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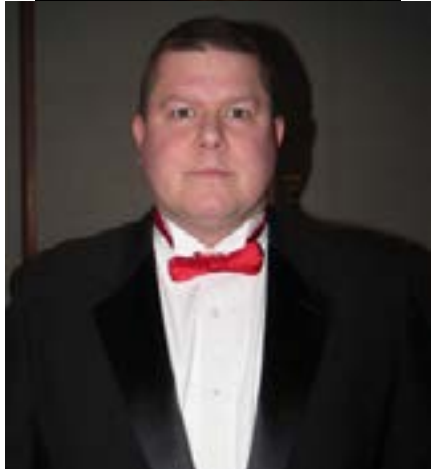
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From The Editor



W. Bro. Dan Dignard

Brethren,

As most lodges call off for the long hot days of Summer lets us remember that charge to all Entered Apprentices to make an advancement in Masonry every day. For me that daily advancement includes going to Grand Lodge and taking in some of the interesting seminars while I am there.

Take the opportunity to go to Grand Lodge in Toronto this July and meet some new Masonic brothers, watch the proceedings of Grand Lodge, take the opportunity to vote for your D.D.G.M. if you are a Warden, Master or Past Master, but above all take the time to learn more about the Craft.

Even when we are not learning about the Craft we can continue to practice those values that we hold dear by sharing fellowship with both Masons and non-Masons alike on our Summer vacations, at our lodge picnics and lodge golf tournaments and when we are sitting on that patio enjoying some good cheer.

Lastly I wish you all a safe and healthy summer and encourage you to send the pictures of your lodge events to the Ontario Mason Magazine to include in our members events section.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

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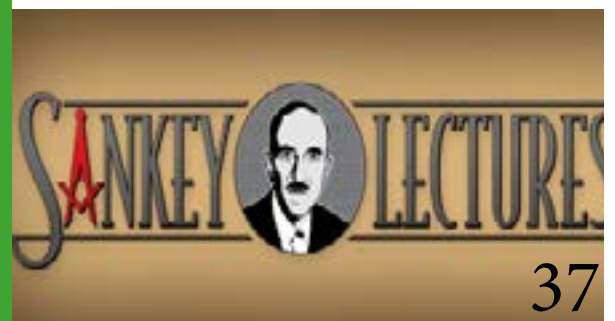
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"Ensuring the Timeless Vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario"

The Seventy Six

by **R.W. Bro. Garnet Schenk**

I start this article, on the seventy-six Grand Masters, by quoting the Preamble of the Book of Constitution. It reads, “We, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in order to form a perfect fraternal union, to establish order, to insure tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and to secure to the fraternity in the Province of Ontario all the blessings of Masonic privileges, do order and establish this Constitution.” To understand the function or manner of government in this jurisdiction one must have recourse to the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. Masons hold lofty Ideals, but beneath the ideals there is an organizational system which supports, guides and trains members, enacts rules to control their interaction with one another. It is the above Preamble and the Constitution that follows which sets the framework and the scope in which leadership by the Grand Masters and leadership at all levels of the Order can flourish from generation to generation.

It is clear that all of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario who bore sway over the Grand Lodge have all had, in a sense, a piece of the Vision Statement “Ensuring the Timeless Vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario” in one way or another. They all had a deep and abiding commitment to the progressive nature of the Order. They believed that “Building is what Masonry is about; building a better person, a better community, a better society, and a better world – all in that order.” In the midst of that building process over the years our leaders have always held to the core virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. They have all worked diligently to protect and promote the Craft and to safeguard the values of Freemasonry for future generations.

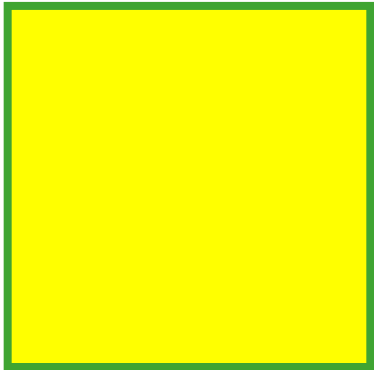
Grand Masters over the years have faced many challenges to the Order during our history. It started with the creating our Grand Lodge and establishing its first Constitution to bring order out of chaos that existed before 1855. Grand Lodge after its initial organization faced both internal and external challenges, but a steady and even course saw the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M.

of Canada grow and prosper. The Grand Masters also showed positive leadership in taking appropriate action with the decline of membership in this Grand Jurisdiction. Significant contributions have been made while they were in office in terms of quality programs that were introduced to enlighten and teach and guide the membership.

Space does not permit me to review the achievements of each individual Grand Master. The Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge and three books authorized by Grand Lodge and a lengthy Paper by R. Ven. John W. Reynolds, F.C.F. provides a fairly detailed picture of the achievements of the individual Grand Masters. The Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge are now available in digitalized form, with easy access on line. Each annual document usually has a section of on major resolutions or other references implemented under the leadership of the Grand Master that year. The three books are: A History of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, 1855 – 1955 by Walter S. and Volumes I and II of Whence Come We, Edited by a Special Committee on the History. A pdf of the Article is available from R. Ven. Bro. Reynolds at john.reynolds1@sympatico.ca.

I will write about the Grand Masters in terms of how through their work, individually and collectively, they have provided strong, positive leadership throughout my forty some years in Freemasonry. It was the quality of their leadership and their ability to communicate and articulate a clear vision that inspired me to become engaged and committed to Freemasonry as a way of life. They demonstrated a passion for Freemasonry; they brought their character to the job. By their character they articulated and communicated the values of Freemasonry. What they said and what they did matched; they walked the talk.

How did I become aware of the work of the Leadership of the Order? It happened for me two ways. First awareness came by reading and studying the historical accounts of the development of the Order. The second was experiential, by the leadership opening the sources of knowledge through their vision, personal example and focus on people.



As you move your pointer over the number on the chart above the Grand Masters picture which relates to that number and his position on the front cover will appear in the Green box above. It will take a few minutes to start up.

The Grand Masters throughout the years All understood that Values are base of a strong and vibrant organization. Their optimism, even in the most difficult of times had the power to transform people within the organization because they knew that people around them would go as they would go. The record shows that not one of the Grand Masters sought the leadership mantle simply to defend the status quo; they chose to lead the membership to a higher destiny through earnest perseverance that adds strength to the moral fabric. From my perspective they knew in their heart and soul that the time to inspire is always now.

The efforts by the Grand Masters that is often overlooked is on their work in putting the labours and teaching of Freemason into the public psyche to establish a positive and charitable public mindset about the Order. Four things of note have helped to do that in a quiet but noticeable way. The first is allowing Freemasons to partici-

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pate in Remembrance Day parades on November 11th. The second is the blood donors program. The third is the Masonichip child identification program. The fourth of course is the public portion of the Grand Lodge Web Site.

The leadership over the years has provided high quality training material and programs. It is important to

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note that the training programs and material are not there simply to train individuals. They are also there to develop a strong well-coordinated teams and committees locally, in the District and at the Grand Lodge level.

Through the process of developing training programs and training materials, Grand Lodge and many constituent Lodges have become learning organizations. The Grand Masters knew that learning does not always mean acquiring more information but it does, and it must include, the ability to produce the results that we want and need in the organization. The leadership introduced programs that had a long range goal of enhancing the learning within the organization at all levels.

Grand Masters in this Grand Jurisdiction recognized that not every Mason would aspire to a leadership position. At the same time it was apparent that there were many men in Freemasonry who were truly leaders without portfolio. The William Mercer Wilson Award Program demonstrates that dedicated and committed Masons are highly valued. The award shows that the leadership of the Order, in general shows, respect for personification of brotherly love relief and truth in the daily conduct of life.

I could not close this article without a comment or two on the solid attempts by the leadership of the Order to lay out a pathway to the future. There has always been support for long range planning. The document "Rebuilding the West Gate", the Strategic Plan 2010 – 2016 has as its pur-

pose to reaffirm, in clear and understandable terms, why The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario exists and what it determines to accomplish in the foreseeable future. The plan restates the guiding principles, beliefs and values of the Order. The plan is a functional document in the sense that it has a component that moves from theory to practice. While the work in the plan reflects the work and ideas of many Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, the oversight of the plan falls on the shoulders of Grand Masters and the leadership team to inspire the membership and generate their enthusiasm to become engaged and committed to the plan. There is also a most welcome recognition on the part Grand Masters to the preservation and presentation of our Masonic heritage and history. There is also a willingness to share this information with Masons and non-Masons alike. From my perspective that has been done from the onset of the plan. The leadership has been optimistic about the plan and they have communicated that optimism.

I come full circle to the my opening comments about the preamble and the Book of Constitution, they do indeed set out the framework in which the Grand Masters and every member of the order can make their contribution for the good of the Order. Implicit in all of that is a common goal that can be clearly understood by all because it adheres to leadership Rule No. 1, Focus on People.





ST. GEORGE'S LODGE

A.F. & A.M. No. 15 G.R.C.
St. Catharines, Ontario
Established 1814

Celebrating 200 Years

by W. Bro. Richard Green and W. Bro. Mark-Anderson
McGaw Worshipful Master of St. George's Lodge.

