

THE GLENLYON LODGE
NO. 346 S.C.

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NEW DISTRICT GRAND MASTER INSTALLED

W. Bro. Lloyd R. Moore P.S.D.G.M was installed as the new Right Worshipful District Grand Master at a ceremony and banquet at the Pegasus Hotel on the 16th of February 2007. The new District Grand Master has been a freemason of over 25 years and has served the craft in an exceptional manner at his mother lodge and at the district. He succeeds the much beloved W. Bro. Frank Constantine Mitchell D.G.M. who passed away in December of 2006. The installation ceremony was attended by a host of distinguished Masons from around the world including the Grand Master Mason Brother Sir Archibald Donald Orr Ewing 6th Bart., M.A.



D.G.M. Lloyd Moore exchanging tokens with the Grand Master Mason Sir Archibald Orr Ewing at the Installation Ceremony

EXCERPTS OF THE ADDRESS BY THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

**AT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE HILTON HOTEL, NEW KINGSTON
ON FEBRUARY 16TH, 2007**

"It is the journey not the arrival that matters" My journey did not begin when I became a Freemason, but many years earlier, when my mother inculcated in me four great lessons. The first is, *"work hard and sincerely at whatever you choose to do, however humble; you will be greatly rewarded"*. The second is, *"Share; share freely with everyone; not just with those you judge to be needy but with anyone who will receive. You will benefit from the sheer joy that comes from giving"*. The third is, *"Choose your friends carefully, but who ever you choose, never allow yourself to be pulled down by them; carry yourself so that they will be lifted up to you"* The fourth and last lesson she taught is, *"Whatever you do, be honest. You can fool everyone around you but yourself; your actions will always betray your guilt"* My mother was a woman wise beyond her humble circumstances and education and whenever she caught me out as I tried to cover up a misdeed, would use a phrase which to the best of my knowledge she coined

and which with great effort, I have resisted the temptation to claim. She would say, “Ruddy, don’t lie to me, ***‘Your action speaks so loudly I can hardly hear you’***”. I think you will forgive me that I find comfort not in the philosophy of one of the greats but in the wisdom of a humble and proud mother. These, what we call in Freemasonry, tenets of life, have lived with me and guided me successfully up to the time I became a Freemason, nearly twenty-seven years ago. You see Brethren, ***“Masonry begins at home, for what we seek in Masonry was there within us all along but be bothered not to possess it”***. That I stand before you today is testimony to the fact that I have learned and applied my mother’s lessons well and that on the journey they have been beautified and adorned by an Institution whose aim is to make good men better men; ***to erect superstructures perfect in all its parts***, on the foundations of the good men we admit to our Order.

However Brethren, my own experience speaks to one thing other, ***“The importance of mentoring”*** to the young Masons in our Lodges. Every young Mason, with a little guidance and help from an older and more experienced Mason, is a potential ruler of the Craft. Every bright young Mason we engage has the potential to reshape the course of Masonic history and add to its already glorious luster.

Every young Mason we nurture and retain is a source of life for the institution, literally a reservoir for Masonic resuscitation, for it is he who will bring in the next young Mason and the next, and the next by sevens.

That I stand on the floor of the Lodge to address you today symbolizes many other things, some of which you will readily decipher, but most importantly, it conveys that I will not hold myself above you in the mission to lift every Jamaican Mason, English and Irish included, up the Masonic Ladder of knowledge; that the only route to the top is from the floor; and that I will not allow you to isolate me on an elevated platform but will continue to work with you ***‘on the level’***, so that we may grow together; together in harmony and love to build a gentler more harmonious Masonry; a Masonry characterized by Charity, Tolerance and Compassion. A Masonry where merit is the only basis for reward; where integrity walks proudly and uprightly and where we so value each other’s opinion that we can boast transparency in all the business of our District.

So now you think that the journey is over and I may be deemed to have arrived; but, arrived where I ask? Is the journey ended? For me the answer is no. For me, my new role as District Grand Master is but a new beginning; a new challenge; a challenge not simply to maintain but to build. To build on the fine legacy of those who have passed this way before me. After some of the events of the past year, I consider it my task to reassure our predecessors in their uneasy slumber, and to restore to them, their pride in this monument that they have ***built***.

