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[T]here is nothing wrong with the content of Freemasonry but there is definitely something wrong with the way we package our product.

- Bro. Michael Walker

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



Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,



As I write this message the 157th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge has recently closed and we now begin to assemble the District Team and confirm our plans for the 2012-2013 Masonic year in Toronto East District.

Let me first say "thank you" for all of the supporting and encouraging comments and e-mail messages that I have received on my recently being elected as your District Deputy Grand Master. It is an honour that I will not take lightly and I will do my best on your behalf as I perform my duties as our Grand Master's representative in Toronto East District.



There are a number of brethren from the District who have been elected or appointed to Grand Lodge and I congratulate them for the dedication to Freemasonry that these honours recognize:

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| R.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman | - | Past Grand Senior Warden (Honorary) and appointed to the Board of General Purposes |
| R.W. Bro. Ronald F. Janes | - | Grand Junior Warden |
| V.W. Bro. James Crawford | - | Grand Steward |
| V.W. Bro. Thomas S. Fulton | - | Grand Steward |
| V.W. Bro. Peter J Sialtsis | - | Grand Steward |

I am also pleased to introduce our new District Secretary, W. Bro. Wayne Nicholson, Past Master of Doric Lodge. Together we hope to help the Lodges and Brethren of the District have another successful year. You can contact Wayne by e-mail at toronto.east.secretary@gmail.com. By the way, you can contact me at my new e-mail address: brucepalanik@rogers.com.

I would also like to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to R.W. Bro. Keith Jones and V.W. Bro. Peter J Sialtsis for the wonderful job they did on behalf of all members of Toronto East this past year. May they enjoy a time of relaxation after all they did to achieve a successful year.

We are currently working to complete the Toronto East District Trestle Board and it will be distributed at our District meeting in September. However, at this time there are a few key dates in the near future that I want to provide early to allow you to plan ahead:

- Monday August 13 at 7:30 pm T.E.D. Right Worshipful Association
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
- Thursday August 16 at 7:30 pm Principal Lodge Officers and Secretaries
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
- Saturday August 25 from noon T.E.D. Senior Wardens' Corn Roast & BBQ
WindReach Farm, Whitby
- Saturday September 22 at 9:00 am T.E.D. Fall Business Meeting
East Toronto Masonic Temple

In addition, a number of Lodges are hosting receptions to honour the brethren on their recently-attained Grand Lodge appointments. At the time of writing, three dates have been confirmed; others are being planned and will be posted on the District website once known. They will also be published in the September issues of **The Builder** and **Hiram's Lighthouse**. I encourage everyone to visit each Lodge as you are able and join in the celebrations:

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| Thurs. Sept. 6, 2012 | R.W. Bro. Bruce Palanik | Doric Pickering Masonic Hall |
| Wed. Sept. 19, 2012 | V.W. Bro. James Crawford | Claremont Masonic Temple |
| Thurs. Sept. 27, 2012 | V.W. Bro. Thomas S. Fulton | East Toronto Masonic Temple |

Please check the District Website for those receptions not listed here.

Brethren, I very strongly believe in the words given in the Charge from the North East Angle during our Ceremony of Installation. We must, as Masons, remember that we need to practice outside the Lodge what we learn inside the lodge. Throughout the year, let us all work toward finding ways to do that well.

In closing, let me reiterate that the District Secretary and I will do our utmost to help the Members and Lodges of this District achieve their goals and, collectively, strive to continue as one of the pre-eminent Districts in our Grand Jurisdiction.

May the G.A.O.T.U. keep you safe and help us all to remain true to our obligations.



