

# CLARION

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Trumpeting the Impact of Scottish Rite In Canada

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## Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation - Major Grants

Dr. Gareth Taylor, Chairman of the Grants and Awards Committee, had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Janis Oram Cardy from the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario to discuss her work funded by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

Dr. Cardy's project is entitled *Brain Markers of Auditory Integration in Autism Spectrum and Language Disorders* and is funded from October, 2008 to September, 2011.

Dr. Cardy first trained as a speech language pathologist at McGill University before moving to Toronto and working at SickKids for 9 years as a clinical speech pathologist. This provided her with firsthand experience with children with autism and language problems.

Dr. Cardy became interested in doing more than just clinical work and decided to go into the research world to affect a broader group of children than the ones that she was seeing clinically. Dr. Cardy obtained her PhD from the University of Toronto. During her graduate and postdoctoral fellowship, she became interested in the fact that a child would do poorly on the tasks designed to tell them about the child's learning abilities. Often this was caused by problems not by the child's ability but rather due to attention/learning/remembering problems. These children might make an error, not because they could not process the sound correctly, but for some other reason.

Dr. Cardy became interested in trying to set up a system that allows the child's brain to directly tell us what was going on. This led to a post-doctoral fellowship in medical imaging to design activities where the child sat still and they were able to measure what their brains were doing in response to certain sounds.

Now that Dr. Cardy has established her own laboratory at Western she is using EEG to measure the activity of the brain. Dr. Cardy is associated with the National Auditory Centre which has a 128 channel EEG system used to measure brain activity.

Dr. Cardy described one type of experiment in which the child is given a stimulus of a simple beep, which is repeated 224 times. As the stimulus is given, they are able to record the electrical activity of the brain. They average together the electrical response to the tone, the random activity is washed out, thus Dr. Cardy is able to see the brain's response to the stimulus. This is the evoked electrical potential associated with the auditory stimulus. The size and timing of the child's response to the stimulus

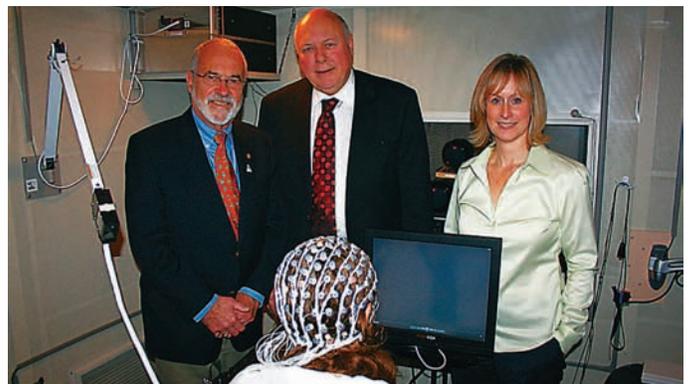
tells Dr. Cardy that it takes about 150 msec to detect activity in the auditory cortex. As children develop, the time to detect activity decreases.

The next step is to use multiple beeps and to vary the time between the beeps. In normal children, when younger, they can only handle beeps with a certain gap between them. If the beeps are too close together the brain cannot process the signal. As the children develop, they are able to process more information and the tones can be closer together.

What Dr. Cardy suspects in children with autism and language problems is that they are like younger children in that they are unable to handle the speed of tones. This means that their ability to process the speech is not as "clean" as in normal children. Not that they don't hear, but that they are unable to process the subtlety in the tones that they are hearing. This leads to them having problems in building their own language, leaving them developmentally behind. This is what Dr. Cardy is trying to prove with the funding that the Foundation is providing.

Dr. Cardy stresses that the Foundation's funding is instrumental in allowing her to gather the preliminary data required to apply for and be successful in obtaining grants from the major Canadian granting agencies. More information about Dr. Cardy's work can be found on her laboratories website <http://www.uwo.ca/fhs/ASLD/>

The very long term goal of Dr. Cardy's research program is to examine the underlying nature of the language and communications problems in children with Autism. This may allow for early diagnosis for children with potential language problems. Often one cannot tell until a child is 3 or 4 if they will have language problems due to developmental differences. With this kind of a brain marker, they could test babies and determine at an earlier age if they might be at risk and thereby start interventions earlier and thus Help to Solve the Puzzles of the Mind. ■



Matthew F. Todd SGC, Allard Loopstra President SRCF, Dr. Cardy



## Book Review: Jack Whyte Story - A Man Of Many Talents And A Proud Mason



Jack Whyte

*Graeme Boyce, Valley of Toronto*

To Jack Whyte, horseradish spread onto a slice of bread is not merely horseradish, it is “fiery horseradish” and it, among many other appropriate adjectives in his books, reinforces the mysterious yet traditional times in which he writes, when men weren’t just men, they were real men, who

took their oaths very seriously. Indeed, they were brutal times and those people who did their duty and assumed the leadership mantle were truly heroic, as the young countries being forged by them needed nothing less.