I intend ***“to make a difference”***. Freemasonry is as old as the hills but it is its willingness to do what it must to remain relevant that has assured its preservation and longevity. I am sure you will support me as I strive to make that difference. My Brethren, many years ago Freemasonry became my second family and now that I have the honour and privilege to lead this District, I consider it my duty to put it to work ***“with good and wholesome advice and council and with LOVE”***, and to nurture it with tender loving care. In this regard, as is my charge, I cannot over emphasize that I will work to build a more loving and gentle Masonry. A Masonry where we speak to each other in gentle, friendly and conciliatory tones, that demonstrates respect for the most junior among us; a Masonry where the word ***Brother*** is not just a title but implies that we share the concerns of every man that bears this title; a Masonry where we respect the feelings of our Brethren, for if we do we will be sensitive to do in his presence only those things which are MASONIC in nature; and most importantly, those things that take full account of his comfort. Brethren, I have many plans for Scottish Freemasonry in Jamaica but I will close with the promise that, ***“I vow to lead you well and wisely with much emphasis on Charity, Kindness, Love and Respect; and a high regard for Integrity”***

Lloyd R. Moore RWDGM, Hon JGW—February 16th, 2007.

Depute Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Visits Jamaica

The Depute Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Scotland who is also the Eminent & Rev. Grand Master of the Great Priory of Scotland Kenneth D Kennedy arrived in the island and his arrived on Monday April 2nd and was met by several well known Fratres headed by the District Grand Prior Elect. While here and in his capacity of the Eminent & Rev. Grand Master of the Great Priory of Scotland he conducted the historic ceremony for the Erection and Consecration of the District Grand Priory of Jamaica, Panama and the Bahamas. and the Installation of the District Grand Prior John Sinclair, Commissioned Officers and Elective Officers on Saturday 7th, at the Freemasons building at McGregor Square. The RWM of the Glenlyon Lodge Bro. Gregory Khan and another ten Master Masons were privileged to be invited to view the excellent work done by the Grand Master and his deputation. The Master Masons present were impressed by the regalia and the Ceremony which though suitably sombre was nonetheless elegant and carried out with great ease. In attendance were a number of Panamanian Fratres (of Barbadian extraction) after which a banquet celebrating the event was enjoyed by all.

In his capacity as Depute Grand Master of the of The Grand Lodge of Scotland W.Bro Kennedy led a Deputation from Grand Lodge which visited Lodge Jackson McLaren Wint on Tuesday, April 3rd where they witnessed a Third Degree. On Thursday April 5th they visited Lodge Imperial Service where Bro Christopher Kelley delivered an excellent Lecture on the Tracing Board. The Most Eminent & Rev. Grand Master and his wife also attended a Church Service on Easter Sunday at the Church of St. Margaret in Liguanea, Kingston presided by the Rector Fratre Rev Canon Dr. C Vivian Cohen. The Most Eminent & Rev. Grand Master and his wife departed the island on Easter Monday the 9th of April.

Glenlyon Brethren On the Move !!!!

Freemasonry has been known for attracting the brightest and the best that society has to offer who are then even made more exceptional. Proof of this recently was in the promotion of the well loved Bro. Peter McCartney P.M. who was promoted to Group Risk Manager for the Diageo Group in the U.K. with special responsibility for Africa and the Caribbean, and Bro. Alistair Narcisse (P.M. no. 2519 E.C.) who has recently been appointed as Group Security Manager for Caribbean Airlines. Bro. Peter McCartney will be based in London and Bro. Alistair Narcisse will be based in Port of Spain. We wish then the best of luck as they are proof positive of the results of the application of Masonic values

:"Well Done Bro. Alistair and Bro. Peter"



Bro. Peter McCartney being presented with certificates by I.P.M. Bro. Carl Domville with R.W.M. Gregory Khan looking on

DGM Outlines Ambitious Plan of Action

Excerpts of the DGM address at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge on the 28th of February 2007

The District Grandmaster has outlined his plans for his administration regarding the following;

- The Financial Health of the District
- The Administrative Health of the District
- Educational and training goals
- Participation of Lodges in decision making at District level
- Intra Lodge relationship

Financial Health—It is a well known fact that our District is perennially strapped for cash. This is so as our only source of financing is the dues and fees it earns from the Daughter Lodges. To augment this figure we have put the Ways and Means Committee to work and by so doing may be in breach of the guidelines we have set for our Lodges to follow. This cannot be healthy. To this end we must immediately revisit the budget to correct this ill and to set fees which will support the District you so love.

Administrative Health—I do not think anyone would contradict me if I say that we do not currently have the benefit of an efficient, responsive and well-run District Grand Lodge Office. Without offence to the previous District Grand Secretary who performed more than creditably with little or no resources, an office that is accessible to the Lodges three hours per day, three of four days per week, cannot serve the needs of a growing District of nineteen Craft Lodges which must interact with Grand Lodges and District Grand Lodges all over the world. We must therefore improve the staffing of the Office and we must set it up as a functional office responsive to the needs of the brethren.

