

# CLARION

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Trumpeting the Impact of Scottish Rite In Canada



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## Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation - Major Grants

Photo credit: Doug Nicholson



Dr. Isabelle Aubert, Scientist,  
Sunnybrook Research Institute

Dr. Gareth Taylor, Chairman of the Grants and Awards Committee, had an opportunity to meet with Dr. Isabelle Aubert in her laboratory at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre (SHSC) in Toronto to discuss the work funded by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

Dr. Aubert's project was entitled *The Impact of Amyloid-beta and Hyperphosphorylation Tau on Cholinergic Neurons and Cognitive Function* and was funded from October 2004 to September 2007.

Dr. Aubert worked with Dr. Rémi Quirion in Montreal for her PhD. Her studies focused on events leading to degeneration in the brain. Her postdoctoral studies took her to the lab for Dr. Fred Gage at the Salk Institute in California. "It is fine to understand why there is degeneration in the brain that leads to disease" says Dr. Aubert but "I wanted to study the regeneration of neurons. I like to fix things." In Dr. Gage's lab she studied how to restore function to neurons, as she describes it – "Putting the pieces of the puzzle back together".

When Dr. Aubert initially set up her lab at SHSC, she found it difficult to get funding for her studies on neural regeneration. The SRCF was the first agency to accept her hypothesis and provide the necessary seed funding to get her started on this concept. Aubert said that it was an ambitious project but they were able to accomplish most of the work that was outlined in the application. The funding from this grant got her over the initial hurdle and validation of the concept and allowed her to be successful with other granting agencies.

The initial studies used a novel mouse model of neurodegeneration associated with Alzheimer's disease (AD). This was important as to be able to regenerate neurons they needed to have a model which first suffered degeneration of neurons. Dr. Aubert's lab has found a novel part of the brain involved in a novel pathology (build up of plaque) in the mouse model of AD.

This work is now being extended to a repair strategy using non-invasive gene therapy technology utilizing MRI guided focused ultrasound to deliver potential therapeutic agents. Dr. Aubert is working with Dr.

Kullervo Hynynen to deliver microbubbles containing the immunotherapies into the blood stream. Then, using focused ultrasound technologies, they open the blood/brain barrier allowing the microbubbles to easily cross at the site of choice. Preliminary results using antibodies to the plaque showed a reduction in the amount of plaque in the brain of mice showing neuro-degeneration. This is important as the plaque is thought to be a causative factor in Alzheimer's disease.

How did all of this come around? "My scientific passion has always been to understand how the brain works" says Dr. Aubert. Why study the diseases of the aged? Dr. Aubert greatly admires her grandmother and hopes that everyone could age as well as she has.

Early on Aubert worked in a retirement home and felt an immediate connection with the elderly. Although this may sound self-serving, Dr. Aubert hopes that one outcome of this research may lead to allowing us all to age "gracefully" and not suffer the problems associated with Alzheimer's disease and other age-related neurodegenerative diseases.

Dr. Aubert has also given back to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation by serving as a panel member on the Grants Review Committee for the last three years.

Dr. Aubert includes the following quote from Dr. Santiago Ramón y Cajal a noted histologist who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine 1906 in her presentations: *The brain is a world consisting of a number of unexplored continents and great stretches of unknown territory.*

Over a century later scientists like Dr. Aubert are still exploring the brain to help Solve the Puzzles the Mind. ■



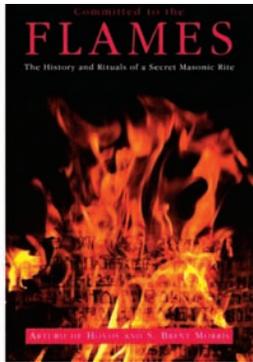
### On the Cover

Grandson Carter a Grade 8 Grad and one of the first graduates of the Learning Centre Valley of London gives his Grandfather John Hornell

Valley of Chatham a rose as a special appreciation for driving him to his tutorial classes. The other pictures are captioned within the Clarion.



