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## Charity

*R.W. Bro. Brian Griffin, PDDGM, Ottawa 1*

The annual **Valentine's Charity Ball** for Ottawa Districts 1 and 2, will be held on Saturday evening, February 8th. Since its inception this event has evolved and grown to become the premier charitable event for the Ottawa Districts and beyond. This year, we celebrate its 10th year. In 2005, approximately 200 people attended and \$4,000 was raised in support of the two district charities. Last year, over \$10,000 was raised for the District Charities and Rogers House.

Detailed planning, active promotion, and steady hard work have made the charity ball successful over the years in terms of music, format (i.e. no speeches or customary Masonic protocol as associated with traditional ladies' nights), and canvassing individuals and businesses for donations of goods and services to build up the silent auction.

Donations for the silent auction come from individual Masons, their families, small businesses and from a few large ones as well. Not to be downplayed is the social aspect of the event, and what is amazing is the range of support the ball receives across the districts in terms of attendance: with some lodges represented in substantial numbers. We owe the original organizers of this event a great deal of thanks in launching a charity ball based on their own personal commitment in time and willingness to cover financial obligations to see if it would come off successfully. We owe the current committee members a great of thanks for sustaining and expanding the ball and hopefully this event will continue and remain a fixture of our Masonic calendar for years to come.

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# Message from R. W. Bro. Dario N. Mancuso

## *DDGM, Ottawa District 1*

Brethren,

As the festivities are approaching, I wish each of you a very Happy Holiday, and ask you to think about the meaning of the word Christmas.

So often we are caught in the pageantry that surrounds this holiday and forget just what we are being thankful for. In life you will meet many people along the way; each person who touches our life brings a gift. Some will touch you more than others, but each person comes into our life for a reason.

Many times we don't know why. This person could be a teacher, a spouse, a sibling, a friend or a stranger. Maybe this person listened when we need to talk; maybe they helped us financially when we were broke, maybe they talked to us when we needed a different perspective, maybe they sat with us when our grief was too much to bear alone, or maybe they are just there, so we know we are not alone.

How have we acknowledged this help?. Have we taken these gifts of love, compassion, and hope out into the world and offered it to others? We all need to give something back to this world; we all need to be more thankful. This year stop and think, and remember all of the people who have crossed your path and be thankful to them. Say it out loud, say it in silence, but say it.

It does not matter how we say Marry Christmas, or Buon Natale, or Joyeux Noel, or Feliz Navidad, or Froeliche Weihnaachten, just say it.

Dario Mancuso, Ottawa District 1



*"The greatest achievements aren't about individual recognition or accomplishments, but of helping others. Giving does not have to break the bank, if you only have a little to give, just give a little; if all you can afford is a portion of your time then give that time."*

*-M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell  
Grand Master*

# Message from R. W. Bro. G. Charles Singh

## DDGM, Ottawa District 2

Thank you all brethren for your support and participation throughout our District. Good fellowship, camaraderie, and a welcoming feeling is pervasive in our Lodges, and I am especially proud to see so many Lodges welcoming brethren from other parts of our Grand jurisdiction and beyond in fine Masonic form. The quest for the Travelling Trowel continues on January 16th, and we are looking forward to the Masonic Challenge & OMA Winter Assembly on January 25th — guests, ladies and friends will enjoy a complimentary wine-tasting during the Challenge, followed by a mid-winter Feast together.

At our Fall Workshop, our [District Officers](#) presented the various programs and materials available from Grand Lodge; highlighted Officer Progression & the Cornerstone programs; and delved into some mechanics briefly with RW Bro Bob Tate. Our thanks to Ionic Lodge for morning coffee-hour and to Mrs. Singh for lunch.

Congratulations to our constituent Lodges who are trying a few new things: River clean-up; Guest-speakers at Banquets; Blood donors; Widows brunch; coffee-clubs, and other community partnerships. Freemasonry's legacy in Ontario is something we can all celebrate with pride.

