

Inaugural Issue
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THE BULLETIN

We are pleased to welcome you to the first issue of the MASONIC Ch.I.P. Ontario *Bulletin*.

This quarterly format is intended to keep you informed regarding child identification efforts around the province in a simple, four page format.

In this first edition you will be introduced to:

- 🍁 the Committee & the Process
- 🍁 the MASONIC Ch.I.P. Corporation President
- 🍁 the Tie & Scarf
- 🍁 Around the Jurisdiction

We encourage your comments and suggestions as individual Freemasons and as Lodge, District or Regional Coordinators.

By sharing ideas in this public setting, our hope is to stimulate interest and action within our great Jurisdiction.

Fraternally,

Rob Fleming

Program Director

MASONIC Ch.I.P. Ontario



The Committee

Our Committee consists of the following dedicated Freemasons:

Regional Coordinators

Zavar Byramjee	John Stevens	John Savage
Sonny Clark	Tony Atkins	David Wilkinson
Phil Hernandez	Dean Botchar	Mike Lalonde
Gary M ^{ac} Gregor	David Madill	Harold Newton
Elroy M ^{ac} Kinnon		

Marketing / Promotion / Support Coordinators

Larry Weeks and Murray Dale

Logistics Coordinator Dave Berry

Ontario Dental Association Liaison John Hough

Webmaster / Communications / Promotions Jayme Cousins

Recording Secretary Robert M^cTavish

Program Director Rob Fleming

President of the MASONICH.I.P. Corporation (Ex-Officio) Ray Dobbs

The Process

Our Regional Coordinators liaise with the District Coordinators and, among other things, coordinate the use of equipment in their Region.

All clinic requests are routed through the District Coordinators by the individual Lodges or District, sent to the Regional Coordinator for assessment, then the Program Director for approval.

Once approved, a clinic is placed on the MASONICH.I.P. website for public viewing and access.

From The President

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to greet everyone in our inaugural edition of the MASONICH.I.P Ontario quarterly bulletin. Many thanks go to our editor, and Program Director, Rob Fleming. I would also like to thank the members of the Operations Committee for their service to Masonry, their several communities, and our program. Without them, we could not provide this very important Child Identification Program to communities in Ontario. Likewise, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our District Coordinators, and the Lodge Chairmen who organize the MASONICH.I.P events for their Lodges.

There have been many fine Masons that assisted in getting our Program started, and through the early growing years. Several have moved on to other activities and projects in their lives, but without their efforts, support and vision, MASONICH.I.P would not have experienced such quick growth and success. Those individuals have my respect and gratitude.

MASONICH.I.P Ontario has evolved from a “Special Project” of the Grand Master, to a “Special Stand Alone Committee” of the Grand Lodge, and now “Related Masonic Body” (Corporation) similar to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, and the Masonic Holdings Corporation. Like the Masonic Foundation, we are a registered Charity, and as such, we issue Tax Receipts for any charitable donation we receive.

We have accomplished a lot in 5 short years, providing over 48,500 child identification packages free of charge to families across Ontario. However, there are still millions of children and their families without our ID Kit in case they go missing. This presents a wonderful opportunity for Masons in Ontario, and, I have no doubt, we are to the challenge.

Ray Dobbs

President

MASONICH.I.P Ontario

The Tie and Scarf

The tie and scarf, both available in blue or black background, are another method of opening a conversation about MASONICH.I.P and the work we are doing in the community.

When you wear the tie or scarf, and someone comments about it (and they will) we ask that you use it as an opportunity to describe the program and direct them towards our website or a contact in your Lodge or District.

Not the mystic tie of legends old, but something new, something bold.

This tie with colours fresh and bright, should remind us of new light.

Of MASONICH.I.P. work 'cross this land where Masons freely lend a hand.

For peace of mind to parents who must hope to find a loved one who is lost or missing from their home. They cannot mount the search alone.

So when they ask about this tie, tell the story, head - held - high.

How Masons help a child to find, and this is but the tie that binds.

AROUND THE JURISDICTION

