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Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation: Celebrating 50 Years of Service



Sam Kalinowsky,
Director S.R.C.F.

Everyone loves a birthday, but celebrating a significant milestone can be stressful. As we move into our golden anniversary in 2014, we are proud of our heritage, our past work and our many accomplishments: 50 years of providing assistance for research, initially mental disability followed by research into *Solving the Puzzles of the Mind* and a framework for establishing Learning Centres for Children with Dyslexia across our vast country.

The Vision of our Founding Fathers: R.C. Berkinshaw, D.M. Fleming, H.B. Moore, A.L. Scace, W.G. Welby and T.K. Wade was clearly directed to the establishment of a Foundation with an unmistakably charitable nature, namely,

- a. *To promote, encourage and carry on charitable work within Canada including the relief of poverty and the advancement of education;*
- b. *To make grants for charitable purposes to any educational or other charitable organization which carries on its work solely within Canada;*
- c. *To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.*

Letters Patent were issued on the 10th of November, 1964 and The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada was born, a federally incorporated entity with all the rights and powers conferred by the Companies Act (Canada).

The Supreme Council gifted the fledgling Foundation with

an initial \$100,000 and its growth thereafter is a matter of history; slow growth over most of the next decade, reaching \$1 million by 1976; and continuing to move boldly forward to about \$15 million today, thanks to your most generous donations, bequests and investment growth.

The first 20 years witnessed tremendous support of mental disability research and associated bursaries. However, over time, this emphasis was gradually shifted towards the present objectives in support of research into *Solving the Puzzles of the Mind* and more recently towards the establishment of the Learning Centres for Children with Dyslexia (watch for future editions of the Clarion for detailed reports).



As we pause briefly to celebrate the Foundation's 50th Anniversary, we should express a debt of gratitude to the countless thousands who have made the S.R.C.F. their charity of choice, establishing a sound financial base for growth of our programs.

To those, who like our Founding Fathers, have committed themselves to good governance and enlightened but practical decision-making, we recognize your dedication and sacrifices. Like our Founding Fathers half a century ago, we begin our next 50 years of worthwhile activities with a strong determination and a message of hope for all. By working together, we can build a brighter future for countless generations. We invite you to participate in the celebratory activities being planned, which will culminate at the Supreme Council Sessions in Halifax in September 2014. We request your engagement in the next 50 years through your financial donations and your personal commitment. Much has been achieved. Much remains to be done. Help us make a difference, one child at a time. ■

Master Mason Nights

Sydney (Skip) R. Whiteley, Valley of Toronto

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada has always been interested in the solicitation of candidates for our fraternity, men of good character, a Master Mason in good standing.

In order to communicate the advantages of membership in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry to prospective candidates, coupled with an invitation to become a member, a specific program suited for this target audience is required and recommended. To achieve these objectives will require a committed and dedicated team to make it happen. It will also require an obligation to provide a financial investment today, and in the future.

Membership in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is one of the most important issues in our fraternity. It also presents a challenge for all members and the opportunities that exist to increase our membership. The appointment of a Membership Chairman is one of the most important assignments to be administered in conjunction with the Presiding Officers, the Executive Committee, and the Committee on Finance

A promotional vehicle to enhance and increase membership in your Valley



Valley of Toronto, 21st Degree Cast

in your Scottish Rite Valley.

With a view to achieving the objectives for this special occasion, a blueprint for a successful Master Mason Night is recommended. Your blueprint should include the following:

- Early and detailed planning is absolutely necessary to





Master Mason Nights *continued*

ensure a successful Scottish Rite event.

- Brethren in your Valley should be encouraged to convey a personal invitation to members of their Masonic Lodge who have attained the degree of a Master Mason to attend a Master Mason Night. The guest should complete a card providing information i.e., Name, Telephone Number, Email Address and the Name, Number and District of Masonic Lodge. Information received from this card should be placed in a database for future reference.
- Receiving a personal one-on-one invitation is the number one source for generating new members to enhance and expand organization membership.
- A formal invitation signed by the Presiding Officer is forwarded to the brother to be our guest for the evening. Invitations can also be sent to all Masonic Lodges within a District. Additional information relative to the evening can be publicized through the Scottish Rite Lodge Representative. The District Newsletter and Lodge summons are excellent media for promotional activity related to the event.
- On the evening of the event a Welcoming Committee should be in attendance to extend the Scottish Rite “Hand of Friendship” to your guests in attendance.