The FC Emulation Night, hosted by Defenders Lodge & the District Divine Service were both well attended. RW Bro John Moor and our Worshipful Masters provided nourishment within the sanctuary and in the dining hall; and the readings from the various VOSL added to the service. Stephanie MacGregor gave a personal account of the work of the [Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre Foundation](#), the Charity selected by our two Ottawa Districts. My thanks also to Ashlar Lodge for agreeing to host Youth Night on my Official Visit — an overflowing



Banquet Hall with our DeMolay and Rainbow Youth sharing the Head Table, followed by a presentation the “Ceremony of light” and “colours” in the Lodge. I hope that this could be an annual “tradition” within our Districts.

The [Valentine's Charity Ball](#) Committee celebrates its 10th year; please consider donating an item for the very popular Silent Auction, the proceeds of which support the selected Charities and join us for a quality feast, great music, superb shopping, and excellent company — please invite family and friends to support our cause and enjoy a night out.

As we gear up for holidays, it is my sincere hope that you and your families can celebrate that feeling of peace, good-will and comfort offered-up to us by the spirit of the season. Light is a central theme to many Faiths at this time of the year. For Masons, our quest for more light never ends, just as the love and care of TGAOTU. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

G. Charles Singh, DDGM, Ottawa 2

# Charity

*(Continued from Cover "Charity")*

Charity within our Masonic context should be synonymous with brotherly love, and my favourite definition of charity that I found while preparing this paper was as follows: benevolent goodwill toward, or love of humanity.

The more common concept of charity is giving in terms of time, money, or property. Another aspect of charity, equal to or even at times surpassing the importance of benevolent goodwill is to be lenient in the judgment of others – a truth most fundamental within our charges and degrees.

Reaching into our pockets to help someone we may not know (or wish to avoid contact with) may come easier for some, and certainly at times more practical than extending oneself through an action of personal involvement more characteristic of brotherly love. It is certain that no legitimate charity whether Masonic or outside of the craft, is going to refuse our money; but how grateful will they be if we volunteer our services, or serve in a capacity to help administer some aspect of a charity's activities or enterprise?

This year, the proceeds of the silent auction at the Charity Ball will be directed in support of the Ottawa Districts 1 and 2 charities, a combined effort this year: The Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre, and Roger's House the choice of the Charity Ball Committee to firm up a partnership that has developed over the years.

Historically, as Masons, our financial support of charities outside the lodge although substantial, has tended to be understated. We want to be known for our charitable character and nature in its broadest terms certainly, but we do not advertise our financial support as what we are - but perhaps, more as part or in consequence of what we do. The reluctance of making our monetary donations to charitable agencies and organizations more widely known has gradually softened; we may let our good works collectively be seen and not kept under a bushel. What is important is that the small acts of charity that are simple and that often go unnoticed, form part of the bigger picture of brotherly love which is central to our being as a fraternal order.

Brethren, to close these brief thoughts on charity, I would like to close with some words I found, first taken from the ritual of the Grand Lodge of California which is a variation of a well-known piece to us all:

"The covering of a lodge is ... where all good men hope eventually to arrive by aid of that theological ladder which Jacob, in his vision saw, extending from earth to Heaven. The three principle rounds of which are Faith, Hope and Charity, which admonish us to have Faith in GATU, Hope of immortality, and Charity for all mankind. The greatest of these is Charity, for Faith may be lost from sight, hope ends in fruition, but charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realm of eternity."

Brethren, brotherly love is a principle, and charity in attitude and action, is the outward expression of that affection. As Masons, we are not asked to give until it hurts but give until it helps.

*This paper is originally by RW Bro. Brian Griffin, PDDGM, Ottawa 1, and has been edited to reflect current dates & recipients by RW Bro. G. C. Singh, DDGM, Ottawa 2, Dec 2013.*



# Masonic – DeMolay Challenge

## Win a Dinner for your organization

During the 2013-2014 Masonic Year, each Lodge/Chapter in Ottawa District 1 & 2 that sponsors a candidate who is then Initiated into DeMolay will receive one (1) point. As of May 31, 2014 the Lodge / Chapter with the most points will then be awarded a Spaghetti dinner put on by Ottawa DeMolay (Spaghetti, Caesar salad, buns, dessert, coffee, tea & juice) at a time and place decided by the winning Lodge / Chapter.

