

Lviv Banquet Hall
Oshawa,

October 1, 2011

Lebanon Lodge No. 139 celebrated their 150th Anniversary with a Banquet held at Lviv Hall on October 1, 2011 at 6.00 p.m.

The actual anniversary of the Lodge Charter is July 20, 1861.

The banquet was arranged by the 150th Anniversary Committee, comprised of W. Bro. Riley (convener), W. Bros. Jack Tellian, Garry Christenson, Glenn Jess, Glenn Carr, V.W. Bro. Gord Smith and Bro. Jacques Basmaji and has been planned for approximately two years.

The guest speaker was M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Tickets for the event were \$ 45.00 per person and 224 tickets were sold. Complimentary tickets were issued as follows: M.W. Bro. Dowling and Mrs. Wendy Dowling; R.W. Bro. Douglas Galt, DDGM, Ontario District and Mrs Cathy Galt; Mayor John Henry and Mrs. Kathy Henry; MP Colin Carrie and Mrs. Elizabeth Henry and MPP Jerry Ouelette and Mrs. Dianne Ouellette.

The banquet was preceded by an informal cocktail hour between 6 and 7 p.m.

At 7.00 P.M. the head table comprising of MW Bro. and Mrs Dowling, W. Bro. Jack and Mrs. Tellian, R.W. Bro. Douglas and Mrs. Galt, V.W. Bro. George and Mrs. Zenglein, W. Bro. Glenn and Mrs. Jess, Bro. Jacques and Mrs. Basmaji was piped in by W. Bro. Danny McMillan.

The programme was as follows: Invocation, W. Bro. Glenn Carr, Royal Anthem, Toast to the Queen and Craft, W. Bro. Glenn Jess.

Dinner was then served and the menu was; Salad, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Beans & Carrots, Apple Pie and Ice Cream, Tea and Coffee.

At the completion of dinner, a short intermission occurred followed by entertainment provided by the Ontario District Pipe Band under the direction of R. W. Bro. Peter Irwin. The band played a variety of tunes including solos by some of its members. R.W. Bro. Irwin advised the gathering that this was the first public performance by the band which was started about 18 months ago. The Band was warmly received by the audience.

W. Bro. Jess as Director of Ceremonies then proceeded with Introduction of Head Table & Guests, Greetings were extended by W. Bro. Jack Tellian. The Toast to The Grand Master and The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was proposed by W. Bro. Mark Riley and a stirring address was given by M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling. W. Bro. Garry Christenson proposed a vote of thanks to the Grand Master and presented him with a cheque for \$ 500.00 as a donation to The Trillium Childhood Cancer Support Centre, the Grand Master's project.

The Toast to The Ladies was delivered by Bro. Jacques Basmaji and the response was by Mrs. Wendy Dowling. V.W. Bro. Gord Smith presented Mrs. Dowling with a Gift basket as a

token of our appreciation for her attendance.

The Toast to Lebanon Lodge was proposed by W. Bro. John Mansfield, Master of Composite Lodge and was replied to by W. Bro. Jack Tellian.

Bro. Jeremy Tebby proposed the Toast to the Visitors and the response was made by V.W. Bro. Robert Croft of Colborne Lodge No. 91.

Presentations were then received as follows:

Due to its age and damage, it was decided that we would obtain a replacement charter which is an exact copy of the original. It was presented by M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling. On behalf of Ontario District Lodges, R.W. Bro. Douglas Galt presented a set of three Gavels with insignia for the W.M, S.W and J.W. together with columns for the Senior and Junior Wardens.

Certificates were presented on behalf of the City of Oshawa by Mayor John Henry, from the Governor General, Prime Minister and himself by Colin Carrie, M.P., from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Premier and himself by Jerry Ouellette, M.P.P.

W. Bro. Glenn Jess acknowledged the efforts of the committee and thanked everyone for their attendance. The Junior Warden's Toast was delivered by R.W. Bro. Bryant, Grand Junior Warden and the evening was closed with the National Anthem.

Gord Smith,
Secretary.