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The Quarterly Newsletter of The Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C.

# The Almoner



## Bro. WHITSUN A. MCDONALD C.D.. J.P., P.M. June 22, 1915 – February 11, 2014

### Special points of interest:

- Bro Whitsun A. McDonald P.M.
- Bro. John A. Pickersgill P.M.
- The Bible in Freemasonry
- Glenlyon Visits Lodge FT Nassau

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Bro. Whitsun Albert McDonald, CD; JP: Saintly in character, liberal in spirit, vigorous in mind, with a heart imbued with a passion for justice, he served our Fraternity for over seventy years with loyalty, honour and distinction. In your official acts he was governed by a keen sense of duty, coupled with a unique grasp of human problems. He always sought to help his fellowmen in the hour of need and for those reasons he had gained and maintained the admiration, esteem and affection of the Fraternity.

Initiated in the Glenlyon Lodge No. 346 SC in 1942 he became Right Worshipful Master in the Administrative year 1950-1951. He held the office of Treasurer for 26 years and was awarded the honour of a Distinguished Service Member. As a devoted member of the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica he held many offices, rising to that of Senior District Grand Warden. His meritorious service to the District Grand Lodge did not go unnoticed, as he was awarded with the Grand Rank of Hon Grand Jeweller by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the recommendation of the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica. In recognition of his service to The Glenlyon Lodge, an agenda item on the July meeting of the calendar of the Lodge since 2005 has been designated as the Annual Whitsun McDon-



**Bro. Whitsun A. McDonald C.D.; J.P.; P.M.; P.D.G.T.; D.S.M.; P.S.D.G.W.; Hon. Grand Marshall; Hon. Grand Jeweller.**

ald Lecture. In further recognition of his service, a booklet entitled "The Whitsun McDonald Lectures", (the formative years 2005—2011) was published in July of 2012. All the lectures were given by distinguished and erudite Brethren of the Craft, beginning with the lecture "So Mote it Be", by Bro. Hugh Hastings Wynter D.G.M. in July 2005.

Other lodges were to have the benefit of his services as he became a founding member of



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record at the monthly meeting of the Glenlyon Lodge, and its General Committee was impeccable. At all these meetings he always exercised sound judgment, and offered wise council in the deliberations among the brethren. His zeal, fidelity, personal sacrifice and allegiance to our Fraternity knew no limits.

Blessed with courage, understanding, initiative, vision and a saving sense of humour he has lived a life so full of accomplishments that few can match the honour and respect associated with his name.

Bro Whitsun McDonald served his country faithfully and zealously as a Public Servant rising to high office as Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Housing in the 1970's. While there he was responsible for a wide range of innovative policy initiatives to improve the lives of the Jamaican people by facilitating access to housing for many Jamaican families. He was the brainchild behind one of the most recognizable and influential public bodies in existence today, the National Housing Trust. For his tireless efforts, unfading loyalty to the Fraternity, and the sincere affection he had shown to

the Brethren, we take this opportunity on the occasion of his passing to The Grand Lodge Above to tender this citation as evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by all members of the Fraternity in general and the Glenlyon Lodge No. 346 S.C. in particular. A Mason for seventy two years, the like of our dear Brother may not been seen again. Though diminutive in stature, he was a giant among men and all are better by having known him.

***"Rest Easy and Walk Good  
Bro. Whitty"***

## Bro John A. Pickersgill P.M. July 23, 1939 - March 29, 2014

***"The Three Main  
Tenets of  
Freemasonry are  
Brotherly Love, Relief  
(Charity) and Truth"***



The family and the Brethren of The Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C., endured another great loss with the passing to the Grand Lodge above of one of its illustrious Brethren, Bro. John Alfred Pickersgill. Bro John was initiated as a member of The Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C. on the 10th of August 1983, passed to the Second Degree on the 12th of October 1983 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on the 13th of June 1984. He became Right Worshipful Master on the Lodge on for the administrative



**Bro. John A. Pickersgill P.M.**



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## Masonic Testimonials

### "My Experience thus far" by Bro William Willis

year 2009/2010. He was also the First Principal of The Glenlyon Royal Arch Chapter no. 762 in the administrative year 2010/2011.

Bro Leon Robertson P.M. in giving a tribute to our dear departed Brother said that, "as a Freemason and a member of The Glenlyon Lodge, he built a temple of honour and virtue of unselfish devotion to duty. His was a life of service to our Lodge and Brethren, and verily and truly exemplified the spirit of our fraternity (i.e. to help the needy, succor the distressed and to support everything that is fine and noble. His impact on the younger Brethren of the Lodge was profound, and he was held in enviable esteem by all".

