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Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation - Major Grants



Dr. Christine Till

Dr. Gareth Taylor, Chairman of the Grants and Awards Committee, had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Christine Till, a neuropsychologist from York University, who was awarded a three-year grant for over \$100,000 from the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation to capture the developing brain's capacity for plasticity following chronic neurological disease. The project is entitled "Structural and functional neuroimaging correlates of cognitive impairment in childhood-onset multiple sclerosis" and is funded from October 2011 to September 2014.

Dr. Till obtained her PhD in Psychology from the University of Toronto and went on to do a postdoctoral fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. There, she developed an interest in understanding the impact of diffuse brain insult on cognition and behaviour. In particular, in understanding why some people show a profound impact of brain injury on brain function while others do not. Dr. Till started working with adults who had traumatic brain injuries, but has more recently started to work with children who have multiple sclerosis, a chronic neurodegenerative disease.

Canada has among the highest prevalence rate of multiple sclerosis worldwide, affecting 250 per 100,000, with approximately 5% of these individuals diagnosed prior to age 18. Within early stages of the disease, cognitive impairment is observed in 30-50% of childhood-onset patients. Prominent deficits include reduced processing speed and difficulties with attention, visual-perception, and executive functioning. These deficits can have a potentially devastating impact on intellectual and academic abilities, and can be of sufficient severity as to compromise future societal and vocational independence.

The immature brain has been thought to possess an enormous capacity to adapt to neurological disease. However, it is not well understood what factors play a role in limiting the clinical expression of brain tissue damage associated with the disease in childhood. Professor Till and her research team are using functional neuroimaging techniques to investigate how some patients with pediatric multiple sclerosis are able to withstand severe neuropathology without showing cognitive impairment. Her team suspects that young individuals with multiple sclerosis may rely upon the use of new or 'compensatory' brain networks as an adaptive mechanism to offset the negative effects of brain volume loss.

This funding will allow Dr. Till and her team to understand the patterns of communication in the brains of children with multiple sclerosis when asked to perform complex cognitive tasks (tasks requiring attention, tasks that require the ability to juggle of information etc.). Results will determine whether individuals who do not show cognitive impairment, despite considerable brain pathology, rely on the use of more brain networks or different networks to achieve the same level of performance as a healthy individual. Older individuals might have an advantage to recruiting alternate networks compared with young children because they have had more time to develop these networks.

Knowledge of how neurodegenerative diseases like multiple sclerosis affect brain networks and how a person's environment may enhance brain function has implications for how we develop strategies to stave off cognitive decline in these individuals. For example, we may be able to delay the onset of cognitive decline by boosting brain plasticity as a treatment at the first sign of brain network dysfunction.

"We have much more to learn about how to keep brain networks flexible to defend against a disease like multiple sclerosis for which Canada has one of the highest prevalence rates in the world" Till says.

Dr. Till indicated that the techniques being developed in her lab are needed to guide the monitoring of therapeutic interventions. By understanding how the brain adapts to insult and what factors in the individual and in the environment promote changes at the neural level, we can begin to generalize to other childhood disorders, such as ADHD and learning disabilities, where therapies are being implemented to improve cognitive functioning. Neuroimaging techniques allow us to know more than ever before what neural networks are used to achieve certain behaviours.

Dr. Till emphasized how important the Foundation's funding has been for establishing her lab and in allowing important discoveries to be made regarding neuroplastic mechanisms in this relatively rare neurologic population. This work represents a critical stepping stone for future work that will aim to improve cognitive functioning in these children and adolescents using cognitive rehabilitative techniques. The Foundation's support also serves as a catalyst for future grants from major Canadian granting agencies. ■



On the Cover

Members of Supreme Council in Winnipeg enjoying the relaxing ride on the Prairie Dog Central. Unexpected visitors arrive and donate the proceeds taken to the SRCF. Photos courtesy of Phil Hooker, Valley of Hamilton, Clayton Handrigan, Valley of St. John's, John Furlong, Valley of Toronto and Dave Holt, Valley of Winnipeg.



Hidden Masonic Treasure in Downtown Guelph

Marlene Shaw and Rod Blair, Valley of Guelph

Sandwiched between Knox Presbyterian Church and Chalmers United Churches on Quebec Street in Guelph is the Guelph Masonic Centre. Many businesses rent their space from the Centre, whose Masonic meeting rooms are on the second and third levels.