The very first chapter in *Knights of the Black & White* had impacted me greatly, and I had asked the prolific author a few years ago if anyone was making the movie. Shortly thereafter, Whyte’s agent in New York told me that these matters were best left in the hands of industry professionals. Hopefully you agree, as an oath-taker, it’s important the moviemakers in Hollywood capture the critical essence of Jack Whyte’s central heroic characters, especially his chivalric Templars and illustrious nobles that abound.

These days Jack Whyte, now a million-selling author, is busy on two fronts. Although he is not promoting a movie, he is promoting his latest trilogy, while also writing a new book, as an addendum to his recently released new novel: *The Forest Laird*, the story of a young William Wallace, the rebellious youngster and outlawed guerrilla. This book, however, is not about Mel Gibson’s kilted blue-faced character. It is about the man.

The interesting twist to his recent novel, which is a superbly woven tale concerning the aforementioned righteous William Wallace taking on a well-armed adversary, yet merely of a man called upon to do his duty, in the face of right versus wrong, of might over right, and of the everlasting universal struggle between good and evil – and on a unique level the birth of Scotland – is fate and how best laid plans go awry. There are no backwards steps.

Though playing a minor role in this book, the historic rise of the middle class is revealed. The burghers, and their formative impact on Europe’s modern countries, as we know them today, disrupt the nobility’s divine right to own by bringing the Golden Rule of civilization into play: He who has the gold makes the rules.

Whyte also offers the effective notion of guerrilla warfare, Sherwood Forest style, and, demonstrating how one well-focussed man can indeed make an impact. To make an impact requires courage, among other attributes, while at stake in this tale is one country and its identity. The result of non-action has been witnessed across time and by many people, and it is in this regard that Whyte’s central characters are universal, and brings to mind a similar scenario of a more powerful southern neighbour descending upon and absorbing its northern neighbour, extracting its commercial value in the process, while enslaving the population.

It is thus a tale about a stand-up man, a well-trained and proud craftsman, an educated man, devoted and faithful, driven by a fostered sense of duty, committed to a cause, a noble cause. He sees things as they are: in black and white, determined to execute change for honour; for his family and for his country he would be willing to make the supreme sacrifice. ■

## Scottish Rite Quiz Some Masonic & Scottish Rite Basics

### INSTRUCTIONS

This quiz was designed to test your basic knowledge of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.

1. Where are the Supreme Council headquarters located in Canada?  
a. Ottawa, Ontario      c. Halifax, Nova Scotia  
b. Hamilton, Ontario    d. Toronto, Ontario

2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ Scottish Rite Supreme Councils in the world?

a. 33    b. over 40    c. 9    d. over 50

3. List the names of the 3 Scottish Rite Bodies in Canada:

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_

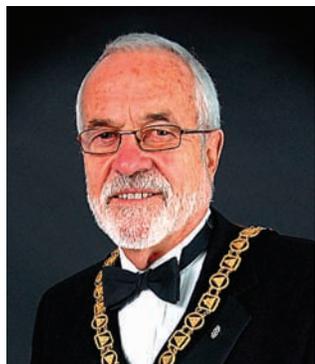
4. The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada was established in \_\_\_\_\_

a. 1867    b. 1845    c. 1874    d. 1813

NOTE: Answers in the next issue of Clarion



## From The Sovereign Grand Commander



*Matthew F. Todd,  
SGC*

Since our last edition of the Clarion I have been very busy as your Sovereign Grand Commander. One of the highlights of the year 2010 was our Supreme Council hosting the XVIII World Conference of Supreme Councils of the

world, in Toronto last May. I was very honoured to have been elected President of the Conference and will hold that position until we meet again in Portugal, in 2015. Of course, the 136th Annual Session of Supreme Council in Moncton, N.B. was also a highlight.

Travelling throughout Canada and visiting Valleys and meeting families is certainly very rewarding and satisfying. The very fact that Freemasonry is a warm and welcoming organization is certainly borne out when you sit and enjoy a meal and a social time with Brothers and their families. This is true no matter where you travel throughout this country and the world.