Most Masons are aware that the story of Freemasonry in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, began with the movement of British regimental lodges carrying traveling warrants across the Niagara River during and after the Revolutionary War. It was in 1792 that Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe returned to Upper Canada with his patron William Jarvis, the newly appointed Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada, and presented to the Niagara Lodge a Charter. This legitimized the foundation of a permanent lodge in the town of Newark, which was descendent from those regiments having preceded it.

Following the Revolutionary War, the British Crown offered patents of land to the prominent and heroic members of the King's Army, Simcoe's Queen's Rangers and Col. John Butler's Rangers. The new township was called Grantham and was located 12 miles southwest of Newark. Many (if not most!) were members of the Niagara Lodge which had recently amalgamated with another lodge under Butler.

Their arrival in the wilderness on the banks of Twelve Mile Creek was the beginning of the founding of what became the City of St. Catharines and the home of St. George's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 15, G.R.C. In 2014, St. George's Lodge No. 15 is celebrating 200 years, a major milestone. The actual founding date of St. George's Lodge is not known with absolute certainty, due to the loss of records in fires which destroyed early lodge buildings. What is known for certain is that the 100 year celebrations were held in 1914 and of course, 125th in 1939, 150th in 1964 and 175th in 1989.

A Charter was awarded to St. George's Lodge No. 15 on June 1, 1816, but not by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Jarvis or even the Grand Lodge of England!

It was the breakaway Grand Lodge formed by the Niagara Lodge, referred to as a "schismatic" Grand Lodge. Having met at the tavern of Paul Shipman, the following minutes of the Schismatic Grand Lodge of Niagara 1816-1822 reference the constitution of three new lodges. The first of which is St George's Lodge, No. 27.

The record of its constitution reads:

"Grand Lodge.

Opened on the 1st June, 1816 at 2 o'clock P.M., at Paul Shipman's Tavern in Grantham, met for the purpose of constituting a new lodge, designated by St George's Lodge, No. 29 (error on the part of the Schismatic Grand Lodge, number 27)ed.

Present :

R.W. Robert Kerr, Provincial Grand Master.
R.W. Christopher Danby, Dep'y P.G. Master.
R.W. George Adams, J.G.W., pro tem.
R.W. John Crysler, S.G.W., pro tem.
R.W. Adam Bowman, G. Treasurer.
R.W. Richard Cockerell, G. Secretary.
R.W. Josiah Brown, G. Pursuivant.
Brother Thomas Merritt, Worshipful Master.
Brother George Adams, Senior Warden.
Brother Amos McKinney, Junr. Warden.

Visitors:

Brother Ebenezer Culver, of Lodge, No. 15

Rec'd. 14 Dollars from Lodge No. -----

Paid Bros. Adam Bowman, Grd. Treasurer, sum of two Guineas and the Grand Secretary one Guinea.

The Grand Lodge closed at 4 o'clock in good harmony."

The Schismatic Grand Lodge operated primarily because R.W. Bro. Jarvis was deemed to "have abandoned the lodge" of Niagara as well as the members of the new lodges cropping up all around what is now south-western Ontario. The arrival of R.W. Bro. Simon McGillvray in 1822, after the passing of Jarvis, ultimately healed the rift and prompted the founding members of St. George's to write the Grand Lodge of England and humbly petition for recognition. They were granted a warrant, numbered 768, which was delivered to McGillvray who later determined that St. George's should be numbered 9 in the Provincial jurisdiction. At the founding of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario), St. George's was subsequently renumbered 15.

Regardless of any of the foregoing, it must be realized that the lodge must have met well before 1814, as there was a war raging through the area from 1812 through most of 1814. Arriving at the current celebration of 200 years of Masonry in St. Catharines (Grantham)...several years of planning resulted in a day time meeting of the lodge, attended by the Grand Master; M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, the Grand Director of Ceremonies; R.W. Bro. Howard Adams, the Grand Senior Warden; Dale A. Graham, Grand Chaplain; Bevan Carrique and sev-

eral members of the Board of General Purposes. Rededication of the lodge room and dedication of new regalia (collars and crested apron) were performed.

M.W. Bro. Campbell kindly met three of the newest Entered Apprentice Masons of St. George's Lodge during the meeting, adding a very special moment to the Masonic career of these Brethren. W. Bro. Mark-Anderson McGaw then presented the Grand Master with a specially designed tie commemorating the 200th anniversary, which are being sold to fund the cost of the new collars. A Niagara 'A' District hockey jersey was also presented to the Grand Master with the lodge number 15 on the back. These jerseys have been worn during a series of friendly matches with adjacent districts, in the spirit of developing closer fraternal relations.

The daytime events were followed by a gala held at the Holiday Inn Parkway Suites and Convention Centre on Ontario Street. The Gala opened at 5:30PM and the head table was piped in by W. Bro. Peter McKenzie of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 661. The Director of Ceremony was W. Bro. Mark Molner, Perfection Lodge No. 616, who dressed in his authentic town Crier outfit, kept the proceedings moving at a good pace. The Grand Master gave a very moving speech about Masonry and noted that the first Masonic trial involved St. George's Lodge. Follow-



Above: Masonic artifacts that were on display at 200 year gala.

Next page: New Master's Apron with 200 year patch.

ing the dinner Niagara Regional Police Pipes & Drums and highland dancers performed and Bro. Scotty Newlands, High Park Melita Lodge No. 531 was the vocalist for the night. Scotty brought many in attendance to their feet and several to tears with his rendition of 'Danny Boy' and 'Bring Him Home' from Les Miserables.

There was a silent auction held with the proceeds going to Community Care St. Catharines-Thorold, the charity selected by R.W. Bro. David E. Gillis, District Deputy Grand Master for Niagara A District.





Grand Lodge Officers and Officers of St. George's No. 15 with new regalia.



Worshipful Master W. Bro. Mark-Anderson McGaw with the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell.

A Masonic Biography Douglas Myles Wilson

Douglas Myles Wilson was born in Toronto on April 29, 1921, the eldest son of Alexander and Ethel Wilson. He received his education in Bronte & Oakville. On August 16, 1941, he married Dorothy Bellerby who was his wife for 65 years (deceased June 4, 2006). They have two daughters, Patricia and Carroll and one son, Douglas. They were also blessed with three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Brother Wilson joined the Canadian National Railways, Police Department, on July 31, 1951. During his career at CN, he accepted transfers throughout Ontario, including Jellicoe, Stratford & Fort Erie. He was promoted to Special Agent on August 16, 1967 and was posted to Hornepayne where he spent seven years. The Wilson's moved to North Bay in 1974. Brother Wilson retired in 1983 after serving 32 years.

He was a Supernumerary Officer for the RCMP from 1967-1983. He received the distinguished "Exemplary Service Medal" in 1977 & also received the "Queen's Silver Jubilee Medallion".

In Masonry, Brother Wilson was Initiated in Myrtle Lodge No. 337 G.R.C. (Port Robinson) April 25, 1944; Passed May 30, 1944; Raised June 27, 1944. He affiliated with Nipissing Lodge No. 420 (North Bay) May 8, 1978. Bro. Wilson was also made a Honourary Life Member of North Bay Lodge No. 617 (North Bay) on June 10, 1983 and he was organist of both Nipissing Lodge & North Bay Lodge. At the 1275th regular meeting on March 8, 2004, he was made an Honourary Life Member of Nipissing Lodge and was presented with his Life Member Certificate from Grand Lodge on September 27, 2004.

W. Bro. Charles Bradford on behalf of the members of Nipissing Lodge presented Bro. Wilson with his 60 year pin at a very special evening on April 12, 2004.. A capacity crowd took this opportunity to honour him for his many Masonic accomplishments at a banquet prior to the lodge meeting to mark the occasion. Masons, throughout the Nipissing East District & Southern Ontario were also in attendance. Time was taken to reflect on his outstanding dedication to the Craft. He attends lodge regularly and is always available to do lodge work when requested & carries it out in a most memorable fashion. Much of his work is done behind the scenes. It is not uncommon for him to be caught climbing a ladder, changing light bulbs and picking up a paintbrush. He will do anything for the betterment of the lodge. Every-
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one agrees that foremost of all he is a friend to everyone.

On Friday, April 18, 2008, he was presented with his William Mercer Wilson Medal for his lifetime work for Masonry with Dignitaries from Grand Lodge, District and Lodges present as were many family and friends.

Bro. Wilson is also a member of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry of Canada. On May 3, 1975 he joined the North Bay Lodge of Perfection where he eventually became Thrice Puissant Grand Master. On October 18, 1975 joined the North Bay Chapter of Rose Croix reaching the rank of Most Wise Sovereign. May 8, 1976 was when he received his 32nd degree in Hamilton Moore Sovereign Consistory. Bro Wilson was coroneted Honorary Inspector-General 33rd degree at Toronto on September 15, 1983. He was Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector-General at the annual session of Supreme Council in St. John's Newfoundland September 15, 1990 and has served as Past Active Member, Past Grand Standard Bearer Supreme Council. Bro. Wilson also served the Valley of North Bay as Grand Secretary & Registrar for many years.

