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THE TRIANGLE

VALLEY OF BARRIE

Helping Solve The Puzzles Of The Mind

By Ill. Bro. Paul Fockler

Recently the editors of The Triangle spoke with some of the people responsible for the Learning Centre.

We asked David Boyd the Chairman of the Board to explain the purpose of the Learning Centre.

“Dyslexia is a specific learning disability. It is characterized by difficulties with word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. It also includes a reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

“At the Learning Centre, children with dyslexia learn to read. That is who we are and that is what we do.”

Doug Jagges, a founding member and driving force behind the Learning Centre explains why the Valley of Barrie is operating a Learning Centre?

“The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada developed its Learning Centre program based on the long and successful experience of the Scottish Rite jurisdictions in the United States, where over 200 Centres are now in operation. There are now five Centres in Canada.”

Another Board member, Sharon Carson, has 40 years experience in both the elemen-

tary and secondary education systems. Sharon is responsible for tutors and children at the Learning Centre.

“Our Learning Centre tutors children individually with the Orton-Gillingham method that accommodates their specific learning differences in a one-to-one setting. The sessions are held after regular school hours. The key to the uniqueness and success of the program is that all tutors are volunteers, and all tutoring is free to the children”.

Ross Martin, the Director, gave us an update about what is happening at the Learning Centre.

“To date all objectives have been met. We have youngsters in the system and tutors to help them. The financial statements are in good order, and we have enjoyed a balanced budget since day one.

Members of Scottish Rite should take great pride in the wonderful work being done for dyslexic children and their families.”

Ken Robertson, the Treasurer, spoke about his long-term financial forecast to sustain daily operations and expand the service to other areas of the Valley. The Board of Directors of the Learning Centre has approved his long-term plan.

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Donald N. Campbell

As many of you are aware, our Active Member since 1996 - Donald N. Campbell - requested and was granted Past Active status at the Supreme Council Session this past September in Moncton, New Brunswick. Donald served not only as an Active Member but also as Deputy for Ontario and later as Grand Secretary General of Supreme Council. His dedication to Freemasonry and the leadership he has provided has positively impacted not only this Valley, but Scottish Rite across Canada. He is one of the most respected Masons in the nation and we owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his years of service. Thank you, Donald!!!



Helping Solve The Puzzles Of The Mind... continued

"With the support of the membership we will be able to attain our goals each year." Ken emphasized, "We really need donations from the members. Donations are tax deductible. Whether your donation be \$25 or \$250, it is important! We need every member involved"

And in the end, it's all up to Paul Stephen and his committee of fund-raisers. He was questioned about where the money comes from to operate the Learning Centre?

"Each year we solicit donations by conducting a fundraising campaign amongst the members. In addition, other Masonic groups have generously contributed and we also receive broad support from the general public. But mainly, we count on our members." Paul continued, "This year we're introducing the Polar Bear Lottery."

To tell us more about the Polar Bear Lottery, The Triangle spoke to the Chairman of this new event, John Slessor.

"We decided to replace the golf tournament with an annual lottery. Here are the details:"

"POLAR BEAR LOTTERY FOR DYSLEXIA"

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Friday June 10, 2011 at 5:00 PM

Friday July 8, 2011 at 5:00 PM

Tickets drawn for the Early Bird prizes are returned to the ticket container after each draw, so that all ticket buyers have a chance of winning future draws and the Grand Prize Draw.

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The polar Bear Lottery is a win-win situation for everyone according to John Slessor.

"The Polar Bear tickets make ideal stocking stuffers and gifts this Christmas. At the same time we're helping the Learning Centre provide a wonderful service to the community."



Newest Honourary Inspectors General

Three new Honourary Inspector Generals from the Valley of Barrie were coroneted with their 33° in Moncton, New Brunswick this past September. Congratulations to Kip Coggins, Paul Connor and Gary Morgan on attaining Scottish Rite's highest honour. They were accompanied to Moncton by their wives - Marylou, Mary & Nancy, and of course had the usual large contingent of Barrie members to guide and welcome them. Kip & Marylou reside in Huntsville; Paul & Mary in Orillia; and Gary & Nancy in Brechin.

