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From the Editor: Problems with the software program which we have used for years have inhibited the proper management of our Website, as well as the production of the Bulletin. We are seeking to resolve these difficulties, and request that our readers bear with us while we do so.

## Lodge News

### Installation 2018

To close out the 2017-18 lodge year, WBro Ernest Nelson was installed in the Chair of King Solomon at our last Regular Meeting on 17 May 18. We were honoured to have our Grand Master, MWBro Paul E. Todd, in attendance.

### First Regular Meeting 20 Sep 18

Prior to the meeting, our new JW, Bro Jon Oraziotti, put together a splendid festive board, featuring delicious home made meat balls, prepared by his Mother, along with abundant pasta and a caesar salad. Since his Mother lives in Sault St. Marie, this was quite an achievement.

In spite of the absence of several key officers due to sickness and the pressing needs of their public



and private avocations, the brethren stepped up to fill all of the key chairs for the first (fraternal) visit of our new DDGM, RWBro Kenneth Brinston.

There was no degree work but the Lodge balloted favourably on a new petition. The acting SW, WBro George Ingraham, gave an extensive report on the Committee of General Purposes, including a detailed update on Westboro Masonic Temple affairs, and the WM provide some Masonic education, based on contemplation of the rough and perfect ashlar. In addition, the DDGM gave a brief summary of the 2018 meeting of Grand Lodge.

### Emergent Meeting 4 Oct 18

Bytown initiated Bro Mathieu M. Seguin at an emergent meeting on 4 Oct 18. Prior to the meeting, the brethren gathered for food and fellowship at the nearby Clock Tower Brew Pub. There was an excellent turnout at the initiation, with 21 members

and three visitors present. Several officers were unable to attend because of sickness or other unavoidable reasons, but last minute stand-ins carried out the degree in a manner which upheld Bytown's usual high standards. Special kudos go to our new JW, Bro Jon Orazietti, who delivered the JW's lecture for the first time.



**Milestones:** With apologies to all who had anniversaries or birthdays in August, September or October, the milestones section of the Bytown Bulletin is being left out this month, in order to cover the items which follow.

## New Bytown Logo

All brethren will be very familiar with the logo on the right, which we have used since our lodge was established 49 years ago. It has appeared on our correspondence, on the Website, and is on the dry seal which stamps our dues cards and our special correspondence.



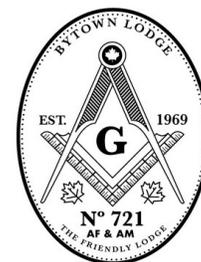
But next year will mark our **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!** Part of the preparation for that auspicious event has been the search for a new logo, which will more attractive, and easier to reproduce. The search has been led by WBro Brodie Fraser, and it has been a great success. Pictured below are two versions of the approved new Bytown logo. That on the left will be used immediately, and for years to come, while the version on the right will be used during our 50<sup>th</sup> year.

## Cornerstone Project

The graphic below left has been proudly displayed on our Website and in the Bulletin for the past year. Thanks to the hard work of Bro Jon Orazietti and the membership of the lodge in general, Bytown is and has been a Cornerstone Lodge, but what does that mean?



Well, first of all, being a cornerstone lodge is not a “do it once and forget” type of achievement. The cornerstone designation needs to be re-earned every other year. Bro Orazietti has just sent out the “Activity Submission Package” from the Cornerstone Manual; it lists the requirements which have to be met. In order for Bytown to remain a cornerstone lodge, here's what is required:



1. We must complete at least one of three “Mandatory” standards. They include the Friend-to-Friend program; the Mentor Program and the Officer Mentorship Program.

2. We must complete at least five of the 12 “Major” standards. They include: (1) Attend the Grand Lodge communication; (2) Establish and annual operation budget; (3) Conduct four Masonic education presentations; (4) Conduct all three degrees and prove the MM Degree; (5) Distribute three written communications besides the summons; (6) Participate in a Masonic workshop; (7) Visit a tiled regular meeting of another lodge; (8) Conduct a lodge survey; (9) Participate in a district initiated visitation program; (10) Participate in a Masonic Chip event; (11) Participate in at least three blood donor clinics; and, (12) Increase lodge attendance, providing confirmation.

3. We must complete at least six of 13 “Basic” standards. They include: (1) Invite/host another lodge (lodge initiative); (2) Host a social event for the ladies and widows; (3) Recognize Masons e.g. past master, 50 year pins, etc.; (4) Support local youth group; (5) Assist shut-ins and widows; (6) Conduct a rusty Mason event; (7) Honour new lodge members or new master Masons; (8) Attend a religious service; (9) Impliment a banquet program with proper protocol and etiquette; (10) Hold a lodge of discussion; (11) Participate in a community event; (12) Hold an open house; and, (13) Attend a district PM and warden's meeting or equivalent.

These we must do and document their attainment if we want to continue to call ourselves a cornerstone lodge. But if we look at the requirements, we can see that they comprise, together, what our Craft is all about. Let's get behind our WM and Bro Orazietti to make the renewal happen!