The Committee should include the Presiding Officers, Members of the Membership Committee, officers and members of your Valley.

- Your guests should be escorted to a receiving table, present the information card they have completed in advance and receive a name badge (card/tag).

Following this, they should be escorted into the Lodge room into an area reserved exclusively for them.

- After being seated your guests should be presented with a program in the Lodge room which is innovative, interesting, and informative and as a result endeavor to illustrate the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.
- The program in the Lodge room should not exceed ninety minutes.
- Follow up the presentation in the Lodge room with a Social Hour in the banquet room.

A suggested format for your Master Mason Night Program should endeavor to present the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry as a more detailed and continued Masonic experience. The following format is designed for use in your Valley.

- Introduction of Presiding Officers of all the Scottish Rite bodies meeting within your Scottish Rite premises. They in turn may wish to introduce the Officers of each body.
- A brief explanation of each Scottish Rite body. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance the verbal presentations by utilizing the professional flare and forte possessed by the

Officers, Senior members, and members of your Valley. All presentations should be from memory, and not from a written script.

- The portrayal of a Scottish Rite Degree can enrich the program for the evening and at the same time create interest from the Master Masons in attendance.

Information regarding the Degrees that can be presented to the Brethren who are not Scottish Rite members can be obtained from our Supreme Council office, or the Deputy responsible for your region. Dispensation is required for a Master Mason Night event.

- Close the segment in the Lodge room with a sincere invitation to your guests to consider the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada as part of their Masonic journey. Avoid “hard sell” techniques, flippant and insincere comments, or group pressure to solicit support from a prospective candidate to become a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.
- A prepared information package should be presented at the end of the evening to each Master Mason in attendance. The package should include “Scottish Rite Canada” a publication from our Supreme Council, a copy of the latest Newsletter if available, and a Scottish Rite Membership Application. A short explanation of the procedures for the Application, deadlines for receiving the Application coupled with a review of the fee required relative to membership should also be communicated to the Brethren in attendance.
- Within our Jurisdiction some Valleys are requesting a deposit of twenty percent with the Application. This practice has proven to be very beneficial.
- The banquet hour following the Lodge room program should be a time for fraternal and social fellowship. It also presents an opportunity to invite informal questions from your guests. Dependent upon the protocol of the Valley, appropriate jewels may be worn.
- For Brethren who are unable to be in attendance for your Master Mason Night event the Scottish Rite website: www.scottishritecanada.ca is an excellent vehicle providing significant information to a brother seeking membership. ■

FACT: The % of Master Masons joining Scottish Rite is declining and the current members demits and suspensions are increasing. This needs addressing.





Richard A.H. Brown,
Sovereign Grand Commander

I am grateful for the opportunity to share a few thoughts with you once again. The past twelve months have been hectic at times. By year's end I will have had the privilege and pleasure to meet with the Scottish Rite Brethren and their spouses in 8 out of 10 of our provinces; represent

you at the Grand Lodge Communications of Nova Scotia and Ontario; and bring greetings on behalf of our Supreme Council to the Supreme Councils of the Southern Jurisdiction and Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States and the Supreme Council of France.

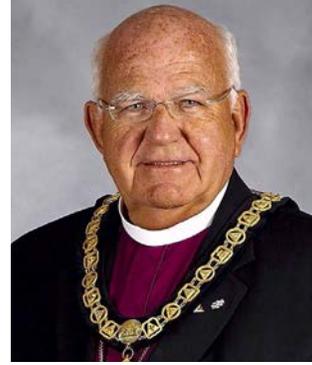
Everywhere I have travelled I have been greeted with smiling faces and tremendous goodwill. There is no doubt in my mind that Scottish Rite Valleys in Canada are blessed to have been chosen for membership by many proud and dedicated Master Masons.

My attendance at conferences involving Grand Masters of the Canadian Grand Lodges leads me to believe that as a concordant body, Scottish Rite Freemasonry is held in high regard. All Grand Lodge Jurisdictions are reporting an increased interest in Freemasonry and many are noticing that many long time as well as more recent members are interested in practicing Freemasonry in a manner that reflects the presentation of the Degrees in a very traditional manner, placement of high expectations on officers and initiates alike, a renewed sense of fellowship, the development of Masonic Education programs and the implementation of mentorship programs to assist new members. If the above describes your Lodge or better yet your Scottish Rite Valley, you are to be congratulated!