It is rewarding to see increases in the number of new candidates joining Scottish Rite and indeed being initiated into Craft Masonry. It is important for all of us to mentor and encourage these new members as they make their journey through the exciting mysteries of Freemasonry. "Working Together" we can make a difference in the lives of not only the people in our Craft but those to whom we spread our charity and relief. Those people can include children in our hospitals, Learning Centres and indeed, the aged who look for their days to be brightened by a visit from a friend.

Look well to the days and year ahead. Be positive, be happy, try not to let little things become major obstacles and above all, be proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

I look forward to seeing many of you during the months ahead. ■

## From The Editor-in-Chief



*Terry A. McLean,  
Editor in Chief*

I hope you enjoy the 3rd edition of Clarion. The objective of this joint publication from Supreme Council and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is to inform, to educate, to advertise our product, to share our achievements and to show

Scottish Rite Masonry "In Action" in our communities.

Please note the email change when you are sending in your wonderful stories and events of interest. The new email address is [office@supreme33.ca](mailto:office@supreme33.ca)

Two new sections have been added and will be ongoing in future issues. One is on "Our Symbols" and the other is "Travelling with The Sovereign Grand Commander". Also, try the Quiz and test your knowledge.

The section on "Your Valley News from Across Canada" is very popular with the participants. Keep sending in those local events and happenings. There are specs we must adhere to regarding photo quality, just call the office for assistance.

As Clarion grows, the number of stories received from across Canada grows. As the news stories grow new advertisers are coming on-board. We welcome RBC Dominion Securities.

This will ensure the sustainability of future publications. Again, I would welcome anyone interested in purchasing advertising space to call me directly at the Supreme Council office or email [office@supreme33.ca](mailto:office@supreme33.ca). Please call for our advertising rate card.

Many thanks to all Contributors, the Valley Directors of Communication, the staff at the Supreme Council Office and the Valley Secretaries/Registrars who have worked very hard to deliver this addition to your home, your families and your friends.

Your improvement ideas on the Clarion are most welcome- Enjoy the read! ■

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## Travelling With The Sovereign Grand Commander

*Clayton T. Handrigan, 32°,  
Grand Secretary/Registrar*

On September 22, 2010, the Valley of St. John's was pleased to welcome the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Matthew F. Todd, 33°, as he made his Official Visit. An added extra pleasure for the Valley was that Ill. Bro. Todd was accompanied by Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Grand Secretary General; and Ill. Bro. Robert L. Taylor, 33°, Deputy for NS, PEI, and NL.

Ill. Bro. Todd and the others spent three days in the area, and the Valley planned and executed several different types of activities. These included a round of golf, a Special Meeting of Centennial Lodge of Perfection, a tour of historic towns and Masonic Lodges in the area of Conception Bay North, visits to several senior Brethren of the Valley confined to home or institution, and a banquet.



*Outstanding Notice Award, Category "B", 2009. Left to Right: Ill. Bros. Ken Matthews, TPGM; Terry McLean, GSG; Matthew Todd, SGC; Robert Taylor, Dep.; Gerry Carr, Asst. GSR; Charles Cook, HIG; and James Finch, HIG.*



*Presentation of Certificate of Honourary Membership to Ill. Bro. Matthew F. Todd, 330, SGC. Left to Right: Ill. Bros. Ken Matthews, TPGM; Matthew Todd, SGC; Charles Cook, HIG; and James Finch, HIG.*

In addition, two rather significant events took place during the Special Meeting of the Lodge of Perfection. The first of these was the presentation to the Valley of our third "Outstanding Notice" award in Category "B" by Ill. Bro. Taylor, Deputy for NS, PEI, & NL.

The second was a surprise presentation to Ill. Bro. Todd when he was made an Honourary Member of the Valley of St. John's because of his long-standing relationship and demonstrated Brotherly affection for its welfare. Ill. Bro. Todd had served for several years as the Deputy for the region prior to his becoming Lieutenant Grand Commander and, eventually, Sovereign Grand Commander.

The Official Visit of our SGC, GSG, and Ill. Deputy was a significant event for our Valley, and we look forward with eager anticipation to their return. ■

## Symbols Of The Scottish Rite

*Ill. Bro. John V. Lawer, 33°, PSGC*

The double headed eagle has an ancient lineage. Known then as the storm bird, it was the symbol of power of the great Sumerian city of Lagash on the Tigris River five thousand years ago. It has been said that no heraldic bearing, no emblematic device anywhere today can boast such antiquity.

