

# Hiram's Lighthouse

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*The vast majority of practicing Blue [Craft] Lodge Masons I've encountered have no more Masonic Education than what they learned and did during Degree Work. They memorized and repeated back what had been memorized and repeated to them; they had no real fundamental understanding of the wonderful Light and guidance being offered to them.*

*- Bro. John S. Nagy, Building Hiram-2009*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

The end of February brought in record mild temperatures, so I took the outside Christmas lights down, put the snow thrower away and had visions of soon to be golfing on my mind, all to be dashed by March 1<sup>st</sup> cold weather and winter snow storm warnings and snow followed by more snow. Next year the snow thrower stays in the garage until May. Spring has arrived, but in name only, as the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup>



has greeted us with snow and freezing rain. Makes me wonder why the robins are in such a rush to get here early only to get bogged down in snow and freezing rain. The smart birds are the Toronto Blue Jays. They are in Florida, where it's warm and sunny and are having a great time in baseball's spring Grapefruit League as they beat up on the opposition and are perched at the top of the spring baseball circuit; hopefully a good omen for when the season officially starts and the games really mean something.

On Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Wardens group, "The Guardians" hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Chili Cook-Off and Trivia Challenge. It was a fun event with 10 contestants all vying for the title of "Chili Cook-Off Champion 2016" as well as individual and team awards for the title of "Trivia Champion 2016". The proceeds of this event were generously donated to the Grand Master's Charity for Prostate Cancer by W. Bro.



Russ Richardson on behalf of “The Guardians” at the D.D.G.M.’s Official Visit to Todmorden Lodge on March 10<sup>th</sup>. I would also like to thank W. Bro. Dennis Rankin and his dedicated Mechanics of the Work team for their donation of the proceeds from their famous, as advertised, stale coffee and day old donuts sales to Prostate Hope at that same Official Visit.

March saw five of our District Official Visits take place.

I thank the Toronto East District Brethren who along with the current District Worshipful Masters have shown such strong support to their District Lodges and the D.D.G.M. on the occasion of those Official Visits. It was truly inspiring to have 14 of our current Worshipful Masters in attendance on the March 10<sup>th</sup> Official Visit of the D.D.G.M. to Todmorden Lodge No. 647 G.R.C.

West Hill’s Oldies Dance and the Coronati Ladies Night were both well supported by Brethren, family and friends in and outside of our District. Evelyn and I had a wonderful and enjoyable time at both events and thank them truly for their gracious and wonderful hospitality.

Easter will have come and gone as you are reading this, hopefully time well spent with family and friends, and of course chocolate Easter Eggs and Bunnies.

Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> is April Fools Day. Wexford Lodge will be having their Official Visit on that same day - this is not a practical joke or a hoax - however, not discounting the possibility, the D.D.G.M. will be on P. J. A. (that’s Practical Joke Alert) for that visit.

The following lodges, Mimosa, Brougham Union, Markham Union, Coronati, Caledonia and Riverdale John Ross Robertson in that order will also be having their Official Visit in April, and on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> The Imperial East Gate will be having their Lodge Installation.

Brethren, please keep in mind our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Black & White Gala and Ladies Night. Tickets now available from our lodge Senior Wardens. This, along with dates and times of other lodge and district events are all to be found on our Toronto East District Website, **Hiram’s Lighthouse** and the Builder.



I will however highlight the date and time of our Toronto East District Devine Service, to be hosted by; Church of the Master United Church, 3385 Lawrence Ave. East on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>. The service will start at 10.30 a.m. Brethren to assemble at 10.00. Regalia will be worn. Masters will wear their collars. Family and friends are most welcome.

*Do not wait; the time will never be ‘just right.’ Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along.*

*- George Herbert (1593-1633)*

Brethren, as always, I look forward to greeting you.

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May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over us all.

**Knowledge = Confidence; Never Stop Learning.**



Sincerely and Fraternaly,

***R.W. Bro. Dean M. Bergerson***  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Toronto East District

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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

April 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<u>1</u> <b>April Fools Day</b> * Wexford - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>2</u> * GLCPO - <b>Ontario Masonic Education Conference</b> see below Scottish Rite Bldg, Hamilton	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u> * Mimosa - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> * Brougham Union - <b>Official Visit</b> Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Claremont * Rainbow Girls - <b>Spring Ham Dinner</b> see below Doric Pickering	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> * TED - <b>Habitat For Humanity Build</b> see below * The Beaches - <b>Annual Gala</b> see below School of Fine Dining	<u>10</u> * TED - <b>District Devine Service</b> see below Church of The Master
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> * Markham Union - <b>Official Visit</b> Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Claremont	<u>14</u> * Coronati - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> * The Imperial East Gate- <b>Installation</b> see below Banq - 11:30 am ← Visitors-12:30 pm East Toronto	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u> * Caledonia - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm York	<u>19</u> * Riverdale John Ross Robertson - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>20</u> <b>Initiation of William Preston</b>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> <b>Passover</b>	<u>23</u> * Doric - <b>Spring Dinner and Dance</b> see below Doric Pickering	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> * Toronto and York Districts - <b>Worshipful Masters Banquet</b> School of Fine Dining	<u>30</u>	