Educational and training goals—I intend to propose to the General Committee that we identify and appoint a District Grand Lecturer and two Assistant District Grand Lecturers. The District Grand Lecturer will report to the Depute District Grand Master and will be responsible for the organizing of Masonic Seminars and Workshops.

Participation of Lodges in decision making—A new feature will be an Annual Report for Lodge Secretaries that will detail the involvement of the Past Masters in the activities of the Lodge. This, coupled with an assessment of activity at District Grand Lodge level, will have the effect of recommending them for promotion to the District and Hon District Grand Rank. Indeed it may even advise the District Grand Master on recommendations for appointment to Grand Rank.

Intra-Lodge Relationships—I find it worthy on comment that in most instances Lodges that meet in this building, have no policy of intra visitation; while these same Lodges are twinned with English and Irish Lodges and exchange visits at least once per year. Then there are Lodges that have overseas relationships but have lost touch even with their sponsoring Lodges at home. We must make an effort to improve this situation; we must learn to support each other and each other's projects. The weaker Lodges must be identified and until we improve the lot of the weaker ones. I think that, for the time being, we must cease the expansion of Lodges and concentrate on the improvement, growth and viability of the present ones.

A Brief History of Lodge Seville no. 530 S.C.

By Bro. B.A.Carr J.P: P.M. 2006

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The lodge had its first meeting on March 2, 1873, with the first master being Bro. Michael Solomon. Interestingly Mr. Charles Steer was initiated March 3, 1873, the very next day. One has to ask the question, if the plan was to do that, or if it were the first instance of the much talked about meetings of duration of "more than one day". As we learnt at the March 2006 installation meeting, when we inducted the first nine brethren in our roll of honour, Bro Steer was the first initiate who also became the first initiate to go to the chair of this lodge.

The meetings of the lodge were held in a building near the sea, for many years. We are not certain exactly where, but there were many wharves in St Ann's Bay, one owned by the Stephenson family, of which Bros (Henry) Harry and Percival were prominent masons.

The present site was acquired from Bro Harry Stephenson in 1929 for £150, by way of a loan given by three brethren, Bro Robert Gillies, L.A. Henriques and Henry A. Campbell. The process to erect the building commenced in 1932 when a sketch of the proposed building was presented by the RWM, Bro Dr Frank Hunter, a Dental Surgeon and Bro R.O. Bell, a Solicitor, and not Bro Gillies, an architect, who was one of the three lenders. The estimates of the cost of the building were £364 for the materials £36 for transportation and £150 for labour. Bro Arthur S. Byles gave the hardwood lumber, on an as is and where is basis" with the lodge paying to cut and transport them from his property in the hills.

The approximately £600 which was needed, was acquired from generous contributions from the brethren, and loans from Bro Robert Percy Simmonds, who incidentally was initiated in 1880, 52 years earlier, for £50 and un-named commercial sources £350, after the following resolutions were passed in June 1932.

1. "Resolved that this lodge proceeds to erect and complete new Lodge Rooms on the land now owned by the lodge and that for this purpose the Trustees be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds".

2. "Resolved that the trustees of the lodge be authorized to raise by loans from members or otherwise, the sum of Four Hundred Pounds or such smaller sum as may be required to bring the building Fund up to the amount of six hundred pounds that is necessary for the erection and completion of the new Lodge Rooms".

The loans were to be for a period of seven years, at an interest rate of 5%. The procedural matters were tidied up, in one month, quite decisive compared to today's experience, and erection started in August 1932 with the stone laying ceremony in September. "800 invitations were sent out, 450 to masons and 350 to persons in the St Ann area". Twelve stones were laid, (10) ten by masons and (2) two by prominent persons, Sir Thomas Roxburgh, the acting Custos and Mr. C.O. Cover the Chairman of the Parochial Board. The building was completed and dedicated in October 1935 at a final cost of approximately £700. There was the practice of cost over runs from those days, surprisingly. By then the lodge's indebtedness was £440, which was funded by a £300 loan from the Roxburgh Memorial Scholarship Fund, at an interest rate of 5% p.a. and many contributions from the brethren and sister lodges.

It took a little longer than seven years to repay the mortgage, as the discharge was made and noted in the minutes in September 1944, twelve years later, as against the stated intention of seven years.

he brethren of recent vintage may have thought that the improvements done in 1991 and 2000 were a bit unusual or even expensive, not so. Many little improvements took place in the first 16 years, until in 1951 when a loan of £500 was received from Bro J.J.'Gilde to improve the amenities, including the erection of bathrooms.