For many years, talk had been going on about the building, what could be done, how it could be done and where would we get the money to do anything.

In 1998, members were trained in the job of fund raising and then went out to the six Craft Lodges, the two York Rite Bodies, the Valley of Guelph A&ASR, youth groups and Shriners. The goal was to raise \$250,000, however that goal was surpassed almost three times over.

Our account managers from the Royal Bank of Canada came on board with the rest of the money.

A decision was also made to have \$145,000 in certificates printed in the amount of \$1,000 each and sold to members and friends for a seven year term, with interest payable annually at the RBC rate. Much of this money as it came due was returned to the Centre as a gift.

Many businessmen, who were Masons, were happy to give gifts 'in kind' and also their talents. Rod Blair, of Blair Construction in Guelph was hired as Construction Manager and then the work began in earnest.

The main goal of the renovation was to upgrade the space, improve safety and make the second and third level more accessible. To that end the wiring, plumbing, structural supports, heating, air conditioning was upgraded sprinklers added and an elevator installed.

As walls were torn down to open up the second floor, workers uncovered a stone wall, original to the building constructed at the turn of the last century.

This wall posed more problems but now it is a beautiful and fitting symbol of the long heritage of stone masons and the windows of that wall were made into glass display cases, where Masonic memorabilia and treasures are on display.

Our ante room of the blue room on the second floor is now unique, in its use of 5 different ceilings, one ceiling showing the three degrees of Masonry and hand painted by a members' daughter. There are three columns, donated by the Guelph Shrine Club, Royal City DeMolay, and a small group of Members. The main doors to the Blue Room were designed and crafted using white ash, by a member

of Wyndham Lodge. Youth Groups and members hold Christmas Parties and special events, such as weddings, birthdays, concerts, etc. in this room.

Work has been ongoing since 2000 and the Secretary's office was not completed until a Director leaned back in his chair at a meeting and it's one leg went through the floor.

In 2007, a cornerstone ceremony with approximately 250 guests was held, with Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson, Grand Lodge Officers, dignitaries, members, and friends including our bankers who told us they had no idea what they were getting themselves into with that first walk up the stairs.

During tours of the building for "Open Doors Guelph", the public got an inside look at the Hidden Masonic Treasure in Downtown Guelph. Over 650 people visited us that day.

In closing, there had been talk about doing something here for a long time. Some thought about selling others about tearing down the whole block and starting over. But we think what was done is more prudent. Essentially we preserved the building, where Masons had been meeting since 1914, preserving the streetscape and adding to the charm of the city, and giving each new member as they join, the heritage of many generations.

This project started in 1998 and has to date cost approx. \$1.5 million and is on target to be paid off by 2015.

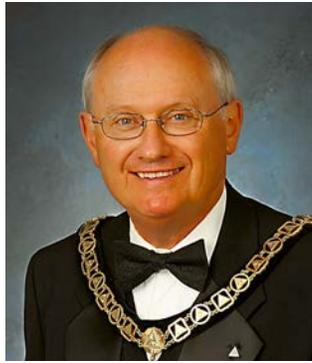
The work done to re-create this building to accommodate the many Masonic related groups who meet here is a great example of brothers working in peace and harmony to achieve one goal. ■



Century old wall discovered in the renovations with two windows converted into display cases of Masonic Treasures



From the Sovereign Grand Commander



*Richard A.H. Brown,
SGC*

May I first state how proud I am to have this opportunity to represent you as your Sovereign Grand Commander for the 2012-15 Triennium. My predecessors in this office have left a legacy of service and fraternal

acumen that provides me with the motivation to work as hard as I can, with God's assistance and your encouragement, to ensure that Scottish Rite Freemasonry continues to flourish in Canada.

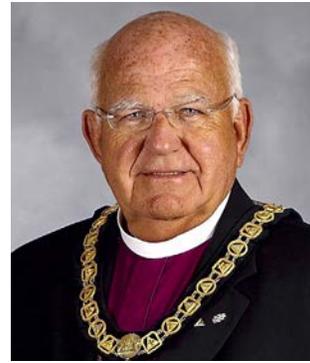
Rather than a theme, I have decided to focus our efforts on three areas: Leadership, Communication and Membership. I have asked our Lieutenant Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33° to co-ordinate our initiatives in the Leadership area; our Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33° to develop a Communication Strategy; and I will concentrate on promoting Membership initiatives that I hope will lead to more Master Masons joining our ranks and our current members becoming more involved in the activities of their Valleys.