May 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> * The Beaches- <b>Installation</b> Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> * Canada - <b>100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b> see below Ajax Convention Centre	<u>8</u> <b>Mothers' Day</b> Some flowers - take her for dinner
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * Friendship - <b>Official Visit</b> Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * The Heritage Lodge - <b>Meeting</b> see below 12 noon Claremont	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> <b>Victoria Day</b> The spring long weekend and the traditional start of cottage season. It's not called the 2-4 weekend for no reason.	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> * Brougham Union - <b>Friend to Friend</b> Visitors-7:30 pm Claremont	<u>19</u> * Scottish Rite - <b>Master Masons Night</b> see below York	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> <b>Death of James Anderson</b> * T.E.D. - <b>Spring Business Meeting</b> All Masons welcome Coffee - 8:30 am Claremont	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>					



## AROUND AND ABOUT:

### Toronto East District Charity

Masonic Foundation of Ontario 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Hope Supporting Prostate Cancer Research  
The Mikey Network

Our Grand Master is continuing the project started by M. W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, to support three prostate cancer research projects. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers). It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death from cancer in men in Canada.



According to The Canadian Cancer Society, it is estimated that in 2015: -

- 24,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. This represents 24% of all new cancer cases in men in 2015.
- 4,100 men will die from prostate cancer. This represents 10% of all cancer deaths in men in 2015.
- On average, 66 Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer every day.
- On average, 11 Canadian men will die from prostate cancer every day.

For more information, or to contribute to this cause that has affected so many, please contact  
Maher Eid @ [cici20101998@yahoo.com](mailto:cici20101998@yahoo.com) or 416.723.5507 or  
Eric Lakien: [eric@lakien.com](mailto:eric@lakien.com)

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*The most important persuasion tool you have in your entire arsenal is integrity.*  
*- Hilary Hinton 'Zig' Ziglar (1926-2012)*

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### Toronto East Masonic Centre

The Directors hope the Easter Bunny delivered lots of chocolates and satisfied the needs of all your family. The Directors did not meet in March but expect to meet in April.



The Lawyers have completed the sale of the property and title has been transferred to the Limited Partnership. Following the property sale, we completed the Limited Partnership Agreement (LPA). The LPA requires the Developer to build a Masonic Temple between 15,000 and 20,000 square feet of finished space with two Lodge rooms, conference/dining room and various meeting rooms. The final square footage is wholly dependent on the final square footage the City of Toronto will approve for the site (The 15,000 is the minimum based on the current zoning). The time frame for building is 30 to 36 months from City of Toronto approval of our development and architectural plans.

CRA has completed the HST objection the Directors filed and after a long review of the facts, have issued us a cheque for the vast majority of the claim. The Board expresses our thanks to our Treasurer for the hard work he performed on this issue.

The Auditors will shortly receive our year-end 2015 10 31 financial records to prepare the required audited financial statements. Because of the actions after the year-end related to the property sale, there will be extensive notes to be prepared by the Auditors.

*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 purpose 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), and Joe Lefevre and Bob Steenson. Our email address is [ProjectCo@outlook.com](mailto:ProjectCo@outlook.com)*

- Gerry Campbell @ [projectco@outlook.com](mailto:projectco@outlook.com) or 416.606.1373

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## **FYI**

**In the 1800s, several Grand Lodges established Masonic colleges. The most successful of which was in Hannibal, Mississippi in 1847. Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Georgia all tried it but all were eventually closed due to lack of support.**

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

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## **GLCPO - Technical Help Wanted**

The Grand Lodge Communications Committee, Web Technology Team is seeking members of the jurisdiction that have the interest and expertise to become Website Administrators and Content Editors for the new user-friendly Grand Lodge website that we anticipate launching prior to our Annual Communication in July 2016. It is anticipated that we will require a number of Brethren to fill each role outlined below.

The following is an outline of the duties and experience required for both positions:

### **Web Site Administrator**

#### Duties include:

- Monitoring security and health of the server and making corrections where necessary. I.e. firewall, .htaccess files, blacklist, etc.
- Monitor backups and test backups periodically offline. (*Joomla* backup and server image).
- Restore site from either site image or *Joomla* backup.
- Move *Joomla* site to a different host.
- Run a site image offline in a development environment to test software changes before implementing on staging site. *VirtualBox* image provide with development environment (eclipse ide).
- Monitoring performance of the server and adjusting number of cores/bandwidth/memory to suit.
- Performing updates where necessary.
- Monitoring *Joomla* user's permissions and logons and reporting analytics quarterly or as requested.
- Adjusting *Joomla* permissions and access control lists as users requirements change.
- Adjusting *Joomla* categories where use of the site warrants.
- Updating *Joomla* menus as user needs or the site changes.
- Adjusting or changing style and *Joomla* templates of site, correcting and adjusting page style problems.
- Responding to problem and issue tickets, correcting problems discovered.
- Updating and correcting database (i.e. lodge table).
- Maintaining control over documents and articles submitted.
- Act as an expert resource to the content editors and member submissions.
- Adjust and tune server/MySQL parameters to optimize system performance.
- Renew licences and domain/ssl certificates as required.



### Experience, Knowledge and Skills:

- *Linux* (Ubuntu Server 14.04 LTS) administrator.
- *Apache* tuning and configuration.
- *MySQL* administration and maintenance.
- *PHP*, *JavaScript*, *HTML5* familiarity.
- To have some familiarity with *CMS* systems particularly *Joomla*.
- To be able to use *Joomla* debug and trace and comprehend and correct problems.

Note:

Coding not required but reading understanding and making minor corrections is desirable. *HTML* is not necessary but reading understanding and correcting style and templates makes it desirable.

