

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT

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Be always ready to give an answer to those that ask you a question; give the right hand of affection and fellowship to whom it justly belongs; let their colour and complexion be what it will; let their nation be what it may; for they are your brethren, and it is your indispensable duty so to do.

- Bro. Prince Hall (1738-1807)

From the desk of the D.D.G.M.,

My Brethren

“Promoting Pride in Our Craft.”

We've all heard expressions such as “Masonry gives back what you put into it... and much more,” or, “The more you participate the more you get out of Masonry.”

We can't argue the point. It is an adage that holds true in our lives in general. It does cause me, however, to reflect upon the condition of Masonry in our district, in my Lodge, and in my life as a Mason.

I entered the word ‘participation,’ punched the Thesaurus key and found, ‘*Participation: contribution, input, partaking, sharing, chipping in, involvement.*’ My dictionary yielded ‘*Participate: to take part; be actively involved; to share (in); join; play a part; have input.*’

Okay. That leads to many variables! Involvement in which activities? How often? For how many hours? At what level of input or effort? As a Leader or labourer?

These are, of course, individual decisions, but the definitions imply that participation involves action and effort. ‘Occasional’ and ‘sporadic’ do not meet the criteria! ‘Minimal’ is not listed!

My Brethren, we each have our own criteria and must decide for ourselves how we allot our time and energies. But perhaps we should ask ourselves, “What qualifies me as a Mason?”



Am I learning, broadening my perspectives? Am I happy to be a member, taking pleasure in the company of the Brethren? Do I enjoy attending or do I find the meeting onerous? If so do I consider what could be done to improve the situation, even as a side bencher? Am I trying to improve my Lodge by my contribution in any small way?" How much am I being involved?

Do I participate in Masonic activities beyond my own Lodge? Broadening perspectives by visiting and attending District activities can be rewarding. Besides **Official Visits** this month we have: -

- Our **District Divine Service** that will be held April 6th at Pickering Village United Church. The Grand Master, Allan J. Petrisor, will be joining us for the service and the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Gordon J.J. Simmons, will deliver the sermon. We will wear our regalia and our families will sit with us. I sincerely hope you will make the pleasant drive to Pickering and that we will have a huge attendance from Toronto East. See you at 10:00 a.m.
- **Education Day** on Saturday April 19th at Scarborough Temple will be another fine day. V.W. Bro. Ervin Aspiras has assembled a great team to present the theme, "Applied Freemasonry: Relevance and Application of our Craft." Registration 8:30 - session 9:00 to noon.
- The **District Spring Meeting** April 29th at Scarborough Temple. This meeting is for **all Masons**, not just Officers and Past Masters. Participate! Learn and contribute to the operation of the district.

Promoting Pride in Participation,
Fraternally,

Elroy

R.W. Bro. Elroy J. MacKinnon
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



Toronto East District Events

April

Thursday April 3, 2008

Dentonia Lodge – **Extinguishing the Lights**
See notice below.
Toronto East Masonic Temple

Thursday April 3, 2008

Doric Lodge – **Friend-to-Friend**
See notice below.
Pickering Masonic Temple

Friday April 4, 2008

Wexford Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Sunday April 6, 2008

Toronto East District – **Annual Divine Service**
Non-Masons welcome - regalia to be worn
Assemble at 10:00 am
Pickering Village United Church

Monday April 7, 2008

Mimosa Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Toronto East Masonic Temple

Tuesday April 8, 2008

Toronto East District – **Habitat for Humanity-Build Day**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday April 10, 2008

Coronati Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday April 12, 2008

Lodge of Instruction – **Mechanics of the Work**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Sunday April 13, 2008

Scarboro Lodge – **SuperCities Walk for MS**
See notice below
Cafeteria in back of Cedarbrae Collegiate

Tuesday April 15, 2008

Riverdale-J.R. Robertson Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Toronto East Masonic Temple

May

Thursday May 1, 2008

The Beaches Lodge – **Installation**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 3, 2008

Doric Lodge – **Yard Sale**
See notice below
Pickering Masonic Temple

Saturday May 3, 2008

Lodge of Instruction – **Mechanics of the Work**
9:00 am to noon
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 3, 2008

Caledonia and St. Aidan's Lodges – **Ladies Night**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 10, 2008

Lodge of Instruction – **Mechanics of the Work**
9:00 am to noon
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 17, 2008

Lodge of Instruction – **Mechanics of the Work**
9:00 am to noon
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Tuesday May 20, 2008

St. Aidan's Lodge – **Installation**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Wednesday May 21, 2008

West Hill Lodge – **R.W. Degree Team**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 24, 2008

Lodge of Instruction – **Mechanics of the Work**
9:00 am to noon
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 31, 2008

Lodge of Instruction – **Mechanics of the Work**
9:00 am to noon
Scarborough Masonic Temple



Wednesday April 16, 2008

West Hill Lodge – **Rainbow Girls and DeMolay
Public Ritual Presentations**

See notice below

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 31, 2008

Toronto East District – **Awards Dinner and Ladies
Gala**

See notice below

Sisters' Great Buffet Restaurant Banquet Hall

Saturday April 19, 2008

Toronto East District – **Education Day**

See notice below

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday April 19, 2008

The Beaches and Friendship Lodges – **Ladies Night**

See notice below

Four Seasons Golf and Country Club - Claremont

Monday April 21, 2008

Caledonia Lodge – **Official Visit**

Visitors - 8:00 pm

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday April 25, 2008

Birch Cliff Lodge – **Table Lodge**

See notice below

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday April 26, 2008

Lodge of Instruction – **Mechanics of the Work**

9:00 am to noon

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday April 26, 2008

North Gate Lodge – **Installation**

Note the day!

See notice below

Pickering Masonic Temple

Tuesday April 29, 2008

Toronto East District – **Spring Business Meeting**

There is no dinner.

Meeting - 7:00 pm

Scarborough Masonic Temple



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charities



AutismONTARIO

Disorder) To ensure that each individual with ASD is provided the means to achieve quality of life as a respected member of society.

Who They Are: * - Volunteer based Chapters in Communities across the province. * - People who are connected to individuals with ASD. They are parents, siblings, relatives, professionals, educators, businesses, and supportive friends.

