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NO. 346 S.C.

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- Long Serving Brethren Honoured
- DGM—Whitsun McDonald Lecture 2009
- Masonic Humor.

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GLENLYON HONOURS BRETHREN CELEBRATING 25 AND 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY

On the 12th of August, 2009, the brethren of The Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C. chose the night of their August Regular Meeting to pay homage to three exceptional brethren for their services to Freemasonry in general and The Glenlyon Lodge in particular. These three special and dedicated brethren, whose service to Freemasonry if taken as a whole, amount to over a century of steadfast devotion to the principles and tenets of the craft and in particular to the spirit of brotherhood that form one of the hallmarks of Freemasonry. The trio of excellence is headlined by the most distinguished and admired Bro. Ronald E. Woodstock P.M., Hon. D.S.G.W. who celebrated 50 years of service to Freemasonry. His fellow celebrants on the special night were Bro. Major Richard Reese P.M., D.G.Arch. and Bro. Robert V. Woodstock P.M., P.D.J.G.W. who celebrated 25 years of service to the craft. The brethren were also honoured with citations that detailed just a few of their impressive Masonic achievements. The evening was not only a special one for the celebrants but also for Scottish Freemasonry in Jamaica.



**THE R.W.M. BRO. GODFREY W. PERKINS ADDRESSING THE BRETHREN BEFORE
THE CEREMONY WITH BRO. TREVOR CHRISTIAN D.D.G.M. IN ATTENDANCE.**



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Bro. Ronald E. Woodstock P.M., H.D.S.G.W.



Bro. Ronald E. Woodstock P.M., Hon. D.S.G.W. was initiated into Freemasonry in the Glenlyon Lodge on the 12th of August, 1959. He was passed to the degree of Fellow of Craft on the 9th of September, 1959 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 11th of November, 1959. He became master of The Glenlyon Lodge on the 11th of December 1968.

A citation to Bro. Ronald E. Woodstock P.M., Hon. D.S.G.W. was read by Bro. Lloyd A. Cundy P.M., Hon. D.S.G.W. detailing his services to Freemasonry in general and The Glenlyon Lodge in particular in a variety of capacities. He became known as an expert on Masonic ritual and his counsel was sought after on a variety of matters related to Freemasonry. He is a witness to the growth and development of Scottish Freemasonry in Jamaica and is a living repository of the history of The Glenlyon Lodge for the past 50 years. He was presented with a Gold Medal emblematical of the significant Masonic milestone attained by him as well as a token of the high regard and esteem to which he is held by the Brethren. He is an example to the Brethren of The Glenlyon Lodge and all Freemasons in Jamaica. Congratulations Bro. Ronald Woodstock, may the perpetual light continue to shine upon you our worthy Brother.





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Bro. Richard B. Reese P.M., D.G.A.R.C.H.

Bro. Richard B. Reese P.M., D.G. Arch. was initiated into Freemasonry in the Glenlyon Lodge on the 14th of March, 1984. He was passed to the degree of Fellow of Craft on the 11th of September, 1985 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 12th of March, 1986. He became master of The Glenlyon Lodge on the December 9, 1992.



The citation for Bro. Richard B. Reese P.M., D.G.A.R.C.H., was presented by Bro. Bruce E. Taylor P.M., Hon.D.J.G.W. Bro. Richard Reese is an example of Masonic achievement and steadfast dedication to the craft over a quarter of a century. The always affable, dedicated and committed brother has served the Glenlyon Lodge in a variety of capacities. As a result of this steadfast dedication to Scottish Freemasonry in Jamaica, he has been recently honored by the District Grand Lodge with an appointment as District Grand Architect. Bro. Richard B. Reese P.M., D.G.A.R.C.H. He is also an example of excellence in his private avocation rising to the rank of Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security. He is a sterling example of Masonic achievement to all brethren, and a worthy role model to all.



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Bro. Robert V. Woodstock P.M., P.D.J.G.W.

Bro. Robert V. Woodstock P.M., P.D.J.G.W., was initiated into Freemasonry in the Glenlyon Lodge on the 8th of February, 1984. He was passed to the degree of Fellow of Craft on the 11th of July, 1984 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 12th of September 1984. He became master of The Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C. on the December 12, 1990.