Every effort was made to capture references used in building the site, and copy those references used into the Administrators Reference Manual. But it cannot be all inclusive or comprehensive and an understanding and familiarity with completing these kinds of tasks is necessary.

### **Content Editor/Contributor**

The only requirement for the task of content editor/contributor is the good comprehension and understanding of the content and some word processing skills. Experience in writing and presentation is desirable. The specific tools used to edit and manage content in *Joomla* will be taught in a course. It is not much more than using any other editor, and content can be created in *Word* and cut and pasted into articles easily if working offline is more comfortable. *HTML* styling is desirable but not necessary as the *JCE* editor will work as a WYSIWIG and add the styling for you. More tricks are possible if you know some *HTML*.

The features of the web site that will be used are the event, image/media, document manage, and *JCE* editor extensions (modules).

An understanding of *Joomla* articles, categories, and menus will be taught.

Should you have any questions or require further information about either opportunity, please contact R.W. Bro. Robert Ledingham at [robert.ledingham@sympatico.ca](mailto:robert.ledingham@sympatico.ca)

Expressions of interest will be received until April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and must be submitted electronically to the Chairman, R.W. Bro. Iain D. Wates at [idwates@sympatico.ca](mailto:idwates@sympatico.ca).

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### **A Freemason's Treasures**

Many people who are not Masons seem to think that Masonry is a religion. "After all", a friend commented, "they use a whole lot of church stuff and like a lot of churches they tend to keep a lot of art stuff and what you might think are treasures around their halls. Look at how all that stuff is insured." He had a point. We do value some of our artefacts highly and yes, lots of our regalia and furniture is heavily insured for obvious reasons. But all the rest of his ideas just show a small part of a non-Masons' misunderstanding of what Freemasonry is all about.

Yes, we as Masons do have treasures and we do have artefacts but we keep these very separate. Our artefacts are things. Our treasures are our values. Values can be ideals or tenets but they are definitely not things.





One of our treasures is the concept of Brotherly Love as we hold it. It is derived from the concept AGAPE, a Greek word sometimes translated incompletely in English as love or just as incompletely as Charity. I say incompletely because the real meaning is somewhere in the middle and includes something like respectful friendship as well. Regardless, this is, according to the General Charge that we all know and value so highly, the path to the chief point in Freemasonry. Let me quote; “therefore the utmost extension of fraternal feeling and affection, which can exist between man and man is expected to be displayed amongst the brethren of a Freemason’s lodge and thereby will be attained the chief point of Freemasonry, namely to be happy ourselves and to communicate happiness to others.”

Another of our treasures is Relief, which is one of the blessings and benefits that Masonry gives to all - not just to Masons themselves and therefore a step in giving happiness to others.

And finally, there is that misused treasure Truth. Truth is a two edged sword as sometimes it can be misinterpreted for frankness (and that with varying degrees of charity can be, at best, interference, and at worst a poor excuse for being just plain rude. Have you a friend who tells you stuff that all your other friends are just too well-mannered to tell you or do you know that lady who puts the National Enquirer to shame as a gatherer and redistributor of “truths”? Truth can never be misapplied when delivered with “agape” (remember all the implications?) The phrase “The truth shall set you free” under these conditions is very apt. Experience tells us that even the most well-meant of social fibs can hold one hostage, whereas truth allows one to go freely forward.

Here, then are the Mason’s true treasures; charitable brotherly love which gives us the path to happiness for ourselves and others, which leads to relief and the real application of charity, and finally truth, without which no real relationship of any worth is possible.

To these well-established values, a former Grand Master once suggested we adopt some more of these treasures for the future in order to promote and maintain our craft as we ought. Like truth, some of these have a likelihood of being misunderstood or misdirected but, I hasten to suggest, like truth they can set you very effectively on the right paths. First is Pride. The faults that this trait can bring out are legion but the pride we are thinking of here is pride in our fraternity and all it stands for. Do you remember the ideals that you had when you joined Freemasonry? Your hopes for yourself and the craft? Hopes which, if the craft lived up to your expectations and you to its, have been fulfilled and augmented.

Second is Loyalty. It is a natural corollary to pride and implies an active promotion and defense of the fraternity so as to better our image to the world at large.

Third is Work. That too is a natural of what has gone before and it implies that we should be proactive in our promotion of Freemasonry and all that it stands for. To this end, some lodges rent spaces in local malls to show the generally uniformed public what Masonry does so they may promote the reputation of the order. Even without this, the continuance of those duties and actions, which we have performed to the betterment of ourselves our Craft and our fellowmen are of course necessary for the Craft’s continuance.

Finally Enthusiasm. A cheerful server can make even a truck-stop meal memorable; a surly one can turn a gourmet feast into a trial. You were enthused when you first came into the craft. You have grown in it. You have worked for it and held its treasures as your own. Have those treasures become so familiar now that you don’t see them anymore? Have they become the sort of thing that is there and would only be missed if they vanished? Look at your treasures again. Don’t be a miser or a hoarder with them. Take them out and display them. Show Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth and now, Pride, Loyalty, Work and Enthusiasm and by so doing, let the World see what sort of man Freemasonry’s Treasures can make.



