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Elected Officers for 2018:

- Worshipful Master Louis I. Thomas
- Senior Warden: Ralph E. Vaughan
- Junior Warden Gary Roane
- Treasurer: William B. Garrett Jr.
- Secretary: William B. Garrett Sr.
- Appointed Line officers:**
- Chaplain: Mathew Winters
- Marshal: Nils Bengston
- Senior Deacon: Alton Millis
- Junior Deacon W. Shawn Garrett
- Senior Steward: Reed G. Rue
- Junior Steward: Whitney U. Baker
- Tyler: Kenneth J. Lane

STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Board of Relief:** All Elected Officers
- Budget and Finance:** Ralph Vaughan, William Garrett Jr, William Garrett Sr.
- Masonic Education:** R/W Ed. Street, Claud Cheshire
- Charity:** Ralph Vaughan, Ed Street, William Garrett Jr,
- Petitions and Investigations:** all Master Masons
- Vigilance:** Gary Roane, Reed Rue, Ed. Street
- Lodge Property:** Shawn Garrett, Charlie Cheshire, William Garrett Sr.
- Trestle Board:** Ralph Vaughan, William Garrett Sr., Reed Rue
- Web Masters:** Reed Rue, Mathew Winter, William B. Garrett Sr.
- Work and Instruction:** Ed. Street, Claud Cheshire

PAST MASTERS

- *Donald J. Minor PDDGM 1983_1984 UD
- *Harold R. Hayes 1985
- Harry E. Greene PDDGM 1986
- Richard C. Daniel PDDGM 1987
- David J. Mason 1988
- Claud C. Cheshire 1989_2004_2005
- Ronald L. Morris 1990
- Gary L. Edenburn 1991
- *Harry L. Michelson 1992
- *L. Kelly Dougherty, Sr. 1993_2003
- *Raymond D. Paine Sr. 1994
- Roger R. Webb 1995
- *Richard M. Levy 1996
- Robert G. Kirkpatrick 1997
- *W. Bruce Steube, III 1998_2002
- Alton E. Millis 1999
- *Donald W. Upton 2000
- *John W. Lovelace Jr. 2001
- Nicholas S. Cutts 2006
- William B. Garett Jr. PDDGM 2007
- William B. Garett Sr. 2008_2009
- Thomas W. McVeigh 2010_2014
- Ronald B. Watson 2011
- *Frederick Kalkbrenner J*. 2012
- F. Ed Street PDDGM 2013_2016
- Whitney U. Baker 2015
- Mathew Winters 2017

**Absent until the day Breaks and the shadows flee away!*

January/February 2018

WORSHIPFUL MASTER ELECT

Brothers,

I have accepted your vote to Worshipful Master humbly and accept it, and I promise to work as our Past Worshipful Master have to work for harmony and Joy.



Our greatest need is to bring in new members and teach them for goodness and good judgment by the Masonic way. This will take work on our part to find men who are worthy to become Masons. This will help us to polish our skills in the degrees.

I will repeat what Worshipful Master said: “If you wish to be Junior Warden Master Mason I, II, III must be completed and verified in the Grand Lodge records. If you have any questions, contact Worshipful William Garrett our Secretary.”

We need brother to stand up and take these exams to be prepared for 2019 year. It is very probable that there will be Grand Lodge legislation to make these exams necessary for Senior Warden next year. If you want to be elected for Senior Warden you may need to take these exams also. These exams are designed to make you familiar with the digest which helps you for Worshipful Master. To plan your year the Masonic Leadership Training I, II, and III should be taken and the Lodge will lose points if the key positions and number of other brothers as will need to take them. You see what a golden opportunity is provided for aspiring members to learn how to manage a lodge.

Finally, brothers have joy throughout this year.

Fraternally,

Louis I. Thomas, PM, Worshipful Master Elect

SENIOR WARDEN ELECT:

May we all have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Here we go again starting a new year with some new faces in some new chairs. If it wasn't for recycling Past Masters we



would not be able to field a line of officers. There must be a few members that have not gone through the line, or just got part way, and for whatever reason did not complete the journey. It's not too late, come out and get active again, one Saturday a month is not that difficult. The nice thing about our Daylight lodge is that no one has to drive after dark, and if you quit driving altogether, we may be able to pick you up along the way and get you home again.

"The Level demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, partake of the same nature, and share the same hope; and, though distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are Brethren".

**FROM JR. WARDEN ELECT:
Brothers,**

Riding across country in the backseat of a Buick during the 70's was one of the best family experiences I can remember from childhood. You were unceremoniously packed in and told to be quiet, no cell phones or tablets here, entertainment came from one of the two 8 Track tapes my dad had; Johnny Cash or Loretta Lynne. We actually talked to each other along the way, made up games to pass the time, met new people in the places we visited, but most importantly, whether you liked it or not, you spent quality time with your family.

Our fraternity is really no different from those trips and holds just as many joys and experiences as we had in that Buick. I didn't always enjoy the ride, there were arguments, flat tires and stolen luggage along the way but it never stopped us from doing it again the following year. Go to your lodge and be active, the take away is far greater than what you give.

I sincerely look forward to sitting in the South this coming year and hope to show my thanks for your support by providing good meals and some fun degree work.

By the Plumb,

Gary Roane

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY:

The election of your Lodge of Officers for 2018 is over. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your vote of confidence and I assure you that I will do my best serving as Lodge Secretary. As you can well imagine there is plenty to do....like the below article , I have written...please take the time to enjoy reading it and to think about what it is asking you to do – then come to Lodge and talk some more and to each other's company as well as a fine lunch following the meeting.



