THE GLENLYON LODGE NO. 346 S.C.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Bro. Christopher Robinson Installed as RWM
- Whitsun McDonald Lecture
- A Brother for All Seasons

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# BRO. CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON RETURNS AS RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MASTER

It has been customary among Freemasons, from time immemorial, once in every year, for a Lodge to elect from among its number, an expert Brother to preside over it. This year, the task falls again to Bro. Christopher Robinson, a well known and respected brother who for the second time ascends to the "Chair of King Solomon", in The Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C. Bro. Christopher Robinson P.M. was initiated into Freemasonry in The Glenlyon Lodge on the 12th of July, 1989, passed on the 8th of November 1989 and was raised on the 11th of April, 1980. He first became Right Worshipful of Lodge on the 8th of December, 2004. A proud Wolmerian with proven track record of leadership in Freemasonry, he was the driving force behind the inauguration of the annual Whitsun McDonald Lecture which has become one of the most anticipated events in on the Lodge's masonic calendar. He also serves on the District Grand Lodge as Assistant Grand Treasurer, and is Past 1st Principal of the Glenlyon Royal Arch #62. In his private avocation, he is a finance professional with over 25 years of experience in the financial services industry and serves on the Boards of Directors of Solidity Credit Union Ltd.



BRO. CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON P.M. RWM OF THE GLENLYON LODGE No. 346 S.C.

Money Masters Ltd and the Jamaica Cooperative Insurance Agency. He was the President of the Kiwanis Club of Kingston, President of the Life Insurance Companies Association of Jamaica, Honorary Trustee and Treasurer of the Jamaica Medical Foundation, a member of the Board of Governors of the Wolmers Prep School and past executive member of Wolmers Old Boys Association. Bro. Christopher Robinson is an example of the highest principles of the order and s ideally equipped to lead continue the growth and development of the Lodge. We congratulate him on his ascension and pledge our support for his program for the growth and development of The Glenlyon Lodge.

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#### **OLD SCHOOL TIES AND FREEMASONRY**

### By W. Bro. James Moss-Solomon P.P.G.M. of Jamaica and Bahamas

Presented at the Annual Whitsun McDonald Lecture July 13, 2011

The title of this paper was chosen in a way to stimulate the Masonic minds towards a greater contemplation of the relevance of history to the characteristics of our Order, and its relevance and impact on the evolution of freemasons as better men. I have no doubt that in reading the title many of you my Brethren will be silently thinking "what is our mad brother on about", and others will wonder why Brother Dr. Aggrey Irons has not yet committed me.

But for those who have been contemplating this, and are still in attendance tonight, I openly applaud you. In one aspect you have cared enough to come to listen, and still others have come with an open mind to possibly contemplate something new. The latter is the essential objective of the human mind in seeking knowledge, and the first is a reflection of how we care for, and hold our Brethren in a closer tie. Therefore there is an early cognizance of why we chose to become Freemasons.

I have chosen six boys' schools across Jamaica as a starting point, as we still do not admit women to our order, and I have therefore not looked at co-educational facilities. I do however recognize that many of the schools omitted have produced men of great value to freemasonry and to nation building. Additionally, in choosing the schools I have done so to recognize three with obviously named Lodges attached, and three that do not. I excluded St. George's College as there had been previously some strained relations between the Roman Catholic Church, and Freemasonry in general.

I will therefore begin by making some brief historical comments on the nature of the schools and the times that fostered and enabled their existence. I wish to acknowledge the internet sources that provided background material where known, and the valuable additions, updates, and analyses provided by alumni in each case.

#### Wolmer's Boys' School.

John Wolmer died in 1729 and was described as a goldsmith, and it is surmised that he carried on his trade in Port Royal (but I must note that there is a lack of conclusive evidence to this claim). I however accept this as it was the premier port of call and a major trading post of sorts for ships plying the European to Central routes. In those days gold was frequently mined, refined, and transformed to





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items of value such as coins, jewellery and household adornments.

John Wolmer left a sum of some 2,360 pounds in his will for the establishment of a "free school" meaning no conditions of discrimination. I stop here to note that reference to a "free school" would mean that he had probably witnessed or had been a subject of discrimination, and a possibility exists that he may have been a displaced English Jew. This is a speculation on my part, as I found no conclusive evidence, except his expressed view in his will, and his particular trade.