## **UGLE Rebrands Their Logo**

### **Brand new**

**Aiming to modernise the face of Freemasonry, UGLE's new image also retains a strong sense of its history. We explore the thinking behind the changes to the branding.**



Look at the cover of this issue of Freemasonry Today and you might spot something out of the ordinary. In the bottom-right corner is UGLE's new logo. It is the starting point for UGLE's new branding, which aims to create a unified approach to Freemasonry's image.

'In this fast-changing world, Freemasonry needs to attract and retain the best candidates, the future leaders who will assure the long-term success of the Craft,' says Pro Grand Master Peter Lowndes, explaining the motivation behind the rebrand. 'As we head towards 2017, UGLE has been examining how it can enhance and modernise the face of Freemasonry.'

With attraction and retention identified as key development areas, the Membership Focus Group has been looking at how to ensure that a new recruit's expectations match his actual experiences. 'But the modernisation of Freemasonry is not just about what happens at a lodge meeting,' says Lowndes. 'It is also about the image we project. We need a visual identity that is recognisable, that represents our values and heritage, and also reflects our relevance to society.'

With this in mind, in 2013 UGLE approached August, which produces Freemasonry Today, with the brief of evolving the brand. The exercise had to create visual guidelines that would help members, lodges, the Metropolitan area and Provinces communicate with each other - and the rest of the world - in a professional and consistent manner. The UGLE logo was the first challenge: something unique but also true to the spirit of Freemasonry.

'Metropolitan and Provincial teams now have use of an online Brand Centre, where they can access all the assets - fonts, logos and templates - for their materials.'

### **Drawing conclusions**

The Provincial Grand Master for Somerset, Stuart Hadler, announced the design of the new UGLE logo at the Pro Grand Master's Annual Briefing Meeting, which brought together Metropolitan, Provincial and District Grand Masters and Grand Superintendents in April. While the coat of arms has for generations been a mark of status and standing in society, Stuart said: 'Society has changed and a coat of arms no longer communicates the messages that a modern membership organisation needs to convey.'

Initial research established that the square and compasses was the most recognisable masonic symbol. From this traditional icon, the design team began to abstract the shapes to create a look that suggests a forward-looking organisation. After further development based on feedback from the Communications



Committee, the Board of General Purposes and the Rulers, an iteration was chosen that was both contemporary and instantly recognisable, while also linking to Freemasonry's rich heritage.

As well as a new logo, the revised branding gives a standardised approach to font usage. Metropolitan and Provincial teams now have use of an online Brand Centre, where they can access all the assets, such as fonts, logos and templates for their materials.

With the branding currently in soft launch and user-testing stage, the UGLE websites and social media pages will all be rebranded at the start of 2016. The full launch and deployment of branding across the Provinces will happen on 24 June 2016, which is the start of Grand Lodge's 300<sup>th</sup> year. It is just one element in the organisation's ongoing strategy to build a positive reputation for Freemasonry as open and forward thinking to ensure its long-term future.

[www.freemasonrytoday.com/ugle-sgc/ugle/the-thinking-behind-ugle-s-new-logo-and-rebranding](http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/ugle-sgc/ugle/the-thinking-behind-ugle-s-new-logo-and-rebranding)

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### Smile !



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### Facebook Aficionado ?

The Ontario Freemasons group is a private group for Masons in Ontario. Treat the group as a banquet room atmosphere where you can share local information and events happening in Ontario. You must be a member of an Ontario lodge to join. There are currently over 700 members.



Listen to what is going on in Ontario Masonry. Give it a try.



### **Want To Learn More ?**

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education offers interesting Correspondence Courses on Masonic Education throughout this Jurisdiction that is comprised of nineteen different modules.

Any Master Mason may take any module individually for \$10.00 each or they may wish to complete a course of study for a set fee. If a Brother takes an individual module today, and decides to complete a course of study later in time, he will be accredited with the module he has completed previously. In other words, he does not have to pay for or rewrite what he has already completed in the past. There are three courses of study offered by the College of Freemasonry:



1. The Masonic Arts and Sciences (eighteen modules).
2. The Past Master (six modules as of July 2014)
3. The Worshipful Master (eight modules).

Any Brother looking to run for the DDGM of their District, the Board of General Purposes or Grand Registrar, the course required by the Book of Constitution, Section 50(b) is the **Past Master's Course**. This course is also great for those looking to be a District Secretary.

For those who wish to pay by cheque, please send it to

George Warner  
4010 Chadburn Cres.,  
Mississauga, ON  
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For those who wish to pay via credit card, just fill in the application form and send it to [masonic.college@gmail.com](mailto:masonic.college@gmail.com), and the Brother will be emailed payment instructions through PayPal (an account is not necessary).

If any Brother has any questions, they may e-mail R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte, FCF, Principal, College of Freemasonry, [masonic.college@gmail.com](mailto:masonic.college@gmail.com).

You may also get information by going to the Grand Lodge Website, sign in, click "Membership", then "College of Freemasonry".

They also have many electronic books and other resources there. Check it out!

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### **I Did Not Know That !**

The original name for butterfly was flutterby.  
- thanks to Bro. Anon Y. Mous

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### **Saturday March 5 2016**

#### **T.E.D. - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off and Trivia Challenge**

Congratulations to Bro. John Holmes of The Beaches Lodge for winning this year's Chili Cook-Off Grand Champion Trophy and W. Bro. Craig McQuat of Markham Union Lodge for winning the Trivia



Grand Champion Plaque. Both also won a certificate for “The School Fine Dining” supplied by W. Bro. Nick Zarafonitis of The Beaches Lodge.

