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No more needed and useful work is to be done in the Masonic Order today than the education of its members in the true purpose of rites of initiation, that they may the better appreciate the reason, the importance, and the seriousness of the work the Order was designed to do.

*- Bro. Walter Leslie Wilmshurst (1867-1939),
The Meaning of Masonry-1927*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District:

The 156th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, marking the end of one Masonic year and the beginning of the new one, is now over and Toronto East District has many reasons to celebrate.

Firstly, I wish to thank you for your confidence in allowing me to assume the office of District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto East District for the ensuing Masonic Year. I am truly honoured to be the representative of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling in Toronto East District.

I wish to extend congratulations to our newly elected Grand Master, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling and also to the following brethren from Toronto East District:

- R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, elected Deputy Grand Master;
- R.W. Bro. Eugene de Beaupre, acclaimed Grand Registrar;
- R.W. Bro. George E. Hinds, re-elected to the Board of General Purposes;
- V.W. Bro. Gerald J. Newall, appointed Grand Steward; and
- V.W. Bro. Harold Clarke, appointed Assistant Grand Chaplain.

We wish them well in the coming year.

Thank you to all who were able to attend Grand Lodge and show support through your participation. In our daily lives with family, work and health issues it is sometimes difficult to attend all that Masonry has to offer, but well worth the effort. From all accounts, all in attendance had a good time.



In the coming year we will talk about the importance of the history and traditions of Masonry. Our new brethren need to know that we have three hundred years of documented history and that Masons were present at important moments in that time.

It is also important to impart to the new Members of our great fraternity that they have joined something very special. Ours is not just some group where you put down your money, become a member and show up now and then. Ours is a lifestyle.

I believe the Grand Master puts it best, *“Any man who becomes a Mason is taught a pattern for living; reverence - morality - kindness - honesty - dependability and compassion. He must be prepared to honour his country, uphold its laws and respect those in authority. He must be prepared to maintain honourable relations with others and be willing to share in Masonic activities. **Freemasonry is a way of life.**”*

I am working on this year’s trestle board with W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis, District Secretary, and you can expect we will be calling a District meeting late September, once we have confirmed the date and location.

Lastly, I extend my most sincere thank you to R.W. Bro. Leyland A. Muss and V.W. Bro. Gerald J. Newall for all their effort this past year and congratulations on a job well done!

My brethren, I look forward to the coming year with great anticipation. With your continued support, there are many things we will achieve.

May the G.A.O.T.U. watch over you and yours and may we all strive to live up to our obligations.

Fraternally,

R. W. Bro. Keith Jones
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



St. Bruno Orders the Construction of the
Monastery
Eustache Le Sueur (1616-1655)
Le Louvre



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

August 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<u>1</u> * Simcoe Day - enjoy another long weekend * Start of Ramadan - Have mercy on your Moslem friends. They could be a might touchy for a few days	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * WindReach Farm – Annual Glo-Ball Tournament see below WindReach Farm	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * The Beaches - Paint Ball Games See below	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> * Doric - Annual Golf Tournament See below Spring Creek Golf & Country Club
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> * End of Ramadan - time for lunch!	<u>31</u> * Toronto East District – Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Meeting details to follow				



September 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> * Labour Day - Last long weekend of the summer – pack up the cottage ☺- Kids are back in school tomorrow ☺	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> * Coronati - Installation Early banquet Doric Pickering	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * Toronto East District - Mechanics of the Work - Week 1/6 See below East Toronto	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> * Toronto East District - Mechanics of the Work - Week 2/6 See below East Toronto	<u>18</u> * Rosh Hashanah Happy New Year!
<u>19</u> * Acacia - Installation Visitors – 8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>20</u> * Riverdale-John Ross Robertson – Installation Visitors – 7:45 pm East Toronto	<u>21</u> * The Heritage Lodge - Elections Cambridge	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * First Day of Fall	<u>24</u> * Toronto East District - Mechanics of the Work - Week 3/6 See below East Toronto	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> * Scarboro – Reception for R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, DGM details to follow Doric Pickering	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> * Toronto East District – Fall Business Meeting details to follow	<u>30</u>		



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

WindReach Farm strives to enrich the lives of persons of all ages with disabilities and/or special needs by providing opportunities to enjoy experiences in farming, nature, outdoor recreation and other activities and to share those experiences with family and friends.

Make cheques payable to The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, include the Project number and your lodge on the cheque and mail to the Masonic Foundation - 361 King St W., Hamilton ON, L8P 1B4.



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I have ever deemed it more honourable and more profitable, too, to set a good example than to follow a bad one.

- Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), 3rd U.S. President-1801-09

Blood Donor Clinics



Just because there are no scheduled Masonic Blood Donor Clinics does not mean the need for blood has disappeared. This is the time of travel - vacations, cottage, BBQs, friends, family. Accidents happen while we are out there. If, unfortunately, it is one of us or our family or friends who are involved, we'd all want the necessary blood to be available. It only takes a short while and it's quite relaxing actually.

Find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge. The Toronto East District 'Partners For Life' number is **TOR0009781** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics, go to
www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu

Contact: John Katz @ johnkatz@sympatico.ca or 416.264.7399
Doug Gray @ douggray@rogers.com or 416.266.0783

Canada Lodge U.D., Kandahar

Canada Lodge U.D. has been granted permission to conduct all three degrees, a significant increase in their Masonic activity.

Boxes For Hope Update

As the Boxes For Hope campaign winds down, I am pleased to announce the final phase of our project. What started out as a local initiative by the Brethren of Canada Lodge has spread throughout the Masonic



community and has resulted in the outpouring of much more than we had anticipated. To date we have distributed 80 Boxes of school supplies to various schools throughout the area with the aid of the KAF Bazaar School, and the Afghan School Project. We have another dozen waiting to be delivered. This will supply for approximately 1,000 students for the school year.

Even though it was not asked for, in addition to the school supplies received, many monetary contributions have been made as well. To date we have received a total of \$2,763.52. After being discussed in Lodge, it was decided by the Brethren that we should look for a suitable project to spend this money on rather than pencils and books. There are many schools in remote areas that are in dire need of repairs and or upgrades. We were fortunate to have two members of the US Military Civil Affairs Team, Chad Norman (initiated 30 June) and Bryan Blair, petition Canada Lodge for membership. It was soon realized that this was the link to the outlying school areas we had been looking for, as reconstruction of local infrastructure is part of their mandate.

A needy school was identified and a proposal was put together. The school is the Mushan Bazaar School which lies in the Mushan district to the northeast of Kandahar. At present the school has 60 students with three teachers but only three usable classrooms and desks for 20 students. The concrete floor and patio areas are in very poor condition as is the latrine area; the exterior stucco is flaking off and the outer walls severely damaged.

Tenders were put out to local contractors for the following repairs:

- Cement remaining classrooms and porch area
- Purchase desks for all rooms
- Purchase and Install 3x dry-erase boards (this may be substituted for chalk boards)
- Stucco and paint exterior
- Fix latrine area
- Fix exterior wall and gate
- Repair storage building for school books and materials

A contractor was chosen with a quote of 150,000 Afghans or approximately \$3,400.00 USD. The difference between the donations we have received and the cost of the project will be paid for out of Lodge funds donated by the Brethren here on KAF. We have a present balance of \$938.20 so there is enough to cover it.

Construction should begin in July and hopefully will be completed before Ramadan in late August. Also upon completion the remaining boxes of school supplies will be delivered to this school. To mitigate any concerns regarding value for our money, on site supervision of the work will be provided by the US Military Civil Affairs Team and payment will be due upon final inspection and approval of the project. Please see the accompanying photos of the area in question to better appreciate the need for the work. (*Ed: photos not attached.*) We of Canada Lodge hope that those who have so freely contributed to this campaign find this to be a suitable and worthwhile project.

I summing up, once again the Masonic community have shown that “a Mason’s charity should show no bounds save those of prudence.”

S&F,

V.W. Bro. Rick Fulford
WM Canada Lodge



Kandahar Afghanistan

At a subsequent meeting held on July 14, 2011, the following was minuted.

