



THE MASONIC FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

For The Cause Of Good

“FOR THE CAUSE OF GOOD”

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THE MASONIC FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Foundation was formed in 1964 by a special act of the Ontario Legislature. It is a public Foundation and is registered with Canada Revenue Agency.

The objects of the Foundation set out clearly its charitable nature:

to receive, maintain, manage, control and use donations exclusively for charitable purposes within Ontario.

The Foundation is permitted to use its donations for the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and the advancement of other purposes beneficial to the community.

The Foundation is committed to funding bursaries, hearing research, drug and substance abuse education in the school systems and other specific and community projects which fall within its guidelines.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

..... honouring the past, celebrating the present, shaping the future

A. Douglas Nichols

To The Directors, Members and Friends of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

On behalf of the Directors, it is my privilege to present this report to the fiftieth Annual General Meeting of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario at this, The Fairmont Royal York Hotel, in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday July 16, 2013.

Year in Review: This year has been another year of accomplishments and advances for the Foundation. As noted in the **Bursaries** section below, the Foundation embarked on a new bursary program to provide endowed bursaries to all community colleges in Ontario over a ten year period. It is hoped that these funds will be matched by the alumni and friends of the colleges. Your Foundation commenced a program of providing funding for Prostate Cancer Research as outlined in the **Medical Research – Prostate Cancer** chapter below.

For many years the Foundation has supported the work of youth programs and this year was no exception. Scouts Canada, The Girl Guides of Canada, 4 H, DeMolay, and Rainbow for Girls were recipients of grants this year to assist them in developing the potential of our youth.

In addition to these programs, the Annual Report highlights the continuing programs supported by the Foundation as described by Directors and Committee Chairmen. As you read through these reports you will appreciate the great work of the various recipients of your Foundation's funding.

Your Directors vigilantly oversee the programs to ensure your funding is used efficiently and effectively.

Financially, as more fully explained in the Treasurer's Report, the Foundation's capital base has grown to \$14.6 million mainly as a result of capital gains realized on our investment portfolio. Your Foundation was able to keep its administration and fund raising expenses in check, resulting in an increase of \$2,300 over last year.

Appreciation: Your Foundation, like all charities, could not operate without the countless hours of work our volunteers donate. Without their labour of love for the Foundation's work, we could not provide the support for our charity program recipients. To them we say a big THANK YOU. We sincerely hope the fellowship and friendships made as you worked together for a common goal are lasting bonds of fraternal affection and respect.

We extend our lasting gratitude to our many donors and benefactors. Your thoughtful and kind gifts help provide benefits to many Ontarians and, we hope, make Canada a better place. Your donations are thankfully received and we trust are faithfully applied.

At our Annual General Meeting last year we welcomed Jack R. Hanna to the Board of Directors, and he has shown himself to be a valuable addition to the Board.

This year marks the conclusion of the terms of Directors Graeme Boyce, Donald A. Campbell, and Director, Vice-president and Treasurer, H. Edward Standish. Graeme was elected to the Board in 2007, has worked on special projects during his term mainly in the areas of marketing and promotion, and completed many thought provoking studies of charitable programs. He contributed greatly to the development of our new charitable programs. We thank Graeme for his accomplishments and wish him well as he takes on other important duties in the Craft.

Don joined the Board in 1997 and his service was interrupted on occasion by his professional duties. During his service he was involved with youth drug abuse programs, and youth groups. During the last two years he has worked with special projects of the Foundation. We wish him the very best as he assumes the office of Grand Master. Ed joined the Board in 2007, became the Treasurer in 2009, and added the responsibility of Vice-president in 2011. His financial acumen and calm and steady demeanour have been invaluable through the years of his outstanding financial leadership. We are fortunate that he has agreed to stay involved with the Foundation for another year.

No organization could succeed without the dedication of its staff, and the Foundation is no exception. We are fortunate to have Mel Duke, our Secretary, and Marlene Victor, our administrative assistant. They have ensured our administration runs smoothly and efficiently. The Directors salute them for their loyalty and dedication to the success of the Foundation.

The Foundation has been the beneficiary of the unwavering support of The Grand Master, Grand Lodge, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, and we are most appreciative of their continuing support.