In 1777 the Board of Trustees restricted the admission of students to whites only. Interestingly in 1776, slaves outnumbered whites 10:1 and the ratio may have been an inducement to compromise the terms of the bequest as stipulated by John Wolmer. The restrictive phrase "children must know their letters and know how to spell" effectively hid behind the Law at the time prohibiting slaves from learning how to read and therefore may have seemed to be a clever use of law in protecting racism.

I would also like to note that at the time of John Wolmer's life and death, freemasonry was practiced in Port Royal, and the transition to the modem three Constitution Concordiat was in full swing. Regimental Lodges with traveling warrants were known in that town as early as the late 17th Century.

Finally the school crest depicts a replica of the earlier seal of "the sun of learning bursting through the Cloud of Ignorance", a predominantly Masonic symbolism. Ebenezer Reid, the Headmaster 1815-1843 finally defeated racism in the school's admission and as Professor Patrick Bryan notes "created a black middle class". Wolmer's in my estimation has an established goal inculcated in its very being, and has produced 20 Rhodes Scholars and 8 Jamaica Scholars in the past 100 years.

#### **Munro College**

Robert Hugh Munro the benefactor died in 1797 and bequeathed a sum of money to be overseen by his nephew Dr. Caleb Dickinson and the Parish Church Wardens. Please note that this simple statement would have aligned him with the Anglican Church as the "official" church of the Realm.

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Dr. Caleb Dickinson seemed by genealogy research to have been the son of a merchant in England with ties to the "landed gentry". I surmise that the trade may have been in general linked to sugar interests in Jamaica, and in particular to the Parish of St. Elizabeth. Both Caleb and Robert were never married, but Caleb also bequeathed money to poor clergymen in Catherick, Yorkshire, supporting the speculation of at least one English connection.

However the names recorded on early land titles indicate strong ties to Foulis, Scotland. Caleb died in 1821 at Knockpatrick Plantation in Manchester, which he had inherited from his uncle Robert Munro. Both were honoured by a monument in 1828 by the Magistrates and Vestrymen of St. Elizabeth.

The Trust fund was "used for other purposes" until 1856 when they were regularized by an Act of the Legislature and established at Black River and removed to 150 acres at Potsdam in 1857. The intervening years of non performance of the stated objectives of the Trust (1797-1856) must be attributed to Parish Church Wardens who were the other Trustees of the original bequest.

It is important to note that Crown would have been an important source of regulation, and that this was the first secondary school for boys in Western Jamaica. The motto "In arce sitam quis occultabit", a city built on a hill cannot be hid, therefore evokes neither overt Masonic significance, nor a particular purpose.

#### Jamaica College

This school was established in 1789 and is the fourth oldest in Jamaica. It owes its formation to the will of Charles Drax who came to Jamaica in 1721 from Barbados. The 5,200 pounds left in his will was to establish the Drax Free School. It important to note that the word "free" was not used in the context of fees, but rather that the students were to be "freeborn" that meant no slaves.



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The peculiar usage of the word "free" is of interest to me as its use does not reflect a consistency with the rest of his will. The will of Charles Drax begins with a prayer and directions as to where he should be buried. It is immediately followed by an instruction that the new house built on his land in St. Ann should be used as a school or hospital.

His next task was that funds would be used for eight poor boys, and four poor girls, and sets out the educational requirements for a Headmaster, as well as a Matron and their respective duties and remuneration. Additionally he sets out clothing allowances for the students inclusive of shoes, trousers, dresses, and other essentials on an annual basis.

Furthermore the will provided for the retention of a surgeon or apothecary to administer medical care to the students, and states their annual professional remuneration. He sets out the standard of meals to be supplied and the range of nutritious ingredients to be used. He also provides for perpetuity after the death of his two executors under the continued supervision of the Magistrates of the Parish.

The will continues with stating many beneficiaries including specific slaves to attend the school, manumission for many, annuities for many persons, and gifts to the Anglican Church. In spite of the obvious contradictions, this was the will of a very generous man of substantial means.

In 1779 the school became Jamaica High School, and in 1885 it was moved to its current location in St. Andrew as The Jamaica High School and University College, after which it became Jamaica College. From about 1903 onwards the objective was to train potential University students and was open to all who could pay fees. They have produced 15 Rhodes Scholars and several Jamaica and other major scholarship winners. The boarding facilities encouraged many students from rural land owning families, possibly earning the reputation of the school of the gentry, perhaps an ignorance and misunderstanding of farming roots. and directs certain behaviour.



