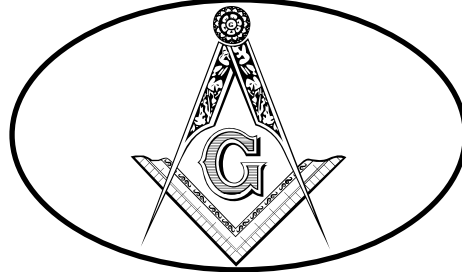


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Grand Steward



V. W. Bro. Ralph Miller

The appointment in July 2010 of V. W. Bro. Ralph Miller as Grand Steward of St. Lawrence District sees father (V. W. Bro. Ralph Miller) and son (Grand Piper, V. W. Bro. Robert Miller) serve as Grand Lodge Officers in the same year. "I don't think this has ever happened before in St. Lawrence District," said Ralph, whose sons, Robert and Doug belong to Merrickville Lodge 55 and Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, respectively, while Ralph is a long-time member of Salem Lodge No. 368, plus many

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**District Deputy
Grand Master**



**R. W. Bro. Cameron D. Minor
DDGM's Message**

I wish to thank the Brethren of St. Lawrence District for the honour and privilege of being elected as candidate, and our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Raymond S. J. Daniels, for confirming me as his District Deputy. We are challenged by the Grand Master to "Get Knowledge, get Wisdom, but with all thy getting, get Understanding." He also challenges us "to raise the standard of excellence in the performance of our Ritual Work" to a level that will ap-

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Grand Piper



V. W. Bro. Robert Miller

The Grand Master appointed V. W. Bro. Robert Miller as the Grand Piper in July of 2010. Bro. Miller shared with us the following information.

"I have been thoroughly engrossed and mesmerized by the lure of the pipes and the culture it compliments. The pipes have afforded me many opportunities and experiences I would otherwise not have had the pleasure of enjoying - 3 national sporting events, numerous parades and highland games, weddings, banquets, celebrations and of course - their poignant presence at many a graveside.

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Initiations

Fidelity Lodge No. 650

Bro. Ryan McDonnell
Bro. Shaun McDonnell

Sussex No. 5

Bro. Ryan Jago
Bro. Bill Hart

Evergreen No. 209

Bro. Scott MacDonald

St. Francis

Bro. Jay Brennan
Bro. F. M. Rayner
Bro. Brian Forsyth

Harmony Lodge No. 370

Bro. Michael Murtagh

Affiliations

Mt. Zion No. 28

Bro. Sid Lechner

Sussex No. 5

Bro. E. H. Harper

First DD Night at Harmony Lodge No. 370.



W. Bro. Dick Miller (W. Master Lyn No. 416) accepts the Travelling Square & Compasses from W. Bro Ken Tuckwood.(W. Master Sussex No. 5).

Besides presenting his first speech of the season, at Harmony Lodge No. 370, DDGM R. W. Bro. Cameron D. Minor reminded brethren to 1. Practise, among others, the ritual for Memorial Services at Funeral Homes. 2. Be represented at local Cenotaphs on Memorial Day, and 3. Make more frequent use of our District Website. Presenting his banquet speech, the DDGM followed through on the Grand Master's theme – *“Get Knowledge; Get Wisdom; but with all thy getting, Get UNDERSTANDING* – expounding on the meaning of those words, referring to the Charge of the N. E. Angle and passages from the V. O. S. L. including Proverbs, Chapter 4.

The DDGM further revealed, among others, that the District Charitable Project this year is Palliative Care. Chair of fundraising is W. Bro. E. Olivo, who said he is planning a cruise on the St. Lawrence River in May that will also include a Gourmet Dinner. Early May will see a Grand Master's Reception in Roebuck District Secretary this year is W. Bro. Bob Southin, who along with W. Bro Scobie of Merrickville No. 55 will be travelling with the DDGM on Official Visits and other functions. W. Bro. S. Howard, of True Briton's No. 14, this year, will function as the District Chaplain. The Travelling Square & Compasses was awarded to W. Bro. Dick Miller, of Lyn Lodge

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peal to and excite the discerning new generation of applicants. Throughout this Masonic Year of 2010 - 2011, I ask you to join with me in promoting these noble objectives. I also encourage every Mason in St. Lawrence District to read the Lodge Summons, refer to the Trestle Board, access the District Website www.stlawrencemasons.com and lay out for yourself a personal schedule of visitations across the District over this year, preferably in the company of traveling companions. I cannot emphasize enough how rewarding a Fraternal experience this will be for you in the acquisition of Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding as you raise your own Masonic superstructure, "perfect in its parts an honourable to the builder".