The Work of the Foundation: I urge you to read the complete reports of the Foundation's programs which follow. As you read through the reports of the committee chairmen you will appreciate the wide spectrum of social needs which are being addressed by the Foundation. Our main focus has been, and is, children and young people, but we have not left out our "more experienced" Ontarians.

We note with sadness the passing of our good friend and ardent supporter of the Foundation, Donald L. Jagger, on August 2, 2012. Don became associated with the Foundation in 1982.

He began working with our **VOICE** program shortly thereafter and was the Chairman of the program until his deteriorating health forced him to retire last spring. He was a Director of the Foundation from 2000 to 2006, and was Assistant Treasurer from 2007 to shortly before his death. In 2005 he took on the Chairmanship of the **Bursary** program and spent many hours conscientiously poring over student applications for financial assistance. We will miss him.

BURSARIES

... helping to create opportunities and realize dreams

Melvyn J. Duke

As stated in last year's Annual Report, the Board of Directors of the Foundation resolved to discontinue the annual bursary program effective April 1, 2012. This decision was not made lightly and followed several years of declining participation by many post secondary school educational institutions.

The annual bursary program, established in 1965, was the first charitable outreach program undertaken by the newly established Masonic Foundation of Ontario. It was instituted to provide non-repayable financial assistance to enable students to complete their post secondary education when unforeseen financial difficulties might otherwise have compelled them to give up before graduation.

The annual bursary programme was the Foundation's major charitable outreach, being especially unique as the only Foundation activity involving local members, from all Masonic Districts, who personally met and presented bursary cheques to students who came from towns and cities throughout the Province.

In 1997 the Foundation participated in a special endowment bursary program under the *Ontario Student Opportunities Trust Funds* and involved a matching of bursary funds donated by the Foundation by the Government of Ontario. In one case funds were also matched by the institution's alumni. This program was terminated by the Province in 2012. Contributions amounting to several thousands of dollars were made by the Foundation over three years in all.

The University of Toronto in Toronto, Mohawk College in Hamilton, Seneca College in North York, and Fanshawe College in London, now have endowed bursaries that are awarded annually to a number of students. These endowed funds and bursaries will continue in perpetuity.

A resolution by the Board of Directors this year approved establishing endowed bursary funds in each of the community colleges within the Province. This program will be funded at the rate of \$100,000 per year for ten years. Each year four colleges will be chosen, geographically selected within the Province, until a Masonic Foundation of Ontario Endowed Bursary Fund exists and is operating in every community college within the Province, thus providing full exposure and equal opportunity for all.

This year, Endowed Bursary Funds have been established at Cambrian College in Sudbury, Algonquin College in Ottawa, Loyalist College in Belleville and George Brown College in Toronto. These funds, like those mentioned earlier, will provide bursaries in perpetuity to needy students. While the Province has terminated the matching plan, two of the schools selected this year were able to obtain matching funds, increasing the total amount invested by 50%. Efforts continue to work with the colleges within the Province in supporting the education and development of our leaders of tomorrow.

HEARING - VOICE

helping to give children the gift of sound

Melvyn J. Duke

MISSION STATEMENT of VOICE: “To ensure that all children with hearing loss have their rights upheld with access to services for developing their abilities to learn to HEAR, to LISTEN, and to SPEAK.”

MANDATE AND OBJECTIVES: VOICE is a Canadian paediatric hearing association for children with hearing loss whose parents have chosen to help them learn to hear, listen, and speak. VOICE was formed in the early 1960s to offer support by parents for parents of children with hearing loss. They shared a common goal that still resonates today. They wanted their children to be educated alongside their hearing peers and they wanted them to learn spoken language.

VOICE continues to provide emotional assistance to families of children with hearing loss, supporting parents, children, and teens from across Canada. Because of early identification programs, state-of-the-art technology, and access to Auditory-Verbal Therapy (AVT), most children born deaf or hard of hearing can learn to talk.

VOICE'S PROGRAMS: Since its establishment, VOICE has been providing the following services and programs:

Parent Support: This program ensures that all parents are offered opportunities to meet other parents and to be supported and informed through regular chapter meetings, one-on-one assistance, newsletters and the magazine, an annual conference, and the annual VOICE summer family camp.

