THE GLENLYON LODGE NO. 346 S.C.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- De la Vega 25th
 Anniversary
- Pt III Freemasonry in the Caribbean
- A Brief History of the Masonic Chorale

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LODGE DE LA VEGA CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Lodge De la Vega chartered on the 6th of May 1982 and constituted on the 15th of September 1982 celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year. 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 De La Vega has several activities to celebrate their silver anniversary which include the release of a 25th anniversary magazine, the inauguration of the 1st annual T.O.B. Goldson Memorial Lecture and culminating in the rededication of Lodge De La Vega on the 15th of November 2007. "Congratulations Lodge De La Vega"



THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF LODGE DE LA VEGA BRO. NORMAN SIMPSON

FREEMASONRY AND WOMEN

(Excerpts of a Masonic Paper delivered by Bro. T.O.B. Goldson P.M.)

No. 1530 S.C. at he District Grand Lodge S.C. 26, August, 1987

Revised by Bro. Fitz Carty, P.M. De La Vega 1744 S.C.

For the first, T.O.B. Goldson Memorial Lecture, Oct 17th, 2007

The world as we know it continues to change at a rapid pace. A very clear example of this change is in the role of women in our various organizations and institutions. In our country women are now increasingly involved in organizations and institutions that would have some years ago restricted this. There are however, a few organizations that continue to limit the participation of women. This includes freemasonry. To date the role of women in Jamaican Freemasonry has been restricted to the giving of support to the Master (her husband, brother, father or friend) in organizing banquets and other social activities that fall under his responsibility. It is also known that every Mason is expected to obtain his lady's approval for admission to the craft and to ensure her continued support throughout his Masonic career. In general, the participation of women in our activities continues to expand. The fact that we have invited our ladies

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upstairs to participate in this activity is a continuation of this trend. The purpose of this paper is to share with you an update on the historical role of women in Freemasonry. It is a revision of a paper that was presented in August 1987 at District Grand Lodge Meeting by our late Brother T.O.B. Goldson. It outlines the recorded reports of the admission of women into freemasonry and the methods by which they obtained the secrets. It also gives an update on the "quasi" Masonic groups, which include women and their influence and relationship with regular freemasonry. Elizabeth St. Leger

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(Mrs.Richard Aldworth) - before 1713

Examination of the records reveal that the first recorded case of a woman learning the Masonic secrets as a consequence of which she was admitted into a regular Masonic lodge, is that of young unmarried Irish woman named Elizabeth St. Leger. She was the daughter of Lord Doneralle of County Cork, Ireland; she was born in 1693. One version of the incident lays the scene in Doneraille Court, the family residence, where Viscount Doneraille and his sons sometimes held lodge, and that she secreted herself in a large "grandfather's" clock. Another version of the incident has the girl removing a brick from the lodge room wall. Still another version places the incident at a public inn. One version has her being rescued from the wrath of the masons by her brother after she was brought before the lodge and threatened with death. Whichever version you wish to believe, at any rate, her punishment was commuted to Masonic initiation to obligate her to secrecy! It is stated that she eventually became a Master of her lodge. She became known as the Lady Freemason, and had her picture made, showing her clad in Masonic apron and jewels and this picture has hung in many Irish Lodge rooms. Melliken the Irish Masonic historian, stated that she was initiated in Lodge 95 which still meets at Cork. When she died at 80 years in 1773, she was accorded the honour of a Masonic funeral. She was the cousin to General Anthony St Leger, of Park Hill near Doncaster who in 1776 started the celebrated Doncaster, St Leger race, and stakes.

