

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003
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Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man.
- Bro. Douglas A. Macarthur (1880-1964)

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

Although the temperatures still haven't reached to where we had hoped this early spring, I'm so pleased that this didn't dampen the activity within our District this past month. The West Hill Lodge Spring dance was very well attended and an enjoyable event for all and while I was on vacation in Florida, I'm told that the Birch Cliff Lodge Ladies Night was also a success. The Guardians organized a very successful 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff and Trivia contest, raising a generous donation to the District Charity. The Chapters have organized another degree team on April 27 at Acacia Lodge and have also assisted our new Junior Wardens' Group, The Pythagoreans in organizing and visiting with us at our Official Visits. In addition to that, The Imperial East Gate Lodge organized a luncheon with the Deputy Grand Master and our District was very proudly represented at the Toronto and York Districts Grand Master's Reception in honour of M.W. Bro. Campbell, which was completely sold out.

I also pleased to note that we are now in the midst of the Official Visits in our District, with all 5 last month being very well attended. In particular, I was pleased to note that all 19 lodges were represented at the Official Visit to West Hill Lodge last month. I would ask you to continue to travel with me as we have another 6 more Official Visits scheduled for this month, including Brougham Union (Claremont), Mimosa (Aurora), Markham Union (Claremont), Coronati (Ajax), Caledonia (York) and Riverdale John Ross Robertson (East Toronto) and if you can, bring some of our younger members with you so that they can enjoy the experience of visiting another lodge, making new friends and renewing old acquaintances.



April 19 also marks our annual District Divine Service and would encourage all of you to join us at St. Margaret's-in-the-Pines Church, Lawrence Avenue East, west of Kingston Road, at 9:30 a.m. that day. Please bring your partners and children to join



us as we celebrate our faith in the Great Architect of the Universe with this wonderful congregation. Dress is business suit, regalia will be worn, and Worshipful Masters will wear your collars.

I also encourage you to consider attending the Doric "Hawaiian Luau" Dance on April 25, 2015 at the Doric Pickering Masonic Hall. Please contact the Junior Warden of the lodge for tickets. The Beaches Lodge Ladies Night is also scheduled for April 11, 2015.

As we continue our visits and activities together in the height of our busy schedule, let's remember to keep one another in our thoughts and may the Great Architect of the Universe keep us safe in our travels.

With warmest fraternal greetings,

R.W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



EVENTS CALENDAR:

April 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<p><u>1</u></p> <p>* Brougham Union - Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm Visitors-7:30 pm Claremont</p>	<p><u>2</u></p> <p>* RRJR and Todmorden - Darts Night see below Legion - Brigadier O M Martin</p>	<p><u>3</u></p> <p>Good Friday * Doric-CPR and Defibrillator Seminar All welcome Donations to the Mikey Network Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>4</u></p> <p>Passover An 8-day celebration commemorating the exodus of the Israelite slaves from the Egyptians under Pharaoh Rameses II.</p>	<p><u>5</u></p> <p>Easter</p> 
<p><u>6</u></p> <p>* Mimosa - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm Aurora</p>	<p><u>7</u></p>	<p><u>8</u></p> <p>* Markham Union - Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm Visitors-7:30 pm Claremont</p>	<p><u>9</u></p> <p>* Coronati - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>10</u></p>	<p><u>11</u></p> <p>* The Beaches - Annual Gala see below School of Fine Dining</p>	<p><u>12</u></p>
<p><u>13</u></p>	<p><u>14</u></p>	<p><u>15</u></p>	<p><u>16</u></p>	<p><u>17</u></p>	<p><u>18</u></p>	<p><u>19</u></p> <p>* TED - Divine Service see below St. Margaret's in the Pines Anglican</p>
<p><u>20</u></p> <p>William Preston Initiated in 1763 * Caledonia - Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm Visitors-7:30 pm York</p>	<p><u>21</u></p> <p>* Riverdale-John Ross Robertson - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>22</u></p> <p>* Oakwood Chapter R.A.M. - Master Mason Night see below Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>23</u></p>	<p><u>24</u></p> <p>* The Imperial East Gate and TDV - Dinner and Single Malt Scotch Tasting see below School of Fine Dining</p>	<p><u>25</u></p> <p>* TED - Habitat for Humanity Build Day see below Brimley * Doric - Spring Dance see below Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>26</u></p>
<p><u>27</u></p>	<p><u>28</u></p>	<p><u>29</u></p> <p>Toronto and York Districts - Masters Banquet W. Masters only School of Fine Dining</p>	<p><u>30</u></p> <p>* TED - Mechanics of the Work see below Doric Pickering</p>			



May 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<u>1</u> * Wexford - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> * Scarboro - Scarborough Walk for MS see below
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> * RRJR and Todmorden - Darts Night see below Legion - Brigadier O M Martin	<u>7</u> * The Beaches - Installation Visitors-7:30 pm York	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Mothers' Day Do something nice for Mom!
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> * Friendship - Official Visit Cancelled due to by-law change	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u> Victoria Day The 2-4 Weekend! The 2 nd long weekend of the year and the traditional start of summer	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> * Scottish Rite - Master Mason Night see below York	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * Ontario Chapter OES - 3rd Annual Best Ball Golf Day see below Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u> * All Toronto and York Districts - Meet the Grand Lodge Candidates see below York	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Death of William Anderson-1739	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> * TED-Spring Business Meeting 8:30 am Doric Pickering	<u>31</u>



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

Masonic Foundation of Ontario 50th Anniversary Project Supporting Prostate Cancer Research The Mikey Network

The Masonic Foundation directors explored opportunities for the Foundation to provide meaningful funding for prostate Cancer research in Ontario. The conclusion was to make funding of prostate cancer the primary activity to celebrate the 50th anniversary. To further highlight the pressing need to make significant advances M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. John C. Green, Deputy Grand Master pledged their full support behind this initiative. One component of this unique fund raising partnership will involve the charitable donations made to the Grand Master during his tenure being used to support the selected prostate cancer research projects. The target is to provide funding to the researchers for ten years.

