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Masons Helping You Protect The Ones You Love

**MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario.... “MAKING A DIFFERENCE”**

Brethren, our Grand Master's theme this year is **“MASONRY, MAKING A DIFFERENCE”**, and under the direction of Most Worshipful Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, a Child Identification program known as MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario has officially begun.

The Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, have long held a commitment to children, their families, and our community. Our **MasoniCh.I.P.** Program is the most comprehensive child identification service currently available, which is designed to give families a measure of protection against the ever-increasing problem of missing children. It is brought exclusively to Ontario families by Masons, **free of charge** and has worked successfully in more than 20 States in the U.S. for many years.

**The MasoniCh.I.P. Child ID Program** consists of five major components – vital child information, digital fingerprints, digital photographs, a digital video and a dental bite impression. All of this data is burned onto a CD, and given to the parents or guardian. Security and privacy are of the utmost importance; therefore, it is significant to note that the Ontario Masons keep nothing on file, with the exception of the permission form signed by the parent, prior to participation in any event.

Grand Lodge and the MasoniCh.I.P. Committee are working diligently to provide guidance so that this program can be brought to our communities. However, to be successful, the MasoniCh.I.P. Program must be made consistently available throughout this jurisdiction. All Masons are encouraged to support their District, and their Lodges. To assist you in that regard, The **Masonic Foundation** has granted MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario a **project number: 2552**. Anyone wishing to support this program and receive a Tax Receipt can make a cheque payable to the Masonic Foundation and quote this project number and the Foundation will send a receipt. If no tax receipt is required, a cheque can be sent payable to “MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario, and mailed to the address below.

It is our sincerest hope that no family will need the resource provided in our packets, but if the need should arise we believe the information that we provide from our program will be instrumental to law enforcement agencies in the recovery of a missing child. It only takes **42 seconds** from the time the CD-Rom is loaded into the Police computer for **the AMBER ALERT** broadcast to be sent through out their system.

I thank you Brethren for your interest in this program and your commitment to promoting this excellent community service. With everyone's well-timed efforts, we will be able to provide the MasoniCh.I.P. Program in every community in Ontario.

If you have any questions you may reach me at any of the following numbers or emails.

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