



# **St ThoMASONtario**



\*\*\*\* For Masons in the "St Thomas Ontario" District \*\*\*\*

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**Editor's remarks:** Cold or what? Cheer up. It's cold in South Carolina, Florida, even Texas and Arizona have been in the single digits this year. We haven't had the snow they have had in the Maritimes either. Besides, 5 more weeks to Spring. Yeah!!! Now we can move around a lot better, please come out and support your lodge. It only asks for one night a month, if you haven't been in the last few, then you owe it to your lodge and yourself to come on out, and have some Masonic education, humour and friendship.

### ***Congratulations:***

#### **60 Years a Past Master**

**R. W. Bro. John Keith**, Sept. 1954 – Feb. 2015. Prince of Wales Lodge 171, Iona Station.

**V. W. Bro. Wilf Wolfe**, Jan 1954 – Jan 2015. Dufferin Lodge 364, Melbourne.

#### **50 Years a Mason**

**W. Bro. Harold Harris**, March 1965 – March 2015, Warren Lodge 120, Fingal.

**R.W.Bro. Charles Nichols**, March. 1965 – March. 2015, Warren Lodge 120, Fingal.

### ***Official Visits:***

#### **D.D.G.M. Official Visits**

**Warren Lodge 120:** Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m. Fingal.

**Dufferin Lodge 364,** Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., Melbourne.

**St. Mark's Lodge 94,** Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m. St. Thomas Masonic Centre.

**Malahide Lodge 140,** Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m., Aylmer.

Our D.D.G.M. R.W.Bro. Wayne Dunn is having a great year. Please come out and enjoy his company.

**Upcoming Events: A degree team comprised of all Past Grand Junior Wardens will conduct the First Degree. Dinner: 7:00 pm Lodge opens at 8:00 pm**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015 ST. MARK'S LODGE NO. 94 ST. THOMAS DISTRICT  
42703 FRUIT RIDGE ROAD (CORNER OF SUNSET DRIVE /HWY. #4 ST. THOMAS, ON  
HELP US CELEBRATE THE INITIATION OF ST. MARK'S NEWEST MEMBER.**

PLEASE RSVP YOUR INTENT TO COME WITH THE NUMBER OF BRETHREN IN YOUR PARTY  
TO ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR YOU BY MARCH 1, 2015 TO:

R. W. BRO. RICK CADOTTE, FCF GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN. At [rickcadotte@hotmail.com](mailto:rickcadotte@hotmail.com)

**Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2015. Heritage Lodge No. 730** will meet at Masonic Centre of Elgin, 42703 Fruit Ridge Line, St. Thomas. Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Meeting at 1:00 p.m.,

**Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2015, Lodge of Instruction,** Masonic Centre of Elgin, 42703 Fruit Ridge Line, St. Thomas. Doors open; 9-30 a.m. Meeting from 9:59 a.m. – Noon. ALL MASONS ARE WELCOME. Come and learn something new.

**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2015.St. Thomas Masonic District Meeting.** Masonic Centre of Elgin, 42703 Fruit Ridge Line, St. Thomas. Breakfast: 7: 30a.m. Meeting 8:30 a.m. Sharp. Come and see what our DDGM has to say about the St. Thomas District.

***Did you Know?*****DRILL PRESS:**

It is a tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

***Submitted by R.W.Bro. Gord Grieve, Sarnia Masonic District.***

***Masonic Education*****First Freemason on the Moon**

Apollo 8 Astronaut **Frank Borman**, during the first mission to fly around the moon, radioed back in December of 1968, looking back at the Earth from 250,000 miles away:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Kennedy **July 16, 1969**, being the first mission to walk on the moon.

In Proclamation 3919, President Richard Nixon stated:

"Apollo 11 is on its way to the moon. It carries three brave astronauts; it also carries the hopes and prayers of hundreds of millions of people...That moment when man first sets foot on a body other than earth will stand through the centuries as one supreme in human experience...I call upon all of our people...to join in prayer for the successful conclusion of Apollo 11's mission."

On July 20, 1969, Astronauts Neil Armstrong and **Bro. Buzz Aldrin** (Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417, Seabrook, Texas), landed their lunar module, the Eagle, and spent a total of 21 hours and 37 minutes on the moon's surface before redocking with the command ship Columbia. Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon, stating:

"One small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

**Bro. Buzz Aldrin**, in an interview with Guideposts Magazine, July 20, 1989, "A Meal on the Moon: A little-known fact about the Apollo Moon Landing," revealed that during the planned rest time in the Eagle, he had a private communion service:

"I silently read the Bible passage...'I am the Vine, you are the branches'...as I partook of the wafer and the wine, and offered a private prayer...I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God."

President Richard Nixon spoke to the astronauts on the moon, July 20, 1969:

"This certainly has to be the most historic telephone call ever made from the White House...The heavens have become a part of man's world...For one priceless moment in the whole history of man all the people on this earth are truly one...one in our prayers that you will return safely to earth."