17. Newly initiated Bro. Blair discussed a huge disappointing set back with regards to the Mushan School renovation initiative.
18. Mushan is an isolated community on the furthest edge of horn in the volatile Panjiway District. The Afghan forces and their Coalition allies have made many inroads in trying to bring greater stability and fostering development for the people who reside in this greatly impoverished hamlet. One such project has been to help the local community re-establish a school for its youth. A school was set up in a vender's stall in the middle of the Mushan market. Children from throughout the outlying region of Mushan have now begun to attend classes.
19. The Civil Affairs detail, which Bro. Blair is a part of, has been working hard with the federal Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP) to help provide both financial and materiel support, as well as protection for this school and it's citizens. Bro. Blair and comrades had sought Masonic Charity to assist this wee school by assisting them with some structural improvements and some training aids.
20. However, Bro. Blair sadly reported that due to enemy action elsewhere that the ANCOP detail will be reassigned to another district. Due to this diminished security situation in the vicinity of Mushan, that access to the school for the near future will not be possible and that he has proposed that Canada Lodge not move forward with this project. This sparked significant discussion amongst the brethren in about the Lodge.
21. The WM stated his disappointment with this turn of events. He also reiterated that the Canada Lodge is already actively involved in supporting the Shir Zai school just off KAF. This was then followed by much discussion about the Lodge.
 - a) Bro. Rodgers discussed his experience with Mushan on a previous rotation in 2008, adding that Mushan has long been a contested battleground between the Afghan & Coalition Forces in their battle against the Taliban's attempts to gain ground and influence over the population. His testimony summed up with conviction, that Mushan indeed a very, very dangerous place.
 - b) Bro. Donovan suggested that Canada Lodge put this particular project on hold until the situation improves. Bro. Blair then assured the Lodge that no promises had been made to the community authorities and that this would be the best course of action to follow at this time.
 - c) Bro. Donovan than put forth a motion that Canada Lodge perhaps pursuit supporting another school in the meantime. This was seconded by Bro. Saunders, who also announced that he had access to a regional list for schools in the Kandahar region which he will forward to Bro. Rodgers in the coming days.
22. About the Lodge it was generally felt that this school in Mushan is quite truly a vestal and beacon of knowledge, bring education and learning to Afghanistan's future generations. The immolation of Masonic charity will now be carried forth with the same zeal and enthusiasm but just focused on another school within the Kandahar region.



Remember the North East Corner



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Some Of You May Remember His Lordship . . .

Guelph Mercury staff - Fri Jul 8 2011

Guelph's Church Bells To Toll For Fallen Soldier

GUELPH - About three years ago, Robert Jewell wanted to honour fallen Canadian soldiers in his own way.

Since then, the Guelph retiree has blended his own special talents with that sentiment, playing a special tribute on the bells of St. George's Anglican Church for each and every one of them.

His latest tribute comes later this month when he will play for Nigel Kelly, a Canadian-born grandson of Guelph's Desmond and Claire Williams, who was killed by Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan recently while serving in the U.S. Army.

"I've done it for every Canadian soldier to come home from Afghanistan on the Highway of Heroes in the past three years," said Jewell.

He figures that he's played between 100 and 150 tributes.

Jewell plays the carillon, an instrument that resembles an organ, but transfers notes played to bells high above in the tower that adorns the huge stone church that sits on the banks of the Speed River in downtown Guelph.

The tradition started at St. George's with head carilloner Donald Hamilton.

"In some way, indirectly, it's my way of showing thanks and appreciation for what these men and women are doing for Canada," said Jewell.

He has played piano and organ most of his life. He began playing the carillon about five years ago and now serves as assistant to Don Hamilton in playing at the church.

Desmond Smith said the official funeral for his grandson is scheduled for later this month at the Arlington military cemetery in Washington, D.C. He and his wife Claire hope to attend.



Robert Jewell sits behind the carillon in the bell tower at St. George's Anglican Church in Guelph. For the past three years, Jewell has played a tribute every time a Canadian soldier's body returns home to Canada.

Tony Saxon/Guelph Mercury



Nigel Kelly was born in the Toronto area and grew up in Brampton. He moved to the States with his parents when he was 10. He grew up in California and was recently stationed in Hawaii. He married his fiancée, a medic in the same unit, last March.

Kelly was in Guelph at Christmas visiting his grandparents.

Smith said the tribute planned by Jewell is a “very nice gesture,” but “we’re not looking for attention.”

Jewell said he plans on playing the tribute the day of the funeral, but if the grandparents want to hear it he will make arrangements to play it a day they can.

The tribute will include the tunes O Valiant Heart, Eternal Father of Mankind and a selection of hymns that “give people comfort and help them gain strength during times of grieving.”

O Canada and the Star Spangled Banner will also be played.

“All of our service men and women from Guelph who have done tours in Afghanistan have been most fortunate and have returned home alive,” Jewell said. “When I read about this young Canadian having been killed, it really brought the situation right up close to home and this sort of tribute is what I am able to do for those who lay their lives on the line so that the rest of us can live free.”

www.guelphmercury.com/news/local/article/560000--guelph-s-church-bells-to-toll-for-fallen-soldier

In The News . . .

The Legacy of William Morgan Still Lives



When William Morgan was carried off from a Batavia, New York jail cell in 1826, allegedly at the hands of overzealous Batavia Masons, the incident set off the most prolonged and virulent anti-Masonic period in U.S. history. Now, the Freemasons are vanishing from Batavia once more. The brethren of Batavia Lodge No. 475 are leaving town when the lease on their 1908 temple runs out in August. The building was sold 15 years ago to a local businessman, and the lodge has leased the lodge room area ever since. They will now merge with Olive Branch Lodge No. 40 in nearby Le Roy. Batavia Lodge No. 475 was chartered April 9, 1859. It seems the monument to Morgan in the local cemetery will be the lasting image of Freemasonry left in Batavia after all.