With the generosity of the brethren, family and friends of T.E.D., we were able to raise a substantial amount of money towards our District Charity “Prostate Hope”.

I would also like to thank **Hiram’s Lighthouse**, The Builder and W. Bro. Michael Morris for posting our event in their newsletters and the T.E.D. Website.

Special thanks to W. Bro. Fred Bryant, W. Bro. Jim McKinnon and the TEMC for supporting and allowing us to hold the event at Chisholm Temple.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Mark Ingram, Barry Villiers and Russ Richardson  
(President, Secretary and Event Coordinator)  
2104 S.W. Group, The Guardians

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### **Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .**



Cassia #116, Ravenswood 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.

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*Masons must be kind and affectionate one to another. Frequenting the same temples, kneeling at the same altars, they should feel that respect and that kindness for each other, which their common relation and common approach to one God should inspire. There needs to be much more of the spirit of the ancient fellow-ship among us; more tenderness for each other’s faults, more forgiveness, more solicitude for each other’s improvement and good fortune; somewhat of brotherly feeling, that it be not shame to use the word ‘brother.’*

*Nothing should be allowed to interfere with that kindness and affection: neither the spirit of business, absorbing, eager, and overreaching, ungenerous and hard in its dealings, keen and bitter in its competitions, low and sordid in its purposes; nor that of ambition, selfish, mercenary, restless, circumventing, living only in the opinion of others, envious of the good fortune of others, miserably vain of its own success, unjust, unscrupulous, and slanderous.*

*- Bro. Albert Pike (1809-1891), Morals and Dogma-1872*



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## **Friday April 1 2016**

### **April Fools' Day**

A theory about the origins of April Fools' Day is based on 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 1<sup>st</sup> as it previously fell on March 25<sup>th</sup> (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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. When the celebration of New Year was moved to January 1<sup>st</sup>, a custom arose in France that an individual should visit friends on April 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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## **Saturday April 2 2016**

### **GLCPO - Ontario Masonic Education Conference**

Enjoy a variety of interesting and inspiring speakers in the midst of Masonic fellowship and learning!

#### Leadership Topics

##### **Team Building**

Dr. Ken Jones, Dean Emeritus,  
Ryerson University, Rogers School of Business

##### **Emotional Intelligence**

Prof. Nancy Lucas, New York University,  
Steinhardt School of Culture,  
Education and Human Development

#### Masonic Topics

##### **Our Masonic Ritual as a Lesson in the History of Metaphysical Thought**

R.W. Bro. David Cameron FCF

##### **The Masonic Life and Times of R.W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald**

V.W. Bro. Daniel Glenney, Grand Archivist

##### **1759 - Triumph of Sword and Trowel**

R.W. Bro. Michael Jenkyns, Grand Historian

##### **The Great Storm of 1913**

Bro. David Yates

There will a mid-morning break and a lunch around noon.

All members, particularly those with an interest in receiving or delivering Masonic Education are strongly exhorted to attend this worthwhile one-day conference. It is early in the spring, so you won't be giving up gardening or holiday time. This will make up your "Entered Apprentice" charge requirement "to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge".

There must be a high number of applicants to make the conference reasonable.

Anyone interested in the conference, please contact Charles Woods.

Time: 8:00 - Registration  
9:00 am - 3:30 pm approx. - Seminar



Location: Scottish Rite Building  
4 Queen St S, Hamilton  
Cost: \$35.00 ea for lunch, coffee and pastries  
Contact: Charles Woods @ [charleswoods@sympatico.ca](mailto:charleswoods@sympatico.ca)

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**Wednesday April 6 2016**

**Rainbow Girls Assembly #2 - Spring Ham Dinner and 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**



All are cordially invited to their Spring Ham Dinner to celebrate their 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
Enjoy a full ham dinner.

As no tickets will be sold at the door, please **RSVP**.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social  
7:00 pm - Dinner

Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall  
Cost: \$10 ea - adult  
\$5 ea - child  
Contact: Dale Davies @ [daledavies63@yahoo.ca](mailto:daledavies63@yahoo.ca) or 416.438.0011

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**Saturday April 9 2016**

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

Our District Habitat for Humanity build will be at 155 Bermondsey Rd, Toronto).



If you can help let me know and register at this link:  
<http://torontoeastfreemasons.habitatga.volunteerhub.com/> or  
<http://vhub.at/torontoeastfreemasons>

It is mandatory for each volunteer to register online prior to arrival on the build site. Registration will automatically close once all the spots have been filled, or on April 1, 2016. Once registered, they will receive an e-mail including all necessary information such as parking pass and build day details.

Arrive on the build site promptly at 8:00 am dressed in weather and construction appropriate clothing that you do not mind getting dirty (long pants and socks are mandatory). All safety equipment and tools will be provided. We suggest bringing a refillable water bottle, sunscreen, and a hearty lunch. If we fundraise a minimum of \$1,000, we will be provided with a pizza lunch, and a volunteer t-shirt! Please note that due to the nature of the construction, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate late arrivals.

Let me know if you can help with the build this year! Todmorden Lodge has already signed up 8 guys!

Contact: Joseph Curry @ [joseph.curry1@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.curry1@gmail.com) or 647.893.6298

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**Saturday April 9 2016**  
**The Beaches - Annual Gala**  
An Unforgettable Night



Come solo, with your significant other, friends or family! However you come, plan for an evening of fine cuisine, dancing and social pleasure with your friends in The Beaches Lodge.