### **DeMolay are the Masons of tomorrow.**

DeMolay is a leadership organization for young men between the ages of 12 and 21. It was started in 1919 by Frank S. Land, a Freemason and Shriner who saw

the need to help youth and acted. These young men are at a critical, exciting and challenging time in their lives. They're experiencing new feelings of independence and self determination. They're testing boundaries and abilities. Thinking about destiny and dignity. Building a greater appreciation for the world around them – family, friends and community. DeMolay exemplifies this fusion of independence, compassion and fraternalism.

These young men don't stay young forever, they are having the seeds planted to become the Masons of tomorrow. Each mason has a son, grandson, friend or neighbour who could benefit from this premiere organization – why not expose them to it!

**"Freemasonry offers much to its members—the opportunity to grow, the chance to make a difference and the means to build a better world for our children. It offers the chance to socialize and work with men who have the same values and ideals. We strengthen and improve our character by learning and practicing basic virtues of fraternal love, charity, and truth. Our principles extend far beyond our interactions with each other, and we strive to apply them to our daily lives".**

**(Grand Lodge of Canada)**

## *Valentine's Charity Ball*

**Saturday, February 8, 2014**

**Centurion Hall, 170 Colonnade Road, Ottawa**

Cocktails from 6:00 pm; dinner at 7:00 pm  
featuring The Mick Armitage Band



# Masons and Men's Tears

*Fifth Column, Jennifer Stewart*

*This article illustrates the impact at **Masonic Memorial Service** can have on a family — a lasting impression.*

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It is a stifling hot night in late summer and once again I am reminded of the strange sound men make when they cry.

The night before we buried my mother's father was the ninth of September and hot. We had stood all afternoon in the new church hall, shaking the line of extended hands and greeting the endless stream of people who came to mourn. It was the first official wake to be held in the hall that jutted sideways from the tiny church in rural Prince Edward Island. There was comfort somehow in the pale blue carpet and in the familiarity of the church proper, glimpsed through the connecting door beyond.

The receiving-line atmosphere had been more like what one expected at a wedding – laughter mixed with tears and a tinge of hysteria. I stood in my best dress, sweating, and admiring the dignity and composure of my grandmother, who refused to sit down as she exchanged words with each visitor. Some of them had waited patiently for up to an hour to speak with my grandmother and pass my grandfather's open casket. Doggedly, I continued my smile, trying to ignore the heat and situation. Even at the age of 27, death was alien. I had yet to look beyond my grandmother at the form which lay preserved in the casket, disguised as the man I knew as my grandfather.

We returned to the church that evening. The line of visitors already stretched out of the driveway and down the highway. I was emotionally frayed and exhausted from suppressed grieving. I envied my sisters' easy familiarity with the names of people claiming to be relatives for whom I had no

recognition. We appeared as a family in full that evening, cousins, aunts and uncles ensconced in what my father dubbed the "amen corner". I stood next to my mother and felt strange to be so close to the climactic endpoint of this pilgrimage of mourning.

As the final half hour at last began to pass, I noticed that after paying their respects, fewer people were actually leaving the hall and that the "amen corner" overflowed with the male peers of my grandfather. I began to hear whispers about the Masonic service that would follow the wake and my stomach contracted in anxiety and distress. I frantically searched for any excuse to leave immediately.

Finally the end came. My grandmother asked for the doors to be closed and sat down at last. We shed a few tears in private as a family (my brother in the doorway, inconsolable against the stars, with my father standing awkwardly beside), even as the Masons emerged and I realized that any thoughts of escape were futile.

We formed a half-circle that was strangely reminiscent of the figure we had formed at the start of the day, but the choreography was altered now. The Masons all stood with their right eyes acknowledging us, their left toward my quiet grandfather. I prayed that the wonderful, bittersweet sadness present now at the end of the day would not be ruined by this mysterious ceremony. I could only guess at what sort of weird male ritual I would have to squirm through. I cringed at their costumes: satin banners, medallions and mad hats.

Finally the silence developed into true silence. One man began to speak from the centre. Startlingly unassuming in appearance, he carried no book or notes, and he radiated neither energy nor aura that may have prepared us for the brilliance of his voice, and the wonders of which he spoke. It was a glorious

monotone carrying King James and poetry, ethics, morals, stars and dragons. We – all of us, believers and cynics – sat mesmerized and cradled by the powerful beauty of the composition of sentence and word, meaning and myth.