## Book Review



*Committed to the Flames: The History and Rituals of a Secret Masonic Rite*  
Arturo De Hoyos & S. Brent Morris  
Lewis Masonic, Surrey, UK, 2008,  
290 pages, \$36.95 (US)

*Dr. Loren Kline, Deputy for Alberta and North West Territories*

This book is authored by two well known and distinguished Masonic historians and authors. Arturo De Hoyos is the Grand Archivist and Grand Historian

of the Supreme Council, S.J., and S. Brent Morris is the Worshipful Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No 2076, UGLE and Managing Editor, The Scottish Rite Journal. The book is very well written and a pleasure to read.

The book is divided into 3 parts. The first part of the book discusses the state of Freemasonry in New York in the early 1800s. It was a rather confused time with competing Supreme Councils and the anti-Masonic movement which arose after the Morgan affair. Stephen Morin had established rites in North America, firstly in New Orleans, which then spread. Cerneauism also spread and became established in New York.

The authors then discuss the background of the Folger

manuscripts putting them into an historical context. Next, the Masonic career of Dr. Folger and some of his contemporaries is discussed. Dr. Folger had a complex Masonic career. This complex career mirrored the state of Masonry in New York. The authors also discuss from whom Folger received the dictated rituals, and the special cipher Folger used to record these rituals. These chapters are very interesting as they put us in the time and circumstance in which Folger lived.

In 1826, Robert B. Folger, M.D. and a new Master Mason filled a notebook with the enciphered Craft rituals of the Rectified Scottish Rite (Knights Beneficent of the Holy City or CBCS). This was a high grade revision of the Rite of Strict Observance. This was a group that was well known in Europe but unknown in the United States. In the introduction of his notebook the author left the instruction that when he died the rituals were to be "committed to the flames." hence the title of the book. Fortunately for Masonic historians these instructions were not followed.

The remainder of the book (over half) is devoted to presenting the deciphered rituals. Explanations are given and some context as well. The authors also discuss the effect these rituals had on future Masonic development. The book is a must read for anyone interested in the development of Masonic ritual. ■



## Supreme Council of Canada

A once in a lifetime experience - is the host to the Supreme Councils of the World.

Your Supreme Council 33° of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada has been given the honor of planning for and hosting the XVIII World Conference of Supreme Councils at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel from **May 22 through May 26, 2010**. This conference is held every five years. The last World Conference was held in Sydney, Australia in 2005.

May 22 - 26  
**2010**



### The Place:

The Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel  
123 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

### The Date:

Saturday May 22 through to  
Wednesday May 26, 2010

### The Invitees:

Sovereign Grand Commanders, Delegates,  
Observers and Companions from over 55 Countries.

Invitation packages were distributed May 2009

### The Preliminary Conference Program includes:

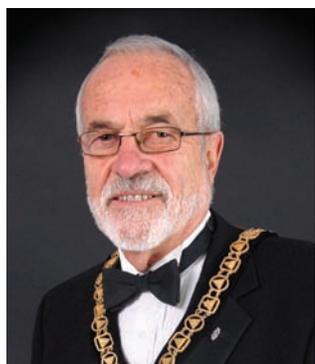
Reception Dinner Sheraton Centre  
Vesper Service  
Grand Official Opening  
Plenary Sessions - Conference Theme "Whence and Whither your Supreme Council"  
Reception and Dinner - Canoe Restaurant, 54th Floor TD Centre  
Bus Tour of Toronto  
Gala Dinner (Civic Ballroom)  
Bus Tour of Niagara Falls and area includes Wine Tour and lunch  
Tour and Dinner Scottish Rite in Hamilton  
Companions Program

**The Implementation Committee may be calling on your for assistance before, during and after the conference.**

What a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Canada and taking pride in hosting the World Conference of Supreme Councils.

2010 General Chairman: Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean 33°

## From The Sovereign Grand Commander



*Matthew F. Todd,  
SGC*

Welcome to the second edition of the Clarion. I am very honoured to have been elected to be your Sovereign Grand Commander for the next Triennium, 2009 to 2012.

It was very special for me to have been installed by my friend and mentor, Ill Bro Harold E Crosby, 33° Past Sovereign Grand Commander. The installation ceremony took place on September 19th, in the historic Scottish Rite Cathedral, Hamilton, Ontario. Research tells me I join the company of at least two other Sovereign Grand Commanders who were installed in Hamilton since our beginning in 1874.