The citation to Bro. Robert V. Woodstock P.M., P.D.J.G.W. was presented by Bro. Lloyd G. Gooden P.M., is a scion of the Woodstock family seven of whom have been members of the Glenlyon Lodge over the past 50 years. Bro. Woodstock has given exemplary service to the Lodge over the past 25 years and is well known particularly for his mastery of Masonic ritual and protocol. His excellence in that regard was recognized by the District Grand Lodge by his appointment as District Junior Grand Warden. His contributions to the Glenlyon Lodge in particular and Freemasonry in Jamaica are an excellent example of faithful service to the craft. His example of excellence is also well known in his private avocation as a much sought after and award winning architect. He is a role model for all who believe in excellence and true and faithful Masonic service.

“Freemasonry - Into the Light”

Presented By the Right Worshipful District Grand Master Bro. Lloyd R. Moore

(A Lecture presented at the annual Whitsun McDonald Lecture - July 8, 2009)

Brethren, it occurs to me that the relevant questions of the day are: ***“Who are we? What is our destiny? Where are we going? How much light do we need to get there?”***

A silent observer may opine that these questions ought to play a significant role in the selection of our successors from Master to District Grand Master alike if we will but disprove the maxim that ‘the more things change the more they remain the same’, for to lead much light is needed to show the way.

An anonymous writer once said:

“I would not give much for your Masonry unless it can be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they shine. A lighthouse sounds no drum, it beats no gong, and yet far over the water its friendly spark is seen by the mariner. Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by your conduct, and it shall not fail to be illustrious.”

Brethren, as we move forward I will remind you that Freemasonry may be one of the most controversial fraternal institution in the world consequently some aspects of it, they say, remain shrouded in a sort of illusory mystery seemingly from a paucity of light both within and without.

Heywood in his book, *The great teachings of Freemasonry*, said:

“After we have become familiarized with the ritual and have learned something of its drift and its meaning, we discover that the fraternity itself, as a whole, is something almost too complex to grasp. A member becomes so accustomed to the goings on in his own home Lodge that he loses his first sense of strangeness, but even so he hears such things of the antiquity, the universality, and the profundity of Freemasonry as to make him feel that for all his familiarity with one Masonic Lodge, he is very much in the dark about the Masonic Fraternity in its entirety.”

‘Freemasonry into the light’ hopefully, will open a few doors that will attempt to shed light on some aspects of Freemasonry as we see them even as we draw on the view of a few Masonic scholars. Some aspects of it may be open to severe scrutiny as we travel along the selected path.

The doors we will open today are boldly marked:

- 1.0 What is Freemasonry? “Who are we?”**
- 2.0 What is the origin of Freemasonry?
“Where did this thing come from?”**
- 3.0 What philosophy of Freemasonry do we embrace?
“What is it trying to do?”**
- 4.0 Is Freemasonry a secret society or a society with secrets?
“Is there a secret about where we are going?”**

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5.0 What is the principal role of Freemasonry? “How much light do we need to see it?” The first door that we open is marked:

What is Freemasonry? “Who are we?”

Some of our teachers may be challenged to answer a neophyte in a clear and concise manner though some of us may be reluctant to embrace Albert Pike’s statement in *Morals and Dogma* when he says: **“Freemasonry is the subjugation of the human that is in the man, by the divine; the conquest of the appetites and passions by the moral sense and the reason; a continual effort, struggle and warfare of the spiritual against the material and sensual.”**

In a previous lecture we said: **“I would like to remind you that, notwithstanding the many attempts at definition, including my own in this paper, Freemasonry resists vigorously because in its entirety Freemasonry is about life. It seldom means the same thing to any two individuals. They may share many commonalities but their interpretation may remain essentially different”**. A personal definition challenges the student of Freemasonry.

Who are we? **“We are scholars of a system that defies definition; travelers on an endless journey to an uncertain destination”**

The second door reads:

What is the Origin of Freemasonry? “Where did this thing come from?”