As the universe reflects integrity of design, so may our conduct reflect integrity of character.
- Bro. Peter Renzland

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

The largest Master's chair is in Ophir Lodge #33 in Murphys, CA. It is 15 feet long and can seat the Master, living Past Masters, and visiting dignitaries.

- Alphonse Cerza, The Truth is Stranger than Fiction, MSA



Toronto East Masonic Centre



I have faith that Spring is just around the corner.

The Directors have been very busy having meetings with our potential partners and have yet to be able to sit down with all of them. We will be continuing our meetings between now and the end of April. The Directors want to be assured, that the decision we make is the correct one for the Masons of Toronto East District. Our discussions with potential partners have been very productive but questions still need to be answered.

The Treasurer has forwarded his books to the Auditor for their review and preparation of the Financial Statements. When they are returned they will be forward to our shareholder, the Toronto East Masonic Centre, for their approval.

On another note, I have sure information that the balance of funds from the Scarborough Masonic Temple Corporation were transferred into the Toronto East Masonic Centre's bank account last week. This concludes the motions to dissolve the SMTC that were made and approved unanimously last fall at the final SMTC AGM.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the many Brethren who have given freely of their time over the years to develop and prosper the Scarborough Temple such that it was able, through the proceeds of its sale, to further the new development in partnership with the East Toronto Masonic Temple.

As always, we will answer your questions, just drop us a note.

2316543 Ontario Limited, a for-profit corporation is also known as ProjectCo. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Toronto East Masonic Center (TEMC). TEMC is a non-profit organization created by the Masons of Lodges in Toronto East District whose mission is to build and maintain a new masonic temple. The members of its Board of Directors are Gerry Campbell (Chair), Jim McKinnon (President), Neil Friedman (Treasurer), Michael Morris (Secretary), Maher Eid, Joe Lefevre and Bob Steenson.

- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373

The Guardians' 2nd Annual Toronto East District Chili Cook Off and Trivia Challenge

On behalf of the 2014 Senior Wardens group, the Guardians, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all participants, brethren, family and friends who attended and participated in the 2nd Annual Toronto East District Chili Cook Off and Trivia Challenge held at Chisholm Temple on Saturday March 7th, 2015.

We would like to give special thanks to W. Bro. James McKinnon and the East Toronto Masonic Temple Board for their support and assisting the event with the use of their venue, W. Bro. Nick Zarafonitis of The School Fine Dining for supplying both 1st prizes, W. Bro. Scott Hundey of Massive Clearance Depot (both 2nd prizes), W. Bro. Mark Ingram, President of the 2014 Senior Wardens Group, the Guardians, (both 3rd prizes) and W. Bro. Andrew Douris (Worshipful Master of Wexford Lodge) for organizing the Trivia portion of event.

We would also like to express our thanks to **Hiram's Lighthouse**, The Builder, The Beaches Newsletter, and the T.E.D. website for advertising our event.



This year's Team Trivia Challenge winners were a combination team of Markham-Union Lodge/Wexford Lodge and consisted of Mark and Sarah Ingram, Dan Fellows, Lloyd Guilfoyle and Dennis Wilson.

Markham-Union Lodge made a big impression in this year's Chili Cook Off and individual Trivia Challenge, as lodge member Bro. Dan Fellows won both the Toronto East District Chili Cook Off and the individual Trivia Challenge Grand Championship.

Second place for the Chili Cook Off was won by Bro. Michael Willet (Caledonia Lodge) and his wife, and 3rd place was won by Bro. Greg McKinnon of Riverdale John Ross Robertson Lodge.

Second place for the individual Trivia Challenge was awarded to Bro. Gary Ludgate (Acacia Lodge), with 3rd place won by Ainsley McKinnon, daughter of Bro. Greg McKinnon.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon of great food, socialization and a friendly competitive atmosphere with the brethren, family and friends of Toronto East District.

The Guardians are looking forward to preparing and hosting the next competition, which will be bigger and better next year.

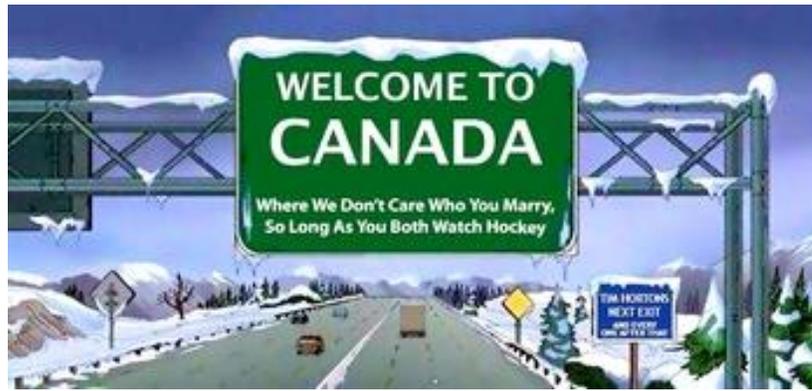
Once again, thank you for supporting this year's Toronto East District Charity, Prostate Cancer Research.

Smile !

