

RAMBLINGS

The Worshipful Master, Wm. M. Lewis, has requested me to again present to you, items of interest of Georgina Lodge during the past year. Naturally the evening of greatest import to W. Bro. Lewis was that of installation. V.W. Bro. Percy Davies was the installing master, assisted by the past masters. A large turn-out of members and many visitors were in attendance to do honour to one who has been most zealous in his masonry and faithful to Georgina.

In my last 'ramblings', I told you of his qualifications. His year of office has been a good one.

The word 'lewis' is a masonic word, not heard very often in this country, but a great deal in past times in the Mother Land and masonically means "Son of a Mason". As such preference was given to him and he could, in the Old Country, join a lodge when eighteen.

After a busy Masonic year, quietness prevailed. Our usual visits to Sunderland and Stouffville were made, when the masters and officers of King Edward Lodge and Richardson Lodge were installed and invested by the past masters of Georgina for the 33rd time. These outings are highlights indeed. R. W. Bro. H. C. Tugwell again was present to give direction.

Activities in the Lodge commenced again the second Friday in September. Members' night was the fourth Friday. Twenty-five year buttons were available to the following brethren: B. Maartense, W. R. Davidge, J. S. Harris, W. Funk, N. H. Wetton, R. H. Stanners and W. Bro. P. P. Corking. Will the members of Georgina Lodge remember the fourth Friday in September.

At our October meeting, I had the great pleasure to present the Grand Lodge fifty year medal to Bro. Albert S. Savage, a traveller of note and renown and still going strong. Bro. Geo. Thompson who received his medal the year before, was also present and received a most cordial reception.

R. W. Bro. Fred Pike, the D.D.G.M. was duly and honourably received at the regular meeting in November. After the Inspection, his remarks were complimentary indeed, and appreciated a great deal by the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members. A large and enthusiastic group of visitors were present to do honour to us and to R.W. Bro. Pike. The third degree was conferred with full musical ritual and the out-of-town lodges of District B were delighted indeed to have this opportunity of being present.

Our 'Smoker' in December was an exceptionally well attended affair, more than 250 being present. The girls' choir gave joyfully of their talent and received glorious applause from the brethren present—and most suitably thanked by Bro. Norman Leach. The choir was under the guidance of Harvey Perrin, who is the assistant director of music for the Province of Ontario.

The January meeting was an eventful one, in that R. W. Bro. Crouch had the pleasure of initiating his son, Dr. Stuart McFaul Crouch as a member of our Lodge. R.W. Bro. J. A. M. Taylor, a past member of our Lodge was the speaker at the banquet hour. His message was a most helpful one.

February saw the past masters under the guidance of W. Bro. Ross Haviland, do the work of the evening. The past masters enjoyed the opportunity of exemplifying the E.A. Degree, and W. Bro. Haviland thanked the

Master for his kind remarks—and you know, I really think they deserved them.

Our March regular meeting was different in that the fellowcraft degree was conferred on two of our new members. I think that another year, this might be done again.

Then March 30th was Ladies' Night, a truly memorable evening for all present. To Bro. Alec. Phare and his assistants, we are greatly indebted. Talent of high nature is so worth while and enjoyable.

April came and with it the elections, Bro. Norman J. Leach becoming the Master-Elect and other officers taking a forward step. Illness has caused Walter Allebone to regretfully say that he could not continue, and equally regretfully we had to accept his resignation. Our Master-Elect is the secretary of the Canadian Jewellers Association. He is vigorous, talented and experienced. Has travelled to all parts of Canada in his capacity as secretary of the association. Came to Toronto in 1928, was with the Consolidated Press—Trade papers his specialty, 1932 was editor of the Trader (Jewellers' magazine), in 1937 assumed his present duties—is married to a most charming and understanding lady, has three children, two boys and a girl—and all the above after being born and educated in Ottawa. Just shows how handicaps can be overcome.

Our emergent meetings have been well attended and very much worth while. I am sure that the average attendance was at least sixty. You do get acquainted with your fellow-members and the films that have been shown have been delightful as well as educational. Make a note to attend, second Friday—supper at 6.15 p.m.

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The names of those who have become members of Georgina during the last year are given here so that you may remember them. They are a most worthy addition to Masonry in general and to our Lodge in particular.