Support for Families with Members with ASD (Autism Spectrum



WindReach Farm strives to enrich the lives of persons of all ages with disabilities and/or special needs by providing opportunities

to enjoy experiences in farming, nature, outdoor recreation and other activities and to share those experiences with family and friends.

Please use the **Toronto East District Charity Project Number 2352** for contributions made through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

Contact: Todd Owens at 905.852.7880 or 678@yrp.ca

The opposite of love is not hate; it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness; it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy; it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death; it's indifference.

- Elie Wiesel

Blood Donor Clinics



CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES

If you have donated recently please send me an email at ted2donate@aol.com (TorontoEastDistrict2DONATE) so I can keep my records current.

For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics in your area call **1-800-2DONATE** or http://www.bloodservices.ca/centre*apps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm

Contact: Bob Steenson at 416.697.0822 or bob.steenson@ontarioair.com

Toronto East District – Food Bank Donations Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee is seeking Volunteers to **serve on a committee** to promote donations from our Temples to the Local Community Food Banks. The West Hill Food Bank feeds over 5,000 people a month in their community. A small donation of food or money from each Mason in our district would go a long way to helping them.



Contact: Martin Skulnick at 416.282.5340 or mskulnick@yahoo.ca

A Quiet Relaxing Way to Think and Talk About Freemasonry



The summer months are coming fast. Next month is May and the Black Creek Masonic Lodge opens. Consider being an Interpreter for the Lodge, and Freemasonry.

If you enjoy meeting people, you will enjoy being an ambassador for both the Village and Freemasonry.

You need to have a good understanding of the principles and history of the Craft and be prepared to openly and honestly answer all questions. If you are unsure of this point, fear not! For the first while you will be placed with a knowledgeable, experienced Interpreter. An information kit is provided. It gives information about the historical period, the artefacts in the Lodge room and some typical visitor questions.

Some have undertaken supplying Interpreters as a lodge project. The lodge undertakes a specific day each month and arranges the schedule of brethren to cover that day.

This is a wonderful job for the man who has the occasional day free, or a retired brother. This is not an every day job. You commit to one day per month, or as many as you would like, from May to December. Eight days!

Give Mac McCausland a call. He'll be glad to hear from you. You will be glad you did. *So will your wife!*

Contact: Arnold (Mac) McCausland at 905.567.4856 or mccaus@istar.ca

Masonic Aid for Cuba

The U.S. has a trade ban against Cuba. That ban makes the purchase of most commodities very, very difficult. Cuban currency has almost no value on international markets. Thus, if commodities were available, there is no way to purchase them. Basic stuff. Aspirin. Razor blades. Feminine hygiene products. Vitamins. All are very difficult to acquire in Cuba. Modern medicine and medical treatment is available to very, very few.

If any Lodge would like to hold a special night to collect, multivitamins for our brethren in Cuba, please let me know and I will give you all the details you need.

Last year 71 children died of dengue fever. There is no cure, but vitamins help reduce the effect of the mosquito bite. The Masonic Home for the Aged also needs vitamins.

Last year, a non-Masonic group in Canada gave enough colostomy bags for a brother who was in desperate need. Prior to getting the bags, he was using a plastic shopping bag attached with tape to his wound.

We do not know how privileged we are to live in Canada.



Contact: Nelson King at 416.293.8071 or nking@freemasonry.org

Are You Going To Holguin, Cuba?

A brother in Holguin is in need of vitamins and painkillers. These are ready to be shipped now but there are no courier services from Canada to Cuba, and by mail it takes over two months to get through.

The vitamins and painkillers will be delivered to you at your home or office. The brother in Holguin will arrange to pick them up at your hotel.

Contact: Vince Lombardo at 905.731.0504 or vince.lombardo.to@gmail.com

MasoniCh.I.P. – What’s It All About?

Masons Helping You Protect The Ones You Love

Vital Statistics:

According to statistics released by Canada’s ‘Our Missing Children’ site, and Ontario Child Find, every year over 60,000 children are reported missing in Canada, with Ontario having the highest proportion per capita at almost 20,000. The key to recovering these children is quick action by parents, and law enforcement agencies. Statistics also state that: -

THE FIRST 2 HOURS AFTER A CHILD HAS GONE MISSING ARE THE MOST CRITICAL.

Why the EZ Child ID System?

MasoniCh.I.P Ontario will be using the most comprehensive digital fingerprinting child ID system available. EZ Child ID worked directly with the National MasoniCh.I.P. Foundation in developing this software. They have worked with law enforcement officials to ensure that this digital fingerprinting system is up to their standards. They have taken it one step further and included a **digital fingerprint analysis** software package to make sure all the necessary ‘points’ on fingerprints are obtained. This will ensure that all the vital information required by the **Amber Alert** system is captured. This software even records a digital video with voice, which is saved in digital avi format. The EZ Child ID form includes all 10 fingerprints



Fingerprint Analysis Software

and is saved in the universal PDF format. The parent not only receives a printed form, they also receive a CD with all their child’s information on it. This allows the parent the opportunity to reprint the EZ Child ID form at home if they desire. To help protect from identity theft, the software was written so that no information from the child is saved on the computer. Once you start over, all of the data is permanently erased.

THE PARENT IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO RETAINS THEIR CHILD’S INFORMATION.

Why go to this extent?

All of this technology aids in the reporting time if a child has gone missing. The parent can take the CD to a police department to be downloaded, or even email the form. There is no other system



that is as comprehensive as the EZ Child ID System. To make it even better, the system comes completely assembled and can be **set up in under 30 seconds!**

Easy to Use:

The EZ Child ID System was developed from the ground up with 'Technology Made Simple'. The software was designed so that with only 5 minutes of training anyone can use it. There is a quality data check list that verifies that you have completed each step correctly. There is also an easy to use step-by-step instruction booklet with every machine. Above, you will see a sample of the bio-sheet that can be printed, and below is a photo of the actual unit that **MasoniCh.I.P.** Ontario will be using.



KEY PROGRAM FEATURES

- Will scan all 10 fingerprints
- Produces a still photo
- Produces a video with audio
- Burns all info to CD-Rom
- All files are deleted after each session
- MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario will also feature a wax wafer dental impression system.