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The motto "Floriat collegium; fervet opus in campis", the college flourishes; work is burning in the fields, is perhaps a subliminal call for wellness and toil together in harmony, perhaps a purpose understood in Freemasonry. This is reflected in the School Prayer which expresses some Masonic values, that I will share at the end of this paper, and directs certain behaviour

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# "A BROTHER FOR ALL SEASONS" Clinton Ashworth Woodstock O.D., J.P. P.M.

November 20, 1929 - July 15, 1996 AS REMEBERED BY BRO, LLOYD A, CUNDY P.M.

In the passing of Clinton Ashworth Woodstock, this nation and Freemasonry not only lost a citizen and brother, but one who gave of his energies and abilities unstintingly in the cause of nation building through public service, sports and the craft, for many years.

An outstanding scholar and athlete at Monroe College (perhaps the only blemish in his illustrious career; his other four brothers having gone to Kingston College). He went on to represent Jamaica in the Central American Games in Colombia in 1946; coached Jamaica College to one of their school boys athletic championship titles, and played Senior Cup Cricket for the now defunct United Fruit Company Cricket Team as a fast bowler. Indeed his love of sports continued long after his days of active participation, and he continued to serve the cause of Athletics—especially the Gibson Relays, up to the time of his death.

He entered the Public Service at the Public Works Department and immediately established the reputation of being a hard working, no nonsense individual who led by example. At that time I was a young man in the clerical ranks of the Civil Service at Port Royal Street where there were a number of recalcitrant workers who pretended to fear neither God nor man, and to whom punctuality





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was irrelevant; who would quake in their boots when they arrived at work only to see the famous Rover parked, on one of his unannounced visits. I know of instances where employees, on seeing his car parked, turned back and sought the assistance of their Medical Advisors in order to later explain their absence.

Interestingly, those of us who maintained contact with him from those early days came to the realization that he meant not harm but good; we came to understand that the time honoured virtues of punctuality, discipline, hard-work, honesty and integrity were his obligations; that the Country could not move forward without them; and that it was his message to impart.

It is also interesting to note that it was on a matter of principle that he elected to take early retirement from the Public Service where his studies in Public Administration at the London School of Economics and Cambridge University, had further equipped him for such invaluable service, when only three rungs from the pinnacle of his profession.

He was appointed General Manager of the Urban Development Corporation in 1989 and served for 19 years with the same enthusiasm and zeal which had by now become his trademark, and which earned for him the respect and admiration of employees and associates alike. He was an indefatigable worker who always had the time to be polite, friendly, helpful, compassionate and genuinely kind.

His love for his family knew no bounds-no matter how brief the encounter, they were always mentioned- and his gathering of the Woodstock Clan at his home on Sundays bore testimony of his love. His integrity was beyond question, his humility effortless. He was never loud or coarse: like the poet he fervently believed that " not in the glamour of crowded streets, nor in the shouts and plaudits of the throng, but in ourselves are triumph and defeat."

A grateful nation saw it fitting not only to appoint him a Justice of the Peace but to confer on him The Order of Distinction.





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Clinton Woodstock was initiated into The Glenlyon Lodge # 346 on May 9th. 1973 and became Master thereof in December 1982. He was Chaplain of the Installed Masters Lodge, a Past First Principal of The Glenlyon Royal Arch Chapter, and Venerable Preceptor in the Knights Templar, at the time of his passing.

He served The District Grand Lodge of Jamaica for many years and in many capacities, including that of Asst. District Grand Secretary, and rose to the rank of Hon. District Senior Grand Warden, and it is important to note the words of Bro. Professor The Hon. Hugh Hastings Wynter, then District Grand Master, on the 29th. November 1991: "A big thank you to Bro. Clinton Woodstock, Asst. District Grand Secretary who had the job of recording the minutes of The District Grand Lodge, And The District Grand Committee over the past 6 years and who did so with diligence and excellence.

Among the many attribute which endeared him in Masonic company was his amazing ability to recall the names of brethren whom he had met during the course of an evening. This great retentive power, he must have utilized in his ritual work. I can recall his being called upon, without notice, on a visit to a sister Lodge in the country, to assist with the 2<sup>nd</sup>. degree charge, and the consummate ease with which he obliged.

His work on the various committees, his contribution to the revision and standardization of the alternate workings of the third degree, his contribution to the success of the 150<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary celebrations, his generosity (to name a few) will be monuments enough to enshrine his memory.

Bro. Clinton and I were initiated, passed and raised together; we went through the ranks together; we served in the quarries together, and it was my pleasurable task to install him as Master of this Lodge in December, 1982.