Initiated Members

Bro. G. K. Daley
Bro. M. Whyte
Bro. B. R. Cheeseman
Bro. O. J. B. St. John
Bro. L. L. Menary
Bro. C. W. Bottomley
Bro. H. D. H. Crozier
Bro. H. W. Collard
Bro. T. Radek
Bro. S. McF. Crouch
Bro. J. K. Morris
Bro. J. C. Thompson
Bro. A. A. Hunt
Bro. A. Bowden
Bro. J. F. Boehm
Bro. R. A. Walker

By Affiliation

Bro. A. T. Sinclair
Bro. E. C. Bradly
Bro. N. J. Pankhurst
Bro. W. M. L. Lyons
Bro. A. A. Searle
Bro. D. B. Tees
Bro. W. B. Sowrey
Bro. R. A. Johnson

By Restoration

Bro. E. R. Mills

Our masonic year is not without its moments of sadness, and again we tell you of our great loss, and also the loss to the families of these brethren. Their fellowship and companionship we enjoyed and will revere, for their deeds of kindness were many. Bro. Thomas Martin, a member of over fifty years. V.W. Bro. H. F. E. Kent, initiated in 1900 and beloved by all who knew him. Dave Watt, initiated Dec., 1919. W. Bro. John E. James—who told such

delightful stories; W. W. "Wally" Anderson, initiated 1908. George Thompson, initiated 1898—Secretary for over thirty years. Harold P. Ritchie, the past few years seldom attended; James R. Gordon, very interested in his lodge; W. L. Jones, has lived in Winnipeg for some years.

From here to the end, "rambling" will be the true word. Bro. S. G. H. Trimby has certainly earned the applause of all members for his chairmanship of the sick committee and his recruiting of blood donors for the Masonic Order. A visit from Syd. is worthwhile.

At the regular meeting in February, the Past Masters presented their Lodge with a beautiful Altar Cloth and Cushion—and I mean beautiful. It will replace the flag used for so many years and it was fitting that with the start of our 75th Anniversary just around the corner, our Altar should be clothed in Masonic dignity. Bro. Norman Leach made the presentation on behalf of the Past Masters and it was received happily and sincerely by W. Bro. Lewis. To R.W. Bros. Tugwell and Berkinshaw for overseeing the ordering and making of the Cloth and Cushion, we are indebted.

I must pay a tribute to Bro. James Moffatt for his cheerful willingness in obtaining transportation when needed.

R. W. Bro. Crouch has been able to be with us more often this past year and his education messages were well received.

W. Bro. E. D. Renaud has been the speaker at many lodges throughout Toronto and district.

Georgina is indeed a Lodge of travellers. V. W. Bro. Stanners has recently returned from his visit to California. Bro. Belsham also visited the far West—both sides of the border. Our genial Secretary managed last fall a tour of the Southern States and so it goes. W. Bro. Corking, our Treasurer, deserves praise from all

for his untiring efforts on our behalf. His preparation of the circular is quite a task and he does it with all grace and kindness. How he ever retains his single blessedness is beyond most of us.

Our Reception Committee should feel that their efforts are worthwhile. So many nice remarks have been made to me by our visitors for the kindly welcome they received.

Bro. Hugh Renaud who was so seriously ill in the Port Arthur hospital, and who was the recipient of so much Masonic kindness by the Masons of Port Arthur is regaining his health and vigor.

Canon McTear, our Chaplain for the past few years, was presented with life membership on his retirement from office. He travelled here and there and eventually came to the Pacific Ocean where he stopped for a while and then came back East. He is making his home in St. Catharines—so we are just going to say 'Au revoir'. Any time while in St. Catharines, go and say hello—a chat with the Canon is always refreshing and very educational.

Oh yes, I almost forgot to tell you—for recreation the Master-Elect chooses gardening and for relaxation—painting in the artistic sense. Frank Arnott please note.

When ex-editor Leach starts in to edit these ramblings—well—I have a hunch that at the end of his term of office, he will write his own message to you, giving you the highlights of our 75th year in Masonry.

Plan in your mind, now, to be present at as many meetings as possible during the coming 75th year of our Lodge.

May those who find it impossible to attend, and those of our members who live in far away places learn from these rambling remarks that all is well in Georgina.

J. V. T.