In his private avocation Bro John was an employee of the Coffee

Industry Board for seventeen years retiring as General Manager. During his service he oversaw an almost ten fold increase in coffee production as well as significant expansion of the processing capacity of the Coffee Industry Board. He was instrumental in developing a strong and durable relationship between the Jamaican Coffee Industry and the Association of Japanese Importers of Jamaican Coffee, as well as Specialty Coffee Association of America. "Mr Pick" as Bro John is remembered by his colleagues in the coffee industry, was known as the consummate gentleman, decent human being who always had the welfare of his staff as a priority.

Bro Leon Robertson on behalf of the Brethren of The Glenlyon Lodge, paraphrasing the words

of the late Most Worshipful Bro. Otto Klotz, Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, 1876, paid this tribute to Bro John; *"If you see a man who quietly and modestly, moves in the sphere of his life, who without blemish fulfills his duty as a man, a subject, a husband an a father, who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation and aids his fellow man without self interest, who heart beats warm for friendship, who serene mind is open for licensed pleasure, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger, you would have found the ideal of a Freemason, "Our Bro John was such a man".* He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

*May his soul rest in peace.*

John Ford Newton's

## The Bible In Freemasonry (Part 2)

Presented by Bro . Lloyd A. Cundy P.M., H.D.S.G.W.

The Glenlyon Lodge no. 346

April 8, 2007



Bro Lloyd A. Cundy P.M.,  
H.D.S.G.W.

There was a time when the Bible formed almost the only literature of England; and to-day, if it were taken away, that literature would be torn to tatters and shreds. Truly did Macaulay say that, if everything else in our language should perish, the Bible would alone suffice to show the whole range and power and beauty of our speech. From it Milton learned his majesty of song, and Ruskin his magic of prose. Carlyle had in his very blood, almost without knowing it, the rhapsody and passion of the prophets---

their sense of the Infinite, of the littleness of man, of the sarcasm of Providence; as Burns, before him, had learned from the same fireside Book the indestructibility of honour and the humane pity of God which throbbed in his lyrics of love and liberty. Thus, from Shakespeare to Tennyson, the Bible sings in our poetry, chants in our music, echoes in our eloquence, and in our tragedy flashes forever its truth of the terribleness of sin, the tenderness of God, and



John Ford Newton's

## The Bible In Freemasonry (pt 2. cntd)

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April 8, 2009

the inextinguishable hope of man.

My brethren, here is a Book whose scene is the sky and the dirt and all that lies between--- a Book that has in it the arch of the heavens, the curve of the earth, the ebb and flow of the sea, sunrise and sunset, the peaks of mountain and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters, the shadow of forests on the hills, the song of the birds and the colour of flowers. But its two great characters are God and the Soul, and the story of their eternal life together is its one everlasting romance. It is the most human of books, telling the old forgotten secrets of the heart, its bitter pessimism and its death-defying hope, its pain, its passion, its sin, its sob of grief and its shout of joy---telling all,

without malice, in its Grand Style which can do no wrong, while echoing the sweet-toned pathos of the pity and mercy of God. No other Book is so honest with us, so mercilessly merciful,, so austere yet so tender, piercing the heart, yet healing the deep wounds of sin and sorrow.

Take this great and simple Book, white with age yet new with the dew of each new morning, tested by the sorrowful and victorious experience of centuries, rich in memories and wet with the tears of multitudes who walked this way before us--- lay it to heart, love it, read it, and learn that God hath made us for himself, and unquiet are our hearts till they rest in Him. Make it your friend and teacher, and you will know what Sir Walter Scott meant when, as he lay dying, he

asked Lockhart to read to him. "From what book?" asked Lockhart, and Scott replied. "There is but one Book!"

LET US PRAY LIKE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

MOST HIGH, GLORIOUS GOD,  
ENLIGHTEN THE DARKNESS OF OUR HEART,  
AND GIVE US RIGHT FAITH,  
CERTAIN HOPE,  
AND PERFECT CHARITY,  
WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING  
LORD, THAT WE CARRY OUT  
YOUR HOLY AND TRUE COMMANDS.

AMEN---S. M. I. B.