Also in Moncton, three additional members of our Valley were elected to receive their 33° in Thunder Bay in 2011. Congratulations to Gordon Hedges, Steve Martin and Bradley Vail.

These fine and active Masons are a credit to the Valley of Barrie and we look forward to their participation and leadership in Valley activities in the coming years. The Valley of Barrie currently has 65 Honourary Inspector Generals, 1 Past Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General, and 1 Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General.




Local Rotary Club Helps Learning Centre

On June 29, 2010 the Rotary Club of Barrie/Huronian made a very generous contribution to the Barrie Learning Centre. A cheque in the amount of \$7,175.30 was presented to **Ross Martin** (Learning Centre Director) and **Doug Jagges** (Board of Governors) by Rotarians **Bev Morgan** (incoming President), **Connie Spiegle** (outgoing President) and our own **John Imrie**. Learning Centre Director Ross Martin also gave the Club a short presentation about our facility and the tutoring we provide children suffering from dyslexia. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the members of the Rotary Club for this generous donation.



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Masonic Margin of Error

By III. Bro. Scott Rowe

The Masonic teachings that have been handed down for centuries have such strong moral meaning and philosophical wisdom that they have survived the test of time basically unchanged. The universal appeal of their implications is just as compelling now as it was when the first degrees were formed. Proper portrayal and execution of that work ensures the message will retain its original powerful meaning for a new candidate and reinforce the intended ideals for those of us who continue down the Masonic path of learning. Most lodges and Masons in general, take justifiable pride in the careful practice and portrayal of their ritual work.

Masons also know that we are not operative but speculative workmen and are taught to take the symbolic tools and apply them to our morals. However a lesson can be learnt from any operative craftsmen in regards to the danger of small errors compounding into a larger one by misuse of their tools.

An experienced carpenter who has tried to make a square picture frame knows that unless the mitres are cut as close as possible to 45 degrees the result will be disastrous and any mason building a wall constantly checks for levels and perpendiculars to ensure a satisfactory result. Construction managers have a term for a problem that occurs when a project grows outside its original plan and cost due to a compounding of well intended or overlooked details. It is called scope creep. It is possible to have scope creep in Masonry if we allow minor details and misconceptions to pervade or grow within the Craft.

The evolution of language and what meaning is derived from a particular word can change. Care must be taken when making small well intended changes to the ritual work so that the original intent is not lost in translation. Misconceptions can occur from an improper understanding of the symbolism within the lodge or from external sources such as some of the popular movies and novels which have recently drawn attention to Masonry.

An example of a misconception that has become popularly held by many Masons is seen in the movie National Treasure. Based on a novel of the same name, the film infers Masonic symbolism in the famous design of the Great Seal of the United States which is printed on the back of the one dollar American bill. Everyone is familiar with the Eye of Providence which hovers atop the unfinished pyramid and it is commonly believed that it shows the Masonic influence in the founding of the country.

In reality the Eye has been a religious symbol since ancient Egyptian times and can be associated with the 'Eye of Horus'. In Buddhism it was represented as the 'Eye of the World' and expressed as a trinity by surrounding it with a triangle known as the Tiratna or Triple Gem. Many religious Christian depictions from Medieval and Renaissance iconography shows the Eye as a symbol of the all seeing power of God, sometimes as in the Buddhist version surrounding it with a triangle referring to the Christian Trinity.

Masonic symbolism is often seen in the form of an Eye surrounded by clouds or lines of sun bursts known as a glory and usually meant to serve as a reminder that the Supreme Being or Architect of the Universe oversees our Masonic actions. Interestingly researchers now mostly agree that an actual eye within a pyramid as seen in the Great Seal, is not a true Masonic symbol at all and appears nowhere in the original depictions found throughout Masonry, although it can often be depicted surrounded by a simple triangle or glory. It must be emphasized that a pyramid is not structurally the same as a triangle.