I was neither bored nor tired, embarrassed nor tense. I was floating on the lilt, finally able to gaze at these farmers and fishermen, businessmen and bankers who stood in such undisguised grief. They had wiry faces and big hands and they were so woebegone that I was again overcome with emotion and buried myself in my white handkerchief, wondering why it is that a man's tears are so very powerful.

As the speaker spoke of new life and growth, my eyes at last found some meaning in the sprigs of evergreen glimpsed in the hands and pockets of all these men. The speaker walked up to the casket and laid his piece of evergreen on my grandfather's heart. He did not wish him well or speak of everlasting life. He drew back with his hand on his own heart and whispered, "Alas, brother".

Each of these old, gnarled, stern men laid green sprigs on my grandfather's heart and whispered and cried their grief. Alas, brother.

*Jennifer Stewart is a Halifax-based designer.*

*Wednesday, November 24, 1993, Globe & Mail*

## Ottawa 2 Travelling Trowel

This year, R.W. Bro. has instigated the **Traveling Trowel**. Although this is a traditional tool for used by operative masons, in Ottawa 2 it being awarded as a small trophy at Official Visits for the visiting lodge with the most members in attendance.

The battle for the Travelling Trowel has gotten to the point where "rules" matter now. Defenders, The Builders, Madawaska and Ionic have not only claimed it, but the brethren have added to the adornment of the very box itself in a most exquisite manner that must be seen –brass fittings, clasps, matting and such ---thank you again for those improvements as the Trowel makes it's way to the next Official Visit.



The Builders receive the Traveling Trowel

## 2nd Annual Masonic Challenge Co-sponsored by the Ottawa Districts & the OMA.

**September, January 25th, 2014**

**St Stephen's Presbyterian Church,  
Parkdale Ave.**

Challenge for ALL brethren at 4:30 pm;  
while Ladies, guests & friends enjoy  
complimentary wine-tasting  
with Vinhaus wine-maker.

**Social at 6:00pm for Dinner 6:30.**

Fall Assembly of Ottawa Masonic Association  
& guest speakers.

**Reservations to Bro. Doug Durr**  
([dougduurr@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougduurr@sympatico.ca)) required by Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Tickets: \$25, cash or cheque at the door.**



## Defenders Lodge Remembrance Service

November is very special month for Canadians in general and for

Defenders Lodge No 590 in particular. Remembrance Day holds a predominant place in the hearts of all Canadians as it pays tribute to those who served and died in military service to this great country. Each November, Defenders Lodge has a long-standing tradition of conducting a Ceremony of Remembrance.



Photo credit: L. Michael

This ceremony is open to the public and is conducted after the close of the Defenders Regular Meeting.

The ceremony began in earnest with a brief welcome from the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Colin Michael followed by the presentation of the flags under the direction of Bro. Nick Bryant. Once the flags were in place around the cenotaph in the near East, the lights were dimmed and W. Bro. Michael laid a wreath on behalf of the members of the lodge. R.W. Bro. Jack Kirkpatrick, PDDGM Ottawa District No. 2, and a World War Two veteran, recited the poem "In Flanders Fields". This was followed by Bro. John Thibert, the Lodge Historian, reading of the "Roll of Honour", a list of Defenders members who had passed on to the Grand Lodge Above in recent years.

The strains of a trumpet playing "The Last Post" filled the lodge room and signaled the dipping of the flags around the cenotaph. Two minutes of silence were observed and was followed by the sounds of the

bagpipes playing the Lament. At the sound of the bugle playing the Rouse, the flags were raised and the lights brought up. The Senior Warden, Bro. Dan Piche read Edna Jacques' poem "In Flanders Now". This signaled to the flag party to retire to the West, where a brief explanation was given on why Defenders Lodge presents flags at the opening of lodge and the significance of the four flags carried during the ceremony.