The next "wave of improvements" started under the mastership of Bro H.G.Logan, in preparation for the 100th anniversary celebrations in 1973. The main feature of the Anniversary celebration was a Church Service attended by the Governor General Sir Florizel Glasspole, and the Lord Archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies, an English Mason, who presided at the church service.

The next recorded "wave of improvements" took place during the mastership of Bro B.A.Carr in 1991, with considerable assistance from Bro Derrick Arscott, when the wooden floor was replaced with the concrete. It was necessary for the lodge to have its meetings at another temple during the periods of improvement in 1972 and 1991, these meetings were held in Linstead, at John James Mills' temple. The final "wave of improvements" took place in 2000 during the mastership of Bro Douglas Murray, with considerable assistance from Bro N.W. Manley Bowen. This has undoubtedly been the most significant improvement and expansion to the building. I wish to continue by looking at the activities of the lodge over the four quarters of its existence, we know that we masons speak in terms of angles of 90° or the fourth part of a circle, that is mere coincidence, as simply put, it was the best way to break down the activities over the past 132 years to 2005, in a uniformed manner.

The lodge was founded by eight brethren, in 1873, as has been stated earlier, and no fewer than 20 gentlemen were initiated in the first four months, that is to August 1873, the most in any year since the lodge's consecration (formation). Sixty-six other gentlemen joined the lodge in the first 33 years or the first quarter ended 1906. The second most active period of membership growth, with 86 persons becoming members. The next quarter, 1907 to 1939, had eighty two (82) persons joining the lodge, the first five years of the this period and the last four of the previous period, nine (9) years all told, saw the suspension of the lodge's activities. I was not able to ascertain the real reasons for this suspension, suffice it to say that many of the members at the time of the suspension, "re-emerged" at the end of the period. The next quarter, the third, 1940 to 1973 saw 99 gentlemen joining the lodge, the greatest number in any quarter. Coming closer to the period, which many of us can associate with, 69 members have joined, the lowest of the four periods, which ironically has been the period of greatest mobility.

In the one hundred thirty-three years of our existence we have had sixty-one joining members from thirty-three lodges, interestingly there were more than 50 % of English Lodges "supplying" these members.

The Glenlyon Lodge No. 346 SC, the oldest Scottish lodge in Jamaica had 10 members joining; those who never joined from this lodge were equally supportive, as they made several visits, many times filling chairs for absent office bearers : Lodge Seville is the second oldest Scottish lodge in Jamaica.

The lodge has had ten members who have held GL honours, including a DGM, Bro Adam Roxburgh who was DGM for Scotland in Jamaica, as the title then was. Three of the ten are alive, namely Bros Vincent Reid, N.W.M. Bowen and Evol Lyn Cook, all Hon GBBs.

There have been two DDGMs, Fourteen Sub. DGM, and thirty-two members who have held offices at the district level.

The Development of Freemasonry in the Caribbean

with special reference to Guyana.(Part 1)

by W. Bro. Dr. Harold Davis

There is so much more to Freemasonry than the shallow depth of today's assessment and its scant inspection by today's society, obsessed as society is with material success for the individual rather than his contribution to society.

The development of Freemasonry in Caribbean society has been largely influenced by the events in the United Kingdom and Europe in the Colonial era and more recently by the nationalism that has developed and grown in the years following the Second World War. From that historical perspective, six distinct periods of change within freemasonry can be identified:

1. The Pre-Union period, prior and up to 1813 (The active presence of Scottish and Irish Freemasonry notwithstanding)
2. The early Post-Union years 1814 to 1850
3. A period of consolidation - 1850 to 1900
4. A period of steady growth 1900 to 1950
5. Growth in Caribbean nationalism 1950 to 1970
6. Post Independence period

The Pre Union Period

It is not surprising that outside of the British Isles, some of the oldest Lodges in the English and Scottish Constitutions are to be found in the Caribbean. This region was after all at the time the prized possessions of the European Colonial powers of the day. Many of the early lodges were established by members of the military, who have been and still remain ambassadors for the worldwide spread of Freemasonry. The Craft in those early days was however, maintained by members of the Colonial Service, members of the Planter class, influential businessmen and merchants.

The mid to late 18th century appears to have been a very busy period in the Caribbean with respect to the formation of lodges. The not infrequent changes in Colonial power as result of the struggle for possession as well as the general state of turmoil in Europe as result of the French Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars and the growth of Republicanism in the Netherlands, also contributed to the fluctuating fortunes of Freemasonry, particularly in Guyana (British Guiana) and some of the Eastern Caribbean islands. Most of these Lodges have long since been erased

This period was also one of intense rivalry between the two Grand Lodges in English Freemasonry i.e., The Premier Grand Lodge (Moderns) and the Grand Lodge of the Antients (Atholl lodges). Scottish Freemasonry, not subject to such rivalry, enjoyed steady progress. Although there is evidence that Irish Freemasonry has always been influential in the Caribbean, particularly in the early days, this Constitution has had by far the weakest following among British Grand Lodges over the years within the Region. Why this has been so is not clear although the close association of Irish Freemasonry with the Atholl Lodges may have been a factor.