Public Education: This program provides the general public with knowledge and information with respect to children and hearing impairment through their informative web site, videos, resource library, annual conference, and news releases.

Advocacy: This program of “awareness raising” on the part of the VOICE organization of the needs of children with hearing loss has directly impacted policies developed for early identification programmes and early intervention support.

The AVT program teaches deaf children to use whatever usable hearing they have to acquire speech and language skills, thereby enabling them to become fully integrated and independent members of the community.

AUDITORY-VERBAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM (The "VOICE Program")

The objective of the Auditory-Verbal approach is to teach hearing impaired children to use whatever usable hearing they have in order to develop spoken language. No child will be left behind.

The VOICE Program continues to experience heightened demand largely due to increasing requests for service by the Provincial Infant Hearing Screening Program and the Hospital for Sick Children's Cochlear Implant Program. Children who receive cochlear implants must participate in AVT for a minimum of six months prior to implementation and for two years following their surgery.

The Provincial Infant Hearing Program provides funding for therapy only for children up to age 6. For children and youth aged 6 to 18 who have a decrease in their residual hearing, a cochlear implant is their only option and this therapy is not funded. The increase in bilateral implants for this demographic group has increased the demand for therapy.

The three hospitals in London, Ottawa, and Toronto, which perform cochlear implants, are reluctant to provide this surgery to children who live outside these centres, if they do not have access to AVT services locally. As the VOICE Program is province-wide, referrals to VOICE for hearing impaired children regarding direct auditory-verbal intervention continues to be in high demand.

A cochlear implant is a small, complex electronic device that helps provide a sense of sound to a child who is profoundly deaf or severely hard of hearing. The implant is surgically placed within the cochlea and under the skin behind the ear and is then activated by a device worn outside the ear. The device replaces the damaged cochlea and transmits sound to the auditory nerve. When a child first receives the cochlear implant, he/she cannot interpret the sounds that are heard. This is where AVT comes in – it teaches awareness and meaning of sounds. It is an essential component for the use of this amazing technology and for successful language development for deaf children.

AVT is a specialized type of therapy designed to teach a child to use the hearing provided by a hearing aid or a cochlear implant for understanding speech and learning to talk. AVT gives hearing impaired children the tools they need to develop auditory skills, speech, and language.

The therapy operates on the principle that usable hearing is common to 95% of all hearing impaired children.

The child is taught to become aware of sound so that listening becomes automatic and the child seeks out sounds in life. This is what AVT does – it teaches deaf children how to listen. Hearing and active listening are integral parts of communication, recreation, socialization, education, and employment.

The approach is parent centred and the auditory verbal therapists' main tasks are to continually assess the auditory and language capabilities of the child, and to teach the parent/caregiver how to help their child develop these skills during daily activities.

It is in this program that The Masonic Foundation of Ontario plays an important role. Since 1982 The Masonic Foundation has partnered with VOICE to help hundreds of children with hearing loss develop their hearing and speech by providing grants used in the Auditory-Verbal Program.

This past year, the (AVT) program provided services to over 100 children: 25 preschoolers through the Provincial Infant Hearing Program, 25 school age students in areas where AVT is not available as a funded option, and 57 school age students programs being overseen by VOICE therapists through the mentorship program.

YOUTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE - PARENT ACTION ON DRUGS (PAD)

...addressing the issues of substance abuse

Allan C. Dvorak

PAD and The Masonic Foundation of Ontario were pioneers when the first peer education program was developed in 1988. Youth-to-Youth delivery strategies were just beginning to be explored, particularly in the areas of sexuality and substance abuse education. Today peer education, leadership, and mentoring are recognized strategies for delivering programs on many important topics such as youth violence, bullying and internet safety.

At this point, the Challenges, Beliefs and Changes (CBC) peer education program has been recognized and documented as a “promising practice” prevention and early intervention program for delaying substance use in youth ages 10-14. This finding was reported in a comprehensive review of evaluated programs conducted by Waterloo Public Health.

PAD updates its peer education manuals regularly to reflect current student use statistics from the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey. This survey is published biennially by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, and incorporates new research information on drugs.

PAD is a leader in researching new evidence about the harms and risks of alcohol and other drugs. PAD developed and conducted a “webinar” for 60 professionals in Ontario and other parts of Canada on “Emerging Issues in Youth Substance Use - Distinguishing Evidence from Hype.”