Contact: Clint Sturgeon at 905.427.2689 or csturgeon0629@rogers.com

from February's D.D.G.M. Communiqué

Raymond S. Daniels, D.G.M., commented –

After reviewing the year end reports . . . summary published by the **Committee on the Condition of Masonry**, indicates that, of the 575 lodges reporting, -

- **56.2%** do not use **Friend to Friend** to bring potential members into the lodge,
- **43.8%** do not use **Mentor Program** to instruct candidates in the symbolism and meaning of the three degrees,
- **59.5%** do not use **Brother to Brother** to retain members,
- **39.1%** have no **Long Range Planning Committee** and
- **40.1%** operate without basic financial planning or set an annual budget.

Why are the Grand Lodge Programs not being used?

- 1) The W.M. does not know they exist.
- 2) If the W.M. knows that the program exists, he does not know how to use and apply it in his lodge.
- 3) There is no able and enthusiastic brother willing to put the program into practice.
- 4) No one in the lodge really cares.
- 5) The lodge is already 'doing what comes naturally' acting as good Masons do - creating a business like approach that ensures stability and maintaining a fraternal environment that keeps members active and interested.

Every constituent lodge is autonomous - the master of its own destiny. But we need to be reminded that *'destiny is not something to be waited for - it is something to be worked for and achieved.'*



... and Astronomy

Spica is the brightest star in the constellation Virgo, and the 15th brightest star in the nighttime sky. An easy way to find Spica is to follow the arc of the handle of the Big Dipper to Arcturus, and then continue on the same distance to Spica (follow the arc to Arcturus and speed on to Spica). Spica is actually a binary (double) star with a non-visible partner. Spica rises just as the Sun sets in early April. In early November, wake up well before dawn and look toward the eastern horizon and see Spica rising on the horizon.

Get on the Mailing List

MAN-TO-MAN Prostate Cancer Support Group
20 Holly Street, Suite 200, Toronto Ontario M4S 3B1
Telephone: 416-932-8820 / E-mail: info@mantoman.ca

In association with the



Spica, Regulus and Arcturus form a right-angle triangle, with the line connecting Spica and Regulus forming the base.

The name Spica derives from Latin *spīca virginis* ‘Virgo’s ear of grain’ (usually wheat).

Spica ‘points’ to the constellation Hydra. Hydra is a water sign.

A right-angled triangle, an ear of corn near water.

Coincidence?!

I think not!

“...the seven liberal arts and sciences, namely: Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music and *Astronomy*.”

Local Boy Makes Good

Many will recall Barry L. Jones who was District Secretary in the old District 3 several years ago. Barry hasn't been letting his skills go to waste. Recently, Barry was elected Right Excellent Companion, Grand Superintendent for Toronto District 8 of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. This position is equivalent to the D.D.G.M. in our Craft Lodges. Congratulations, Barry!

Toronto East District Awards

The Awards Program is designed to stimulate lodge activity and greater involvement in District events. Individual masons will be honoured for their significant contributions and lodges will be recognized for their collective support and achievements.

There are 8 Awards as follows:

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| Ronald E. Groshaw Award | - | Lodge of the Year Award |
| C. Edwin Drew Award | - | Mason of the Year Award |



Terrence Shand Award	- Lodge that has rendered civic involvement in the community
William Reiach, P.D.D.G.M. Award	- Remembrance Service Award
Aubrey Smaller Award	- Outstanding Ritual at an Official Visit
Charles Hill Award	- Individual Award
Toronto East District	- Blood Donor Award
Toronto East District	- Travelling Gavel Award

To qualify for an Award, lodges must strictly adhere to the guidelines and procedures sent to each lodge secretary. The selection committee will go by the guidelines when determining the winner in each award category. We trust that every lodge will participate, for by so doing, the standards of the fraternity will be ever raised. The Awards themselves will be presented at an Awards Ceremony portion of the District Gala on Saturday May 31st, 2008. All applications for awards must be received by the Awards Chairman prior to May 2nd so that any selection can be completed by May 9th.

Has YOUR lodge made any applications?

Contact: Robert Kliaman at 905.707.6886 or rkliaman@cpa-ca.com

*A sure sign of a lunatic is that sooner or later, he brings up the Templars.
- Umberto Eco*

Thursday April 3, 2008

Dentonia Lodge – Extinguishing of the Lights

Dentonia Lodge No. 651, Toronto East District, has decided to wind up its affairs. The Surrender of Charter, (Extinguishing of the Lights) will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2008, 7:30 pm at the East Toronto Masonic Temple. Please attend with us to celebrate over 77 years of fellowship.

Thankfully, these ceremonies don't come too often! The other side of the coin is they are a rare occurrence. Witness one when you can!

Time: 7:30 pm.
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: Brian Bond at bondtor4@sympatico.ca

Thursday April 3, 2008

Doric Lodge – Friend-to-Friend

All are cordially invited to an evening of introduction to Freemasonry. If you have someone, a relative, a neighbour, a co-worker, a friend, who has expressed an interest in Freemasonry, or a lady who wonders what it is all about, this is an evening for them. The program for the evening will include a viewing of



the Lodge Room, a brief history of Freemasonry, an explanation of the Lodge Room setup and a question and answer period, all followed up with some light refreshments.

Time: 7:30 pm.
Location: Pickering Masonic Temple
Contact: Edward Lang at 905.839.5213

Saturday April 5, 2008

Four District Lodge Vitality Workshop

The Long Range Planning Committee for Toronto East District has been conducting a Lodge Vitality Survey that has had tremendous support with over 1,200 Masons from Ontario and abroad responding.

In consultation with R.W. Bro. Elroy J. MacKinnon, Toronto East D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Iain L. Oliver, Ontario D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Robert C. McBride, Peterborough D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Harry Danford, Prince Edward D.D.G.M. and R.W. Bro. William Storry, Victoria D.D.G.M. are very pleased to announce a

Four-District Lodge Vitality Workshop

led by V.W. Bro. Garry Fitzpatrick, W. Bro. Martin Skulnick, Bro. Graeme Boyce and Bro. Stephen Brash, the four individuals who compiled the Toronto East District Lodge Vitality Survey. The results of the complete Survey will be shared with everyone in attendance at the Workshop.