Scottish Rite Canada is endeavouring to encourage such developments by emphasizing initiatives to develop and improve Leadership and Communication skills among our Scottish Rite Brethren. Our website www.scottishritecanada.ca now has a *Members Only* area that we hope will provide you with many tools to assist you to improve your Valley programs and in turn assist you to attract many more Master Masons to the Scottish Rite. Please take a moment to go to the website and enroll in the *Members Only* section.

As I did last year, I encourage you to play an active role in the governance of your local Valley. The Valley is the primary body that defines the 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 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. ■



C. Robert Townshend,
President, S.R.C.F.

As the members of the S.R.C.F. and its Board of Directors met this summer in Blue Mountains, we realized how important *good communication* is in the life and work of the S.R.C.F. Our newsletter has been, and is, a wonderful vehicle for both the Scottish Rite and the

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation to reach out to all our Scottish Rite family in Canada and beyond.

As president of the S.R.C.F. and on behalf of all our members, I want to thank the Editor, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean and all his cohorts who so faithfully put the Clarion together and see that it gets into the hands of so many people.

One of the great projects that is before your Board of Directors is to see that the capital of the Foundation grows in order that we may continue our present good works and, yes, even grow our outreach to others.

Next year, 2014, marks our 50th Anniversary as the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. Your Board of Directors, at our annual meeting, decided to make 2014 a year of gathering resources in order to grow our Capital fund.

Under the leadership of Ill. Bro. James Sutherland, our 50th Anniversary Committee has planned several events for our annual gathering to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It is our hope and intent to produce a written account of the Foundation's ongoing journey from 1984 to 2014. We have engaged Ill. Bro. and Past Grand Master Garry Dowling of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario to be a Coordinator of this project.

With the agreement of the Board of Directors, I have formed a Capital Fund Raising Committee under the leadership of Ill. Bro. Sydney (*Skip*) Whiteley to prepare a program to increase the Base Capital Fund of our Foundation.

The Board approved a budget for this work and has set a target goal of \$1,000,000 in support of our work, *Solving the Puzzles of the Mind*.

WHAT A GREAT PROJECT AND GOAL

This project, we believe, meets the mandate of the Foundation Fathers as well as a truly fitting way to give our thanks for all the wonderful work we have done in the past and with your help continue to do in the future.

This financial campaign begins January 1, 2014. **ALL OF US** are needed – our time, talents and treasury – if this goal is to be met.

May God bless all our endeavours in His holy name. ■



New Communication & Membership Tools - Starting a Conversation

Brian W. Gilkinson, Grand Secretary General

Scottish Rite members will now be served by two new communications initiatives as a result of recent developments on two fronts. First, a new Membership Information brochure has been created. It has the by-line *Scottish Rite – Enlightenment for Master Masons* and is intended to raise the profile of the Rite in the Craft Lodges throughout the country and assist in attracting Master Masons to our ranks.

Ill. Bro. Richard A.H. Brown, our Sovereign Grand Commander, made it a point to challenge those attending the Annual Session at Blue Mountains to increase the percentage of Scottish Rite Masons in the ranks of Craft Masons in the Provinces to at least 25%. This brochure should assist those efforts. It provides good information on the Scottish Rite structure, its activities and its history. It lists the requirements for membership and provides an important description of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, the Learning Centres and the Clarion magazine. Most importantly, it describes what the Scottish Rite can provide to interested Master Masons and how they can petition for membership. The brochure is a great *working tool* with high visual appeal. Every member should carry at least one to any Masonic function and be a *Communications Ambassador* for the Scottish Rite among the Master Mason Brethren. Copies can be obtained by contacting the Scottish Rite office in Hamilton. In-house printing puts

a premium on taking advantage of this opportunity to put a brochure in the hands of as many Master Masons as possible and regular checks of Craft Lodge concordant body displays will guarantee our Craft Brethren will have this information continually before their eyes.