On October 26, 1991, Brother Wilson was received into the Royal Order of Scotland. He was very active with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, serving as their van driver to assemblies and was their Rainbow Dad. He was awarded the Grand Cross Colour in Canada in 1986. Bro. Wilson is a member of the Rameses Temple (Toronto), Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and was also, along with his wife Dorothy, an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star (Fidelis No. 99 in North Bay).

Bro. Wilson has been a lifetime member of the Anglican Church and has served in several capacities. He was an active member of St. John the Divine in North Bay participating in numerous church functions and still found time to enjoy his hobbies in wood working, gardening, fine tuning his organ playing abilities and traveling.

Bro. Wilson is a valued member of our craft and the community of North Bay. He is widely accepted as a true gentleman and a true mason. He is the embodiment of those words which we all know that are followed by: "If you, my Brethren meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason."

See next page for picture of pin presentation

Presentation of 70 Year Longtime Service Pin to Bro. Douglas Myles Wilson at his new residence at the Prince of Wales Manor in Nepean, ON, Saturday, April 26, 2014. His son Doug Jr. and his two daughters and son in laws were also present.



Front Row L-R: Bro. Douglas Myles Wilson Pin Recipient, Bro. Murray Wilson Plantagene Lodge, R.W. Bro. Ken Halbert Secretary of Myrtle Lodge.

Back Row L-R: W. Bro. Ed Morrison - Myrtle No. 337 G.R.C., Bro. Wilton Thomas – Russell Lodge, W. Bro. Roland Barnes D of C – Myrtle Lodge, Bro. Mike Dodds – J.W. Myrtle Lodge, R.W. Bro. Bob Tate – 33° Scottish Rite – Ottawa Valley

News from Brant Lodge

by Roy Cummings

On April 14th of this year, R. W. Bro. Jeffrey Baker, the D. D. G. M. of Hamilton District A made his Official visit to Brant Lodge No. 662 G. R. C. in Burlington Ontario. During his visitation R. W. Bro. Baker assisted in presenting two 25 year Past Master's certificates and Two 25 Year members certificates. These presentations were very well received by the recipients

Pictured from Left to Right are W.Bro. Eric Marshall; W.M., W. Bro. Willard Price, Bro. George Papagianos, Bro. Scott Price, W. Bro. Bruno Schobel & R.W. Bro. Jeffrey Baker; D.D.G.M. of Hamilton District A.



Masons in our Communities Making a Difference

C. Ryan Edgar of Lorne Lodge No. 375 G.R.C. (Ome-mee) received a prestigious provincial award on April 10th, 2014.

Ryan was the recipient of the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario. The award was presented by The Honourable Michael Coteau, Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, "In honour of his superlative voluntary contributions to the quality of life in his community and

Ryan has served on the Executive Boards of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Red Knights Motorcycle Club, Town Hall 1873 - Centre for the Performing Arts, the Association of Community Theatres Central Ontario, the Scugog Choral Society and the Port Perry Firefighter's Association. Ryan volunteers with the No. 41 Port Perry Royal Army Cadet Corps, the Victoria District Masonic Charity Ride, the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation, the Canadian Volunteer



providing significant support to the voluntary sector". C. Ryan Edgar is in his 16th year with the DRPS and is also currently in his 18th year of volunteer service with the Township of Scugog Fire Department. Despite his busy work schedule as a Police Constable and Fire Captain he still manages to be an ongoing volunteer for many community organizations and participates in numerous positive community-building activities.

Currently volunteering with Muscular Dystrophy Canada he serves as Ontario's Representative on the National Relations Committee and is also an Ontario Advisor for Durham Region. He volunteers with the Canadian Cancer Society, Serving With Pride, The Canadian Volunteer Fire Service Association's Lifetime Achievement Award Committee and Sir Sandford Fleming College Premier's Award Committee.

Fire Service Association and the Durham Regional Police Honour Guard. Ryan previously volunteered as a Medic with the City of Oshawa Marine Rescue Association.

Ryan was featured on Roger's TV Daytime Durham during National Volunteer Week 2014 where he explained to viewers that "You're donating your valuable time, so it's important that you enjoy and benefit from your volunteering. It's important to make sure that your volunteer position is a good fit and to communicate with the people you're working with in the volunteer organization." He reminds volunteers to "ask lots of questions, make sure you know what's expected, don't be afraid to make changes and most importantly, make sure you're having fun."

New Lectern Presented

This Spring, at the official visit to St. Clair Lodge No. 135 G.R.C, (Milton), a nice presentation took place. R.W. Bro. Nick W. Ellis, past DDGM had previously observed that this Lodge did not have a lectern in its Lodge room. Together with R.W. Bro. Herb Schroeder, a Master Carpenter, a new lectern was constructed. That lectern was presented to the Lodge during the course of the meeting.

Pictured below are Bros. Walter McCallum, W.M. of the Lodge, along with R.W. Bro. Herb Schroeder and current R.W. Bro. Jeffrey Baker, D.D.G.M. from Hamilton District A.



Leadership – A Way to the Future

by V. W. Bro. Craig Alderson and R. W. Bro. Bill Bowick.



Just one of many brainstorming sheets that were created during the most recent Leadership Workshop of Grand Lodge. A prime example of how many phenomenal ideas can be generated with the right dynamic.

On Saturday March 8th, the Leadership Development Committee, chaired by R.W. Bro. Roland Morrow, provided a day of introspection and leadership development for many of the elected and appointed members of the Board of General Purposes. There was an 80% plus turnout of the Boards. Quite an accomplishment!

The brethren were treated to an incredible keynote speaker, an update on communications and its link to leadership, a review of the core competencies (identified as characteristics desired in leaders) and finally a chance to share insights into leadership, and the needs of our leaders in Ontario's Masonic jurisdiction.

An assertion of the planning committee was that leadership, like Masonry, can be learned but not taught; so the day was structured to find ways to develop Grand Lodge into a learning organization. Another assertion, to quote one of the reference sources, was that "Leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less."

Our Keynote speaker, Dr. David Naylor, was introduced by W. Bro. Dan Hutt. Dr. Naylor, a recently retired President of the University of Toronto, shared a wealth of information regarding leadership. This included a discussion of strengths and weaknesses of some of the popular publications on the subject.

Naylor stated that the Masonic endeavor is impressive and the world needs us like never before. He said that inspiring and effective leadership could make a huge difference in a system. He added that context matters and that the challenge to men in leadership today is adapting to changing times. This can be unsettling but does provide opportunity to move forward. This is an opportunity for Freemasonry.

The old model of command and control is in decline. Teamwork and collaboration are now the hallmarks of effective leadership. Distributive leadership and a reduced hierarchy, with increased learning, is the order of the day. He stated that Masonry and its teachings have been intriguing for 100's of years, but are only now coming to the fore.

Naylor also suggested we not waste time defining leadership. Leadership is what leaders do... they move things, influence, alter the course, provide conscious and implicit context. They make things implicit and ask the pertinent questions. He says the skill sets of a leader are communication, emotional intelligence and integrity. These are essential and contagious. Narcissism and ego have no place in leadership. To have a shared vision, and mission supported by strategy and planning is essential.

He suggested we ask ourselves, "Who are the next 47,000 Masons in Ontario and how do you know that you have really made good men better?" Leadership is both constraining and liberating. Firm foundations and clear values are so important. If you get to the core and demolish flimsy structures and rebuild boldly you can really discern what in the organization has become habit and what is revered as invaluable.

R.W. Bro. Iain Wates then explained the role of communications in enabling leaders in the craft. He identified the gaps that existed recently and named the "My Grand Lodge" portion of our Provincial website as a game changer. He said that the creative use of "My Grand Lodge" as a platform for enhanced communication should serve members better now and in the future.

R.W. Bro. Leyland Muss outlined a list of ten Core Competencies identified as critical to those in leadership and positions of added responsibility. He organized these under the heading of four pillars: Purpose, Individual, People, and Execution. He then described how these ought to be used to evaluate candidates for leadership positions as well as raise questions regarding learning needs of the organization.

The second half of the day consisted of two stages of brainstorming around questions raised by the core competencies. Each stage consisted of facilitated small group (eight or so) discussions followed by a plenary session. The first of these was aimed at identifying issues. The second was focused on recommendations. The resulting thirty-four points were later reduced by the committee to three broad topic areas – communications, direction and managing our progress – and from these seven recommendations were extracted.

One of the communications topics related to the way information is structured and shared and led to a recommendation to "improve the usability of the Grand Lodge web site." This should not be interpreted as condemnation of the web site tools but addressing this issue will likely lead to better definition of other problem areas.

A second communications topic dealt mostly with the skill level of dealers in information – their understanding of the issues involved and their use of the available information management tools.

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The resulting recommendation, aimed at the College of Freemasonry, was to “train lodge members (especially secretaries) in electronic communications”. A look at the source data would show that this is more than a keyboard skills issue. The leadership issue is in understanding the value of sharing information across the organization.

Key points under “direction” relate to dissemination of information about the organization’s plans. The recommendation to “publicize the strategic plan” relates to letting Masons in the jurisdiction know the direction in which Grand Lodge is attempting to go. Followers like to know

ects” relates to administration processes that are poorly understood and are perceived to be overly complex.

