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The

# Brock Broadcaster



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

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**November 2021**

## WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Freemasonry (or Masonry) is the oldest fraternal organization in the world. Though its origins can be traced to the stonemasons and cathedral builders of Medieval times, Freemasonry remains a vital force in the daily lives of millions of men across the globe.

Through a series of degrees and ceremonies, the values of Freemasonry are passed from generation to generation, Mason to Mason, in a timeless and tireless effort to make good men better. These degrees provide a framework that affects every aspect of modern life and are based on the values of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Every year in virtually every city and town across America, thousands of men join the ranks of Freemasonry. Men of honor and integrity. Of charity and obligation. Each with a vow to be the best they can be. To be more than just a man. To be a Mason.

## WHO WE ARE!

A Freemason is a man who has taken an obligation to uphold our timeless principles of Brotherly love, relief, and truth. Beyond these basics, being a Freemason means so much more. A Freemason is a man who is committed to bettering himself and his community, having taken a solemn vow to help and mentor his Masonic Brothers do the same. A Freemason is a man eager to be part of something bigger than himself, with a reverence for history, compassion in his heart, and a desire to create a better future.

There are three degrees in Freemasonry; Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason. Most men advance to the level of Master Mason, some over the course of months; others may accomplish this goal over years. But once a man has taken his first obligation as an Entered Apprentice, he is, once and forever, a Freemason.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

The core ethical principles of Freemasonry are about compassion and tolerance for all mankind. Freemasons do not use their position in the fraternity to advance an agenda, whether it be political, professional, religious, or secular. The three tenets of Freemasonry include:

### ***"Brotherly Love"***

Devotion to and caring for each other and our community.

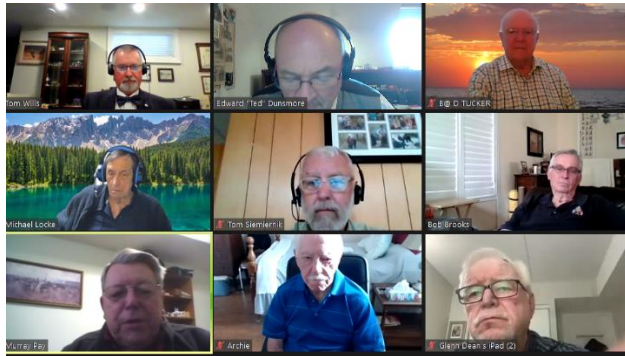
**“Relief”**

Concern for and selfless giving to those in distress.

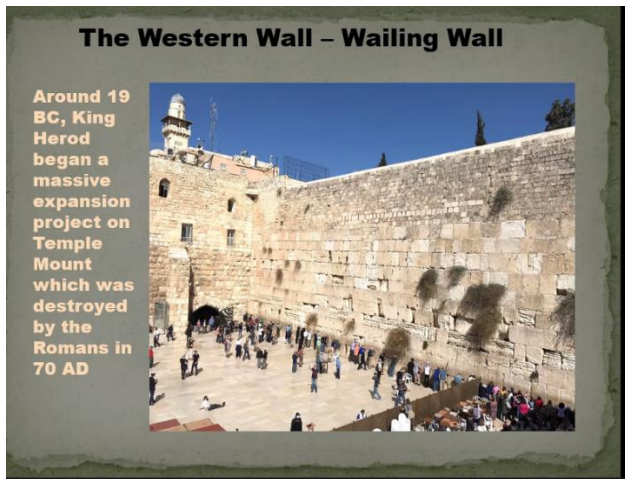
**“Truth”**

Using knowledge, honesty and understanding to build ourselves into better men.

[www.lynnhaven220.org/articles.shtml](http://www.lynnhaven220.org/articles.shtml)



On Saturday, October 9, 2021, members and visitors attended a virtual presentation hosted by BDL 745. RW Bro. Tom Wills provided numerous slides and colorful commentary of his 2018 Masonic Tour throughout Israel.



The presentation was recorded so if you wish to view it, go to

[www.niagaramasons.com](http://www.niagaramasons.com) and click on “Pictures.”

Another virtual meeting is being planned for Saturday, November 13, 2021, commencing at 10 am, Eastern Time.



**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

*Q: What is the meaning of the phrase ‘Just, Perfect and Regular’ as applied to a Masonic Lodge?*

A: A Lodge is said to be ‘Just’ when it contains the Volume of the Sacred Law unfolded; ‘Perfect’ when it comprises seven members; and ‘Regular’ when the Charter or Warrant of Constitution is in evidence.