The second information initiative of the Rite serves the needs of our existing members. The members section of our website, www.scottishritecanada.ca, is now operational. Go to the website and click on the *Login* tab on the toolbar. You will be prompted to provide a self-selected *User ID* and *Password*, along with enough identifying information to confirm you are a member of the Rite. Submit the information and the application for authorization will be processed quickly. Once approved, you can access the members section and view information of interest, including manuals for Officers and Deputies, the Statutes and Regulations, and application forms, etc. More information will be added as it becomes available, all designed to increase the knowledge of members about the Rite and how it functions. Information is power and power creates opportunities for greater involvement in the life of the Rite. The website will be expanded hopefully in part by the information supplied by the Valleys. Suggestions regarding content and how this communications tool can best serve your needs as a member are appreciated. ■

Symbols of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation

Robert Wands, Valley of Hamilton

We cannot discuss Symbols of the Scottish Rite without including the two logos that are related to the work of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada. These symbols have become well-known to Canadian Scottish Rites.

The Logo of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada



The logo of the Scottish Rite Foundation combines two elements: the Masonic triangle and a maze containing a stylized human form. The triangle is symbol of the Deity used around the world. The maze symbolizes the complex road to *Solving the Puzzles of the Mind*. The stylized human at the end of the maze suggests the perfectibility of humankind. ■

The Logo of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada Learning Centres for Children



In the United States, where the Scottish Rite Masonic bodies have successfully operated Learning Centres for several years, the symbol is a teddy bear. Being Canadian, home of the North, when the first Learning Centre was opened in London, Ontario, the polar bear was chosen. Between his paws, the Polar Bear holds the *Solving the Puzzles of the Mind* symbol of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada. The Foundation initiated and supports Learning Centres across Canada in Barrie, Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, London, Moncton, Vancouver and Windsor.

We have been unable to ascertain the official reason that a toy bear was chosen as the logo of the Learning Centres, but one would suggest that it is very fitting. People of all ages look upon a toy bear as an item of comfort and caring. It is the purpose of the Learning Centres to provide an atmosphere of comfort and caring in order to tutor young people in overcoming the problems of Dyslexia. ■



Learning Centre Program Breaks New Ground

Matthew F. Todd, Executive Director of Learning Centres, Valley of Halifax

In 2012, the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation approved a project proposal from the Learning Centre in Halifax to sign an agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education. The project was to train instructors, who are employed with the Department in the field of adult literacy, in the Orton Gillingham approach to remediation. There were 10 instructors who began the 45 hour training last spring and soon afterward were tutoring 10 adults, one-on-one, in various locations throughout Nova Scotia. The training is being done by Ms. Meredith Hutchings, a Certified Tutor with the Learning Centre in Halifax, and under the supervision of Ms. Thelma Gegan, Centre Director and Certified Trainer. All Scottish Rite Program standards are being used and the Department of Labour instructors will, in due course, be certified under our Program.

Since the Scottish Rite Program began in 2003, we have heard the many success stories from children who have graduated from our Program. It is equally gratifying to hear from the adults who are learning to read and better themselves in their work, home environment and community. The adults who are benefiting from the Program range from fishermen to truck drivers, and in one special case a mother and adult daughter. The success of this new endeavour is in the early stages and the



Adult Learning in Halifax Centre

Department of Labour Tutors have about 15 more hours of training remaining. In addition, they must meet the other qualifications of Tutors participating in our Centre training programs. The latest news about the project is that some of the Tutors are arranging small groups of adults to benefit from the Program.

This is a win-win project as our Program is reaching the adult world and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is becoming highly recognized as a Charity who cares and helps in *Solving the Puzzles of the Mind*. ■



The End of the Penny Campaign

Brian W. Gilkinson, Grand Secretary General

The Annual Session held at Blue Mountains in September marked the formal end of the *A Penny for Your Thoughts* fundraising campaign. The campaign commenced after the Federal Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty announced plans to discontinue the use of the penny as currency. Communications were sent to Valleys across our jurisdiction requesting that pennies be collected and donated to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation to support its funding of research into *Solving the Puzzles of the Mind*.

The phrase, *and then the penny dropped* is meant to signify the sudden realization or understanding of a fact or important truth. The slogan of the campaign, *The Thoughts You Save May Be Your Own* was used as a means of having the importance of contributing brought home to every one of our members. That any one of us could one day be facing our own struggle with Dementia or Alzheimer's is both a fact and an important truth. The response of the Brethren and Valleys, as well as the general public in some areas, has been rewarding and my thanks go out to all who contributed and worked to make the campaign successful.