The highlight of the ceremony was the talk given by R.W. Bro. The Reverend J. Gordon Roberts, pastor of



Photo credit: L. Michael

the South Gloucester United Church, and a member of The Builders Lodge No. 177. His theme was the subject of "flags". His talk was both engaging and thought-provoking and outlined the history of the flags of Canada. This was followed by a collection of offerings to support the activities of the South Gloucester United Church.

At refreshment, the comments from our veterans and visitors indicated that the ceremony did that for which it was designed to do –evoke a feeling of pride in being Canadian, and raise awareness that as Canadians, we owe our sense of security and well-being to those who served, are now serving, and to those who made the supreme sacrifice in both war and in peace.

The crest of Defenders Lodge includes the motto "LEST WE FORGET", which was carefully chosen by their founding members, who were veterans of the Great War (1914-1918).



# Self Development

Personal growth and development are one of the benefits of our great Fraternity. That growth does not happen without work and effort by yourself and others. Self development is a vital part of that growth. Each of you are encouraged to make a personal commitment to your own development .

A list of Masonic publications is available from Grand Lodge. You may also utilize the Grand Lodge Library where many resources are available in either book form or audio and video tapes. In addition, many great books are available from your local library such as Steven Covey's "Seven Habits of Successful People" or Alex McKenzie's "The Time Trap" is excellent reads.

And finally, we encouraged you to explore the opportunities presented by the [College of](#)

[Freemasonry](#) (must be login to Grand Lodge Web site Members Area to follow link). The Master Mason's course is divided into four programs; Masonry at Work, History and Origin of Masonry, Administration and Organization and Preparing for Leadership. There is a nominal fee for each and after successful completion of each program, a certificate will be awarded. Upon completion of all four programs, a certificate for "THE COLLEGE OF FREEMASONRY" will be presented.

Encourage younger officers and members, by your example, to do the same. Leadership and self development is not restricted to lodge officers.

(GL, Lodge Resources Manual)

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## Are you Looking for More Masonic Education? College of Freemasonry

*Bro. Trott recently completed the Masonic Arts and Sciences for Masons Course awarding him the designation Fellow of the College of Freemasonry (FCF).*

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The **College of Freemasonry** offers an excellent self-study opportunity in the Masonic Arts and Sciences for Masons course. I have recently completed the course of all 17 distance learning modules and can assure you that it is an interesting and worthwhile program.

As a newer and younger member of the Craft, I have always attempted to make gains in my Masonic knowledge when provided an opportunity. This program provides an in-depth learning experience in order to learn more about the craft and it is available to all Master Masons in Ontario. It took me approximately 18 months to complete, as free time can be hard to find. The modules consist on average

of about 25-30 questions that you must research on your own to find the answers. The College of Freemasonry provides a list of books and online resources that will help you (available in most lodge libraries) and then you have the materials needed to complete the modules. You submit your answers and they are evaluated by Mentors who provide helpful feedback. The modules vary from Protocol and Etiquette, Symbolism, Grand Lodge, Officer Training and History of the Craft.

As a junior officer in my Lodge, I feel more confident with increased knowledge and thoroughly recommend the course for any Mason who desires more Masonic knowledge! The course prospectus and application form can be found on the Grand Lodge website after you log in with your individual ID and password.

Bro. Kelsey Trott, FCF

# The Time To Give Is Now

*Bro. Donald G. Mahar*

We all recognize the importance of donating blood. We see media advertisements on television and in the printed press and here radio announcements informing us of the location of blood donor clinics. But have you ever stopped to think for a moment how much blood is required and how frequently hospitals use it?

Every minute of every day someone in Canada requires a blood donation. That is a staggering statistic. Cancer patients, open heart surgeries, victims of automobile accidents, haemophiliacs and many others in our community are dependent upon our willingness to roll up our sleeves. Think of how many family members or people you know who fall within this category.

According to the Canadian Blood Services website ([www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)) the average number of units of whole blood required for the following are:

Hip replacement surgery	2 units
Aplastic anemia	4 units
Cancer treatment	5 units
Cardiovascular surgery	5 units
Internal bleeding	2 - 8 units
Leukemia	8 units per week
Auto accident	50 units

From the above noted numbers, one quickly comes to the realisation that a great deal of blood is regularly required at all Ottawa area hospitals situated within the greater Masonic region covered by Districts 1 and 2. Although we pray it isn't the case, those needing that blood could be a brethren of your lodge, a loving family member or, perhaps, you yourself.