The final recommendation “build Masonic culture through College of Freemasonry programs” includes several points dealing with the way we relate to each other in executing Masonic business. Important words are things like ‘team building’, ‘optimism’ and ‘community’. These do not lend themselves to explicit programs. They must be made implicit in the way we do other things. They are like Masonic values; you don’t teach them, you live them.

It is hoped that the groups at whom these recommendations are targeted will try to imbed them in programs



where the leaders are leading. The second recommendation in this area, “deployment of leadership workshops” is directed back at the Leadership Development Committee and relates to next steps in this workshop program.

The third broad category relates to managing our progress. The first recommendation “develop a new process for appointment and staffing of Grand Lodge committees” reflects a fairly wide-spread feeling that Grand Lodge committees are not as effective as they could be and that the reasons for this are addressable. The workshops had a lot of discussion about committees unable to find the skills they needed while willing individuals were uncertain about where and how to volunteer. There was also some discussion about committee succession and the annual discontinuity that comes with new appointments. The second recommendation in this category “document the process for administration of Grand Lodge proj-

going forward. A number of points are clearly actionable. However, the greater value may lie in continuing the conversation that has begun. More than one speaker in Cambridge echoed the view that leadership cannot be taught but it can be learned. Individual leadership is learned by people continually struggling to improve and collective leadership grows from helping each other. Brotherhood, mentoring, truth are all words with which we are familiar. We just have to get better at applying them.

R. W. Bro. John Green who had already thanked the keynote speaker finished the day with words of recognition and thanks for the workshop organizers. In his closing remarks, he gave a brief outline of a very exciting program of seminars aimed at reaching out to Masons across the province. His remarks, seen as leadership in practice, topped off a day which had already been well received by the participants.

New Working Tools presented at 150th Anniversary Celebration.

A set of hand crafted Masonic Working Tools were presented to Goodwood Lodge No. 159 G.R.C. (Richmond) on the occasion of their 150th Anniversary by R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill and Bro. Ken Burchill.

The new set of tools were crafted by Bro. Harry J. Cooper of Petrolia Ontario. Bro. Cooper is a lifelong master machinist who honed his craft at the Polysar Corporation in Sarnia. After his retirement, he worked for the Baines Machine shop in Petrolia making machine parts for the Oil Industry. In his Masonic Lodge life, Bro. Cooper is a holder of the William Mercer Wilson Medal, the highest honour given to a Mason who has not been Master of a Craft Lodge. Harry was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Liberty Lodge No. 419 G.R.C. (Sarnia). He is an honorary life member of Burns Lodge No. 153 G.R.C. (Wyoming) and Huron Lodge No. 392 G.R.C. (Camlachie). It is also of note that Bro. Cooper's father was also a William Mercer Wilson Medal recipient.

Bro. Cooper makes these tools and other Masonic trappings as a labour of love in his basement workshop. A set of these tools also grace Canada Lodge U.D. Kandahar Afghanistan; a Lodge set up under the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario to serve the Masons who were deployed in Afghanistan.



From L-R:

R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill, W. Bro. Paul Hulfurd, M.W. Bro. Donald A Campbell, and Bro. Ken Burchill

50 Years a Past Master

On Feb.3, 2014, many brethren met at the Bancroft Lodge No. 482 G.R.C. (Bancroft) to celebrate W. Bro. Jack Hogarth's 50th Anniversary as a Past Master of Bancroft Lodge. Brethren came from far and wide including M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Master.

Front Row: W. Bro. Adam Nicholson, Master, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Master, W. Bro. Jack Hogarth, R.W. Bro. Eric Mueller, D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District, R.W. Bro. Tom Hogenboom, member of the Board of General Purposes.

Back Row: W. Bro. Frank Thompson, V.W. Bro. John Varty, Grand Steward, V.W. Bro. Barry Flanigan Grand Steward, R.W. Bro. John Deak, DDGM of Victoria District, and V.W. Bro. Todd Owens, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.



Kilwinning Lodge No. 64 G.R.C. (London)



Special Presentations were held at Kilwinning Lodge No. 64 G.R.C. (London) on February 21st during the Official Visit of R.W. Bro. Jeffery Brown, D.D.G.M. of London East District. Pins for 25 years a Past Master were presented to V.W. Bro. Paul Masters (1988) and W. Bro. Doug McCrae (1986).

Also recognized was V.W. Bro. Laurie Cousins who recently received his award for 60 years a Mason from his mother lodge, Wingham Lodge No. 286 G.R.C. (Wingham).

From L to R: V.W. Bro. Laurie Cousins, V.W. Bro. Paul Masters, W. Bro. Tom Seewald W.M., R.W. Bro. Jeffery Brown, D.D.G.M. and W. Bro. Doug McCrae.

Masonic Degree Team Directory

For the last few months, we at the Ontario Mason Magazine have been encouraging all Degree Teams who are willing to travel in Ontario to submit their contact details to us so we can promote your team.

Traveling degree teams help encourage new ideas into Lodges, and promote fraternal relations. The evenings are well attended and quite fun.

If you have a degree team that would like to be listed, please contact the OMM

If you'd like to invite a Degree Team into your Lodge to conduct a piece of work, view the active teams by contacting the OMM

Celebrating 100 years.

The Worshipful Master Mount Sinai - Pillars Lodge No. 522 G.R.C. (Thornhill), W. Bro. Don Kemball welcomed M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Master, as well as many present & past Grand Lodge Officers to the 100th Anniversary celebration meeting and banquet on March 13th, 2014 at the Thornhill Masonic Hall. This meeting occurred within one day of the exact original date, that Mount Sinai Lodge was instituted, March 14th, 1914.

The head table was piped in, formally introduced, the many Grand Lodge Officers and visiting brethren enjoyed a sumptuous meal capped off with a beautifully decorated birthday cake.

During the Lodge meeting, the indefatigable exertion of many days of planning and organizing culminated in a wonderful evening that saw our Grand Master with the assistance of the Grand Chaplain perform the regalia ceremony, and dedicate the lodge's new Altar Cloth which was witnessed by over 100 brethren from inside and outside the Lodge room.

The evening marks a significant milestone for Masonry in Toronto due to the history and the nature of the brethren of both Mount Sinai Lodge No. 522 and The Lodge of the Pillars No. 733.

Mount Sinai Lodge owes its conception to Bro. A. Brookstone, as well known member of Alpha Lodge, in which he was initiated as long ago as May, 1900. It had long been his desire to see the formation of such a lodge, and eventually succeeded in interesting several of his brethren of Alfa Lodge in movement. R.W. Bro. Harry Scully, a popular M.P. of Alpha and a recent D.D.G.M. of District 11, was among the first to offer active assistance, and R.W. Bro. Geo Tait, also a P.D.D.G.M of District 11, another P.M. of Alpha, and W. Bro. Porteous, also express their willingness to join in the proposal, so that it may fairly be said that Alpha Lodge was the parent of Mount Sinai Lodge.



Bro. J.D. Bland, an old friend of Bro. Brookstone, and a life member of Wilson Lodge, also agreed to assist, and on his introduction W. Bro. C.E. Garrad – an English Mason – P. Prov. Gd. Reg. of Essex, England, offered his services as Secretary.

A meeting of those interested was then held at Bro. Brookstone's office on October 27th, 1913, at which W. Bro. Garrad was appointed Secretary (pro tem) and instructed to prepare the necessary petition to the G.M. for Dispensation.

The necessary number of signatures was readily obtained, among them being W. Bro. J.D. Baily, Ashlar lodge, and S. E. Hall – also of Alpha – Bro. A.L. Tinker, Wilson Lodge, and Bro. S.Nankin, of Jasper Lodge, Edmonton, Alberta.

Application in accordance with the Constitution was then made to the Lodge in the District for the consent to the grant of the Dispensation, and it is worthy of mention that the reply of one Lodge only prevented a unanimous consent of all those appealed to, several of the Lodges passing resolution of very kind welcome to the proposition.

These preliminaries having been completed, and R.W. Bro. Scully, R.W. Bro. G. Tait and W. Bro. Porteous having been respectively nominated as the first Master and Wardens, the petition was duly forwarded to R. W. Bro. J. Stephens, then D.D.G.M.

The Grand Master having granted the Dispensation, a special meeting was held on Saturday, March 14th, 1914, at the Freemasons' Hall, College Street, to receive it and for the formal opening of the Lodge. R. W. Bro. Stephens, D.D.G.M. occupied the chair and performed the ceremony of inauguration, assisted by W. Bro. Charlton. Dir. of Ceremonies, and other distinguished Brethren, The Dispensation was read by W. Bro. W. Birell, Dist. Sec., and afterwards delivered to R. W. Bro. H.C. Scully, who named his officers as follows, viz:- R.W. Bro G. Tait, S. W.; W. Bro. W. Porteous, J. W.; W. Bro. C. E. Garrard, Secy.; Bro. A. Brookstone, S. D.; Bro. J. D. Bland, J. D.; Bro A. L Tinker, S.S.; Bro S. Nankin, L.G. Bro. Jas. Davis, Tyler.

It may be a matter of interest to mention that the name of the lodge was suggested by Bro. Brookstone, not alone from its scriptural connection, but as a remembrance of benefits received in Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

The Lodge having been thus established, it was at once seen that a real necessity for it had existed, and application for membership came quickly – 15 being handed

in to the Secretary before the close of the inauguration.