Please **R.S.V.P.** e-mail by **Monday, March 31, 2008** so that we can make final arrangements for handouts and the luncheon. Please indicate if you are planning on attending the luncheon. Driving directions will be supplied upon request.

Time: 9:00 am – noon
followed by a light lunch
Location: Peterborough Masonic Temple
415 Rubidge St., Peterborough, ON
Contact: Robert (Bob) Collins McBride at 705.295.4556 or ddgm2007@nexicom.net

Tuesday April 8, 2008

Toronto East District – Habitat For Humanity - Build Day

Arrangements have been made for up to 30 Masons to participate in a Habitat for Humanity Build Day. We have been asked to report our actual numbers by **March 8th** so that they can have a firm count and accept individual volunteers to round out their numbers.



Volunteers do not need to be skilled tradesmen to be useful and needed as long as they are willing participants. Most of the workers have no former construction experience and are assigned to do required tasks according to their ability and comfort level. Attitude is the key to making it a good day. Participants are asked to show up at the site by 8:30 for registration. Work begins at 9:00 and ends at 4:00.



It isn't quite as simple as just showing up with a hammer however. Each participant must also sign a waiver releasing the organization from indemnity while on the worksite and is asked to agree to try and raise \$50 in pledges for the organization. We currently have 8 volunteers and are hoping for a good deal more. This should be an enjoyable day and a useful endeavour for all who join in.

Time: 8:30 am
Location: 4200 Kingston Rd., Scarborough
Contact: Martin Skulnick at 416.282.5340 or mskulnick@yahoo.ca

Saturday April 12, 2008

Lodge of Instruction – Mechanics of the Work

The format for this Lodge of Instruction will be similar to those previously held at Chisholm Temple. The sessions will be conducted in a casual and friendly manner. More expert craftsmen will gently guide and correct the spoken word, mechanics and understanding of our time-honoured ritual.

Attendees will be invited to sit in a chair and the Lodge will be opened and closed in the three Degrees.

There will be opportunities for Masons of all levels, E.A., F.C and M.M. to practice their particular work under the guidance of a Brother Mason. We are also looking for assistance from some of the more experienced amongst us to help offer individual mentoring during the sessions.

Coffee and donuts will be provided for our 'Festive Board'. Brethren who are planning to attend are asked to contact me so we can estimate the numbers to provide for.

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Contact: Bob Steenson at 416.697.0822 or bob.steenson@ontarioair.com

Sunday April 13, 2008

Scarboro Lodge – 2008 SuperCities Walk for MS

For the **sixth consecutive year**, Scarboro Lodge will be fielding a team in the 2008 SuperCities **Walk for MS** event and . . .

Scarboro Lodge Challenges ALL lodges in the Toronto East District to join us!

This event is an excellent way to help raise funds to fight a debilitating and horrible disease, the highest incidence of which is right here in Canada. The MS Society has the best record of all charities in fundraising too - 98% of all funding goes toward research or support of sufferers of the disease. A cure is close!

Naturally, most lodges will find the prospect of trying to compete against the might of Scarboro Lodge as too intimidating - but don't let that stop you from joining in this important work. W.M. Brett McFarquhar has granted permission for *any* Mason to join our team! That's right, you too can join Scarboro Lodge on our triumphant march into the glory of a cure for MS!

If you can't make the Walk itself, why not sponsor a Scarboro Brother with a tax-deductible pledge? For more information, pledge sheets and online registration, go to:

<https://msofs.mssociety.ca/2008Walk/SponsorTeam.aspx?&PID=990002&L=2>



Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am – Registration – breakfast provided
10:00 am to 12 noon – Walk through the park to Thompson Community Centre
and back - lunch provided
Location: cafeteria in back of Cedarbrae Collegiate
Markham Rd. south of Lawrence Ave.
Contact: Frank MacKay at frank_mackay@hotmail.com

Monday April 15, 1912

THE TITANIC SINKS !

The Titanic sank under the Atlantic on April 15, 1912, when 1,514 victims perished in the world's most famous shipwreck after the Titanic collided with an iceberg on its maiden voyage to New York City,

Of the four postal clerks attempting to save the ship's mail one was a Freemason, Oscar Scott Woody, a member of Acacia Lodge No. 16, then located in Clifton Station, Fairfax County, Virginia, USA.

Brother Woody was raised in that Lodge on August 30, 1903, and was age 44 when he perished. The May 27, 1912, minutes of Acacia Lodge indicate a resolution on his death was drafted to be presented to his widow and published in the Fairfax Herald. The Lodge purchased a wreath of flowers with Masonic emblems for Brother Woody's subsequent burial at sea.

A week after the Titanic sank, Bro. Woody's body, kept buoyant by a cork life preserver, was recovered. Among the artefacts retrieved were a watch, a Post Office Department letter assigning him to the Titanic, a key chain, mail-routing slips from the ship's post office, a canvas bag stencilled 'No. 167,' and two pens and cuff links carrying Masonic symbols.

Tuesday April 15, 2008

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons Talking Masonry

Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals. Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie**.

Topic: Results of the Lodge Vitality Survey
Speaker: Stephen Brash
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione at 416.341.7938 or pat_piccione@hotmail.com

NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

Traditional Observance Lodge in Ontario

In 2007, a group of Masons petitioned the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario to form a new lodge entitled 'Templum Fidelis' in Bath, Ontario. The petition was sponsored



by Maple Leaf Lodge No. 119, and was supported by the lodges of Frontenac District, and the District Deputy Grand Master. In January of 2008, dispensation was received allowing *Templum Fidelis* to meet 'under dispensation' (UD).

Templum Fidelis is the only Masonic Club/Lodge in Canada that is recognized by the Masonic Restoration Foundation.

www.masonicrestoration.com

There has been some confusion about the terms 'Traditional Observance Lodge' (TM) and 'European Concept Lodge'. The terms have often been used interchangeably, though they should not be, as important differences exist between the two approaches to structuring a Masonic lodge. To help eliminate the confusion we would like to show that Traditional Observance lodges differ from what have become known as European Concept lodges in three important ways.

The focus is different.

