

Powerful Message from DGM

The Deputy Grand Master visited St. Lawrence District at the Lions' Hall in Perth, March 29, 2010 where he spoke during a reception and banquet given in his honour. Highlights of his speech are as follows: Commenting on the increased interest in Masonry and a steady influx of new members, the DGM suggested that we need to do a better job managing the renaissance of Freemasonry in our jurisdiction. "It's hogwash", he said, to say "we need to do nothing." The new breed of Masons is keen and very knowledgeable whereas many of our Lodges have slipped into apathy. We have to make our meetings more interesting, create enthusiasm, and develop camaraderie. It almost seems that in spite of ourselves we are getting new candidates. Our

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DDGM R. W. Bro. M. E. Clark (left), and
DGM R. W. Bro. G. Garry Dowling

St. Lawrence Worshipful Masters during DD Night in Smiths Falls.



front, left to right, G. W. Machan (True Briton's), D. Hanton (Fidelity), DDGM M. E. Clark, D. Horning (Harmony), C. Robson (Otter), Lornie MacDonald (Evergreen), A. Graham (Mt. Zion), B. Fritz (Lyn), G. E. Brown (Smiths Falls), T. Moran (Sussex), P. Steacy (Lansdowne), J. Hunter (Nation), T. J. Smith (Rising Sun), T. Ferguson (St. James). Missing in photo: C. Root (Macoy), G. Tristram (Salem), R. Shannon (Central), and R. Richardson (Merrickville).

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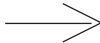
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Soldier/Masons in Afghanistan



photo (above) and report of the first Lodge (Canada Lodge U. D.) meeting in Kandahar from Bro. Joe Curry (Beaches Lodge #473 GRC) who is currently serving in Afghanistan.

“Brethren of Canada Lodge U.D. visited the Widow’s Son Military Lodge #202, a Prince Hall Lodge here in KAF. While Lodge was about to open in the 3rd, KAF came under attack. We are regularly attacked by indirect fire from rockets, but last night in concert with indirect fire there was a frontal ground attack on the base and we received word that the perimeter had been breached. The Worshipful Master calmly directed the Tyler to lock the door and put a round in the chamber of his M-4. This was done and we continued with the sound of warning sirens and explosions outside (when there is a rocket attack we are to stay under shelter anyway). I am quite certain that in the history of Masonry the door of the lodge has rarely been Tyled in this way. I am glad to report that I am safe, and that while there were Canadians injured last night in the attack last night, we did not suffer any loss of life.” Sincerely and Fraternally, Bro. Joe Curry



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*Powerful Message - continued from Page One***Better Communications**

Grand Master has stated that his three priority items during his term will be **Better Communication**, **Educating Ourselves**, and **Raising the Bar** in the performance of our rites and ceremonies. Therefore, he asked, what are you and I doing on a regular monthly basis to satisfy the expectations of our new members and make Masonry a lifelong journey for them?

Analyzing "**Better Communications**" he said, among others, "We have become lax communicators or even non communicators. About **Masonic Education**, he said "you and I must change." We have made these promises to our initiates and we are not keeping those promises.

We have stories to tell and are not doing so. Perhaps we even need to get back to enhancing our own Masonic education just to answer the questions posed by the new mason. How many of us have actually made a daily advancement this month, last month... Symbolism cannot be taught... symbolism must be communicated because there is a component of symbolism that is you and I... what does it mean to us. The new Mason cannot get that from a book. We need to impart it to him and right now we are not doing a good job of that. We need to change. On "**Raising the Bar**", he stated "Nothing could be more simple - our ritual is the differentiator. That's what essentially

Raising the Bar

makes us different than all the rest of the clubs and organizations. That's what we use to make a man a Mason. Stripping away all the niceties... I want you to ask yourselves ... If we can't perform the rites and ceremonies, how can we call ourselves a Lodge.

"Learn the right way or step aside"

One of my biggest disappointments as Deputy Grand Master was to see how much we have actually lowered the bar around the jurisdiction. In some cases it is just sad... officers that cannot even open and close the Lodge without the book in front of them. Lectures that need so many prompts that they might as well have been read. Past Grand Lodge officers that need to be told straight up that we don't do it that way anymore... so learn the right way or step aside. And... why do we have such absolute, dogged determination to fight for what we call 'local traditions' in our ritual... under the guise of "that's what makes us unique". Local traditions are a big contributor to **lowering the bar**. Local traditions seem like a small thing to you in your Lodge or your District but we see 570 local traditions, some of which would just make you shake your head. John F. Kennedy once stated... ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country? I ask you to con-

Masonic Education

sider... defend not what makes you different... but ask what you need to do to conform. It's all about attitude! Brethren, we have asked new Masons what they like about the craft and always, always, one of the responses is we love the ritual and when it's done well it's marvelous to behold! So, once again, look in the mirror... who needs to change, it's us. I am not hesitant in the least bit to say to you outright... let's get rid of the books, let's get rid of the local traditions, let's have practices, let's learn the work according to the book and let's raise the bar and most importantly let's not do it because we were told to... let's do it because we want to, because it is the right thing to do, because they are beautiful ceremonies, and most importantly because we are enthused about it! In summary Brethren, it's time to reenergize ourselves. Communicate our enthusiasm to get good attendance, educate as well as instruct to bring satisfaction to the brethren for attending and finally when we perform our rites and ceremonies demonstrate to our new masons and ourselves that we are serious about what we do and proud of the way we do it. Wouldn't it be absolutely amazing if we could capture in masonry some of the enthusiasm that we all showed during the Olympics? The Mission statement of your Grand Lodge is "**To ensure the timeless vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario**".

I leave you with this final thought. We embraced the Olympics with the phrase "I Believe"... "I Believe..." Brethren, I believe in the future of Free Masonry in Ontario - Do You?