President Nixon greeted the astronauts on the USS Hornet, July 24, 1969:

"The millions who are seeing us on television now...feel as I do, that...our prayers have been answered...I think it would be very appropriate if Chaplain Piirto, the Chaplain of this ship, were to offer a prayer of thanksgiving."

Addressing a joint session of Congress, September 16, 1969, Commander Neil Armstrong (not a freemason; his father, Neil Armstrong, Sr. was an active freemason) stated:

"To those of you who have advocated looking high we owe our sincere gratitude, for you have granted us the opportunity to see some of the grandest views of the Creator."

During Apollo 14's mission, February 6, 1971, astronauts **Bro. Edgar Mitchell** (Artesia Lodge No. 28, Artesia, New Mexico) and Alan Shepard left some tiny microfilmed copies of the King James Bible on the moon's Fra Mauro highlands aboard the lunar module Antares.

On April 21, 1972, Astronauts Charles Duke and John Young explored the moon's surface during Apollo 16's mission to the moon's rugged Descartes region. Astronaut Charles Duke spoke of this experience at a Prayer Rally during the State's Republican Convention in San Antonio's Lila Cockrell Theatre, June 22, 1996:

"I used to say I could live ten thousand years and never have an experience as thrilling as walking on the moon. But the excitement and satisfaction of that walk doesn't begin to compare with my walk with Jesus, a walk that lasts forever."

On October 28, 1998, at age 77, Astronaut and **Bro. John Glenn** (Concord Lodge No. 688 New Concord, Ohio) was aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery, becoming the oldest person to go into space. This was 36 years after he had become the first American to orbit the earth in 1962.

Observing the heavens and the earth from his window, **Bro. John Glenn** stated:  
"To look out at this kind of creation and not believe in God is to me impossible. It just strengthens my faith."

In 2010, NASA was working on the Constellation program, building new rockets and spaceships capable of returning astronauts to the moon, till President Obama canceled it.

On June 30, 2010, Administrator Charles Bolden outlined the new priorities for NASA in an interview with the Middle East News agency, Al Jazeera, in Cairo:

"When I became the NASA administrator...President Obama charged me...perhaps foremost...to find a way to reach out to the Muslim world and engage much more with dominantly Muslim nations to help them feel good."

Though manned space exploration may be on hold, we cannot forget the tremendous scientific achievement, courage and faith of those who dared to go into the unknown.

**Submitted by W. Bro. Douglas O'Neil, St. Thomas Masonic District.**

***Thought for the month:***

If you met your exact self as another person,  
would you like them? Would they be a good friend?  
Would they seem kind, generous and loving?  
Would they have time and patience, and invest in  
your friendship? Would you feel good in their  
presence? Would they make you laugh? Would you  
truly want to spend time with them? Would they be  
a good influence. Remember, no one on earth  
spends more time with you, than — you.  
Be a good friend to yourself. The best way to be  
a good friend to yourself is to be a good person.  
Be the kind of person you wish you had in your life,  
because who you are, is exactly who you've got.

— BRYANT MCGILL

  
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**Submitted by: V.W.Bro. George Leverton, St. Thomas Masonic District**

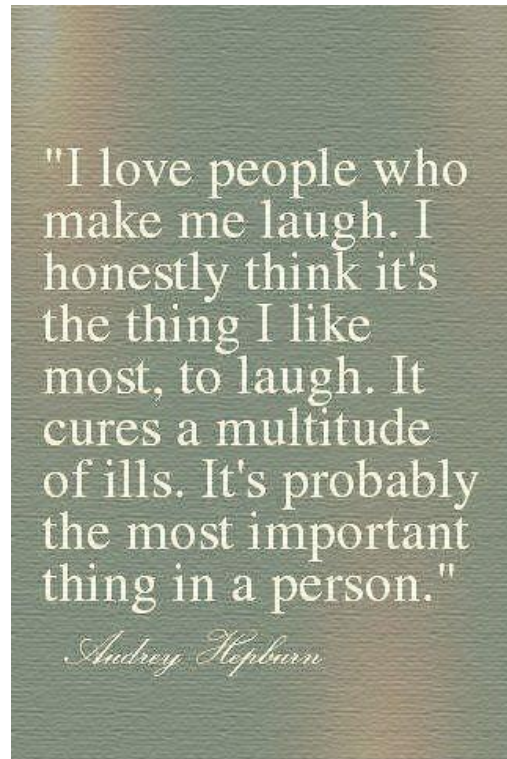
*Laugh for the Month:*



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**Blood Donor Clinic:** This clinic is held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Timken Centre on Wellington Street, St. Thomas. Please give the Gift of Life if you can do so. Date and times are the same: from 1-30p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



***In Conclusion:***

Anything you want to include? To keep the Newsletter interesting and informative I need information. Masters, Secretaries, anyone, please forward any snippets of information you have. Please send information on Masons reaching the 50 years and 60 years (or More) plateau. It is always proper to acknowledge their achievements.

Any moans, groans or kudos? I would like to hear about these too.

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