All Traditional Observance lodges have a guiding initiatic focus to all their activities. All efforts are made to create a deep, contemplative atmosphere in all meetings. This is achieved by employing darkness, candlelight, periods of silence and meditation and strict rules for degree conferral and candidate advancement. European Concept lodges tend not to have such guiding and definitive focus, even if they follow many similar practices.

The models are different.

European Concept lodges tend to begin with the English lodge model and then infuse it with the Continental European system of candidate education. The 'European Concept' came out of an English constitution jurisdiction when Lodge Epicurean No. 906 was founded by Kent Henderson in 1993 in Geelong, Australia. (Kent Henderson spoke at one of the Toronto East District lodges last year.)

In contrast, Traditional Observance lodges begin with the North American lodge model and enrich it with traditional initiatic elements practiced in Continental European and Latin American Freemasonry. Traditional Observance lodges endeavour to have complete Masonic programs monthly.

The uniformity between lodges is different.

Traditional Observance lodges are relatively uniform, whereas European Concept lodges vary from one another significantly. Traditional Observance lodges all follow the same standards prescribed by the Masonic Restoration Foundation and participate in the Foundation's national efforts toward Masonic renewal. European Concept lodges are not usually related to one another in any way and have approaches to Freemasonry that can be radically different. © 2007 Masonic Restoration Foundation

www.masonicrestoration.com/tomasonry/europeanconcept.html

Wednesday April 16, 2008

West Hill Lodge – Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Public Ritual Presentations

West Hill Lodge invites anyone – Mason – non-Mason - particularly those families with children entering their teens, to witness a presentation of public rituals by the Rainbow Girls and the DeMolay. This will shed some light on two great youth organizations that, although they can stand alone in their own right, could precede membership in the Order of the Eastern Star and Freemasonry. Presentations will follow a quick opening and closing of lodge. The Rainbow Girls will be hosting a Pancake Supper that evening at 6.00 p.m.



Time: 6:00 pm – Pancake Supper
7:30 pm – Lodge opens
8:00 pm - Presentations
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: Supper \$5/ea - \$3/ea under 12
Contact: Gerry Ouellette at 416.412.1572 or
gerry.ouellette@sympatico.ca



Friday April 18, 2008
The Heritage Lodge – Regular Meeting
All Masons welcome.

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Rameses Shrine Temple (Keele St.)
Committee Room

Saturday April 19, 2008
Toronto East District – Education Day

Topic - Applied Freemasonry: Relevance and Application of our Craft
The need to Educate Ourselves Masonically and to get Masonically Educated. This event is held in coordination with the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education and the G15. Dress is casual.

Time: 8:00 am – Registration and COFFEE
9:00 am – noon - Session
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Contact: Elroy J. MacKinnon at 905.839.5789 or elroy@sympatico.ca
Ervin S. Aspiras at 416.299.3388 or ervin_ign@yahoo.com

Saturday April 19, 2008
The Beaches Lodge & Friendship Lodge – Ladies Night



A fine spring dance! Both lodges are uniting once again for their Annual Ladies Night. Dinner, dancing and a silent auction for the District Charities. All Masons and non-Masons welcome. It will be an exciting and fun filled evening. Only 125 tickets in total. This is an outstanding venue and was sold out last year so get your tickets early, as no tickets will be sold at the door.

Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm – Dinner

Location: Four Seasons Golf and Country Club
Cost: \$50/ea
Contact: Mike Enns at 416.264.5264 or
mike-enns@hotmail.com



Friday April 25, 2008

Birch Cliff Lodge – Table Lodge Event

Birch Cliff Lodge will be honouring several people, not necessarily Masons, for community service. A Table Lodge is a ‘formal’ dinner with ritualised toasts at set points during the meal. This evening is open to all Masons and their significant others and promises to be a truly fun-filled night. Regalia not required.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$30/ea
Contact: Jim Pickett – 416.282.9373 or j_o_pickett@yahoo.ca

Saturday April 26, 2008

North Gate Lodge – Installation

This will be a **Saturday afternoon** Installation.

Time: 1:30 pm – Lodge opens
2:00 pm – Visitors received
5:00 pm – Banquet
Location: Pickering Masonic Temple
Contact: Dean Bergerson at 905.420.1773 or dmbergerson@sympatico.ca

*If you help others, you will be helped. Perhaps tomorrow, perhaps in one hundred years, but you will be helped. Nature must pay off the debt . . . It is a mathematical law and all life is mathematics.
- G. I. Gurdjieff (1866-1949)*

Saturday May 3, 2008

Doric Lodge – Yard Sale

If you have anything of value to donate it will be gratefully accepted. Empty that junk closet! If not, drop by and see what you can pick up. The cottage can always do with something! Mark your calendars.

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Pickering Masonic Temple
Contact: Wayne Nicholson at 905.509.1543 or nicholson@on.aibn.com



Saturday May 3, 2008

Caledonia Lodge and St. Aidan's Lodge - Ladies Night

Caledonia Lodge and St. Aidan's Lodge will again have a joint Ladies Night. We look forward to many old and new faces joining us. Mark your calendars.



Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$45/ea
Contact: Alex Wilson at alex_wilsonca@yahoo.com

Tuesday May 20, 2008

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons Talking Masonry

Luncheons always occur on the third Tuesday of each month, summer months included. Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals. Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie**.

Topic: tba
Speaker: tba
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione at 416.341.7938 or pat_piccione@hotmail.com

NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

Thursday May 22, 2008

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry - Valley of Toronto - Master Mason Night

Expand your knowledge of Freemasonry beyond the Craft Lodge. Witness the portrayal of the Colourful Sixteenth Degree.

Free and Open to all Master Masons - **but admission to this event is by ticket only.**

Time: 7:30 pm **sharp**
Location: Rameses Masonic Centre
3100 Keele St., Toronto
Contact: Allan C. Dvorak – 905.509.7218 or acdvorak@sympatico.ca or your Scottish Rite Lodge Representative

Sunday May 25, 2008

3rd Annual Dyslexia Walkathon - Go The Distance - Help a Child To Read



Learning Centres For Children with dyslexia improve reading, self-esteem and future prospects for a better life. Learning Centres are non-profit and free. Support your local Walk-a-thon ... sign up your pledge sponsors ... Help solve the puzzles of the mind.