News of the World Telephone Hacking Scandal

A July 22, 2011 article warns of the dangers of widening the focus of the phone hacking inquiry. There is indeed a danger that those who wish to see the inquiry fail may seek to divert the discourse away from getting at the truth.

One concern involves Jonathan Rees, one of the rogue investigators used by several newspapers. Allegedly, Rees used his membership of the Freemasons to gain information from corrupt policemen, Customs officers, tax officials and bank staff.

This claim was repeated in the House of Commons by Tom Watson MP and led to Simon Hughes MP demanding that any inquiry into phone hacking should be headed by a non-Masonic judge.

Read more: www.independent.co.uk/opinion/letters/letters-the-norwegian-massacre-2319834.html



Norwegian Gunman

The alleged perpetrator of the Oslo Massacre has been identified as a Freemason, member of the Grand Lodge of Norway (allegedly no-Jews, no-Muslims, no nothing), regular and recognized by UGLE and GLCPO. The Norwegian Masonic order denies that Anders Behring Breivik (32) has had a membership of importance in the order. He is now excluded with immediate effect.

A photograph of Breivik wearing what appears to be a W.M. apron but is actually a M.M. apron in that jurisdiction, appears on his Facebook page.

“As far as we understand, he has had minimal contact with the lodge,” says Grand Master Ivar A. Skaar.

It was Friday that 32-year-old Andres Behring Breivik was arrested and later charged with the heinous terrorist attacks that have shaken an entire country. 85 young people are now confirmed dead after he systematically shot and killed everyone he passed at the Labour Youth League summer camp at Utøya.

Breivik is also accused of bombing a government building in which at least seven people were killed and nine seriously injured. Breivik is reported as having strong Christian fundamentalist and right wing beliefs.

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2017851/Norway-attacks-gunman-Anders-Behring-Breivik-right-wing-extremist-hated-Muslims.html#ixzz1SwXBikOF>

Whether he is or is not a Freemason, the world of Freemasonry is going to take a hit, maybe a big hit, from the anti Masonic nut bars. We should be used to and prepared for these types of revelations, what with our ‘stringent’ investigation policies and procedures. First Bernardo - now this. We should all think about what our answers will be, if and when the questions start being asked.

We have met the enemy, and he is us.
- Walt Kelly (1913-1973), Pogo

How To Say It

Ammonite	am-on-ite (‘o’ as on ‘on’ – ‘i’ as in ‘light’)
Ammonitish	am-on-ite-ish (‘o’ as on ‘on’ – ‘i’ as in ‘light’)
Ancient	ain-shunt
Animosity	a-nim-moss-it ee (‘o’ as in ‘top’)
Annals	ann-alz (‘a’ as in ‘cat’)
Appease	a-peeze
Appellations	a-pell-ay-shuns
Apportion	a-por-shun
Appreciate	a-pree-shee-ate
Apprise	a-prize
Approbation	a-pro-bay-shun
Appropriate	a-pro-pree-ate (verb) a-pro-pree-it (adjective)
Architect	are-kit-teckt
Architectural	are-kit-teckt-chur-al
Arrogance	a-ro-ganse (‘a’ as in ‘cat’)

- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work



What's That All About?

Why are Masons of the Second Degree called Fellowcrafts?

Probably prior to 1726 all Freemasons except the "King's Master Mason" were either Apprentices or Fellows of the Craft, in imitation of the workers of the operative days, when apprentices became fellows after a period of seven years training and the making of a "Master's Piece" to show proficiency in some part of a mason's work. We continue the old names, as preferable to such modernizations as "beginners" and "members."

How may I know that a stranger is a Mason? How should I make myself known to a stranger as a Mason?

The answer is Punch's famous advice to those about to marry - "Don't!"

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred the man who wears a Masonic pin, or who says that he is a Mason, actually is one. While occasionally imposters seek Masonic aid without a shadow of a right to it, their number is small compared to the millions of men in this country who are Masons in good standing. But it is unwise, and often risky, to engage in loose Masonic talk with the stranger who introduces himself as a member of the Craft. Nor is there any excuse whatever for him to ask you to prove yourself a Mason. There is no need for you to know that he is a Mason. Such a necessity would arise when you or he visit a lodge, but there the responsibility is the Master's, and it is for him to order a committee. Many newly raised brethren think that by giving some Masonic sign they should secretly make themselves known to a supposed brother, but this is a mistake.