As empires rose and fell the symbol followed the conquerors north and west through Mesopotamia to the men of Akkad and to Babylon, and, with the Hittites into Anatolia, where it became the standard of the Seljuk Turks with the crowning of Tugrul Beg at Mosul in 1058 as King of the East and the West.

In the Roman Empire the consul Marius, shortly before the

birth of Christ, consecrated the eagle to be the sole standard at the head of every legion, and thus it became the symbol of Roman imperial power.

The single eagle remained the symbol of the Empire for several centuries after the de facto division of the Empire into an eastern and western Roman Empire following the dedication, on May 11, 330, of its eastern capital named in honour of its founder, the Emperor Constantine the Great, and the later defeat of the last of the Emperors in the West, Romulus Augustulus at Ravenna in 476.

Indeed, it remained so even after the Papacy claimed to revive the Western Empire when Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne, King of the Franks, as Emperor, at Rome, on Christmas Day in the year 800.



## Symbols Of The Scottish Rite *continued*

In the Eastern Empire it was the Emperor Isaacius Comnenus, who was born in Paphlagonia in Asia Minor, who first adopted the double headed eagle as the symbol of empire, and it is interesting to note that he did so at almost the same time as the Seljuk Turks adopted it at Mosul. It was the conquest of Palestine by the Seljuk Turks and their harassment of Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land which led to the Crusades.



It has been said that it was the Crusaders who introduced the double headed eagle into Western Europe. If they did not see it in battle with the Turks they certainly would have seen it with their complicity in the Venetian-Papal scheme which diverted the Fourth Crusade to the sack of Constantinople in 1204.

After the recapture of Constantinople in 1261 by the Emperor Michael VIII Paliologos, with the aid of the Genoese, the double headed eagle was restored as the symbol of the Byzantine royal family and state until the City and Empire fell to the Ottoman Turks under Sultan Mohammed II in 1453.

From 1472, when Ivan III, Grand Duke of Moscow, married Sophia Paliologo, niece of the last Byzantine Emperor, the double headed eagle became the symbol of the "Third Rome," and subsequently of the Russian Empire from 1721 to 1917. Today it is the Coat of Arms of the Russian Federation.

In the West a claim to the right to display the double headed eagle of Byzantium was made as early as 972 upon the marriage of the Emperor Otto I with the niece of the Byzantine Emperor Ionnis Tzimiskes. From about the middle of the thirteenth century it became the arms of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. Following the dissolution of the Empire by Napoleon in 1806 its use was perpetuated by Austria.

The double headed eagle was probably first introduced into Freemasonry in 1763 when a Body calling itself the Council of the Emperors of the East West was established in Paris.

The appendix to the traditional history of the Scottish Rite, as set forth in the Grand Constitutions of 1786, by whomsoever and wherever they were written, said to have been promulgated in the name and in the presence of Frederick II (the Great), King of Prussia, on May 1 of that year, describes the Standard of the Order as bearing a double headed eagle surmounted by the Golden Crown of Prussia.

Despite the fact that the Prussian eagle was a single eagle facing left and that Frederick II did not have it in his power to confer the double headed eagle, - indeed, he had spent most of his life fighting the two empires - Austria and Russia, both of which claimed the double headed eagle as their own, and that some Supreme Councils, - such as England and Wales, - simply refer to it as a Crown, the Supreme Council of Canada has seen fit to retain the reference to the double headed eagle and the Golden Prussian Crown, content to recognize Frederick the Great as the traditional patron of the Scottish Rite.

The Symbol of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada is a double headed eagle, its wings displayed, ensigned of a Prussian crown, perched on a sword fessway Argent, hilt and pommel to the dexter. From the sword is draped a scroll bearing the motto "Deus Meumque Jus." ■

## Heather's Story



Heather Armstrong

*This is a Story from Heather Armstrong. This address was given at the SGC Banquet held in Moncton, NB, September 2010. Heather is a graduate of the Halifax Learning Centre.*

**H**ello, my name is Heather Armstrong. A few months back I was in the mall with my best friend Loren and he ran into a girl he knew and her friends. As we stopped to talk to the girl one of her guy friends said he had something funny to tell us. I can tell you all now, what he said wasn't funny to me, it hurt me.