Canadian Blood Services are committed to making donations safe for you, the donor, and safe for those

who receive your blood. Every donation received is tested for Hepatitis B & C, AIDS virus (HIV), HTLV virus, Syphilis and West Nile Virus. You will find helpful, additional information on their website.

Most whole blood donations are processed into components such as red blood cells, platelet concentrates, fresh frozen plasma and cryoprecipitate. Individual components are transfused to patients who are losing blood in surgery or trauma, or are unable to produce their own blood because of leukemia, other forms of cancer or hereditary illnesses such as thalassemia.

When you arrive at a Canadian Blood Services clinic, you will be registered, asked to answer a health assessment questionnaire (often completed on a touch-screen computer), complete a self-exclusion form and then be taken to an area where your donation will be harvested. When your donation is completed you will be asked to take a brief rest and will be provided with some light refreshments. The whole blood donation process, including the administration requirements prior to the actual donation itself and the period of rest and refreshments afterwards, normally take one hour to complete. You may donate whole blood every 56 days.

Another form of donation you may wish to consider is plasma or plateletpheresis. This is a process where blood is separated into parts by a machine and a certain amount is removed. Anticoagulant is added to the blood during withdrawal to prevent clotting. Some anticoagulant is returned to you, with the blood that has not been removed. This very important form of donation takes longer than that of whole blood donations.

The normal donation period for plateletpheresis is two hours. Your body replenishes the platelets within 24 to 48 hours allowing donors to donate every 14 days.

Prior to a plateletpheresis donation a nurse will check your overall health situation. She will check your blood pressure, pulse, weight and body temperature. Your arms will be checked for skin rashes and any signs of IV drug use. Protein levels will be checked for plasma donors and platelet levels will be checked for plateletpheresis donors. Once a donation has been completed the donor will have a short rest period and be provided with refreshments.

Brethren, the Christmas holiday season is a particularly busy time at hospitals. Please consider rolling up your sleeve and donating the gift of life. Bring your spouse / partner with you and any adolescent children over the age of 17 who may be prepared to donate for the first time. Please take the time to send an e-mail to your lodge Blood Donor Committee Chair, advising him of the date of your donation as well as the names of your family members if they donated too.

If you wish to obtain further information, please contact the Canadian Blood Services at 1-888-2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) or view their website at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

## Did You Know?

Charles Mortram Sternberg  
(1885–1981)

*No published study of Canadian dinosaurs is possible today without citing one or another of Sternberg's papers.*

Equipped with only a high school degree Sternberg, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada became one of worlds most celebrated paleontologists' publishing 47 papers on fossil vertebrates, primarily dinosaurs, many of which were based on his own discoveries. He is credited with discovering or classifying the ***Pachyrhinosaurus*** ("thick-nosed lizard"), ***Brachylophosaurus*** "short-crested lizard", ***Parksosaurus*** ("William Parks lizard") and ***Edmontonia*** (after the Edmonton Formation). In 1936 he and his son Ray installed permanent metal quarry markers in 112 dinosaur quarries within the area that would become Alberta's Dinosaur Provincial Park.

He was a member of Civil Service Lodge No. 148 in Ottawa.

## Your Grand Lodge Certificate

*Originally published as "A Grand Lodge Certificate" by R.W. Bro. Wallace E. McLeod, The Newsletter of the Committee on Masonic Education, Volume 5, Number 1, July 1985.*

We are all aware of the allegorical significance of the Furniture, Ornaments and Jewels that we ritualize in our Lodges and we may even recall the significance of the Tracing Boards but the question I pose to you is, "Are you aware of the tremendous history and significance that is presented to you in a pictorial manner on your Grand Lodge Certificate?"

This is not merely a piece of paper that informs you and all others who view it that you are a Mason but it also proclaims the history of our Craft. If you would look at your Certificate as I relate the following story to you I am sure you will always view your Certificate in the future as not just a piece of paper, but rather as an historical document.

