

**The Harmony Lodge**  
**A.F. & A.M., No. 57 G.R.C.**



**Sesquicentennial Celebration**  
**April 5, 2005**

**Our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

DEDICATION

Dedicated to the memory of those Brethren  
who laboured long and unselfishly over  
many years for the benefit of Masonry in  
general and of Harmony Lodge in particular.

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V.W. BRO. LOUIS DOMJAN

## **Sesquicentennial Overview**

- 4:30 p.m. - Meet at Agricultural Hall
- 5:10 p.m. - Masons Parade (full regalia)
- 5:30 p.m. - Sesquicentennial Celebration / Ladies Program
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner and Banquet

## **Sesquicentennial Banquet**

Meet at Agricultural Hall

Ladies Program featuring Barb Laughland

Pipe in Head Table – W. Bro. James Stewart, Piper

Invocation – V.W. Bro. Frank Love, Chaplain

Royal Anthem (first verse only) – see page 12

Toast to the Queen and the Craft – V.W. Bro. Louis Domjan

American National Anthem – see page 12

Toast to the Office of the President of the United States

Dinner

Chairman's Remarks – R.W. Bro. Marvin Smith

Mayor's Words – City of Hamilton

Introduction of Head Table Guests – R.W. Bro. Bob McKinnell

Entertainment featuring Doug McCoy (Real McCoy), Magician

Thank you to Doug McCoy – R.W. Bro. Bob McKinnell

Toast to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge – Bro. Brian Teskey

Response by the Grand Master – M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby

Presentation to the Grand Master – R.W. Bro. Marvin Smith

Presentation to Marion Mumby – Jacquie Wilkin

Presentation to Barb Laughland – Jacquie Wilkin

Toast to Harmony Lodge – R.W. Bro. William W. Wheeler

Response – V.W. Bro. Louis Domjan, Worshipful Master

Toast to the Visitors – Bro. George Wood

Response – V.W. Bro. Al Murphy

Toast to the Ladies – Bro. Gary DeGrow

Response – Marion Mumby

Thank Pianist and Caterers – R.W. Bro. Bob McKinnell

Junior Warden's Toast – Bro. Jim Wilkin

O Canada – see page 12

## Sesquicentennial Meeting

Masons Parade (weather permitting)

Open Lodge

Introduce Special Guests

Present Grand Master

Historical Overview by Frank Love

Presentation of 50 Years a Past Master Pin to Charles Stewart

Closing Remarks – Charles Stewart, our Master from 100 years

Closing Remarks – District Deputy Grand Master

Closing Remarks – Grand Master

Close Lodge

Bus back to Banquet Hall



Jeremiah Taylor – 1855

Louis Domjan – 2005



## Sesquicentennial Committee

Chairman .....	Marvin Smith
Secretary .....	Louis Domjan
Treasurer .....	Bob McKinnell
Entertainment .....	Andy Lowden & Peter McQueen
Accommodations .....	Frank Love & Gary DeGrow
Meal & Hall .....	Bob McKinnell & Ralph Hillgartner
Printing & Program .....	Louis Domjan, Brian Schweitzer & Marvin Smith
Director of Ceremonies .....	Bob McKinnell
Set-Up & Take Down .....	Brian Teskey
Members at Large .....	Frank Brittain, Ken Tomlinson, Jim Wilkin & George Wood

## Harmony Lodge Officers – April 5, 2005

Worshipful Master .....	V.W. Bro. Louis Domjan
Immediate Past Master .....	W. Bro. Peter McQueen
Senior Warden .....	Bro. Gary DeGrow
Junior Warden .....	Bro. Jim Wilkin
Chaplain .....	V.W. Bro. Frank Love
Treasurer .....	R.W. Bro. Robert McKinnell
Secretary .....	R.W. Bro. Marvin Smith
Secretary Emeritus .....	V.W. Bro. Ralph Hillgartner
Senior Deacon .....	Bro. George Wood
Junior Deacon .....	Bro. Brian Teskey
Director of Ceremonies .....	W. Bro. Ken Tomlinson
Inner Guard .....	Bro. Keith Etsell
Tyler .....	W. Bro. Barry Knight
Senior Steward .....	Bro. Ken MacKay
Junior Steward .....	Bro. Frank Brittain
Historian .....	V.W. Bro. Frank Love
Auditor .....	W. Bro. Walter Anders
Auditor .....	W. Bro. Larry Burke
Board of Relief .....	V.W. Bro. Andy Lowden

## Historical Overview

The following report should be considered an overview for the benefit of those interested in past history of this grand old Lodge.