Scottish Rite faces many challenges as we move through this very fast moving and exciting 21st century. In the first decade we have already seen our membership decline and we must position ourselves to re-activate members and increase our retention rate. As I travel throughout the country I will talk about “working together” and will encourage cooperation from all corners of the great Freemasonry family. Scottish Rite Freemasonry opens up a whole new and interesting world to those seeking for more light.

This is an exciting time as we publish the second edition of the Clarion as it will bring the news of events in Scottish Rite Valley’s from coast to coast to coast.

I encourage you to think of our mission and that is to aid in mankind’s search in God’s Universe for identity, for acknowledgment for development and destiny. Through this journey we achieve better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world and wiser men in a wiser world, all searching for what is good and great in God’s world.

Make this year an exciting one for Scottish Rite.

### Moncton in 2010

The 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of Supreme Council will be held in Moncton, New Brunswick, September 15th to 18th, 2010.

## From The Editor-in-Chief



*Terry A. McLean,  
Editor in Chief*

The Vision Statement of the Clarion is to provide news of the Scottish Rite and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation events across Canada while becoming largely self sustaining. The purpose of the magazine is to inform,

to educate, to advertise our product, to advertise our achievements, to show Scottish Rite Masonry “In Action” in our communities.

I trust as you read the 2nd issue of Clarion our objectives are being met. The readers will decide, they always do. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors, the Valley Directors of Communication and the Valley Secretaries/Registrars who have worked very hard to get this magazine into your home. Please share the Clarion with your friends and families.

To ensure the sustainability of future publications, I would welcome anyone interested in purchasing advertising space to call me directly at the Supreme Council Office or email at [supreme33@bellnet.ca](mailto:supreme33@bellnet.ca). Full page, half page and quarter pages as well as business cards are available at reasonable rates. Our readership is approximately 18,000 across Canada.

I hope you enjoy the read as much as we have putting the Clarion together.



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## Peter And The Movies

*Peter Ewen is a Past Commander in Chief of Moore Sovereign Consistory and is the President of Towers Inc.*

Celine Dion, Conrad Black and Queen Elizabeth II all have something in common. They have been in movie shoots or have been portrayed by actors or actresses at the Scottish Rite buildings in Hamilton. There have been Christmas stories, horror films, Murdoch Mysteries, “Steps”, the dance movie and the list continues to grow. Presently, there are half a dozen projects that have recently been shot at the Scottish Rite that will air in 2010 and 2011.

The decision to use the property was decided at a meeting in Windsor at the Supreme Council sessions. The Hamilton Valley was presented with a proposal to allow movie shoots in the Scottish Rite building. The major concerns of those present at the meeting were damage to the building and proper insurance coverage for every shoot.

Shortly thereafter, Towers Inc. was approached for a movie shoot. The negotiations began. Towers demanded a \$5000.00 damage deposit and \$10,000,000.00 of insurance.

All was going well until they decided to move the film to Europe. This was a tremendous learning experience. A third condition was added to the deposit and insurance stating that the dates would not be held unless the money was paid. Over thirty shoots later we have not had to use the damage deposit on the building. In most cases, the property is left in better condition when they leave than when they arrived.

The Scottish Rite has teamed with the City of Hamilton in encouraging the use of our property for movie shoots and parking the entourage of trucks and equipment that travels with these production companies. Pictures of our building are listed on two websites and are responsible for a great deal of the business we have had in the last few years. Many of the location managers are now coming back to the building for a second and third time.



*The Scottish Rite Building, Hamilton, Ontario*

Originally, we thought they would use the cathedral for most of the shoots. In fact, almost all parts of the various rooms in the building have been used. The house or manor has been very popular. In the film “Booky and the Secret Santa”, the house was presented as the home of Timothy Eaton. In the movie about Conrad Black, our main dining room was filmed as the Toronto Club where Conrad Black was a member and frequent visitor. The hall outside our cathedral has also been very popular. In another scene from the Conrad Black story, the room is portrayed as the House of Lords in England. The Round Room, with its distinctive, shape has had great appeal, too. Our grounds have also been filmed many times. They have been used as a private school and we have witnessed man made rain used in some shoots.

