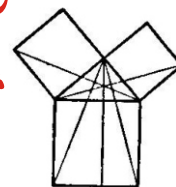




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Do you have any submissions or suggestions? All submissions must be in the hands of the editor before the 15th of each month.

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Brethren:

I, along with many others, hope that Willie, Sam and Phil were wrong with their predictions for the end of winter. Six more weeks seems like a long time since we have already experienced enough Winter. At least the driving conditions have been suitable on most occasions.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Beaver Lodge with their Official Visit. In the month of March we have Official Visits at Alexandra/Inwood Lodge No 158 on March 2, Cassia Lodge No 116 on March 9 and St. Clair Lodge No 425 on March 17. If you wish to see the new Lodge Hall in Ravenswood join with us for Cassia Lodge's Official Visit. In April there are four Official Visits: April 2 at Arkona Lodge No 307, April 8 at Leopold Lodge No 397, April 15 at Ionic Lodge No 328 and April 27 at Havelock Lodge No 238. It would be nice to see a good turnout at each of these.

The Ladies Night was a success again this year through the efforts of an industrious Social Committee. We had several visitors from out of the District and we appreciate their support of our endeavours. We don't have a total on amounts raised for donations as of yet. On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the lodges and individuals who donated to the silent auction. Donations for the ladies draws are greatly appreciated and we thank you for your thoughtfulness. Without everyone's assistance we could not have the success we enjoy each year with our Ladies Night.

Remember to change your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 7. This will make the night driving much better for many who have been hesitant about venturing out. With more daylight and the weather improving we will enjoy the fellowship of those who have not been out with us because of the Winter weather.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to be our Guide until time shall be no more.

Fraternally,

*R. W. Bro. Bill Graham
D. D. G. M.,
Sarnia District*

Blood Donors

Brethren;

Here is a listing of the blood donor clinics for the rest of the Masonic year. Please remember to give.

CLINIC	DATE	HOURS
<i>New Life Assembly Church</i> 421 Ozzloffsky St., Petrolia, ON	Monday, March 23rd	1pm to 4pm & 5:30 to 8pm
<i>Watford Centennial Hall</i> 101 Centennial Ave., Watford, ON	Tuesday, April 21st	4:30pm to 8pm
<i>LCCVI</i> 4141 Dufferin St., Petrolia, ON	Monday, May 25th	12pm to 8pm
<i>Rock Glen Family Resort</i> 8685 Rock Glen Rd., Arkona, ON	Tuesday, June 16th	2pm to 4pm & 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Sarnia Donor Clinic 150 N. Christina St Bayside Mall (George St. Entrance)		

Clinic Hours:

Monday 3pm to 7 pm

Tuesday 10 am to 2 pm

Wed & Thurs 4 pm to 8 pm

Friday 9 am to 2 pm

Peter Fisher

District Blood Donor Chairman



Announcements

OPEN HOUSE!

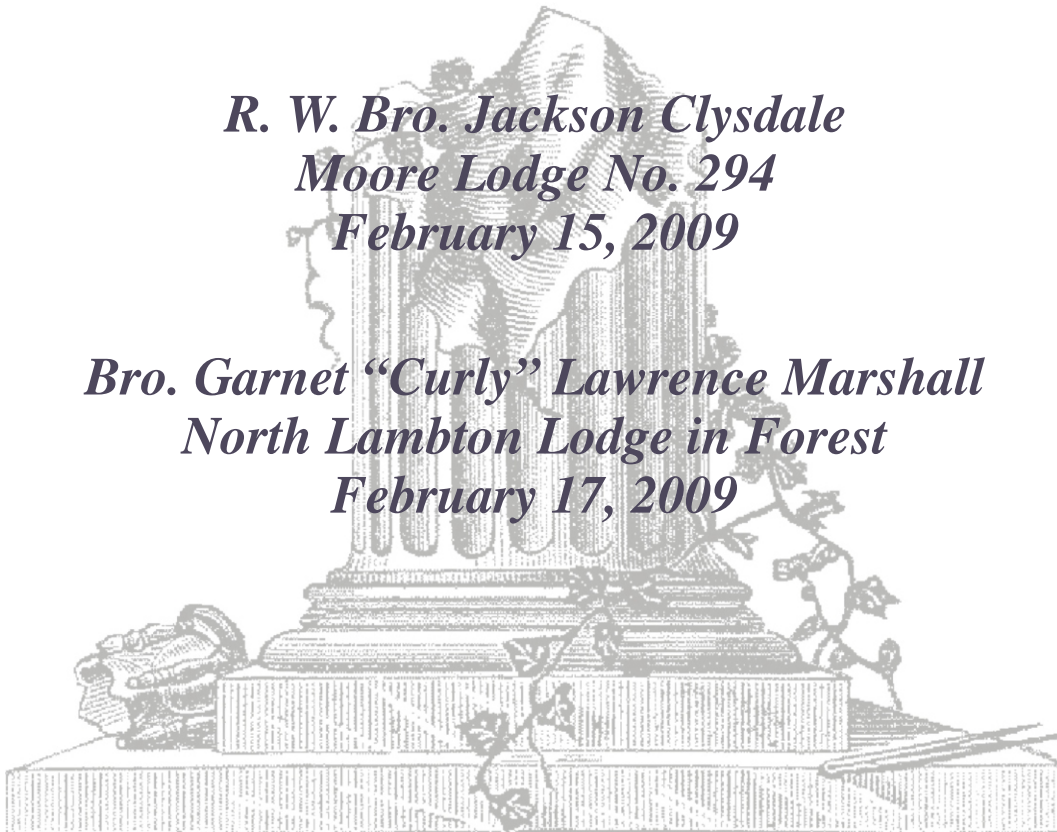
There will be a Celebration/Open House for R. W. Bro. Ross Ferguson and his wife Betty, on Saturday, February 28, from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, 248 McConnell Street, Exeter. This is the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and a cause for celebration. Brother Ferguson has been, and remains, a staunch supporter of Sarnia District and has always exhibited the best qualities of Masonry. Fergie is a member of Alexandra/Inwood Lodge. If possible, please try to attend this special event and wish them your very best. I know that they would be glad to see you.

