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President's Message:

Brethren;

On behalf of your Executive, welcome to this edition of our Newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Assemblies as both Districts share and celebrate the fellowship that is Masonry. On Monday November 28th in Arnprior, we will be joined by Kim Hetherington, Executive Director of the Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre; Lt Colonel Chris Moyle, Base Commander, Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, and Ashley Gadd, Base Communications Director. We will hear about some of the work that they undertake for families associated with our military. Bro. Scott Duffy, a member of Pembroke Lodge, will speak on personal experiences as a Military Police in Pangeway, Afghanistan.

On Saturday January 14th, your Association will honour the service and contribution of R.W. Bro. Paul Todd to our Districts, Grand Lodge and the Craft. R.W. Bro. Todd retired this year from the Board of General Purposes, and after many years of Masonic and Community service, it is fitting that we pay tribute and give thanks to him, his lady Gloria, and family. Several key-note speakers will take part in this tribute, which promises to be a lively event for all Masons, their families and friends. An excellent banquet with live entertainment befitting the occasion has been planned.

Lastly, I wish encourage the Brethren of both Districts to join our Association. It's a one-time life membership and the benefits to all can be most useful as we learn about each other, our Lodges, and the Craft.

The PMMWA mission remains:

"To encourage the continued activity of Past Masters and Principal Officers in Masonic needs and purposes, in Masonic Education and the advancement of Masonic Welfare; to foster increased knowledge in topical subjects; and to sponsor and promote inter-district social activities".

W. Bro. Charles Singh, President

Upcoming District 1 & 2 Events:

(Brethren, mark these on your calendar!)

PMMWA Assemblies:

1. Fall Assembly Monday, November 28th, 2011 at the Madawaska Masonic Temple, Arnprior;
2. Winter Assembly, January 14th, 2012 at the Carp Agricultural Hall, Carp; and
3. Spring Assembly, Monday, April 30th, 2012 at the Ottawa Masonic Centre, Walkley Road, Ottawa.

NOTE THAT TICKETS MUST BE OBTAINED OR RESERVED IN ADVANCE! YOUR LODGE REPRESENTATIVE AND/OR SECRETARY WILL HAVE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR YOU.

Golf Tournament 2011

"The secret of a perfect golf swings remains a secret".
-- Bruce Lansky

There were a total of 82 golfers this year. Thanks to everyone who played and volunteered to make this year's tournament a great success. Bro. Rick Munro and his staff at the Madawaska Golf Course ensured that everything was in place for an

enjoyable game and a solid luncheon. On behalf of your executive, we also wish to thank Bro.'s Ivor Bailey, Brian Adams, David Lyon, Doug Durr and Dario Mancuso for their assistance. **Madawaska Golf & Country Club provided prizes for the PMMWA. As well we thank the following sponsors: Ionic Lodge, Mississippi Lodge, Edinburgh Lodge, St. Andrews Lodge, Doric Lodge, Chaudiere Lodge, Carleton Lodge, Orleans Optometry, and Wagorns Garage.**

Some Awards & Trophies of note

Longest Drive - Jack Hanson, Madawaska Lodge #196;
Closest to the Pin - Chris Greer, Goodwood Lodge #159;
Low Gross Team (Dave Wilson Trophy) - Team Burchill (Barry, Bruce, Chris, Ted);
Most Honest Golfer - Team 14A (David Wilson, Hazeldean Lodge #517);
Lodge Participation (Ken Nesbitt Trophy) - Hazeldean Lodge #517; and
Putting Green Challenge - Taylor Mills (Madawaska #196); Ken Goudie (Ionic #526) Runner-up.

Congratulations to all! Trophies will be presented in Lodge this fall. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Assemblies.

Bus to Grand Lodge for 2011

This project started with a delay, but the tickets sales were slow right up to July 20th. I am happy to report there was a good turnout. There were a few empty seats but that was mainly to the fact that five members from Almonte who in the past have travelled on the bus to Toronto, went up a day earlier in order to provide help to our new DDGM.

I am most thankful for the help and support of R.W. Bro. Ivor Bayley. His past experience was most valuable. A financial statement was provided indicating there was a net profit of \$63.24.

Regards, Garry Holmes

Other Events

Grand Lodge Resources Committee Presentation

Saturday November 19, 2011;

Ottawa Masonic Centre, 2140 Walkley Rd;

Presentation on Friend-to-Friend; Brother-to-Brother, and the Cornerstone Project.

For information, contact your District Chairman's W. Bro. Dario Mancuso, Hazeldean Lodge, at 613-836-4113 or W. Bro. Charles Singh, Ionic Lodge, at 613-725-9385.

Special Seminar

On Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the Westboro Temple, W. Bro. Dario Mancuso coordinated a special seminar of interest to all Masons regarding Brother to Brother, Friend to Friend, and the new Cornerstone Project. The event was held on Saturday morning in conjunction with the Rough Ashlar Committee, which works with Lodges in District 2 (with participation from District 1) and aims to augment and amplify a positive experience to recently-made Masons as members in a Craft Lodge as well as within the broader scope of our Fraternity in this modern era. This was lead by W. Bro. Charles Singh. Lunch was provided by the District and was catered by Order of the Eastern Star.

Masonic Study Circle

The next Masonic Study Circle will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at Cabotto's Restaurant in Stittsville. There will be a discussion on of the new book from Robert Lomas, "The secret power of Masonic Symbols".

