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[I]f Masonry is teaching in allegory and metaphor, how might these lessons be learned? It's not a matter of an academic approach and papers and such. In my honest opinion, it's whether they even come close to getting it when they knock on a door and are blindfolded and later see light.

- Bro. Milo Dailey, Masonic Light Email

Forum

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,



Well, spring has finally sprung, supposedly. The weather hasn't been great, but hopefully it won't be long 'til we break out the shorts.

March was an excellent month in The District. We got back to Official Visits with six. I thank all the Worshipful Masters and members of The District for supporting your brethren at their nights. On a personal note, I want to thank the Worshipful Master, officers and members of Scarboro Lodge for the great surprise of a birthday cake at the March 10 Official Visit. It was very much appreciated.

In addition, this past month, we had a great fund raising night. On March 21, around 40 Masons, friends and families, partook in the opportunity to learn a little more about the national drink of Scotland. A wonderful night was had by all. Thank you to W. Bro. Maher Eid and the members of Wexford Lodge for hosting this night on their emergent meeting night. I am pleased to report that the efforts of the brethren that night resulted in another Mikey unit. We now have funds for six. THANK YOU. At the Official Visit of Brougham Union Lodge on April 2nd, I, on behalf of the District Project, will be announcing the first three locations that our Mikeys will be placed.

Brethren, leadership today takes many different forms, and is much different from the leadership concepts of our parent's generation. Good leaders today aren't afraid to take chances, to go against the



normal traditional ways. Good leaders also show integrity, they follow up on their promises and challenges. This past month, we witnessed two such examples of good, solid leadership in our District. During his year as W.M., W. Bro. Mike Luegger challenged his officers to learn and do two new pieces of ritual in Lodge. If they succeeded, he would perform an entire 3rd degree on his own. Well the members stepped up and completed their part of the deal. On Thursday March 27, several visitors and I witnessed Mike perform the degree. He followed up on his promise, while challenging his brethren. His Lodge is stronger for his efforts. Well done Mike.

The makeup of our Lodges has changed. Real estate markets have forced some of us to leave the city. Mimosa Lodge was facing a challenge. For years, a solid member of Toronto East District, Mimosa found their average attendance dropping. They have many members, but they live outside the city and find it very difficult to make it back into the city for meetings. After much discussion, the decision was made to move the Lodge to Aurora. Their first meeting in their new home occurred this past month, and I am happy to report, their attendance was better. They have even had some members step back into the officer line up. Again, another example of good leadership shown by the MP's of Mimosa in leading and advising the membership.

While we are sorry to see them leave the District, we all wish them well. Their first Official Visit in their new home will be Monday, April 7 at the Aurora Masonic Temple (57 Mosley Street, Aurora). I hope to see many brethren of Toronto East District out to wish Mimosa well.

Our fraternity brethren need great leaders to continue to grow. As Harry Truman once said, "Progress occurs when courageous, skilful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better". Toronto East District has many younger members with great potential. Past Masters of the District, I challenge you to identify these bright your leaders. Mentor them, encourage them to seize the opportunity and help them grow our fraternity.

We have a very busy month with seven Official Visits. The District Secretary and I invite you all to join us on our journey.

May the Great Architect of the Universe look over you and yours.

R.W. Bro. David J. Neave
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



EVENTS CALENDAR:

April 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<p><u>1</u> April Fools Day</p> 	<p><u>2</u> * Brougham Union - Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm DDGM's Lodge Pies! Claremont</p>	<p><u>3</u></p>	<p><u>4</u> * Wexford - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>5</u> * The Beaches - Ladies Night Gala All Welcome Al Dvorak @ acdvorak@sympatico.ca or 905.509.7218 School of Fine Dining</p>	<p><u>6</u></p>
<p><u>7</u> * Mimosa - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm Aurora ←</p>	<p><u>8</u> * Caledonia - Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm York</p>	<p><u>9</u> * Markham Union - Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Claremont</p>	<p><u>10</u> * Coronati - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>11</u></p>	<p><u>12</u> * Doric - Progressive Euchre see below Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>13</u></p>
<p><u>14</u> Passover An 8-day celebration commemorating the exodus of the Israelite slaves from the Egyptians under Pharaoh Rameses II.</p>	<p><u>15</u> * Riverdale-John Ross Robertson - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>16</u></p>	<p><u>17</u> * Alpha-Tuscan - English Night see below East Toronto</p>	<p><u>18</u> Good Friday</p>	<p><u>19</u></p>	<p><u>20</u> Easter</p> 
<p><u>21</u></p>	<p><u>22</u></p>	<p><u>23</u></p>	<p><u>24</u></p>	<p><u>25</u> * Birch Cliff - P&E Session Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>26</u></p>	<p><u>27</u></p>
<p><u>28</u> * THVD - Brother to Brother see below Renforth</p>	<p><u>29</u></p>	<p><u>30</u> * Toronto and York Districts - Masters Dinner <u>Worshipful</u> <u>Masters only</u> School of Fine Dining</p>				



May 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			<u>1</u> * The Beaches - Installation Visitors-7:30 pm York	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> * West Hill - Grand Junior Warden's Degree Team lead by R.W. Bro. Walter J. Drane G.J.W. Visitors – 7:45 pm East Toronto	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> Mother's Day Be nice to your Mom!
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * Friendship - Installation Banq-6:30 pm ← Cost \$10 Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> Victoria Day The 2-4 weekend is here! ☺ Open up the cottage.	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> * Brougham Union - Friend to Friend Got someone interested in Freemasonry - bring them along Claremont	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * Wexford - Elvis Priestly see below Armenian Centre	<u>24</u> * Ontario Chapter O.E.S. - Best Ball Golf Day see below Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club	<u>25</u> * TED - Divine Service see below St. Andrew's United Church
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> * Scottish Rite - Master Masons Night see below York	<u>30</u> * TED - Spring Business Meeting 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>31</u>	



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

The District Deputy this year has chosen The Mikey Network as his Charity of choice. The Mikey Network works to promote heart healthy lifestyles. They are committed to placing “MIKEYS” (Automatic External Defibrillators) in high-risk locations to help people affected by sudden cardiac arrest. This is not your regular charity. This is a network of people who want to make a real difference in the lives of people just like us, in neighbourhoods just like yours with a life saving device, with the MIKEY unit. They receive not Government or United Way funding and must achieve their goals through support from organizations and individuals like us. So far, 16 people have been saved by a MIKEY! Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any time. This is why we need MIKEYs in Toronto East District.



Thank you.
V.W. Bro. Gerry Newall
District Chairman

*The integrity of men is to be measured by their conduct, not by their professions.
- Junius (pseudonym of an anonymous writer who contributed a series of letters
to the Public Advertiser from 21 November 1768 to 21 January 1772)*

Remember the North East Corner



It is within your power to give. Your gift will mean **absolutely everything to the recipients** but it will cost you **absolutely nothing** -- ever. And you don't even have to give anything now or hopefully for a long, long time. You'll never even notice. Register for organ donation.

Even if you've signed a donor card, **you still need to register your consent to donate**. It only takes a couple of minutes. But in doing so, you could one day save eight lives and enhance 75 more. Not a bad return on investment, eh? Register now.

www.beadonor.ca

We've have Masons in the Toronto Area on the list awaiting transplant donations. We've had Masons in the Toronto Area die before a transplant donation became available. Imagine the heartbreak of dying or losing a loved one when an alternative is readily available - **but no one got around to it**.

In Ontario, only 22% of residents are registered as donors at the end of 2012. During that year, 95 people - our family, friends and neighbours, died waiting for organs. In Durham Region the level of registration is ranked in the lower 2/3s of the communities listed at www.beadonor.ca.

As an organization that is demographically the most likely to be at both ends of this issue, both needing and providing organs for lifesaving transplant, you'd think we would get behind this issue more.

What does it take?

FYI



**Chicago, IL has three American Legion Posts whose memberships are entirely Masonic.
- Alphonse Cerza, The Truth is Stranger than Fiction, MSA**

Toronto East Masonic Centre

No message at time of publication.

- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373



Masonic Tour of Scotland

In both 2010 and 2012, I organized Masonic trips to Scotland. Eight people attended in 2010, including Past Grand Master Allan Petrisor. Twenty-four participated in 2012, a group that included both Masons, their wives and families.

Flights were by way of Air Transat to and from Glasgow.

We rented shared accommodation in a series of two and three bedroom apartments in Edinburgh and hired a bus for eight outside of town tours. As well, we took a train ride to Glasgow.

Amongst the Lodges we either visited as a Lodge meeting or as a group were Lodge Kilwinning No. 0; Cannongate Kilwinning No. 2; Trafalgar Lodge No. 223; Lodge Anima, Glasgow, and others. As a group, we toured the Grand Lodge of Scotland.



We also toured a distillery, a brewery, Castles and other tourist attractions. Not to forget Rosslyn Chapel.

We are contemplating doing this again in September 2014 beginning late in the month and carrying over to early October.



Costs will be similar to 2012. We rented shared accommodation in a series of two and three bedroom apartments and the cost for the two-week period came in at around \$500. It could be slightly higher this time. Flights are listing at between \$850 and \$900. The cost for the eight bus trips was around \$300-\$350. Food purchases are at your own choice.

Initially I will be looking for a deposit to cover accommodation and buses. Flights would be left to book on your own directly.

I would be happy to send any interested person an application form and a report on our previous trip.

ED: Brethren, this is not an idea you can sit and ruminate on. Since I received the initial notice, places have been filling up. The accommodations are booked. Ground travel is being arranged. Air flights are up to the individual and should NOT be delayed. If you want to do it, make contact ASAP!

Contact: Roy Cummings @ bowtowca@gmail.com or 905.632.1858



Tough Mudder?

So! You think you're tough! Well at least middling fit. You don't puff and blow taking those three steps up to the front door. Here's an opportunity to show us your stuff.

TOUGH MUDDER Toronto 2014

The members of Caledonia lodge are putting together a team of Freemasons and their families to take part in Tough Mudder at Mount St. Louis Moonstone in Coldwater ON on Aug. 17 2014. All proceeds go towards the Wounded Warrior Foundation, which is a worldwide charity that helps the troops returning home who have been hurt in the line of duty. Tough Mudder itself is a 19.5 km obstacle course that includes mud, ice, water and electrical wires. The race is about helping each other finish not how fast you finish.



www.toughmudder.com

So if you wanna have some fun and push yourself while helping others, join the Hiram's Mudders.

Training sessions will start to be scheduled starting in March/April 2014

For more information or to register please

Contact: Michel Willett @ michaelawillett@hotmail.com or 647.999.3166

Our Rainbow Girls Have Done It Again

The Grand Master presenting and congratulating our own Kaitlyn Davies from Toronto Assembly No. 2 of the Rainbow Girls of our District with the Youth of the Year Award at the Sweetheart Ball on Saturday March 8, 2014.



Congratulations to Kaitlyn and the Rainbow Girls of Toronto Assembly No. 2.

From Days Gone By

Some of you will remember Barry J. Hutton, PDDGM Toronto District 3 in 1998-99. Barry moved up to Seaforth, ON where Barry and his wife, Wendy, have become involved with activities in his new



community and he is the proud grampa of two grandsons. How's that go? "Were you robbed? No! The grand kids were here."

Barry has affiliated with Britannia Lodge #170. If all things go as they usually do, Barry will be Installed as Worshipful Master on Monday, June 2 2014. R.W. Bro. Robert McDowell (another name that is familiar) will be the Installing Master.

If those who remember Barry have the time, he would be very pleased if they could attend the ceremony.

Durham Regional Police Degree Team

On February 20 2014, Jody McKenzie was Initiated in fine style by the Durham Regional Police Degree Team. The Degree Team emphasized that if no one asked them to perform, there was no need for their existence.