The first regular meeting of the lodge was held on the site of the proposed new Masonic Hall on Spadina Road, and was honoured by the presence of the M.W. Bro. W.D. McPherson, and several other distinguished brethren.

During the short period remaining before the summer recess 17 candidates were initiated, and at the meeting of Great Lodge held at Niagara in the July following, the Warrant of Constitution of Mount Sinai Lodge No. 522 on the Grand Roll of Canada was formally granted. The consecration and constitution of the Lodge took place on October 16th, 1914. The new D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. G.H. Smith, being the Consecrating Officer, assisted by the following Grand Officers, viz:- W. Bro. Rev. W.J. Armitage, P.G. Chap.; R.W. Bro. C. E. Edmunds, Gd. D. of C.; R.W. Bro. E.M. Carleton, Gd. Sec'y., etc, etc.

R.W. Bro. Harry C. Scully was again appointed W.M. and invested his officers as above mentioned, with the addition of Bro. A. I. Willinsky, Chap.; Bro. M.G. Dey, Greenberg, Treas.; W. Bro. J.D. Bailey, D.of C.; Bro. E.R. Sugarman, J.S.; Bro. Isadore Feldman, I.G. ; Bro. M.S. Stein, Org.

At the regular meeting held on the 12th day of January, 1915, after notice of motion in that behalf had been given, the following members were unanimously elected Honorary Members of the Lodge in appreciation of their efforts in its formations, viz: R.W. Bro. H.C Scully, W.M.; R.W. Bro. G Tait, S.W.; W. Bro. W. Porteous, J.W. W. Bro C. E. Gerrard, Sec'y; Bro. A, Brookstone, S.D.; Bro. J. D. Bland, J. D.; Bro. A. L. Tinker, J.S. and S. Nankin, I.G.

Writing at the expiration of that year from the inauguration meeting it may be stated that there is every appearance of a successful future for the Lodge.

During the year 27 candidates have been initiated and there are many waiting.



MASONIC FOUNDATION BURSARY AWARD IN LONDON

On Wednesday March 19th, the D.D.G.M.'s of both London Districts attended Fanshawe College to present Miss Adriana Martinez with her Bursary Award from the Masonic Foundation. Representatives of the Fanshawe College Foundation organized the assessments of the applicants and recommended the winner of the award. Both R. W. Bro. Randall Hawken, D.D.G.M. London West, and R. W. Bro. Jeffery Brown, D.D.G.M. London East were pleased to be present on behalf of the Masonic Foundation to make this important award.

Photo (From L-R): R. W. Bro. Randall Hawken, D.D.G.M. London West, Miss Adriana Martinez and R. W. Bro. Jeffery Brown, D.D.G.M. London East



Realignment of Masonry North of the Severn River.

By R.W. Bro. Garnet E. Schenk

A chronological history of the development of Freemasonry North of the Severn River is necessary to trace the presence of Freemasonry as the area was settled and developed. Realignment was necessary from time to time to keep the Fraternity strong in functional districts. Realignment, to keep Freemasonry strong has always been a part of the efforts of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

The first Masonic Lodges north of the Severn River were Granite Lodge No. 352 in Parry Sound (1876), Muskoka Lodge No. 360 (1877) and Unity Lodge No. 376 in Huntsville (1879). These three lodges, at their formation were part the Toronto District which later became Toronto District No. 8 and through further realignment these three lodges were included in the successor District, Georgian District No. 9.

The growth of Freemasonry both south and north of the Severn River required realignment of the Districts. Toronto District 8 became Georgian District No. 9 in 1879 and the district extended as far north as organized lodges existed in the area at that time. Mattawa Lodge No. 405 (1885), Golden Rule Lodge No. 409 (1885), Nipissing Lodge No. 420 (1889) and Strong Lodge No. 423 (1889) were included in Georgian District No. 9 as these lodges were formed. After further realignment, Georgian District No. 9 was renamed Nipissing District No. 18 and included all lodges north of the Severn along the CPR corridor to North Bay. Growth in lodges in Nipissing District No. 18 saw the addition of Algonquin Lodge No. 434 (1895), Powassan Lodge No. 443 (1897), Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447 (1900), Corona Lodge No. 454 (1902) and Temiskaming Lodge No. 462 (1904)

The year 1904 was significant for Freemasonry north of the Severn River. Nipissing District No. 18 was as history records it, rearranged. The southern portion lying south of North Bay to the Severn River was named

Muskoka District 19 and included eight lodges, namely; Granite Lodge No. 352, Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Unity Lodge No. 376, Golden Rule Lodge No. 409, Strong Lodge No. 423, Algonquin Lodge No. 434, Powassan Lodge No. 443 and Corona Lodge No 454. This district remained Muskoka District 19 until a name change in 1959 when it was renamed Muskoka-Parry Sound District. There was no change in lodges.

Nipissing District No. 18 covered a very large geographic area at its creation. It stretched from the Severn River in the south to as far north as Cochrane and Kapuskasing. It stretched west from Mattawa in the east, to Sault Saint Marie in the west. As new lodges were instituted, new districts were created in the north to foster and accommodate the development of Freemasonry which followed closely the opening of the northern areas for settlement and development. This area was known as New Ontario at that time.

The District of Nipissing East was formed in 1934 and subsequently realigned in 1974, 1977 and 1979. In 2013, just prior to the realignment discussions, the Lodges in Muskoka-Parry Sound District are as outlined in paragraph three. The Lodges in Nipissing East are as follows; No. 405, Nipissing No. 420, Sturgeon Falls No 447, Temiskaming No.462, Silver No.486, Elk Lake No.507 and North Bay 617.

Nevertheless, in 2013, M.W. Bro. Donald A Campbell, our Grand Master recognized the need to address redistribution of Lodges to ensure an adequate presence of membership in Northern Ontario. Discussions were undertaken in districts involved in the change. The DDGM's of the districts championed the initiative in compiling and presenting an acceptable proposal to achieve the objective of strengthening the presence of Freemasonry in Northern Ontario. Extensive consultation was conducted by the DDGMs with the lodges in the districts involved in the realignment process. It can truly said that there was a mutual interchange of fraternal feelings which reflects the ideal of a Freemason throughout the realignment process.

The whole realignment process in North Eastern Ontario involves four Masonic Districts: Georgian North, Muskoka-Parry Sound, Nipissing East and Temiskaming. Granite Lodge No. 352 is returning to Georgian North District. The members of Granite No 325 have a strong link with Georgian North, because it was Manito Lodge No 90 that initially sponsored the establishment Granite No 325 back in the year 1876. The Lodges in Haileybury and Elk Lake are returning to Temiskaming District to strengthen the district. The Lodges in Sturgeon Falls and North Bay are uniting with the seven remaining Lodges in Muskoka

– Parry Sound District. The name of the newly formed District is Nipissing Muskoka and consists of the following Lodges; Muskoka No. 360, Unity No. 376, Mattawa No. 405, Golden Rule No. 409, Nipissing No. 420, Strong No. 423, Algonquin No. 434, Powassan No. 443, Sturgeon Falls No. 447, Corona No. 454 and North Bay No. 617.

It is appropriate to reflect on the realignment of the districts. It is important to recognize that these changes are intended to foster and improve the best affections for the Order and to recognize that the future is clearly embedded in the present. It is also good to remember that we don't get results by solving problems but by exploiting opportunities. The focus is clear; to strengthen Freemasonry in Northern Ontario. A strong district lends its able support to the moral fabric of each constituent lodge.

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Gileadites Prevail in Annual Ammonitish War.

By W. Bro. James K. Chisholm

The annual battle between armies went down to the wire again this year as Corinthian Lodge No. 96 hosted Masonic Challenge 2014. Participants were invited to choose an army (team) to represent in their quest for Masonic knowledge. Both teams surprisingly were well represented with knowledgeable Masons from throughout the province.

Holding court was our Grand Inquisitor R.W. Bro. Gordon Crutcher Chairman of the Grand Lodge P & E Committee and member of the Board of General Purposes. Who could ask for a more neutral but ominous moderator?

Participants were questioned on a variety of Masonic subjects and references. Should any disputes regarding answers given - be in doubt, the Grand Inquisitor was quick to clarify and rule on judgement. More often than not, they were dispatched to the "Cell of Shame" or Stocks to serve their sentence for providing a wrong answer. Prisoners were then subject to ridicule, laughter or torment, sometimes even by their own team-mates. R.W. Bro. Doug Fleet was not intimidated by the Grand Inquisitor & at one point was thought he may challenge the Inquisitor to a one-on-one, but thought better of the consequences.

Participants were also invited to dress up for the battle. Bro. Eric McDonald from Kerr Lodge No. 230 "Ensuring the Timeless Vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario"

took this to the extreme, wearing a chicken outfit. The Grand Inquisitor was unsure whether this was to distract the other army, or for the Grand Inquisitor to simply take pity on a poor chicken. Regardless, Bro. Eric was sentenced more than once to the Cell of Shame.