It was an honour to have known him, to have sat in Lodge with him, and I hope that like him, when our trial approaches, we will hear "Welcome thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the Paradise of God."

Lloyd A. Cundy, P. M. The Glenlyon Lodge # 346 S. C. January 8, 1997.





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## "OUR HOMAGE TO OUR LADIES" LADIES NIGHT 2011

Our ladies are a vital and integral part of Freemasonry and without them and their cherished support the fraternity would not function in today's society. Indeed, it is reasonable to say that without them there would be little or no point in Freemasonry at all. Freemasonry is a system of morality, which teaches good men to be better men, better citizens, better employers or employees, better husbands and better fathers and to uphold all the virtues of family life. To exclude our ladies from this mix would render the teachings of Freemasonry meaningless. With this in mind and to pay homa-



ge to the Ladies of The Glenlyon Lodge, the Brethren chose a night to entertain and express our thanks for the many nights tending to our masonic duty. Ladies Night 2011 was held at the Alahambra Inn on the 2nd of July, 2011 and provided the appropriate outlet to express the gratitude of the Brethren.

(at left) Bro. John Pickersgill P.M. and Bro. Frank Villiers P.M. with their Ladies

The evening consisted of excellent cuisine and music that encouraged the Brethren and their ladies to dance the night away. Congratulations to Bro. Charles O'Connor and his team for developing this wonderful tribute to the Glenlyon Lodge ladies.

(at right) The Brethren and the Ladies of The Glenlyon Lodge on the dance floor at the Ladies Night 2011



### **Obituaries (November 2011 - February 2012)**

NAME	LODGE	MONTH
W. Bro. Herbert D. Repole	Jamaica College Lodge no. 7254 E.C.	Nov 2011
W. Bro. David Coore	Jamaica College Lodge no. 7254 E.C.	Nov 2011
Bro. Dudley Thompson	Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C	Jan 2012
Bro. Jerome Myles Snr. P.M.	Imperial Service no. 978 S.C.	Jan 2012
W. Bro. Homer Morgan	Frances Hadden Bowen no. 9238 E.C.	Feb 2012
Bro. Steadly Webster P.M.	Lodge Mico no. 1583 S.C.	Feb 2012

## Newly Installed Masters (September 2011 - February 2012)

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF INSTALLATION
Bro. Earnest A. Sterling	Lodge Elgin no. 1562 S.C.	10th of September 2011
Bro. Fredrick R.C. Smith	Kingston College Lodge no. 9469 E.C	C. 16th of September, 2011
Bro. Clive R. Greyson	Lodge De la Vega no. 1744 S.C.	21st of September 2011
Bro. Clayton G. Gordon	Lodge Caledonia no. 554 S.C.	10th of November, 2011
Bro. Arthur H.W. Williams	Lodge Mico no. 1583 S.C.	12th of November, 2011
Bro. John A.M. Bardowell	Sussex Lodge no. 354E.C.	18th of January, 2012
Bro. Len B. Hutchinson	Lodge Middlesex no 1628 S.C.	21st of January, 2012
Bro. Wayne A. Wray	Liguanea Lodge no. 1479 S.C.	27th of January, 2012
Bro. John A.M. Ellis	Kingston Lodge no. 1933 E.C.	1st of February, 2012

## What's Going On

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE Installation of Bro. Lemuel Lindo as District Grand Master District Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication February 25, 2012 March 31, 2012

LODGE	ACTIVITY	DATE
Lodge Cl. Kilwinnimg no. 1427 S.C.	Installation Meeting	February 21, 2012
Lodge St. John no. 623 S.C.	Installation Meeting	February 23, 2012
Lodge St. Andrew no. 1684 S.C.	Installation Meeting	March 9, 2012
Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C.	Triple Initiation	March 14, 2012
Seville Lodge no. 530 S.C.	Installation Meeting	March 24, 2012
Lodge Semper Fidelis 1530 S.C.	Installation Meeting	April 10, 2012
Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C.	Church Service	April 29, 2012









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## A Pictorial of the Installation of Bro. Christopher Robinson



The newly Installed R.W.M. Bro. Christopher Robinson, address the Brethren present at the Banquet

Bro. Clifton Lumdsen and his guest enjoying the Installation Banquet for Bro. Christopher Robinson



Brethren at the Head Table listening attentively to the Installation Speech of the new R.W.M.



Brethren at the Installation Banquet breaking out in song.





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The New R.W.M. of The Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C. at his Installation



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Bro. Collin Henry	Steward
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Bro. Hopeton Nembhard.	Steward
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