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Lodge News

Regular Meeting 17 Jan 19 (DD Night)



Our Regular Meeting in January was the occasion of the DDGM, RWBro Ken Brinston's official visit. 20 members of Bytown were present and we welcomed no less than 46 visitors.

The evening began with a cocktail hour, featuring a selection of Olive Nelson's delicious hors d'oeuvres. The splendid Festive Board which followed featured a piped-in Haggis, carried in by WBro Scott Macdonald. The piper was Bro Ron Laursen. Bro Iain Forsyth gave the address to the haggis and the ceremony concluded with the three of them drinking the traditional quach cup "dram". After the usual opening toasts, the brethren enjoyed a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. The brethren then gathered in the Lodge Room for the meeting itself.

Once the lodge was opened, the many present and past Grand Lodge officers, and current Worshipful Masters, were introduced by the D of C and given grand honours. Then the DDGM was



The DDGM Cuts the cake as the WM looks on

welcomed under the wands, given grand honours, and briefly assumed the gavel. The work of the evening included Bro Jad Abboud proving himself in the third degree, following which, he was presented with his MM's certificate by the WM and a document explaining the significance of the certificate's symbology, by the DDGM. Back in the first degree, the Brethren voted favourably on the application for affiliation of Bro David Raymond Baker, hailing from Ionic Lodge No. 229, and he was welcomed into the Lodge by the WM. Conducting Masonic Education, WBro Farrell presented Sunday Masonic Paper No. 811, entitled "Secrecy in Symbolism". The DDGM then gave an interesting short talk on Equality in Masonry.



After the lodge was closed, the brethren and guests reassembled in the banquet room downstairs to enjoy coffee and another of Olive Nelson's spectacular cakes.

Milestones: In these days where identity theft is a real concern, we have decided to cease publishing personal details which might be used by criminals to harm the interests of our members. Instead, our Milestones section will simply note the month in which anniversaries occur.

Member Anniversaries

André St. Pierre- 9 years; Jon Oraziatti - 5 years; Brian Lebreton - 12 years; Adam Landriault - 13 years; Stevo Maricic - 9 years; Al Cerins - 24 years; Scott Macdonald - 28 years.

Member Birthdays

Don Osborne; Jad Abboud

Ladies Birthdays

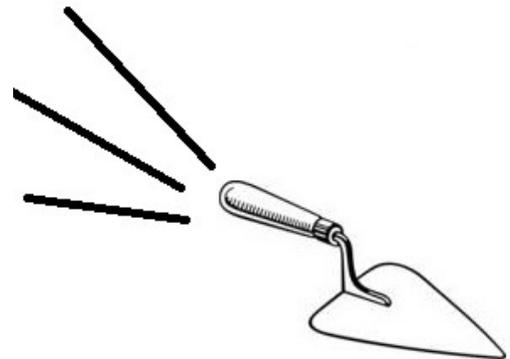
Jill Jones; Kathryn Snell; Marion Mumby

Wedding Anniversaries

Nil

The Travelling Trowel

The Travelling Trowel is awarded to the lodge which has the largest number of visitors on a DD night. Bytown has "owned" the Travelling Trowel this Masonic year. The first official visit of the Masonic Year by the DDGM, RWBro Ken Brinston, was to Luxor Daylight Lodge on 17 Oct 18, when we had eight members present. From then on, we were unstoppable: Ashlar on 7 Nov 18 with an eight member delegation; Dalhousie on 6 Nov 18, with 10 members; Madawaska on 12 Nov 18 with nine members; Ionic on 14 Nov 18 with 10 members and we closed out the calendar year by winning again in Renfrew on 3 Dec18 with eight members present - a Clean sweep!



Since we could not compete for the Traveling Trowel at our own DD night, it temporarily passed out of our hands to Defender's Lodge, but we won it back again four nights later on the occasion of the DDGM's Official Visit to The Builders. 10 brethren of Bytown were there. No other lodge even came close.

Well done Bytown!