We are anticipating more shoots in the new year. Many of the shoots that were planned for British Columbia are relocating due to the Olympics. Ontario has given the Hamilton area a favourable tax break. The many unions that are involved in these productions have co-operated, as well. They have waived the travel allowance to Hamilton from Toronto. They have also allowed that the workday starts upon arrival in Hamilton. This means that the directors have more time in a day to shoot without putting people in hotels.

The next time you are in our facilities in Hamilton be sure to smile you never know when you may show up on the silver screen. ■

## Learning Centres Refocused

*Harold E. Crosby, Past Sovereign Grand Commander and Executive Director, Learning Centres*

In September 2003 the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation launched a “pilot project” to deliver remedial tutoring to dyslexic children in London, Ontario. The success of the London operation led to the opening of additional Centres. Windsor in 2005; Halifax in 2006; Vancouver in 2008; and Barrie in 2009.



*Honoured Guests participate in the Grand Opening of Learning Centre in Barrie, Ontario - Sept 2009*



## Learning Centres Refocused *continued*

After six years of operations, with five Centres in operation and several more in the planning stage, it seemed appropriate to revisit the structure that had been put in place when the “pilot project” was launched.

The Foundation Directors appointed a committee to examine the office and corporate structure of the Learning Centre operation. The Foundation Directors adopted the recommendations of the committee. The new structure significantly alters that under which the Program has been operating.

It provides that the Learning Centre Committee of the Board will be responsible for the oversight and direction of all aspects of the Program on behalf of the Board. The Executive Director will be responsible for all aspects of the day to day operation of the Program and the supervision of the delivery of the Program by the Centres. All communications between the Centres and the Foundation will be through the Executive Director. The Executive Director will report to the Board through the Learning Centre Committee.

The new structure requires each of the Learning Centres, those currently in operation as well as any new Centres approved by the Board, to become an incorporated entity, secure registration under the Income Tax Act as a charitable organization, and enter into a License Agreement with the Foundation for the delivery of the Program. The target date to complete the transfer of the Learning Centre Program, as a direct operation of the Foundation, to the individually incorporated Centres is May 31, 2010.

The process to now be followed by Valleys wishing to establish a new Centre is also changed. A Valley must now file with the Executive Director a Formal Application. The Board will consider a request for approval of a Centre only after the Executive Director has reported his recommendation to the Board through the Learning Centre Committee.

Under the new structure, the Foundation continues ownership of the Program and the exclusive right to make such changes in it as it deems necessary. The License Agreement will make the Program available to the Centres for the delivery of the remedial tutoring. It is imperative that the Program be delivered on a consistent basis across all the Centres in operation. The Agreement will require the Centres to strictly adhere to the Learning Centre Handbook, the document which sets out in great detail all the procedures which must be followed in the delivery of the Program. ■

## Coping With Dyslexia – Brenna’s Story



*Brenna was invited to be the Guest Speaker at the Sovereign Grand Commander’s Banquet during the Supreme Council Annual Session for 2009 in Hamilton. Her message is printed here by permission.*

**T**hank you for inviting me to speak to your assembly this evening. I am Brenna and I am in grade

12 at A.B. Lucas Secondary School in London, and I am a graduate of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Learning Centre for Children in London. I am going to tell you a little bit about myself.

I am heavily involved in my school’s music and art programs. For example, I helped to design and paint the entire set design for the school’s musical, AIDA. Some of my favorite subjects in school are history, visual art and music. I have been on the Principal’s Honour Roll list every year from grade 9 to 11. My grade 11 average was my best ever achieving 86.1%. In my first semester of grade 9 I ended with a 98% average in English, which was the highest mark ever for a student in that class. I received the highest mark awards for grade 9 applied Math, grade 9 applied English, grade 10 applied Math, and grade 11 Music Award. I have dyslexia.