Front Row-L to R: V.W. Bro. Wayne Nicholson, Grand Pursuivant; R.W. Bro. John Rycroft (Mgr of Financial Services DRP) Huron Bruce Lodge; R.W. Bro. David J. Neave, DDGM Toronto East District; Bro. Jody McKenzie, the evening's candidate; W. Bro. Terrence M. Doyle, W.M. Doric Lodge; M.W. Bro Terence Shand, Grand Secretary and member of Doric Lodge; R.W. Bro. Walter J. Drane, Grand Junior Warden

Middle Row-L to R: W. Bro. Brad Hancock Co-ordinator of DRP Masonic Degree Team (Sergeant of Emergency Mgmt DRP) Parkwood Lodge; W. Bro. David Emmorey (Staff Sergeant Central East Division DRP) W.M. Parkwood Lodge; Bro. Michael Ewles (Chief Constable DRP) David T. Campbell Lodge; Bro. Mark Hindmarch (Police Constable East Division DRP) Durham Lodge; Bro. Tony Budkowski (Honorary Member of Degree Team) Parkwood Lodge; Bro. Jim Douglass (Ret. Superintendent DRP) David T. Campbell Lodge; R.W. Bro. Peter Irwin (Honorary Member and Piper) Cedar Lodge

Back Row L to R: W. Bro. Michael Ennis Director of Degree Team (Ret. Superintendent DRP) Parkwood Lodge; W. Bro. Chuck Nash (Staff Sergeant Central East Division DRP) Parkwood Lodge; Bro. John Gilker (Ret. Staff Sergeant DRP) David T. Campbell Lodge; Bro. Sal Naccarato (Ret. Inspector DRP) David T. Campbell Lodge; Bro. John Morrison (Ret. Inspector DRP) Parkwood Lodge

A Tampa Cemetery

Myrtle Hill Cemetery is located at 4207 E. Lake Ave. Tampa 33610 and was established in 1917. This 105-acre cemetery is surrounded by stately moss laden oaks and majestic monuments. Among the memorials is a Masonic plot complete with an outdoor "Lodge Room" with marble Master and Wardens seats and a Symbolic altar. The symbolic Lodge Room is properly situated "due east and west". Should you be in that area, this is a wonderful little side stop. If you are in the mood for some of the best Cuban food while there, you can visit Brocato's Sandwich Shop - Home of the best Devil Crabs in town! since 1948.





Masters Seat in Marble



Senior Wardens Seat





Junior Wardens Seat



Symbolic Altar





Panoramic View Looking South
Thanks to Barry Thom, Canada Mason Email Forum

I Was Wondering

In the Masonic Year of 1976-77, the Education Committee of Toronto Masonic District No. 3 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (many of the lodges of which were realigned into the current Toronto East District), under the direction of R. W. Bro. Frank J. Bruce P.D.D.G.M. compiled 47 questions that were sent to the late W. Bro. Harry Carr P.J.G.D., Past Secretary and Editor of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 United Grand Lodge of England. These are his answers. It is to be noted that the answers refer to the Ritual and customs of the Grand Lodge of England in 1976.

This transcript of the Questions and Answers edited by W. Bro. Nelson King FPS

What is meant by the term “Symbolic Degrees” and “Symbolic Lodges?”

If we look at the whole panorama of Masonry as it has developed in the last 600 years, we find dozens of Rites and hundreds of Degrees with an infinite variety of headings under which they could be classified or grouped. Many of them have been rearranged; many have disappeared.

If I try to answer the question as simply as possible, I would say that the term “Symbolic Degrees” is a synonym for the Craft Degrees, as distinct from the so-called “Capitular Degrees,” e.g., those associated with Rose Croix and Knights Templar.

Personally, I greatly prefer the title “Craft Degrees,” because they are the only Degrees which owe their origins directly to operative Masonry and which developed entirely out of the Mason Trade itself. All the others are either offshoots or appendages.

Is there any documented account of the date or year when Masonry, as we know it today, was first practiced?