Mustafa El-Amin’s *‘Al-Islam*, in his book *Christianity and Freemasonry* intimates that because Freemasonry refers to itself as (AFAAM) Antient Free And Accepted we have been led to believe it has existed from time immemorial and that it is an ancient institution. **“The only thing”** he says **“that is ancient about Freemasonry is the fact that it uses the signs, symbols, emblems and customs of ancient times. Freemasonry as it is known today, in terms of its institution, is not ancient, and most Masonic Scholars agree on that point.”** He supports Albert Mackey’s assertion in *The Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*: **“I maintain”,** he says **“that in the present peculiar organization, it is the successor, with certainty, of the building corporations of the Middle Ages, and through them, with less certainty, but with great probability, of the Roman colleges of artifices. Its connection with the Temple of Solomon as its birthplace may have been accidental—a mere arbitrary selection by its inventors. And so, when I speak of the antiquity of Freemasonry, I must say if I would accept the axioms of historical science, that its body came out of the Middle Ages, and that its spirit is to be traced to a far remote period.”**

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Considering the preponderance of mutual thought on the subject we are left to conclude that Freemasonry may not be as old as we were led to believe.

The third door asks:

What philosophy of Freemasonry do we embrace?

What is its principal teaching and what is it trying to do?

Newton, in 'The Builders, sees Freemasonry as **“gentle, gracious and wise.”** Its mission, its purpose, its philosophy, he says is, ***“To form mankind into a great redemptive brotherhood, a league of noble and free men enlisted in the radiant enterprise of working out, in time, the love and will of God; Earnestly it endeavours to bring men to love one another. Here lies the great secrets of Freemasonry... that it makes a man aware of that Divinity within him, wherefrom his whole life takes its beauty and meaning and inspires him to follow and obey it: making his existence a process of self-discovery, self-mastery and self-spending.”***

I know that like George Steinmetz you have availed yourselves of other views on its philosophy. In **‘The Royal Arch, its hidden meaning’** he says the object of Freemasonry ***“Is to instruct the candidate how, through the use of his mind, to subdue and discipline the physical nature, that the spiritual may predominate.”***

But let us not forget its simple mission; that of **‘making good men better men’**. In consideration of which allow me to pose the following questions: How do we define **‘good men?’** Is there hope for ordinary folks, *possessed of great aspirations but not yet good men?* Who indeed were the good men of olden days? Some think they were men of great learning and acceptable social circumstance; men of so called ‘good breeding.’

Philosophers as you are, you may wish to ponder whether these questions deserve more than a passing reference.

Steinmetz’s also reminds us that ***“Freemasonry consists of three degrees”*** and that ***“not only are the three degrees symbolic of the three stages of human development but all of Masonry is explained within them.”*** **“Man”** he asserts, ***“is made in the image and likeness of his Creator and is a triune being composed of body, soul and spirit.”***

His enlightenment begs the question ***“Why Freemasonry beyond the Craft?”*** What profound secrets lie beyond it?

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT EDITION OF “THE ALMONER”

“A Little Bit of Masonic Humor”

Working Tools of a Steward

The office of Steward is the first office to which a Brother is appointed. An important first step, is there no ceremony to mark this? Did our ancient Brethren do it this way? Researches have shown that there was a ceremony, not in the ritual book, handed down from time improbable, by word of mouth alone, now sadly rarely seen.

This evening with the assistance of my W.Bro. the D.C. and my Bro. the J.W. an explanation of this archaic ceremony will be given.

I shall therefore request the D.C. to put the necessary questions.

D.C. Bro. _____ where were you first prepared to be made a Steward?

ANSWER: In the body of the Lodge by the W.M's' pedestal.

D.C. Where next?

ANSWER: At the social board adjoining the Lodge.

D.C. Describe the mode of your preparation.

ANSWER: I was deprived of the right to eat my dinner in peace, a napkin was placed over my left arm, a bottle opener placed in my right hand and a corkscrew was hung about my neck. (J.W. does this)

D.C. What is Stewardship?

ANSWER: A Peculiar system of servitude, Practiced by few for the benefit of many.

D.C. Name the three grand Principles on which Stewardship is founded.

ANSWER: Courtesy, prompt clearing of the empties and willingness at all times to bring a beer when properly called upon.

“A Little Bit of Masonic Humor”

D.C. With what were you invested?

ANSWER: The working tools of a Steward, namely the napkin, the bottle opener and the corkscrew.

D.C. Explain their separate and conjoint significations.