My pastimes consist of painting, reading, going to the movies and sharing times with my friends. I am a member of the school’s swim team and senior badminton team. With all of this information about me you probably missed one of the details: I have dyslexia. It is not easy talking about dyslexia in day-to-day conversation. For the person who has dyslexia they live with it every day, and from my experience being at school, reading a restaurant menu, a movie listing, credits or even this speech is a real challenge.

When I was 7 years old in grade 2, I was having trouble in school, and my parents noticed that I was having trouble reading and writing. They arranged for me to be tested for a possible learning disability. I was diagnosed with dyslexia. When I was 7 years old, I had no clue what was going on, and never fully understood that I had a reading disability, why I had it or what it was. To this day, all I remember doing during the testing was puzzles, reading short sentences and the occasional math problem. When I started moving up in grades at school I kept my reading and writing disability a secret, because when you are young you don’t want to be made fun of or asked stupid



## Coping With Dyslexia – Brenna’s Story *continued*

silly questions such as, “Can you read this for me?”  
“What do you see? Are the letters all backwards?”  
— which I am still asked frequently.

For many of my teachers, dyslexia was a rare thing to see in a classroom, and therefore they didn’t understand what to do to help me or how to adapt to my different learning style. That even made me more frustrated! It was my big secret, and literally a weight on me at all times, even though I hid it well by letting my artistic side shine through.

When I was going into grade 6 my mom and dad told me that I was going to have a meeting with some people at a tutoring ‘place’. A place specifically designed to help children with dyslexia. I remember being so nervous and wishing that I would be able to read and write like the other kids in my class.

When we went to the first meeting at Scottish Rite, I remember listening about what they could do for me and what my reading and writing were like at the time. They would not be able to make my dyslexia go away, but they would help me find ways to navigate around it, teach me tricks to use on a day to day basis. I will tell you the truth that I did not like the idea of a place where I would have to go and be reminded for an hour every Monday and Wednesday after school that I was different. I will remind you that I was in grade 6, 11 years old, stubborn, confused, and did not want to be different. I already had school to worry about and this just seemed like one more thing to add to the list of secrets. Then, after 3 years of tutoring, testing and helpful hints, (which I use all of them to this day), I graduated not only from grade 8 but from the Scottish Rite Learning Centre for Children. I was on my way to high school!

When I became older and progressed through high school the projects became difficult, more demanding, and a very different style of work was expected from what I was used to, being in a private elementary school. The work loads were heavier and larger than before, doing written work in the class room, writing formal essays and writing exams that took me double the time. I was overwhelmed with frustration!

A day didn’t go by where I wasn’t able to write a sentence on my own without someone looking over at my paper correcting my every word, or being asked to read out loud to the class knowing I would have trouble with every word on the page. I had felt like a failure. I never wanted to talk about it to my teachers or friends, and could not find the right way to express my feelings to my family.

Maybe it was my pride which I still have in abundance.

Going into grade 9, I felt isolated and trapped and over time I became depressed. Not many people would have known that the happy me was frustrated, and I felt messed up on the inside. But as I progressed into grade 10, I noticed that my reading had improved and I had found a genre of reading that suited my tastes perfectly — writing poetry, short stories and reading graphic novels, (which by CBC radio standards are described as the operas of the book world). Scottish Rite did help me and I still use their methods to this day, by sounding out words and the practice of memorizing certain groups of letters that sound or mean different things.

After graduation from the Scottish Rite, I started to appreciate the tutoring that I had had there. I still am frustrated at times, particularly when it takes me longer to do certain things, and always having to have every little thing checked for spelling and asked, “What is that word say, Brenna?”, and knowing that other people around me can read a menu or movie credits quickly before they disappear off the screen.

I also discovered at Scottish Rite that I was not alone and that there are other types and levels of dyslexia. I even learned that I have close family members that have dyslexia, which have been passed down through our family genes — from Dad. Scottish Rite helped me understand dyslexia and even to be more relaxed about it.

I could even make a small joke about it at the camp where I worked this past summer as a counselor and lifeguard. There is a tradition where you sign your name on the wall of the cabins. I was signing my camp nickname, Billy-Bob, on a wall and I spelled it incorrectly. I didn’t notice at first but when I stepped back, my friend beside me pointed it out, and I just blurted out, “O man, my dyslexia’s showing!”. He burst out laughing and after I realized what I had said, I joined in the laugh.