Not even when a call for Masonic help comes is there need for a ritualistic "proof" of mutual membership. If a man is in danger or difficulty, and time is short, there is no more need to find out whether he asks for aid because he is a Mason, than there is to ascertain of the drowning man that he is a respectable citizen before you throw the rope! If the Masonic lesson of charity and help indicates that aid should be given, give it, whether the man be telling the truth or not. But beware of the man who offers to "prove" himself, and does so by a ready knowledge of Masonry - and sometimes a stolen or forged good standing card - to bilk the innocent.

In large cities, refer Masonic requests for aid to the appropriate Brother who can be reached through the Masonic Temple or lodge. In general, do not discuss Masonry with strangers; do not try to "make yourself known" as a Mason to strangers; and pay no attention to strangers who wish to talk Masonry with you. In this practice lies safety to yourself and to the Fraternity.

How old is Masonry?

The question is not answerable unless Masonry is defined. Some form of organization of builders, according to the oldest Masonic document, the Regius poem, existed as early as A.D. 926. Freemasonry, as distinguished from any other organization of practical builders, probably began among the Cathedral builders of the middle ages - tenth or eleventh century. The first Grand Lodge came into existence in 1717.



Masonry is a secret society. What can be told and what cannot?

Masonry is not “a secret society” but “a society with secrets.” A secret society is one of which the membership, aims and ideals are unknown. There is no secret about who is, and who is not, a Freemason. Lodges publish their rosters. Many Grand Lodges publish the names of their members in annual Proceedings. The world at large knows that the aims and ideals of Freemasonry are religious, charitable, friendly, and fraternal.

What is secret in Freemasonry is well stated in the ceremonies when we are told, “I shall now proceed to entrust you with the Secrets . . .”

What is the Grand Lodge?

The governing body of Freemasonry within a certain area - usually a province or territory in Canada. The Grand Lodge is composed of its own officers and the Wardens, Masters and Past Masters, of the constituent lodges. The Grand Lodge has as its presiding officer the Grand Master and the legislation of the Grand Lodge is binding upon all Masons within its territory and upon all lodges under its jurisdiction.

- One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry

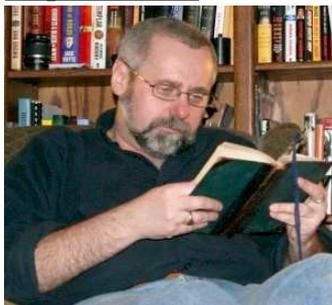
Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Morning Star #309, Carlow, ON
submitted by Scott Nichol

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

Stephen Dafoe



Stephen Dafoe is a Canadian freelance journalist and the author of several books on the Knights Templar and Freemasonry.

His most recently published book is *Morgan: The Scandal That Shook Freemasonry*, a 500-page examination of the abduction and probable murder of William Morgan by Freemasons. Set 50 years after the American Declaration of Independence, the story of the disappearance of William Morgan and the five years of trials that sought to discover what became of



him is told in a narrative style, supported by a wealth of endnotes and appendices reprinting the primary sources from which Dafoe was able to retrace historical steps and uncover a 183-year-old cold case.

Dafoe is perhaps best known for the two speculative history books he co-wrote with Alan Butler in the late 1990s. These books were *The Warriors and the Bankers*, re-published by Lewis Masonic in 2006 and *The Knights Templar Revealed*, re-published by Constable and Robinson in the same year.

Stephen Dafoe has written, co-written or contributed to more than a dozen books and anthologies since 1997. They are in chronological order:

- Unholy Worship? (1997)
- The Warriors and the Bankers (1998) republished (2006)
- The Templar Continuum (1999)
- Everything I Needed To Know About Freemasonry (2004)
- The Knights Templar Revealed (2006)
- The Templar Papers (2006)
- Heredom Vol. 14 (2006)
- Heredom Vol. 15 (2007)
- Tales From The Harbor Vol. 2 (2007)
- Nobly Born (2007)
- Secret History of the Knights Templar (2008)
- Tales From The Harbor Vol. 3 (2008)
- The Compasses and the Cross (2008)
- Morgan: The Scandal That Shook Freemasonry (2009)

Stephen has stepped away from the speculative style of his earlier books and concentrated on a more straightforward historical approach in recent years. His research has been published in The Scottish Rite Journal, Heredom (the Transactions of the Scottish Rite Research Society), The Scottish Rite Journal, Templar History Magazine, Knight Templar Magazine, Masonic Magazine and The Masonic Society Journal.

In addition to writing a book each year for the past half decade, Dafoe writes hundreds of articles each year for a variety of print publications in Western Canada.

Dafoe was born in Belleville, Ontario in 1962 and spent the first 40 years of his life in that province. He moved to Alberta in November of 2002 and now resides in a rural community north of Edmonton.

