

having as many members of the Lodges within your District attend these worthwhile sessions. Those who attend are never disappointed and return home with new information and knowledge that helps them become better men, better Lodge Officers and better Masons.

And, finally, please remember that this communication vehicle is called the *Communiqué*. The intent is to have it shared with and read by all members of our jurisdiction.

Enjoy your Masonic year and remember ... the best way to promote Masonry is by setting an example.

Gary L. Atkinson

From the Deputy Grand Master . . .

I join with the Grand Master in congratulating the 44 D.D.G.M.s and all elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers. I know it will be a year full of excitement and accomplishment and one to be remembered.

The Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen met recently to put forth their objectives for the year. I would ask that you please comply with their requests for information from your districts and also allow them the opportunity to make presentations or bring their programmes to your districts.

One area of consideration in promoting their programmes is to allow your own District Chairmen to speak about the various Grand Lodge programmes from time to time at an Official Visit, perhaps.

Summonses have started to arrive once again and I am reminded that no matter how short or how long the summons is, it is still the best way to keep in regular communication with the brethren. Keep in mind though that because some Masonic Lodge members do not attend with any degree of regularity they miss a great deal and once not exposed to Masonic ideals may lose interest. It has been suggested in one of the summonses I have received that perhaps a short newsletter should be included in the summons from time to time. Members should be encouraged to send in newsy items about themselves. This will keep members up to date and perhaps create a closer contact with other members. A newsletter full of interesting informative tidbits about the members and what the lodge is doing may rejuvenate one's desire to be an active Mason.

One of the lessons learned from geese flying in V formation where because of the uplift created by the flapping of the wings the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range can be applied to people:

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are travelling on the thrust of one another. A shared vision and sense of purpose create synergy, making the going a little easier for all.

I shall look forward to meeting you on my travels.

Allan J. Petrisor

From the desk of the Grand Secretary

A reminder to all lodge Secretaries: Photocopies of ALL applications for Initiation and Affiliation are required to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge Office – Sections 316 (b) and 362, B. of C. Refer.

There have been several enquiries regarding some of the recent constitutional amendments.

The following comments are for clarification:

1 - The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Mason, if at the time of his Initiation, his father was a Mason in good standing (the initiate of a deceased father—in good standing at the time of his demise—would also qualify).

The Lewis Jewel consists of a ribbon with two bars –

The upper bar contains the name of the father and date of his Initiation.

The lower bar, the name of the son and date of his Initiation.

An Initiate must still be 21 years old at the time of his application – Section 307.

2 - The W.M.W. collar does NOT have a jewel attached as the white collar comes with braided silver ornamentation at its end.

Both of the above items should become available from your regalia supplier.

3 - Section 418 (removing the word *forthwith*)

The intent of this amendment is to protect the confidentiality of the ballot by not openly naming the committee of enquiry in processing an application.

Form 4

2006 edition of the Book of Constitution (page 171), has been amended to remove naming the appointed brethren under the heading **Appointment of Committee on Applications**.

Terence Shand

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

September

9	100th Anniversary Gore Bay Lodge No. 472	Gore Bay
14-17	Supreme Council 131st Annual Session	Toronto
19-23	International Plowing Match	Peterborough
30	150th Anniversary Kilwinning Lodge No. 64	London

October

16	Sesquicentennial/Pin Presentations Acacia No. 61	Hamilton
24	Dedication New Lodge Room Brant Lodge No. 45	Brantford
28	150th Anniversary Stirling Lodge No. 69	Stirling

November

4	Georgian North and South District Reception	Barrie
10	St. Thomas District Reception G.M.	Aylmer
11	Erie District Reception	
13	Installation Night New Dominion Lodge No. 205	Cambridge

December

13	Installation Night Jerusalem Lodge No. 31	Bowmanville
19	Dufferin Lodge No. 364	Melbourne