The Beaches Lodge is legendary in Toronto East District for its vibrant membership and excellent social and community events. We welcome Masons and their guests from across the district to join us at our Annual Gala. Proceeds from the evening will be faithfully applied to the Grand Lodge Charity PROSTATE HOPE for Prostate Cancer Research.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social - cash bar  
7:00 pm - Dinner  
Location: The School of Fine Dining  
4121, 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Unionville  
Cost: \$50 ea  
Contact: Joseph Curry @ [joseph.curry1@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.curry1@gmail.com) or 647.893.6298  
Tickets can also be purchased online at  
[www.eventbee.com/v/josephcurry1/event?eid=159030133](http://www.eventbee.com/v/josephcurry1/event?eid=159030133)

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**Sunday April 10 2016**  
**Toronto East District - Annual Divine Service**

The service will start at 10:30 am; we will assemble at 10:00 am.

Regalia are to be worn. Worshipful Masters will wear their collars.

As usual, family and friends are most welcome.

Time: 10:00 am  
Location: Church of The Master United Church  
3385 Lawrence Ave. E. (right beside Cedarbrae Mall)  
Contact: Joe Das @ [joedas683@gmail.com](mailto:joedas683@gmail.com) or 416.291.6444

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**Saturday April 16 2016**  
**The Imperial East Gate - Installation**



In compliance with their recently changed bylaws, The Imperial East Gate will now hold their Installations on the Saturday following the second Wednesday of April, this year - April 16 2016.

There will be a luncheon banquet at 11:30 am, with Lodge re-opening at 12:30 for the Installation. Please update your calendars accordingly.

Time: 11:00 am - Lodge opens  
11:30 am - Light lunch  
12:30 pm - Visitors received





Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple  
Contact: Richard Lundy @ [rwclundy@outlook.com](mailto:rwclundy@outlook.com) or 416.266.8107

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### **Wednesday April 20 2016**

#### **Anniversary of the 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, instituted a system of lectures of instruction, and published "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.

The annual prestigious Prestonian Lectures are the only lectures held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England. William Preston, the foremost Masonic educator of his time, left a legacy to Grand Lodge of England to provide for an Annual Lectureship, which runs for one calendar year.

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### **Saturday April 23 2016**

#### **Doric - Spring Dinner and Dance**

This year's theme is 1,001 Arabian Nights and will feature an authentic Persian Buffet, fun and fellowship and dancing. Scheherazade promises to attend, but she has disappointed before. Come out and enjoy an evening of Arabian delights.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social  
7:30 pm - Dinner Buffet  
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall  
Cost: \$30 ea  
Contact: Hossein Jomehri @ [hosseinjomehri1@rogers.com](mailto:hosseinjomehri1@rogers.com) or 647.409.2647



*Do more than belong, participate.*

*Do more than care, help.*

*Do more than believe, practice.*

*Do more than be fair, be kind.*

*Do more than forgive, forget.*

*Do more than dream, work.*

*- William Arthur Ward (1921-1994)*

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### **Saturday May 14 2016**

#### **The Heritage Lodge - Meeting and Talk**

All Master Masons are invited to attend. Hosted by Brougham Union Lodge #269.

Time: 12:00 noon - Light Lunch  
1:00 pm - Lodge Opens



Topic: Rosslyn Chapel  
Speaker: David Neave  
Location: Claremont Masonic Hall

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**Thursday May 19 2016**

**Scottish Rite - Valley of Toronto - Master Mason Night**



All Master Masons are invited to be their Guests. Witness the portrayal of the Colourful and Impressive 16<sup>th</sup> Degree

A ticket at no cost to the visitor is required for admittance.

Time: 7:30 pm - Sharp

Location: York Masonic Centre

Contact: Your lodge Scottish Rite Representative or  
Elroy MacKinnon @ [elroy@sympatico.ca](mailto:elroy@sympatico.ca) or 289.388.4407

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*Do not be ashamed to have a quiet period in the privacy of your own room, before you leave home. In your own way, ask God's blessing on this undertaking into which you are about to enter. Thank Him for this privilege, which is yours - a free man in a free land. Ask that He may grant you understanding and perception, that in your new association you may experience a true rebirth of all those high ideals, which mark a good man and a useful citizen.*

*- Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota, Guest Book #1*

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**Saturday June 4 2016**

**Wexford - Golf Tournament**

We invite all Brethren, Ladies and guests to join us to enjoy a full day of fun and friendship including 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Lunch and Dinner. There will be Fantastic Prizes and Lots of Fun.

Time: 11:30 am - Registration

1:00 pm - Tee Time - Shotgun

7:00 pm - Dinner

Location: Remington Parkview Golf Club

6400 Steeles Ave E, Markham, ON L3S 3J5, 416.293.2833

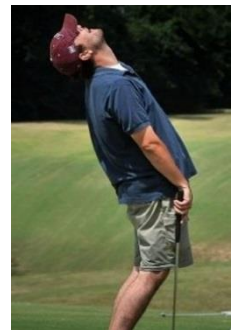
Cost: \$150 ea

\$40 ea - Dinner only

Contact: Maher Eid @ [cici20101998@yahoo.com](mailto:cici20101998@yahoo.com) or 416.723.5507 or

Andrew Douris @ [andrewlp11@yahoo.ca](mailto:andrewlp11@yahoo.ca) or 416.320.6424

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**Saturday June 11 and 12 2016**

**T.E.D. - The Piper's Project**

The Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer benefits the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. I am once more taking this cycling journey through some of Southern Ontario's very scenic countryside. I will again ride from Toronto to Niagara Falls. My first ride in this epic event last year was a challenge in a number of ways, but I succeeded.



