentor our newer Brethren in all aspects of their Masonic journey; to offer assistance and guidance in our rites and ceremony; to consider the reason and purpose of our observances; and more importantly, to identify and promote the leadership qualities and abilities in our newer Brethren.

Mentorship has always been a cornerstone of our fraternity. Historically, the traditional method of teaching and learning within our Craft was that the work, the charges, the mechanics, the protocol, and the etiquette, were passed on to the newer member from mouth to ear. There was no written booklet or resource for distribution, and when the book of the work was eventually introduced, it was intended only for the use of the Worshipful Master and the secretary of the lodge. Its' circulation and usage for the general membership was not available, nor was it encouraged. This was our standard practice of mentoring our Brethren and officers until not so long ago and is still the practice in several jurisdictions.

Imagine Brethren, the implications of this built-in method of mentorship in today's context. Imagine the determination required by a member or line officer to master his Craft and the level of perfection and proficiency expected of the mentor. The relay of words, phrases, mechanics and ceremony passed down from mentor to newer member or officer with incredible precision. Imagine the resolve, the commitment, and the determination required by a member or line officer to master their Craft. This speaks not only to the expected level of dedication, but also to the focus on precision, and the firm commitment to excellence.

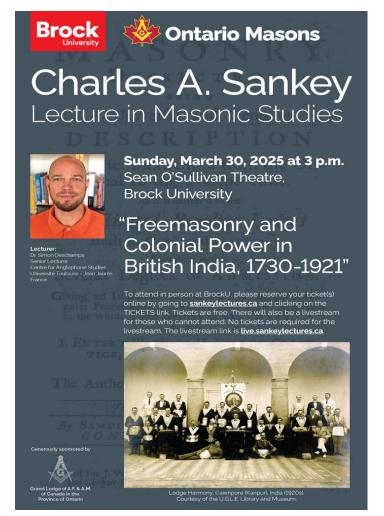
Imagine the lifetime relationships encouraged and forged out of the necessity to ensure the passage of the Craft in its purest form, from one generation to the next. The true value and heritage of Freemasonry passed down from generation to generation traditionally, without reference material, books of the work, and all the other written resources that we have available to us today. In this context Brethren,

Masonry has traditionally practiced mentorship in its purest form.

In contrast, today's social landscape promotes the idea of simplification and instant results, often valuing speed over depth. The misconception exists that if immediate results and gratification are not realized, then the methods must be re-evaluated and re-prioritized. Along these lines, how much can actually be accomplished of true value when little time is given to accurately, and effectively process what we do. The essence of true value lies in taking the time to deeply engage with our principles and practices. The Masonic journey is one of perpetual learning and mentoring. As we progress, we take on the responsibility of aiding and supporting our fellow Brethren. In doing so, we must allow ourselves the patience to fully appreciate and internalize the lessons we learn and convey to our fellow Brethren.

With my best fraternal regards,

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



Dates to Remember

Official Visit Buchanan Lodge No.550

Thursday December 5, 2024 Dinner 6:30 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm Hillcrest Temple



Breakfast With Santa at the Rite

Saturday December 7, 2024 9 am – 12:30 pm Bring your friends and family.

A full breakfast buffet
Tea, Coffee, Fresh Juices
Santa Letter and Coloring Craft table
Kids Candy Cane Hunt in the Tuckett Mansion
Tour the Scottish Rite Club and Cathedral
\$20 per adult, \$10 per child (5-17) \$5 4 + under
\$55 Group / family of 4, \$105 Table of 8

Reservation Required https://scottishriteclub.ca/events/scottish-rite-club-presents-breakfast-with-santa/





Installation Hugh Murray Lodge No.602

Tuesday December 17, 2024 Dinner 6 pm, Tyle 7:30 pm Masonic Centre of Hamilton

Our Christmas dinner is \$35.00 per person and includes a full turkey dinner with all the fixings, mashed potatoes, salad, stuffing, gravy, dessert, coffee and tea.