The first record of a consecrated lodge in the English speaking Caribbean was that of Parham Lodge No.154 E.C., which was warranted in Antigua in 1738. Also around 1738, it is said that Mother Lodge No.182 E.C. was established in Jamaica. This Lodge was however actually warranted in 1776.

Other early Lodges included, St. Christopher. Lodge No.174 E.C. (St. Kitts), established in 1939, Great Lodge of St. John No.192 EC (Antigua), 1744.and Port Royal Lodge No.193 E.C. (Jamaica), 1942.

Several Lodges, predominantly of the English Constitution were apparently established in St. Kitts, Antigua, Barbados and Jamaica during the period 1740 and 1775. None of these have survived, although it is to be noted that St. Christopher Lodge No.174 (The Mother Lodge) of St. Kitts had unbroken activity for 123 years, until it was erased in 1862. A Provincial Grand Lodge had already been established in Barbados in 1740. This Provincial Grand Lodge was to play an important role in the early establishment of Freemasonry in Guyana. A Provincial Grand Lodge had been established in Jamaica by the Premier Grand Lodge in 1742 and by 1775, there were 14 active Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Premier Grand Lodge in various parts of that island. The Antient Grand Lodge had by then established two Lodges, the first at Old Harbour in 1763 and the second at Green Island in 1772. There is also a record of a Provincial Grand Lodge in Bermuda in 1745.

Scottish Freemasonry apparently made its appearance a little later than the English Brethren. The first recorded Scottish Lodge in the Caribbean was Lodge St. Andrew No.102, which met in St. Thomas Jamaica. This Lodge was erased in 1816. Another early Scottish Lodge was Lodge St Andrew No.151 (St. Kitts), which was warranted in 1761 and, was active until 1809.

Early Scottish Freemasonry apparently began its major expansion in Caribbean in the 1790s. This period also coincided with a period on expansion of English Lodges as well. It is therefore possible that the relative stability and prosperity of the English Colonies at the time may have been associated with a period of growth in Freemasonry. Not to be ignored would have been the impact of the French Revolution, which had spread its influence to the West Indian Islands, the British colonies gaining numbers by Frenchmen, who had fled the French islands. Scottish Lodges warranted the 1790s include Lodge St. George No.200, of Bermuda, which was warranted on the 17th of August 1797. This Lodge has met continuously since its formation. Other Scottish Lodges warranted in the period include Lodge Scotia No.206 of Barbados, which was warranted in 1797, but became inactive by 1844 and was quickly revived in that year as No.340. Lodge Mount of Olives No.241 was warranted in St. Kitts in 1791, but became dormant in 1816. It was revived in 1835 as No.497. It was subsequently renamed Lodge Mount Olive and allocated the present number 336.

There is evidence that Irish Freemasonry was active in the Caribbean in the early years. Indeed one of the early Lodges of Trinidad and Tobago was Union Lodge No. 690, which was chartered in Martinique in 1788 and relocated to Trinidad in 1802. This Lodge became dormant 1838. Royal Lodge No.207 EC of Jamaica began its existence as an Irish Lodge No.699 in 1789. Irish Freemasonry was also apparently evident in the early years in Guyana. An Irish Lodge No.887 was warranted in Demerara in 1800. There is some speculation as to whether this Warrant may have been for Chosen Friends of Demerara; the acknowledged precursor of Union Lodge No.247 E.C. Chosen Friends functioned under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of New York. Members of an Irish Lodge No.33 (It is believed this may have been a military lodge stationed in Guyana around the time) were associated with the charter of Mount Olive Lodge No.385 EC. Today Irish Freemasonry has a significant presence only in Jamaica and Bermuda, both of which have Provincial Grand Lodges.

Freemasonry is
a progressive
science. Its
study and
practice
continues as
long as you
live. In spirit,
you will be a
Fellow Craft
for the rest of
your life, and
as such, you
stand as a
living symbol of
enlightenment
and wisdom,
which reveres
and treasures
the knowledge
you have
attained.