Mrs. Bell — 1770

Mrs. Bell is another early-recorded case of a woman discovering the secrets of Freemasonry, but there is no claim that she was initiated and thereby pledged to its secrecy. Rather, she sought to make the secrets known to other women as the advertisement which appeared in the newspaper, the "Newcastle Weekly Chronicle" of England on the 6th January, 1770, showed. The advertisement read as follows:

— "This is to acquaint the public that on Monday 1st Instant, being the Lodge or monthly meetingnight of the Free and Accepted Masons of the 22nd Regiment, held at the Crown, near Newgate, Mrs. Bell the land-lady of the house broke open a door with a poker by which means she got into an adjacent room, made two holes through the wall, and by that stratagem, discovered the secrets of Masonry; and knowing herself to be the first woman in the world that ever found out the secret is willing to make it known to all her sex. So that any lady that is desirous of learning the secrets of Freemasonry by applying to that well-learned woman Mrs. Bell, who has lived fifteen years in and about Newgate, may be instructed in all secrets of Masonry."! There is no record of how many women responded to this advertisement.

Mrs. Havard. - 1770

On the other hand, there is the case of one Mrs. Harvard, who is said to have been proposed as an honorary member, and initiated into the Palladian Lodge No.120, at Hereford, England, in 1770. You may wish to know that this Lodge, dating from 1762 is still listed in the Masonic Year Book of the English Constitution, but so far, it has not been possible to determine how she fared in the Craft.

Mrs. Mary Sproule — early 1804

The only woman member of the Craft in Canadian history who was reported to have become a member of Zion Lodge (Canada) in the early 1800. She was one of the 10,000 refugee loyalists granted

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granted land around Sussex, New Brunswick Canada. Many of the refugees had been Masons in the United States, and so formed the Zion Lodge in Sussex. They had no Lodge hall, and so met in private homes on the first Monday after the full moon in each calendar month. A meeting was held in the two-room log house of James Sproule, her husband. As the first member of the Lodge arrived, wife Mary withdrew to the bedroom, which was separated from the main room by a flimsy curtain. It was not until the meeting was over, and a candidate initiated, that the Rev. Oliver Arnold, the Anglican rector of the parish, realized that Mrs. Sproule had been able to hear all that went on. You listened to the initiation ceremony", Rev.Arnold thundered at her. "I didn't listen," she said, "but you all talked so loud." She could proceed no further. The old parson turned pale, for it was prescribed that no outsider could be allowed to live, after learning the secret initiation ritual.

"Brethren." he gasped, "she must die!"

"Have mercy!" cried Sproule, her husband.

"But what can we do?" asked Arnold.

"We can swear her in as a Mason," somebody suggested.

Mary Sproule took the oath that made her the only woman member of the order n Canadian history. She never held office or attended another meeting, and when she died, a stone bearing the Masonic emblem was placed over her grave.

Helene Barkoczy—1875

Helene was born in 1833, an heiress of a Hungarian Count, Count Johann Barkoczy. She married Count Hodik in 1860. From her father, she inherited an extensive Masonic Library, and soon mastered, and became an admirer of Masonic principles.

In 1875 at the age of 42, she managed in some way to be admitted to Lodge Egyenloseg, but the Grand Lodge of Hungary disapproved, and took prompt action against this violation of Masonic Law. Proceedings were taken against all who had taken part in the initiation, and all were found guilty and expelled from the Craft! The names of the officers of the Lodge were struck from the roll, and other members were suspended for various periods. On March 10, 1876 the Grand Lodge declared the admittance of the Countess illegal, forbade her admittance to any Lodge under penalty of revocation of Charter, and ordered the Countess' certificate of membership confiscated whenever presented.

But Brethren let us move on to a more sober note! What of the future! Is there the likelihood, or the possibility that the rules of admission to regular Freemasonry, as we now know them, may at some time in the future be amended, either voluntarily or through some legal edict, to allow women full and free admission to the Craft? I do not know what the future holds in this matter, but I will share with you some interesting words that have been written on this.

"The ladies claim right

To come to our Light.

Since the apron they say is their bearing

Can they subject their will,

Can they keep their tongues still,

And let talking be Chang'd into hearing?