The information researched becomes part of the peer education programs. PAD worked with the Peterborough Health Unit to meet their objectives related to integrating messages about youth internet safety, mental health and anti-bullying strategies.

For the coming year PAD is developing the new READY program - training grade 9 peer educators to deliver a program appropriate for grade 6 students. This program is being developed at the request of the Hamilton Police Service and will be piloted next year with their assistance.

Parent education evenings were delivered in conjunction with the delivery of the CBC program - complementing the messages and information received by the students and ensuring parents were aware what their children were learning.

Challenges, Beliefs and Changes, CBC, is PAD’s longest standing peer education program. It provides a two-day instructional workshop for peer leaders by a designated PAD associate. The program provides a menu of core and optional activities to be delivered to the younger students according to the logistics of delivery that work for the particular school setting, in areas across Ontario.

AUTISM SERVICES - GIANT STEPS

... enhancing the quality of life of persons with Autism

Gary J. Bryan

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or autism, is a complex, lifelong neurological disorder that typically appears within the first 3 years of life. Although the cause is unknown, it is believed that autism is a result of both genetic and environmental factors. With a tenfold increase in the prevalence of autism in the last 40 years, an alarming 1 in 88 children and 1 in 54 boys now have autism. There are now more children affected with autism than by diabetes, AIDS, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy and Down syndrome combined.

Autism is characterized by a wide range of communication, social, learning and behavioural challenges. Many individuals with autism have difficulty responding appropriately in different environments and social situations, display repetitive behaviours and have difficulty coping with changes in routines. While some children are highly verbal, many cannot speak; some need constant assistance with basic life skills. With compassion and acceptance, early and intensive structured support, and specialized therapies, children with autism can gain many new skills and function as contributing members of their families, schools and communities.

Established in 1995 and affiliated with the York Region District School Board, Giant Steps is a school & therapy centre for elementary school age children with autism. Giant Steps' mission is to build the skills and abilities of children with autism through specialized programs of academics, therapies and life skills, and to foster their meaningful participation in their families, schools and communities.

Giant Steps is dedicated to improving the lives of children with autism through intervention and integration. Students receive individualized programs of academics, speech, play/social skills, music and occupational therapies, life skills and behavioural intervention. After a period of attending Giant Steps full-time, children spend parts of their school week in their local schools with typically developing peers. Their successful participation there is facilitated by the one-on-one support of a Giant Steps Program Assistant and the consulting services of the full Giant Steps team.

Services that support Giant Steps' core academic and therapy programs include their Teaching the Teacher program, a Sports & Recreation Club, and a siblings support group. Giant Steps' long-term goal is to integrate children with ASD into their local schools full-time.

The Masonic Foundation supported Giant Steps this year with their largest single grant. This grant funded their hands-on speech therapy and play/social skill programs, enabling their expert therapists to work directly with children with autism and build critical communication and social skills. Through these therapy programs, children with autism learned to speak or communicate with technology, to interact with others, and gain new life skills. A special focus of therapy was facilitating their students' use of the iPads and SMART Boards the Masonic Foundation funded last year. With its specialized software and apps, voice output and unique visual impact, this technology has given non-verbal children a voice and all children with autism new tools and opportunities for learning. Giant Steps' therapists also worked with teachers and families, giving them strategies to foster learning and coping with the challenges of autism at home and in their local schools.

From Giant Steps: "Being able to communicate ensures that we can meet our most basic needs and connect with others.

Speech therapy combined with technology is our best strategy for giving children with autism a voice.” *Elana Magder, Speech & Language Pathologist*

“The SMART Board is an exceptional teaching tool that has transformed my classroom, enabling me to engage my students every day in new and expanded learning activities.” *Laurie Taciuk, Special Education Teacher*

“Our iPads are giving my students a voice, and enabling me to provide them with unique and exciting learning experiences.” *Stacey Shuster, Special Education Teacher*

“Funded by The Masonic Foundation, our SMART Boards and iPads are enabling our kids to communicate and learn via the latest technology, and new resources in our academic and therapy departments allow us to use best practices and really engage our children. Your support of our therapy programs ensures that highly skilled therapists are working with our kids. It is this combination of expert therapists and the latest tools that has the greatest impact on children with autism, enabling them to gain new skills in every developmental area. Thank you to everyone at The Masonic Foundation of Ontario!” *Giant Steps Toronto/York Region*

MEDICAL RESEARCH - PROSTATE CANCER

..... looking to science for the answer

David J. Cameron

This year the Board resolved to make the funding of research into prostate cancer a prime activity. We targeted researchers at the onset of their careers, to whom our support would be an important boost to innovative research in their area.