Freemasonry came to Trinidad and Tobago later than its sister Caribbean islands. It is believed that this was most likely influenced by the fact that Trinidad had been a stable Spanish colony from 1498 up to 1797 when it passed to British rule. Under Spanish rule, the influence of the Roman Catholic Church was very dominant. The church at the time had adopted a firm anti-Masonic position. Another characteristic of Spanish colonialism of the day was the principle of the exclusive, minimal exposure to trade and cultural contact with other cultures. Although there were also significant numbers of French plantation owners in the colony at the time, these were also Roman Catholic and blended well into the society established under colonial Spanish rule.

The first Lodge to be established in Trinidad and Tobago was Lodge Les Freres Unis, which was forced to find another base of operation from its native St. Lucia, in 1798. Les Freres Unis was first chartered in 1795 by the Grand Lodge of France, then in 1798 by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as No.77. It was subsequently warranted as Lodge United Brothers No.251 S.C. in 1813. Lodge United Brothers continues to be very active. It has a tradition of a unique and dramatic ritual which is practiced in only a very few Lodges and no other in the Caribbean. The second Lodge to be operative in Trinidad was another import. Union Lodge No. 690 IC transferred its operations from Martinique in 1802, following the return of that Island to French rule under the Treaty of Amiens. This Lodge ceased to function in 1838.

Freemasonry also developed in Guyana at a slower pace than in the West Indian Islands. The first record of a Lodge to be established in Guyana was St. Jean de la Reunion, which met in the Colony of Demerara under a warrant from the National Grand Lodge of the United Provinces (the Netherlands), from 1771. The petitioners for this Lodge apparently had a preference for affiliation to the Premier Grand Lodge of England (Moderns), as the principal petitioner, Bro Antonio Rigano was an English mason. However an agreement between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Holland signed in 1770, placed the Colony of Demerara under Dutch Masonic jurisdiction. It is not clear where this Lodge met but it is possible that it may have been on Fort Island, (in the mouth of the Essequibo River) which was the seat of administration for the Colonies of Demerara and Essequibo. The two Colonies were under one administration in that period. It is interesting to note that in the Court of Policy building which is preserved on Fort Island, are to be found two iron tombs with unmistakably Masonic symbols engraved on their surfaces. The dates on these tombs are earlier than our existing record of Masonic activity in Guyana. Lodge St Jean de la Reunion, from its inception had a very unsettled existence and went into dormancy some time during the 1780s.

A second Dutch Lodge Coelum Non Mutat Genus translation. *The clime does not change the breed* was warranted 1n 1799. This Lodge met in New Amsterdam in the Colony of Berbice. There is little documentation on the activities of this Lodge, although it of interest that one the Founders was one Bro. A.J. van Batenburg who later became Governor of the Colony of Berbice. The fortunes of Dutch Colonial rule in the Caribbean were significantly affected by the French Revolution and the ensuing Napoleonic wars. The Netherlands came under the rule of the Batavian Republic by 1795. The Dutch sovereign William V fled the country and sought refuge in Britain, to which country he declared allegiance.

The British occupied the Colonies in the name of the Dutch monarch, to the relief of the Colonials who were avowed monarchists. This situation continued until 1802, when the colony was returned to the Dutch under the Treaty of Amiens. The Colonies were reoccupied by the British the following year, and were formally transferred to Britain in the peace of 1814 to 1815.

The occupation of the Colonies by the British created the conditions for an influx of English planters. Among these persons were drawn the founders of the Lodge Chosen Friends of Demerara which was warranted in 1800 by the Grand Lodge of New York. This unusual affiliation arose because the Colonies were still formally under Dutch Masonic jurisdiction as agreed by the Premier Grand Lodge. The founders of Lodge Chosen Friends were clearly in opposition to the Premier Grand Lodge. The application for the warrant included the words: *notwithstanding the desire to establish the Lodge, the difficulties of the times have rendered all intercourse with Holland unattainable. And moreover, your petitioners are given to understand that the denomination of people styling themselves Masons in that country are not of our illustrious order but are distinguished by the APPELATION OF MODERNS AMONG WHOM WE HAVE NO MASONIC INTERCOURSE.* The Grand Lodge of New York issued the warrant on condition that it could only remain in force until the issue of sovereignty over the Colonies was settled, at which time the warrant would be voided. By 1813, it was clear that the Colonies would remain under British jurisdiction and that condition would be invoked. Although there is no formal documentation of the withdrawal of the warrant of Chosen Friends and the warranting of Union Lodge under the Antients Grand Lodge of England in July 1813, there is more than circumstantial evidence that Union Lodge was formed by the membership of Lodge Chosen Friends. A number of the Chosen Friends furnishings and documents remain in the records of Union Lodge. It is also to be noted that Abraham Cart, the Founder Master of Lodge Chosen Friends was the Founder Master of Union Lodge. Union Lodge was Warranted as No.358 on the Register of the Antients After the act of Union it was renumbered No.462 in the new United Grand Lodge. This was changed to No.308 in 1832 and finally in 1863 to No.247, which it still bears.

