

THE GLENLYON LODGE
NO. 346 S.C.

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- Long Serving Brethren Honoured
- A Grand Lodge of the Caribbean?
- Vintage Wine 2010

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GLENLYON HONOURS BRETHREN CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY

On the 13th of October 2010, the brethren of The Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C. paid tribute to three exceptional brethren for their services to Freemasonry in general and The Glenlyon Lodge in particular. These three special and dedicated brethren, represented shining examples of steadfast devotion to the principles and tenets of the craft and to the spirit of the fraternity. The trio of excellence consisted of Bro. Dr. Frank N. Villiers P.M., P.D.J.G.W., Hon. D.S.G.W. Bro. Warren A. McDonald J.P. P.M. Hon. D.J.G.W. and Bro. S. Earl Hamilton P.M. 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 the Brethren of Lodge and for Scottish Freemasonry in Jamaica, and we congratulate them for reaching such a milestone



**THE R.W.M. BRO. JOHN A. PICKERSGILL AND BRETHERN IN ATTENDANCE AS
BRO. FRANK N. VILLIERS P.M. RESPONDS ON BEHALF OF THE CELEBRANTS**



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Bro. Frank Newton Villiers P.M., P.D.J.G.W., H.D.S.G.W.

Bro. Frank Newton Villiers P.M. was initiated into Freemasonry in the Glenlyon Lodge on the 3rd of March, 1985. 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 11th of December 1991. Bro. Frank Newton Villiers P.M. has served the Glenlyon Lodge, the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica and Freemasonry in general in a variety of capacities. He was well known by the brethren of the Lodge as an exceptional ritualist. He was commonly called upon to perform rituals in all three degrees. In recognition of his profound expertise in Masonic ritual, he was appointed Director of Ceremonies in the year of administration 2008—2009. His genial nature and attention to detail was recognised and admired by all the brethren of the Lodge.



The citation for Bro. Frank Newton Villiers P.M., was presented by Bro. Samuel Stewart C.D., J.P. P.M., Bro. Frank Newton Villiers P.M. is an example of Masonic achievement and steadfast dedication to the craft over a quarter of a century. The 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 honored by the District Grand Lodge with appointments as District Junior Grand Warden and Honorary District Senior Grand Warden. He is a sterling example of Masonic achievement to all brethren, and a worthy role model to all. We congratulate Bro. Frank Villiers on his impressive achievement and wish him well.

THE R.W.M. BRO. JOHN A. PICKERSGILL PRESENTS BRO. FRANK NEWTON VILLIERS WITH HIS SILVER MEDAL TO COMMEMORATE HIS TWENTY FIVE YEARS IN FREEMASONRY



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Bro. Warren Albert McDonald J.P., P.M. H.D.J.G.W.

Bro. Warren A. McDonald J.P., P.M., H.D.J.G.W. was initiated into Freemasonry in the Glenlyon Lodge on the 14th of August, 1985. He was passed to the degree of Fellow of Craft on the 9th of October 1985 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 13th of March, 1986. He became master of The Glenlyon Lodge on December 8, 1993. Bro. Warren A. McDonald P.M. has the rare honour of being initiated, passed and raised with another of the twenty five year celebrants, Bro. Stanford Earl Hamilton P.M. They were both raised not in The Glenlyon Lodge but at Lodge Caledonian in Port Maria. He is well known among the brethren as much for his sharp business acumen as well as his insightful analytical approach to "problem solving" He has been a member and chairman of the Lodge's Finance Committee and continues to serve in that capacity. His more recent contributions in the formulation of proposals for the development and sustainability of the Lodge has been met with great acclaim by all the Brethren.



The citation for Bro. Warren A. McDonald J.P., P.M. was presented by Bro. A.G. Leon Robertson P.M., The always affable, dedicated and committed brother has served the Glenlyon Lodge in a variety of capacities. As a result of his impeccable service to Scottish Freemasonry in Jamaica, he has been honored by the District Grand Lodge with an appointment as Honorary District Grand Junior Warden. He is also an example of excellence in his private avocation as the Managing Director of one of Jamaica's most successful enterprises speaks volumes of his management ability and financial acumen. Our congratulations to Bro. Warren MaDonald P.M. and may the Grace of God continue to bless him

THE R.W.M. BRO. JOHN A. PICKERSGILL PRESENTS BRO. WARREN A. MCDONALD WITH HIS SILVER MEDAL TO COMMEMORATE HIS TWENTY FIVE YEARS IN FREEMASONRY



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avocation as a well known attorney. He is well known for his service as a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew as well as his public service as a member of the boards of the Y.M.C.A. (Spanish Town) and the G.C. Foster College of Physical Education and Sports. The citation to Bro. Stanford Earl Hamilton P.M., was presented by Bro. Richard B. Reese P.M. Bro. Stanford Earl Hamilton P.M. has given exemplary service to the Lodge over the past twenty five years. His long standing and continuous service to The Glenlyon Lodge and his general support of all the Lodge's activities and his sense of camaraderie has endeared him to the Brethren. We congratulate Bro. Stanford Earl Hamilton P.M. on his achievement.