Freemasonry in action . . . deeds speak!!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Bruce N. Palanik
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

August 2012						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<u>6</u> Simcoe Day Another hot summer long weekend	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> * TED - R.W. Association Meeting 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> * TED - Principal Officers and Secretaries Meeting 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> End of Ramadan At last our Moslem brethren get to eat.	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> * TED - Senior Warden's Corn Roast see below WindReach Farm	<u>26</u> * Doric - Annual Golf Tournament see below Riverside Golf Course
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		



September 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<u>3</u> Labour Day - Last long weekend - pack up the cottage ☹- kids are back in school tomorrow ☺	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> * Coronati - Installation see below Doric Pickering	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> Rosh Hashanah Happy New Year! * Acacia - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>18</u> * Riverdale-John Ross Robertson - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> First Day of Fall * TED - Fall Business Meeting 9:00 am East Toronto	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> * TED - Blood Donor Clinic see below St. Aidan's Church	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

To Be Announced

*Wisdom is knowing the right path;
Integrity is taking it.
- Anonymous*

Blood Donor Clinics



Below you will find the district scheduled Blood Donor Clinics, but if you cannot attend them find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. It is necessary to book an appointment by calling 1.88.todonate (1.888.636.6283). 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 **MASN011058** 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

Upcoming Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday September 28, 2012

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Friday November 23, 2012

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

FYI

Frederick A Bartholdi, a Freemason, designed the statue of Liberty which stands in New York harbour. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the corner stone on August 5, 1885.

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

Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers for 2012

Congratulations to all those who have chosen to serve for the upcoming year. The following are those from the GTA districts. Apologies for any missed.

D.D.G.M.

Toronto West District	William B. Bath	Mississauga
Toronto Humber Valley District	Dennis R. Blake	Perfect Column
Toronto Don Valley District	Art D. Cecco	Ionic



Toronto East District	Bruce N. Palanik	Doric
York District	Walter W. Foster	Malone
Ontario District	Colin B. Skilling	David T. Campbell

Other Elected and Appointed Officers from the District

Grand Steward	Peter J. Sialtsis	Mimosa
Grand Steward	James Crawford	Markham Union
Grand Steward	Thomas S. Fulton	Todmorden
Grand Junior Warden	Ronald F. Janes	Todmorden
Grand Secretary	Terence Shand	Doric
Honourary M.O.B.	Robert Kliaman	Canada

Remember the North East Corner



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

Even if you've signed a donor card, you still need to register your consent to donate. It only takes a couple of minutes. But in doing so, you could one day save 8 lives and enhance 75 more. Not a bad return on investment, eh? Register now.

www.beadonor.ca

How Many?

The 250th Anniversary of the founding of the Premier Grand Lodge in 1967 gathered together more than 12,500 Freemasons in Earls Court, London.

The tricentennial will be coming up in 2017, 5 years from now. I wonder if we will be doing anything to commemorate the date.

Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team

Around the year of 1948, there was a group of Oklahoma Indians that got together to put on some Masonic Degree work. It was very well received by those who witnessed the effort. In 1950, part of the 1948 group decided to form the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team. Every year since, the Team has traveled all over the U.S. and Europe to put on the Master Mason Degree.

Until recently, there has been comparatively little change in Team. The Directors have been Fred Hays, Bunny Manly, Bob Archiquette, Ron Chambers, Terry Adams and currently Donald R. (Butch) McIntosh. Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and added to the Team in 1959, Bob Archiquette has been with the Team at almost every one of the Team's Degrees and is still participating. The Team also consists of 13 Past Masters and others are in line at the present time.

The Team has never charged for their work and will not do mock Degrees.

One of our largest degrees put on was in Delaware and had a count of approximately 4,500 brethren present. Sometimes the Team has outnumbered the people in the lodge. Regardless, the Team still put on the same degree.





Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team

The Team is not made up of members from any one Lodge, but from several. All the Brothers must live in the State of Oklahoma and be willing to travel two and occasionally three weekends a month. If the Team can travel from Tulsa to a Lodge in an hour, the Team will work week nights. This amount of travel time during a year can be stressful on home life, but the Team has a very supportive “home team.” On occasion, the “home team” gets to “go on the road”; that is to say the wives of the Team get invited to visit by the ladies of the Lodge members for whom the Team is doing the Degree work. It is through this fellowship that many long-standing friendships, for both the members and the wives, have been built. Team members genuinely enjoy getting to know their brethren from other states and finding kindred spirits in Masonry.