The essences of this question lies in the words “Masonry, as we know it today.” Our present system was virtually standardized in England around 1813 - 1816, from materials that had been in existence since the 16th century, materials which had been gradually amplified, and later overlaid with speculative interpretation, especially during the second half of the 1700’s.

I believe it would be impossible to prove the existence of more than one single ceremony of admission during the 1400’s.



A two degree system came into use during the early 1500's and in 1598-99 we have actual Lodge minutes (in two Scottish Lodges) of the existence of two degrees, the first for the "Entered Apprentice," and the second for the "Master of Fellow Craft" with evidence that they had been in use for some time.

Outside the Lodge, the Master was an employer and the Fellow Craft was an employee; but inside the Lodge, they shared the same ceremony, which was conferred only upon fully trained masons. This point is very important when we come to consider the inevitable appearance of a system of three degrees.

The earliest minute recording of a third degree was in a London Musical Society in May 1725, and highly irregular. The earliest record of a regular third degree in a Masonic Lodge is dated March 25, 1726 at the second meeting of Lodge Dumbarton-Kilwinning, (now No. 18 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Scotland).

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I Did Not Know That !

Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called "pygg". When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as "pygg banks." When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Lome, Togo

Pictures were taken on February 26.

My mother lodge is: R.L. Le Sphinx d'Afrique 008 based in Notse under the Jurisdiction of La Grande Loge Nationale Togolaise





Front-L - R: Bro. Kelly Dadzie, R.W. Bro. Elom Dadzie (Kelly's father), unkn PM, W. Bro. Ahlonko Aquereburu (W.M.), Bro. Dino Dadzie (candidate and Kelly's brother), R.W. Bro Guy Aquereburu (DDGM of La Province de Plateaux), unkn PM
Back: unkn IPM.
with thanks to Kelly Dadzie, Alpha-Tuscan

Do you have a picture of a Masonic Hall in downtown Some-Place-Else? Send it in and let others see.

Kindness is the kingpin of success in life; it is the prime factor in overcoming friction and making the human machinery run smoothly.
- Andrew Chapman

Saturday April 12 2014

Doric - A Night of Progressive Euchre

A fun night of cards. Light refreshments will be provided.

- Euchre Score Prizes!
- Door Prizes!
- 50/50 draw!

Funds raised will support events for the return visit of brethren from Hamilton Lodge, Spanish Town, Jamaica in 2014 and a portion will be donated to charity.

Time: 7:30 pm
Cost: \$15.00 pp
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Bill Houston @ yukon_born@yahoo.ca or 905.426.7135



Thursday April 17 2014

Alpha-Tuscan - English Night

Core Blimey!

Just Bloody Good Food and Fun.

A wonderfully traditional English supper complete with Steak and Kidney Pie. Several of our brethren will be presenting a short talk entitled “The English Language, Our Finest Contribution”, “Places in Canada named after Englishmen” and “Sherlock Holmes and Masonry”. All Masons welcome.

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: East Toronto Masonic Hall

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



Monday April 28 2014

THVD – Brother to Brother

On behalf of our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Harold Clark and Brother to Brother District Team Leader, W. Bro. Sikko Wiersma, Team Assistant, W. Bro. Derek Down and Team Advisor, R.W. Bro. Victor Codato, you are invited to our annual Brother to Brother Evening.

A formal dinner will follow.

Our thanks to Trillium Lodge #575 for hosting the Brother to Brother Evening.

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Renforth Masonic Hall

If thy brother wrongs thee, remember not so much his wrongdoing, but more than ever that he is thy brother.

- Epictetus (55-135)

Friday May 23 2014

Wexford - Elvis Priestly in Concert



Look! I KNEW he was alive!

Rock on to the tunes of the guy who started it all, with his band, The Elvi's and the Vanrosi Band! Bar and Light Refreshments will be available.

Proceeds to go to Epilepsy Durham to assist them in continuing to make a difference in the lives of people living with Epilepsy.

Time: 6:30 pm - doors open

7:30 to 10:00 pm - Show Time!