This difficult task

Is the least we can ask

To secure us on sundry occasions

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When with this they comply,

Our utmost we'll try

To raise lodges for lady freemasons

I have stated that change in almost every aspect of our lives has continued to accelerate at a rapid pace. Our generation has been subject to possibly the greatest amount of change in the history of man. I have now concluded that nothing is impossible. The future of Freemasonry and the involvement of women in this ancient bastion of masculine fraternity are therefore open to all possibilities, for the present let renew our efforts to cherish our Masonic ladies. Wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, widows, and lady friends all come under this heading. Let us like our French brother recognize and acknowledge that our women "are at all times our idols from youth to age". In addition, Brethren we must realize that if we make a daily effort to conform to the tenets of our order, namely: brotherly love, relief, and truth we will automatically cover them with our light. By Brotherly Love, we are expected to show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and behave with kindness and understanding to our fellow creature. By Relief, we are taught to practice charity, and to care, not only for our own, but also for the community as a whole, both by charitable giving and by voluntary efforts and works as individuals. By Truth, we are taught to continuously strive and search for truth, requiring high standards and aiming to achieve them in our own lives. I close by again thanking you for giving me the opportunity to present the lecture, which is dedicated to our late brother T.O.B. Goldson. He was my Masonic Mentor, Fellow Scout, Brother, and Friend. I thank you for your patience in suffering, for your charity of disposition, and particularly for your kindness in having endured to the end!

Fitz-George A. Carty PM Lodge De La Vega 1744SC

The Development of Freemasonry in the Caribbean

with special reference to Guyana. (Part 3)

by W. Bro. Dr. Harold Davis

1951 to 1970

In the Caribbean, as in the rest of the British Empire, this was a period of intense Nationalism. The growing leadership emerging from the Caribbean's class of intellectuals provided voice to growing calls for self determination in the Colonies. It cannot be claimed that Freemasons were in the forefront of the struggles for Caribbean independence However given our Institutions affinity for fostering free thinking, it would be surprising if at least some of the Brethren of the period were not caught up in the prevailing energy and enthusiasm for building new institutions within their countries. Twenty- one new Lodges were consecrated in this period, the great majority of which (12) were consecrated in Jamaica. Among the newly established lodges in Jamaica during this period are University Lodge of The West Indies No.7128 EC (1951), Jamaica College Lodge No.7254 EC (1952), Installed Masters Lodge of Jamaica No.7420 (1955), Lodge Wolmers No.1506 SC (1955) and Lodge Mico No.1583 SC (1961).

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These_names associated as they are with educational institutions and also in the case of the Lodge of Installed Masters, for research and ritual perfection are perhaps reflective of a growing sense of responsibility for taking control of ones own affairs and establishing traditions in that country. Conversely Guyana saw the consecration of only one Lodge, Alpha No.1594 SC during the twenty-year period. Guyana's independence struggle was particularly bitter and associated with radical politics. There was also considerable social unrest in the country during the 1950s and 1960s. Whether these circumstances had anything to do with the relatively quiescent period in Masonic activity is open to question.

1971 to the Present Day.

The recent years have by all considerations been impressive in terms of growth in the spread and development of Freemasonry across the Caribbean. Today the region can be proud of five District Grand Lodges and an Inspectorate under the English Constitution, five District Grand Lodges under the Scottish Constitution and two Provincial Grand Lodges under the Irish Constitution. In each Territory there are personal fraternal relationships and regular visitation among the different Constitutions. There is also a developing tendency towards forging closer relationships. The English Districts include:

- The District Grand Lodge of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands with 23 Lodges.
- The District Grand Lodge of Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean with 17 Lodges
- The District Grand Lodge of Guyana with 15 Lodges
- The District Grand Lodge of the Bahamas and Turks (the most recent) with 9 Lodges.
- The District Grand lodge of Trinidad and Tobago with 7 Lodges
- There are also five English Lodges in Bermuda under a Grand Inspector.