This year I expect no less - challenges and successes - but with your help and my new “charger”, I hope that we can make a real impact against this dreaded disease.



Many of you know that I chose to ride in memory of family and friends who battled cancer successfully, or, who, unfortunately, lost their fight with cancer. I thought about many of them last year during the event and I am sure their memories helped me complete the 208-km journey. I have no doubt that they, and others, will be in my thoughts again this year . . . and once again they will be my inspiration to train for, and complete, the 2016 adventure.

From October to January, I rode very little on my road bikes. However, I am now back in training for the ride. My Total Gym is once again squeaking and rolling as I build up my strength; my stationary bike is humming as I begin to re-build my leg muscles and cardio system; and I am back skating once or twice a week to build my endurance.

I have met with my doctor and even had a heart stress test. I was informed that my heart is in good shape . . . probably due in no small part to all of the biking I have done in the past 10 months or so. So, I'm ready to roll.

And, since this winter has been so 'nice', on January 31<sup>st</sup>, I took my new tri-cross road bike for a 20-mile spin along the Ajax Waterfront Trail. Not as easy a ride as last fall, but nowhere as difficult as my first ride last March after some 5-6 years away from biking! It's amazing how much I look forward to these 20-mile+ rides . . . even when on the cool side. I even had no saddle soreness . . . those padded shorts are wonderful!

Last year, my total distance in preparation for, completion and after the Ride was some 2,500 kms. I expect, and plan to ride many more than that if all goes well.

Last year we raised \$4,100 for the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. This year I've been assigned a more modest goal of \$2,500 - but I'm aiming higher . . . **\$4,500!** My plan is to ride for a total of 5 years and I hope to raise \$25,000 in total for prostate cancer research. I believe it's all achievable!

Donations for 2016 have already started and I thank my supporters wholeheartedly for leading the way. Over 80% of donations are received online and the process is very easy . . . so easy that even I have done it! Receipts are issued to the donors directly.

Here's how to do it:

- Access 'The Ride To Conquer Cancer' (Toronto) website (2016 ride) using Google or: [http://to16.conquercancer.ca/site/PageServer?pagename=to16\\_homepage](http://to16.conquercancer.ca/site/PageServer?pagename=to16_homepage)
- Push 'Donate', the middle button at the top of the screen,
- Enter my name - Bruce Palanik . . . correct spelling does count here,
- Enter your donation information and message, if you wish. Those messages were very inspiring last year and meant a lot.

For those not comfortable making online donations, you can print a donation form from the website. If you choose to donate by mail, please do so by May 15<sup>th</sup> as mailed donations take 3-4 weeks to process.



Once again, I am asking for your support, your words of encouragement, and your donations.

Time to roll! Cheers!

Contact: Bruce Palanik @ [brucepalanik@rogers.com](mailto:brucepalanik@rogers.com) or 905.839.7342

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## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### The Many Meanings of the Word Mystery

Very far back in time, our remote forefathers used in one form or another the short word *mu*. It meant “keep your lips closed,” “say nothing about it”; and either in the beginning of its use, or not long afterwards, it also meant “keep your eyes closed,” “don’t be inquisitive about the affairs of others,” etc. We ourselves in our own language continue to employ that same ancient word in our “mum,” “mumble,” “mutter,” “mummer” (it is not the root of “mummy,” which derived from a Persian word *mum*, meaning wax, and was applied to bodies preserved in wax and oil). From this same root, the ancient Greeks formed their word-phrase *ta musteria*, which denoted secret rites, secret teachings, secret initiations; when confronted by such rites an outsider (a “profane”) was expected to keep his eyes shut, and an insider, an initiate, was expected to keep his lips closed.

From that phrase, (it was plural in form) the same Greeks formed their word *musterion*. From that use in turn, as was true of so many other Greek terms, the word passed over into the Latin language, where it was *mysterium*, and it there continued to have the general meaning of something not pried into, spied upon, or talked about.

From the Latin, Old French derived its *mistere*, and modern French has its *mystere*. From such sources it passed into Middle English as *mistere*, or *mystereye*, and from that it came into modern English as “*mystery*.” The word’s own long, unbroken history defines it: a mystery is something private, something secret kept by certain persons for good reasons of their own which an outsider must not be inquisitive about and which insiders must not talk about - they must keep the lips closed. In the meantime, and also long ago, another word began its history, starting with the ancient Latin word *ministerium*, formed from *minister*, which denoted a servant. As civilization slowly developed in both Greece and Rome the callings, or forms of work, which required skilled hands and trained minds were more and more placed in the care of organized crafts that the Greeks called *hetarai*, and the Romans called *collegia*. Later on, they were called guilds.

The purpose of such guilds was to serve the people by producing things necessary to everybody. The Dark Ages were so called because during a long and ghastly period of nearly four centuries, barbarians invaded Rome and Greece from all directions (except from the south), and in so doing destroyed almost every vestige of the knowledge and skill which had been employed in the old organized crafts. After Charlemagne, who lived in the ninth century, Europe began very slowly to recover the old arts, and when this occurred, the skilled workmen once again became organized, and their organizations had a guild-form. But these new guilds were called “*mysteries*,” and it is easy to see why; the skilled craftsmen in them



made things needed for use, and since the few literate men in Europe in the period used the Latin language in speaking and writing, these men adopted the Latin word *ministerium*.