Masonic Characteristics

<u>Worshipful Master</u>	Leaps buildings in a single bound	More powerful than a locomotive	Faster than a speeding bullet	Walks on water	Gives policy to God
<u>Senior Warden</u>	Leaps small buildings with a short run up	More powerful than a commuter train	Just as fast as a speeding bullet	Walks on water when the sea is calm	Often talks to God
<u>Junior Warden</u>	Leaps very short buildings with a running start and a favourable wind	Almost as powerful as a commuter train	Almost keeps up with a speeding bullet over 100 m	Swims well	Talks with God if special dispensation is given
<u>Master Mason</u>	Barely clears a garden shed	Loses tug-of-war with an electric train	Can fire a speeding bullet	Can stay afloat with a life vest	Occasionally reprimanded by God
<u>Fellow Craft</u>	Runs into buildings	Recognises trains two out of three times	Not trusted with live ammunition	Passes water	Talks to himself
<u>Entered Apprentice</u>	Falls over doorstep when entering buildings	Refers to trains as choo-choos	Mishandles a water pistol	Wets his pant leg as he passes water	Argues with himself - frequently loses
<u>Past Master</u>	Lifts buildings and walks under	Kicks trains out of the way	Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them	Freezes water with a single glance	Gives advice to God





Planning to Attend Grand Lodge Communications This Summer ?

Are you anticipating getting a room at the Royal York Hotel?

As we all know, Toronto is hosting the 2015 Pan Am Games. Oh, yeah! That means hundreds of thousands of people will be flowing into the city to attend and otherwise support those games.

If you plan to get a room, or rooms, today would be better than tomorrow. If not, there could be a convenient room for you somewhere on the west side of Mississauga or the east side of Oshawa. Or maybe not, as those locations are hosting events as well.



Book your rooms as soon as possible.

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/glafam2015>

I Did Not Know That !

The first Canadian Masonic Hall built in Upper Canada was at Niagara in 1792. Governor Simcoe treated with the Mohawk Indians in this building.

On April 1

In 1504, the English guilds went under state control;

In 1578, William Harvey of England discovered blood circulation; *(ED - those in the Middle and Far East had known this for generations.)*

In 1663, the Dutch started levying fines of 50 guilders on unwed mothers;

In 1748, the ruins of Pompeii were found;

In 1778, Oliver Pollock, a New Orleans businessman, created the "\$" symbol;

In 1793, the volcano at Unsen in Japan erupted killing about 53,000;

In 1815, Otto Von Bismarck who later united the German principalities and became chancellor was born;

In 1826, Samuel Mory patented the internal combustion engine;

In 1836, the HMS Beagle containing Charles Darwin reached the Cocos (aka Keeling) Islands;

In 1865, the Battle of 5 Forks Virginia took place and signalled the end of Lee's Confederate army;

In 1889, the 1st dishwashing machine was marketed in Chicago; *(ED - it is not recorded whether his name was Robert or William)*

In 1891, the London to Paris telephone connection opened;

In 1917, Scott Joplin, ragtime composer (Sting), died at 48;

In 1924, Hitler was sentenced to 5 years labour;



In 1927, the 1st automatic record (*what's a record, daddy?*) changer was introduced by His Master's Voice (RCA);
In 1933, Nazi Germany began the persecution of Jews by boycotting Jewish businesses;
In 1934, Bonnie and Clyde killed 2 police officers near Grapevine, Texas;
In 1945, Canadian troop freed Doetinchem, Enschede, Borculo and Eibergen from Nazi occupation;
In 1946, Weight Watchers was formed;
In 1947, the 1st Jewish immigrants to Israel disembarked at Port of Eilat;
In 1952, the Big Bang theory was proposed in the Physical Review by Alpher, Bethe and Gamow;
In 1970, President Nixon signed a bill limiting cigarette advertising on 1/1/71;
In 1976, Bro. Stephen Wozniak and Steven Jobs founded Apple Computer;
In 1986, world oil prices dipped below \$10 a barrel; (*ED - and we think under \$50 is good!*)
In 1991, the US minimum wage went from \$3.80 to \$4.25 per hour.

The Month of 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 with 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 springtime, 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 14th, 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.

Passover (Hebrew: Pesach) is the eight-day celebration of the ancient Jews' liberation from Egyptian bondage. It starts on the 3rd in 2015. 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 Minotaur'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.

Addendum



This year, April 3rd is when Christianity observes Good Friday, probably the religion's solemnest observance. According to Christian faith, conflicting testimony against Jesus the Christ was brought forth by many witnesses, to which Jesus gives no answers. Finally the high priest asks, "...are you the Anointed One, the Son of God?" Jesus replies that he is. The high priest condemns Jesus for blasphemy, and the court agrees with a sentence of death (Matthew 26:57-66). Jesus was brought before the Roman governor Pontius Pilate under charges of subverting the nation, opposing taxes to Caesar, and making himself a king (Luke 23:1-2). Pilate authorizes the Jewish leaders to judge Jesus according to their own law and execute sentencing, however the Jewish leaders reply that by Roman law they are not allowed to carry out a sentence of death (John 18:31). After much investigation and with great misgivings, Pilate hands Jesus over to be crucified in order to forestall a riot (Matthew 27:24-26). He is crucified along with two criminals (John 19:17-22).

April 5th is the day Christianity celebrates Easter, the day the grave of Jesus was found empty.

District Awards

Last year's awards were presented at the Black and White Gala held in June at the Ajax Convention Centre. This year, the awards are to be presented at the same event to be held on Saturday June 13, 2015.