I encourage you to play an active role in the governance of your local Valley. The Valley is the primary body that defines Scottish Rite. An active valley will always have Petitions for Initiation to process and good attendance at its meetings and social activities. Please lend your support and provide your assistance to ensure that your Valley flourishes. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you when I visit your Valley.

I encourage you to view our new website www.scottishritecanada.ca and that you use the information and links on the web pages to assist your pursuit of Masonic knowledge. Your comments on the site and what materials it should contain will be welcomed.

I wish you and your family a very Joyous Christmas Season and hope that the New Year will provide the happiness, health and accomplishment you desire. ■

From the President of the SRCF



*C. Robert Townshend,
President SRCF*

As the new president of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, I have been invited by the editor-in-chief to write to you a few words:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to express our deep appreciation to Ill Bro Terry McLean, (LGC) and editor-in-chief, and all of his team for their care and labour in preparing the Clarion, and for seeing to its distribution in Canada and beyond.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, in harmony with the Supreme Council, have fraternally worked together to communicate our Scottish Rite life and history to many people both within the Scottish Rite, Masonry and beyond.

It is my hope and desire that this vehicle of communication will prosper and enrich our lives and work as the Scottish Rite family across this great country we live in. May we continue to be blessed and guided by the One who gives us life, and purpose and meaning to that life. ■

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 17,000 Scottish Rites across Canada. Send your story to office@supreme33.ca.

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

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New Supreme Council Website Live - November 1, 2012

Brian W. Gilkinson, Grand Secretary-General



Your Supreme Council, in order to improve communication and meet the needs of our membership and the public, is pleased to announce the launch of our new website at www.scottishritecanada.ca on Thursday November 1, 2012. We trust you will enjoy the content and revisit our

website on a frequent basis. The section on Members Info is still under construction and will be coming soon. You will also notice a social media feature with Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Our Co-Webmasters, Ill. Bro. Joe Chamberlain 33°, Valley of Toronto and Ill. Bro. Ken McComb 33°, Valley of Calgary, are excited about the site and look forward to ensuring that the content is current and informative. Our appreciation and thanks are extended to the ad hoc website committee: Terry Mclean, Ken Rutherford, Duncan Skinner and Gareth Taylor. We are also grateful for the design work created by Ill. Bro. Milan Cobanov 32° and Mr. Patrick Kakala of Mindpress Inc.

Supreme Council is looking forward to your frequent visits and feedback on the website. ■

SRCF Directors Workshop

Terry McLean, Director SRCF

In 2014 the SRCF will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. On November 10, 2012 the Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen held a workshop to reflect on the past, review the present and define the future of our Foundations good works. One of the outcomes of the planning workshop is that we clearly have defined why, how and what we do what we do.

“We believe the human mind is key to physical, mental and spiritual well-being. As such, the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada primarily invests in research to help solve the puzzles of the mind and in Learning Centres for Children with Dyslexia. Will you help us “solve the puzzles of the mind” with a donation?”

Stay tune for future communications of the SRCF 50th anniversary. ■



Directors and Committee Chairmen of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. Front Row (L to R): Matthew Todd (Executive Director LC), Robert Townshend (President), Evan Woodhead (Facilitator), Richard Brown (Sovereign Grand Commander), Gareth Taylor (Vice President). Middle Row (L to R): Ken Rutherford, Terry Mclean, Jim Ford, Carl Fairthorne, Gordon Greasley, James Ross, Duncan Skinner. Back Row (L to R): Michael Ward, Jim Sutherland, Loren Klein, Sam Kalinowsky, Brian Gilkinson, Allard Loopstra

Symbols of The Scottish Rite

Robert Wands, Valley of Hamilton



Symbol of the Consistory

The Symbol of the Consistory shall be the form of a Jewel of the Consistory, (Regulation 1.4). The Jewel shall be a Teutonic Cross, in red enamel, with the number “32” in gold on blue enamel in the centre of the cross, surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves in green enamel. Below the cross and attached to the bars thereof are 4 equilateral triangles of gold. (Regulation 4.2) ■



