

## **SECTION 19 – GRAND LODGE LIBRARY**

The Grand Lodge Library is located on the second floor of the Grand Lodge building located at 363 King Street West, Hamilton Ontario.

The Library contains a collection of over 2500 books, periodicals and audio/visual materials arranged to facilitate, reference and enrich the reader's knowledge of Freemasonry. The material contained within the Library reflects the knowledge, views and opinions of various artists and is an easily accessible to every Mason in our Grand Jurisdiction.

The Library is open to all Masons in good standing in our jurisdiction. It is open Monday evenings 7-10 p.m. and Wednesday afternoon from 1 - 4 p.m. under the supervision of volunteer librarians. As these times may not be convenient to all Masons the Library will try to accommodate out of town brethren through pre-arranged appointments. Organized groups are encouraged to make use of this excellent facility. It is possible to

organize "special" visits through pre-arranged appointments. This would be an ideal opportunity for officers of a Lodge or a District to visit along with an evening dinner or afternoon luncheon at the fabulous Scottish Rite Club just next door.

The use of the Library is not restricted to travelling distance. Through the Library's mailing service, circulating books and tapes are available to brethren throughout the jurisdiction. Requests can be made by mail, fax or Internet and will be processed accordingly with the borrower agreeing to pay the return mailing costs.

We are charged to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and nowhere is there a better resource or abundance of valued material than that contained within our own Grand Lodge library. We as Masons, not only have a duty, but a need to access the historical values of our fraternity and to further our pursuit of our Masonic endeavours.

Seek and you shall find!