The first entry in the original minute book is dated April 5, 1855 and reads as follows: The first installation of the officers of Harmony Lodge No. 328 of Free and Accepted Masons under warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland took place at the house of Bro. Jeremiah Taylor in Binbrooke. Present: Bro. Jeremiah Taylor, Bro. John Brown, Bro. Henry Morgan and Bro. Wm. Mussen, Worshipful Master of York Lodge No. 286 G.R.I. The Lodge was opened in the third degree of Masonry. Bro. Taylor was installed first master of Harmony Lodge No. 328 G.R.I. in due and ancient form. Bro. John Brown was installed as Senior Warden and Bro. Henry Morgan as Junior Warden in due and ancient form. It was then moved by Bro. Wm. Mussen, seconded by Bro. Henry Morgan that the Lodge be closed until the next regular communication (say on the first Monday after the full moon in each month). (Carried). The minutes are signed by Bro. Wm. Mussen who evidently acted as installing master.

The next page contains a minute in the handwriting of Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary to this effect: Masonic Hall Hamilton June 28th 1855 at a special meeting of Past Master Masons, Bro. Jeremiah Taylor was regularly installed Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge No. 328 to be held in Binbrooke.

The first petition received was on July 1, 1855 from Reuben Taylor, son of the Wor. Master. The ballot was taken and declared in his favor. On receipt of the fee of four pounds he was initiated forthwith as an E.A..

Rarely is there any signature attached to the minutes. Not until 1862 is there a minute signed by both the Worshipful Master and the Secretary. The proceedings as recorded seem to have been as free and easy as the manner of recording them. Lodge was opened in any degree, which

happened to suit the convenience or the fancy of the Master. Many meetings never got started before 9:00 p.m..

The summer of 1855 was a troublesome time for Canadian Masonry owing to the division of authority among the three different Grand Lodges claiming jurisdiction in Upper Canada. A convention held in July in Niagara Falls adjourned without an agreement and a second convention was called in October of 1855 in Hamilton. Bro. Jeremiah Taylor attended that meeting and as Harmony's representative bore his part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In January 1859, a special communication of Grand Lodge was held in Toronto to arrange, among other things, for the renumbering of the Lodges. Although Harmony Lodge's warrant bears the number 27, this convention assigned number 57 to Harmony Lodge.

On November 4, 1861 our new meeting hall being completed, an emergent meeting was held and a candidate was passed. Harmony Lodge has had many members of note. In 1865 George Chrystal was initiated into Freemasonry. In 1883 he was Worshipful Master of the Lodge and a practicing reverend minister. The following year Grand Lodge honored him with the office of Grand Chaplain.

On January 18, 1892 M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson G.M. was the first Grand Master to visit Harmony. Col. John Brown Jr. and Dr. James Russell held office together as Secretary and Treasurer respectively and during their term of office could be described as the backbone of the Lodge. The, "Colonel" as he was affectionately called, was a terror to the delinquent brothers in arrears.

No history of Harmony Lodge whenever written will be complete without reference to Joseph F. Senn. Initiated in June 1874, he occupied most of the chairs, was elected Worshipful Master in 1888 and re-elected in 1889. In 1890 he was elected Secretary until 1900 when he was a third time honored by his brethren with election as Worshipful Master. In 1902 Joseph Senn was again elected Secretary

and held this position until 1905. In 1918 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master, the first from Harmony.

In 1904 Mr. E.J. Whitworth, a young veterinarian, became a member and then Worshipful Master in 1908. The following year he was elected Secretary, an office he held until his death in December of 1920. He tried to defend one of the local stores from bandits and was killed.

Harmony Lodge No. 57 has helped to establish other Lodges. She furnished the first Worshipful Master and some brethren for Wentworth Lodge No. 166 in Stoney Creek. The first Worshipful Master was W. Bro. McKay M.D. of Binbrook Township. Harmony Lodge also furnished a few charter members for Enniskillen Lodge No. 185 in York and in 1919 our own R.W. Bro. Joseph Senn and thirty members of Harmony Lodge, living in Lincoln County, formed Lincoln Lodge No. 544 in Abingdon.

Brethren, as stated at the start of this review, this is no more than an overview, so many things could be discussed but time and space is limited. One thing is for sure Harmony Lodge has had a very interesting past and so many members not mentioned at this time have contributed so much.