Symbol of a Chapter of Rose Croix

The Symbol of a Chapter of Rose Croix shall be in the form of a Jewel of a Chapter of Rose Croix. (Regulation 1.3) The Jewel shall be the jewel of the eighteenth degree. It shall exhibit the following symbols: on one side of the jewel; a pelican feeding its young; on the other side, a white eagle, with wings extended, rising in the air; compasses with the points extended 60°; surmounting the compasses, a celestial crown; within the compasses, a cross: on each side of the jewel, on the centre of the cross, a rose. (Regulation 3.3) ■



Symbol of the Lodge of Perfection

The Symbol of the Lodge of Perfection shall be the delta enclosing the Hebrew letter “Yod”. (Regulation 1.2) ■



Deputies' Provincial Charitable Donations - Helping Others

Donald R. Thornton, Valley of Kingston

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada was established to promote, encourage and carry on charitable work within Canada, and support the advancement of education.

The Foundation is supported through generous donations made by Scottish Rite members from all regions of Canada. A portion of this funding is able to be returned to each Valley through a special program called "The Deputies' Provincial Charitable Donation".

The Deputy may award this money to a special Provincial or Valley project. It is required that the donation be applied to a very specific, identifiable purpose for the cause of good. The grant may not be directed to a capital fund or to "bricks and mortar".

When a recipient has been identified, the Deputy will forward an application to the SRCF Hamilton office where the request is reviewed by the Grants and Awards Committee. Following



Donation to Rainbow Girls for the Mary C. Holdsworth Scholarship Fund. Left to Right: Lorraine Ball, Grand Worthy Advisor in Canada, Ill. Bro. George Cooper and Melissa Cooper, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor.

approval of the application, a cheque is made out in the name of the recipient and mailed to the Deputy for formal presentation to the recipient.

The following examples illustrate just a few ways by which financial donations from Scottish Rite members' are being applied across Canada through the Deputies' Provincial Donations.

\$1,000 to the Cape Breton Cancer Centre Library for reading materials and items that patients can refer to regarding their illness and treatment.

\$2,000 for equipment, called the rainbow arches, to outfit a motor sensory room in the Child Development Centre at Hotel Dieu Hospital Kingston, Ontario, to provide children, suffering various mental and physical disabilities with movement experiences to strengthen sensory integration, balance, core stability and gross motor skills.

\$2,000 as a bursary to a lady enrolled in a MEd. Degree program at the University of Prince Edward Island, focused on assisting young people coping with intellectual and physical disabilities.

\$2,000 to the J.P. Das Developmental Disabilities Centre, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, to be applied in assisting children with developmental disabilities to learn (including dyslexia)

\$1,000 to assist a single mother, of Campbell River, BC, supporting two children, who is completing an Education Degree.

\$1,000 to the Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador to assist individuals and their families through education, support and research.

\$2,000 to assist Physicians in training for Northern Canada, divided between the Northern School of Medicine at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay and the Northern School of Medicine, Laurentian University, Sudbury.
(Privacy rules prevent the naming of individual recipients)

Provincial Deputies are thanked for their efforts to ensure that donations from Scottish Rite members are faithfully applied for the cause of good in Valleys across Canada. ■



The John Ross Matheson Award



Sydney (Skip) Whiteley, Chairman Special Awards Committee

With the approval of Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Glenn M. Martin 33° and members of Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada, the prestigious John Ross Matheson Award was introduced in the year 2000.

The Sovereign Grand Commander decreed that the John Ross Matheson Award be awarded to those heroes of our fraternity, with a view to rewarding merit and ability, to recognize community spirit, to honor those within our fraternity who go above and beyond the call of duty. This Award is named after an individual who best exemplifies a continued commitment of distinguished service to his community, his country, and mankind.

Qualifications and Regulation Governing the Award

1. Awards will be made to Master Masons in good standing in a Grand Lodge within the jurisdiction of our Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.
2. Nominations for this Award must be submitted through the office of the Grand Secretary-General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada, type written, (original and three copies), must give the full name, address, age, Masonic rank, name and number of lodge(s) of which he is a member, with complete particulars of the special services pertaining to Masonry, civic, community or religious oriented activities claimed for the nominee.
3. A maximum of two Awards may be granted annually.
4. No posthumous Awards shall be granted.
5. Accompanying this Award is a \$1,500.00 bursary to be given to the University or Charity of the recipient's choice in the year the Award is presented.
6. On receipt of these nominations the Special Committee on Special Awards, appointed by the Sovereign Grand Commander, will independently review and without consultation, report individual findings to the Sovereign Grand Commander. Unanimity in favour of the applicant will result in an Award being presented. A petition on behalf of a brother, where the Award is not granted, may be resubmitted.

