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## Lodge News

### News from the Emergent Meeting 4 Jan 18

Unusually for Bytown, we held an Emergent Meeting right at the start of the New Year, on 4 Jan 18, in order to confer a First Degree. Two visitors attended and were very complimentary about the way Bytown conducted the degree. We were blessed with an excellent candidate in the person of our newest Brother, Hugo Johansen, seen on the WM's left in the photo below. We were also honoured to have the DDGM attend in a fraternal visit. In addition to the degree work, Bytown also balloted on the application of Mr. Mohtashim Alhaq, which proved to be favourable to the applicant. Mr. Alhaq was scheduled to be initiated at our Regular Meeting on 18 Jan 18.



**Emergent Meeting 4 Jan 18**

### News from the Regular Meeting 18 Jan 18



The January Regular Meeting was DD Night, and it was a great success! So many people attended the pre-meeting festive board that an extra table had to be added. In recognition of the nearness of Robert Burns' birthday (25 January), in addition to the evening being DD Night, several lodge members, including WBros Ingraham and Macdonald wore highland dress. Also, since the candidate for the evening is a serving member of the Canadian Forces, brethren were asked to wear their medals. Before the main meal was served Bro Andrew Atkinson and WBro

George Ingraham ceremoniously carried in a haggis and placed it on the head table. Then Bro Atkinson recited Burns' "Address to the Haggis", his pronounced Scottish accent lending an air of profound authenticity to the flawless recitation. Supplementing the haggis, the main course was roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and all the trimmings.

The first degree which followed was done with Bytown's usual flair. Although everyone did good work, WBro Fraser's rendition of the JW's lecture was a particular standout. We welcome our newest Mason, Bro Mohtashim Alhaq as our newest Mason.

The evening concluded with a short piece of Masonic education by RWBro Michael Nagrodski, the DDGM, on the meaning of the four tassels which grace every lodge room.

**Milestones:** We would like to extend our greetings to the members having anniversaries and birthdays in February

**Membership**

Name	Initiated	Affiliated Bytown	Worshipful Master
André St. Pierre	4 Feb 10		
Jon Oraziotti	6 Feb 14		
Brian Lebreton	15 Feb 07		
Adam Landriault	16 Feb 06		
Stevo Maricic	18 Feb 10		
Al Cerins	8 Sep 51	16 Feb 95	
Scott Macdonald	21 Feb 91		09-10

**Member Birthdays, Ladies' Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Date	Member Birthday	Ladies Birthday	Anniversary
8 Feb		Jill Jones KathrynSnell	
15 Feb	Don Osborne		
19 Feb	Jad Abboud		
26 Feb	George Gourlay		
27 Feb	Marion Mumby		

**Upcoming Events**

**Regular Meeting 15 Feb 18**

A second degree is planned for our February Regular meeting. For the festive board, the JW is promising an old fashioned Masonic dinner of ham, scalloped potatoes and peas. As usual, dinner will be at 1830 hrs and the lodge will tile at 1930.

**Chili Cook-Off 27 Apr 18**



**2018 Chili Cook-Off**

Open to District 1 and District 2;  
Royal Arch; Scottish Rite;  
Eastern Star; Shriners;  
DeMolay and Rainbow Girls