The six awards are: -

- M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew Award
to the lodge that exemplifies Masonic principles within the craft
presented to Wexford Lodge #683 in 2014
- M.W. Bro. Terence Shand Award
to the lodge that best exemplifies Masonic principles in the Community
presented to Brougham Union Lodge #269 in 2014
- M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw Award
to the Toronto East District Mason of the Year
presented to Bro. Steve Hudson in 2014
- R.W. Bro. William Reiach Award
to the lodge best supporting Remembrance Services
presented to Markham Union Lodge #87 in 2014
- Blood Donor Award
to the lodge best supporting the Blood Donation Services
presented to Coronati Lodge #529 in 2014
- Travelling Gavel Award
to the lodge best supporting visitation within the District
presented to Wexford Lodge #683 in 2014

It is our aim to make the lodges aware of the awards and to have more competition to earn them. It is our hope the your lodge will try to win one or more awards as Wexford Lodge #683 did as they were presented with two awards. To find out more about the selection criteria for the awards, please contact me for details.

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Chairman Awards Committee



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 the significance of the Wardens Columns being raised and lowered?

In *Three Distinct Knocks*, 1760 we find “Calling Off” and “Calling On”. It begins with a series of whispered questions, carried by the Deacons, from the Worshipful Master to the Senior Warden and Junior Warden, after which the Junior Warden declares with a loud voice that “this lodge is called from Work to Refreshment; then he sets up his Column, and the Senior Warden lays his down; for the care of the Lodge is in the Hands of the Junior Warden while they are at refreshment.” Here we have the earliest details relating to the raising and lowering, of the Columns and the reasons for those procedures, showing that they were designed to draw a readily noticeable distinction between the Lodge when open and when “Called Off “. This would have been an important matter in those days, when “Work and Refreshment” (i.e., ceremony, drink and dining) all took place in the same Lodge room. The raising and lowering of the Columns is standard usage today but the whispered instructions have been replaced by a brief catechism spoken aloud.

Why is the Sun over the Junior Warden’s chair and the Moon over the Senior Warden’s if the Senior Warden is in charge during the work of the Lodge and the Junior Warden is in charge during Refreshment or not at work?

Two unrelated problems are linked here, which were not designed to fit logically with each other, though they are not really incompatible. Perhaps the best explanation will appear if we trace how the Sun and Moon, Junior Warden and Senior Warden got into those positions. In our earliest ritual documents, we read frequently of “three lights,” candles, standing in various indeterminate positions. An exposure of 1724 said that they stood “Right, East, South and West”, (clearly implying the course of the sun at sunrise, at meridian and at sunset, though this was not mentioned in the text.) In *Masonry Dissected*, 1730, the “Three Lights” are still situated “East South and West” and they represent Sun, Moon, and Mason, and the same text says that both Wardens stand in the West. In operative times, when the masons worked with hammer and chisel, there was only one Warden in charge of the craftsmen; he was “progress-chaser” and it was his duty to ensure that nothing disturbed the progress of the work. In non-operative Lodges, certainly before 1730, there were two Wardens and sometime between 1730 and 1760, when for ritual purposes it was deemed advisable to allocate specific duties to each, the Senior Warden remained in charge of the Lodge at labour, and the Junior Warden was placed in charge of the Lodge at Refreshment. The earliest ritual text that describes this is *Three Distinct Knocks*, 1760, where the Worshipful Master is in the East, and for the first time the Junior Warden is in the South and the Senior Warden in the West. In the Opening ceremony the Junior Warden’s duty is:-

The better to observe the Sun, at high Meridian to call the Men off from Work to Refreshment and to see that they come on in due time.



Notice the Junior Warden, only called the Lodge to Refreshment at the midday break and it seems to me that the points raised by the question are not incompatible.

In the course of this lengthy answer, I have tried to show:

1. How the three lights, East, South and West con to represent the daily course of the Sun.
2. How the Junior Warden and Senior Warden arrived at the South and West, and acquired the Sun and Moon emblems on their Chairs.
3. How the Junior Warden's duties came to be allocated.

The real problem is how to reconcile the East, South and West with the "Sun, Moon and Master," the traditional reply that still appears in our modern ritual. After much study, I am convinced that if we said "South, West and East," that the problem would disappear as well.

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Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Mt Olivet #300, Thorndale, ON
with thanks to Joe Parker - Temple Lodge #597

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

First be master over yourself if you would be master over others.
- Baltasar Gracian (1601-1658)

Wednesday April 1 2015

Riverdale JRR and Todmorden - Darts Night

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Location: Royal Canadian Legion
Brigadier O M Martin Branch 345
81 Peard Rd., Toronto, ON
Closest major intersection is Victoria Park and O'Connor. The Legion is just a touch north of St. Clair on the west side of Victoria Park
Contact: Tom Fulton @ tfulton@rogers.com or 416.694.3891 or
Greg McKinnon @ gregmckinnonmm@gmail.com or 416.686.0107

April 15 to April 30 2015

Mocha Shrine Temple, London, ON - Trip to Scotland

The editor of **Hiram's Lighthouse** took a similar trip to Scotland in September/October 2014. This tour will use the same tour guide who is very knowledgeable of both Scottish and Masonic history. The trip is well worth the time, effort and cost and will keep you, your wife and other non-Masons interested and occupied. If you are seriously contemplating taking advantage of the trip, do not delay in making contact and booking. Time is extremely short.

The purpose of the tour is to visit Masonic Lodges, historic castles, points of interest and other attractions in the heart of Masonry - Scotland.