*Q: Should ‘The Craft’ be coupled with the toast of ‘The King,’ his Majesty not being a member of the Masonic Order?*

A: High authorities have given their considered opinion that the toast should be given as ‘The King (or Queen) and the Craft,’ irrespective of whether the monarch at the period is a Freemason. The real significance of the toast, which is often lost sight of, is that LOYALTY TO THE KING (or Queen)/COUNTRY is an essential principle of Freemasonry. A circular relating to this point was issued from the Grand Secretary’s office (England) in January 1911, explaining that, although not laying down any ruling, the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, hoped that the ancient form of the toast would be retained.

It is interesting to note that documentary evidence exists to show that the toast of ‘The King and the Craft’ existed

among the 'old regular toasts' revived by Dr. Desaguliers upon his installation as Grand Master in 1719.

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## CHINESE FREEMASONS

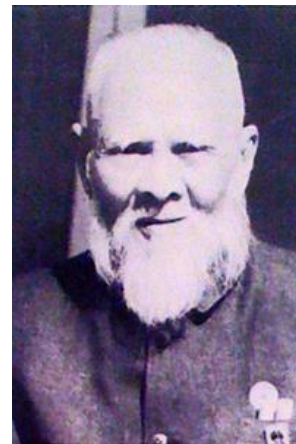
*\*\*\*Many thanks to RW Bro. Christopher Earnshaw, Grand Lodge of Japan, for forwarding this article. There was a question asked at his presentation about this. \*\*\**

The available history of the Hongmen society, styling themselves since 1923 as the Chinese Freemasons, offers no justification for their adoption of the name "Freemasons" or their use of the Masonic square and compasses.

The Hongmen Chee Kung Tong (Chinese Freemasons) of Canada had made significant contributions, both in term of human and financial resources, in its patriotic and enthusiastic support of Dr. Sun Yaten's revolutionary efforts to overthrow the Qing Dynasty.

Canada's first Hung Shun Tong, a kind of mutual assistance society set up to provide much needed social support and services to a growing number of single male gold miners and railway workers arriving from China, was established in Barkerville, British Columbia in 1863, five years after the landing of the first group of Chinese gold miners, mostly from California, who originally came from the southern Chinese province of Guangdong. By the mid 1860's, the Chinese population in major northern BC mining towns was around 5,000. It is reported that about 90% of those from San Francisco were members of the Hung Shun Tong, first founded in 1849 to serve the needs of the fast-growing Chinese community in the U.S. west coast.

In 1876, on the advice of senior Tong leaders from the U.S., Canada's Hung Shun Tong changed its name to Hongmen Chee Kung Tong. In 1920, the Hongmen Chee Shun Tong in Vancouver B.C., changed its English name to Chinese Freemasons. Between 1877 and 1912, a total of fifty-four local Lodges were set up in seven provinces across Canada, from coast to coast, with thirty-three in BC, six in Alberta, one in Manitoba (Winnipeg), two in Saskatchewan (Moose Jaw and Regina) nine in Ontario, two in Quebec (Montreal and Quebec City) and one in Nova Scotia (Halifax).



***Situ Meitang (1868-1955), founder of the Chinese Chee Kung Tang.***

The founding of the Chinese Chee Kung Tang (Party) was officially announced at the historic October 1925 general meeting in San Francisco, organized by the Headquarters of the Chinese Chee Kung Tong (Society) of America. That important meeting of the Hongmen Chee Kung Party was held in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong in 1931.

<https://www.freemasonry.bcy.ca/history/chinese-freemason>

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# Ontario Masons

**BROCK DAYLIGHT LODGE NO. 745  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
Saturday, November 13, 2021 @ 9:45am**



**W. Bro. Gordon Michie, Worshipful Master  
The Lodge, Hope of Kurrachee No. 337  
Grand Lodge of Scotland**

***“Freemasonry and Remembrance”***

A journey through the Masonic connection with the development of Remembrance that grew out of the Great War. Supported by Power Point. If you wish to join with us for this presentation, send me an email ([efdunsmore1955@gmail.com](mailto:efdunsmore1955@gmail.com)), and I will forward you the meeting link.

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**SCOTLAND’S NATIONAL FLOWER**

England has the rose, Wales the daffodil, Ireland the shamrock and Scotland...the thistle. Second only to tartan, nothing quite says ‘Scotland’ like this humble, prickly weed. But how on earth did it become the proud emblem of an entire nation?