In Old French it became *mestier*, in Modern French, *metier*, and when introduced into English, during the period of Middle English it became, first, *mistere*, and later, *mystery*. Since the Operative Freemasons were skilled craftsmen, organized in the form of a guild-fraternity, their craft, like every other skilled craft, was called a “*mystery*,” and in almost all of the oldest charters, fabric rolls, and



borough records that word is used for it. That usage denoted nothing secret or occult, but denoted nothing more than the fact that Freemasons were trained workmen, and it is in that sense that the word is used in the old phrase, “arts, parts, and mysteries of Freemasonry.” Freemasonry is an art, and any young man with normal intelligence can learn it, if he is willing to put himself through an apprenticeship, in which case he is not called upon to become an adept in some secret science, or be made privy to some occult secret. Why is it that for a century or so the general public has made the word “Freemasonry” almost synonymous with the word “mysterious”?

Why have so many Masonic writers themselves argued that since Freemasonry is a mystery there must be something very mysterious within it? And why did the Anti-Masons of America, in the quarter of a century in which they endeavoured to destroy it, attack it for being the custodian of some strange, occult, and possibly dangerous secret? They all confused two words, each of which is wholly different from the other, though both are spelled and pronounced alike: they jumped to the conclusion that because in modern times a mystery is a puzzle, a thing hidden, something occult, it had always been used in that sense; they were too ignorant of history to know that through the many centuries of the Middle Ages a “mystery” was a skilled craft, and that Freemasonry was always a mystery in that sense of the word.

Among the ancient Greeks and Romans there were two kinds of religions. On the one side were those that may be called public religions, because they were maintained and directed by the state, carried on their observances as publicly as possible, and used temples that had so little secrecy in them that the buildings consisted of little more than a roof supported by columns, with no walls. On the other side were those that may be described as private, not in the sense that they were private to an individual or to an individual’s family, but in the sense that they were private to their own members. These latter are called either The Ancient Mysteries, or The Mystery Cults.

A Mystery Cult admitted members by initiation, divided its members into grades, employed ceremonies, sometimes of an astoundingly costly and elaborate kind, used emblems and symbols, and had grips, passwords, tokens, etc. The probability is that they developed, at least the larger number of them, out of those organized skilled crafts which were described above, and which always carried on within themselves a number of ceremonious and symbolic practices.

Many of the earlier Masonic historians believed that Freemasonry must have originated in some one or more of The Ancient Mysteries, such historians as Hutchinson, Oliver, Greenleaf, Franklin Fort, and Albert G. Mackey among them - it is probable that Mackey, who wrote a history of the Fraternity in seven volumes, believed in that theory as long as he lived. And in so doing they furnished yet another reason for attaching the word “mystery” to Freemasonry - their doing so was not altogether an act of good fortune, because there is no so reason for believing that our Craft ever had a connection with any one of the Mysteries. In the present day and age, the word “mystery” is entering yet another chapter of its long history.

There is developing in plain view that new use of it which is represented by the phrase “the mysteries of science,” and the development of such recondite subjects as the quantum theory, the publicity given to Einstein’s Theory of Relativity, and the invention of the atomic bomb, have been among the more prominent forces and events which have crowded that new meaning into an already over-crowded word. What is a scientific mystery?

It is a subject, or a set of facts, discoveries, and inventions so difficult to know and understand that to do so a man must go through a long and laborious preparation in higher mathematics and difficult technologies before he is even prepared to undertake his investigations. In a somewhat different sense, though cognate with it, a “scientific mystery” means that many of the oldest and most familiar things



have turned out, under scientific analysis, to be extraordinarily complex and hard to understand; light is such a mystery, so is time, so is space, so is gravitation, and so are many other things which all men have known about from the beginning.

There are scientific mysteries in Freemasonry. Architecture is one of them. If a reader believes it to be an exaggeration to describe architecture as a scientific mystery, he must ask himself why it is that among the thousands of engineers who are erecting the boxlike office buildings in American cities there are so few architects, and why it is that there are probably less than a dozen men in the whole world who, without outside aid, could design and construct a genuinely Gothic cathedral, for architects, the garden or common variety of them, find Gothic as difficult to comprehend as the Theory of Relativity.

Another scientific mystery in the Craft is mathematics, which there passes by the name of geometry. Nothing is more certain than the statement that since the discovery of the first system of Non-Euclidean geometry until now mathematics has been more and more becoming a scientific mystery. There also are others in the Ritual. There are these uses of "mystery" as applied to Freemasonry.

There remains yet another one, and it may ultimately prove to be the most important of any. Freemasonry is itself a mystery.

Why? Because nobody has ever satisfactorily explained it.

Why did it alone, out of all the mysteries of the Middle Ages, survive?

Why did it, after some seven or eight centuries had passed, so suddenly wax into a world fraternity, more powerful than ever before?

What is there in it that holds so many otherwise busy men to its services, and more especially when it does not pay them for those services, and oftentimes does not even reward them?

What is the secret of its endless, its inexhaustible, fascination for men of many races and tongues across the earth?

Author: H.L. Haywood

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