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Cameron Minor,

D.D.G.M. St. Lawrence District

V. W. Bro. Ralph Miller
Grand Steward

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other concordant organizations. He received 50-year service awards from both Grand Lodge (2009) and Grand Chapter (2010).

V. W. Bro. Ralph Miller began his Masonic career in Salem Lodge No. 368 in 1959, and served as W. Master of Salem in 1975. He joined Sussex-St. Lawrence of the Royal Arch Masons in 1960 and served as First Principal in 1967 (and again in 1998-2003), and as Grand Superintendent in 2009/2010. He also joined Gondemar Preceptory in 1961 and served as the Presiding Preceptor in 1972. A Provincial Prior of the Knights Templar in 2001, he joined Council in 2002, Thrice Illustrious Master and member of Conclave (1999). Scottish Rite (1964). Consistory (1967), and Rose Croix. Bro. Miller just recently served as Secretary for DDGM R. W. Bro. M. E. Clark (2009/2010).

V. W. Bro. Robert Miller - Grand Piper - continued from Page 1

On October 15th, 1999 I was initiated into masonry at Merrickville #55. On December 1st of the same year I was passed to the Fellowcraft degree and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on January 10th, 2000, both in the Brockville Masonic Complex. On June 17th, 2005 I was placed in King Solomon's Chair by my father at Merrickville # 55. The exact same chair occupied by my grandfather 4 decades earlier.

My contributions to the craft as a Piper started soon after my initiation.

I wrote "St Lawrence District's March" and have piped it for every DDGM entrance to the lodge on their official visits, except when specifically asked to play "When the Saints Come Marching in" by our past DDGM. I have written and

played tunes for each Grand Master as well as Rising Sun's 150th and Salem's 125th Anniversaries. The pipes have been present at every Quarry Lodge and have escorted every Grand Master since M.W. Bro. Robert McKibbon, as well as two New York Grand Masters, into lodge.

In July 2010, our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels recognized the district and its Masonic spirit by appointing our pipes to the position of Grand Pipes. I am honoured to be the porter of those pipes and represent St Lawrence District throughout the jurisdiction as the Grand Piper for the year. I thank the brethren of St Lawrence District for their patience and support of my piping over the last decade and am pleased to see such depth in our current and future piping presence in Masonry."

**From the Chairman of the St. Lawrence District Masonic Foundation,
W. Bro. Paul Weagle**

As we are all aware, Mason's are known for their charity efforts and the Masonic Foundation of Ontario provides us a very user friendly vehicle to practice this virtue. The Annual Report lists the accomplishments of the past year and shows each of the District Projects within Ontario. There should be a copy available in your Lodge for your use and I encourage you to take the time to read it.

The Masonic Foundation is funded mainly by investment income, personal contributions and bequests from estates. The Foundation qualifies as a charitable foundation and can issue tax receipts to anyone making a donation. In addition, any project that is approved by the Masonic Foundation qualifies for an additional 10% to a maximum value of \$1000.00. Our District Project Palliative Care last year qualified for an additional \$1000.00 under this top up policy.

This year's District Projects are Brockville General Hospital Palliative Care, Beth Donovan Hospice in Kemptville and Dignity Hospice in Lanark/Perth/Smiths Falls area. A donation can be made any time via the phone at (905) 527-9105 or online at www.masonicfoundation.on.ca and to donate by cheque please use the "yellow or gray" mailing envelopes available in each of our Lodges. Please ensure that you include your Lodge Number and our St. Lawrence District Project numbers, if you wish your donation linked to our projects.