Three projects were chosen:

McMaster University: Dr. Bobby Shayegan has identified a young researcher in the person of Jen Hoogenes, a Ph.D. candidate in Clinical Epidemiology. The grant will allow her to design a project to assess a novel surgical technique which is thought to reduce recovery times substantially.

Queen's University: Dr. Robert Siemens supervises a survivorship group which includes cognitive psychologists who are attempting to understand the needs and gaps for men and their spouses in terms of their care after treatment. This includes a better understanding of quality of life issues.

Western University: Dr. Joseph Chin is the supervisor of a Masters student who is looking at modulators of prostate cancer cell invasion, which will have an impact on preventing metastasis. Specifically, a short hairpin ribonucleic acid (shRNA) molecule library made by 3D culturing will allow screening of genes for these modulators.

These supervisors are very excited at the prospects our funding open for the researchers in their charge. We envision continuing this support by on-going funding of these or subsequent projects.

DISTRICT AND LODGE CHARITY PROJECTS

...responding to local community needs

John L. Hay

During the 2012-13 year 30 charitable projects were begun. Of the projects conducted this year, three were Lodge sponsored and 27 were District initiatives.

Although the projects vary in their focus, they all have one thing in common: each one is dedicated to helping people who are experiencing difficulties in their life. Thirteen projects are “health related” while others concentrate on services that provide assistance to those needing help to enjoy happy, healthy, life situations. The Masons of Ontario can be very proud that the projects they support assist in numerous valued services to help the citizens of our communities.

This year The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, through local projects of Masonic Lodges and Districts across the Province, have made significant charitable donations in the following areas:

Health Related:

Alzheimer’s society, juvenile diabetes, autism services, hospice support, Down syndrome research, cancer care and research, assistance for the disabled, Camp Trillium programs, Canadian Blood Services, and hospital program support.

Community Service Related:

school breakfast program, summer theatre camp support, Salvation Army programs, Harvest Share and Food Bank support, Wounded Warriors, War Amps, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, homeless shelters, Habitat for Humanity, service dog training, Military Family Resources, Police Service Care Bear Project, and Safety and Support against Violence and Abuse.

Individual Lodge and District projects for 2012-13 (project number, District/Lodge, project):

- 2501 Brant – Prostate Cancer Canada
- 2511 Chatham - Wellington-Victory Lodge No. 46 - Chatham-Kent Police Services Care Bear Project
- 2485 Eastern – Cornwall and District Alzheimer Society
- 2484 Erie - Pelee Lodge 627 – Pelee Summer Theatre Summer Camp and Theatre Camp
- 2496 Frontenac – Habitat for Humanity
- 2500 Georgian North – National Service Dog Training Centre

2498 Georgian South – The War Amps
2487 Hamilton A – Camp Trillium- Rainbow Lake, Waterford
2488 Hamilton B – Autism Ontario, Hamilton Chapter
2490 Hamilton C – Salvation Army – Hamilton Chapter
2509 North Huron – Midwestern Ontario Hospital Foundation,
Health Care Heroes Radiothon
2507 South Huron – The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
2483 South Huron - Tudor Lodge No. 141 - School Breakfast
Programs in Mitchell District High School and Upper Thames
Elementary School
2491 Muskoka-Parry Sound – Harvest Share and Associated Food
Banks
2512 Niagara A – Gillian’s Place, providing Safety and Support
against Violence and Abuse
2505 Ontario - Grandview Children’s Centre - ABA Based Autism
Services
2508 Ottawa 1 – Habitat for Humanity, National Capital Region
2492 Ottawa 2 – Wounded Warriors Foundation
2502 Peterborough – Closer Campaign for Radiation Bunker
Cancer Care Treatment
2489 Sarnia – St. Joseph’s Hospice – Sarnia/Lambton
2493 St. Lawrence – Big Brothers & Big Sisters of
Leeds/Grenville
2506 Sudbury-Manitoulin – Central Food Bank of Sudbury
2499 Toronto Don Valley – Toronto Military Family Resource
Centre
2497 Toronto Humber Valley - CARD –Community Association
for Riding for the Disabled
2494 Victoria – Homeless Shelters in Kawartha Lakes and
Haliburton County
2495 Wilson North – Down Syndrome Research Institute
2503 Wilson South – Camp Trillium Rainbow Lake
2504 Wilson South – Canadian Blood Services
2510 Windsor – Warm Hands/ Happy Hearts
2486 York – Diabetic Program at Markham and Stouffville
Hospital for Children

