

The Brock Broadcaster



***A newsletter for the Brethren of Brock Daylight Lodge No. 745,
Niagara "A" District and all members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in
the Province of Ontario***

St. Catharines, Ontario...September 2019



Welcome to the all new **The Brock Broadcaster!** There are great things happening at Brock Daylight Lodge and you will be part of the experience. Our Lodge is home to many Niagara "A" and "B" District Masons, and

"we have but one aim, to please each other and to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness".

This newsletter is the product of RW Bro. Ted Dunsmore (thank you) and will accomplish many things such as what is happening at Brock, events that are planned, Masonic education and inspirational stories, and above all what our membership is doing.

Brock Daylight Lodge is poised to become a very unique institution in our Grand Jurisdiction of Ontario. Why? Because our members want to be there and enjoy each other's company. In the coming months we will have two young applicants from Brock University who understand what our Fraternity represents, and we are attracting new

affiliates. The future is looking bright for our little Lodge. Tell your friends and ask them to come out to a Saturday morning meeting for fellowship and lunch.

I leave you with this passage from Henry V by William Shakespeare, although dramatic perhaps gives some illustration of our time together at Brock Daylight;

*We few, we happy few, we
band of brothers;*

*For he today that sheds his
blood with me*

*Shall be my brother; be he ne'er
so vile,*

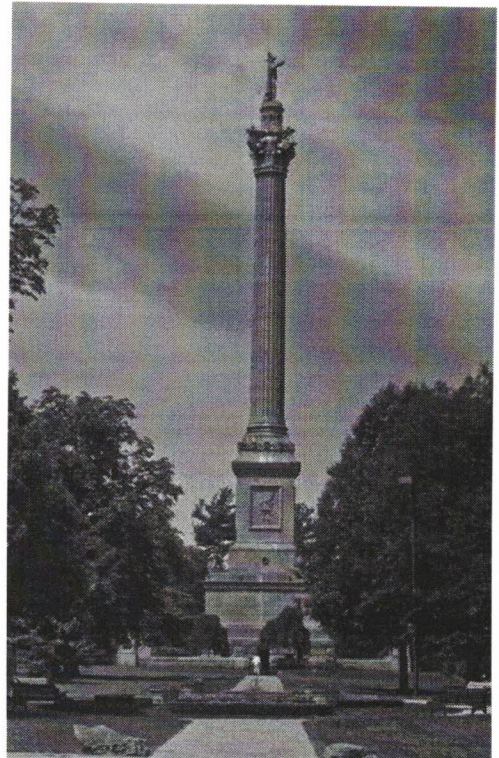
*This day shall gentle his
condition.*

Looking forward to seeing you in
Lodge.

Tom

RW Bro. Thomas (Tom) A. Wills, WM

**Are we in Niagara "A"
District focusing our efforts
and achieving success in the
fundamentals of Masonry?
Yes, we are, and we should be
very proud of it. But let's not
hide our candle behind or
under a bushel basket...Let it
shine, let it shine, let it shine!**



The History of Brock's Monument

Construction of the first monument to Brock began on June 1, 1824. On October 12, 1824, Major General Sir Isaac Brock's body was removed from the bastion at Fort George and interred under Brock's monument in a solemn event. Over 8,000 spectators gathered to watch the procession along the route from Fort George to Queenston. By 1827, the tower was completed and measured 40 metres in height. Throughout the 1820's and 1830's, the first Brock's Monument became a popular destination for early travellers to Upper Canada.

On April 17, 1840, Brock's Monument was severely damaged by a bomb set off at the base of the stairs. It was suspected that the charge was detonated by Benjamin Lett, an American sympathiser who was part of

the Upper Canada Rebellion. The monument's architect, Francis Hall, insisted that it could be restored. However, many felt that a new tower should be erected to highlight their respect for Brock, and the indignation they felt towards the vandalism.