Since the early 60's the Team has had picture postcards available as a memento of their degree work. Lately, they have added lapel pins, ball caps, and coins as other souvenirs. The donations received through these help to pay for their travels. When the Team travels out of state, they ask that the requesting Lodge pay for travel, food and lodging. In recent years, members of the Team have put on a traditional Indian dance program and story telling of legends and tales to help some of the Lodges defray part of the cost of their travel. This has been a favourite, not only for the Lodge members, but also their ladies and family members. This is the only time that the ladies and children can see the Team members in their authentic tribal regalia or dance clothes. The Team often visits the Shrine hospitals located near the Degree work. They enjoy their talks with the kids and staff, and perform their dance programs for them.

The Native American Nations represented on the team are Apache, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, Keetoowah, Oneida, Ottawa, Quapaw, and Shawnee. In the past members have been Delaware, Kaw, Kiowa, Pawnee and Ponca.

This is oldest “Degree Team” in existence, and that is mostly because as a Team the group has never stopped or had a break since inception - over sixty year ago. The Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team has raised over 900 to the Master Mason Degree. They are the only known Indian Degree Team.

www.phoenixmasonry.org/oklahoma_masonic_indian_degree_team.htm





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How To Say It

Mosaic	moh- <u>zay</u> -ick
Necessity	ne- <u>sess</u> -it-ee
Neither	<u>nee</u> -thur or <u>nye</u> -thur ('th' as in 'the' not 'th' as in 'faith')
Omnipotent	omm- <u>nip</u> -oh-tent
Ostentation	oss-ten- <u>tay</u> -shun
Palliate	<u>pal</u> -lee-ate
Parallelepipedon	pa-ra- <u>lell</u> -e- <u>pip</u> -e-don ('a' as in 'at')
Paradox	<u>pa</u> -ra-docks
Participation	par- <u>tiss</u> -sip- <u>pay</u> -shun
Patronize	<u>pay</u> -trun- <u>ize</u>
Peculiar	pee- <u>kyool</u> -yer
Peculiarly	pee- <u>kyool</u> -yer-lee
Penal	<u>pee</u> -nal
Perform	per- <u>form</u>
Permission	per- <u>mish</u> -un
Perpendicular	<u>per</u> -pen- <u>dick</u> -yoo-lar
Persevere	per-se- <u>veer</u>
Perseverance	per-se- <u>veer</u> -anse
Perusal	pe- <u>rooz</u> -al
Pestilence	<u>pess</u> -till-ence



- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work

What's That All About?

Why is Masonic ritual regarded as so important?

Truth may be taught without ritual, but truth taught by ritual is always taught as the original teachers desired and makes a lasting impression upon the mind of the learner.

Man has always devised ceremonies of initiation for his organizations; the Men's House of the Indians had them; savage tribes bring their young men officially to manhood by rites which are sometimes rather terrible; ancient religions admitted to the temple only those who could qualify by successfully completing a course of initiation; many modern churches - especially those denominated "high" - have set forms for religious worship; crafts and guilds of all kinds in all ages have had certain preparatory rites.



A ritual that becomes sacrosanct in human belief tends to stabilize truth and to keep it uncontaminated by “modern” ideas. Many a man has thought he could “improve” the ritual of Freemasonry. None has succeeded in making better that which was already “best,” since its content was and is living, breathing, sentient truth, conveyed in words, actions and symbols that by their very antiquity prove that they are “best” for the purpose.

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, beloved teacher of the spiritual aspects of Freemasonry, said: “Ritual is the dramatization of belief, hope and spiritual dream. It assists imagination by giving form to what otherwise would remain formless, presenting vivid mental images that lend a reality-feeling to what is often abstract and unreal. It is picture philosophy, truth visualized, at once expressing and confirming the faiths and visions of the mind.”