THE R.W.M. BRO. JOHN A. PICKERSGILL PRESENTS BRO. STANFORD EARL HAMILTON WITH HIS SILVER MEDAL TO COMMEMORATE HIS TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE GLENLYON LODGE AND FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL.

“A Grand Lodge of the Caribbean??”

Presented By the Right Worshipful Bro. Major General Rudolph Green P.J.G.W.

(A Lecture presented at the annual Whitsun McDonald Lecture - July 14, 2010)

Shortly after India became independent in about 1947, many of the former colonies began to seek Independence from the United Kingdom. Once this was achieved, the next step along this road was to localize all the institutions which existed at the time of independence. New flags, Coat of Arms etc, etc. Locals were appointed to important offices which were formally held by foreigners. This shift was understandable.

With few exceptions, Freemasonry is probably the only institution which did not immediately sever its connection from the Imperial head. After many years Grand Lodges have been established in India, Ghana, Australia and a few other places. Lodges from these countries who did not wish to become part of the new Grand Lodge are still administered by the three home Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland. I have spoken to high rulers of all three Constitutions and they have all assured me that they have no objection to a group of Lodges wanting to form themselves into a Grand Lodge.

This now brings me to ask the question of what is a Grand Lodge? It is no more than a number of private Lodges being administered by a single administrative head. Mackay informs us that “A Grand Lodge is the supreme Masonic authority of the jurisdiction in which it is situated, and faith allegiance and implicit obedience is due to it from all Lodges and Freemasons residing therein. Its function and prerogatives are therefore of the most extensive and important nature, and should be carefully investigated by every Freemason who desires to become acquainted, not only with his duties to the Order but with his own rights and privileges in it”

The primary functions of a Grand Lodge are Legislative, judicial and executive. Under these headings you can sub-divide into other headings such as Constitution, Coat of Arms, Banner, Regalia, Ritual, Organization of Degrees, Relationship with Orders outside the Craft, Relationship with sponsoring Grand Lodges and their Districts or Groups in the region, Relationship with other Grand Lodges.

There is a set procedure to be followed by those Lodges wishing to become part of a new Grand Lodge. There has to be a minimum number of private Lodges wishing to become part of the new Grand Lodge. The United Grand Lodge of England started with four Lodges forming into a Grand Lodge in 1717. The minimum number of brethren in each Lodge voting in favour must be two-thirds. According rule 187 of the Book of Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge an exact copy of the Minutes of the meeting at which the vote is taken with the result of the ballot with the names of those present and voting must be submitted to the Grand Secretary after the meeting.

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If all the Lodges involved are from the same Constitution things can proceed fairly quickly and smoothly. If, however, more than one Constitution is involved, there will be much correspondence involved between the new Grand Lodge and the sponsoring bodies.

Our next step is to consider the name and place of the Grand Lodge. RWM you invited me to speak on the Grand Lodge of the Caribbean which suggests that you have already decided on a name. To have that name would suggest that many of the islands of the region would be part of this Grand Lodge. The next decision would be the situation of it. Many of the older brethren among us will remember the West Indies Federation. There was a Commission set up to consider many aspects of this new venture including where the Capital should be situated. The Commission recommended Jamaica because of its Communication facilities and its geographical situation. We all know that this never happened. It was difficult to get agreement between the several islands. I spent two years as part of this experiment and I have first hand knowledge of how difficult to get agreement on anything however small. I have spent some time considering the benefits to be derived from forming a Caribbean Grand Lodge and there are two reasons I can think of. The first is to have something local or home grown and the second is to satisfy the ego of so many of our number who would wish to be addressed as Most Worshipful.