ANSWER: The napkin being white, denotes the purity of the beverages we serve. The bottle opener is an instrument which acts on the Principle of leverage and enables beer to be opened for the brethren and our visitors and the Corkscrew, which works with a winding motion, is meant to remind us of the staircase up which our ancient brethren went to receive their refreshment.

D.C. What refreshment did they receive?

ANSWER: Scruple and roasted hens.

D.C. Why this Peculiar menu?

ANSWER: Scruple was a well-known strong ale to which they felt justly entitled, and roasted hens were served frequently by the Temple caterers in those days.

D.C. What was in the two great Crates which were placed at or near to the entrance to the Social Board?

ANSWER: That on the left contained Beer and that on the right Wine

D.C. What are their separate and conjoint significations?

ANSWER: The former denotes Strength, the latter to Inebriate and when conjoined, Instability, for the Worshipful Master said, "With strong beer I will inebriate these my Brethren and make them remember MY year in office for ever!"

Obituaries (October 2009 - November 2009)

NAME	LODGE	MONTH
Bro. Bernard Wong P.M. P.DG.S	Lodge Imperial Service no. 978 S.C	Oct. 2009
W. Bro. Justice Lloyd Ellis	St. Thomas no. 4338 E.C.	Oct. 2009
Bro. Micheal Jutan	The Glenlyon no. 346 S.C.	Oct 2009
W. Bro. Fitz Guthrie	Jamaica College Lodge no. 7254 E.C.	Nov. 2009
Bro. Roy Golding P.M	Lodge Imperial Service no. 978 S.C .	Nov. 2009
W. Bro. Rufus Chang	Kingston Lodge no. 1933 E.C.	Nov. 2009
Bro. Alvin Burnett P.M.	Lodge Wolmers no. 1506 S.C.	Nov. 2009
W. Bro. Clarence Denny	Arawak Lodge no. 6902 E.C.	Nov. 2009

Newly Installed Masters July 2009 - November 2009)

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF INSTALLATION
Bro. Lloyd M. Brown	Lodge Stony Hill no 1820 S.C.	9th of July 2009
W. Bro. Charles Heholt	Erin Lodge no. 932 I.C.	18th of July 2009
Bro. Winston A.F. Young	Lodge De la Vega no 1744 S.C.	16th of September, 2009
Bro. Deryck E.A. Rose	Lodge Wolmers no. 1506 S.C.	22nd of September, 2009
Bro. Mark Williams	Lodge Jackson McL Wint no. 1818 S.C.	6th of October, 2009
Bro John Julian Sinclair	Lodge John J. Mills no. 1657 S.C.	5th of October , 2009
Bro. Jervis M. Gordon	Lodge Caledonian no. 554 S.C.	12th of November, 2009
Bro. Ainsley S. Edwards	Lodge Mico no. 1583 S.C.	14th of November, 2009

What's Going On

LODGE	ACTIVITY	DATE
Hope Lodge no. 2813 E.C.	Installation Meeting	Nov 4, 2009
Lodge Caledonian no.554 S.C.	Installation Meeting	Nov 12, 2009
Lodge St. Andrew no. 1684 S.C.	Mark Degree	Nov 13, 2009
Lodge Mico no. 1583 S.C.	Installation Meeting	Nov 14, 2009
Sussex Lodge no. 354 E.C.	Initiation	Nov 18, 2009
District Grand Lodge	D.G.L. Communication	Nov 24, 2009
Liguanea Lodge no. 1470 S.C	Oswald McDonald Oration	Nov 27, 2009
The Glenlyon no. 346 S.C.	Installation	Dec 8, 2009
St. Thomas Lodge no. 4336 E.C.	Installation	Dec 11, 2009
Lodge of Installed Masters 7420 E.C.	Installation	Dec 29, 2009



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A Pictorial of the 50th and 25th Anniversary Awards



The R.W.M presenting Bro. Ronald Woodstock P.M., with his citation. Bro. Lloyd Cundy P.M. observing the ceremony

The R.W.M. presenting the citation to Bro. Richard Reese for his 25 years of service.



Bro. Lloyd G. Gooden P.M. reading the citation to Bro. Robert Woodstock P.M.

The R.W.M. congratulating Bro. Robert Woodstock P.M. on achieving his milestone.



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Pictorial of the Festive Board of the 50th and 25th Anniversary Celebration



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