District Grand Lodges under the Scottish Constitution are:

- The District Grand Lodge of Jamaica with 16 Lodges
- The District Grand Lodge of Trinidad and Tobago with 13 Lodges
- The District Grand Lodge of Barbados with 6 Lodges
- The District Grand Lodge of Guyana with 6 Lodges
- The District Grand Lodge of the Bahamas with 5 Lodges

There are three Scottish Lodges in Bermuda under a Grand Superintendent and one Lodge (Mount Olive No.336) St. Kitts, administered from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Provinces under the Irish Constitution are:

- The Provincial Grand Lodge of Jamaica with 6 Lodges
- The Provincial Grand Lodge of Bermuda with 4 Lodges

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English Freemasonry in Guyana grew by eight Lodges over the past 30 years. The Lodges include Kara Kara Lodge No.8349 (1969), which established Freemasonry in the Mining community of Linden on the Upper Demerara River, Eureka Lodge No.8515 (1973), formed to attract persons with a University background, the Guyana Lodge of Research No. 8525 (1973), Lotus Lodge No.8735, which was formed from the overflow of members of Mount Everest, Klubba Lodge No.9103 (1983), the University of Guyana Lodge No.9331 (1989), which was formed to attract graduates and staff of the University of Guyana, the Guyana Wheel of Service Lodge No.9431 (1991), and most recently a second Lodge in New Amsterdam, Phoenix Lodge No.9517 (1993). Two Lodges were also consecrated under the Grand Lodge of Scotland Lodge Kyk-over-al No.1672 (1972) an Lodge Irenaeus No.1791 (1991). The 1970s also saw the development of Prince Hall Masonry in Guyana. Prince Hall Lodges are all ultimately derived from African Lodge No.1, which had been warranted in the in the USA in 1784 as No.459 by the United Grand Lodge of England. For various reasons, this Lodge lost contact with the UGLE and was erased from its records. Prince Hall however continue warranting Lodges of free men of African descent within the United States and in the traditions of that country each State has its own Grand Lodge. There has been considerable debate within and external to the USA as to whether Prince Hall Freemasons are regular. These have since been largely resolved. The Grand Lodge of France has unilaterally granted official recognition to all Prince Hall Lodges. The United Grand Lodge of England has acknowledged the regularity of Prince Hall Freemasonry, but has preferred to deal with the issue of recognition individually with each Grand Lodge.

Trinidad has four Prince Hall Lodges. These are affiliated to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which is recognized by Grand Lodge. Visitation is permitted to the Lodges and their meetings are publicised in the Annual Masonic Directory of Trinidad and Tobago. Prince Hall Lodges in Guyana are closely aligned to those in Barbados and were together originally aligned to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York. These Lodges now belong to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Caribbean, which was inaugurated in 1993. The Headquarters of the Grand Lodge is in Barbados. Lodges in St Maarten, Martinique, St Lucia and Antigua are also affiliated to this Grand Lodge. There is no official relationship between The Prince Hall Grand Lodges of New York or the Caribbean and the United Grand Lodge of England. The first Prince Hall Lodge to be consecrated in Guyana was Mt. Ayangana Lodge in 1965. We are told that Bro Claude Geddes and the late Bro Amin Mohamed were the principal movers behind the establishment of Prince Hall Masonry in Guyana. The numbers of Prince Hall Lodges in Guyana has increased to four. The others Lodges are Tamarin Lodge (1971), Celestial Lodge (1985) and Mt. Roraima Lodge (1998). Barbados also has four Prince Hall Lodges. Another regional Prince Hall Grand Lodge is to be found in the Bahamas.

Current Trends and the Future

This presentation has attempted to highlight that Freemasonry has evolved in the Caribbean to

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gradually become truly representative of our societies. Masonry in the Caribbean started as an enclave of the European Planter and Colonial Official Class. As our societies have evolved towards independence so the involvement of the local populace in the Freemasonry has grown. Freemasonry in the Caribbean has today generally assumed a cosmopolitan character.