Construction on the second monument to Major General Sir Isaac Brock began in 1853. Designed by William Thomas, the Monument was built entirely out of Queenston limestone, measures 56 metres in height, and was opened to the public in 1859. Each year, thousands of visitors from around the world visit Brock's Monument National Historic Site, learning about the early history of Canada, and the role Major General Sir Isaac Brock and the Battle of Queenston Heights had in shaping its destiny.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, September 14

The regular meeting of BDL will commence at 10am sharp. As soon as the administrative business has been completed, we will initiate Mr. Jesse Richard William Clews and Mr. Aidan Edward Christopher Hibma into the mysteries and privileges of ancient free Masonry. Both men are currently students at Brock University. They have attended the luncheons following our previous meetings. The Committee of Inquiry was impressed by both applicant's knowledge of fraternalism and understanding of the Order.

Saturday, October 12

The regular meeting of BDL will commence at 10am sharp. Part of the business will be the election of Officers

in accordance with Sections 223 through 226 of the Book of Constitution.

Immediately following the business of the Lodge, we will be presenting the play, "If a Man Die", a Masonic Fantasy in One Act, by Carl H. Claudy. Directed by Bro. Sheldon Kofsky, FCF, WMWM. **This meeting is open to all Masons.**

November 9, 2019

The regular meeting of BDL will commence at 10am sharp. There will be a Service of Remembrance. The work for the morning will be the Ceremony of Installation of the Worshipful Master and Investiture of the Officers for the 2019-2020 Masonic year.

On the morning of June 24, 2019, eight brethren from the Niagara Districts were up and at it as they took part in a sixteen-hour adventurous and fun filled day of Masonic meetings and festivities.

Our first stop was at Royal City Daylight Lodge No. 742, Guelph, Wellington District. MW Bro. John C Green was installed as the Worshipful Master. The ceremony was witnessed by over eighty- five Masons from across our Jurisdiction. Following a light luncheon at the Lodge everyone was invited to the residence of RW Bro. Earl Schneider in Palmerston for an afternoon of social relaxation. It was a beautiful outdoor setting to visit with the many Brethren who had attended.

By 4pm we were back on the road to attend the Annual Steak Fry and subsequent meeting of Hanover Lodge No. 432, Bruce District. The Grand Master was in attendance and as usual the Lodge room was filled to capacity with the overflow of brethren listening in from the banquet room.



RW Bro. Tom Wills, WM of BDL 745, W. Bro. Robert Dixon, Bro. Sheldon Kofsky, WMWM, MW Bro. John C Green, WM of Royal City Daylight Lodge, RW Bro. Edward F. Dunsmore, DDGM Niagara "A", RW Bro. Patrick McGrenere, VW Bro. Archie Mclay and RW Bro. Michael Locke, member of the Grand Lodge BGP. Absent is VW Bro. Alex McCorquodale, Merritt Lodge No. 168.

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AWARD



The 2018-2019 District Attendance Award was won by St. George's Lodge No. 15 with 52 members attending the Official Visits of the DDGM. That equates to a 6.6% of their members attending Official Visits (based on a membership of 56). Brock

Daylight Lodge No. 745 came in second place with 50 members attending, which based on a membership of 31 equates a 11.5%-member average turnout. Congratulations to St. George's No. 15 but WELL DONE to the members of Brock Daylight Lodge No. 745.

"Ritual alone cannot make us good Masons. It is the everyday applications of its teachings that will broaden our powers of understanding. Learn well the tenets of Freemasonry and, above all, practice them constantly, particularly brotherly love within the confines of the Lodge and in your daily life."

From the talk "All You Need Is Love", Reflections, Volume 23, Number 2, Winter 2008.