Bro. Glen Furlong in his other public avocation as a Barrie Police Sgt, saw what it was like on the other side of the bars, as he regularly joined R.W. Bro. Mike Long in their frequent trips to cells. No word on who would get the upper bunk... As well, W. Bro. Larry Crooks from Beach Lodge No. 639 in Stoney Creek, did not want any part of the multitude of heathen Gileadites in cells, & therefore correctly answered every question thrown at him by the Inquisitor.

Ed. Note: W. Bro. Crooks again took home the best "Deer-in-Headlights Look" trophy for the 2nd consecutive year.

It was suggested by some team soldiers to next year, add an executioner (3 strikes your out) type idea. We'll leave that for the consideration of the planning committee, however its thought the River Jordan may be strewn with bodies of those who regrettably come unprepared for the Inquisitors tough questions.

At the conclusion of the day, the Gileadites pulled off an upset victory over their Ephraimite foes who were poised to retain their win from Challenge 2013. The Ephraimite General W. Bro. Larry Hinkley was practicing his bragging rights speech, only to see his army let it slip through their fingers at the last moment, losing their battle on the last question.

In any event, everyone who participated came away with a little more Masonic knowledge and education than when they arrived, which was the intention of holding the Challenge.

Attendees of the event were very generous with their donations in support of the Georgian South District Project – Hospice Simcoe. Their contributions will go far ensuring that those terminally ill, who need the tender support before passing to the Grand Lodge above, can find a place of comfort in their last few days. On behalf of Hospice Simcoe and Corinthian Lodge No. 96, thank-you to all that make this such a fun and worthwhile event each year.

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Eureka Lodge Initiation and Blood Donor Presentation.

On Wednesday Oct. 23rd Eureka Lodge No. 283 G.R.C. held a special meeting when Jerry Giannopoulos was initiated into masonry.

This was followed by the presentation of a Grand Lodge Blood Donor's Certificate to Bro. William Greig, a member of Eureka Lodge who had just donated two hundred units of blood to the Canadian Blood Services!

This contribution is the largest amount by Masonic member of Prince Edward District and ranks quite high in Ontario among Masons donating.



(Left to right):

R. W. Bro. Harry Danford (member of Grand Lodge Blood Donor Committee) Bro. William Greig, R. W. Bro. Eric Mueller, D.D.G.M. Prince Edward District & W. Bro Gregory Stephens, I.P.M., Eureka Lodge



(Left to Right)

W. Bro. Gregory Stephens, I.P.M., R. W. Bro. Eric Mueller, D.D.G.M. Prince Edward District, Bro. William Greig, Bro. Jerry Giannopoulos, Bro. Jason Easton, Junior Warden & Bro. Nick Reed, Senior Warden

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Are you a Masonic Researcher?



As we continue to enhance the content found within the covers of the Ontario Mason Magazine, we are hearing more and more from Brethren in our jurisdiction who are conducting Masonic Research for their own personal or lodge growth.

A vital step for any researcher is to find resources on their subject matter. This could be something as simple as a book, or as complex as interviewing someone “in the know” on the topic.

With that in mind, we are pleased to provide a forum for researchers of the Craft in Ontario looking for resources on their field of study.

If you are a researcher into the Craft, contact the Ontario Mason Magazine to request the resource request form.

To view the list of research in progress, and see if you can help out any of these dedicated people with your Library (whether that would be on a bookshelf or between your ears), please [click here](#).

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**To all research seekers, and knowers, the
OMM wishes to thank you.**

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Dear Sir and Brother:

By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I beg to notify you that the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario will be held in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014, at 8:45 a.m. (DST). Representatives will take their seats before 8:30 a.m. All Master Masons desirous of attending will be officially welcomed following the opening of Grand Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
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Appropriate Dress: Admission to G.L Communication (Canadian Rm.) will be subject to Jacket, Dress Pants, Shirt and Tie.

REGISTRATION

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, on Tuesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.

ENTRY TO CONCERT HALL WILL BE THROUGH SALON B

All balloting, except district elections for the office of DDGM, shall be done at the time of registration in the Concert Hall. The district elections for the DDGM, and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Secretary and/or Grand Treasurer, shall commence at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday, July 16th.

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSSES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16th, at 3:00 p.m. SHARP

PROXIES

The rules relating to the issue and use of proxies are defined in Sections 56 and 57 of the Book of Constitution. Please read carefully.

THURSDAY, JULY 17th

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m., in the Canadian Room, Convention Floor, Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

Terence Shand, Grand Secretary

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 14th

The Board of General Purposes will meet in the Ballroom, on the Convention floor of the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. R.W. Bro. John C. Green, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, will preside.

TUESDAY, JULY 15th

The Board of General Purposes will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Ballroom, Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm MEET THE NOMINEES
Salon A - Convention Floor

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16th

Grand Lodge will assemble in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, at 8:45 a.m.; M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell presiding. Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in Grand Lodge before 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Distinguished visitors, representing other Grand Jurisdictions, will be received and welcomed.

An Address of Welcome will be tendered and Grand Lodge will then proceed with business until 11:30 a.m.

The brethren are asked to reassemble after lunch in the same place at 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 17th

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m. in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

The installation and investiture of Grand Lodge officers and the newly-elected D.D.G.M.s will take place on Thursday in the Canadian Room, at such time as the Grand Master shall direct. It is essential that each one be present and that he bring his regalia with him. Every member of Grand Lodge is expected to be present sharp on time.

INSTRUCTION CLASS FOR - D.D.G.M.s ELECT ONLY . . . The Custodian of the Work will instruct the new D.D.G.M.s on Thursday morning at 7:59 o'clock in the Alberta Room, M. M., Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

The D.D.G.M.s will see that their successors are in attendance and on time. They will also be present in Grand Lodge, with the regalia for the new D.D.G.M.s, and be prepared to invest at the proper time in the installation ceremonies.

The instruction class is for the new D.D.G.M.s only. Others cannot be admitted. The D.D.G.M.-elect will have with him his Past Master's apron so that he can go directly from the class to Grand Lodge. Our time for instruction is very limited- so it is essential that all assemble on time.

INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Representatives of the committee will be on duty in the lobby of the Fairmont Royal York Hotel to supply information.

REGALIA ROOM

The Ontario Room, Convention Floor, will be available to the general membership to change into regalia on Wednesday and Thursday, but must be vacated at 3:00 pm Wednesday to be used for District Meetings. For safety's sake hats and coats, regalia bags, etc., should be checked in hotel check room as neither the Fairmont Royal York Hotel nor Grand Lodge will be responsible for loss or theft.

GRAND LODGE NOMINATIONS:

For the members of the jurisdiction that wish to review the 2014 Nominations List for the Offices of Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Registrar and the Board of General Purposes, along with the more detailed 2014 Candidate Bios, you are encouraged to log into the Grand Lodge Website Members Area, with your Username and Password, and then follow the path of: Member Area >> Operations >> Annual Communication

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS TUESDAY, JULY 15th, 2014

Discussion and participation seminars for all brethren at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Preregistration not required.

Time	<i>B.C. Room</i>	<i>Quebec Room</i>	<i>Alberta Room</i>
1:30 to 2:20	Officer Progression <i>K. Smith</i>	Protocol And Etiquette <i>G. Crutcher</i>	Library Museum & Archives <i>C. Reid</i>
2:30 to 3:20	Mentorship <i>L. Feldt</i>	Blood Donors <i>L. Armstrong</i>	Communication <i>I. Wates</i>
3:30 to 4:20	Brock University <i>G. Taylor</i>	Engaging the New Mason Revisited <i>S. Kalinowsky</i>	Masonic Debate <i>A. Nesrallah</i>

PLUS: continuous information on Computer Resources
from 1:30 to 4:20 p.m. in the Algonquin Room, Main Mezzanine.

DISTRICT MEETING ROOMS

District	Time	Room	Floor
Algoma	5:00 to 5:50	Salon A	Convention
Algoma East	5:00 to 5:50	Newfoundland	M.M.
Brant	5:00 to 5:50	Whistler 1-264	1st Floor
Bruce	5:00 to 5:50	Algonquin	M.M.
Chatham	5:00 to 5:50	Montebello 1-265	1st Floor
Eastern	5:00 to 5:50	New Brunswick	M.M.
Erie	5:00 to 5:50	Nova Scotia	M.M.
Frontenac	4:00 to 4:50	Toronto	Convention
Georgian North	5:00 to 5:50	Banff 1-263	1st Floor
Georgian South	4:00 to 4:50	Banff 1-263	1st Floor
Grey	4:00 to 4:50	Quebec	M.M.
Hamilton A	5:00 to 5:50	Tudor 7	M.M.
Hamilton B	4:00 to 4:50	Tudor 8	M.M.
Hamilton C	4:00 to 4:50	Saskatchewan	M.M.
London East	5:00 to 5:50	Salon B	Convention
London West	5:00 to 5:50	Confederation No. 3	M.M.
Niagara A	5:00 to 5:50	Territories	M.M.
Niagara B	4:00 to 4:50	Whistler 1-264	1st Floor
Nipissing Muskoka	4:00 to 4:50	Algonquin	M.M.
North Huron	4:00 to 4:50	New Brunswick	M.M.
Ontario	5:00 to 5:50	Tudor 8	M.M.
Ottawa 1	4:00 to 4:50	Salon B	Convention
Ottawa 2	4:00 to 4:50	Confederation No. 3	M.M.
Peterborough	4:00 to 4:50	Montebello 1-265	1st Floor
Prince Edward	5:00 to 5:50	Confederation No. 5&6	M.M.
St Lawrence	4:00 to 4:50	British Columbia	M.M.
St Thomas	4:00 to 4:50	Confederation No. 5&6	M.M.
Sarnia	5:00 to 5:50	Quebec	M.M.
South Huron	5:00 to 5:50	Saskatchewan	M.M.
Sudbury Manitoulin	5:00 to 5:50	Toronto	Convention
Temiskaming	4:00 to 4:50	Nova Scotia	M.M.
Toronto Don Valley	5:00 to 5:50	Ballroom	Convention
Toronto East	4:00 to 4:50	Ontario	Convention
Toronto Humber Valley	4:00 to 4:50	Ballroom	Convention
Toronto West	5:00 to 5:50	Concert Hall	Convention
Victoria	4:00 to 4:50	Tudor 7	M.M.
Waterloo	4:00 to 4:50	Alberta	M.M.
Wellington	4:00 to 4:50	Salon A	Convention
Western	4:00 to 4:50	Newfoundland	M.M.
Wilson North	5:00 to 5:50	British Columbia	M.M.
Wilson South	4:00 to 4:50	Territories	M.M.
Windsor	5:00 to 5:50	Alberta	M.M.
York	4:00 to 4:50	Concert Hall	Convention