Now being in grade 12, I have over the years understood my dyslexia a great deal more and have become a little more at ease at carrying a not-so-big secret on my shoulders. I have also found other “technological” tools that have also helped me. The biggest one, I believe, is a computer program called Kurzweil. It is a program where you can copy and paste articles and even my own assignments on it and the program will read it back to me just like a person reading a book out loud. And, it is also able to read the novels that are assigned as books from my English and History classes.

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## 135th Annual Session Of Supreme Council

*Victor Lepp,  
General Chairman of the Arrangements Committee  
Hamilton, Ontario*

“Where can I buy a tux shirt? I forgot mine at home.”  
“How do I get to the waterfront from here?”  
“When does the next shuttle bus leave?” – and our Reception Committee had no idea what questions were coming next but they had been preparing for months and were ready, willing and totally able to respond to all with confidence and competency.

As an Organizing Committee, we had been preparing for several years and when September the 15th finally rolled around, we were ready! A year or so prior to the Session, with the country in the grip of a major recession, we took a good, hard look at our numbers and decided that we should revise our expectations and our budget to reflect the possibility of approximately 400 people attending. In January we sent out an early invitation, hoping that it would encourage a number of you who were undecided to mark your calendars early and decide to join us. We were thrilled when over 500 of you – Actives, Past Actives, Honourary Inspectors General and candidates, along with your ladies, honoured the Supreme Council and us with your presence.

For those of you who arrived early and were looking for activities, you gave us an opportunity to show off our Royal Botanical Gardens, our Dundurn Castle (the home of Sir Allan MacNab – the first Provincial Grand Master and former Premier of the Canadas) or making a visit to historic Niagara-on-the Lake and tasting some the finest that Niagara has to offer from its many vineyards).

As the strains of the processional “Holy! holy! holy! Lord God Almighty!” echoed down from the rafters, we celebrated that time-honoured tradition of gathering to worship our Creator with our Vesper Service. It had been a long time since our stately old Centenary United Church had heard the sound of so many singing as if with one voice.

Then on to the buses and a short ride to the Scottish Rite and the Norman E. Byrne Cathedral for the conferring of the 33rd Degree. As usual, and thanks to the many craftsmen, the degree was a work of art. As members of the Hamilton Valley, we have always been proud of our building and our Cathedral, but never more so than when it was filled with all you 33rds, dressed in your finest. It would have made our forefathers proud! (I have to relate one incident – one of our female bus drivers stated that “I usually get the north end run. I have never had so many good-looking men all dressed up in tuxes on my bus in my whole life. Can I take them home?”)



*33 Degree Class of 2009, Hamilton*

On Saturday morning, with the work completed, we installed our new Sovereign Grand Commander and experienced once again that “mixed feelings kind of moment” as we formed the chain of union and bade our farewells. The afternoon ended with one of Canada’s premier choirs, the Elora Festival Singers, entertaining us with their beautiful vocal harmonies.

We gathered and shared meals, stories and experiences at events such as the Get-Acquainted Evening, the Foundation Luncheon, the Hospitality Suite, the Ladies Fashion Show and the banquets. We enjoyed the beautiful weather and we celebrated our wonderful Fraternity, its successes and its hope for the future.

For those of you who came, we thank you! For those of you who could not, we missed you! And we look forward to meeting you again in Moncton next year. ■

### Clarion Needs You!

**Submissions:** If you have a good news story (Scottish Rite and Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation) in your Valley, The Clarion would like to share it with 18,000 Scottish Ritters across Canada. Send your story to [srclarion@bellnet.ca](mailto:srclarion@bellnet.ca).

**Volunteers:** If you would like to be a Valley Director of Communication from your Valley, please contact your local Provincial Deputy.