## The Glenlyon Lodge visits Lodge Ft. Nassau

The Glenlyon Lodge in its extending its ever deepening relationship with our Brethren in the Bahamas, paid an official visit to Lodge Ft. Nassau during the period April 3 to April 7, 2014. The delegation which was lead by the R.W.M. Bro Howard Barrett, also included, the I.P.M. Bro Charles O'Connor, W.J.W. Bro Craig Foreman, Secretary, Bro. William Willis and Treasurer Bro. Neville Wallace. The delega-

tion also included Brethren from Lodge De La Vega no. 1744 S.C. namely Brothers Godfrey Campbell and Winston Watkis. The Brethren were treated to the usual exceptional welcome by the Brethren of Loge Ft. Nasaau which began with a visit to T.G. Glover Primary School where the Brethren of Lodge Ft. Nassau has developed an outstanding mentorship programme with the young boys of the School. The Brethren were next treated to a tour of the Wat-

lings Estate and Distillery where the virtues an quality of the local rum was described in great detail by our hosts. Needless to say the Brethren present made sure to imbibe some of the local brew. The Brethren were subsequently treated to lunch at the Bahamas Cricket Club as well as a visit the world famous Atlantis Resort.. The visit culminated with the attendance of the delegation to the Installation Cer-

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## The Glenlyon Lodge visits Lodge Ft. Nassau



**The RWM instructing the boys of T.G. Glover Primary School in some life lessons**

emony of Brother Adrian Sands as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Ft. Nassau and to the Installation Banquet thereafter. It should be noted that Bro Neville Wallace advised the Brethren of Ft. Nassau in congratulating the newly Installed RWM and Brethren of Lodge Ft. Nassau, that if they wanted to see exceptional ritual work, they should visit, The Glenlyon Lodge more often. A challenge that was accepted by Bro Julian Sands and the Brethren of Lodge Ft Nassau who responded in truly masonic fashion, that they upon their return visit to Jamaica they felt that they would be vindicated that the work by their Lodge would be superior. This was followed by church service at St. Agnes Anglican Church. The Brethren during the course of the visit discussed continuing and formalising the process of

“twinning” the respective Lodges. It is hoped that a formal agreement will be signed before the end of the current administrative year that would cement this already very strong and mutually beneficial relationship. The RWM and the Brethren of The Glenlyon Lodge extended our gratitude to the hospitality of our hosts and advised them that their return visit will be just as rewarding and entertaining as it was for the Brethren who made the trip. Bro Julian Sands RWM of Lodge Ft Nassau assured the Brethren of The Glenlyon that there will be substantial delegation that will be visiting Jamaica and that they were looking forward to the visit. And further cementing these already strong ties between the respective Lodges. The Brethren on their departure were treated to some keepsakes and token from the Brethren of Lodge Ft. Nassau were greatly received by the Brethren. We look forward to their visit in December 2014. and wish for Bro Julian Sands a successful year of administration as RWM of Lodge Ft. Nassau.

***Congratulations Bro. Julian!!!***



**The Brethren tat a working Lunch at the Bahamas Cricket Club in Nassau. The fare was excellent and the camaraderie even better**



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## What's Going on?

### Freemasonry in Jamaica

Date	Event	Lodge
May 3, 2014	Installation Meeting	Lodge Bar. Miller no . 1829 S.C.
May 5, 2014	Installation Meeting	Royal Lodge no. 207 E.C.
May 7, 2014	Installation Meeting	True Craftsman Lodge no. 921 I.C.
May 8, 2014	Installation Meeting	Hamilton Lodge 1440 E.C.
June 5, 2014	Installation Meeting	Lodge Imp. Service 978 S.C.
June 12, 2014	Installation Meeting	Lodge Coll. Fabrorum no 1836 E.C.
July 10, 2014	Installation Meeting	Lodge Stony Hill no. 1820 S.C.
July 19, 2014	Installation Meeting	Erin Lodge no 932 I.C.

### In The Glenlyon Lodge no. 346 S.C.

Date	Event
May 14, 2014	Passing Bro. Ryan John Paul Hamilton
June 12, 2014	Initiation—Mr Rudolph Jackson
July 10, 2014	Whitsun McDonald Lecture



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## The Glenlyon Lodge visits Lodge Ft. Nassau—A Pictorial



(From L-R) Bro's William Willis, Godfrey Stewart and Winston Watkis at the Lodge Ft. Nassau Installation Meeting



The Brethren of The Glenlyon Lodge and Lodge Ft Nassau being instructed on the fine qualities of the Watlings Distillery Rum.



## Pictorial (cntd)



**(From L-R) Bro's Godfrey Stewart and Charles O'Connor at the Lodge Ft. Nassau Installation Banquet**



**The RWM and the IPM enjoyed the famed Bahamian hospitality at Watlings Distillery**

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