*Only the first two paragraphs have been included here. For the full document regarding the explanation of your Grand Lodge certificate, follow [this link](#).*

# Bullet-Proof Freemasonry

## What I learned about the Craft In Afghanistan

*A first-person account of Masonry in a deployed military lodge that will explore a few lessons the modern Mason and Lodge could learn from this now-rare tradition.*

*By Brother Lieutenant Joseph F. Curry*

**About the Authour:** Brother Lieutenant Joseph Curry is an Intelligence Officer in the Canadian Forces. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 at the rank of Corporal where he served as the Intelligence Officer for the National Support Element of Task Force Kandahar on Operation Kandahar Province.

Bro. Lt. Curry originally made this presentation at the London Masonic Conference on November 9, 2013. As he says, this presentation does not highlight stories or anecdotes. Rather it promotes lessons learned from his time in Afghanistan.

I believe that every Mason will find something thought provoking and inspiring from this unique experience. The author encourages us to:

- Keep Your Sense of Humour
- Be Flexible
- Live in the Moment
- Employ and Instruct the Brethren in Masonry

“... I think the degree of my injury was less than it could have been, and the recovery quicker because I was able to find that balance in Lodge. The only laughter I remember from those eight months was with my lodge brethren. Lodge was a world away from everything else there. It was a safe retreat. We chided and teased each other, laughed at ourselves and one another, and regained some of our humanity.”

[I encourage all to click here to read  
the whole presentation.](#)

## The Heritage Lodge No. 730 Installation in Peterborough



Congratulations are extended to Ottawa's R.W. Bro. David R. Mackey for being elected and installed as the Worshipful Master of [The Heritage Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 730 G.R.C.](#) for 2014. The meeting was held in Peterborough where R.W. Bro. Mackey grew up.



## Arnprior Masons Support Von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) Family Alliance



Thanks to Brethren of Madawaska lodge who supported the Masters Charities for 2012-2013 Masonic year. VHL Family Alliance and ADMH Partners in Caring

The Brethren of Madawaska Masonic Lodge # 196 in Arnprior are proud to support Von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) as part of the lodges annual charitable work. The Brethren were pleased to present Tania Durand Regional Chapter Leader of the Canadian VHL Family Alliance a cheque for \$715. The Masons also supported the ADMH Partners in Caring campaign this year as well with an equal amount donated. For more information please see:

<http://madawaskalodge.wordpress.com | vhl.org | vhlcanada.org>

## Remember Me? William Mercer Wilson

*Daniel R. Pearce, QMI Agency*

William Mercer Wilson is a little known figure in Ontario history who helped build the province — and the country — in a subtle way.

Wilson is the originator of the Masons in Ontario.

[Click here for the full article](#)

## Hazeldean Lodge Celebrates Its Centennial

*Kanata Courier-Standard*  
By John Brummell



**Community** - Hazeldean Lodge celebrated its 100th anniversary on Oct. 26.

The Freemasons also held a ceremony of rededication of the lodge building, located on Young Road in Kanata.

"Today shows the dedication of our brothers 100 years ago," Grand Master Donald Campbell

said during the event. "Put yourself back then and say ... who would have thought 100 years from now that Hazeldean Lodge would still be up and running, very active in the community, attracting good men and making them better men within the community.

"Masonry is not a secret society, it's a learning institution," he said. "Our main function is education, and to help the welfare of the community."

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## Past Master pins presented to Bill Bradley and Glen Scott

*Stittsville News*

The Hazeldean Masonic Lodge on Young Road in Kanata is now 100 years old. But it was only four decades old when Bill Bradley of Stittsville served as its Master. And it was only half a century when Glen Scott of Stittsville served as its Master.

But when the 100th anniversary of the Hazeldean Lodge was formally celebrated in a recent ceremony, both Bill Bradley and Glen Scott, still members of the Lodge, were there and received special recognition.



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# Ottawa District 1 & 2 Charity 2013-14 : DSYTC



The Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre (DSYTC) has a solid track record, is well established and has helped hundreds of vulnerable youth and their families over the past 20 years. The DSYTC is Eastern Ontario's only non-profit, residential and community-based agency dedicated to helping Anglophone youth, 13-21, overcome substance abuse issues and other related challenges in order to achieve a healthy lifestyle. The Centre now operates out

of 3 buildings: a 14-bed treatment centre for boys in Carleton Place, a 10-bed treatment centre for girls in Carp, and staff offices located in Ottawa. All three buildings were always considered temporary sites to answer to the changing mandate (from day treatment to residential treatment in 2009); financially, they are expensive to maintain.