In closing this report we can all equate the beginnings of Harmony Lodge with worldly events. Just think the American Civil War had just ended and President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865 a little more than ten years after the inaugural meeting of Harmony Lodge on April 5, 1855.

Fraternally, V.W. Bro. Frank W. Love, Historian

## **War Services**

Bro. Roy Hillgartner, B.A., enlisted in July, 1942, served in France with Queen's Own and Cameron Highlanders, was wounded and died from

his wounds, Sept. 12th, 1944. He is buried Adeqem, Belgium (son of V.W. Bro. Alvin Hillgartner). W. Bro. Arthur Harris enlisted July 11th, 1944 in Royal Canadian Engineers, was wounded in Germany, April 25th, 1945 and remained in hospital until end of the war (son of V.W. Bro. Wm. Harris). Bro. Stephen Fletcher, enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1943, graduated as an air Navigator and was commissioned as a pilot officer in 1944. W. Bro. James D. Black served in the R.C.A.F. from 1940-46. R.W. Bro. Major G. Raymond Cowie served during WWII with the Irish Regiment of Canada. W. Bro. K. Fred Grabham served in the R.C.A.F. W. Bro. Cameron Guyatt served in the R.C.A.F. from 1943-46. V.W. Bro. Ralph Hillgartner served in the Canadian Armed Forces from 1942-46. Bro. Heard Hyslop served in the R.C.A.F. from 1942-45. W. Bro. Ralph Hyslop served from 1942-46. W. Bro. Elwood Jackson served in the Royal Canadian Engineers from 1940-45. V.W. Bro. Gord Skinner served in the R.C.A.F. from 1942-45. W. Bro. Charles Stewart, served in the Canadian Infantry from 1943-45. Bro. Ross Wilson served in the R.C.A.F. from 1942-45.

### **Grand Masters' Visits**

Tonight hopes to mark the fifth time a Grand Master visited our lodge. M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson visited in 1892 when W. Bro. J. A. Jackson was Worshipful Master. M.W. Bro. Drope visited in 1924, when W. Bro. Hillgartner was Worshipful Master. M.W. Bro. John S. Martin visited in 1928 when W. Bro. Alex Spittal was Worshipful Master. M.W. Bro. Hearn visited when W. Bro. Charles Stewart was Worshipful Master. M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby plans to visit for our Sesquicentennial Celebration with V.W. Bro. Louis Domjan as Worshipful Master.

### **Harmony Lodge Past Masters**

Louis M. Domjan..... 2002, 2004  
 Peter W. McQueen..... 2000, 2003



Marvin C. Smith	2001
C. Glen Scott	1999
Harry Gibson	1998
Barry Knight	1997
Larry Burke	1987, 1991, 1996
Andrew Lowden	1963, 1990, 1995
Robert McKinnell	1981, 1985, 1994
Neil Dolson	1988, 1993
William B. Grabham	1992
Ken J. Grabham	1989
Elwood Jackson	1986
J. Arthur Harris	1952, 1985
James Black	1984
Walter Anders	1982-83
Kenneth Coomber	1980
Harold French	1979
Stanley Bunker	1977-78
Allan Reid	1975-76
James Kennedy	1974
Frank Love	1973
Ross Laidman	1972
John Hyslop	1971
Bruce Reid	1970
K. F. Grabham	1969
Donald Tweedle	1968
R. Hillgartner	1967
J. Tarbutt	1966
C. B. Guyatt	1965
Ralph M. Hyslop	1964
John Duff	1962
D. C. Young	1961
L. E. Tweedle	1960
G. R. Hunt	1959
H. W. Hyslop	1958
R. A. Quance	1957
Donald Kennedy	1956
Charles Stewart	1955
J. Sheldrick	1954

J. H. Smith	1953
Robert Murphy	1951
Herbert Whittaker	1950
B. E. Clark	1949
W. Ronald	1948
Fred Cooper	1947
A. P. Hendershott	1946
N. H. Gawley	1945
A. E. Lowden	1944
Harvey Daw	1943
Fred Leeming	1942
S. C. Daw	1941
Orval Bell	1940
R. S. Gowland	1939
C. C. Lindsay	1938
G. A. McKinnell	1937
G. R. Bell	1936
W. H. Harris	1935
Dr. W. W. Ridge	1934
L. B. Smith	1933
E. G. Gawley	1932
J. T. Tidey	1931
H. Johnson	1930
Alex Spittal	1929
Dr. G. L. Bell	1928
E. Hendershott	1927
A. L. Burkholder	1926
N. A. Fletcher	1925
A. Hillgartner	1924
David Young	1923
Angus Dalgleish	1922
T. H. Gowland	1921
Ewart McEvoy	1920
J. K. Spittal	1919
George Bush Jr.	1918
G. W. Houston	1917
J. D. Rose	1916
Allan Spittal	1915