People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun's out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is light within.
- Elizabeth Kubler-Ross (1926-2004)



Monday August 1 2011

Simcoe Day

Civic Holiday is the most widely used name for a public holiday celebrated in parts of Canada on the first Monday in August, though it is only officially known by that term in Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, and Manitoba. It is a statutory holiday in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, but not in Manitoba.



The date of the Civic Holiday is historically linked to the abolition of slavery in the British Empire in 1834, but was chosen primarily for its timing: between Canada Day and Labour Day there were no recognizable holidays, one of the longest stretches on the Canadian calendar without a holiday. Thus, this holiday is celebrated under numerous names in the jurisdictions it is recognized. In many communities, however, Emancipation Day celebrations are also held, specifically commemorating the abolition of slavery in Canada in 1834.

The holiday is known by a variety of names in different provinces and municipalities, including British Columbia Day in British Columbia, New Brunswick Day in New Brunswick, and Saskatchewan Day in Saskatchewan. In Alberta, Heritage Day is an “optional” civic holiday, having been downgraded from a statutory holiday following the introduction of Family Day in 1990. The holiday is celebrated as Natal Day in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, but is not an official holiday in either jurisdiction.

In Ontario, the holiday is officially observed as Simcoe Day in Toronto (the [Caribbean Festival](#) is held this holiday weekend), Mountie Day in North York, Colonel By Day in Ottawa, George Hamilton Day in Hamilton, Joseph Brant Day in Burlington, Founders’ Day in Brantford, McLaughlin Day in Oshawa, Alexander Mackenzie Day in Sarnia, James Cockburn Day in Cobourg, Peter Robinson Day in Peterborough, and John Galt Day in Guelph, as well as numerous other names in smaller municipalities. (*Ed: I did not know that!*)



Although a work holiday is given to employees of the federal and many municipal governments, the Ontario provincial government has not defined this day as a statutory holiday and it is not mentioned in either Ontario’s Employment Standards Act or Retail Business Holidays Act.

The holiday is not generally observed in Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, or the Yukon, except by federal employees. In Newfoundland, the Royal St. John’s Regatta, which usually occurs on the first Wednesday of August, effectively displaces the Monday holiday even though it is only officially celebrated as a civic holiday in St. John’s.

Interesting Fact

John Belton recently did research on the longevity of an active Mason. Until the mid-1950’s the average time a man was active in his lodge was over 25 years; today it is about 3.8 years. But hey . . . if no one is interested, that’s OK too.



Monday August 1 2011

Start of Ramadan

The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind, and clear proofs of the guidance, and the Criterion (of right and wrong). And whosoever of you is present, let him fast the month, and whosoever of you is sick or on a journey, (let him fast the same) number of other days. Allah desireth for you ease; He desireth not hardship for you; and (He desireth) that ye should complete the period, and that ye should magnify Allah for having guided you, and that peradventure ye may be thankful.

- The Qur'an Surah 2:185 al-Baqarah

Ramadan, also written *Ramazán, Ramzán, Ramadhán, Ramdán, Ramadaan*, is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is the Islamic month of fasting, in which participating Muslims refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, and indulging in anything that is in excess or ill-natured; from dawn until sunset.

Every day during the month of Ramadan, Muslims around the world get up before dawn to eat *Suhoor* or *Sehri* or *Sahari* (meaning "something we eat at Sahar"), then they perform the *fajr* (or *Sobh*) prayer. They have to stop eating and drinking before the call for prayer starts until the fourth prayer of the day, *Maghrib*. Muslims break their fast at Magrib (at sunset) prayer time with a meal called Iftar. Muslims may continue to eat and drink after the sun has set until the next morning's *fajr* prayer call. Then the process starts all over.



Fasting is meant to teach the Muslim patience, modesty and spirituality. Ramadān is a time for Muslims to fast for the sake of God (Arabic: Allah), and to offer more prayer than usual. During Ramadān, Muslims ask forgiveness for past sins, pray for guidance and help in refraining from everyday evils, and try to purify themselves through self-restraint and good deeds.

As compared to the solar calendar, the dates of Ramadan vary, moving forward about ten days each year as it is a moving festival depending on the moon. Ramadan was the month in which the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to the Islamic prophet Muhammad.

- Wikipedia.com

Thursday August 11 2011

WindReach Farm – Annual Glo Ball Golf Tournament



WindReach Farms will be holding their annual GLO-BALL Golf Tournament. We tee off in the dark. Sounds interesting right?

Toronto East District has committed to one four-some, so we are looking for 3 golfers to join David Neave on this fun filled evening. You don't even need to take a day off work. Dinner is first and followed by the usual speeches and such. This year's guest speaker is someone who has benefitted from the services offered at WindReach.

Thank you for your support of the Toronto East District 2010-2011 Charity project.