Please RSVP by Tuesday Dec 10th to W.Bro. Tribu Persuad at <u>tribuwan@gmail.com</u>



January 2025

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 18th

9 am Breakfast, 10 am Meeting

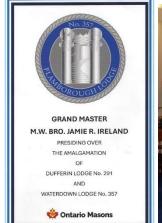
Shrine Club Hamilton

Mid Term District Meeting 10 am, Saturday January 25th Hillcrest Temple

Around the District



Our DDGM R.W. Bro. Steve Badger leading by example, by donating blood for Hamilton C District, with the District Secretary Bro. Adrian Haigh and W.M of Hugh Murray Lodge No.602, Gary McLean volunteering their time to help the donors





Flamborough Lodge No. 357Amalgamation Ceremony



Wing Night!

Buchanan Lodge No. 550 had a Wing Night social event to watch the Thursday Night Football game on Nov 21, and the event was well attended by our members. Special guests included our DDGM and District Secretary, our candidate for initiation in December, and a gentleman interested in joining the Craft.

Kind Regards, Robin Colville - W. Master Buchanan Lodge





Masonic Education Email from DuckDuck Go!

This topic came up at a recent meeting with RW Bro. Mike Martin. I thought it might be a good topic for the Chronicle to educate other Brethren. Use my veiled contact information if anyone would like to follow up with me. clunky-aghast-sled@duck.com

Many Lodge Officers are using their personal email addresses for Masonic communications. This could lead to a breach of privacy. One method is to use a "throw-away email address" that is not usable to external parties. If that address is compromised somehow, that throw-away address can be changed rather than the personal email address.

https://duckduckgo.com/duckduckgo-help-pages/email-protection/duck-addresses/

What is DuckDuckGo Email Protection?

DuckDuckGo Email Protection is a free email forwarding service that removes multiple types of hidden email trackers and lets you create unlimited unique private email addresses on the fly. Email Protection works seamlessly in the background to make your existing email account and inbox (Gmail, Outlook, Apple Mail, Proton, etc.) more private — no need to update your contacts or juggle multiple accounts.

DuckDuckGo Email Protection conceals your email address with Duck Addresses. There are two types of Duck Addresses: **personal** (example: <u>name@duck.com</u>) and <u>private</u> (automatically generated for you, example: <u>amaze-gem-spider@duck.com</u>).

You can sign up for DuckDuckGo Email Protection

- in a DuckDuckGo mobile browser (iOS/Android) by opening Settings and then selecting Email Protection
- On desktop, navigate to https://duckduckgo.com/email while using a
 DuckDuckGo desktop browser (Mac/Windows) or desktop browser extension (Firefox/Chrome/Edge/Brave/Opera).





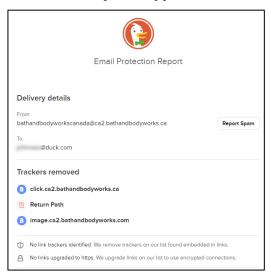
If you have a Privacy Pro subscription, you can enhance Email Protection with Personal Information Removal, which finds and removes personal data, like your email address, from broker sites that sell it.

How do I get a personal Duck (duck.com) Address?

When you sign up for DuckDuckGo Email Protection, you get to pick a personal Duck Address (example: name@duck.com). Any emails sent there

- will be stripped of email trackers on a block list
- and then will be forwarded to whatever personal forwarding email address you provide, arriving at your regular inbox.

Within forwarded emails, you will see a banner from DuckDuckGo that highlights how many trackers were blocked and what companies appear to be behind them.



How do I reply from my Duck Addresses?

For most Duck Addresses, replies just work. Simply reply to any email sent to one of your Duck Addresses as you normally would. The replies are routed through duck.com so they're delivered from the Duck Address they were sent to. If your forwarding address is on a unique domain without an SPF record, replies sent from Duck Addresses aren't supported.

How do I compose a new email from my personal Duck Address?

The easiest way to send from your personal Duck Address is to reply to a message sent to it. This will work automatically, and is the suggested method.

They hope to make starting a new thread with your personal Duck Address easier in the future, but for now you can do so by sending a message from your current Email Protection forwarding address using a special recipient address format.

For example, if your personal Duck Address is <u>jane@duck.com</u> and you want to send to your friend's email <u>brian@gmail.com</u>. To send the email from your personal Duck Address, you would send the message to <u>brian_at_gmail.com_jane@duck.com</u>.