The tour will last two weeks and many places of interest are on the itinerary. Among those will be: -

- The oldest existing lodge room in the world
- The Royal Yacht Britannia
- Rosslyn Chapel
- Stirling Castle
- The Falkirk Wheel
- The Famous Grouse Distillery
- Loch Lomond
- Lodge No. 0, The Mother Lodge of Scotland in Kilwinning
- Burns Cottage
- Edinburgh Castle
- The Wallace Monument
- The Glenfiddich Distillery
- St. Andrews
- The Scottish Borders which will include: -
 - Melrose Abbey and
 - Floors Castle, largest private home in Britain

Contact: Chapman Cultural Tours Ltd.
Robert Nidderly @ bob@chapmantours.ca or 416-445-4447

Friday April 10 2015

Aurora Freemasons Host an Open House

Instituted in 1860, the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge No. 129 is one of the longest running organizations in Aurora's history. First situated in a room over Lundy's Wagon Shop on Yonge Street, the building was destroyed in a fire in 1865, which burned almost all character records and regalia.

Members quickly regrouped, changing their meeting spot to a room over the Fitzgerald Stove Factory along Wellington Street East. Eventually, the decision was made to purchase the northern half of the property for the erection of a Masonic hall.



It was in 1885 when the Episcopal Methodist Church, at 57 Mosley Street, became part of the amalgamation of all Methodist bodies. Due to the sudden change, the church went up for sale and the Rising Sun Lodge purchased the building shortly thereafter. Members have since gathered in that same location and continue to do so to this day, practising the methods of masonry in a very quiet and private manner.

Masonry is not a service organization, but a fraternity. Though they do not identify themselves as a charity, they are actively charitable and donate to a different organization of their choosing each year.

The hall will be hosting an open house between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. for men interested in learning more about Freemasonry.

Saturday April 11 2015
The Beaches - Annual Gala



Enjoy an excellent dinner followed by dancing. All are invited.

Time: 6:00 pm
Location: The School of Fine Dining
Cost: \$50 ea
Contact: Chris Zmozynski @ chriszmozynski@gmail.com

Sunday April 19 2015
Toronto East District - Divine Service
Family and friends are most welcome.

Time: 9:30 am - Assembly
10:00 am - Church Service
Location: St. Margaret in the Pines Anglican Church
4130 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough
Contact: Joe Daz @ joedas683@gmail.com or 416.291.6444



Monday April 20 2015
Initiation of William Preston

On this date in 1763, William Preston (1742-1818), author of *Illustrations of Masonry*-1812, is believed to have been initiated at a lodge that met at the White Hart in the Strand. It was an Antients lodge. He and others later affiliated with a Moderns lodge that met at the Talbot Inn.

William Preston was a Scottish author, editor and lecturer, born in Edinburgh on August 7 1742. In 1760, he moved to London and started a distinguished career with the printer William Strahan. He became a Freemason, instituting a system of lectures of instruction, and publishing *Illustrations of Masonry*, which ran to several editions. It was under Preston that the Lodge of Antiquity seceded from the Moderns Grand Lodge to become "The Grand Lodge of All England South of the River Trent" for ten years. On April 1 1818, he died after a long illness and was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral.



Tuesday April 21 2015

Oakwood Chapter R.A.M. - Annual Master Masons Night and Charity BBQ

On behalf of E. Comp. Keith Larocque, First Principal, the Council and Companions, we invite you to our annual Master Masons night.



This is to be a very informative evening for all. We will be showing a movie on Royal Arch Masonry with guest speakers from Grand Chapter to enlighten you on Royal Arch Masonry. We will explain the steps involved in progressing through each degree in the Royal Arch along with explanations of the Chapter and its furniture, its Officers and their duties.

Come out for an evening of education and enlightenment and enjoy the splendour, colour and regal solemnity of Royal Arch Masonry.

Proceeds going to the District Charity, the Bursary Fund, a very worthy cause.

Time: 6:00 pm - BBQ
7:00 pm - Guests received into Chapter
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$20.00 - BBQ
Contact: Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.391.9044, or
Peter Nuttall @ [pnuttall@idirect.com](mailto:pnutall@idirect.com) or 416.283.8056, or
Keith Larocque @ tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com or 905.721.8701, or
Michael Penchoff @ pmpenchoff@gmail.com or 416.615.1272

Friday April 24 2015

The Imperial East Gate and TDV - Dinner and Single Malt Scotch Tasting and Silent Auction

You are cordially invited to attend with your presenter for the evening, Mr. Edward Patrick, founder of “The Companions of the Quaich”, in support of The Mikey Network, an organization committed to placing “MIKEYS” (public access defibrillators) in as many high-risk locations as possible so people affected by sudden cardiac arrest might have a second chance at life.



The dinner choices are Prime Rib, Fish, or Vegetarian. There is a Cash Bar.

Dress Code in effect - Business Casual - No Jeans!

All proceeds to support The Grand Lodge Public Awareness Committee Project to assist Lodges obtain Public Access Defibrillators through The Mikey Network

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Fine Dining
Location: The School of Fine Dining
4121 14th Avenue, Markham, ON
Cost: \$80 ea
\$150 same name couple
\$90 ea at the door
Contact: David Neave @ davidneave@bell.net or 905.391.5900

Saturday April 25 2015

T.E.D. - Habitat for Humanity Build Day

More than 1.3 million Canadian families struggle to get by without a safe, decent and affordable place to live. It's that time of year again when the Toronto East District gives low-income families a "hand-up" by supporting the Habitat for Humanity Build Day.



I am excited to work with all the brethren to raise funds and have a great day in honour of the virtue we profess to admire - Charity. Just this past year, the project had 16 brethren from across the district volunteer a day and raise over \$3,000!

We will be accepting volunteers to assist with the building of the homes as well as support the project in the form of donations from across the district. Let's show them our Masonic spirit in helping them build homes for families in need!

Please find the registration link below:

<http://vhub.at/torontoeastfreemasons>

Also, please use this link for Donations. Look for Toronto East District Masons team.