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The District Meetings, for the election of District Deputy Grand Master and for such other business as may properly be brought before them, will be held at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm, Wednesday, July 16th, in the rooms of the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. All Ballots at District Meetings (Regardless of Ballot Colour) count as ONE VOTE only.

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Whence Come You? And Whither Are You Travelling

An address delivered before the Masonic Lodges of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Nov. 15, 1937, by R.V. Harris, K.C., P.G.M.J.

How old is Freemasonry?

Nothing strikes so much to the imagination as the story of how travelers have found Freemasonry in darkest Africa, or among ancient peoples in China or Central America, or that evidence has been found that it existed in Egypt 40,000 years ago. It has in times past been attributed to many sources, including the ancient patriarchal religion, the ancient mysteries of the pagan world, the Temple of Solomon and the Temple builders, the Crusaders, the Knights Templar; to the Rosicrucian philosophers of the Sixteenth century; to Oliver Cromwell, for the advancement of his political schemes; to the Pretender, as a means towards the restoration of the House of Stuart; to Sir Christopher Wren, at the building of St. Paul's Cathedral, and to Dr. Desaguliers and his associates.

Some of these theories are today regarded as fantastic and ridiculous and have been long since abandoned. The fact is that Freemasonry owes its origin to no one single source. In the earliest history of mankind, nothing could be said to have been Freemasonry either in ritual or organization, and the same is true in every century until about 1717.

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The soul of Freemasonry is its spirit, its principles and its symbols, and these existed long previously to the recorded history of mankind and have come down to us today from widely different sources.

Our task would be easier if instead of seeking the source of the great river and tracing its later development, we explored it from the present time up the main stream of speculative masonry through its transition period to the operative Masons of earlier days; to the castle and cathedral builders of the Middle Ages; to the guilds of Freemasons in France, Germany, England, Scotland and Ireland; to that famous band of Comacine Masters who built the churches of southern Europe; to the burial societies and colleges of artificers of ancient Rome; to the Dionysian Builders of Asia Minor; to the sacred mysteries of Britain, Rome, Greece and Egypt; to the Phoenician builders of Solomon's Temple; to the worship of the Sun God beside the Nile and in Persia; to the temple builders of Kar-nak and Memphis, Babylon and Nineveh; to the faint beginnings of the spiritual yearnings of Man.

As we go back up the river, we find here and there a new stream contributing to the ever-growing and ever-broadening volume of waters; a new idea; a new ceremony; an allegory; a tradition; a legend; a landmark.

A whole evening might be given to describing these various sources of our beloved Order. It is a fascinating story, ending in the gradual decline of building, the languishing of the operative lodges, their transition into speculative bodies and the formation between 1717 and 1736 of the three Grand Lodges in the British Isles from which every regular Grand Lodge in the world today derives its origin directly or indirectly.

We have come a long way. Inspirations have come from many sources and a close study of the fascinating story discloses a number of things;

The fraternal idea, comradeship, fellowship among the builders, has always existed and persisted; The idea of building guilds has always existed;

The close identification of the Craft with religion, the ancient mysteries, and later with Christianity;

The continuity of these ideas from very ancient times, because building and religion have always been factors in civilization; there has always been religion and there has always been religion and there has always been building; they have continued side by side; such knowledge was common and was shared everywhere, no nation was ever isolated.

Lastly, there was a gradual evolution - a flowing togeth-

er. The many streams from many sources have come together and now flow on in one mighty stream or river.

We must realize, too, that this Order of ours is still
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growing. Instead of one Grand Lodge there are now a hundred. Instead of four lodges there are more than 40,000. Instead of the 100 members who formed the first Grand Lodge there are nearly four million.

There are many degrees and branches and orders in Masonry. New influences, social and economic, philosophic and religious, have come in. The Royal Arch blossomed out about 1740; the Knights Templar about 1760; the Scottish Rite about 1785. Benevolence funds were first engrafted on the order about 1800, perhaps earlier, and charitable institutions were established about the same time.

Even the ritual has grown in variety and in beauty. Each jurisdiction decides what ritual it shall use and in many there are several in use. Charges and lectures and floor work are constantly revised and added to. In recent years there have been lodges for the study of our history, our symbolism and our jurisprudence. Past Masters' Associations and District organizations are modern growths, so is much of our Grand Lodge organization with its elaborate ceremonials and regalia and many offices. Lodges met at one time in taverns and later in rented halls and buildings; nowadays many lodges and Masonic bodies have fine temples of their own.

In recent decades there has been a deluge of other orders - juvenile and women's orders, claiming affiliation with Freemasonry. Our order is participating in social welfare work, establishing hospitals and scholarship funds, and even service clubs. These all have their influence on the order and affect its growth. Whether we realize it or not, Freemasonry has been constantly changing and adapting itself to the needs of humanity and rendering untold service in new ways.

To the three Grand Lodges of the British isles we in Nova Scotia owe our masonry. There is indeed some evidence to support the claim that Masonry was known among the French while they ruled the Province and among the English at Annapolis Royal as early as 1725. Be that as it may, the first lodge organized on Canadian soil under the authority of a Grand Lodge, was formed at Annapolis royal in June, 1738. The first master of that Lodge was Ensign Erasmus James Philipps, of the 40th Regiment,

then stationed at Annapolis Royal. Philipps was initiated as a Mason in the First Lodge in Boston on Nov. 14, 1737, two hundred years ago tonight. His authority to establish a Lodge in Annapolis came from Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master for Massachusetts, who himself acted under the authority of the Grand Master of England.

Philipps continued as Provincial Grand Master until his death at Halifax in September 1760 while on a visit to Halifax, and is buried in old St. Paul's Cemetery.

England, Scotland and Ireland, have all played their part in extending the Order, not only in Nova Scotia but throughout Canada, and it is appropriate that we should next July commemorate the founding of the Craft in Canada and review the progress of the past two centuries.

Visitors from many jurisdictions will gather here,

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and every Grand Lodge in Canada will participate in this commemoration. It will make us realize the size of our Masonic family and the strength of the ties of our worldwide Brotherhood. It will give us a new pride in our history and achievements, a new meaning to Masonry, its ideals and mission.

If the coming Bicentenary celebration next July will do nothing more than recall to our attention the marvelous progress of the Craft in the past two centuries, and so inspire us with new hope, new faith in ourselves and our order, and new courage to go forward, it will have been in itself a great achievement.

From that historic day in 1738 Masonry in Canada has moved forward to its present proportions. In place of one Lodge there are now 1300 lodges. Instead of a handful of Craftsmen, there are now nearly 200,000. Instead of there being but one man clothed with authority to propagate Masonry there are now nine sovereign and independent Grand Lodges, all developing the Craft within the borders of their respective jurisdictions.

The story is a long and intensely interesting one, and well worth the study of every Craftsman who loves the Order, full of names of men who have been leaders in the growth of our nation and people and our civilization; men of great distinction in Church and State, in professional and commercial life, in international affairs and community service - their names are legion and their work will never be forgotten.

Whither are we traveling? What of the future? We have been passing through an economic depression and it has had a sore effect on the Craft as well as on the nation. Let us look at the present situation, and, right here, there are several statements which should be made.

First of all, the Craft today is sound at its heart and is moving forward to greater achievements. It still rests upon the corner stone of all Faiths; and before it stand the two pillars of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Then, let me say, Freemasonry has never yet exerted its

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full strength or even a fraction of its strength on any occasion. Take the requirement that every petitioner for our mysteries should declare his personal belief in god, the Father Almighty, the Great Architect and Master Builder of the Universe. If we could but really and effectively unite all Freemasons into one vast army, what a tremendous bulwark Masonry would be against atheism, agnosticism, communism and those who would pull down the structure of our civilization and society, which is, in the last analysis, based on this belief in a Supreme and Almighty Being.