Individual Lodges tend to be small groups comprised of persons with close ties of family, friendship, profession and shared interests. Within the fraternity, brethren have found ample opportunity to cement close friendships based on mutual respect that have transcended narrow cultural interests. Society continues to change and our Institution will need to change accordingly. Some of our Lodges have been experiencing difficulties in recent years for various reasons, some of which involve a breakdown of the relationships among the brethren in the Lodge. It is our duty to support these Lodges in their difficulties, but ultimately the resolution of these will depend on their reflection over what are the important ties that will keep a body of men of good intention in fraternal union. The familiar and oft repeated words in the **Charge to the Brethren** are probably the best guide on the manner in which we should relate to each other:

"I therefore trust that we shall have but one aim in view, to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness. And as this association has been formed and perfected with so much unanimity and accord, long may it continue. May brotherly love and affection ever distinguish us as men and as Masons. May the principles and tenets of our profession, which are founded on the basis of religious truth and virtue, teach us to measure our actions by the rule of rectitude, square our conduct by the principles of morality, and guide our inclinations, and even our thoughts, within the compass of propriety"

There will be other and greater challenges. We live to day in an increasingly materialistic and cynical world. The characteristics that contribute to material success are those of very practical objectives i.e. cost, competitiveness, efficiency and effectiveness. There is increasingly less room it seems for those less tangible values such as concern for ones fellow creatures, social conscience, and fairness. The strength of Freemasonry lies in that it fosters a continuous striving towards those intangible values that will enable us to make better men of ourselves. The Order I believe will always continue to appeal to thoughtful and well intentioned men. It is our challenge in a world where the culture of *nothing is for free* is prevalent to appeal to those with similar inclinations by such conduct that:

"the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow, to whom the distressed may prefer their suit, whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence"

W. Bro. Dr. Harold Davis

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District Grand Lodge Communication

Highlights of the D.G.L. Committee Meeting Held on the 18th of July 2007

Matters arising from Communication of May 30th, 2007

<u>Committee for the selection of District Grand Officers</u> this committee has already met and in addition the D.G.M. had met with the Masters of daughter Lodges and arrived at recommendations for the 2007-2008 Administration.

<u>Visit to Scotland</u> - The visit of the District Grand Lodge to Scotland in June, 2008 will be coordinated by Bro. Rickert Allen, D.G. Director of Ceremonies.

<u>District Grand Lodge Website</u>- the committee for the development of this website is to be headed by Bro. Neville Black and to include Bros. Richard Gordon and Kevin Francis among others. A report on its progress will be given at the next District Grand Lodge Committee Meeting.

<u>Format for Reporting from Lodges</u>- the report from the Lodges should include among other things the activity of the Past Masters in their Lodge and how active they are in promoting the interest of the Lodge as this as well as their support for the District will have on impact on their being promoted to District Grand Rank. This report should be presented to the District Secretariat two weeks before District Committee Meetings.

<u>Masonic Homes-</u> Bro. Sterling Soares asked about the situation with Masonic Homes seeing that it has over \$25m and nothing was being done with these funds. The D.G.M. informed the meeting that he would be speaking with Bro. Maurice Harrison, Chairman of Masonic Homes Ltd. as to when an Annual General meeting would be held.

<u>Scottish Masonic Association</u> – The question was also asked about when the annual general meeting of the Scottish Masonic Association was to be held. The Chairman, Bro. Clement Bernard replied that there are certain legal situations that will have to be regularized before a meeting can be held and at the moment he his working on it. However an audited report on the S.M.A. will be presented at the next meeting.

Reports of Committees

Festival of St. Andrew 2007

Brother Dr. Winston Dawes reported on the Festival of St. Andrew 2007, the theme of which would be "FREEMASONRY AND SPORT". Plans are well advanced and the date and venue for the Festival was November 24th 2007 at the Pegasus Hotel, New Kingston. The tickets will cost \$3000 and will be ready in August. There will also be one or two gate prizes. All District Grand Office Bearers are expected to purchase their ticket(s) from the District and not from their Mother Lodge.