Where would the leadership come from? The Grand Master of English Freemasonry has been in office for over forty years although he is elected every year. In Ireland he serves for ten years and in Scotland for five years. In the English and Irish Constitution the ruler of a District or Province occupies that position more or less for a period of usually ten years, what would be the term of the Grand Master and his Officers? Bear in mind that too frequent changes do not encourage stability. It would be ideal for the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, at least, to be situated in the same place as the Grand Temple which is where the office and centre of activity would be. I am told that Barbados, in anticipation of the formation of a Grand Lodge, has erected an edifice that would be suitable for a Grand Temple and offices. Because there are so many islands in the Caribbean it would be necessary to do much traveling. Traveling in the Caribbean has never been and still is not easy. The cost of air travel nowadays is almost prohibitive. Your Grand Master should therefore not only be one who is known and accepted throughout the region but must also be a man of means to be able to pay his own way at times.

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How are the various islands to be serviced by your Grand Lodge? This brings me to the next question of Finance. A Grand Lodge requires a full time staff. From my own personal knowledge, much of the District work at present, with a few exceptions, are being done from brethren's homes or offices where secretarial assistance is available. This together with minimum traveling cost money. I am told that the average dues paid in Barbados at present equates to about US\$37:00. To establish a Grand Lodge the dues would be increased to about US\$138:00. Can our Brethren afford this and more likely more than this? How many of our Lodges and Chapters nowadays are carrying members who are hopelessly in arrears. The average annual dues paid by members of English Lodges to Grand Lodge and District Grand Lodge equates to less than US\$20:00. Can this finance a Grand Lodge? Would the Grand Lodge become like other regional Institutions such as the UWI where contributing countries fail to meet their obligation.

It would be prestigious to have what I would refer to now as an indigenous Grand Lodge and recognition would not be a problem, as all the lodges working in the area adhere to the basic principles necessary for recognition. I am told by an English Ruler that when they go to form a Grand Lodge formerly of English Lodges, they take the letter of recognition with them. They usually take the resolution to Grand Lodge before the formation and recommend to Grand Lodge that when the Grand Lodge is formed it be recognized.

We have several orders of Freemasonry established in the area. Would they continue to work as they are now from the home Grand Lodges or would they come under the new Grand Lodge. Those who are already members no doubt would continue as they are, but would Brethren initiated under the new Grand Lodge be acceptable? These are what I would refer to as irreconcilable differences in the working of the Royal Arch and Mark Degrees in the three Constitutions. The Irish Royal Arch deals with events which occurred in a period previous to that worked by the English and Scottish. The Mark Degree in the Scottish is worked in a Craft meeting. What are the benefits to be gained from a local Grand Lodge? The home Grand Lodges provide much assistance to their members overseas by way of grants to assist with medical and educational expenses. Would the new Grand Lodge be able to give this assistance? Co-operation is desirable and this can be achieved without a Grand Lodge and its unnecessary expense. The decision is now with you as to which way we wish to go.

“Vintage Wine 2010” The Ultimate Oldies Soca Party!!!

Despite numerous challenges from within and without, that necessitated several postponements, The Brethren of the Lodge held their signature fundraising event “Vintage Wine 2010—The Ultimate Oldies Soca Party” on the 13th of November 2010 at the Estate of Century Farm, near Port Esquivel, St. Catherine. With an overall attendance of 300 persons it was by far the largest event ever held by the Lodge. The evening was filled with great food music and camaraderie. The fundraiser got underway at 5:00pm and went until midnight. The dance floor as graced by the presence of many of the young and the young at heart. The brethren of Lodge and in particular the members of the Fundraising Committee despite the many challenges put on a superb



Patrons “in action” at Vintage Wine
2010– The Ultimate Soca Oldies Party



A couple “Dancing the night away”

event that was praised by all who attended. Special mention must go out to the Chairman Bro. Neville Wallace, for his exceptional marshalling of the committee, Bro. Howard Ennis P.M., Bro. Wilson Look Kin, Bro. Richard Reese P.M., Bro. Charles O'Connor and Bro. Craig Foreman who performed with super human effort to contact sponsors and assisting in the logistics for the event. Bro. Neville Jackson's must also be thanked for the innovative “pork pit” that was immensely popular with the patrons. Special mention also must be made to the wives of the brethren particularly Mrs. Reese, the wife of Bro. Richard Reese who lent her support and efforts to ensure that the event was a great success, and that “Vintage Wine” is a premier fundraising event on the Jamaican Masonic Calendar.

“A Little Bit of Masonic Humor”

SIMPLE RULES FOR DATING A FREEMASONS DAUGHTER

Rule One:

If you pull into my driveway and honk you'd better be delivering a package, because you're sure not picking anything up.

Rule Two:

You do not touch my daughter. You may glance at her, so long as you do not peer at anything below her neck. If you cannot keep your eyes or hands off of my daughter's body, I will remove them.