PUBLIC RELATIONS

... for the Cause of Good

D. J. Ivan Elliot

Continuing with the theme of ensuring our brethren become more aware of the goals of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, the Foundation display booth was in place and provided written and verbal information at Grand Lodge in July of 2013. Again this year there were a great number of visitors who dropped by for information and a chat.

Plans are being made to have the display booth at the International Plowing Match, in Mitchell, on September 17th - 21st. Come visit us in the “Family of Masonry Tent.” Once again we will be looking forward to the many District Masonic Foundation representatives at the booth.

PLANNED GIVING

... a Mason’s legacy of giving

Brian V. Koivu

To give away money is an easy matter and in any man’s power. But to decide to whom to give it, and how large, and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man’s power nor an easy matter.

Aristotle

During our lifetime, we measure our success tangibly. We own homes and build, protect and preserve net worth through investments and other financial structures.

Sometimes, we measure success by achievements. While important, they are only a small part of the impact we can have on our communities. We can and should look to shape and define a legacy where we can make a difference today and tomorrow and for many tomorrows to come.

Part of this, involves looking for ways that our gifts of time and substance can be magnified and thereby have a broader impact. The Planned Giving Program of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario (MFO) is designed to help the Masons of Ontario build an enduring legacy.

We financially support the work of the MFO in various ways. We make annual contributions either through regular giving or periodic donations to special projects. Of ever increasing importance though are planned or legacy gifts such as bequests made in wills, the bequeathing of residual funds from life insurance policies and through gifting the ownership of capital assets such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

By their nature the amounts raised through planned gifting tend to be larger, enhancing our endowment capacity and enabling a higher level of funding to the charitable causes your Foundation supports on a year over year basis.

Planned giving is a philanthropic program by which a donor can arrange a substantial gift now or in the future. As planned gifts are usually made from accumulated assets which have taken a lifetime to build, there are a variety of estate and tax planning issues to be considered.

Planned gifts are designed so that the donor realizes his or her charitable objectives while maximizing tax and other financial benefits. It is a method of giving that takes into consideration not only the good of the recipient (the MFO in this instance), but also the estate planning objectives of the donor.

The Planned Giving Program of the MFO is an educational program. The focus is to inform potential donors within the Masonic fraternity that there is a continuing need for legacy gifts and that their individual interest in this regard can be well accommodated by the Foundation.

You may now be an ongoing supporter of the MFO. Be assured that that support is both thankfully received and faithfully applied. Perhaps now you are in a position to consider a planned gift to The Masonic Foundation of Ontario. If so, please speak to your lawyer, tax and financial advisor, and then contact a representative of the MFO to assist you. It is all for the Cause of Good.

LOOKING AHEAD

... whither are we directing our course?

A. Douglas Nichols

The year ahead is going to be exciting for the Foundation since we will be celebrating our fiftieth anniversary. It will be a time of celebration, reflection, and rejuvenation. Reflection of our beginnings, the number of programs begun "*for the cause of good,*" and projects completed with satisfaction. It will be a time of reflecting on the many hours spent evaluating new projects and re- evaluating the success of existing programs. In the early years the Foundation was blessed with many talented men of vision who developed the long range vision for the Foundation. The current Board strives to carry on their dream as set down in the STATEMENT OF PURPOSE at the beginning of this 2013 Annual Report.

It is also one of annual rejuvenation as new Board members join to replace retiring directors and new projects take shape to replace those projects that have been completed.