Masonic Workshop

The theme of the Workshop is "Management of a Lodge" and will be sponsored by Lodges

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Glenlyon No. 346 and Wolmers No. 1506. Bro. Keith Scott, Depute D.G.M., informed the meeting that within ten days a written circular will be sent to all the Daughter Lodges from whom it is expected that all Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Director of Ceremonies will participate in the workshop. It is expected that the Masonic Seminar will become a biannual affair.

Fund Raising

The D.G.M. again pointed out to Brethren that the funds raised by the District will be available to the Daughter Lodges for use on charities identified by them and suggested that Daughter Lodges should move away from the multiplicity of fund raising being carried out and concentrate more on Masonic activities.

Freemasons Building

Brother Clement Bernard reported that the Scottish Masonic Association now has an Administrator. The refurbishing of the small temple is now almost complete and is being laid out under the guidance of Bro. Errol Alberga Jnr.Bro. Bernard on behalf of the Association expressed thanks to the D.G.M. and Bro. Col. Lemuel Lindo for donating the new Office-bearers chairs in the Temple. Gratitude was also expressed to Lodge Caledonian No. 554 for the donation of one of these chairs.

Legal & Bye-Laws

A draft of the amended Bye-Laws was presented. Bro. Sterling Soares led the discussion on the various changes, elucidating the reasons for the changes. One of the major points of discussion was the change in the number of Communications that will be held as it is proposed that three business meetings be held with the Communication of August been the Annual Meeting and the meeting in November being for the Installation of District Office-bearers and the Festival of St. Andrew. On a motion moved by Bro. Col. Lemuel Lindo and seconded by Bro. Keith Scott the amended Bye-Laws were approved.

District Grand Lodge Recommends New Office Bearers

The District Grand Lodge Committee chaired by the District Grand Master Bro. Lloyd R. Moore held an extraordinary meeting on the 4th of August 2007 to recommend new office bearers for the 2007—2008 District Administration. He explained that the District had just received permission from Grand Lodge to substantially increase the number of District Grand Offices. The new Offices which had been applied for and approved were:

- An additional Asst. D.G. Secretary and Asst. D.G. Director of Ceremonies.
- An Asst. D.G. Almoner: Junior D.G. Organist and an Asst. D.G. Marshall;
- A D.G. Lecturer and two Asst. D.G. Lecturers

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After considerable deliberation the following recommendations were made:

Bro. Dr. Marcel Anderson D.S.G. Warden

Bro. Bruce Taylor D.J.G.W.

Bro. Donald Reynolds D.G. Treasurer Bro. Paul Miller D.G. Almoner

Bro. Rickert Allen D.G. Director of Ceremonies

Bro. Derrick McAnuff
Bro. Dudley McLean
Bro. Fred Hudson
Bro. Roosevelt Thompson
Bro. Maj. Richard Reese
Bro. Glenroy McDonnough
Bro. Woodrow Blake
Bro. Violent Thompson
D.G. Deacon
D.G. Librarian
D.G. Architect
D.G. Jeweller
D.G. Bible Bearer
D.G. Sword Bearer

Bro. Kieffer Thomas Asst. D.G. Secretary
Bro. Gladstone Lewars Asst. D.G. Treasurer

Bro. Col. John Barnett Asst. D.G. Director of Ceremonies Bro. Howard Powell Asst. D.G. Director of Ceremonies

Bro. Derrick Sinclair

Bro. Norman Perrin

Bro. Winston Lawson

Asst. D.G. Almoner
Senior D.G. Organist
Junior D.G. Organist

Bro. Lloyd Barnett D.G. Marshal

Bro. Donald Daley

Bro. Stanford Davis

Bro. Jasper Joseph

Bro. Gary Fray

Asst. D.G. Marshall

D.G. Standard Bearer

D.G. Standard Bearer

D.G. Inner Guard

Bro. David Francis President of D.G. Stewards

Bro. Gregory Reid Tyler.