The most likely meaning of the Great Seal is still fascinating without a Masonic context. The pyramid construction shows thirteen steps representing the original thirteen colonies but its unfinished appearance implies further growth and progress. The Latin written above the structure reads ANNUIT COEPTIS which means "God has favoured our undertaking" which explains the Eye looking down on the union. The inscription below the pyramid reads NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM meaning "A new order has begun." In the four year process to arrive at a design there were three different versions proposed by the committee. The only person in that group known to be a Mason was the famous Benjamin Franklin and none of his proposed designs were accepted.

Although there are many other references to Masons being part of the founding of the United States, their effect on the design of the Great Seal has been unfortunately exaggerated and shows how misconceptions can steal their way into a belief system if repeated enough times and accepted without question.

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Masonic Margin of Error... continued

As good Masons we should all strive to do the best work possible and constantly question our success so that the original values and teachings of the craft remain as they were intended to be; a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory.

The bar was set high purposely so that the goals are not easily obtained and many of us may spend our entire lives trying to attain that standard of excellence without getting there. Whether or not we ever succeed in our goal is not important. We all can consider ourselves the better for having tried.

There is a saying that ideals are like stars, we may not reach them, but we may chart our course by them. I like to think if we do not let a Masonic margin of error creep into our Craft we will continue to chart a good course.



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27th Degree Debuts in Barrie

A little bit of history was made on November 26th with the Valley of Barrie's brand new 27th Degree. After months of hard work, and under the direction of **Doug Conway, Cam Goodman** and **Bob Brethour**, the degree was presented on the Friday evening of the Fall Reunion of the Barrie Consistory.



With a cast of 40 and a tremendous amount of behind the scenes work to bring it all together, it really was a huge undertaking. Judging by the comments of those who witnessed the degree, however, all that effort was worth it! Hopefully this degree will become a fixture in the Valley of Barrie for many years to come.



Special Event - Scotch Nosing



The *Rotary Club of Barrie/Huron* will be hosting a scotch nosing on Friday, January 14, 2011 at 99 Morrow Road in Barrie. All proceeds will go to the *Valley of Barrie Learning Centre for Children*. This special event will begin at 6:00 pm with a variety of premium scotches to nose, along with some light snacks. The cost is \$60 per person. Tickets are available from **John Imrie** at 705-734-2730 or john.imrie@rogers.com. Just think - a chance to help our Learning Centre by sipping Scotch!

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August Events

The Valley of Barrie saw two significant events this past August - one old - one new.

First the old. Once again we hosted our annual Pig & Corn Roast - the proceeds from which go to the



regalia/ wardrobe department. The money raised from this event has allowed us to significantly upgrade the wardrobe and backdrops we use in our Scottish Rite degrees. This year's



entertainment was two musical groups - the Kempencelts performing in the front lounge, followed by the singing group Formatix in the Greer Room. The day finished up with our delicious meal and lots of prizes. As usual a good time was had by all!



By the way, the date of the 2011 BBQ is Saturday, August 20th. Mark it on your calendars!



As for the new event, Valley member Jerry Dunlop - the owner of Dunlop Lift Truck here in Barrie - hosts an annual golf tournament at Simoro Golf Links in Oro. This year Jerry donated the proceeds from his tournament, which was held on August 17th, to our Barrie Learning Centre. The \$7900. raised is most appreciated and we owe a debt of gratitude to

Jerry for his thoughtful generosity. Although a 'photo op' cheque presentation wasn't able to be arranged, Jerry's sizable donation was acknowledged at our Rose Croix Reunion. We'll keep you posted as to the date of next year's tournament. Plan to participate - let's show Jerry our appreciation!



One Sunday morning a mother went in to wake up her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going". "Why not?" she asked. "I'll give you two good reasons", he said. "One, they don't like me and two, I don't like them." His mother replied, "I'll give YOU two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church. One, you're 59 years old and two, you're the pastor!"



The Keith Quinn Reunions



The Fall 2010 Reunions of the Valley of Barrie were named in honour of *Ill. Bro. Keith Quinn 33°*, pictured at left. Keith has served as presiding officer of two of our three bodies, and has been a driving force in Valley initiatives such as the Pig Roast and our Scottish Rite 3rd Degree Team. It is an honour well deserved.