In some areas publicity and established drop-off locations generated public support and raised the profile of the Scottish

Rite and the S.R.C.F. in the community. This was an indirect but important benefit of the campaign.

It is said that *many hands make light work*. Whoever coined the phrase was not involved in the counting and rolling of hundreds of dollars of pennies at a time. Counting and rolling was dirty work and the lifting of those pennies for transport to the bank proved to be a heavy task indeed. Multiple trips at various times resulted in being automatically permitted to proceed directly to the bank's vault area so staff could avoid the weight that proved pennies do not come from heaven! A final tally of the campaign results awaits receipt of final amounts from a number of Valleys, however, to date over \$16,000 has been raised. Those yet to submit their donations, marked clearly *For the Penny Campaign*, are earnestly requested to do so as soon as possible.

I hope that those who worked diligently to collect and donate enjoyed the opportunity to work together in that peace and harmony fundamental to a good time. While the campaign could be described as *nickel and dime*, the generous donations of much more than that will have a lasting impact on the Foundation and the critical research it supports. Thanks again for memories that, hopefully, will never fade. ■



Bomber Command: A Story on Ill. Bro. Paul Dalseg, Valley of Sault Ste. Marie



Larry Weeks, Valley of Sault Ste. Marie

We in the Valley of Sault Ste. Marie feel this story in the local news is certainly worthy of recognition. Ill. Bro. Dalseg is a well known and respected citizen of Sault Ste. Marie and a member of the Valley.

A native of Rainy River, Ontario, Paul joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in September 1942 and graduated as an air gunner in July 1943.

That September he was posted to the Royal Air Force, receiving operational training in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, England before being posted to 57 Squadron R.A.F. in March 1944.

On May 22, 1944, Paul was the mid-upper gunner on a new Lancaster that exploded in the skies over Dorkwerd, Germany.

A remarkable story - referred to as *the Dorkwerd Miracle* - emerged from the ensuing circumstances.

The Lancaster had been on a bombing mission to Germany when it was attacked by an enemy night fighter.

Fire broke out in the rear of the fuselage between the mid-upper gunner and the tail gunner, and dangerously close to flares and ammunition boxes.

The tail gunner, Norman Wharf, tried to leave his turret to assess things and, if necessary, bail out.

But he couldn't open the hydraulically controlled door to escape.

Paul dropped from his position in the mid-upper turret and tried to help open the door manually.

It wouldn't give.

Meanwhile, the possibility of an explosion grew by the second.

Norman urged Paul to open the side-hatch and jump.

But Paul was reluctant to leave his friend trapped in his turret without a parachute and knew that opening the side-hatch would fan the blaze.

Paul tried an extinguisher, but by then the flames were beyond control.

Experiencing breathing difficulties and close to losing consciousness, Paul finally opened the side-hatch and jumped.

The explosion came shortly after, splitting the Lancaster in two, with the break coming immediately in front of the tailplane.

Norman was in his gun-turret which, incredibly, provided a

parachute of sorts that carried him downward.

His landing was further softened by a water-filled ditch.

Serious injuries resulted but Norman was eventually nursed back to health in a German hospital.

Paul made a safe parachute landing in a meadow close to Dorkwerd.

The remaining members of the crew were killed.

Paul was held as a prisoner of war by the Luftwaffe at *Luft 7* until the great march of war prisoners to Luckenwalde Stalag 111A in the winter of 1945.

He was transported back to England and then Canada in mid-1945.

Widely known as a successful businessman and generous community supporter, Paul came north from Port Credit after acquiring the local Canadian Tire Associate Store franchise.

In 1974 he relocated the outlet from Queen Street to the corner of Great Northern Road and McNabb Street.

Later the store became part of Cambrian Mall.

Strong commitments to Sault life by Paul and his late wife Eleanor have helped to strengthen the city and area over several decades.

"It has been my pleasure to know these two gentlemen for many years," said local Wing president Healy.

"They have been strong supporters of this Wing and contributed much to our community both individually and through groups and organizations they worked with. They certainly have much to be proud of yet they are very humble gentlemen. They allowed their work to go on without fanfare or public acknowledgment. I am just proud to say I know them."