He told us a story about how he was making fun of a dyslexic girl over msn. He thought it was so funny how he jumbled up his words and she read them perfectly. I stood



## Heather's Story *continued*

there in shock and disgust because this was the first time I have ever heard something like this in my life.

As we walked away, I turned to Loren who didn't know how hurt I was and said, "I'm a dyslexic." He smiled at me and told me I was funny, I was too smart; I could never be a dyslexic. I wasn't surprised by his statement; I hear it a lot when I tell people I am a dyslexic. It's either that or "What's a dyslexic?" But Loren's comment got me thinking, about how far I had come and also about all the hardships I have faced in my short life.

I have never felt normal in my own body, not since I was very little. I have always felt different from the other kids, they could read and write and I couldn't. It made me feel stupid, different and alone. I didn't really have that much self esteem when I was little not until I found the Centre. There I learned I wasn't stupid, there were others like me. There was a reason I almost failed so many grades and wasn't like the other kids.

As the three years at the Centre flew by I had met wonderful people who have changed my life. My first tutor, Sandie, helped me raise my confidence in myself and I will always be thankful to her. My second tutor, Thelma, helped me through the end of the learning process and helped me learn more about what I was capable of.

I was one of the first children of the Scottish Rite Free Masons Dyslexia Learning Centre in Nova Scotia, and I'm happy to tell you all the hard work they did over those three years helped me more than any of you will ever know. I gained confidence and knowledge; I have been on the honour roll three years in a row, once with an above 95% average and once with 88% average and that was when I had mono and was so tired it hurt to move.

I have many people I imagine sitting in the seats of the auditorium instead of my classmates as I went up to collect these awards; a girl in my class in grade 6 who made fun of me for not knowing how to spell my mother's name, well Trinity here it goes! B-A-R-B-A-R-A!, the teachers who knew I was struggling and would still push me up the next grade, the guy from the mall because I really wish I would have said something witty that would have made you look like a fool these are just a few people I want to show my accomplishments to. I want to show them that I may be a dyslexic but I'm just as smart as all of you.

We all have to face those types of people in your lives,

I personally like meeting them. They teach me to be a better person, they make me strive to be the person I know I can be, they teach me just because I am a dyslexic doesn't mean I can't fight academically with the normal kids. I tell people who don't know what I went through and still go through to imagine dyslexia like this huge wall, there's a lot of people on the "normal side" and a few on the other side trying to get to the other side. For every hater that comes into a dyslexic's life they can either become a weight on their backs dragging them further away from their goal or another rung in the ladder they're using to climb over the huge wall. Sadly you can't cure dyslexia so the best any dyslexic can do is sit on top of that huge wall and smile down on the normal people. They can see the whole world from on top of that wall, they can see endless possibilities. The normal people can most times easily climb the wall so they can never truly know what the dyslexics have been through.

I'm going to take two advanced math courses in my grade 11 year and then the year after that pre cal and cal something if you had asked me when I was 8 I would have laughed at. Me, in an advanced class? Don't be silly, I could never do that! I talk about all the negative people who have entered my life but the worst person I've had to face is myself, I've had to look deep down inside and see that I can do whatever I want to do in life. I can be a psychologist and get through the 10 years of university it takes to become one.

I would not be where I am without all of you and I'm forever thankful that you chose to make the Centre. I've come so far and I have you to thank for it. Thank you for investing in us kids that go to the Centre, it really does mean so much to all of us. It lets us know that we aren't the only people that are different from the majority. Bruce Jenner once said "The biggest problem with dyslexic kids is not the perceptual problem; it is their perception of themselves." I totally agree with Bruce, the Centre and the people who run it make the perception of the child of themselves change. That's something that is priceless. Thank you for your time and inviting me to speak here tonight, this really does mean the world to me and more. Good night! ■

## Scottish Rite Quiz *continued*

5. When and where was the first Grand Lodge organized?

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| a. 1598, Edinburgh | c. 1696, Edinburgh |
| b. 1646, Dublin    | d. 1717, London    |



## Moncton Memories 2010

*Barry Ellsworth,  
General Chairman, 2010 Annual Session, Moncton, NB*

Thirty-two years had passed when Supreme Council returned to Moncton to conduct the 136th Annual Sessions in September 2010. Several months have now passed since the Sessions were concluded and many fond memories still linger for the Moncton organizing committee and more than three dozen volunteers who assisted to make the event a great success.