New members of the Board of Directors challenge the “status quo,” and enthusiastically take up responsibilities for new initiatives.

Together we look forward to our fiftieth year with enthusiasm, energy, and your support.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario: G.L. Atkinson, G. Boyce, G.J. Bryan, D.J. Cameron, D.A. Campbell, J.T. Cassie, M.J. Duke, A.C. Dvorak, D.J.I. Elliot, J.C. Green, J.R. Hanna, J.L. Hay, B.V. Koivu, R.C. McBride, P. McGrenere, D.H. Mumby, A. D. Nichols, W. Page, T. Shand, H.E. Standish.

A. Douglas Nichols,
President

The charity of choice of the Masons of Ontario - for the cause of good

Treasurer’s Report

To The Directors, Members and Friends of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario:

Once again, it is my privilege to present the Treasurer’s Report for the Masonic Foundation of Ontario for the year ended March 31, 2013.

The audited financial statements have been summarized and printed in the annual report. A copy of the full audited financial statements can be obtained from our office upon request.

The Masonic Foundation of Ontario has enjoyed another very successful year for fiscal 2013. The Revenue has exceeded disbursements by \$268,790 before the unrealized capital gains of \$312,334 resulting in total Revenue of \$581,124.

The Revenue available for disbursement is the net amount by which revenue exceeded expenses of \$268,790.

The reporting of unrealized gains and losses are required by the Accounting Standards to enable to the auditor to report that our financial statements present fairly the results of our operations for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013 and our financial position as at that date.

Investment income exceeded budget by \$100,000 an amount similar to that which the realized capital gains exceeded those of the prior year. Donations received, primarily from the yellow envelopes, were at the same level as the previous year.

Bequests received totalled \$22,827 this year compared to the unusually high amount of \$587,558 received in 2012. The prior year's bequests were the second highest in the last six years. Bequests are not included in the budget and, although most welcome, are not recorded until they are received.

Administration and Fund Raising expenses were \$3,000 more than the previous year and were kept on budget for 2013.

Donations disbursed excluding the District projects totalled \$416,900 compared to last year of \$332,343. The budget for Donations for next year is \$425,000. Interest and dividend income earned by our investments is eligible for distribution by way of our Donations.

Investment income forecast for 2014 totals \$604,000 (2013 - \$762,107) and the distribution of that income for 2014 is forecast at \$425,000 (2013 \$416,900). The investment income must also provide the funds for our administrative costs of \$151,000 (2013 - 146,222). The distribution of the District Projects funds is matched with the income received for these same projects hence it is a flow through situation and does not affect our Operating Results.

The Income on Investment forecast for fiscal 2014 is based on a return on investment of 3.5% and was determined in consultation with our investment management/advisors and with consideration of the continuing volatile market conditions. It should be noted that the Foundation has a total of \$150,000 in fixed income securities maturing in fiscal 2014. We will continue to work closely with our Investment Council at Nesbit Burns, to maximize our return on the investment of our funds.

Administration and Fund Raising expenses are budgeted with a small increase to allow for inflation. Computer equipment is projected at \$3,000 even though only \$1,830 was spent in 2013. Computer equipment must be kept in step with technology and the funds have been budgeted to allow for the same. The web page costs have been donated in past years. However the budget allows for a fee should there be a change in the present arrangement.

Donations or Disbursement of our funds totalled \$765,642 in 2013 and are forecast at \$725,000 for 2014. These disbursements continue to require our review and direction. Increases in these donations should not be made on a short term basis but on a basis of being confident that we can maintain the levels approved not just for 2014 but continuing at the increased level for future years. The funds distributed by the Foundation are less than our Investment Income thus preserving our Capital Base.

The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary for the Foundation is planned for 2014. The plans are being prepared for approval by the Directors. Accordingly an amount of \$10,000 has been set aside towards the cost of this event as a reserve fund disclosed on our Balance Sheet as Internally Restricted Net Assets as at March 31, 2013. Our budget for 2014 provides an additional allocation of \$20,000 towards the cost of this event. As also stated in the notes to the financial statements, these funds may not be used for any other purposes without the approval of the Board of Directors.

Unrealized Gains are just that - an amount that would have been realized had we sold our investment portfolio at the year end.