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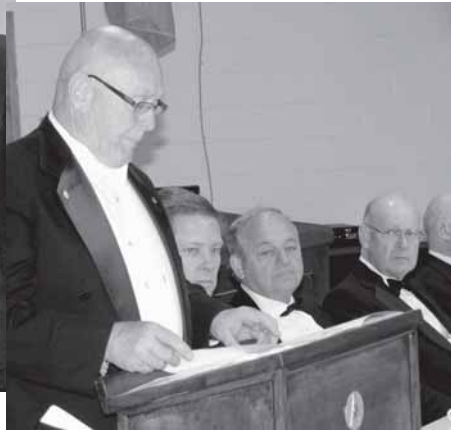
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Grand Finale to Excellent Year



DDGM receives a two-ball cane from R. W. Bro. G. Mielke



Last Official Visit Banquet Speech

DDGM R. W. Bro. Matthew E. Clark presented his last Official Visit speech during the Banquet Hour at Lansdowne Lodge No. 387 in Lansdowne. Always promoting the moral and social benefits of Free Masonry, the DDGM is living proof that, with conviction, enthusiasm, persuasion and good salesmanship, our fraternity can

and will flourish, leaving behind pessimists, doomsayers, and those who are in doubt about the future of our Order.

DDGM Clark attended almost every Masonic gathering during the past year in St. Lawrence District and elsewhere, connecting and reconnecting with a host of friends and supporters from past and present. His last Official Visit at his "home coming" in Lansdowne attracted close to two hundred guests; an unprecedented number in the history of Official Visits by any DDGM in the history of the District.



Piped in by three Pipers at the District Divine Service

The DDGM's Charitable Project this year was Palliative Care, and the District managed to cough up no less than eight thousand dollars for this worthy project, and may even go way over that once all donations have been counted and collected. Successful events in support of the DDGM's Charity included a Dinner/Auction at the Brockville Country Club, and numerous other functions, held at local Lodge levels.

Every District Deputy Grand Master has his own strengths, and each one leaves his mark on the District and our glorious institution. Representing our Grand Master is no easy task but those called to perform that duty, shine, and inspire others to do a good act, not for himself, but for the cause of the good.

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10th Quarry Lodge Anniversary Great Success



Grand Master , and DDGM waiting to enter Quarry Lodge



The 10th annual Quarry Lodge took place in Spencerville, June 11 and 12, 2010. Highlights were a Table Lodge on Friday evening and a Quarry Lodge meeting on Saturday at noon. Led by the Grand Master, the Lodge exemplified a First Degree with M. W. Bro. T. Shand (PGM) as the candidate.

Top left: Distinguished East included DDGM R. W. Bro. M. E. Clark, M.W., Bro. R. S. J. Daniels, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. D. Mumby (PGM), and R. W. Bro. John Hunter. Bottom photo. Guests and Junior Warden, Lorne D. MacDonald during Quarry Lodge

In Memoriam

- Rising Sun No. 85**
Bro. Robert Elmore Green
 Entered into rest April 10, 2010
 He was in his 42nd year of Masonry
St. Francis Lodge No. 24
W. Bro. William K. Porter
 Entered into rest March 10, 2010
 He was in his 51st year of Masonry
Bro. Dwight C. Cudmore
 Entered into rest March 26, 2010
 He was in his first year of Masonry
W. Bro. Wilson R. Drew
 Entered into rest April 2, 2010
 He was in his 62nd year of Masonry
True Briton's No. 14
V. W. Bro. William D. Archambault
 Entered into rest Feb. 26, 2010
 He was in his 53rd year of Masonry
Salem Lodge No. 368
Bro. John F. Bowen Sr.
 Entered into rest April 22, 2010
Harmony Lodge No. 370
Bro. Gerald Sands
 Entered into rest April 1, 2010
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The winning "District Quiz" team along with DDGM R. W. Bro. M. E. Clark (left): W. Bro. Jack Smith, W. Bro. Dale Montgomery, Bro. Doug Sayeay R.W. Bro John Hunter, Bro. Brian Valley and V.W. Bro. Keith Toshack,



Masonic Association Second Vice President, W. Bro. Andrew Graham, provided the following report. "In a hotly-contested battle at the annual district quiz held on April 29, Nation Lodge emerged victorious with 40 points out of a possible 50. Following very closely in second and third places were Harmony and Sussex, with 39.5 and 39.0 points, respectively. The event, hosted by Mt. Zion Lodge in Kemptville, began with a four-course meal, and was attended by forty brethren. The quiz consisted of twenty questions, taken from the Book of Constitution, Guidelines for Lodge Officers, the Masonic Manual, the Book of the Work, and the two Grand Lodge Question and Answer booklets. The evening was a fun mix of good-natured competition, lively discussion, and a lot of laughter. Proceeds totalling \$600 were donated to the DDGM's Palliative Care project."

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**W. Bro. Raymond Barnard (left) of
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Saturday October 16th, 2010

“A Weekend in the Nation’s Capital”:

An Especial Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in Ottawa at the Walkley Road Masonic Building on Sat. Oct. 16, 2010 at 9 am till noon. Grand Master wants all Brethren, especially W. Masters and Wardens from Eastern, Frontenac, Ottawa I, Ottawa II, and St. Lawrence District to attend. Noon Luncheon (\$15.00) – Guest Speaker – Workshops and Seminars (1:30-3:30 pm). Also, on that weekend, Civil Service Lodge No. 148 will be observing its 150th Anniversary. Civil Service Lodge celebrations will include a Gala for the Ladies and a new Lodge dedication in Maxville.

Merrickville #55 - Every First Wednesday - High Noon Luncheon
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