"From this day forward, when Canadians see your special bar, they will know you were among the approximately 50,000 Canadians who proudly served with Bomber Command," said MP Hayes while presenting the bars.

"They will know that you bravely accepted the most dangerous of missions, and that you prevailed against the greatest odds. This special bar will also remind Canadians that our nation paid a terrible price for victory."

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Barrie Memories 2013

139th Session of Supreme Council

John Imrie, General Chairman
2013 Annual Session, Barrie, Ontario

The 139th Session of Supreme Council is now but a memory and what a memory to keep for those attending this very special event hosted by the Valley of Barrie. Vince Lombardi once said, *"The dictionary is the only place that success comes before hard work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think we can accomplish anything if you're willing to pay the price."* and that statement clearly identified the Masonic Brethren, spouses and friends within the Valley of Barrie who now set forward to make this session a memorable one.

When the idea of a boat cruise for the 139th Session of Supreme Council no longer became an option, the Valley of Barrie came forward to the plate and proposed a unique venue for this session at Blue Mountain Resort and Convention Centre. Blue Mountain is a four season resort located just north of Collingwood, nestled between the shores of Georgian Bay and the enchanting Niagara Escarpment. This venue had it all, from the different styles of accommodations which satisfied the wants and needs of everyone who attended, to the forty shops and many eateries located within the Village at Blue Mountain.

With Sovereign Grand Commander, Richard A.H. Brown's desire to allow more free time, this location provided many new experiences for many, from golfing at Montera Golf or enjoying the view with an open air Gondola ride and even some tried the Zip Line.

Supreme Council was not all fun and games though, with much work ahead, the Active and Past Active members began their meetings on Tuesday morning. Wednesday would be a continuance of committee meetings and in the afternoon, the executive session would be opened and ended with a rehearsal for the 33rd Degree. Later that evening, all registrants had an opportunity to assemble in the Huron Grand Ballroom for the annual *Get Acquainted Night* where they were entertained and had an opportunity to view the many candid shots displayed from last year's session in Winnipeg. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres were served to our guests throughout the evening while they viewed and bid on the many items available for the silent auction with proceeds going to the Barrie Valley Learning Centre.



Thursday saw the executive session being open to all registered 33rds and then onto the briefing for the 32 candidates in attendance. During the lunch break, the Active and Past Active members would host a lunch for the special guests while Bonnie McLean, the Lieutenant Grand Commander's wife and Pat Townshend hosted the Sovereign Grand Commander wife's luncheon. After lunch we would reconvene in the Huron Grand Ballroom which was transformed into a beautiful setting for the Vesper Service conducted by Ill. Bro. Rev. Dr. James K. Stewart with the sermon and benediction by Reverend Canon Michael Farr, Supreme Council's Grand Prior. After the Vesper Service, the Brethren returned to the Georgian Bay Ballroom to witness the Conferral of the 33rd Degree to the 32 candidates from across Canada.

That evening, Robert Townshend hosted his first Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation banquet and introduced the new goals and campaign for the S.R.C.F. Later that evening, Ashley Merker, a recent graduate from the Barrie Valley Learning Centre was introduced as the guest speaker where she gave an interesting and humorous trip down her memory lane of life with Dyslexia.

Friday morning General Session resumed where the Sovereign Grand Commander received many distinguished guests from Canada, United States and France along with other leaders of Concordant Bodies as well as local politicians. At the end of