Time: 1:00 pm - Registration
1:00-5:00 pm - Events

Location: Centennial Park, Etobicoke
Contact: Robert James at gsw2002@gmail.com
www.dyslexia-walkathon.ca



Saturday May 31, 2008

Toronto East District – Awards Dinner and Ladies Gala

The District Gala, presented by the Alpha Masters Group, will be held at the Sisters' Great Buffet Restaurant Banquet Hall on Old Kingston Rd. Sisters' Banquet Hall has hosted many Masonic events, all of which have been well received by the brethren and their wives. They have a reputation for good quality food and an attention to detail that ensures a first class evening for all. The District Awards presentation will occur during the dinner. This year's event will be a served meal, and is restricted to 100 persons so the tickets are sure to sell fast. Support your district and DDGM by joining us for a fabulous evening. Remember to have the better half mark Saturday May 31st as booked so you may join the many old and new acquaintances you have made this year. Dancing to the music of DJ Jimmy Mack!



Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Sisters' Great Buffet Restaurant Banquet Hall
Cost: \$50/ea
Contact: Alex Wilson at alex_wilsonca@yahoo.com or
Bob Steenson at 416.697.0822 or bob.steenson@ontarioair.com

Public information campaigns that confront myths with facts, or warn people that a given claim is false, necessarily reiterate the information they want to discredit. This strategy is successful as long as people remember what is true and what is false. Unfortunately, memory for these details fades quickly. When the false claims are encountered again on a later occasion, all that is left may be the vague feeling that 'I heard something like this before.' This sense of familiarity, in turn, will foster the acceptance of statements as true. Once a statement is accepted as true, people are likely to attribute it to a credible source-which, ironically, may often be the source that attempted to discredit it - lending the statement additional credibility when conveyed to others.

- University of Michigan, Norbert Schwarz et al.

Metacognitive Experiences and the Intricacies of Setting People Straight

Saturday June 7, 2008

Friendship Lodge – 14th Annual Golf Tournament



A great day full of golf, sunshine, fraternity, food and laughter. D'ya think he made the putt? What do ya think the laughter is all about?

Time: 10:00 am
Location: 4 Seasons Golf and Country Club
Cost: \$100/ea
Contact: Ken Rayner at 905.579.7106



Friday to Sunday June 20 - 22, 2008

Wexford Lodge – Visit to Kedron, PA

While some lodges wonder what's happening, other lodges make something happen. Wexford Lodge will be conducting its bi-annual visit to Kedron Lodge, West Middlesex, Pennsylvania. Keep up the good work!

Saturday June 21, 2008

Toronto East Masonic Temple – MasoniCh.I.P. Program

This is a Temple initiative, with Acacia Lodge booking rooms and getting dispensation. The Temple will be among the first, if not THE first in Toronto East District to participate in this program. Volunteers will be needed. The base hours are 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with set-up and tear down times required on both ends. The day planned so far has the ChIP program as its main focus, requiring 10 volunteers there alone. Cooking and selling burgers, hot dogs, drinks and snack goodies as fund raisers, and there should be some raffle prizes too as another fund raising initiative. Each of these areas will require some folks to be involved. Giving all or part of the day would be appreciated. Whatever you can afford to give.

And be sure to bring some kids!

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Location: Toronto East Masonic Temple
Contact: Dennis Rankin at 416.691.1704 or kdrankin@pathcom.com

The test of every religious, political, or educational system, is the man that it forms. If a system injures the intelligence it is bad. If it injures the character it is vicious. If it injures the conscience it is criminal.

- Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881), Journal-1852

Saturday July 12, 2008

Caledonia Lodge and Georgina Lodge – Toronto Harbour Dinner and Dance Cruise

Caledonia and Georgina Lodges are again putting on a joint sunset boat cruise on the Jubilee Queen. There will be a DJ and a dinner, door prizes and raffle. Come and join us for a scenic and romantic evening. It was a smooth ride last year, so no problem with dancing up the night. Contact either Lodge for further information.

Time: Board – 6:00 pm
Disembark – 11:30 pm
Location: 539 Queens Quay W., Toronto
between Bathurst St. and Lower Spadina Ave at the Marina Quay W.
Cost: \$60/ea
Contact: Harold Clarke at tcnetworks@excite.com or
Alex Wilson at alex_wilsonca@yahoo.com



This Month

April

April is named in honour of Aphrodite (Venus), daughter of Zeus (Jupiter) and Dionne (Greek nature goddess).

The word April comes from the Latin aperire, meaning, "I open." Some say that it refers to the opening of the soul, symbolized by the opening of spring flowers, and the yearly reawakening of our relationship to Mother Earth. Venus brings our inner values into the open so that we may compare them with our outer lives.



Venus is said to have sprung from the foam of the sea, and to have made her way to Mount Olympus, the home of the gods, where, because of her wonderful beauty and grace, she was welcomed as the Goddess of Love and Beauty. All the gods fell in love with her, but she scorned them all, and Jupiter, to punish her for her pride, ordered her to marry Vulcan, the God of Fire, who was deformed and very rough in his manner. (It was common for workers of metals to have problems with their legs due to the constant inhalation of several toxic chemicals commonly used in the smelting process.) Vulcan had been thrown from the top of Mount Olympus by Jupiter in a fit of anger. Had he not been a god, Vulcan would, of course, have been killed by the fall, but he escaped with a broken leg that made him lame for the rest of his life. He now lived on the earth, and spent his time at the forge making many wonderful and useful things from the metals that he found buried in the mountains. He built gorgeous palaces of gold for the gods, which he decorated with precious stones, forged the terrible thunderbolts used by Jupiter, and also made the arrows used by Venus's son, Cupid. All blacksmiths and workers in metal naturally worshipped Vulcan, and a great festival called the Vulcanalia was held in his honour. Vulcan is very much our Tubal Cain, and Venus closely connected to him makes us ponder.

The Old English name for the month of April was Oster-monath or Easter-monath, because it was the month sacred to Eastre, or Ostara, the Goddess of Spring; the same name is still kept by the Germans, who call it Ostermonath.