Recipients of the John Ross Matheson Award

One of the highest awards made by our Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada, the John Ross Matheson Award since its inception in 2000, has been presented to twenty – three worthy recipients. ■

2012	Ill. Bro. Ivan R. Mater, <i>Valley of Sarnia</i> Ill. Bro. John H. Roy, <i>Valley of Peterborough</i>	2005	Ill. Bro. George J.B. Bradshaw, <i>Valley of Toronto</i> Ill. Bro. Maurice V. Snook*, <i>Valley of Windsor</i>
2011	Ill. Bro. Douglas W. Jagges, <i>Valley of Barrie</i> Ill. Bro. Thomas V. Hannan, <i>Valley of Regina</i>	2004	Ill. Bro. T. Fred Kingsmill, <i>Valley of London</i> Ill. Bro. E. Peter Lougheed*, <i>Valley of Calgary</i> Bro. Stephen R. Ramsanker*, <i>Edmonton</i>
2010	Ill. Bro. Clifford M. Tootell*, <i>Valley of Hamilton</i> Ill. Bro. Earl L. Banks, <i>Valley of Halifax</i>	2003	Ill. Bro. Robert C. MacFarlane*, <i>Valley of Sarnia</i>
2009	Ill. Bro. Douglas R. Banks, <i>Valley of London</i> Ill. Bro. Richard M. Stokes, <i>Valley of Niagara</i>	2002	Ill. Bro. Lee S. Donahue*, <i>Valley of Montreal</i>
2008	Bro. Herbert J. Belcourt, <i>Edmonton</i>	2001	Ill. Bro. James G. Thompson, <i>Valley of London</i>
2007	Ill. Bro. Gerald M. Greenslade, <i>Valley of St. John's</i> Ill. Bro. W. Calvert Fisher, <i>Valley of Toronto</i>	2000	Ill. Bro. Samuel Gilmore, <i>Valley of Toronto</i> Ill. Bro. Leslie R. Peterson, <i>Valley of Vancouver</i>
2006	Ill. Bro. George M. Calder, <i>Valley of Hamilton</i> Ill. Bro. James A. DeWolfe, <i>Valley of Moncton</i>		

* Deceased



Winnipeg Memories 2012

138th Annual Session of Supreme Council

*David Holt, Valley of Winnipeg
2012 Annual Session, Winnipeg, Manitoba*

The Valley of Winnipeg was the host for the 138th Supreme Council Sessions from September 10-15th. The sessions were held at the Fairmont Hotel.

It was a busy week with committee meetings on Tuesday followed by an excellent dinner for the Active and Past Active Members and their ladies at Bergmanns on Lombard.

Wednesday also involved many meetings during the day followed by a dinner for our Active, Past Active, guests and their ladies. A Get Acquainted reception in the evening gave us the chance to reunite with old friends and meet the new candidates.

Thursday saw more meetings in the morning. The afternoon started with a Vesper Service at Knox United Church. One of the highlights of the service occurred when the Khartum Pipe Band and the Church organist played Amazing Grace. There were very few dry eyes in the crowd.

Following the Vesper Service we returned to the hotel for the conferral of the Thirty-third Degree.

The day concluded with the Lieutenant Grand Commanders Banquet and presentation of certificates to the new Thirty-thirds.

Friday morning included another business session for the brethren and a magic show for the ladies.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation hosted a luncheon with well-known author Sheree Fitch as the guest speaker.

This was the first time we have invited the ladies to join us for the luncheon. Based on the many favourable comments this is a practice which should be continued.