Why is a Masonic lodge called a “blue lodge”? (Ed: “blue lodge” is a particularly American term. Most other parts of the world make reference to “craft lodge.”)

Schools of thought give different answers. Some authorities think that as blue has from ancient Biblical times been associated with truth, with Deity, with wisdom and hope; that, as Mackey taught, the blue of the Old Testament is a translation of the Hebrew *tekelet*, which is derived from a root meaning *perfection*, blue came into Masonry as its colour by a natural association. Others believe that as our ancient brethren met on hills and in vales, over which the blue vault of heaven is a ceiling; that as Jacob in his vision saw the ladder ascending from earth to heaven; that the covering of a lodge is the clouded canopy or starry decked heaven, these allusions seem to connote that blue, the colour of the sky, is that of all celestial attributes for which Masons strive.

Man’s earliest god was the sun. The sun rose, travelled, and set in a realm of blue; to associate the colour with Deity was inevitable. Blue also is the colour of the ocean, of mountain streams, of lakes of good drinking water - that blue should also become emblematic of purity is equally natural.

The Grand Lodge in England in 1731 changed from a previous determination that white was the Masonic colour and denominated blue as that hue. A noted English Masonic student, Fred J. W. Crowe wrote:

- (1) that the Order of the Garter was the most famous Order of Knighthood in existence;
- (2) that Freemasons, in adopting the colour (Garter blue) attempted to add to their dignity and the growing prestige of Grand Lodge officers;
- (3) that two Grand Masters prior to the adoption of “Garter blue” were John, Duke of Montagu (Grand Master in 1721) and Charles, Duke of Richmond (Grand Master in 1724) both Knights of the Garter;
- (4) that the Duke of St. Albans and the Earl of Chesterfield were both Craftsmen and Knights of the Garter, and
- (5) Bro. John ‘Antis’ (Anstis), member of University Lodge, of which Dr. Desaguliers and other Masonic notables belonged, was Register of the Order of the Garter.

The two theories which find the most believers are:

- (1) the adoption of the colour by early operative Freemasons because of an age-old association of blue with those virtues which are peculiarly Masonic,
- (2) the adoption of the colour by the early Grand Lodge in imitation of the nobility and the fame of the colour of the most famous Order of Knighthood in the world.



Masonically, what are Fool, Dotage, Libertine, and Profane?

Masonically,

- a fool is a mature man without good common sense. Legally, he is of age, mentally, he is retarded.
- Dotage begins at no special year; it is that time in a man's life when his mental powers deteriorate. The fool never has much mental power; the greatest mentality may decline in dotage to complete lack of responsibility and judgment. Some men enter dotage in early life; others never enter it at all.
- Libertine refers to a freethinker, a nonconformist, one who subscribes to no higher authority in his thinking. It does not denote what is meant by the word in modern days, a man who is promiscuous sexually.
- Profane, means "not a Mason" - it comes from the Latin *pro* meaning before and *lanum*, a temple; A profane is one "outside of the temple," uninitiated. The word has no reference to "profanity" in the modern sense of taking the name of God in vain.

Explain the meaning of the allusions in the 12th Chapter of Ecclesiastes.

Of the two favourite interpretations of Biblical commentators one makes this dramatic passage a description of old age and senile decay; the other, a reference to the seldom experienced and much feared thunderstorm in Palestine.

Verses 1, 2: The darkening of light and luminaries refers to coming blindness or extreme near-sightedness, and the clouds which return after the rain to a continuation of poor sight after much weeping.

Verse 3: The keepers of the house are the hands which tremble with palsy in old age. The strong men are the legs which become bowed with the years. The grinders which cease when they are few are the teeth, and those that look out of the windows are, poetically, the eyes.