The Delta Hotel served as our convention centre and accommodated our week's activities in excellent style by providing us with 200+ guest rooms and the use of their full suite of meeting facilities for the week. I must relay to you all, that we have been told by several of the hotel staff that this was one of the best groups they have ever hosted at their hotel. A tribute to our fraternity and to you all.

The 2010 Sessions kicked off on Wednesday evening with more than 400 brethren and guests attending the Get Acquainted Party on the Mezzanine Floor of the Delta. The evening provided a great opportunity, in a casual setting, for our brethren and guests to renew old acquaintances and establish new ones.

On Thursday, September 16, the 33rd degree was conferred on 40 candidates including 5 from the local Valley of Moncton. This was the largest class from our Valley in recent memory and I am sure those new candidates will prove very worthy of their new appointments.

The congregation of First Baptist Church graciously provided their facility for our annual Vesper Service that afternoon following the conferral. Several Craft Lodge Masons from the surrounding area accepted the invitation to attend the service and nearly 500 masons and guests were comfortably accommodated on the main floor of the sanctuary. The service was conducted by Reverend Dr. Richard Jackson, Senior Pastor at First Baptist who was assisted by Ill. Bros Richard Brown (Lieutenant Grand Commander) Gordon Young

(Deputy for New Brunswick), Matthew Todd (Sovereign Grand Commander) and The Reverend Canon Michael Farr (Grand Prior).

On Friday morning the ladies were transported by bus to Moncton High School where they were entertained in the school's magnificent 75 year old auditorium. Following the entertainment, a short bus tour around our fine city included a stop for a light lunch and a visit to the Chocolate River Station to sample the world famous Ganong's Chocolates.

One of the most exciting highlights of the Sessions for the New Brunswick Scottish Rite Masons was the announcement by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Board of Directors that Moncton was approved as the site for a new Dyslexic Learning Centre for the year 2011.



*Class of 2010, Moncton*

The Kitchen Party and Lobster Dinner on Saturday at the Pointe du Chene wharf was attended by 260. The Old Spice Boys led by our own Ill. Bro. Derek Knowles, provided the musical entertainment for the evening. As the sun was setting on Shediac Bay we boarded the buses and made our way back, taking with us fond memories of a great time and a successful week in Moncton – Hub of The Maritimes.

On behalf of your 2010 Supreme Council Annual Sessions Committee I would like to thank all of you who attended the Sessions in Moncton for contributing to our successful event. ■

### Clarion Needs You!

**Submissions:** If you have a good news story (Scottish Rite and Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation) in your Valley, The Clarion would like to share it with 18,000 Scottish Ritters across Canada. Send your story to [office@supreme33.ca](mailto:office@supreme33.ca).

**Volunteers:** If you would like to be a Valley Director of Communication from your Valley, please contact your local Provincial Deputy.



# Your Valley News from Across Canada

## The Valley Of Hamilton

### Scottish Rite Grant To St. Joseph's

*Lori Muzak McComb, Senior Development Officer*

Autism Spectrum Disorders are severely disabling disorders of brain development that affect as many as 1 in 100. This life long condition has few effective treatments and places an enormous burden on human and healthcare resources. Researchers have long known that autism is caused primarily by genetic factors but despite significant efforts over the last 20 years, the cause has not been found. Researchers at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, in partnership with McMaster University, are undertaking a significant research collaboration to deepen our understanding into genetics linked to autism. This research is closely examining genetic results from previous research discoveries with identified autistic symptom genes to reveal clearer genetic patterns.

To assist us with this complex project, The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada has generously made a 2-year pledge valued at \$52,784 in support of Dr. Marc Woodbury-Smith, a Principal Investigator for this ground-breaking study. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada provides research grants to support biomedical research into the causes



*St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton's Dr. Marc Woodbury-Smith (2nd from right), Principal Investigator and Sera Filice-Armenio (left) President and CEO, St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation accept the award cheque from Commander-in-Chief George F. Benton, (2nd from left) Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton Freemasonry of Canada and Frank R. Fordham, (right) Hamilton Valley Representative, Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada.*

and cure of intellectual impairment such as Autism and other disorders, especially as it affects children. They are committed to finding the basis for these disorders, which often include complex genetic research such as St. Joseph's efforts, to help relieve the enormous human costs and financial burden of these diseases. We sincerely appreciate The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada and all their members for supporting St. Joseph's quest to advance autism research and bring hope to those affected by illness and disease. ■