The time of year known as Easter is named after this goddess, and though Easter is now a Christian festival, it was in the first place a feast held by the Saxons in honour of their goddess Eastre. It was the custom for the people to give one another presents of coloured eggs, because the egg is supposed to represent the beginning of life, and the feast was held in the spring-time, when Nature awakes to a new life from the death of winter. The custom, which we still have, of sending Easter eggs to our friends, is therefore a very, very old one indeed.

Easter eggs (aka Pasch eggs) are the springtime symbol of creation. Early Persians, Jews, Egyptians, and Hindus honoured the practice of presenting eggs to friends. Early Christians adopted this custom, using it to represent resurrection. They coloured eggs in red to symbolize the blood of redemption.



April's gemstone is the diamond, associated with purity, innocence, healing and promises. The tradition of giving a diamond engagement ring recalls the Catholic custom of reading the "banns" each Sunday three times before a marriage. This formal proclamation enabled any objections to the marriage to surface, while the engagement ring promised faithfulness, and identified the bride-to-be as pure and protected. The diamond, also called adamas, meaning indomitable, in biblical days, being the hardest of crystals, symbolized aspiration to the stability and commitment of marriage.

April 1st is dedicated to Venus' half-brother Hermes (Mercury), son of Zeus and Maia, (Greco-Roman fire goddess) in the form of the trickster. All Fools Day originated in ancient days when the king's jester could tell him the truth in humorous form without risk, as the jester was considered a voice from the gods. This also marks the Hindu festival of Holi (the Hindu version of the Trickster), wherein people are sent on fruitless or pointless errands, or given difficult riddles to solve (this may be where the scavenger hunt originated). These ordeals taught individuals about themselves. The Trickster teaches us lessons in the form of tricks and pranks. The antidotes or solutions to his puzzles are hidden within the challenge, and can be discerned by putting yourself in the place of the challenger.

A theory about the origins of April Fool's Day is based from an old French custom dating from the sixteenth century. During 1564 AD, the French declared that the first day of the year would be January 1st as it previously fell on March 25th (also known as 'Lady Day' and the Christian day of Christ's Resurrection). People in France used to give presents to their friends in March to celebrate the New Year but as March 25th fell in the period of Holy Week (Christian Easter Festival) then these celebrations were moved to take place a week later which then took it to April 1st. When the celebration of New Year was moved to January 1st, a custom arose in France that an individual should visit friends on April 1st to fool them into believing that it was the first day of the year. From this practice, the concept possibly grew and spread across Europe and around the world.

It will probably never really be known where this custom originated for sure but it does allow people to share their sense of humour even if you may find the extreme practices of some people in other countries somewhat bizarre.

The Fool: many of you would like to meditate on that Tarot card, or wonder why the way of the Fool is such an esoteric one.

On April 4th, Megalesia- the first festival day of Magna Mater, or Cybele, the great mother, founder of cities and guardian of civilization, whose sacred black stone was brought to Roma from Phrygia on the fourth day of April. It is celebrated by games and theatrical performances. The celebration lasts for seven days total, but sumptuous feasts are held on the first day.

On April 8th, the Hana Matsuri (Kambutsu-e), or Festival of Flowers, is annually observed in Japan's Buddhist temples. Part of the annual ritual observance includes decorating a temple garden or hall (hanamido) with flowers, and serving a sweet tea (amacha) from dried and boiled hydrangea leaves. The tea is sprinkled on the head of a statue of the baby Buddha who points heavenward and earthward (also symbolic of the I Ching), symbolizing the legendary birth of the Buddha. After the ceremony, festival visitors take the magical amacha home to share with family members. They also use the tea to create a spell to keep the home safe from snakes, and unwanted insects and animals.

On the April 11th and for one week the Romans celebrated Cerealia- the Roman festival of Ceres, the goddess of grain, cereal crops, growing plants and the love of a mother for her child. Ceres, Demeter in



Greece, is notoriously a peaceful goddess and most often accepts offerings of spelt cakes and salt, as well as incense. In the countryside, people offer milk, honey, and wine on the Cerealia (particularly the final day), after bearing them thrice around the fields.

On April 13th, there is Vaisakhi, one of the most important festivals in the Sikh calendar and celebrates the Sikh New Year and the founding of the Khalsa. The story of the Khalsa begins with Guru Teg Behadur who disagreed with many of the Hindu teachings and was publicly beheaded by the Moghal leaders. His son, Gobind became Guru and as he grew up he stressed that all Sikhs should be prepared to stand up for their beliefs. To test the Sikh community he chose the spring festival of Vaisakhi to transform the Sikhs into a family of soldier saints (the Khalsa Panth). He held a sword and asked that anyone who was willing to give his life for his faith should step forward. A young Sikh did so and went into a tent with Guru Gobind Singh. The Guru returned from the tent alone and with blood on his sword. He repeated this four more times and finally came out of the tent followed by the five Sikhs who were alive and well. They were dressed in turbans and other symbols which have since become symbols of Sikh identity. The five were called Panj Piare, the Beloved Five. Their job was to seek justice for all people of all faiths. The festival is marked with street processions where the Sikh holy book, the Guru Granth Sahib, is carried in his honour and is led by five men traditionally dressed as Panj Piores. There are also religious ceremonies involving singing and chanting.

On April 21st, Muslims celebrate the birth of Mohammed throughout the world. The prophet was born in 570 CE in the city of Mecca. Mecca housing the Ka'bah, was re-built (raised from the existing foundation) by Prophets Ibrahim (Abraham) and Ismail (Ishmael).

Muhammad was forty when, during his one of many retreats to Mount Hira for meditation during the month of Ramadan, he received the first revelation from the Archangel Jibril (Gabriel). On this first appearance, Gabriel said to Muhammad: "Iqraa," meaning Read or Recite. Muhammad replied, "I cannot read or write" as he had not received any formal education and did not know how to read or write. The Angel Gabriel then embraced him until he reached the limit of his endurance and after releasing said: "Iqraa." Muhammad's answer was the same as before. Gabriel repeated the embrace for the third time, asked him to repeat after him and said: "Recite in the name of your Lord who created! He created man from that which clings. Recite; and thy Lord is most Bountiful, He who has taught by the pen taught man what he knew not." These revelations are the first five verses of Surah (chapter) 96 of the Qur'an. Thus, it was in the year 610 CE the revelation began.