<https://pixabay.com/images/search/thistle>

Did you know the thistle first appears as a royal symbol on silver coins by James III in 1470?

**“NEMO ME IMPUNE LACESSIT”  
(NO ONE ATTACKS ME WITH IMPUNITY)**

**LATIN MOTTO OF THE ORDER OF THE THISTLE**

In truth, no one knows for certain how the purple-flowered thistle rose to such lofty significance. But one legend has it a sleeping party of Scots warriors were saved from ambush by an invading Norse army when one of the enemies trod on the spiky plant. His anguished cry roused the slumbering warriors who duly vanquished the invader and adopted the thistle as their national symbol. Of course, there is not a shred of evidence to support this account, but it certainly makes a good story.

Scotland is home to not just one, but several varieties of thistle, some native and others exotic, and no one is quite sure which is the true symbol of Scotland. Is it the Spear or Musk Thistle? Or maybe it’s the poetic-sounding Melancholy Thistle or Our Lady’s Thistle? And what about the Cotton Thistle? Which could it be? Your guess is as good as ours.

Forget *A Red, Red Rose*, Rabbie Burns’ ode to romantic love-the thistle is responsible for one of the finest and influential poems in the Scottish literary cannon, Hugh MacDiarmid’s *A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle*, an epic, stream-of-consciousness poem that touches on everything from the state of the nation and the mysteries of the universe to the wondrous joy that is whisky. In short, it’s essential reading for anyone planning a trip to Scotland.

The thistle has been an important symbol of Scottish heraldry for over five hundred years. It also represents one of the highest honours the country can give an individual. Founded by James VII and II in 1687, the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle is an order of chivalry which is bestowed to those who have made an outstanding contribution to the life of Scotland and the greater United Kingdom. Her Majesty The Queen alone invests those in

the Order of the Thistle which is second only to the Most Noble Order of the Garter in precedence.

Thistles aren't just found in gardens, parks and in the countryside. Keep your eyes peeled and you will see the insignia emblem cropping up all over Scotland, from the strip of the international rugby team and football clubs to local businesses and major organizations and corporations, to the uniforms of police officers.

<https://www.visitscotland.com/about/uniquely-scottish/thistle/>

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**THE GRAND LODGE  
MASONIC EDUCATION  
SPEAKERS SERIES  
NOVEMBER 2021**



**Ontario Masons**  
The Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee

Presents:  
**OthORIZATION**  
Our ancient brains' influence over our present condition  
Guest Speaker  
Bro. Mark J Pearrow


Sat, Nov 6th, 2021 @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM EDT  
REGISTER HERE <http://bit.ly/GLMasonicSpeakers>

**Ontario Masons**  
The Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee

Presents:  
**The Origins of  
Masonry in India**  
Guest Speaker  
R.W. Bro. Bharat V. Epur

Sat, Nov 20th, 2021 @ 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST  
REGISTER HERE <http://bit.ly/GLMasonicSpeakers>



To register for these and other upcoming presentations in 2022, go to:  
<http://bit.ly/GLMasonicSpeakers>

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**THE POPPY**



Nature created a flower, with pedals of brilliant red  
Who'd have thought such a beautiful flower.  
Would be used to remember the dead  
For when all the guns have stopped firing,  
And there's only mud and rain  
God sent down his little red flowers,  
To cover the lads who remain  
So, remember every November, when we hold  
Our Remembrance Day  
Of the lads who lie neath the poppies, and the  
Price that they had to pay

<https://bydandforever.com>

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*Ritual...*

*Education...*

*Mentoring*

WHATEVER ROUTE YOUR  
TRAVELS TAKE YOU...  
YOU ARE NEVER FAR FROM  
THE SQUARE AND THE COMPASSES

Lodges of Eastern Ontario

Photos by RW Bro. Angus Gillis, PDDGM – Ottawa 1



Dickson Street, Pembroke



Elligot Drive, Deep River



George Street, Lanark



James Street, Arnprior



Main Street, North Augusta

I hope you have enjoyed reading this month's edition. Previous issues of *The Brock Broadcaster* can be found on the Niagara A District website, [www.niagaramasons.com](http://www.niagaramasons.com).

As always, sharing is encouraged and feel free to use articles from the newsletters when preparing educational pieces for your meetings.

Thanks again. Take care, stay safe and always be kind.

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