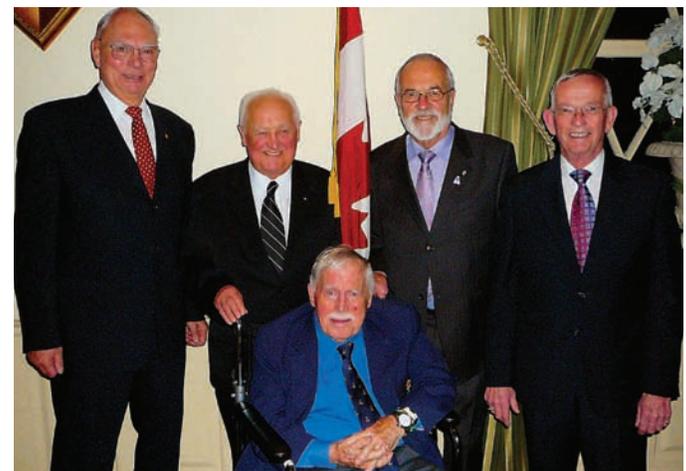
## The Valley Of Kingston

### Anniversary Celebrations

*Gord Mylks*

On Wednesday, November 25, Members and Visitors of the Kingston Valley of the Scottish Rite, attended at the Renaissance Banquet Hall in Kingston to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Rose of Sharon Chapter Rose Croix and the 128th Anniversary of the Kingston Lodge of Perfection. What was most significant about this Banquet was that the venue was the former home of the Chapter and Lodge that had been purchased, renovated, and used for 47 years as our home. The Lodge Building was sold in the mid-2000s and renovated into a most beautiful banquet hall. The Lodge and Chapter now share the Masonic Center in Kingston with other Masonic bodies in Kingston.

Some eighty persons, members and their guests, attended the gala to welcome our special guest, our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill Bro. Matthew F. Todd. The evening featured a fine feast, entertainment by Ill. Bro. Hugh Goldie, the presentation of a Lodge and Chapter



*Left to Right; Ill Bro Donald R Thornton, Deputy for Ontario; Ill. Bro Joe Percy, MWS, Rose of Sharon Chapter of Rose Croix; Ill. Bro. Matthew F. Todd, Sovereign Grand Commander; Ill. Bro. Gord Mylks, TPGM, Kingston Lodge of Perfection, and seated, Ill. Bro. John Matheson*

History by Ill. Bro. John Schaeffer and a excellent address by our Sovereign Grand Commander, who also presented a 60 year pin to Ill. Bro. John Matheson, CD, recipient of the Order of Canada, many other awards, and who is the designer/founder of the Canadian Flag. ■



## The Valley Of Barrie

### Donald Campbell Recognition Dinner

*Robert D. Brethour*

The Valley of Barrie held a special reception in honour of Ill. Bro. Donald N. Campbell on December 19, 2010. Ill. Bro. Campbell served as an Active Member from 1996 to 2010. Donald also served as Deputy for Ontario for three terms and as Grand Secretary General of Supreme Council. He is a member of Minerva Lodge No.304 in Stroud and a Charter Member of Innisfil Lodge No. 737, and was Appointed Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1983. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Rameses Shrine Temple and Barrie's Sheba Shrine Club. Don and June reside in Barrie and have three children and six grandchildren.

There was a full house at 99 Morrow Road in Barrie for the Appreciation Night with friends, family and many Masonic Leaders on hand to congratulate, honour, and in some cases 'roast' Don. Following a delicious banquet we enjoyed an entertaining program focusing on our guest of honour. Tribute speakers included: Rae Hutt (who has travelled countless miles with Don); Bryan Lawson (Potentate of Rameses Shrine Temple); Grand Master Raymond S. J. Daniels; Active Members John Lewis (North Bay) and Brian Gilkinson (Peterborough); Grand Secretary General Terry McLean; Past Sovereign Grand Commander Rev. C. Robert Townshend; and Don & June's daughter, Sylvia Whiting. Also in attendance were Past Sovereign Grand Commander John Lawer, Deputy for Ontario Dr. Gareth Taylor (who replied to the Toast to Supreme Council and added some remarks about Don), numerous Active and Past Active members, and many other friends and family. In addition, our Sovereign Grand Commander, Matthew F. Todd, sent along a message which was read out to those in attendance.