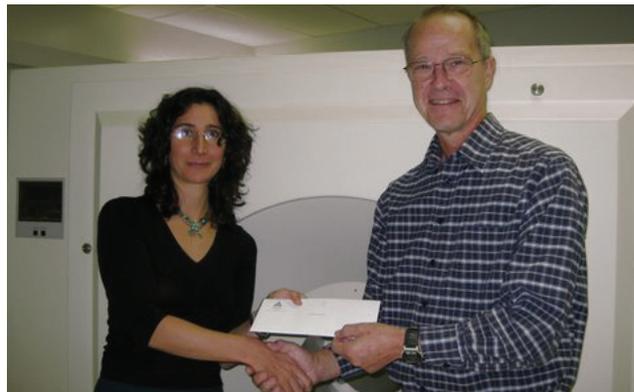
# Your Valley News from Across Canada

## The Valley Of Toronto

Ill. Bro. Robert James 33° had an opportunity to present cheques to the three major grant recipients and one graduate student in October.



*Dr. Evelyn Lambe is at the University of Toronto. This is the second year of her major research grant to investigate mechanisms of aberrant attention circuitry in a mouse model of Fragile X mental retardation.*



*Dr. Romina Mizrahi is at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto. Her research project is looking at new reagents for mapping neuroinflammation in Alzheimer's disease. This is the first year of a three year award.*



*Dr. Linda Mah is at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care in Toronto. Her research is focused on neural substrates of emotional processing in mild cognitive impairment and late-life depression.*



*Hye Won Jeon is a graduate student at the University of Toronto. She is in the second year of her SRCF studentship studying the characterization of distinct  $\gamma$ -secretase protein complexes in Alzheimer's disease*

## Scottish Rite Evening Of Music

*Dr. Samuel Kalinowsky, 33°*

On November 27th, the Sovereign Grand Commander, Matthew F Todd made his official visit to the Valley of Ottawa, where he witnessed a somewhat rare example of raising money for the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

The evening started with a Pre-Concert Dinner attended by many Scottish Rite Masons, family and friends. Thereafter, a crowd of about 150 congregated at the Scottish Rite Apartments where they were treated to a "Celebration of Music" featuring Dr John Forster (bass-baritone), of the Ottawa Consistory, Ruth McEwan (soprano), Ruth Kwan (piano) and Beverley Soifer (musical tech). Each number, from Broadway to Opera to 'oldies and goodies' was received with enthusiastic applause. At the Interval, the Sovereign Grand and local Scottish

Riters presented Miss Ashleigh McLean with a \$10,000 Student Award to continue her doctoral studies in Cellular and Molecular Medicine under the guidance of Dr Steffany Bennett at the University of Ottawa.

This was followed by the presentation of a cheque of \$15,000, a bequest from Lester Hare-32 degrees, received by the Sovereign Grand Commander on behalf of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada.

More entertaining musical renditions in a lighter vein followed the financial presentations, culminating in a standing ovation by the audience, which truly enjoyed a magical evening of music and song by accomplished performers.

The result of this most enjoyable evening netted a contribution of \$2,225.00 to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation... ..the Sovereign Grand Commander, closed the evening by underscoring the importance of involving the whole family in "fun activities" such as the one he had just witnessed... "A Celebration of Music". ■



## Scottish Rite Evening Of Music *Photo Report*



*Presentation of \$15,000 Bequest from Lester Hare to SRCF - Deputy for Ontario (Donald R Thornton); Sovereign Grand Commander (Matthew F Todd); Director of SRCF from Ottawa (Dr Samuel Kalinowsky); and Active Member for Ottawa (William Cook)*



*Pre-Concert Dinner - TPGM of Ottawa Lodge of Perfection (Robert Bouchard); Active Member for Valley of Ottawa (William Cook); Student Award Winner (Ashleigh McLean) and Sovereign Grand Commander (Matthew F Todd)*



*Sam Kalinowsky (the Producer), Matthew F Todd (Sovereign Grand Commander) sharing the spotlight with the entertainers, Ruth McEwan (soprano) and John Forster (bass-baritone)*



*The cast of the show - John Forster (bass-baritone), Ruth Kwan (piano), Beverley Soifer (music tech) and Ruth McEwan (soprano)*

## Champions for Education

*Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation  
Learning Centre of Windsor*

From an early alliance with the former County Board of Education the Scottish Rite and Masonic Lodges of Windsor - Essex has forged an important long term relationship with all local educators.