Then again, and let us be frank, while there are many members of the Order enrolled in our lodges, few of them are Masons guided and willing to be guided by its principles, living daily according to its precepts and thereby proclaiming to all the world by their very conduct their membership in the Order. If we could all so live, what a profound influence the Order would have not only upon ourselves but upon the community in which we live.

Then there is that thing we call Brotherhood and that virtue we call Charity and Benevolence, which after all is but Brotherhood in action. Masonry has been the inspiration of a thousand other fraternities, and some of them were formed because Freemasonry seemed to be ineffective in its Brotherhood. What a marvellous organization our 4,000,000 members could be if we really went to work at this business of Brotherhood!

Today Freemasonry has been banned and suppressed in Italy and Germany and Russia. Why? Simply because it stands for justice among men, freedom of thought and action and expression. Only under democracies, can Freemasonry prosper. Masonry is, in fact, one of the inspirations for our democracy. If it could be suppressed

or if it died out, then a Hitler would arise in our midst.

We need have no fear for Freemasonry. It has survived the centuries, witnessed the rise and fall of kingdoms and Empires, world-shaking revolutions and economic crises without number. It will outlive the Hitlers and Mussolinis and Stalins. Dictators may seem to dominate and triumph for a time but they can never submerge the spiritual forces which govern all peoples, the inborn and universal belief in a Supreme Being, the Architect of the Universe, the Father of all mankind, the reality of the Brotherhood of man, expressed in our desire for equal Justice among men, the feeling of kindred among nations which emerges when a great crisis threatens and the desire for peace. These will never die and will persist long after all the „isms„ and vain doctrines and irrational theories of today have been forgotten.

And so, let us look ahead into the years with faith and take courage. Freemasonry will exist as long as free peoples exist. Each needs the other. Freemasonry will continue to exert that spiritual influence on men and institutions which it has always exerted. It will grow and extend its boundaries, working through its lodges and chapters, its various rites, its affiliated organizations, its methods of education and intellectual growth, its avenues of service and benevolence.

In spite of setbacks - and we must realize that they will come - Freemasonry will go on to greater strength and influence, throwing its weight behind the Church, the state, the community, and the forces of right and righteousness.

I make a threefold appeal. I appeal for a deeper and broader knowledge of masonry. Not just the right to wear some trinket or ring or watch fob. Masons who get no more out of Masonry than signs, grips and passwords, make a poor investment of their time and money. The Mason who has nothing but some parrot answers to some questions about the 1st and 2nd degrees, has only a thin veneer. How much of Masonic history and symbolism do you know? How much of it do you live and practice in your daily lives?

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Again I appeal to you for a broader service, to ally ourselves with great ventures for humanity, caring for the widow and the aged and the orphan, helping to educate

the underprivileged child, building up sane sentiment for the cause of peace, breaking down the attacks of communism, fascism, Hitler-ism, atheism. Freemasons should pledge their support to every national and international effort for settlement of world conditions. International peace, the sanctity of treaties, disarmament, and the adjustment of economic difficulties; guard against the recurrence of the depression, or counteract atheistic and communistic propaganda and the influences of Bolshevism. Statesmen and leaders should be sought out and persuaded to address our lodges, for our Lodge membership is looking for information and counsel.

Lastly, I appeal to you for a truer brotherhood. If anything

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can save the world it is this brotherhood which binds us together as individuals, as communities, as provinces, as nations and empires, and gives the wider vision of life, inspiring us to larger loyalty and greater energy.

Let us be builders and pioneers as were our fathers before us. Let us be Masons who when the day is done can look back on something achieved. What good have I been to others today? Have I done a single thing within this day for a widow or a needy child? Have I kept faith or failed in my dealings with my neighbour? Have I added one worthy thought to my store of knowledge.

They have achieved success when they have lived well, laughed often and loved much; when they have gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; when they have filled their niche and accomplished their task; when they have left the world better than they found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; when they have never lacked appreciation for earth's beauty not failed to express it; when they have looked for the best in others and given the best they had; whose work is an inspiration, whose memory is a benediction.

*A man once wished he'd sown the seed
When he found he was in need
Money in the bank is there when you
need it most
So Is BLOOD put some in the bank*

**A Mason's CHARITY
should know no bounds.....**

**Make a Call,
Book an appointment,
Roll up your sleeve,
And give BLOOD
YOU might need it
someday**

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**SOMEBODY DOES
RIGHT NOW!**



2014 Sankey Lecture

by R.W. Bro. Gareth R. Taylor
Chair, Brock University Partnership Committee



Ms. Renée Girard – background are the covers of the French Masonic Books from the French Revolution. Photo by Patrick Kakala – Mindpress Inc.

The 5th Annual Charles A. Sankey Lecture was held on March 30, 2014 at Brock University. Although St. Catharines had a snow squall on Saturday evening it had cleared in time for the lecture. There was an excellent attendance with more than 300 present. A large number of Masons and their guests including the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell and the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. John C. Green, were present as well as over 30 students from Brock University and a number of members of the Department of History.

Dr. David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye was the Emcee for the afternoon and following, warm words of welcome were brought by Dr. Douglas Kneale, Dean Faculty of Humanities. Dr. Schimmelpenninck van der Oye introduced Ms. Renée Girard, a Masters student in the Department of History. Ms. Girard presented a very interesting talk on her preliminary research utilizing some of the material from the Charles A. Sankey Collection housed in the James A. Gibson Library. This consisted of some particularly rare French Masonic books with material dating from the time of the



General shot of the audience and Dr. Renée Lafferty. Photo by Patrick Kakala – Mindpress Inc.



M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell thanking Dr. Renée Lafferty.
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French Revolution. Included in this collection are membership lists from this time and Ms. Girard is particularly interested in identifying who were members at that time.

Dr. Schimmelpenninck van der Oye then introduced, Dr. Renée Lafferty who entertained the assembled with her talk entitled *Brothers in Arms: Freemasonry and the War of 1812*. Dr. Lafferty fielded an number of questions from the audience at the end of the talk.

Dr. Lafferty was thanked by M.W. Bro. Campbell and R.W. Bro. Dale Graham presented Dr. Lafferty with the now traditional Quaich as a memento of the lecture.

The presentations of Dr. Lafferty's and Ms. Girard's are now available on the Sankey Lecture at www.sankeylectures.ca.

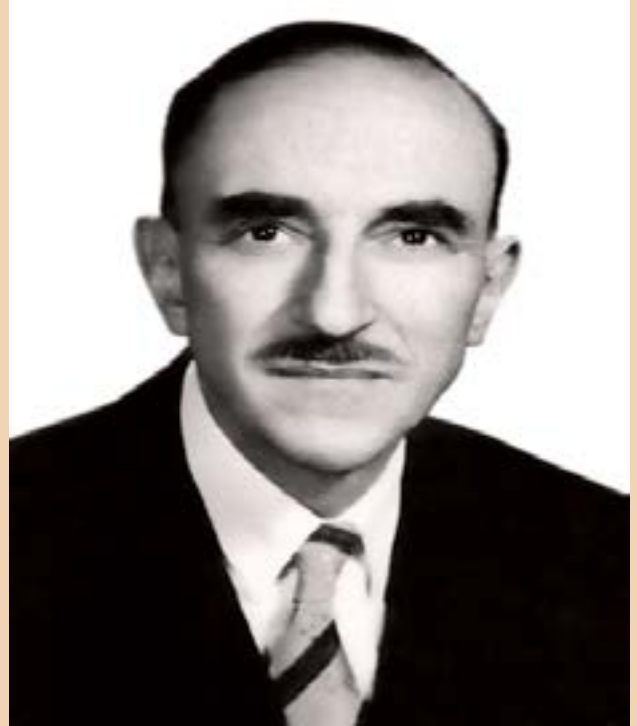
The Sankey Lecture Series is part of the Brock University Partnership and funded by the College of Freemasonry.

Brock University Partnership

The partnership established between the Grand Lodge and Brock University, St. Catharines, has proven most productive and mutually beneficial to both educational institutions. Its beginning was with the initiative of the Heritage Lodge No. 730 to support and maintain the Masonic collection in the James A. Gibson Library, and continuing with the posting on line of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge from 1855 to 2010.

The first phase of this project, the Annual Dr. Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies, is now entering its fifth year. Funded by the College of Freemasonry a distinguished scholar is invited to present a public lecture with a focus on Freemasonry. Dr. Renée Lafferty, Associate Professor, Department of History, Brock University is the speaker this year. The title of her lecture is "Brothers in Arms" and is focused on her research around the War of 1812. The lecture will take place on Sunday March 30, 2014 at Brock University. The inaugural lecture was given by Dr. Andreas Önnersfors. The subsequent lecturers have been Dr. Jessica Harland-Jacobs (2011), Dr. Steven C. Bullock (2012) and Dr. Joy Porter (2013). The first phase is culminating in the sponsorship of the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry in 2015 supported by contributions to the Grand Master's Project 2937 during 2009-2011. The study of fraternalism in general and Freemasonry in particular has been advanced significantly.

For further information go to www.sankeylectures.ca or contact at info@sankeylectures.ca



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