District Grand Lecturer - Bro. Radley Reid

Asst. D.G. Lecturers - Bros. Maurice Dilworth and Fitz Carty

D.G. Stewards

Bros. Audley McLean, Anthony Hall, Murli Thadhani, David Shand, Leonard Miller, Granville Marsh, Wilton Campbell, Hoip Gregory, Haresh Ramchandani & Courtney Palmer

The Whitsun A. McDonald Lecture "A Glenlyon Masonic Institution"

Once again the Glenlyon Lodge celebrates the contributions of one of its most venerable brothers by hosting the annual Whitsun A. McDonald Lecture. The lecture was first held in June 2005 with the most revered W. Bro. the Hon. Prof. Hugh Wynter delivering the first lecture entitled, "So Mote it be". Since then it has become one of the most featured and well received events on the Glenlyon Lodge calendar.

In keeping with the long line of distinguished lecturers Bro. David Clarke P.M. from Lodge Thistle 1014 S.C. in Barbados presented a lecture entitled "Karate do and Freemasonry" on the 11th of July 2007. The lecture was well received by the brethren in attendance. Well done Bro. David Clarke"



The Always Distinguished and dapper Bro. Whitsun **McDonald** thanking the brethren for their attention to the lecture and passing on his experiences and lessons from freemasonry



R.W.M. Bro. Gregory Khan thanking Bro. **David Clarke** P.M. for his presentation at the 3rd annual Whitsun A. Mc Donald Lecture held on the 11th of July 2007. We wish him all the best and hope that he will visit Glenlyon again soon

Obituaries (April 2007 - July 2007)

NAME MONTH LODGE

JULY 2007 W. Bro. Stanley Reid

Arawak Lodge 6902 E.C.

SEPEMBER 2007

Bro. Lester Boyne P.M.

Mico Lodge 1583 S.C.

W. Bro. Rupert J. Anderson P.D.D.G.M. A.G.D.C. P.M.

Lodge Imperial Service 978 S.C

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W.Rro. Richard Harris P.M. W.Bro. Alfred L. Murdoch

Francis H. BowenLodge 1933 S.C. Kingston College 9469 E.C.

Newly Installed Masters (July 2007 - Oct 2007)

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF INSTALLATION
Bro. Dwight Reece	Moore Keys Lodge no 2519 E.C.	20th of September 2007
Bro Levi Atkinson	F.H.Bowen Lodge no. 9238 E.C.	15th of September 2007
Bro. Kevin McLean	Kingston College Lodge no 9469 E.C.20th of September 2007	
Bro. Veront Satchel	Arawak Lodge no 6902 E.C.	5th of October 2007
Bro. Andre Gooden	Wolmers Lodge no. 1506 S.C.	27th of September 2007
Bro. Richard Whitelocke	Lodge Elgin no 1562 S.C.	6th of September 2007
Bro. Cleveland Beech	Lodge De la Vega no 1774 S.C.	21st of September 2007
Bro. Windsor Newby	Lodge John J. Mills no. 1657 S.C.	1st of October 2007
Bro. Bryan Miller	Columbus Lodge no 1660 S.C.	15th of October 2007

What's Going On

ACTIVITY MONTH LODGE

NOVEMBER 2007

Lecture "Freemasonry and Secrecy" by Bro. Ashley Beckford P.M. Lodge Imperial Service 978 S.C.

Lecture "The Enemy Within" - Bro. R.T. Christian, WSDGM Lecture "Freemasonry: Duty" - Bro Lascelles Lewis, PM Ritual Work—Raising (Alternative) Past Masters' Night Installation of Bro. Randolph McLean as RWM

Lodge J.M. Wint 1818 S.C. Lodge Stony Hill 1820 S.C. Lodge St. Andrew 1684 S.C.

Lodge Mico 1583 S.C.

Senior Wardens' Night—Passing (done by current Sen. Wardens) Lecture"Freemasonry: A Male Prerogative" RWDGM A. Lazarus, E.C. Lodge Sem. Fidel 1530 S.C.

