



# PM eh! News Brief

## Did you know?



At the time of confederation in 1867, eleven men of the 37 Fathers of Confederation were Freemasons

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## Looking Back....

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a very informative and helpful presentation from Sgt. Robert B. Hardy of the Hamilton Police Association, Major Fraud Unit about the how to protect yourself from fraudulent acts. Issues of phone, internet and banking scams were among the topics discussed. Given the rise, in light of this pandemic, to make on-line purchases, Sgt. Hardy suggested getting a credit card with a small limit for this purpose alone, hence reducing the risk of having cards with larger credit limits potentially being compromised

## Looking Ahead....

It's that time again! The AGM (Annual General Meeting) of the Past Masters' Association will convene via Zoom on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. In addition to our regular agenda, there will be an opportunity for candidates seeking elected positions to be introduced. We hope you will be able to join us then.

Please register in **advance** for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lceytrTMrEtVyoo9e07bZdLujNqeQrx6K>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Alternatively, you may register through our website at

<http://www.pm-abc.ca/> using the 'Events Registration – Zoom Meeting' tab.

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## Visitation and Outreach:

At the time of this publication, we are not aware of any brethren in distress or need of assistance. This however does not mean there are those who may be suffering silently. If you are able, please pick up the phone and call your brethren. A friendly voice can go a long way to lift spirits.

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## And now a word from our President -

Good Day Brethren –

Welcome to our 4th edition of our PMA Newsletter. I hope that you are enjoying our reaching out to you in this way.

As noted above, we had a wonderful attendance at our last Zoom meeting at which we were made aware of the various frauds and identity thefts that we can possibly face. We had some exciting discussions.

We hope to see you on May 15<sup>th</sup> at our Annual General Meeting.

We also hope that you are all taking advantage of being vaccinated against this dastardly COVID variant. Stay safe and well and see you soon.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*V.W. Bro. Allan Hale, President*

### **Funny!**



*A patrol car stops a vehicle one night at 2:30 in the morning for a routine check. "Where are you going, Sir?" asks the Officer. "To a lecture on Freemasonry" replies the driver. "And exactly who gives lectures on Freemasonry at two thirty in the morning?" asks the cop in disbelief. "My wife" replies the driver.*

### **Not So Funny!**



In the early hours of Tuesday, March 30th, fire was set to three Masonic Temples across the East and North Vancouver area. The alleged arsonist is in custody and the motive for these incidents are unknown at this time. The Past Masters Association of the Hamilton Districts stand with our west-coast brethren against such acts of deviant behaviour. We are grateful that no one was harmed and we wish our brethren well in their efforts to restore what has been lost.



You can change  
the life of a  
child.

Volunteer staff and volunteer tutors manage the Learning Centre and work with the children. If you are unable to volunteer at this time please consider making a financial contribution.

Although our students are not in actual classes at the Learning Centre, the work continues and the Centre must be maintained. Please consider making a monthly or annual donation so that the children can come back when it's safe to a well-maintained centre.

Tax receipts will be issued for income tax purposes.

Please consider leaving an ongoing legacy with the Hamilton Learning Centre with a bequest in your will.

Donations may be made directly or through [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org)



**The Learning Centre operates entirely on donations.**

**Your continuing support is appreciated.**

### **Public-Spirited PMA: *Have your say!***

The PMA will be making a donation of \$1,000 to a local charitable organization, but to whom will depend on you! A page will be open on our website from April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup> for you to make your suggestion known. The organization must operate with a charitable tax number and operate within the geography of our three districts. Then, from April 22 to May 6<sup>th</sup>, the membership will cast their vote on our website from the list of suggestions. At the AGM on May 15<sup>th</sup> we will announce the recipient as chosen by you.

Visit [www.pm-abc.ca/public-spirit](http://www.pm-abc.ca/public-spirit) (this page will be open on April 6<sup>th</sup>)

## An Interesting Connection!

George Washington Memorial  
Alexandria, Virginia  
USA



## George Washington Masonic National Memorial 2021

There is a little known yet significant connection between the Scottish Rite in Hamilton Ontario Canada and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria Virginia United States of America.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is located at 101 Callahan Drive atop of Shooter's Hill, also known as Shuter's Hill. The corner stone for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was laid in 1922 in a Masonic ceremony and when completed the building had 9 floors stood 333 feet high, has two elevators and cost 6 million dollars to complete.

The architect for this project was Harvey W. Corbett of the firm Helmie & Corbett. The structural engineers on the project were the father and son firm of Osgood and Osgood. Sydney J. and his son S. Eugene Osgood of Grand Rapids Michigan was an Architectural Firm that specialized in Masonic Temples and public buildings and were the Architects chosen for the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Hamilton. It is said this was their only commission in Canada.

One interesting note, there is a duplicate of the Hamilton Cathedral in Bay City Michigan.

**Researched and submitted by W. Bro. Gary Magwood.**

## A message from the Grand Master

Brethren,

Despite the current setbacks, we still look forward to a time when we will be able to gather in-person again. When enough of our population is FULLY vaccinated the situation will change, but that will not be until the summer at the earliest, so for now we must hold firm.

Therefore, the moratorium on all INDOOR Masonic gatherings is extended until at least September 1.

The moratorium on all OUTDOOR gatherings is extended until we make a subsequent announcement. When we finally are able to have large gatherings again, there may be a huge demand to book the Grand Master at anniversaries and Grand Master's receptions and there are only so many weekends in the year. I would therefore ask the brethren of any lodge who had a major anniversary last year or will have one this year to think about joining together with other lodges in your district as well as with the District itself and consider one joint event to invite me to. Since we don't yet know when we can have these large gatherings, we cannot start to accept bookings, but please start talking among yourselves about the concept. Your virtual district meeting may be a good time to discuss this.

Thank you and stay safe brethren.  
David J. Cameron Grand Master