Time: 5:00 pm – Registration, Stretching Clinic and Putting Contest
6:30 pm – Dinner is served



Location: WindReach Farm
Cost: \$125.00/ea
Contact: David Neave @ davidneave@rogers.com or 905.391.5900

Ancient Truths

My grandfather wasn't a Freemason. As far as I know I am the first in my family. What I knew of the fraternity when I entered my lodge for the first time was only what I had read in fiction and saw in documentaries (using the modern definition). Though I didn't quite know what to expect back then, I was disappointed that I didn't get to witness the "long form" that the oldsters reminisced about. They said over and over again that they couldn't do that anymore because they needed to attract younger men and the younger men wouldn't have the attention span for it. Nor would they want to be an Apprentice for more than a couple of weeks before they demonstrated their "proficiency" and advanced to the next level.

I personally felt cheated when I recited both parts of my examination because my examiner didn't remember his part. I wished I could have learned all there was to know about being an apprentice and been forced to show my worthiness before being given the honourable title of Fellowcraft. I wished I would have had to campaign and work harder than anyone else for my first office, instead of being rushed through the South, the West, and through the East.

When I become King of the Freemasons, these will be my edicts:

1. We will respect and follow our rules.
2. We will respect one another.

As men we are prone to argue and raise our voices, but as Masons we are taught to subdue our passions and provide wise counsel to a worthy Brother in need, whether he wants to confess his need or not. It is our responsibility to tell him politely that his actions are not quite square, and it is his responsibility to listen.

3. We will decrease our membership.

There are simply too many of us. It is often said that ten percent do all the work, but I have never seen more than two percent active. We need to sell our buildings and combine our Lodges. Next year we will have so many Brothers in line for each chair that some very talented officers will have to get back in line. Those who have the time and energy to commit will do so cheerfully.

4. We will increase the value of our Degrees.

They will be more challenging for all in attendance, and will provide for a far richer experience. Brothers will rearrange their schedules to be in attendance not because they are required, but because they would not dream of missing such an event. There will be no risk of forgetting one's lines, as the experience shall have such a profound impact on a man's life that no part of it will ever be forgotten.

5. We will not complain about our dues.

Those who believed in the past that they were too high will know that they are receiving an enormous return on their investment. Those that felt that they were once too low will be pleased with the quality of the Brotherhood.

6. When one becomes a Master Mason, he will be a master of human interaction, and will understand that his former negativity causes harm to himself, his Brothers, his family, and himself. Yes, I said 'to himself' twice. He will have learned to internalize his locus of control and will be admired by all for his strength, his courage, his wisdom, and his friendship.

7. There will be no worries about whether this organization is recognized by that organization, or whether the dress code should be loosened or tightened, or whether we should allow alcohol at social functions, because we will all behave as Masons should.

8. We will have grand titles, but no need to use but one of them.



These edicts all seem a bit ridiculous, which to me seems quite puzzling.

- Chad Till

Fiat Lux Email Forum

Saturday August 20 2011

The Beaches - Paint Ball Game

It is with great disappointment that the paint ball event is cancelled due to non commitment of payments for players. Any payments already received will be returned ASAP.

... A Peculiar System Of Morality

The word 'peculiar' (which has been in English since the 15th century) is ultimately from a Latin word meaning "relating to private property, related to 'pecuniary,'" both from the Latin word for 'cattle.' Its oldest English meaning is 'private, special, particular.' It did not develop the sense 'odd, unusual' until the 17th and 18th centuries . . .

For the cattle reference, 'peculiar' was a noun, not an adjective. Another older adjective meaning was 'appropriate,' an archaic meaning that would also make sense.

Sunday, August 28 2011

Doric - Annual Golf Tournament

Right in the heart of summer, what can be better for your heart than a great afternoon of golf? Nine holes of golf followed by a fully complimented Steak Dinner. The menu may be amended for allergy concerns or preferences. A lovely patio with a fully licensed bar and lounge exclusively for Doric Members and Guests. The most inexpensive golf deal around. Prizes for the typical Golf achievements (Broke the Most Clubs!). A motorized Golf Cart is available for an additional \$8.00. All are welcome - ladies and non-Masonic friends.



For those who might wish to partake of the Steak Dinner exclusive of the golf, the price would be \$25. If you want to bring children for the meal, a children's menu will be available. Tickets for this event are going very fast!

Time: 12:30 pm - T-Off

Location: Spring Creek Golf & Country Club
2425 Concession 9, Claremont - between Brock Rd. and Westney

Cost: \$45/ea

Contact: Terry Doyle @ tmdoyle@rogers.com or 905.839.3823, or
Scott McDonald @ smcdonal60@rogers.com or 905.428.7756

No one has ever completed their apprenticeship.