Verse 4: The doors are the ears which grow deaf in age and can no longer hear the sound of grinding of grain in the little stone mills that the women use. To rise up at the voice of a bird may signify either the light sleep of age easily interrupted by any slight sound, or the nervousness that is so extreme in some old men that they start at any little noise. The daughters of music are the vocal cords which lose their timbre in age; hence, the cracked voice of senility.

Verse 5: The old man fears any height, knowing his brittle bones will stand no fall. He is timid, as he has no strength with which to defend himself. The almond tree blossoms white, like an old man's hair. Any little weight, even a grasshopper is too much a burden for extreme age to carry. The old have no desires. The long home is the grave, in anticipation of which the mourners go about the streets.

Verse 6: The silver cord is the spinal cord, the golden bowl is the brain, the pitcher broken at the fountain is a failing heart, and the wheel broken at the cistern is the kidneys, bladder and prostate gland, all of which give trouble to old men.

Whether or not the writer possessed a sufficient knowledge of anatomy to symbolize parts of the body as the "silver cord," the "golden bowl," the "pitcher," the "wheel broken at the cistern" is so problematical that much scepticism of this interpretation has been expressed.

The storm interpretation is not open to this objection and certainly it is far more in keeping with the magnificent poetry of the words.



Think of a windy day, with clouds and rain; towards evening it begins to clear, but the heavens turn black again as the “clouds return after the rain.” This was a signal for caution if not for terror in Palestine. Men and women and children feared the thunderstorm, probably because it came so seldom. Doors were shut in the streets. The strong guards who stood before the houses of the wealthy were afraid, and trembled, for they might not leave their places. The little mills with which the women ground grain at eventide ceased; few would remain at their tasks in the face of the storm. Women in upper rooms drew back into the dark. Those outdoors became nervous; no one sang; the black thunderheads flourished their white tops like the almond tree; everyone feared the lightning and the thunder on high; even a little weight which kept a man from running to shelter was a burden.

Here the admonition is to remember the Creator before the terror of death, which is worse than the terror of the storm. The rich man with his golden water bowl hung from a silver chain must fear it. The poor man with his earthen pitcher who must send his women to the well for water was in terror. Even the man strong and rough as the crude wooden wheel which drew the skin bucket to the top of the well shook with fear. Death is the same for all, and it is feared alike by all.

Where is Joppa?

Joppa, or Jaffa, was incorporated with Tel Aviv in 1950. It is currently a city of under 400,000, and is believed to be one of the oldest ports on the Mediterranean Sea. In ancient times it was the port of nearest access to Jerusalem. Originally it marked the boundary of the Tribe of Dan; after the captivity it became Hebrew territory. It was from this port that Jonah set forth for Tarshish and here St. Peter restored Tabitha to life.

Why is Acacia a Masonic symbol?

In putting acacia at the Master’s temporary grave, Freemasonry follows beliefs which go back to the captivity of the Jews in Egypt. There acacia was supposed to have grown about and protected the chest into which Osiris had been tricked by his jealous brother, Typhon. Searching for her husband, Isis discovered the tree in the home of a Phoenician king. For service she rendered the king, he gave her the tree and thus the body of her husband.

Like the evergreens of this country, acacia is hardy. Sprouts come often from beams and columns made of acacia, the shittah wood of the Old Testament. The Jews planted it on graves as a symbol of life, and to mark the resting place of the dead that footsteps profane it not.

As myrtle for the Greeks, mistletoe for the Scandinavians, and lotus for the Egyptians were symbols of immortality, so is acacia to Freemasonry.

- One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry



Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Englewood Lodge #360
Englewood, FL
thanks to Dennis Wilson

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

Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who does nothing because he could only do a little.
- Bro. Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

Monday August 6 2012

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 (probably the largest [Caribbean Festival](#) in the world with an attendance exceeding 2 million is held in Toronto on 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.