Rule Three:

I am aware that it is considered fashionable for boys of your age to wear their trousers so loosely that they appear to be falling off their hips. Please don't take this as an insult, but you and all of your friends are complete idiots. Still, I want to be fair and open minded about this issue, so I propose this compromise: You may come to the door with your underwear showing and your pants ten sizes too big, and I will not object. However, in order to ensure that your clothes do not, in fact, come off during the course of your date with my daughter, I will take my electric nail gun and fasten your trousers securely in place to your waist.

Rule Four:

I'm sure you've been told that in today's world, sex without utilizing a "barrier method" of some kind can kill you. Let me elaborate, when it comes to sex, I am the barrier, and I will kill you.

Rule Five:

It is usually understood that in order for us to get to know each other, we should talk about sports, politics, and other issues of the day. Please do not do this. The only information I require from you is an indication of when you expect to have my daughter safely back at my house, and the only word I need from you on this subject is "early."

Rule Six:

I have no doubt you are a popular fellow, with many opportunities to date other girls. This is fine with me as long as it is okay with my daughter. Otherwise, once you have gone out with my little girl, you will continue to date no one but her until she is finished with you. If you make her cry, I will make you cry.

(ADDITIONAL RULES IN THE NEXT EDITION OF "THE ALMONER")

Obituaries (July 2010 - October 2010)

NAME	LODGE	MONTH
W. Bro. Hector McDonald P.D.G.D.C	Harmony Lodge no. 3603 E.C	July 2010
Bro. Sydney Small P.M.	Erin Lodge no. 932 I.C.	July 2010
Bro. Udes McLean P.M.	Lodge Caledonian 554 S.C.	Aug 2010
Bro. Neil McGill	Lodge Caledonian 554 S.C.	Aug 2010
Bro. John Morris P.M	Lodge De La Vega 1744 S.C .	Sept. 2010
Bro. Ben Carter P.M.	Lodge St. Thomas no. 4338 E.C.	Sept. 2010
Bro. Neville Baker P.M.	Lodge Imp. Service no. 978 S.C.	Oct 2010

Newly Installed Masters July 2010 - November 2010)

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF INSTALLATION
Bro. Rohan L. Hay	Erin Lodge no. 932 I.C.	17th of July 2010
Bro. John W. Morris	Elgin Lodge no. 1562 S.C.	4th of September 2010
Bro. Bruce W. Sherlock	Kingston Coll. Lodge no 9469 E.C.	17th of September, 2010
Bro. Dathan L. Henry	Arawak Lodge no. 6902 E.C.	1st of October 2010
Bro. Barrington Miller	Lodge Jackson McL Wint no. 1818 S.C.	5th of October, 2010
Bro Karl Excell	Lodge John J. Mills no. 1657 S.C.	4th of October , 2010
Bro. Warren C. Clarke	Lodge Caledonian no. 554 S.C.	11th of November, 2010
Bro. Tyrone N. Nam	Lodge Mico no. 1583 S.C.	13th of November, 2010

What's Going On

LODGE	ACTIVITY	DATE
District Grand Lodge	Regular Communication	November 20, 2010
Glenlyon Lodge no. 530 S.C.	Installation Meeting	December 8, 2010
Glenlyon Lodge no. 530 S.C.	Jackson McL Wint Service	January 12 2011
Liguanea Lodge no. 1470 S.C	Installation	January 28, 2011
Middlesex Lodge no. 1628 S.C.	Installation	January 22, 2011
District Grand Lodge	District Grand Committee	January 19, 2011
Lodge St. John no. 623 S.C.	Installation	February 28, 2011
Ewing Lodge no. 3258 E.C.	Installation	February 26, 2011
Lodge St. Andrew no. 1684 S.C.	Installation	March 11, 2011



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A Pictorial of Vintage Wine 2010



"Play it Again Selector", this patron seems to be saying much to the amusement of Bro. Colin Henry



Bro. Lloyd G. Gooden P.M. "cutting up the dance floor" with Mrs. Cynthia Gooden



A patron being awarded the gate prize, "a weekend for two to the Jamaica Grande Hotel"



Bro. Trevor Fuller presenting one of the gate prizes to a patron of the event.



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Pictorial of Vintage Wine 2010



**Standing L—R (Craig Foreman, Charles O'Connor, Neville Wallace)
Seated L-R (Unknown Supporter, Michael Tucker, Mrs. Pamela Reese, Richard Reese.
Robert Woodstock)**



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