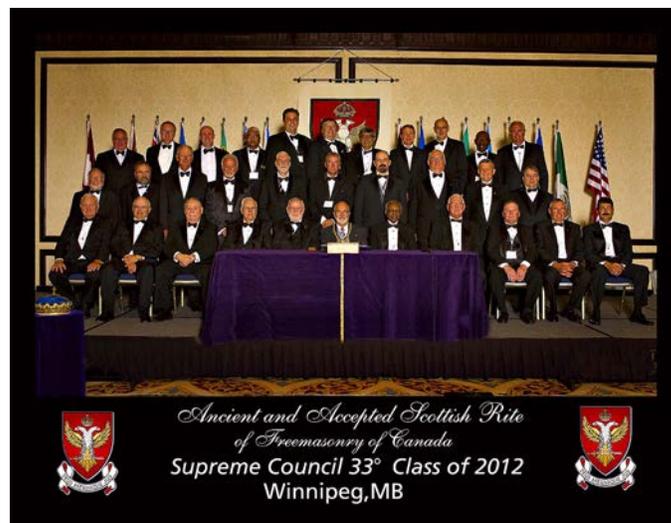
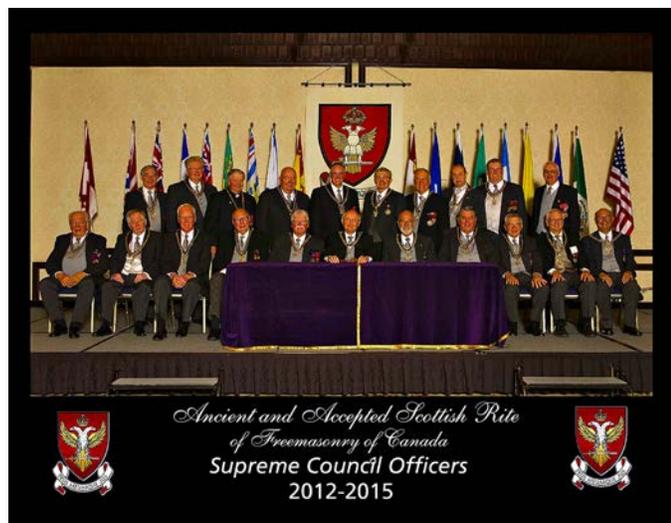
Friday night was the Sovereign Grand Commander's banquet. The Valley of Barrie made a brief presentation and invited us to join them at the Blue Mountain Resort in 2013.

The sessions ended Saturday morning with the installation of the new officers. Congratulations to Matthew Todd for three great years and we look forward to continued good work from Richard Brown and his officers.

Saturday evening the Valley of Winnipeg hosted a ride on the Prairie Dog Central Railway train and a Fall Supper at the Gross Isle Community Hall. It was an adventurous ride as Bonnie and Clyde and some of their friends held up the train and collected about \$250 for the SRCF. Besides the usual turkey with all the trimmings we introduced some of our visitors to the perogy and holupchi. A great time was had by all in attendance.

From all reports the week was a huge success thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and the hotel staff and facilities. I cannot say enough about the atmosphere created by the hotel and the willingness of its staff to look after our every need.

I would like to thank all those who helped make this the great success it was and look forward to renewing acquaintances in the years to come. ■



Photos courtesy of Bill Davis, Valley of Thunder Bay



Scottish Rite Clubs across Canada

Terry McLean, Lieutenant Grand Commander

Spreading Scottish Rite Freemasonry over a larger area.

Any interest? How do they work? What's involved in establishing a CLUB and what is required to keep them going?

Connect with the attached contact list with your questions. ■

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A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

A Fund Raising Campaign in Support of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation

Goal: For all Scottish Rite Masons and others to save and donate their pennies to support the research funded by the SRCF into Alzheimer's disease and other "puzzles of the mind" afflicting both young and old.

How: Give your pennies to the SRCF representative in your Valley, to the Valley office, or to any designated person(s). 103,000 people are diagnosed with Alzheimer's each year. Many more suffer other mental health afflictions that SRCF targets with research funding.

The SRCF funds cutting edge research projects into neurodegenerative disorders each year in hospitals and university research facilities across Canada.

It is a virtual certainty that anyone reading this knows of a close family member or friend who has been afflicted with a mental health issue.

The "A Penny For Your Thoughts" project is designed to support, with many hands and many pennies, research that protects our thoughts.

By contributing to this project-

THE THOUGHTS YOU PROTECT MAY BE YOUR OWN!

Please give this some thought and then give generously, as this project will continue until there are no pennies left in circulation.