The Masons have supported with their belief and financial assistance a series of initiatives beneficial to students and school communities, such as the Student Assistance Program and pioneering projects in the field of bullying prevention.

In recent years it has been the qualities of perseverance and community spirit which have allowed the members to establish their most significant contribution, the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Learning Centre in Windsor.

At this Centre, children with learning disabilities related to reading are provided, at no charge to the family, with one-on-one tutoring, using the acclaimed Orton Gillingham method.

What is really remarkable about this Centre, and the efforts of our local Masons, is that it is in Windsor at all. It is the



*Deputy for Ontario Carl Fairthorne receives an award*

second such centre established in Canada, the first being in London. While locations such as Edmonton, or Vancouver or Halifax may have been considered, it was Windsor that prevailed and so many children in our region have benefited. Lives have been changed!

Because of the passion and energy which led to its creation, the Windsor Centre has become the model for future sites and evoked international esteem. In recognition of their long term moral and financial support of our students, we declare the Scottish Rite and Masonic Lodges Champions for Education. ■



## Valley Of Sudbury



Left to Right: Gail Brescia, Manager of Advancement, NOSM; Don Rousell; Ross Dixon; Reijo Luoma; Allie Ransom, NOSM first year student; Megan Gray, NOSM first year student



The class of 2009 Valley of Sudbury. Left to Right: Chad Whitmore, Mark Lanthier, Jeff Wiseman, Bernard Fransen, David Keown

## Chatham Valley: Masons Give For MRI

The Chatham Valley Scottish Rite Masons have made a \$1,000 donation to MRI campaign through the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.



Left to Right: Dr. John Button, MRI campaign ochair; Chatham Valley Scottish Rite Mason Brother Derwyn Armstrong; Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation representative Brother Dennis Atkinson; and Chatham Valley Scottish Rite Mason Brother Brian Sloan.

## Coping With Dyslexia – Brenna’s Story *continued*

I use this all the time because my strength is hearing the word and it is easier to hear the mistakes from someone else and correct them, than being able to read a book and understand it. When I read a sentence and get stuck in the middle I have to go all the way back to the beginning of the sentence to just understand what was just said. So, Kurzweil allows me start and finish a book on time!

In high school I am on a special independent education plan which allows me to have extensions on exams and tests if I need it, and I am able to type my tests so that I can do spelling check. These are just a few tools and strategies I use that allow me to work like a regular high school student.

Now my future plans consist of becoming an Archeologist, hopefully have a contract for field research with the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, and travel the world discovering new civilizations. That is my plan and my dream. This is a long road for me but I am planning to go to Trent University for anthropology. Just this past March my Dad and I took a trip up to Trent University to talk to the head of the Anthropology department and the head of the department for students with special needs. She talked about how it is up to me to be the communicator between my professors and myself that there are other ways of taking notes apart from writing them word for word, such as tape recording or typing, (which I do even now). This is a stepping stone in the right direction that I plan to take to create my dream.

My dyslexia is not going to hold me back from reaching my dream. I am still learning new ways to work with and around my little “my dyslexia is showing!” moments. But it is not going to hold me back! Without my dyslexia, I would probably not be as creative as I am now, or have my love for graphic OPERA style novels, or the discovery of the great tools that make my work less stressful and even a little more fun a times. I look at the people around me that have given me love and support through the times that have been frustrating, terrifying and yes, even staying up late to finish the last minute project, (when I was too stubborn to ask for the help myself). Scottish Rite provided me with the knowledge and help to realize that I am not alone with this learning challenge called dyslexia which affects so many people and in so many different ways.

You are a volunteer checking in the kids for their daily classes; you are tutors taking their time to teach and care for all of the children who come to the Learning Centre; you are someone like Mrs. Govan, (my tutor, and the Centre Director), who helps to organize and direct the Scottish Rite Learning Centres; and you are someone who sends donations to support and supply the Centres across Canada. To you all and also to my family I extend a large thank-you for supporting and believing in me.

Thank you for listening to my story. It has been an honor to speak to you tonight. ■





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- 1. Telephone:** Call the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Office at 905-522-0033 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST) and have your Visa or MasterCard information ready.
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