There is also a record of a Fellowship Lodge, which met in New Amsterdam prior to 1813 under a warrant from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Barbados. This would have made the Lodge irregular in the eyes of United Grand Lodge, which did not recognize any warrant issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Barbados issues outside the shores of the island. This was subsequently regularized in 1839 when the Lodge received an official warrant as No. 682. It was unfortunately erased in 1862. The intense and often bitter rivalry of the latter 18th century, between the Premier and the Antients Grand Lodges of English Freemasonry appears to have been very evident in the Caribbean territories. It would seem however that the Antients (Atholl) Lodges attracted a more dedicated membership, as all six of the surviving English Lodges from the period are Atholl Lodges. These are:

1. Albion Lodge No. 196- Bridgetown, Barbados -----.1790
2. Royal Lodge No. 207 Kingston, Jamaica-----.1794
3. Atlantic Phoenix Lodge No.224 Hamilton, Bermuda-----.1797
4. Prince Alfred Lodge No.233 Somerset, Bermuda-----.1792
5. Friendly Lodge No. 239 Kingston, Jamaica -----.1797
6. Union Lodge No.247 Georgetown, Guyana-----.1813

Scottish Lodges of similar vintage in the Caribbean are:

1. Lodge St. George No.200 St. Georges, Bermuda -----1797
2. Lodge United Brothers No.251 Port of Spain, Trinidad -----1813
3. (1795 to 1798 St. Lucia Grand Lodge of France & 1798 to 1813
Trinidad Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania)

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“Two Lodges Celebrate Milestones”

Lodge De la Vega 1774 S.C. and Lodge Semper Fidelis no. 1530 S.C. celebrate impressive milestones in 2007. Lodge De la Vega chartered on the 6th of May 1982 and constituted on the 15th of September 1982 celebrates its 25th Anniversary. Lodge De la Vega is the most lasting of the Scottish lodges in Jamaica's ancient capital outlasting Lodge Victoria no. 402 S.C. which lasted only twenty two years. The first master of this Lodge was the venerable Bro. Louis Goldson P.M. who ascended to the great lodge above in March of this year.

Lodge Semper Fidelis no. 1530 S.C. was chartered on the 7th of February 1957 and constituted on the 25th of April 1957 and celebrates its 50th Anniversary. This lodge had over 20 founders with the first master being Rev. Bro. Oswald St. Elmo Rutherford. Both lodges have become powerful, vibrant, alive and well and we pray that they continue to thrive and grow from strength to strength. Congratulations Lodge De la Vega and Lodge Semper Fidelis and may you continue to thrive and grow. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!!!!

Glenlyon Ladies Support Group Launched

We all know the popular saying that “Behind every good man is a good woman”. It therefore naturally follows that behind a collection of good men there is even a greater collection of good women. Proof of this recently was in the formulation of the Ladies Support Group for the Glenlyon Lodge. The purpose of this ladies support group are to;

- Assist the brethren of the Glenlyon Lodge in maintaining the principles and objectives of the Lodge as stated in the installation address of the R.W.M. Bro. Gregory Khan.
- To give succor and aid to the widows of the Glenlyon Lodge.
- To assist the brethren to maintain and develop programs with regard to the charities of the Lodge.
- To provide assistance to the Lodge with regard to its fundraising activities.
- To assist in maintaining fellowship between the families of the brethren.

The ladies of support group have already had their first meeting with R.W.M and other brethren and together have already identified areas where they can have a significant impact. A plan of action has already been devised to provide assistance to the widows, the St. Andrew Girls Home and the Jamaica Christian Boys Home which is in the process of being adopted as another charity by the Lodge.

Obituaries (Jan 2007 - March 2007)

NAME	MONTH	LODGE
	JANUARY 2007	
Bro. Dr. Conrad C. Gordon P.M.		University Lodge 7128 E.C.
	FEBRUARY 2007	
Bro. Aubrey A. Saunders P.M.		Lodge Collegium Faborum 1836 E.C.
	MARCH 2007	
Bro. John R. Wong P.M.		Lodge Imperial Service 978 S.C.
Bro. Lloyd Dixon P.M.		Lodge Imperial Service 978 S.C.
Bro. Eric H. Boreland P.M.		Lodge Middlesex 1628 E.C.
Bro. Michael C. Johnson P.M.		Phoenix Lodge 914 E.C.
W. Bro. Heartly Nesbeth P.M.		Hope Lodge 2813 E.C.
W. Bro. Keith A. MacFarlane P.M.		Hamilton Lodge 1440 E.C.
Bro. Joselyn Gordon P.M.		Portland Lodge 7740 E.C.
P.D.G.M. W. Bro Aubrey Jacobs		St. Thomas Lodge 4338 E.C.
W. Bro. Rev Cannon A. Hugh Smythe		Port Royal Lodge 207 E.C.
W. Bro. Keble Williams		Lodge Collegium Faborum 1836 E.C.
Bro. Glen T. Williamson P.M.		Royal Lodge 207 E.C.
Bro. Louis Goldson P.M.		Elgin Lodge 1562 S.C.
Mrs. Marie Maxwell widow of Bro. E.R. Maxwell P.M.		Glenlyon Lodge 346 S.C.