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Your Valley News

The Valley of Hamilton

SRCF Continues to Fund St. Joseph's Autism Specialist

Jill Kennedy, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a severe, lifelong disorder that arises during childhood development and impairs social interaction, communication and behavior, making it challenging for those affected to function independently. Researchers have long known that the basis of the disorder is genetic, but have thus far been unable to identify the specific genes that cause the disorder. At St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, a team of researchers, led by Dr. Marc Woodbury-Smith in collaboration with colleagues from the Centre for Applied Genomics in Toronto, are using gene sequencing and genetic linkages to uncover the genes that cause ASD and better understand the cause of autism. With their findings, they hope to better treat the disorder and improve the quality of life for those with ASD.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada provided a grant in 2010 for a pilot study led by Dr. Woodbury-Smith. This grant allowed the research team to collect the first stages of data, which yielded three areas where the autism gene could be located. The additional grant for 2013 and 2014 will bring the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada's generous support of



The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada presents a cheque to Dr. Marc Woodbury-Smith (second from right) of St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. Frank Fordham (left), Hamilton Valley Representative, Don D. Thornton (second from left) Past Deputy of Ontario and Terry McLean (right) Lieutenant Grand Commander

autism research at St. Joseph's to \$122,134 and will allow Dr. Woodbury-Smith to further his research. The innovative research being conducted at St. Joseph's aligns with the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada's mission to support biomedical research into the causes and eventual cure of intellectual impairments, like Autism. Through their grants, the Foundation supports researchers like Dr. Woodbury-Smith so that they can help relieve the human cost and financial burden of these types of disorders while also improving the lives of all those affected by the disease. ■

The Valley of North Bay

Recognition and Praise

John Lewis, Valley of North Bay

At the Spring Reunion for the North Bay Lodge of Perfection there where 16 members recognized for 50 years membership in the Scottish Rite. Three were able to be present and are pictured here. ■



Left to Right: Joel Truckenbrodt 50 yr a Scottish Rite Mason, Robert Pronovost, TPGM, Wardin Schade 50 yr a Scottish Rite Mason, Marvin Salmi, Deputy for Ontario, Robert Esch 50 yr a Scottish Rite Mason, John Lewis, Gr. Secretary.

Scottish Rite Quiz Answers (from Winter 2012 issue)

For quiz answers from last issue of Clarion please visit the Clarion section of the new Supreme Council website at www.scottishritecanada.ca/clarion



The Valley of Barrie

Barrie Learning Centre Graduation Ceremony

Robert Brethour

On Saturday, October 13th the Barrie Learning Centre held its first ever Graduation Ceremony and 'Celebration of Achievement'. Many dignitaries from Supreme Council and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation were in attendance at 99 Morrow Road in Barrie including: LGC Terry A. McLean & Bonnie; PSGC and President of the SRCF C. Robert Townshend & Pat; PSGC and Executive Director of Learning Centres in Canada Matthew F. Todd; Grand Chancellor and Past President of the SRCF Allard B. Loopstra; Deputy for Ontario and Vice-President of the SRCF Gareth R. Taylor & Karen; Grand Prior Michael D.H. Farr & Kathleen; Grand Marshall Robert D. Brethour & Charlotte; and Active Member and Treasurer of the SRCF Duncan S. Skinner & Carole. Other special guests included: Tutor Trainer Evelyn Reiss, Halifax Learning Centre Director Thelma Gregan, many of our faithful core supporters, and the family & friends of our graduates.

As this was the first graduation ceremony for our Centre, we started the afternoon off with a Ceremony of Dedication. Following the Dedication we recognized individuals and groups who have made a significant financial contribution to the Learning Centre, and also to those dedicated volunteers who assist us in so many ways. Next up was the recognition of two of our Tutors who have completed the requirements to become 'Certified Tutors'. Congratulations to Tutors Bill Martin & Pat Hubbert on this significant achievement!

The grand finale of the afternoon was the recognition of our



Back Row (L to R): Duncan Skinner, Gareth Taylor, Robert Townshend, Terry Mclean, Matthew Todd, Allard Loopstra. Front Row (L to R): Ralph West, Don Merker, Ashley Merker, Shelia Merker, Wanda West

two graduates – Josh Wilkinson & Ashley Merker. Ashley was the Class Valedictorian, and listening to her speak about the difference the tutoring has made in her life would quickly remove any doubts about the value of the work done in our Learning Centres. It should also be noted that, while this was our first formal graduation ceremony, we have had two other children who received their certification earlier – Luke Pletsch & Sheldon Linfield. We were very happy to welcome and acknowledge Luke and his family at the ceremony. Sheldon was unable to attend as he now lives out of Province.

Special mention must also be made of the many hours of hard work and preparation put in by Learning Centre Director Ross Martin, Board Chairman David Boyd, and in particular a huge thank you to Paul Fockler for putting together a most professional program that went so very smoothly. Well done! ■

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