The candidates of those reunions were:

Lodge of Perfection

Paul William Arnold (Brechin); *Lawrence Dean Berkenmeier* (Huntsville); *Carlos Marcial Fiallos* (Bracebridge); *Dwight Wesley Fielder* (Moonstone); *Douglas Murray Giffen* (Cookstown); *Paul James Gower* (Everett); *Stephen Ross Hutchinson* (Barrie); *George Rainer Jagotzky* (Meaford); *Scott Richard Jarvis* (Angus); *Brian Leonard Johnson* (Meaford); *Danny Neil Donald Laws* (Stayner); *Bruce Dale MacDonald* (Owen Sound); *John William McCluskey* (Barrie); *Scott McCormick* (Beeton); *Jeffery Robert McQueen* (Holland Landing); *John James Norton* (Stayner); and *George Bruce Smith* (Meaford).



Rose Croix

Paul William Arnold (Brechin); *Lawrence Dean Berkenmeier* (Huntsville); *Carlos Marcial Fiallos* (Bracebridge); *Dwight Wesley Fielder* (Moonstone); *Stephen Ross Hutchinson* (Barrie); *George Rainer Jagotzky* (Meaford); *Brian Leonard Johnson* (Meaford); *Donald Wayne McGillvary* (New Lowell); *Jeffery Robert McQueen* (Holland Landing); and *John James Norton* (Stayner).



Consistory

Paul William Arnold (Brechin); *Robert Mitchell Baskey* (Barrie); *Carlos Marcial Fiallos* (Bracebridge); *Jeffrey David Fachine* (Creemore); *Dwight Wesley Fielder* (Moonstone); *Laurence Joseph Green* (Parry Sound); *Stephen Ross Hutchinson* (Barrie); *Gary Lee Martin* (Parry Sound); *Jeffery Robert McQueen* (Holland Landing); *John James Norton* (Stayner); and *Timothy Preston Shannon* (Georgetown). We would also like to welcome *Arthur Beverley Wilcock 33°* as our newest Affiliated member. Art resides in Richmond Hill and is a regular attendee at our reunions.



Congratulations, brethren, and welcome to the Valley of Barrie!

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Mission Statement

The purpose of this newsletter to keep all of our members, and their families, informed and up to date on events in the Valley; to report on items of note; and to stimulate interest in activities throughout our jurisdiction. Factual accuracy and opinions expressed are the contributors responsibility.

The Triangle is published twice a year in May & December.

Around The Jurisdiction

The Fall Reunion of the *North Bay Chapter of Rose Croix*, held on October 1st, saw *Donald Campbell* receive an Honorary Membership to that body.



Pictured at the presentation are Past Actives *Doug Wilson, Jack Chadbourne and Donald Campbell*.

At the September meeting of *Sheba Shrine Club's Voyageur Unit (Barrie)* 'Chief *Joe Malek* and 'Wampun' *Paul Fockler* presented Triangle Editor *Robert Brethour* with a \$200 donation towards production costs of the newsletter. The Voyageur Unit, which has 40 members, is comprised entirely of Scottish Rite Masons, including the editor himself. In fact, there are no less than eight 33° Masons in this one Unit!



Pictured below are the *Sudbury Lodge of Perfection Officers* for 2010-2011 - Installed and Invested on October 15th. Congratulations!



At the 2010 *Bracebridge Community Volunteerism Awards* ceremony, 4 of the 5 winners were members of *Muskoka Lodge No. 360* - and 3 of them members of this Valley. Pictured at the ceremony are dignitaries and award recipients: *Donald Coates 32°, James D. Lang, Steven Clement, Bruce Kruger, Shawn Kruger, Bruce Turner 32°, and Ken Veitch 33°*.



Once again on November 25th, the *Scottish Rite 3rd Degree Team* from the Valley of Barrie visited a local lodge to confer a third degree. This fall we were at *Kerr Lodge No. 230* in Barrie Raising *Bro. William Marshall*. *Gordon Spencer* organized a first class degree team for a very special evening. This Degree Team is always looking for invitations to visit Craft Lodges in our jurisdiction.



Finally, the 'angelic' looking group above is the *17th Degree Cast* of *Spry Chapter Rose Croix* - backstage this past spring just prior to conferring the degree.