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President's Message:

Brethren;

As the Holidays are past and gone; I would like to wish to all of you Happy Holidays, to the ones that I had the opportunity to do so and to the others that I was not able to; and at the same time I would like to ask you to think about the meaning of the word; Thank you.

So often, we are caught up in the pageantry that surrounds those Holidays, 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 more than others, but each person comes into our life for a reason. Many times, we do not know why; this person could be a teacher, a parent, a spouse, a friend or a stranger. Maybe this person listens when we need to talk or cry. Maybe they help us financially when we are broke. Maybe they talk to us when we need a different perspective. Maybe they told us when we do not deserve it. 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 that will help others along their paths. I think we all need to be more thankful.

This year, stop, think, and remember all of the people who have crossed your paths and be thankful for them, says it out loud, say it in silence, but say it. It does not matter how we say Thank you; or Merci ,or Grazie, or Puno hvala; or Kiitos; or Danke; just say it.

PMMWA President

Dario Mancuso

January, 2011

Upcoming District 1 & 2 Events:

(Brethren, mark these on your calendar!)

Winter Assembly 2011:

Please note as a reminder that your annual Winter Assembly will be held at the Walkley Road Masonic Centre on Friday evening, January 21, 2011. Fellowship is at 6:15 pm, with dinner to follow at 7:00 pm. Along with a dinner and the very brief general business meeting, you will notice that the Winter Assembly will not feature a guest speaker. Instead, our President W. Bro. Mancuso has arranged for a live band to play tunes from the 1950's through the 1970's. The musical theme of the evening is "Do you remember when?" Brethren are encouraged to bring along their ladies. Also, non-Masonic friends or family are welcome. Tickets for this event are \$25.00 each, and sales for this event are restricted to a total of 80 tickets.

**NOTE THAT TICKETS MUST BE OBTAINED OR RESERVED IN ADVANCE!
YOUR LODGE REPRESENTATIVE AND/OR SECRETARY WILL HAVE TICKETS
AVAILABLE FOR YOU.**

Golf Tournament 2011:

The 2011 Association Golf Tournament will be held at the Madawaska Golf Club on Saturday morning, 11 June 2011. The tournament will be based on foursomes. It is open to Masons and their non-Masonic guests. To reserve your foursome, please contact your event organizer, W. Bro. Charles Singh, by telephone at 613-725-9385, by email gc.singh@rogers.com, or by regular mail at 1969 Lauder Dr, Ottawa K2A 1B3.

Registration details forthcoming. Cost is \$240.00 per team of 4 (\$60.00 per person) which includes greens fees, golf cart, and a hot lunch. Make cheques payable to "PMMWA Golf Tournament 2011".

Bus to Grand Lodge for 2011:

Although we are in the depths of winter, plans are already under way for the annual bus to Grand Lodge in Toronto in July, 2011. This year, the bus is being arranged with your Association by Mississippi Lodge # 147. Tickets are the same price as last year, at \$45.00 per voting member. It is imperative for us to field as many voting members as possible at Grand Lodge, so that District # 1 & 2 will have a voice at our Grand Lodge. Please contact W. Bro. Keith Bell from Mississippi Lodge for information and to reserve your seat. His e-mail is as follows. anne.keith.bell@gmail.com. Your Association has also added a new member to the Executive. This year, R. W. Bro. Ivor Bayley will serve as the Grand Lodge Bus Chairman. He may be contacted at 613-257-5931, or by e-mail. fordman63@sympatico.ca. More information will follow on this important project.

Upcoming Events:

PM, M & W Assoc Assemblies:

- 29 April 2011 - PM, M & W Assoc Spring Assembly at Westboro Masonic Temple

Masonic Study Circle:

- 31 March 2011 - Study Circle to be determined. Contact W. Bro. Mancuso directly for information.

Special Seminar:

W. Bro. D Mancuso will coordinate a special seminar of interest to all Masons regarding Brother to Brother, Friend to Friend, and Masonic Mentorship. The event will be held on Saturday morning, 29 January 2011 at the Walkley Road Masonic Centre, from 8:30 AM for coffee, through the morning to 11:30 AM, followed by lunch. Please contact W. Bro. Mancuso for details.

Masonic Facts:

Did you know that an American Freemason, Brother Howard, who became a Canadian, played a key role in the Riel Rebellion of 1885 and the Boer War?

Faced with the Rebellion of 1885 in the Canadian West, in what is now the Province of Saskatchewan, the Department of Militia and Defense ordered Gatling Guns from the Gatling Gun Division of Colt Firearms in the United States. Gatling Guns were a heavy, multi-barrelled, hand-cranked, machine gun, that had proved their value in the 19th century wars waged by the United States Army against the First Nations warriors of the American West.

Arthur Lockhart "Gat" Howard from New Haven Connecticut, brought two Gatling guns to Canada on behalf of Colt Firearms in 1885. His experience as a Captain in the Connecticut National Guard gave him credibility within the Canadian Army and Militia. His Fraternal background as an American 33rd Degree Mason opened other doors for him here in Canada. Accordingly, he travelled West with the Canadian Military, and played a key role at the Battle of Batoche in Saskatchewan, by actually operating one of the Gatling Guns in action.

Brother Howard stayed in Canada after the Rebellion and helped establish the Dominion Cartridge Factory. In 1899, the Boer War broke out in South Africa. Canada decided to support the war effort and sent the Canadian Army on its first overseas duty. Brother Howard joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and volunteered for active service.

On board the Canadian troop ship travelling to South Africa, the SS Laurentian, Brother Howard helped to organise a Masonic meeting. A newspaper article from the Montréal Gazette and Star, dated February 12th, 1900, describes the meeting. It notes the Masons

present and places Howard's name at the top of the list. Good quotes are found in this clipping as follows.

"The Masonic dinner was held with closed doors and skylight, only those who were on the inside of the supposed secrets of their order being admitted."

"On the morning following, one of those attending, being addressed at the breakfast table, quietly said: I only want a cup of coffee and a few kind words."

On arrival in South Africa, Brother Howard organized and took command of a reconnaissance unit called the Canadian Scouts. Sadly, Brother Howard was killed in action on February 17, 1901. He was 55 years of age at the time of his death.

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS - CHAIRMEN AND CO-CHAIRMEN 2010-2011:

For a complete listing of all District appointments, chairmen, and special events, please refer to the web sites for Ottawa District # 1 and Ottawa District # 2.

Ottawa District # 1: www.ottawadistrict1masons.ca

Ottawa District # 2: www.district2.ottawamasons.ca

Ottawa Masonic Portal: www.ottawamasons.ca

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A POEM to CONTEMPLATE BASED ON TENEBRIS:

E TENEBRIS by Oscar Wilde
Come down, O Christ, and help me! reach Thy hand,
For I am drowning in a stormier sea
Than Simon on Thy lake of Galilee:
The wine of life is spilt upon the sand,
My heart is as some famine-murdered land
Whence all good things have perished utterly,
And well I know my soul in Hell must lie
If I this night before God's throne should stand.
'He sleeps perchance, or rideth to the chase,
Like Baal, when his prophets howled that name
From morn to noon on Carmel's smitten height.'
Nay, peace, I shall behold, before the night,
The feet of brass, the robe more white than flame,
The wounded hands, the weary human face.

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January, 2011