Cost: \$25.00 pp

Location: Armenian Centre

930 Progress Ave, Scar. (401 & Markham Rd)

Contact: George Mlynek @ 905.441.5771 or

Gordon McHallam @ 905.728.4471 or



Saturday May 24 2014

Ontario Chapter - O.E.S. - Best Ball Golf Day

You are invited you to join us for a day of fun, exercise, fresh air and good company. Spring out and have fun whacking those little white balls - into the ruff, into the sand bunker, into the goose pond, into the trees and behind that great big maple tree. Great fun! Enjoy a wonderful day in the outdoors with enjoyable people.



Bring your friends and make this a truly memorable event. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please share this information with them.

Sponsorships and additional donations are most welcome.

You will get -

- golf with use of power cart
- BBQ lunch of hot dog and pop/water
- scrumptious buffet dinner
- 2 for 1 or 4 for 2 golf voucher
- contest prizes for
 - closest to the pin,
 - longest drive,
 - most accurate drive
 - and more

Proceeds to support Grandview Kids. Each year 5,000 children and youth with special needs receive critical therapy services to help them achieve their personal best. As the demand for service increases, and space to provide service is limited, support from our community matters now more than ever. Grandview Children's Centre is an independently operated not-for-profit organization. They are the only children's treatment centre in Durham Region providing specialized programs, outpatient clinical treatment, and support to thousands of children and youth with special needs and their families. They diagnose, prescribe and provide clinical treatment, specialized programs, therapies, and specialized equipment for children and youth with communication, physical or developmental special needs as well as provide access to specialists, consultation and support for families. More information can be found at their website, www.grandviewcc.ca.

Time: 11:00 am - Registration
Location: Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club
6400 Steeles Ave. E., Markham, ON
Cost: \$160.00 pp after March 31, 2014
\$135.00 pp "early bird" prior to March 31, 2014
\$35.00 pp - buffet dinner only (by May 1 2014)
Contact: Melynda Norman-Lee @ melyndanormanlee@gmail.com or 416.992.4258



Sunday May 25 2014

Toronto East District - Annual Divine Service

All are encouraged to attend, Masons, non-Masons, their families and friends.
Regalia are to be worn and Masters to wear their collars.



Time: 9:30 am - Assemble
10:00 am - Service Begins
Location: St. Andrew's United Church
32 Main St., Markham
Contact: Joe Das @ joedas683@gmail.com or 416.291.6444

Thursday May 29 2014

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

The night consists of a dramatic presentation of one of our degrees followed by a reception and dinner.
All Master Masons who are not members of Scottish Rite who request it will receive an invitation and free admission to the evening activities.

Another special evening open to all master masons who wish to learn more about Freemasonry. Invite a brother from your own Masonic lodge as a guest of the Valley of Toronto for the evening.

Location: York Masonic Centre
1100 Millwood Rd. Toronto, ON
Cost: \$10.00 pp for members
\$0.00 pp for guests
Contact: Elroy J. MacKinnon @ elroy@sympatico.ca or 416.669.2777

As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being.

- Carl Gustav Jung (1875-1961)

Friday June 6 2014

Coronati – Ladies Night



In conjunction with the Cabletow Service Club, a night of fraternity, dinner and dancing. All are very welcome. Cash bar.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall
60 McDowell Gate, Markham
Cost: \$50 pp
Contact: Ervin Aspiras @ erwin_ign@yahoo.com or 647.797.8852 or
Cleo Balsomo @ c_balsomo@yahoo.com or 416.293.9606



Saturday June 7 2014

Toronto East District - 3rd Annual Black and White Gala

You, your lady and guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres to the sounds of a jazz trio, followed by a four-course dinner in a beautiful setting. Corsages are planned for the ladies. After a sumptuous meal, there will be dancing to the 21-piece George Lake Big Band orchestra.



Brethren, we want to be sure and thank our ladies in a very

special way for a year of patience and support and this will be a night for them to remember. We also want to have an award ceremony that truly reflects the stature of the District award winners.



In keeping with promises, all speeches will be short and no raffle tickets of any kind will be sold, nor silent auctions held.