If you are interested in attending and wish to reserve a seat, please contact W. Bro. Mancuso directly at 613-836-4113 or by e-mail at mancuso.517@gmail.com.

There will be another Masonic Study Circle on Thursday, March 29, 2012. The topic for this meeting will be announced at a later date.

Masonic Education

"How shall I prepare myself for Masonry?"

Probably every man who has been elected to be made a Mason has asked this same question. It is a proper one for you to ask. The path you will follow in your initiatory degrees will be identical with that trod by every other Mason. You will wear the same garb. You will be asked the same questions. You will be required to take the same vows. Likewise, you will be accorded the same honours.

Whatever you do experience, be assured that every Master Mason has experienced it before you. Freemasonry traces the derivation of many of its basic teachings and traditions back to a place where they are lost in the uncertain mists of antiquity. Parts of your obligations may seem strange to you, because of their ancient origin.

As an organization of good men and true, there is a well-defined line directly connecting Masonry with the Operative Masons or Guilds, which built the great churches of England, the antecedents of whom were the Cathedral Builders of the middle ages. Speculative Masonry, as we now know it, had its revival in England in the early part of the 18th Century.

From this time dates Freemasonry in its present form. We tell you these things so that you may better understand the reason for that which is soon to be unfolded to you. For Masonry is a great philosophic system of morality, or ethics, interpreted by allegory and the use of ancient symbols. Better defined, Masonry is a fellowship of men of like minds in their search for Truth, each working to aid the other in his efforts to attain finite perfection within himself and in every phase of his personal environment. Your first step toward becoming a member of this Fraternity was to ask a friend for a petition, and he vouched for you as a person not prompted in this action by mercenary motives or by the improper influence of others. You asked this friend to whom you turned, to carry your petition to his Lodge. In other words, you requested him to introduce you into the intimacy of what has been to him a happy and cherished fellowship. In so doing you implied that you hoped to be admitted into this circle and similarly enjoy the brotherhood of such association.

You promised to conform to the established usages and conventions of the Order. You stated your desire for knowledge. You indicated your interest in better serving those you touch in your every walk of life. But most important of all; you expressed your steadfast belief in God. For no atheist can be made a Mason.

All this - the confidence you reposed in your friend, the fact that a firm belief in God is the very foundation upon which Masonry rests, the solemnity of this especial relationship between respected and reputable men whom you know in your daily life... all must have suggested to you that Freemasonry is not just another club of good fellows, an organization to be joined for the purpose of obtaining special privilege. To a Mason, his Lodge is his Masonic home. Have no fear! There is nothing in a Master Mason's Lodge which does not have a direct bearing upon the lessons to be unfolded for your instruction.

There is no mental or physical anguish awaiting you; no levity; no horse play; and no embarrassment. Put all thought of this from your mind. Be alert to all that happens as you progress upon your way. Remember that you have entrusted yourself to friends, friends in whom you can place the utmost trust and confidence. Bear in mind that the role you portray as an aspirant is the identical role every Mason has played since time immemorial. Your experiences have been theirs, and theirs will be yours.

Do not be ashamed to have a quiet period in the privacy of your own room, before you leave home. In your own way, implore God's blessing on this undertaking into which you are about to enter. Thank Him for this privilege which is yours-a free man in a free land. Ask that He may grant you understanding and perception, that in your new association you may experience a true rebirth of all those high ideals which mark a good man and a useful citizen. If you will so approach Freemasonry, you will find it everything that you have anticipated - and more.

We welcome you, Brother-soon-to-be, as you begin your Masonic journey and promise that you will recall this step in years to come with ever increasing gratitude and satisfaction.

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS - CHAIRMEN AND CO-CHAIRMEN 2010-2011

Congratulations are extended to R.W. Bro. Anthony C. St. Dennis (District 1) on his election to the office of DDGM for the Ottawa District #1, and to R.W. Bro. Philip (Phil) Easterman. (District 2) for his election to the office of DDGM for Ottawa District #2. We look forward to working with you in 2011-2012, and offer our support.

For a complete listing of all District appointments, chairmen, and special events, please refer to the web sites for Ottawa District # 1 and Ottawa District # 2.

Ottawa District # 1: www.ottawadistrict1masons.ca
Ottawa District # 2: www.district2.ottawamasons.ca
Ottawa Masonic Portal: www.ottawamasons.ca

NOTE: Lux et Tenebris (translated from the Latin as light from the shadows or darkness) is the official newsletter, now published in digital format by the Ottawa District 1 & 2 Past Masters', Masters', and Wardens' Association. It is available electronically on the Ottawa District 1 & 2 web sites, as well as your Lodge's Association representative.

A POEM to CONTEMPLATE BASED ON TENEBRIS:

E TENEBRIS by Oscar Wilde
Come down, O Christ, and help me! Reach Thy hand,
For I am drowning in a stormier sea
Than Simon on Thy lake of Galilee:
The wine of life is spilt upon the sand,
My heart is as some famine-murdered land
Whence all good things have perished utterly,
And well I know my soul in Hell must lie
If I this night before God's throne should stand.
'He sleeps perchance, or rideth to the chase,
Like Baal, when his prophets howled that name
From morn to noon on Carmel's smitten height.'
Nay, peace, I shall behold, before the night,
The feet of brass, the robe more white than flame,
The wounded hands, the weary human face.

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