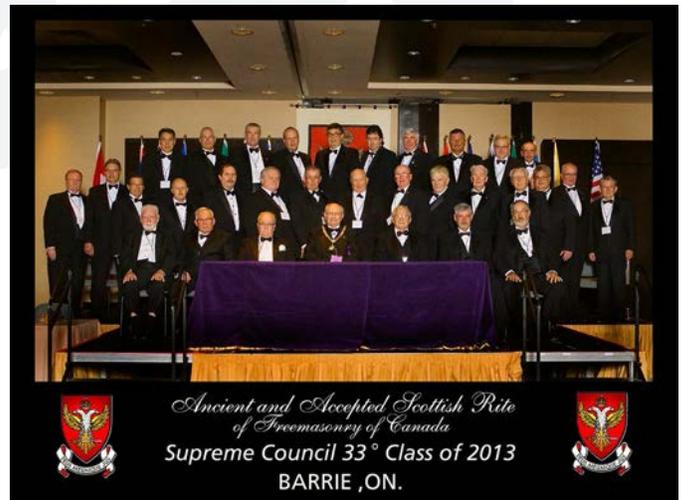


Photo courtesy of Bill Davis, Valley of Thunder Bay



Barrie Memories 2013 *continued*

that session, a Power Point presentation was given regarding the new Scottish Rite website. This session was closed at noon and the rest of the day was free time until the banquet that evening. During the same time as the General Session in the morning, the ladies were treated to their special program, which consisted of a continental breakfast buffet and an interactive performance from the *Mysteriously Yours*, a humorous *who dun it* murder mystery. All the ladies were raving about how great this event was, being a direct result of Pat and Charlotte's determination to bring to the ladies an unforgettable program.

That evening, prior to the banquet, the Sovereign Grand Commander greeted the candidates and their partners where the ladies received their pins from the Lieutenant Grand Commander. At this point, Richard A.H. Brown proceeded to host his first banquet as Sovereign Grand Commander with a head table of 20 guests. At the conclusion of his banquet, the Huron Grand Ballroom was overtaken by a rowdy dishevelled red headed Alexander Keith's drinking representative from Halifax who I might add did have some resemblance to Matt Todd, Past Sovereign Grand Commander. The 2014 Session Committee then showed a wonderful video on the beauties of Halifax, the host valley for the *140th Session of Supreme Council, September 10 - 13, 2014*.

Saturday morning saw the closing of the 139th Session of Supreme Council after which more than 247 guests stayed for the Host Valley B.B.Q. with musical entertainment from

The Kempencelts. During this time the draw was made for the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation's raffle which raised over \$4,600 to kick start the S.R.C.F.'s new campaign. After lunch, we laughed our sides soar with the humorous ramblings of local playwright Dan Needles.



Left to right: Ingrid Lawson, Ill. Bro. Bryan Lawson (Valley of Barrie representative for the Foundation) Beryl Reidl (Winner); Alice G. Hutt of Orillia (Made and donated the Quilt); Ill. Bro. Charles Reidl purchased the ticket

In Winnipeg, we had promised a new venue and great time and by the number of cards, letters and e-mails I have received, it was nothing short of a great success. Thanks to the committee members and volunteers who worked so hard to make this dream a reality. On behalf of the Valley of Barrie, we were proud to be your hosts for the 139th Session of Supreme Council an event not soon to be forgotten especially by the 500 plus who attended. ■

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Ray Bryant Honoured

Donald L. Campbell, Valley of Victoria

Traditionally the Official Visit of the Deputy is always a very special occasion in Victoria. Usually the 33rd's host a special dinner, prior to the meeting to welcome him to our Valley. Recently, this year proved to be a little different. The membership wanted to honour Ray Bryant, Past Active, and recognize him for his many years of service and due diligence to his office over the time he has served us so well. The official visit of the Deputy of British Columbia, Marvin Munro, was chosen because it is typically one of the best attended meetings of the year. A request was sent to Marvin asking him if he would approve the idea of turning his Official Visit into a surprise appreciation night for Ray Bryant.

In order to surprise Ray and ensure his attendance it was necessary to hold the event on a special occasion. On learning the proposed agenda of the evening Marvin gave up his night without hesitation.

Prior to the meeting a gala banquet was held where suitable accolades and gifts were presented to Ray and appreciation extended to Marvin for his generosity in human kindness.

The degree was executed in Vancouver Island Consistory's usual and highly proficient manner after which the 100 plus attendees dug deep to contribute \$500 to The British Columbia Learning Centre. This was matched by a contribution of \$500 by the Consistory for a total of \$1,000.

The Valley of Barrie

Barrie Learning Centre Graduation Ceremony

Robert Brethour



What a great day we had on October 19th as we celebrated our second official graduation ceremony for the Barrie Learning Centre. Griffin Evans, Cole Pollard and Eric Vinnels-Bell were our graduating students - that brings our total to seven in our four year history. They were joined by friends and family, many of our tutors, members of the Board of Directors and the Trustees, and many of our generous supporters. It was a wonderful afternoon with a marvelous program put together by Paul Fockler, David Boyd and Ross Martin.