1. Goal: to raise \$5M through private fundraising for a new facility in Carp on 25 acres of land.
  - a. Total cost for the land and the building is \$7.8M; \$2.8M raised to date.
  - b. The at-risk youth & families we serve deserve the best care we can offer in the most appropriate facilities in order to heal and move forward with hope for the future.
  - c. Our staff need to be closer to the youth they serve so they can be even more effective in their role of advisor, guide, confidant and teacher.
  - d. Current buildings are out-dated and aged; it is not an option to stay with the status quo.
2. Plans for the new site:
  - a. Two 15-bed residential wings – one for males and one for females. Each wing to have private client spaces (bedrooms) as well as laundry facilities and a group room.
  - b. Residential buildings will reflect the warmth of a family home ; and linked to building with counsellors offices, living/dining areas, classroom and space for family visits.
  - c. Central administrative building between the residential wings that will house offices, meeting space and common areas like a fitness area, central kitchen and crafts room.
3. The new Centre will help the most vulnerable youth at risk in our community:
  - a. They will be treated under one roof.
  - b. Families invited in process & receive counselling on how to best work with their children.
  - c. Counsellors and staff will be located in the same space to deliver more effective services.
  - d. Youth will have a secure and stable environment to learn to:
    - i. Develop skills to make healthy choices
    - ii. Build and sustain healthy relationships
    - iii. Make personal goals and achieve them
    - iv. Prepare and consume nutritious meals
    - v. Heal from past trauma
    - vi. Overcome addiction

# Notes from the Editor

Brethren, thank you for reading this latest issue of the **Anteroom**. It is so encouraging to hear from several Brethren in the two districts about last season's issue. It has been a great group effort and I can't take all the credit.

I would like to thank the Brethren that have been so enthusiastic to contribute to this issue — it's been a pleasure working with you. From all that was shared with me, the **Anteroom** is still in an evolving stage. I am trying to figure out details such as which sections should appear regularly and different types of articles. I look forward to any feedback, it would be greatly appreciated.

There are two things other items that I wanted to make known: the **Anteroom** online group and a signup form. A group for the newsletter has been on My Grand Lodge, you can see that (and join) by [clicking here](#). Also, if you would wish to receive the

**Anteroom** directly to your email inbox you can signup for [that here](#).

There are already a few brethren who have expressed their interest in contributing to the next issue. Any Brother that is interested in writing an article, sharing news or education, please get in contact with me. Please, don't feel intimidated — the contributors for this issue range greatly in seniority. I would love to hear from everybody in the Districts. This is your newsletter.

I wish all the best to you and yours.

S & F,  
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**"Masonry makes good men better, not because it imparts some outside influence or power, but because it encourages him to harness the power he already possesses within."**

**-Bro. Lt. Joseph F. Curry**

## January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Madawaska Traveling Gavel	14 Civil Service Traveling Gavel	15	16 Bytown Official Visit	17	18
19	20 • Russell Traveling Gavel • The Builders' Official Visit	21 Acacia Official Visit	22	23	24	25 Masonic Challenge & OMA Winter Assembly
26	27	28	29	30 Masonic Study Circle	31	

## February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Ottawa District 2 Meeting
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Ottawa District 1 Meeting	<b>4</b> Temple Official Visit	<b>5</b> • Edinburgh Traveling Gavel • Defenders Official Visit	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Ashlar Traveling Gavel	<b>8</b> Valentine's Charity Ball
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Civil Service Official Visit	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Acacia Traveling Gavel	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Carleton Traveling Gavel	<b>28</b>	

## March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Goodwood's 150th Celebration
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Goodwood Official Visit	<b>5</b> Edinburgh Official Visit	<b>6</b> Pembroke Official Visit	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Cobden Official Visit & Traveling Gavel	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Russell Official Visit	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Hazeldean Official Visit	<b>20</b> Mississippi Traveling Gavel	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

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