- Bro. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)



Saturday September 10, September 17 and September 24 2011

Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work

These classes are open to all Masons, regardless of their office, rank or Home District. It doesn't even matter if you've missed any or all of the previous sessions.

The format will be the same as our previous sessions with the brethren gathering for doughnuts and eye opening, high octane coffee at 9:00a.m. A \$2.00 donation is requested for the continental breakfast but the classes are free; being sponsored by Todmorden Lodge #647.

In the lodge room, we'll open and close in all three degrees, usually twice, giving those desiring it the opportunity to practice their work in the chair they are either in or the one they're about to enter. Our classes are quite informal as open books in the group are welcome and dress code is similarly relaxed as well (no regalia).

Over the course of the gatherings we will cover:

- the collection of the PG and PW,
- calling off and calling on,
- the JW's duties if there be no IPM in the lodge,
- the IPM's duties in the ritual,
- the Grand Honours,
- entering and leaving an open lodge,
- emphasis on the Deacons' work and receiving GL officers into lodge.



We will also review those pieces of the ritual that have been specifically requested by the attendees on the given morning.

Even those Brethren who are not yet officers or those who are EAs, FCs and recently raised MMs can get a great benefit from these sessions. If any 1st or 2nd degree Masons are present, we will tailor the work for their needs both inside and outside of the lodge room. A note here to Sponsors and Mentors of these new men; encourage them to attend with us and come out with them to assist with their getting comfortable in the openings and closings. Masons who have recently affiliated from outside of our jurisdiction and aspire to become an officer in their new home are enthusiastically urged to join us to become versed in the 'Ontario' way.

We'll answer any and all questions as they come up and encourage discussion on those points raised. We're flexible, within the confines of what's in the 'Book of the Work', as to what we'll cover and answer. We use the 2009 issue in our training. The whole intent is to help class members become as competent, at ease and satisfied with their work as they possibly can with an eye to what will be expected of them in the coming months and years.

Our gathering normally finishes before noon in the banquet room with more coffee, doughnuts and the practice of that truly Masonic endeavour; fellowship. Come out; visit, for as with all Masons we are anxious to have you join us because we're always "Happy to Meet. Sorry to Part. Happy to Meet Again."

Time: 9:00 am – to Noon
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$2 for coffee and stale sticky buns
Contact: Les Armitage @ 416.598.4794, or



Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Oh, Brother!



“When one loses the habit of going to lodge, one loses the habit of going to lodge . . .”

Re-reading Brother Compton’s “Whither Direction Our course” a number of times, having summated it for *Our side* (Freemasons in Ontario) it is shocking that he presented these points in 2005, the year I joined the fraternity.

The long and the short of it is that, although the average or median age is around 65 years (give or take a year or so,) the current members, who are that age or older, can not see the decline cascading their given lodge into oblivion. Further, they cannot extrapolate this dearth of vanishing members into the whole fraternity dripping into the *Dustbin of History* in a few years. The gist of things is that there has been no ‘daily advancement’ made in regard to utilizing the cyclone of electronic advancements our world is being diminished by daily.

People used to be proud (*bragged about it!*) of being dumb in *Mathematics*. Now they are proud of being at sea in regard to all this new technology. Some comedian, who has not read all that much, has just had a book published about how dumb men are. Obviously, he is not one of them! But he does bring forth the age-old concept that men, on average (2/3!), have received nature’s end of ‘the short stick.’ The artificial College of Teachers has just published an item which deals with athletes, who are being funnelled to be *the carnival pool* of our entertainment, as well as keep them occupied so that their testosterone driven needs have a “productive outlet.”

This brings up the various words/phrases made use of in ritual. Also, the fact that, as we have been deliberately pushed to be a fragmented society, by ramming down our throats the concept of Multi-Culturalism by the folks who actually run us, it has been ensured that such entities as Freemasonry are up for notice. We, as members, have not helped ourselves by being so reticent. Just pasting a Square & Compasses on the back of one’s car says nothing to anyone, except a fellow Mason.

The other day a real jerk was up my rear with his 3-ton truck. I got out of his way. He passed. His licence plate read: “DDGM + the year”! On top of that he ‘flew’ the pasted on Square & Compasses insignia. When I caught up with him to take a look at this “good man made better,” he got a little worried.

If and when I start to visit again, especially in that area of Ontario Masonry, I’ll keep an eye out for that vehicle, as such a member, a man at such a high level of Freemasonry, a man to whom I must provide honours when in open lodge, belittles everything we are supposed to try to stand for. He is genuinely concerned for the welfare of his society???

Is it not then time to consider *not going to lodges* where such an individual might turn up???

Author: Jörg Fischer



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