James Muir .....	1880, 1914
J. H. Glover .....	1913
Hugh Johnson .....	1912
E. Twiss .....	1904, 1911
E. W. Dartnell .....	1910
B. A. Smith .....	1909
Dr. E. J. Whitworth .....	1908
Mathew Johnson .....	1907
Dr. D. G. McIlraith .....	1906
A. Jarvis .....	1905
George Bush .....	1903
James Lang .....	1902
A. Johnson .....	1901
J. F. Senn .....	1888-89, 1900
George Lang .....	1899
W. G. Fletcher .....	1898
Robert Wright .....	1897
S. C. Wright .....	1896
Judson Barlow .....	1895
Jason Ashbaugh .....	1894
Dr. M. J. Mullock .....	1893
J. A. Jackson .....	1892
Thomas Powell .....	1891
David Greenhill .....	1890
Rev. W. D. Rees .....	1887
J. A. Duncan .....	1886
E. J. Duffy .....	1884-85
George Crystal .....	1883
John Brown Jr. ....	1866-70, 1881-82
James Russell .....	1874-75, 1879
Rev. S. G. Harris .....	1878
Joseph Graham .....	1877
William Brown .....	1860-61, 1864, 1876
John Simpson .....	1872-73
R. H. Biggar .....	1871
William Wright .....	1865
James Hoey .....	1863
John Duff .....	1862

Robert Dalgleish.....	1859
John Brown.....	1858
Jeremiah Taylor.....	1855-57

### **Harmony Lodge Grand Lodge Officers**

Louis M. Domjan.....	Grand Steward.....	2003-04
Marvin C. Smith.....	District Deputy.....	2002-03
Frank W. Love.....	Grand Steward.....	1998-99
Andrew E. Lowden.....	Grand Steward.....	1989-90
Robert L. McKinnell.....	District Deputy.....	1988-89
Ralph Hillgartner.....	Grand Steward.....	1982-83
J. A. Harris.....	Grand Steward.....	1975-76
O. D. Bell.....	District Deputy.....	1974-75
William H. Harris.....	Grand Steward.....	1953-54
Angus Dalgleish.....	Grand Steward.....	1951-52
Gilbert S. Gawley.....	District Deputy.....	1950-51
Alvin Hillgartner.....	Grand Steward.....	1947-48
Allen Spittal.....	Grand Standard Bearer.....	1939-40
David Young.....	Grand Steward.....	1933-34
G. L. Bell.....	District Deputy.....	1932-33
Hugh Johnson.....	Grand Registrar.....	1928-29
James Muir.....	Grand Steward.....	1918-19
Joseph Senn.....	District Deputy.....	1917-18
Rev. George Chrystal.....	Grand Chaplain.....	1855-56

### **Affiliated Grand Lodge Officers**

Brian K. Schweitzer.....	District Deputy.....	1992-93
G. R. Cowie.....	District Deputy.....	1978-79
G. W. Skinner.....	Grand Steward.....	1973-74
T. H. Simpson.....	Grand Master.....	1947-48
J. S. Martin.....	Grand Master.....	1927-28
J. Forth.....	District Deputy.....	1924-25
W. J. Drope.....	Grand Master.....	1923-24
W. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary.....	1918-37

## **Royal Anthem "God Save The Queen"**

God save our gracious Queen. Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen: Send her victorious, Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us: God save the Queen.

*O Lord, our God, arise, Scatter thine enemies,  
And make them fall: Confound their politics,  
Frustrate their knavish tricks,  
On thee our hopes we fix: God save us all.  
Thy choicest gifts in store, On her be pleased to pour;  
Long may she reign: May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause, To sing with heart and voice  
God save the Queen.*

## **The American National Anthem "Star-Spangled Banner"**

Oh, say can you see, By the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed, At the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, Thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, Were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets red glare, The bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night, That our flag was still there.  
O, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free, And the home of the brave?

## **The Canadian National Anthem "O Canada"**

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.