This year we will feature Hugh Heron, President of Heathwood Homes and President of The Mikey Network as our guest speaker.

- Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
9:00 pm - Dancing
- Location: Ajax Convention Centre
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (401 and Salem)
- Speaker: Hugh Heron, President of Heathwood Homes and President of The Mikey Network
- Cost: \$100 pp
- Contact: the Senior Warden of your lodge

Saturday June 21 2014

Coronati – Centennial Year Gala Dinner and Dance

A special night, acknowledging a major milestone and a birthday not achieved by many. Come out for a wonderful night of celebration with a full sit-down meal and dancing. All are very welcome. Cash bar.



- Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
- Location: Rembrandt Banquet Hall
930 Progress Ave., Scarborough
- Cost: \$60 pp
- Contact: Peter Nuttall @ pnuttall@idirect.com or 416.283.8056 or
Cleo Balsomo @ c_balsomo@yahoo.com or 416.293.9606



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Password of the Fellow Craft Degree



Spica (Alpha Virginis) is the main star in the constellation Virgo (the Virgin). Spica is a Latin word meaning an ear of corn or sheaf of wheat. You might be interested to note that “shibboleth” in Hebrew means ear or corn.



Virgo is one of the twelve constellations of the Zodiac, i.e. the circle traced by the sun across the sky in the course of the year.

When we look at the Milky Way, this dense ring of stars circling the heavens, we are viewing our own galaxy, as appearing from Earth.



The continuously changing image of the skies that we can observe at night is nothing but the combined result of the various celestial movements relative to the earth’s equatorial, ecliptic and galactic planes.

Thousands of years ago, the Ancient Egyptians symbolically represented our own position with respect to these different astronomical rotations and orbits by “the Bark of Millions of Years” which sailed on what was then known as, the Stream of Heaven, the Milky Way, or the Celestial Nile.

Twelve Star-gods are sometimes depicted standing on the Sun Bark. One of them is the Nile Goddess Isis holding an ear of corn.



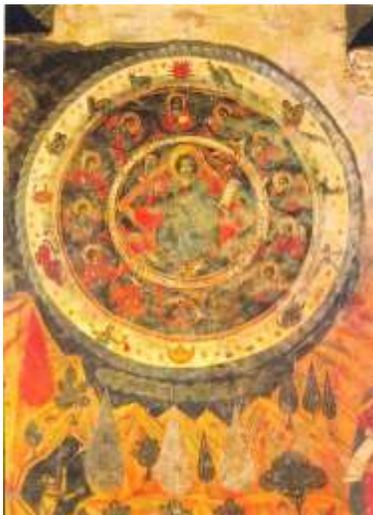
This archetype, which is present in myths and legends, at different historical times, geographical locations and human cultures, is considered to allude to the eternally repeating astronomical cycles, to the return of the seasons on earth, to the fundamental laws ruling agricultural activities, to fertility and harvest, but also to human life, death, and resurrection.





The Egyptian Zodiac of Denderah

As such, the star Spica or Virgo, the only zodiacal constellation figuring a female and its corresponding Greek and Roman deities including Proserpina, Persephone, Demeter, Aphrodite, and Ceres has been associated with fertility and harvest.



In mediaeval astronomical miniatures, dominated by Christian inspired symbolism, we may observe Spica, depicted as Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, holding an ear of corn.



The ear of corn hanging over a river near a water-ford, a water-fall, can be interpreted as the Masonic version of the old archetype, but in addition it no doubt also directly refers to a passage of scripture in the Book of Judges, giving an account of the war between Jephtha and the Ephraimites where it is written: -

“Gilead then cut Ephraim off from the fords of the Jordan, and whenever Ephraimite fugitives said, “Let me cross,” the men of Gilead would ask, “Are you an Ephraimite?” If he said, “No,” they then said, “Very well, say “Shibboleth” If anyone said, “Sibboleth” because he could not pronounce it, then they would seize him and kill him by the fords of the Jordan. Forty-two thousand Ephraimites fell on this occasion.”¹

¹ Judges 12:5-6 NJB





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