As we operate on an ongoing basis, our operating income includes only the gain or loss on the sale of our investments as they are realized. There is no budget for any unrealized gains or losses for fiscal 2014.

The forecast for the year ending March 31, 2014 shows that our Revenue will exceed Disbursements by \$32,100. This is \$226,700 less than the surplus for 2013 and primarily is the result of the realized capital gains earned on our investments in 2013 exceeding budget by \$194,000 and the receipt of bequests not budgeted totalling \$22,827. Neither realized capital gains or bequests are budgeted, and will be recorded as they are received during the fiscal year.

Mr. Edward Yablonski of BMO Nesbitt Burns has advised of his retirement in 2013. We appreciate his many years of support, wise counsel and service to our Foundation and wish him many years of enjoyment in the more relaxed atmosphere of “retirement”. We welcome Jeffery Kerr who has been an assistant with our portfolio and will assume Ed’s duties as our portfolio manager/advisor. We thank both Ed and Jeff for their counsel and direction.

I express my thanks and appreciation to our secretary Mel Duke and his staff for their support of the activities of our Foundation and to me as your Treasurer.

H. Edward Standish, Treasurer.

**THE MASONIC FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO
SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 116,555	\$ 189,813
Accrued investment income	62,247	79,153
Marketable Investments	14,612,608	13,931,653
Other	11,970	11,937
	<u>\$ 14,803,380</u>	<u>\$ 14,212,556</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 9,241	\$ 7,275
District projects held for distribution	174,620	166,886
	183,861	174,161
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	14,609,519	14,038,395
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	10,000	-
	<u>\$ 14,803,380</u>	<u>\$ 14,212,556</u>

**SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
REVENUE		
Investment income	\$ 1,074,441	\$ 551,955
Bequests	22,827	587,558
Donations	46,549	47,080
District projects received	348,742	373,769
	<u>1,492,559</u>	<u>1,560,362</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration and fund raising	145,793	143,466
Bursaries and donations	765,642	706,112
	<u>911,435</u>	<u>849,578</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 581,124	\$ 710,784

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, beginning of year		
\$ 14,038,395	\$ 14,038,395	\$ 13,327,611
TRANSFER TO INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
(10,000)	(10,000)	-
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	581,124	710,784
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 14,609,519	\$ 14,038,395
 INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS, beginning of year		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TRANSFER FROM UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
10,000	10,000	-
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS, end of year,	\$ 10,000	\$ -

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE
SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

To the Members of
The Masonic Foundation of Ontario

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2013, the summary statement of Revenue and Expenses and of Operations and Changes in Net assets for the year then ended are derived from the complete audited financial statement of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario for the year then ended March 31, 2013. We expressed a qualified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated May 15, 2013.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the basis described in Note 1.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on *the* summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario for the year ended March 31, 2013 are a fair summary of those financial statements, on the basis described in Note 1. However, the summary financial statements are qualified to the equivalent extent as the audited financial statements of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario for the year ended March 31, 2013.

The qualification of the audited financial statements is described in our qualified audit opinion in our report dated May 15, 2013. Our qualified opinion is based on the fact that, in common with many charitable organizations, the Foundation derives some revenue in the form of donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Foundation and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2012, current assets as at March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2012, and net assets as at April 1 and March 31 for both the 2013 and 2012 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2012 was modified accordingly, because of the possible effects of this scope limitation.

Our qualified opinion states that, except for the possible effects of the described matter, those financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Masonic Foundation of Ontario as at March 31, 2013 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

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HAMILTON, ONTARIO MAY 15, 2013

Note I

The information selected by management for presentation in the Summarized Annual Financial Statements has been identified as being the most pertinent and useful financial data for inclusion in The Masonic Foundation of Ontario annual report.

Audited copies of the financial statements as at and for the year ended March 31, 2013 may be obtained by contacting The Masonic Foundation of Ontario at 361 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 1B4.

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CELEBRATING FORTY NINE YEARS OF SERVICE

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John Irvine	June - July 1964
Russell Treleaven	1964 - 1968
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Richard Richards	1986 - 1990
John Woodburn	1990 - 1992
Alan Newell	1992 - 1993
Wallace McLeod	1993 - 1994
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