

**Report of the Steering Committee  
for the Annual Blood Donors Award Brant Masonic  
District**

**Committee Members** - A.A.(Bert) Barker, Clayton Oliver, Gerald E. Postill

**Mandate of Committee-** To make a proposal, complete with recommendations to the Brant Masonic District Masters', Past, Masters' and Wardens' Association regarding the advantages and benefits of having an Annual Award acknowledging the Lodge in the District having the most effective Blood Donors Program throughout a given year.

**Purpose** - The purpose of such an award would be threefold;

- ( i ) To promote an increased interest in the giving of "The Gift of Life' throughout Brant Masonic District,
- (ii ) To promote a friendly and fraternal competitive spirit throughout the District to learn more about the need of such donations,
- ( iii ) To acknowledge the Masonic efforts of a well respected brother of the district who has since passed to the Grand Lodge above.

**Criteria** - The award is to be given to the Lodge who has the most effective Blood Donor Program with consideration given to the most units of blood donated as well as promotion of giving Blood Donations and volunteer efforts within the District, expressed as a percentage of the total membership of each Lodge, during the Masonic year.

- ( i ) The time period will be determined by the Grand Lodge Committee on Blood Donations which is presently 01 April to 31 March.
- ( ii ) The total membership number will be that as indicated on the Semi-Annual return as reported to Grand Lodge on 31 December of the given period.
- ( iii ) The total units will be that as reported by each Lodge to the District Blood Donor Chairman and recorded on the Blood Donors Register of each Lodge.
- (iv ) The criteria for what counts as a donation will be as determined by the General Guidelines of Grand Lodge Committee on Blood Donations.
- { v ) Lodges participating in the Annual District Blood Donors Clinic by providing a volunteer to work under the direction of the District Blood Donor Chairman, will share equally in the number of non-designated gifts. Gifts that are specifically designated to a particular Lodge will be credited to that Lodge.

The Annual presentation of the Award will be made in the Month of May at the Lodge of the current D.D.G.M.

A Committee should be formed to administer to the above consisting of the Present D.D.G.M., the District Blood Donor Chairman, and the Immediate Past D.D.G.M.

Presentations were sought as to the specifics of the actual Award. Under consideration was a Trophy, a Plaque or something of unique artist form. The final award is to be something which represents the purpose of the Award, together with any unique attributes of Brant Masonic District as well as respectfully representing a brother of the district which the Award is meant to pay tribute.