We were also pleased to welcome our L.G.C., Terry McLean, and the Treasurer of the S.R.C.F., Duncan Skinner, to the ceremony. We recognized those who have made significant financial support to the Learning Centre - many of whom were in attendance - but the stars of the show were our three



Valley of Victoria Fellow of S.R.C.F. Presentation

Following the degree and the Deputy's well received address, Ill. Bro. Doug Henderson (a relatively new member) was presented with his certificate and pin indicating he was a Fellow of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada. Doug was officially welcomed as a Fellow by Stephen Godfrey (Active), Michael Ward (Active), Ray Bryant (Past Active), and Marvin Munro (Deputy for British Columbia and Yukon), Richard Jones (I.P.T.P.G.M. Valley of London, Ontario) currently with Vancouver Island Health and our own T.P.G.M. William Dawe.

The evening marked another successful event of outstanding fraternal fellowship, excellent ritual and demonstration of our caring and generous community, which has become the hallmark of the Valley of Victoria and the Vancouver Island Consistory. ■



Learning Centre Graduates

graduates. The difference this tutoring makes in the lives of young people is breathtaking, and our efforts are most appreciated by the students and their families.

Congratulations to Griffin, Cole and Eric and a big thank you to all those who attended this year's graduation ceremony. ■



The Valley of Hamilton

Eighty Five

Ken Adamson, Valley of Hamilton

Moore Sovereign Consistory Spring Reunion welcomes 85 new 32 Degree Scottish Rite Masons.

The S.G.C. Richard A.H. Brown was in attendance and delighted to meet and greet the new members.

C-I-C Jeffrey Dickson and the Consistory officers enjoyed a busy and profitable reunion. At Moore Sovereign Consistory they look forward to your arrival and always glad to extend to you the right hand of fellowship. The casts are composed primarily of Brethren from the Valleys of London, Toronto, Peterborough, Guelph and Hamilton. ■



Moore Sovereign Consistory Spring Reunion

The Valley of Montreal

Recognition and Praise

James Ross, Valley of Montreal

The Deputy for Quebec, through the Provincial Deputies Bursary Program, provided a bursary to support the Alzheimer's program at Nova West Island. The donation of \$1,500 was presented to Marie France Juneau, Director of Nova West Island.

Nova's Adult Day Centres are a safe and pleasant environment for the frail, elderly, disabled or cognitively impaired adults to socialize and be stimulated in a safe, friendly and club-like environment. Designed to support and maintain client health, ability and independence; to provide respite for family caregivers. ■



Left to right: Ill. Bro. Donald C. Ross, Past Most Wise Sovereign, Valley of Montreal; Ill. Bro. James Ross, Active for Quebec; Marie France Juneau, Director of Nova West Island and cheque recipient; Ill. Bro. Pierre Foisy, Grand Registrar of the three French bodies in the Valley of Montreal

Valley of St. John's

Foundation Donation to Power of Life Project Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Clinic

Clayton Hadrigan, Valley of St. John's

Each year the S.R.C.F. through the Provincial Deputies Bursary Program provides funding to projects or individuals based on the recommendation of the local Valley to their Deputy. This year the Valley of St. John's recommended a donation to NL Power's "Power of Life" Project.

The "Power of Life" Project raises money for cancer care in the Province of NL in various ways. For example, its "Hard Hat Drive", held on May 25, 2013, was a huge success, realizing over \$51,000. All monies stay in the province and go towards the purchase of much needed cancer care equipment. Specifically in 2013, the project will purchase Infusion Pumps for five different provincial hospitals, an automatic Blood Pressure Monitor in another hospital and a Blanket Warmer in yet, a seventh hospital.

In the photo are members of the Valley of St. John's,



Left to Right: Ill. Bro. J. Rowsell, MWS & GSR; Ill. Bro. D. Haynes, TPGM; Ill. Bro. A. Andrews, C-in-C.; Ill. Bro. J. Finch, SGIG; Ill. Bro. J. Mercer, Gr. Treas., and employee of NL Power; Ms. Jocelyn Perry, VP Finance & CFO, NL Power; Mr. Earl Ludlow, Pres. & CEO., NL Power; Ms. Rose Chafe, Exec. Sect., NL Power; and Ms. Emily Geary, Dev. Officer, Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Clinic

representatives of NL Power and a representative of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation, as the presentation is being made on June 5, 2013. ■



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