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/LoginRegister.aspx?eventid=160447&langpref=en-CA&Referrer=direct%2fnone>

Call or email me if you have any questions or would like to know how to get involved.

Time: 8:00 am until we're done
Location: Brimley at Lawrence
Contact: Sharbel Dalal @ sharbel@sharbeldalal.com or [416.303.6619](tel:416.303.6619)



Saturday April 25 2015

Doric - Spring Dance

Fergit winter! Winter is done like the Leafs. Have a fun night and stick a fork in it. We're having a Hawaiian Luau. Use can wear yure loudest shirt and grass skirt.



Prizes including a door prize of a day of golf for four (4) at the Four Season's Golf and Country Club in Claremont.

Tickets are available by contacting Steve or online @ www.doric.eventbrite.ca. There will be a list of everyone who bought online at the dance ticket desk.

People can print their ticket out or just show up at the door.

- Time: 8:00 pm to closing
 - Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
 - Cost: \$25 each
\$45 couple
 - Contact: Steve Hudson @ steve@stevehudson.ca or 905.995.4824
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Thursday April 30 2015

Mechanics of the Work

We will be opening and closing in all three degrees as well as providing a brief run through of the mechanics of each degree. The session will be followed by a banquet to demonstrate the protocol and etiquette of the banquet hour. Please **RSVP** if you plan on attending the banquet.

The work is from the **2013 black Book of the Work.**

- Time: 7:30 pm
 - Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
 - Cost: \$10.00 for the banquet
 - Contact: Scott McDonald @ smcdonal60@gmail.com or 416.691.1704
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*Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.
- Psalm 82:3*

Sunday May 3 2015

Scarboro - Scarborough Walk to End MS

Every day, 3 more Canadians are diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, an unpredictable illness that affects vision, balance, memory and mobility. We don't know what causes MS and there is no cure, but we've formed a team to help change lives beginning right where we live.



Your support means families in our community who are impacted by this often devastating disease do not have to face MS alone. Join us in the fight to end MS.

Become a member of our team and spend the day with friends and family knowing that you are helping to create a more hopeful future for the 100,000 Canadians living with MS.



If you aren't able to participate, pledge our team today to help us reach our goal. When you make a donation, your funds are invested into groundbreaking MS research and valuable services for families affected by MS.

More information, enlistment forms, and online sponsorship donation are available on the team webpage: http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR/Walk/OntarioDivision?team_id=62322&pg=team&fr_id=4101

Contact: Frank Mackey @ frank_mackay@hotmail.com or 416.283.3472

Wednesday May 6 2015

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Greg McKinnon @ gregmckinnonmm@gmail.com or 416.686.0107

Thursday May 21 2015

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



Another special evening open to all Master Masons who wish to learn more about Freemasonry. The night consists of a dramatic presentation of our colourful and impressive 16th degree 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's activities.

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 ea for members
\$0.00 ea for guests

Contact: Elroy J. MacKinnon @ elroy@sympatico.ca or 416.669.2777



Saturday May 23 2015

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

We invite you to join us for a day of fun, exercise, fresh air and good company at the Ontario Chapter Order of the Eastern Star 3rd Annual Best Ball Golf Fun Day in support of Community Care Durham. 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. We are also encouraging businesses or individuals to help sponsor this event in turn for great exposure and to support a great cause. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please share this information with them.

You will get -

- 18 holes of golf with use of power cart
- a box lunch
- contest prizes for
 - closest to the pin,
 - most accurate drive,
 - 2 for 1 or 4 for 2 golf voucher at Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club
 - scrumptious buffet dinner
 - longest drive,
 - and more

The proceeds from this event will help Community Care Durham. Established in 1977, CCD is a multi-service registered charitable organization. They provide Home Support, Respite (Caregiver Relief) and COPE Mental Health services for more than 8,000 adults and their caregivers who have needs related to aging, physical and/or mental health. These services assist clients in remaining in their own homes and communities, and to function as independently as possible. Their services are provided free of charge or for a minimal fee and are administered through various service locations across Durham Region. Community Care Durham is committed to providing access to a range of services needed to maintain their client's well being, independence and quality of life. Supporting People, Strengthening Community More information can be found at their website,

Please register early to avoid disappointment. All payments and registrations are due before May 1 2015. Registration forms and sponsorship information are available from Jack or Melynda.

Time: 11:00 am - Registration
 Location: Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club
 6400 Steeles Ave. E., Markham, ON
 Cost: \$135.00 ea "early bird" prior to April 15, 2015
 \$160.00 ea after April 15, 2015
 \$35.00 ea - buffet dinner only (by May 1 2015)
 Contact: Jack @ 905.683.2970
 Melynda Norman-Lee @ melyndanormanlee@gmail.com or 416.992.4258

Monday May 25 2015

All Toronto and York Districts - Meet the Grand Lodge Candidates



Each year a number of brethren have placed their names forward as Candidates for office in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. This annual meeting presented by the Grand Lodge Officers Association of the Toronto and York Districts affords the brethren of the Five Toronto and York Districts to meet



and greet, and get to know these candidates so they can make their decision as they vote at Grand Lodge. Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

All Brethren of the Five Toronto and York Districts are welcome, especially the brethren eligible to vote at Grand Lodge.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Meeting
Location: York Masonic Temple
Speaker: Gordon Crutcher
Contact: Alan Donovan @ alan.donovan@sympatico.ca or 416.233.0728, or
Allan C. (Al) Dvorak @ acdvorak@sympatico.ca

You must be the change you want to see in the world.
- Mohandas Karamchand 'Mahatma' Gandhi (1869-1948)

Saturday June 6 2015 **Doric - Wellington 18th Century Degree Team**

For those who would like to experience what a Masonic Lodge meeting was like back in the 'good old days', even before you joined, Doric Lodge #424 is sponsoring the Wellington 18th Century Degree Team. This two-hour theatrical presentation by the Team has been performed to lodges in Ontario, Quebec and the northern United States for about 35 years. Those who have seen the enactment were definitely not disappointed.