Note that there is only one '@' symbol in the address (as is required); the @gmail has been replaced with _at_gmail and your personal username has been appended after that, all followed by '@duck.com'. If you do this, then the email will go through us and then replies will work as normal thereafter without having to do anything more.

How many private Duck Addresses can I generate?

Effectively unlimited! Technically, there is a limit on the number of private Duck Addresses you can generate per day to prevent abuse, but it's not a limit they expect anyone to practically hit.

Can I change my personal Duck Address?

Once created, a Duck Address cannot be changed. However, you can change your forwarding address on the "Account" tab of Email Protection Settings.

Where can I see and manage my private Duck Addresses?

For Android, MacOS, and iOS, you can easily manage, deactivate, and reactivate private Duck Addresses within the Passwords menu in the DuckDuckGo browser.

If you're using Windows or the DuckDuckGo browser extension (and alternatively for Android, MacOS, and iOS), you can manage private Duck Addresses individually through your inbox.

For example, if you search your inbox for '@duck.com' you should be able to find any emails sent to your inbox via private Duck Addresses. These can be individually deactivated (or reactivated) via the banner at the top of each email.

Can I create multiple custom Duck Addresses or Email Protection accounts?

Currently you can only have a single Duck Address enabled on any given browser. If you create a second Email Protection account, email will be forwarded to each, but you won't be able to autofill and generate new Private Addresses for more than one account at a time.

To create a second account: Sign out of Email Protection (your account will continue to forward email), then go to https://duckduckgo.com/email/start to create a new account. But note that you must use a different, unique forwarding address for each account.

Editors Note: Watch for Part 2 next month,

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.



Masonic Passport, Poseidon Lodge No. 232 Romanian Masonry

The evening of Oct 8th, 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. The following is a short recap of that history presented to us.

Early history:

The seeds of modern Freemasonry were planted by great initiates in the fertile soil of the European states early in the beginning of the 18th century. First in England, then in France and other countries, the noble ideas of spiritual uplifting, equality between people and between nations and social emancipation were spread with generosity by our illustrious forefathers.

The Masons were the drivers of social progress, freedom and democracy in Europe. Masonry came to life in a propitious moment of the history of our old continent and its novel ideas gave way to the great social turmoil, the great European revolutions, culminating with the French Revolution, whose famous motto, which in the meantime became universal, *Liberty, Equality,* Fraternity', contained at its core the triumph of the Masonic principles.

The special social situation in the so-called Romanian Provinces made it possible for the Masonic ideas to be assimilated. so that from the 18th century until the end of the 19th century, several Masonic orders under different foreign obediences were active on the Romanian territory, mainly French, Italian, Austro-Hungarian and Lusitanian (Iberian Peninsula). Multiple orders were created and in use throughout the 1800's. Near the turn of the century we start seeing the first lodges that consisted mainly of Romanian Masons. They were in fact representatives of the Romanian high nobility, who were starting to realise that the change that everyone wanted could only be achieved by radical means. Together with the young representatives of the lesser nobility, young people from the great Romanian families started to be initiated in the Masonic lodges in the country or from abroad

We thus find out that three lodges called The Star of the Danube were set up 1857 in Bucharest and Galați, that a powerful lodge called The Wise Men from Heliopolis was founded in 1864 in Bucharest, and that in Iaşi there was a lodge called The Star of Romania (l'Etoile de Roumanie). After the Romanian Independence War in **1877** and the reunification of the Dobrudja province with Romania, the confidence in the Romanian army grew stronger, the economic and social conditions improved, the national spirit flourished and the structural reforms took off throughout the Romanian society. That historical context characterised by an unparalleled social excitement was the perfect setting

for the long-held dream of the Romanian Masons: establishing their own Grand Lodge.