Please feel free to contact me anytime, if I can be of any assistance with information regarding the Masonic Foundation of Ontario



Palliative Care presentation




St. Lawrence District Masons helped raise \$135,000 for Palliative Care in Brockville presenting a cheque for \$21,000 to Palliative Golf Tournament organizers at the Brockville Golf Club on September 1, 2010. Past District Deputy Grand Master (2009/2010) Matthew E. (Sonny) Clark spearheaded fundraising for the Masons as part of his 2009/2010 District fund raising project. In photo, left to right Masons Richard Ferguson, Sonny Clark, Bryan Cook, Jim Cooper, David Gill, Ken Tuckwood, Ray Avery, Tom Delong, and Tournament Official David Publow.

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Lodge Sponsors Communication Tower in Burritt's Rapids



Sponsored by Merrickville No. 55, a communication tower rises up above the Lodge Building in Burritt's Rapids. Dedication took place on Sept. 11, 2010.

Members of Merrickville Lodge No. 55 erected a much needed community 70-foot internet tower at the Merrickville Lodge No. 55 Lodge site. After four years of difficulties securing high speed access to the internet for the Burritt's Rapids community, W. Bro Carson and Bro. Secretain spearheaded a community initiative to rectify the situation. With the help of federal and municipal support, community encouragement and the cooperation of many others, the project came to fruition in the spring of 2010.

The Lodge invited municipal and community representatives to a dedication ceremony at the site of the tower on Saturday, September 11, 2010. "Many in Burritt's Rapids didn't have high-speed (Internet) so we thought 'Why don't we put a tower up at the lodge?' It would be good for the community," noted Lodge Senior Warden Pierre Secretain, who explained that the tower serves the hamlet as well as surrounding areas up to a four-mile (7.5 km) radius.

In Memoriam

- Macoy Lodge No. 242**
R. W. Bro. Grant Haskin
Entered into rest August 20, 2010
He was in his 64th year of Masonry
- W. Bro. Gary Mallette**
Entered into rest Oct. 3, 2010
He was in his 27th year of Masonry
- Central Lodge No. 110**
W. Bro. Frederick E. Stretton
Entered into rest July 26, 2010
- Salem No. 368**
V. W. Bro. Tom Bourret
Entered into rest July 8, 2010
- Sussex Lodge No. 5**
Bro. Walter Murray Metcalfe
Entered into rest July 7, 2010
- Rising Sun No. 85**
Bro. Raymond Willard Howe
Entered into rest August 11, 2010
He was in his 52nd year of Masonry
- St. Francis No. 24**
Bro. A. A. Leacock
Entered into rest August 26, 2010
He was in his 65th year of Masonry
- True Briton's No. 14**
Bro. A. O. Irwin
Entered into rest 26 June 2010
He was in his 62nd year of Masonry
- Bro. J. M. McPhee**
Entered into rest 11 July, 2010
He was in his 47th year of Masonry
- R. W. Bro. Jim Gilpin**
Entered into rest Sept. 23, 2010

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Bro. Thomas Delong, S.W.
Bro. Donald Wills, J. W.**

Salem Lodge No. 368 Installation



Salem Lodge No. 368 held their annual installation on October 8, 2010 installing W. Bro. Alexander J Whitehorne as the Worshipful Master for 2010/2011 The installation was under the under the direction of the R. W. Bro. G. McNaughton. In photo: Installing Master R. W. Bro. G. McNaughton, W. Bro. Gary F. Tristram, W. Bro. Alexander J Whitehorne , and DDGM R. W. Bro. Cameron D. Minor.

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Lodge members were pleased to welcome Bro. Ryan McDonnell and Bro. Shaun McDonnell in July. In photo: R. W. Bro. Don Hanton (W. Master), V. W. Bro. Terrence McDonnell (grandfather of the candidates), Ryan and Shaun, W. Bro. Terry McDonnell (father of the candidates), and DDGM R. W. Bro. Cameron D. Minor.



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Dec. 29 – Blood Donor Clinic – Brockville Memorial Centre – 1 pm

Feb 13 – District Curling Bonspiel

June 13 – Quarry Lodge at John Hunter’s Quarry in Spencerville.

Merrickville #55 - Every First Wednesday - High Noon Luncheon

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