To enhance the production, the costumes are duplicated from the 1770s and the production and ritual is based upon actual minutes taken from a lodge at that time. The choreography and scripting is well designed and will leave nothing to the imagination. You will enjoy the re-enactment of the initiation ceremony of an Entered Apprentice that will be filled with many humorous moments and frequently leaves audiences rolling in laughter.

Through this presentation, you can reflect upon the ease in which our current lodge meetings are conducted because of advancements in technology and travel. The Wellington 18th Century Degree Team will bring the past to life.

Grand Lodge has given permission to do the presentation with non-Masons present. The Lodge does not have to be tyled or opened and the audience members can dress in a more relaxed manner.

With a more open presentation, the wording at certain points is changed slightly but the rest is exactly the same. By bringing non-Masonic friends to see the production, there has been an increased interest in the Craft and inquiries as to how to join the Lodge.



The production lasts about 2 hours and will be followed by a light lunch. Admission, including the lunch, is by ticket. There will be no sales at the door. This is an event not to be missed. Tickets for this very singular event are limited.

This event is open to ALL, male, female, Mason or non-Mason of any lodge, from any district.

Proceeds will go to Community Care Durham and the Doric Lodge #424 125th Anniversary Celebrations.

Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
457 Kingston Rd. W., Ajax, ON L1S 6M1
Cost: \$20
Dress: Casual
Contact: Stephen Hudson @ steve@stevehudson.ca or 905.995.4824, or
Keith Larocque @ tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com or 905.721.8701, or
Terry Spalding-Martin @ tsmartin@rogers.com or 905.420.0776

Saturday June 13 2015

Toronto East District - 4th 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 three-course dinner with two bottles of complimentary wine per table. Favours are planned for the ladies. After a sumptuous meal, there will be dancing to the 21-piece George Lake Big Band orchestra. There will be a photo booth and a late night buffet table available



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.

Your committee has also managed to arrange an event pricing from the Hilton Garden Hotel next door. If you book your room before May 13th, the room rate will be \$129, after that date the price will be \$179. Rooms can be booked directly with the hotel, 905.686.9400. The rooms are held under The Toronto East District Black and White Gala.



Various levels of sponsorship are offered and can be obtained by contacting those identified below.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
9:00 pm - Dancing
Location: Ajax Convention Centre
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (401 and Salem)
Dress: Formal
Black Tie or dark business suit
Speaker: Bro. Joseph Curry
Cost: \$100 ea
Contact: Craig McOuat @ craig@partnership.ca or 905.471.6555, or
Greig King @ kiltedmapleleaf@gmail.com or 647.860.6834, or
Patrick Hillis @ pshillis@rogers.com or 416.457.3652

Saturday June 20 2015

Wexford - 4th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament

A great day of golf includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and a steak dinner.

Time: 11:30 am - Registration
1:00 pm - T-Off - Shotgun Start
7:00 pm - Steak Dinner
Location: Sunnybrae Golf Club
1430 King St., Port Perry, ON. Phone: 905.985.2234
Cost: \$130 ea
Contact: Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or 416.723.5507, or
Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.391.9044, or
Andrew Douris @ andrewlp11@yahoo.ca or 416.320.6424

The truth is not for everyone, only those that seek it.
- Ayn Rand (1905-1982)

Friday July 10 2015

Birch Cliff - 31st Annual "Scramble" Golf Tournament.

A fundraiser for the Scarborough Hospital Foundation, Prostate Cancer Program.

We invite all brethren, their ladies, guest, as well as Scarborough Hospital Foundation Golfers to join us for a day of fun and camaraderie.

The day will include 18 holes of Golf with cart followed by a Plated certified "Angus" Prime Rib Au Jus dinner with roasted potatoes, garden salad, seasonal vegetables, rolls on the table, with dessert, coffee and tea to follow, all under the tent.

There will be a putting contest with every player who enters the putting contest receiving a sleeve of Titleist Dt SoLo golf balls. There will also be contest holes with prizes for both men and women.



“Double Your Chances” - hole #18, par 3: if a player purchases raffle tickets during registration or at the 18th tee and lands his or her tee shot on the green, they will receive double the number of raffle tickets purchased.

Raffle Tickets (White) - \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Mulligan Tickets (Red) - \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Passport Package - \$20.00 - You get 2 extra Mulligan and 2 extra Raffle Tickets. Five Raffle Tickets (White) and Five Mulligan Tickets (red).

Raffle Draws:

1st Draw - Men's right hand, Regular Flex, Cobra Golf Driver with adjustable Loft, 8.5 - 11.5 degree.

2nd Draw - \$250.00 Gift Certificates from La-Z-Boy Furniture Gallery, Markham, ON.

Live Auction - Payne Stewart. Framed (22" x 26")



Grand Prize - Framed (16" x 20") picture of two Golf Legends. \$10.00 to play.



Time: 11:00 am - Registration
11:30 am - Putting Contest
1:00 pm - T-Off - Modified Shotgun - more than 72 players
6:30 pm - Dinner

Location: Bushwood Golf Club
10905 Resser Rd., Markham, ON. L6B 1A8

Cost: \$115.00

Contact: Roy Morris @ roy.morris123@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7390, or
Micky Godrej @ mgodrej@rogers.com or 647.885.1904

Conscience, the sense of right, the power of perceiving moral distinctions, the power of discerning between justice and injustice, excellence and baseness, is the highest faculty given us by God, the whole foundation of our responsibility, and our sole capacity for religion. . . . God, in giving us conscience, has implanted a principle within us that forbids us to prostrate ourselves before mere power, or to offer praise where we do not discover worth.