Anniversaries

- Lodge De la Vega chartered on the 6th of May 1982 and constituted on the 15th of September 1982 celebrates its 25th Anniversary
- Lodge Semper Fidelis No. 1530 chartered 7th February 1957, and constituted 25th April 1957 celebrates its 50th Anniversary.
- Lodge St. Michael 1634, Bahamas, was chartered on the 4th May 1967 and constituted on the 9th June 1967 (Bahamas) celebrates its 40th Anniversary.
- District Grand Lodge of Jamaica celebrates its 235th Anniversary on the 30th of November.
- 130th Anniversary of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Jamaica.

Newly Installed Masters (Dec 2006 - March 2007)

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF INSTALLATION
Bro. Gregory Khan	Glenlyon no. 346	10th of December 2006
Bro. Alfred McPherson	Liguanea no. 1479	26th of January 2007
Bro. Keith Thompson	Middlesex no. 1628	18th of January 2007
Bro. Neville Black	St. John no. 623	29th of February 2007
Bro. Anthony Smatt	Clarendon. Kilwinning no. 1427	22nd of February 2007
Bro. Roy Wade	Jackson McLaren Wint no. 1818	6th of March 2007
Bro. Trevor Bent	St. Andrew no. 1684	9th of March 2007
Bro. Dr. Ian Paul Titus	Seville no. 530	29th of March 2007

Mark Master Masons Celebrate 130th Anniversary

The District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons celebrate their 130th Anniversary this year. To commemorate this anniversary the local organizing committee invites all Masons be they Mark, Royal, Arch or Craft to the 130th Anniversary Celebrations Banquet to be held at the Knutsford Court Hotel at 7:00pm on Saturday the 23rd of June 2007. The event will also be especially significant as the guest speaker will be the Rt. W. Bro. Peter Glyn Williams who was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Districts and Lodges Overseas for many years. Not only Masons but their wives, friends and other guests will be most welcome. It promises to be an evening of interesting information, good music, good food, copious drinks and wonderful camaraderie. For further information you may contact;

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What's Going On

ACTIVITY	MONTH	LODGE
	APRIL 2007	
Church Service and Brunch		Sussex Lodge 354 E.C.
Raising of Bro. Hill		Sussex Lodge 354 E.C.
Initiation of two candidates		Wolmers Lodge 1506 S.C.
Mark Degree		Elgin Lodge 1562 S.C.
Installation of Bro. Hugh Carroll as Master		Lodge Siemper Fidelis 1530 S.C.
Explanation of the 1st degree tracing board		Lodge St. John 623 S.C.
Presentation "After Bauxite What?" by Bro. Audley Roberts		Lodge Imperial Service 978 S.C.
Installation of Bro. George Davis as Master		Adair Lodge 8146 E.C.
Lecture by Bro. Michael Tucker: of the National Council on Drug Abuse.		Glenlyon Lodge 346 S.C.
Lecture on 1st Degree Tracing Board		F.H. Bowen 9238 E.C.
	MAY 2007	
Presentation "The Life of a Master" by Bro. Conrad Douglas P.M.		Lodge Imperial Service 978 S.C.
"Advance Night" - 3rd Degree raising		Wolmers Lodge 1506 S.C.
3rd Degree raising		Elgin Lodge 1562 E.C.
Passing of Bro. Mills		Sussex Lodge 354 E.C.
Installation of Bro. Frank Whyllie as Master		Royal Lodge 207 E.C.
Installation of Bro. Henry Anglin as Master		Hamilton Lodge 1440 E.C.
Family Fun Day		Glenlyon Lodge 346 S.C.
3rd Degree raising		Glenlyon Lodge 346 S.C.
	JUNE 2007	
Service to Honour Long serving masons		Glenlyon Lodge 346 S.C.

Glenlyon Lodge in Pictures



Pictorial of the recent “send off” for Bro. Peter McCartney P.M.



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