BENEVOLENCE and CHARITY

Perhaps one of the biggest misconceptions amongst Masons is understanding the differences between the Grand Lodge Committee of Benevolence and the Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

The Committee of Benevolence is one of the "Standing Committees" of the Board of General Purpose. It is to administer according to the rules respecting grants for benevolence the investment income from the Memorial Funds and the funds provided by Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge may appoint a Supervisor of Benevolence. It shall be his duty to assemble on behalf of the Committee, the necessary information on applications for benevolence and keep the Committee informed about the financial circumstances of the beneficiaries of the grants. Grants are provided to Masons, or to dependent relatives of a living or deceased Brother. No grants of benevolence would be made to an unaffiliated Mason or his living relatives or dependents. These grants are considered as a supplementary assistance to that given by the Lodge recommending the application.

The Masonic Foundation of Ontario is a separate corporation with its own autonomy and Board of Directors. The foundation is permitted to use its donations within the Province of Ontario for the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and other purposes beneficial to the community. It is committed to funding bursaries, hearing research, drug and substance abuse education in the school systems and other specific and community projects that fall within its guidelines.

The Committee on Benevolence looks inward to the Masonic family, while the Foundation looks outward to the community as a whole. This is an important

distinction, as it permits the Foundation to be registered with the Canada Revenue Agency as a public charitable foundation and to issue tax receipts to anyone who makes a donation.

Book of Constitution-Section 136(b)

The Masonic Manual-Chapter 9, Who are We

www.masonicfoundation.on.ca

ROAD TRIPS, VISITATIONS and CORNERSTONE DESIGNATION

During my term as DDGM, I visited numerous Lodges in over seventeen Districts. It was a gratifying experience as there was always a delegation of Brethren who accompanied me. The general consensus was that we would carry on this year and attempt to visit as many Lodges and Districts as possible, all while showing support to VW Bro. Glenn Dean, who can now have a year of Introductory parades and receive the Grand Honours. I will put together a list of possible Lodge visits in the next couple of weeks as District Trestle Boards become available. If there is a specific Lodge you might wish for us to visit, please let me know. The only criteria we have is to try and keep the travel distance to within two hours of Niagara.

Brock Daylight Lodge is now participating in the "Cornerstone Lodge Designation" program. Ironically enough we, as a Lodge, are already meeting some of the standards required. A budget and financial forecast is currently being drafted and will be presented in the very near future. Garden City Lodge No. 616 is graciously allowing us to partner with them on a couple of projects. This will mean equal participation, involvement and cost sharing. A Divine Service and a Lodge Open House are being planned with more details in the near future. By partnering with an "Evening Lodge", a man interested in Masonry would be able to view his options for membership.



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VW Bro. Robert Dell, RW Bro. Floyd Brooks and RW Bro. Ted Dunsmore carry in the first load of winter coats for the “Niagara Gives Back”. BDL will be collecting coats at each of their next three meetings to donate to this worthy cause. Last year, the Niagara Gives Back coat campaign received just over 900 coats for distribution throughout the region. Donated coats are given a complimentary cleaning before they are sent out. September 14, 2019 is earmarked to be the major campaign drive day, so if you plan to visit our Lodge that day, please considering donating a used winter coat from your closet. All sizes are accepted.

Saturday, August 10th was a beautiful summer day. Many Masons along with family members came together as we paid tribute to VW Bro. Glenn B Dean on his appointment as Grand Steward. The investiture ceremony was held following the meeting. The 92-93 Masters of Niagara “A” District, to which Glenn is a member of, took part in the ceremony. Following the ceremonies at the Lodge, most everyone made their way to the Cat’s Caboose restaurant for the BDL’s 6th Annual “Lunch with the Ladies”. An all-round fun day of Masonry and fellowship.



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VW Bro. Glenn Barry Dean and Lady Linda.



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VW Bro. Ziggy Irion, RW Bro. Tom Wills, VW Bro. Glenn Dean, RW Bro. Ronald G Hubbard, DDGM 92-93 and VW Bro. David McGilvray.



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Members of BDL, visitors and Ladies.



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Lunch with the Ladies at the Cat's Caboose Restaurant.