Thursday September 17 through Sunday September 20 2015

Bedford Lodge (U.S.) Masonic Navy - 17th Annual Voyage

We have done this trip several times over the years and it has always been enjoyable. We are accepting up to 32 participants, so get your reservation/deposit in soon. Please get back to one of us as soon as possible so we can accurately plan the upcoming trip.



We are planning on two 10-person larger boats and two 6-person smaller boats. See www.houseboatholidays.ca/

We can board the boats around noon on Thursday September 17th and would like to leave the marina by 4:00 pm. to travel to one of the islands for Thursday night, if everybody can get there in time. If not, we will sleep at the marina and depart in the morning. It only takes about 45 minutes to get to a decent island from the marina.

We will enjoy the beauty of the 1000 Islands between Gananoque and Hill Island. House boating along the St. Lawrence Seaway is fun and relaxing. The islands we will be stopping at are all part of the St. Lawrence Islands National Park (Canada). We will travel to a different island for each night. Most of the islands we will be stopping at have walking/hiking trails, some have picnic shelters (pavilion type structures) and fire pits where we can just enjoy the fellowship and brotherly love. We plan to have a campfire each night on the islands. There is tent camping available on each island if anyone is interested at about \$10 per night, payable on the island. Bring your own tent and equipment.

We will get back to the marina by noon or so on Sunday.

It is the committee's intention to get the boat assignments done early and distributed to all participants so each boat can coordinate snacks and drinks if they choose to. Each year we all bring too much snacks, etc., so we think a little coordination would help everybody.

The boats only have 12v power as far as I know. We should plan to have people bring an inverter for each boat or a small generator for any breathing machines.

The boats have kitchen stoves with ovens.

The boat rentals include sheets, pillows, and blankets. If you are planning on sleeping on the floor, in a tent or outside, you will need to bring a sleeping bag, etc.

We need to collect money early because we have to pay the boat company for the deposit for this trip. As always, all deposits and payments are **non-refundable**.

*** I have participated in this annual trip on 11 of the 16 years it has been happening. It is limited to Master Masons (very occasionally EA and FC). The price includes everything except your booze. There is an excellent mix of Canadian and American Masons on this trip. While the info suggests payment by the end of January, what is needed is email commitment and payment by end of March. I would be happy to answer any questions about this Masonic Navy. - Gerry Campbell @ gerry_campbell@msn.com or 416.606.1373 (secretary - RJRR)



Time: 12:00 pm - September 17 - Board
12:00 pm - September 20 - Disembark
Unless you plan to be on the highway early, you should consider driving on the Wednesday and staying overnight at a motel.

Location: St. Lawrence National Park, Gananoque, ON

Cost: \$400 ea - \$100 ea deposit **ASAP**

Contact: Jerry Bergeron @ rwjerryb@gmail.com - cheques to
38 Nye Ave., Acushnet, MA 02743
Ed Gordon @ edgordon12@comcast.net



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Changing Light Bulbs



Q: How many Freemasons does it take to change a light bulb?

A: None. Freemasons never change anything.

Oh, how we laugh when we hear that one, and how we lament hearing, “we’ve never done it that way,” or “in my day, we . . .” or “the bylaws prevent it.” That last one, of course, usually comes from someone who’s never read the bylaws. It’s true - we gather in our meetings and leadership conferences and vow we will change, or at least accelerate from our usual glacial pace to the

breakneck speed of an aging snail. Then we go back to our daily routines and, seemingly, nothing happens. We’re in a rut; and many of us - sometimes I think most of us - like our little rut. Here are a couple of examples I’ve seen in my time in the advancing line of the Missouri Lodge of Research:

Brother Tom ended his tenure as a Grand Lodge official. Instead of sitting back and taking it easy, he became passionate about a longstanding project. He wasn’t “put in charge;” he took charge. He spearheaded an effort to produce something that has become an important part of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. He would be the first to tell you he didn’t do it alone. I’m not talking about that . . . I’m talking about leadership.

Brother Bill was a Past Master of a failing - well, faltering - lodge. During his year as Master, he managed a complete turnaround. At one point during his term, I attended an event there with hundreds - hundreds! - of Brothers in attendance. I watched as he turned that Lodge into what another Brother called, “a shining star of Missouri Freemasonry.” Given his demonstrated leadership ability, the Lodge of Research called on Bill to coordinate a project. That project succeeded beyond my expectations; and like Tom, Bill will insist he did none of it alone. He’s just a guy who knows how to get things done.

Kudos to Tom and Bill, right?

Wrong!

Both were criticized relentlessly. Tom “overstepped his bounds.” He “moved too fast.” He didn’t “do things the right way.” Bill “bullied his way in” and “attempted to take over the Lodge of Research.” (Not on my watch, Brothers. You can take that to the bank).

We can’t have it both ways, guys. We can’t change, we can’t get things done, we can’t increase our visibility and attract members by turning key players into pariahs; but in many instances, we do. It makes it difficult to work within the system.

I’m not advocating us all becoming loose cannons. Rather, I’m suggesting we recognize we have a lot of work to do to realize some of the goals we have all set for the fraternity; not the least of which is to mould the organization into something that will attract young men. We don’t have to give up our core



values to do that. We do, however, have to take action and honour, not vilify, the Brothers who step up as leaders.

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