In spite of all difficulties, the lodges in the Romanian Kingdom united on the 8th of September 1880, the day we celebrate the birth of Virgin Mary, and formed the National Grand Lodge, led by the Cavalry Captain, Constantin Moroiu



National Grand Lodge continued to manage the symbolic degrees 1 to 3 (that is, 14 Blue Lodges throughout the country); while the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Memphis Rite and the Royal Arch Rite became stand-alone rites. Between 1878 and 1880, Moroiu was a Worshipful Master of The Star of the Danube Lodge and from this position, he became the first Grand Master of the newly established National Grand Lodge of Romania. He was a Grand Master of the Romanian Grand Lodge until he retired, in 1911

We can state that the Romanian Speculative Masonry of the 19th century, supported by the Universal Masonry, played a key part in the birth of our modern nation.

What we wish to stress is that no matter how hard the times were, despite oppressive political regimes, the flame of freedom never ceased to burn in the hearts of the Freemasons. At time it was barely visible, some have paid for their desire to live as free Masons with their own lives, fighting against history. The truth is that even in the communist era, the Masons, both the ones who managed to find refuge abroad, and those who suffered under the communist regime, did not give up on the ideals of the Order, nor on the dream to have a legitimate and powerful National Grand Lodge, able to reach and even go beyond the peak of the international distinction it had attained on the 13th of June 1930, when the National Grand Lodge of Romania was recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England (U:.G:.L:.E:.), the Mother Grand Lodge of the World.

During the communist regime, after the last clandestine Lodges were dismantled, with their members being arrested, killed or sentenced to forced labour, the only activities of the Romanian Masonry that took the form of regular Workshops were reported exclusively abroad. The Romanian Freemasons managed to organise themselves into Lodges in France, Israel, the USA, Germany or across South America.

Romanian Freemasons abroad were aware of what was going on in the country, and had the means of getting the necessary information to be able to correctly place the socio-political and economic developments in Romania in the wider context of the winds of change that was sweeping across the Eastern-European block. They were also waiting tenaciously for the right moment to re-awaken Masonry in the geographical space marked by the Carpathians, the Danube and the Black Sea. Conclusion Into the Modern Era next month.

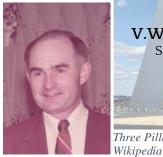
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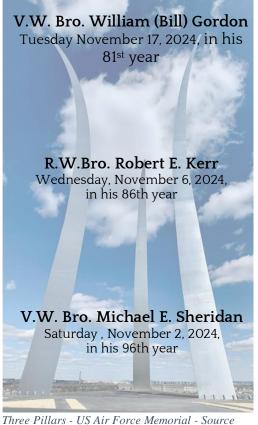
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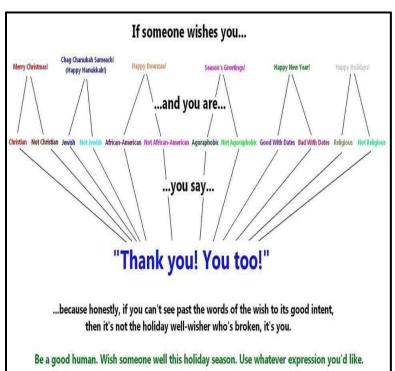
Freemasonry in Hamilton lost three strong pillars this past month. Condolences to the families and friends of these upstanding members.











IN MEMORIAM

V.W. Bro. William N. Gordon

The Electric Lodge No.495

Initiated – November 11, 1969 Passed – January 13, 1970 Raised – February 10, 1970 Life Member – 1994 rshipful Master – 1994 ; 2003 – 20

Worshipful Master – 1994 ; 2003 – 2004 District Secretary – 1998 – 1999 Grand Steward – 1999 – 2000

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above November 17, 2024

V.W. Bro. Michael E. Sheridan

Landmarks Temple Lodge No.324

Initiated in 1951 02 13, Passed in 1951 03 03, a Raised in 1951 05 05, in Doric Lodge No. 382.

Michael was a 73 year member our Lodge.
He served 3 terms as the Worshipful Master.
In 2021 Michael was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario for 73 years of service for Freemasonry and his community.
Michael was also a 71year member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Right of Freemasonry in Canada, having attained his 32°. Michael recently received the 70 year Long Service award from the Valley of Hamilton

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above Nov 2. 2024



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

Editor's Note

Dear Readers.

A full issue, squeezing in the submissions, pictures, events and education. Looking forward to a happy yule time for all!

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

Glen, gnotman@hotmail.com



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