It certainly is a shock to learn that man's time on this earth is, like the dinosaurs, finite. It may be a very long time in comparison to man's life. My Brothers, life is short and in it there is much to do.

We, who are Scottish Rite Masons are introduced and discover the secret of Masonry, by reflection....to discover that the Supreme Architect of the Universe has arranged this glorious but perplexing world with a purpose and a plan. He holds that every man sent upon this earth and especially every man of superior capacity has a duty to perform, a mission to

fulfill....and that whatever Hiram was, he represents the type of humanity in its phase, what we believe humanity will hear after. To return to God and to be forever happy.

As for as mankind's accomplishment convinces me that, we, man, live in an environment of change and always have....It is incumbent on us to learn how to adopt to change rather than spend our resources in a fruitless effort to prevent it from happening.

I believe, that we must in a moral sense "pay it", that each of us contribute to the long term goal of man's improvement, because, each man's life is very short, it brings about charity to Hiram Abif's words, "What incentive is this to an industrious use of our time and our faculties".

See you in Lodge.

Fraternally, William Garrett

Past Master

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BY M.W. SRO. WN. MERCER WILSON, GRAND MASTER.

Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario

The Craftsman 1866

To become the model Master of a Lodge should be the ambition of every Brother, and to discharge with efficiency and zeal the duties of that important office should be his most anxious desire. These duties are not confined to the mere repetition of a few phrases, learned by rote, but he should be enabled to instruct the Craft, not only as to the meaning and origin of our ceremonies, but also to explain to them the philosophy which is veiled in its allegories and illustrated by its symbols. He should be able, also, to convince his Brethren, that all science and art, legitimately directed, are but lines that radiate towards the great "I AM;" that the Sciences are the media by which we are led to contemplate the goodness, greatness, wisdom and power, of the Great Architect of the Universe; and that the Arts are the modes we have developed of expressing our sense and admiration of the wondrous glories of an Almighty Father which are scattered around us. The Master of a Lodge should also, in his life and in his conversation, be a model for his Brethren to admire and imitate, and should himself practice, out of the Lodge, those great moral doctrines and virtues which he inculcates within its walls. He should be punctual and methodical in all things, and, both by his character and conduct, command the respect, the esteem, and good will of all men; for, as the Master is supreme in his Lodge, and distinguished by his position in the Craft, so should he also be distinguished as the possessor of an irreproachable character, a dignified demeanor, an expanded intellect,

and a liberal education. Happy and prosperous must those Lodges be which are governed by such men! Their time of meeting is looked forward to by the Brethren with the most pleasing anticipation. Prompt at the hour, every Brother is at his station, and the work is carried on with pleasure and profit. The Worshipful Master who presides over his Lodge with ability, firmness, and decision; (for without force of character there can be no force of impression) whose manner is courteous yet dignified; whose decisions are consonant with reason and Masonic Law; and who dispenses light and information among the Craft, will ever be regarded by his Brethren as one who is entitled to their highest respect and their most fraternal regard. The anxious enquirer after Truth and Light feels that he may appeal with confidence and safety to such a ruler of a Lodge, as to one who is not only able and willing to reward and advance him according to his ability and worth, but to one whose duty and high privilege it is to diffuse the beams of light and to scatter abroad the seeds of truth. The aspirant, animated by the love of truth, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, duly appreciating the philosopher's apothegm, that "Knowledge is Power," and prompted by higher desires, eagerly presses forward, believing in a nobler destiny and aspiring after a brighter record; it is the Master's duty to assist him in his research - it is his high privilege to "pour the balm of instruction o'er the mind," to fill it with light, to stir up its powers, and to raise it to its proper supremacy over matter. It is for him to bestow upon the neophyte - if he finds him worthy and qualified - not only wealth but power also; not the wealth that corrupts its owner, nor the power which enslaves its dependent, but the ennobling wealth of wisdom and the enduring power of knowledge. [The means of acquiring Masonic knowledge have now, by the indomitable perseverance of our distinguished Brother, Robert Morris, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, been placed within the reach of all. His Masonic Library, which embraces several valuable volumes; contributed by himself, should appear not only in every Lodge Room, but in the house of every intelligent Mason, as it embodies nearly all that is valuable in Masonic literature.] The Financial affairs of the Lodge are managed by such a Master with prudence and economy - he regards debts due either by or to his Lodge peculiarly as debts of honor, and takes care to have them promptly arranged - the Brethren, loving the man and respecting his authority, submit to his decision with cheerfulness and alacrity, and are ready at all times to aid him in his efforts to advance the interests of the Order. The cement with which he has bound the Brethren together is not confined to the Lodge Room, but is carried out in to the world, and practical illustrations of friendship and brotherly love are daily exemplified. Time will not now permit me to enlarge upon the various qualities and virtues which adorn the model Master. I must therefore leave the subject for the present, and conclude by remarking, that I feel proud and happy in being enabled to say that, I believe, we have among us many Masters and Past Masters of Lodges who are an honor to the Fraternity and the Order-many, who are not only Masters of men but also of work, and who are indeed entitled to the proud distinction of being regarded as the cream of the Craft.

after 152 years our expectations are still the same! Editors' note!

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Everyone is entirely free to reject and dissent from whatsoever herein may seem to him/her to be untrue or unsound. - Morals and Dogma