Lodge St. John 623 S.C.

Night of Honoring Brethren with 50 and 25 years

Glenlyon Lodge 346 S.C. Liguanea Lodge 1479 S.C.

Ritual Work—Raising Past Masters' Night Installation of Dr. Bro Ray Fraser as RWM

Lodge Caledonian 554 S.C.

DECEMBER 2007

Installation of Bro Norman Wright as RWM

Glenlyon Lodge 346 S.C.

A Brief History of the Masonic Chorale

In the year 1985 the Sussex Lodge No. 354 EC thought it a good idea to have an annual Christmas festival of music, poetry and dance to aid our charity funds. This was named the Sussex Christmas Festival, and Six (6) members conjoined to form a choir, which was named the Sussex choir. The adventurous Six (6) founding members were

Wor. Bro. Donald Jones,

Wor. Bro. Dr. Maurison Trouth,

Wor. Bro. Neville Mills,

Wor. Bro. Leighton Henry,

Wor. Bro. Patrick Taylor,

Wor. Bro. Dr Anthony Lewis, (Organist, Director & Conductor)

At the end of the festival the standing ovation was deafening, and a few brethen from other English Lodges decided to come on board, and so the Sussex choir expanded with the presence of Wor. Bro. Derrick Arscott of Royal Lodge, Wor. Bro. Dr. Aggrey Irons and Wor. Bro. Bobby Clark. After a few more years of performing as the Sussex Choir, brethren from other Constitutions joined, and in 1989 with Seven (7) additional brothers from the Scottish Constitution on board, namely:

Bro. Roddy Ashby

Wor. Bro. H Con Levers

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The group was thereafter known as the "Masonic Chorale." Since then it has grown in reputation, and has become well known among the Masonic fraternity, the church arena and general public. The annual Christmas festival has become a permanent fixture, and the group never fails to offers its services for anniversaries and other special functions organized by Lodges of the Three Constitutions; and, inevitably, at the funerals and thanksgiving services for dearly departed brethren. A dark lounge suit and red tie announces the presence of the Chorale at such occasions. Some of the special functions in which the Chorale has taken part include the 175th anniversary service for St. George's Anglican Church; the 175th anniversary service for the Sussex Lodge at the Kingston Parish Church; and the 25th Anniversary Service for our Musical Director, Dr. Anthony Lewis, being the Organist for that period of time at St. Matthew's Church. Bro. the Rev. Peter Clarke has also invited the Chorale to take part in his First Mass at the St. Judes Anglican Church in Stony Hill; his farewell service on leaving that Church, and his Admission Service as Rector of the churches of the Black River Cure The maroon shirts of the Chorale have also become a fixture at lighter functions such as the annual Christmas festival, and activities such as "the Sussex Lodge's annual charity concert held as recently as last Sunday, July 8. On Oct 31 the Chorale performed at a Lodge St. John function in honour of the RWDGM, Scottish Constitution, Bro Lloyd Moore and on Nov. 14 at a Glenlyon Lodge function in honour of senior Past Masters. Its annual Christmas concert will be on Dec. 16 at 4:00 p.m. at the Scottish Temple, McGregor Square. The Masonic Chorale has a current active membership of about 16 and is under the skillful musical direction of Wor. Bro. Dr. Dwight Anthony Lewis. The current members are as follows;

Wor. Bro. Dr. Maurison Trouth Wor. Bro. Keith Brown Wor. Bro. Neville A. Mills W. Bro. Edgar Fuller W.Bro Peter McCartney Bro. Randolph McLean Wor. Bro. Bruce Taylor
W. Bro Dennis Capleton
Wor. Bro. Emile Spence
W. Bro. Errol Harvey
W.Bro Peter Stair
Bro. Micheal Alexander

W. Bro James Pawson
W. Bro Norman Perrin
W.Bro Con Levers
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By Wor. Bro. Neville A. Mills, July 2007

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