Muhammad was terrified by the whole experience of the revelation and fled the cave of Mt. Hira (Qur'an 81:19-29). When he reached his home, tired and frightened, he asked his wife: 'cover me, cover me,' in a blanket. After his awe had somewhat abated, his wife Khadijah asked him about the reason of his great anxiety and fear. She then assured him by saying: "Allah (The One God) will not let you down because you are kind to relatives, you speak only the truth, you help the poor, the orphan and the needy, and you are an honest man." Khadijah then consulted with her cousin Waraqa who was an old, saintly man possessing knowledge of previous revelations and scriptures. Waraqa confirmed to her that the visitor was none other than the Angel Gabriel who had come to Moses. He then added that Muhammad is the expected Prophet. Khadijah accepted the revelation as truth and was the first person to accept Islam. She supported her husband in every hardship, most notably during the three-year 'boycott' of the Prophet's clan by the pagan Quraish.

Passover (Hebrew: Pesach) is the eight-day celebration of the ancient Jews' liberation from Egyptian bondage. It starts on the 23rd. In the Hebrew religion, it commemorates the night the Angel of Death



“passed over” the houses of the Israelites, protecting their firstborn from massacre by the Pharaoh. This is one of their most important and elaborate religious festivals. It begins on the evening of the 14th of Nisan (first month of the Hebrew Lunar calendar, corresponding to part of the Solar calendar’s March–April). Special dishes are served, symbolizing the hardships of the Israelites during their bondage in Egypt. At the ceremonial evening meal (called the Seder), the narrative of the Exodus, the Haggadah, is recited; and praise is given for the deliverance. Only unleavened bread (matzoth) may be eaten throughout the festival period, reminiscent of their hasty exodus from Egypt when they had no time to leaven their bread. The Temple at Jerusalem was the goal of an annual pilgrimage of Jews at Passover. Pesach also means “the hobbling,” which also refers to the ancient ceremonial spring dance of the partridge, which symbolizes the spiral dance of the Minotar’s maze.

Earth Day, April 22nd is a celebration of the home that we all share, and the Earth goddess, Gaia. The first Earth Day was organized in 1970 to support recycling, tree planting, and community commitment to the future. It continues to encourage respect for life on earth, and encourages methods to ensure quality of the soil, air and water. Earth Day is now observed in 140 nations.

The inner theme of April is to call upon your inner values and strength to help overcome obstacles and restrictions to your life path. April has a recurring theme that has to do with joining together.



... by the Lighthouse Beam

A New Mason's Attendance

During a candidate's progress through the three degrees, he is the most important person in the Lodge. We heap all kind of attention upon him as we provide him with the symbolic working tools. Then, once he has been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, we turn our attention to the next candidate.

It is easy for the newly raised Master Mason to become neglected; a statistic.

- He has all of those shiny new working tools, but he is still in darkness.
- He has his 'union card,' but he is unemployed.
- There may not be any designs upon his Trestle board for him to use.
- He may easily become bored, frustrated, disinterested; a stranger in a strange place.

It can become very easy for him not to come back to the lodge room. He may, eventually, apply for a demit.

As R.W. Bro. David C. Bradley, the editor of the Masonic Newsletter for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education said –

“When a man joins a new company there is always a period of indoctrination. He is never left to blunder around the office or the factory on his own. Consider the length of time required to train a lawyer, an engineer, a plumber or an electrician. Yet, in Masonry, we say we take good men and make them better, but only allow three rather brief ceremonial evenings for this lofty project. We extend fraternity and brotherly love to our new Masons for a brief moment and then turn towards our older friends. The effort must be made to embrace everyone in our companionship; to bring every member into the magical circle of Masonry, whereby each one of us may be encouraged to seek more and become an active part of the Masonic Brotherhood. The Lodge altar is the hearth of Freemasonry around which we gather in the warmth of brotherly love and fellowship. All our candidates have taken Masonic vows at that same altar and, as a result, we ourselves have assumed a great obligation. We have assured the candidate that he has the right to make far-reaching claims upon us that affect time, fraternity and education. We have a collective duty to that individual to make him better and help him seek the light of truth, the way of honour, the will to work for men.”

We need to be interested in all of our members, and more particularly our new members. We need to make an earnest effort to get our members involved in the workings of the Lodge so they can fill their Trestle boards



with Masonic designs.

Let us match the skills, talents, abilities, and interests of our members with the needs of the Lodge. Let us assist our new members to employ the working tools we have placed in their hands. Let us give the new Mason a reason to continue with the Lodge, and the other Masons a reason to return. Most importantly, let us make sure every Lodge member knows he is important to the Lodge - because he IS!

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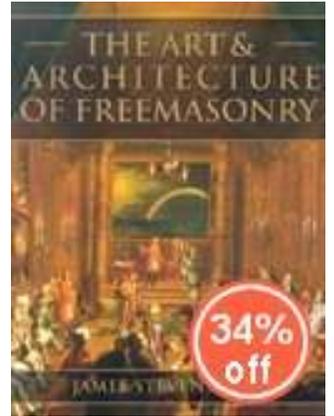


Book Review

The Art and Architecture of Freemasonry

Author: Professor James Stevens Curl
ISBN: 1585671606
Publisher: Overlook Press
Published: 2002

Due to the secrecy of Masonic society, the members heavily relied upon symbols and icons to communicate. This groundbreaking study details the secret society's influence on modern American and European aesthetics. In its own way, this book may be one of the most important contributions to an understanding of Western art, and will be invaluable to architects, artists, and anyone interested in the esoteric ideas and iconography of Freemasonry. Concepts such as death, trial, and descent into the depths are prevalent in Masonic architecture, and have permeated the designs of parks, gardens, and cemeteries for centuries. Architectural history professor James Stevens Curl also looks at the way Masonic ideas have permeated other art forms from literature to the performing arts, where operas like Mozart's *The Magic Flute* used Masonic elements in everything from the characters' names to the music to the stage designs - the original drawings of which are included here.



The 190 exceptional illustrations are accompanied by detailed, informative captions and the glossary clearly explains the complex ideas and iconography of Freemasonry. The extensive bibliography contains an enormous amount of material for further study.

This book is strongly recommended by serious Masonic scholars and should be available in any large bookstore for under \$35.



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