It was a fitting tribute to a most respected individual – a man who has played an enormous role in Scottish Rite Freemasonry across Canada. ■



*Ill. Bro. Donald N. Campbell, 33° and Mrs. June Campbell*

## The Valley Of Regina

### Fundraising in Regina

*Foster M. Martin*

Since 2001 there has been an event that members of the Regina Scottish Rite Valley have been raising money for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. When we started at \$2,808.00 to 2009 when we reached \$6,041.00 (our highest) we have raised a total of \$44,105.25 or on average \$4,900.58 each year.

This year is no exception. We are again raising funds for the Heart & Stroke when we will be riding July 25. Below are the riders for this year. ■



*Riders for 2010: Foster Martin, Gordon Shearer, Ross Stariula, Bruce Jardine, Glen Enright, Terry Yanko, Shane Ridgway, Kirk Rondeau, Russ Tataryn, Val Ohly, Dick Gutfriend, Ian Brown, Daryl Shirkey, Terry Madole, Doug Barker, Jeff Barker, Stu Larson, Richard Brown, Scott Wilson, Brad Butz, Colin Bachynski.*

### Thunder Bay in 2011

The 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of Supreme Council will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario, September 14 - 17, 2011.

## Scottish Rite Quiz *continued*

- When was the first operative Scottish Rite body established in Canada?  
a. 1868    b. 1867    c. 1873    d. 1874
- When and where was the first Scottish Rite Supreme Council opened?  
a. 1762, Bordeaux, France  
b. 1767, Albany, New York  
c. 1786, Berlin, Germany  
d. 1801, Charleston, South Carolina



## The Valley Of Halifax

### Thelma's Story: Precious Gifts

*Thelma Gregan, Director Halifax Learning Centre*



*Thelma Gregan*

**M**y Dad was an amazing gift giver. He delighted in finding the perfect surprise and often delivered it in a way that was unique and memorable. They weren't always things that cost money - often it was a timely note or a creative poem, a birthday treasure hunt or a humorous homemade gift. He was also

a teacher and administrator and, several years into my teaching career, I met teachers who still had, in their desks, notes of affirmation he had written "just when they needed it most". He was an incredible role model for many reasons - this was but one.

I was thinking about my Dad this morning and about some of those special gifts. As I got on that train of thought, I remembered back to my second year of teaching and a boy I haven't thought about for awhile. His name was Amos and he was one of the most positive children I have ever taught. Most days his lunch was a bag of raw carrots. "I love carrots!" he'd say and dive into them. I taught grade two that year and was determined to give children lots of reading opportunities. One of the ways I would do that was to have a cassette recorder set up for them to read me a story. I promised to listen to the tape each night, encouraging them to bring in a book to share from home - one they had enjoyed and felt comfortable with. Amos read the same book, time after time. At first I thought it was because he knew it best of all - eventually it sunk in that it was because it was the only book he owned. Each time he read it with expression and delight - like it was all a big surprise. One day, the principal arrived at the door to say that Amos would be leaving. He was to clean out his desk and depart - just like that. Amos took it in stride and gathered his possessions. I waited at the door to say goodbye and was surprised to have him thrust into my hands, that precious book. Hastily scribbled inside the front cover in marker was a note - gifting this book to me. It is still a treasured possession.

I received another memorable gift a few weeks ago. This time it appeared in my inbox - a note from a parent: "FYI - The dyslexic student received an A in reading and a B in writing!!!!!! Thank You"

Priceless gifts - may your summer hold many - and may you recognize them when they appear. Happy Days! ■

## Loren Kline Presentation

**T**he Deputy's Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation cheque for Alberta is presented to Dr. Rauno Parrila, Director of the JP Das Centre on Developmental and Learning Disabilities at the University of Alberta by Loren Kline, Deputy for Alberta. The JP Das Centre is involved in research, student training, publication, and selected clinical services for children and adults with mental retardation and other disorders that affect learning and originate in childhood.

More information on the activities of the Centre can be obtained from their website:

[www.ualberta.ca/~jjpdasddc/about/index.html](http://www.ualberta.ca/~jjpdasddc/about/index.html)



*Dr. Rauno Parrila and Loren Kline, Deputy of Alberta*

### Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Presents Bursary



*Jennifer Skidmore accepts her bursary from Harold Hayes and Michael Hammell of the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection in Campbell River*



### On the Cover

*Supreme Council of Canada hosted 31 countries and over 100 delegates from Supreme Councils around the World May 22-26, 2010 in Toronto, Ontario. Our Sovereign Grand Commander III. Bro. Matthew*

*F. Todd was elected President of the XVIII World Conference.*





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