Gary L. Atkinson
P. G. M.

In Memoriam

*R. W. Bro. Jackson Clysdale
Moore Lodge No. 294
February 15, 2009*

*Bro. Garnet "Curly" Lawrence Marshall
North Lambton Lodge in Forest
February 17, 2009*



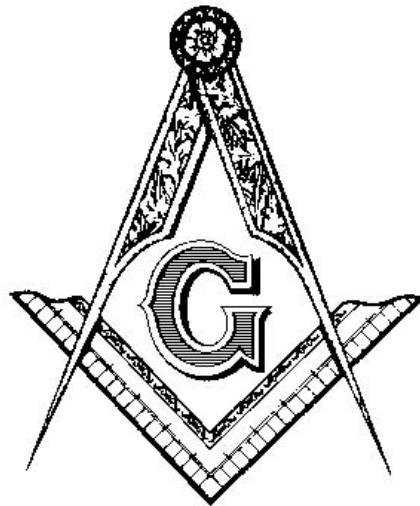
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

***Tuscan Lodge No. 437
Presents
Fourth Annual Festive Board***

Brethren and Friends;

A traditional Festive Board is to be held on April 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sarnia Masonic Hall, 245 Essex St. in Sarnia. Cocktails from 5:30 p.m. The dinner, which is being catered by the Order of the Eastern Star, will be served at 6:00 p.m. Brethren and prospective candidates are invited to attend. The tickets are \$20.00 each Canadian and \$15.00 for our brothers from the U.S.

Contact V. W. Bro. Arthur Payne for ticket information at 519-344-1464 or W. Bro. George Vincent at 519-542-2045.



Masonic Education



Brethren;

My topic this month is Benevolence and Charity which are basic principles of Freemasonry. Every mason is expected to maintain an attitude of benevolence towards all mankind and to perform acts of charity for those in need.

We come to Masonry as an individual and become part of a fraternity where we are surrounded by the love and affection of our brethren. Masonic benevolence is not just about financial assistance for fellow masons and their families. Every mason through his lodge or his private efforts needs to consider what he should, can and will do to assist others.

We both, as masons and individuals, have the opportunity to practice benevolence every day in some form. Benevolence can be as simple as saying good morning, holding a door for someone or tossing a loony into the boot at a lodge meeting. It can be something more involved such as hospital visitation, checking up on someone who lives alone or providing transportation when needed to someone without a vehicle. It also can be being aware of an individual or family in actual financial need and assisting with the Social/Government and/or the Masonic Financial Need Application Process. Many people do not know about all the services available through Government and Social Agencies that they may qualify for.

The needs of Masonic widows, families of deceased brethren, members in advanced years who may be incapacitated or confined to home must be of particular concern to each lodge. The happiness of benevolence is in action but its test is what one is willing to do for others.

V. W. Robert Wilson
Masonic Education Chairman

(Some of the material in this article is taken from the '*Guide to Masonic Education*'.)

D.D.G.M. Visitation Schedule

<i>Alexander/Inwood Lodge No. 158</i>	-	<i>March 2, 2009</i>	-	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Cassia Lodge No. 116</i>	-	<i>March 9, 2009</i>	-	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>St. Clair Lodge No. 427</i>	-	<i>March 17, 2009</i>	-	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Arkona Lodge No. 307</i>	-	<i>April 2, 2009</i>	-	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Leopold Lodge No. 397</i>	-	<i>April 8, 2009</i>	-	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Ionic Lodge No. 328</i>	-	<i>April 15, 2009</i>	-	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>

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Sarnia District

R. W. Bro. William Graham

Join us for a . .



Friend to Friend - Mentor Brother 2 Brother

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Pnyx Baldoon Lodge No. 312

416 Nelson Street, Wallaceburg, Ontario

<i>Registration:</i>	<i>8:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Welcome:</i>	<i>9:10 a.m.</i>
<i>Friend to Friend</i>	<i>9:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Mentor:</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Brother to Brother:</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Closing and Appreciation:</i>	<i>12:15 p.m.</i>
<i>Light lunch provided</i>	

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Strengthen Candidate Mentorship

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