Cutting Corners

“Originally, circumambulation was only performed in the lodge in relation to the specific preparation and examination of the candidate prior to his obligation, to ensure that he was properly prepared and a fit and proper person to participate in the ensuing ceremony. This procedure reflected the combined symbolisms of the circle and the circle of existence, which was intended to remind the candidate that his upward course of purification was beginning.

All other movements in the lodge were made by the most direct and convenient route, which clearly distinguished the ‘rite of circumambulation’ from routine movements and emphasised the importance of the rite. This visible distinction is still maintained in lodges of operative freemasons and also in those lodges of speculative Freemasons that follow either the Emulation working or some of the old Scottish workings. Nowadays the word ‘circumambulation’ has almost disappeared from use in speculative craft Freemasonry and ‘perambulation’ is usually used to describe all movements on the floor of the lodge. . .

“Over-enthusiastic ritualists then introduced the squaring of the lodge room for all movements on the floor, so that the original purpose of ‘circumambulation’ ceased to be understood, or at the very least it was subjugated to the extent of becoming a mere routine, seriously detracting from the symbolism of the ceremonials. . . .”

www.themasonictrowel.com/books/the_square_and_compasses_falconer/files/chapter_12.htm



The Canted Square

Within the rituals of occultic orders, such as our Order (Freemasonry), it is required that the candidate circle the altar of the lodge in a particular manner. It is called circumambulation. Circumambulation is the practice of “. . . making a circuit about a thing or in an area of reverence . . .”

In Masonry, circumambulation involves the making of a circuit around the Lodge, while keeping the right hand toward the altar. “The rite is symbolic of the apparent daily course of the sun, and was undoubtedly derived from the ancient sun-worship.” “During the circuits of the lodge room, corners should be squared in accordance with the ancient tradition of “squaring the lodge.”

Further, the Entered Apprentice during initiation shall proceed to the northeast corner of the Lodge three times during the circumambulation. The Fellowcraft during passing shall proceed there four times, and the Master being raised shall proceed there five times.

The 47th Proposition of Euclid is known as “that amazing Proposition which is the foundation of all Masonry.” It is also known as the Pythagorean Theorem. The Pythagorean Theorem is important in building, and one of its uses is to square a room. Builders use the theorem to square the corners of rooms by using the ratio of the numbers three, four and five. Three squared plus four squared equals five squared.

This was, with the Egyptians several thousand years ago, the standard and symbol of perfection, and they made it also the basis of all their measurements. They looked on it as the symbol of Universal Nature, the side 3 being Isis, the female principle, 4 being Osiris, the male principle, and 5 being Horus, the son, the product of these two principles. They said 3 was the first perfect odd number, that 4 was the square of 2 the first even number, and 5 was the result of 3 and 2.

Any Mason, after having been raised, has reproduced by circumambulation the numbers three, four and five in the most significant corner of the Lodge, the Northeast, and thereby has unknowingly recited with his feet the formula which is contained in the 47th problem, and thereby has “squared the Lodge.”

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Saturday August 25 2012

Toronto East District - Senior Wardens' Association Corn Roast

The Toronto East District Senior Wardens' Association, the Stonecutters, cordially invite all Masons, Family and Friends to an afternoon of food and festivities at WindReach Farm where everyone can take part.

A visit to WindReach Farm is an excellent opportunity to experience the sights, sounds, smells and touches of a working farm. The farm covers over 100 acres and offers an agricultural (farming) environment and a nature interpretation centre especially designed for groups of all ages and abilities. The animals love to have human contact!! Wheelchair accessible pathways, buildings, barns and washrooms combine to make a wonderful experience for anyone who comes out.





This is a "rain or shine" event. There is a lot to see and do, with activities planned for the children and paths to walk for anyone wanting a scenic tour of the grounds. Should it rain, we will have access to meeting rooms, the upper level of the barn and the indoor riding arena so that events will continue no matter what the weather. And, of course, you can also sit and talk with your family and friends . . . and meet other members of the District, including the new DDGM!!

And don't forget THE FOOD!! There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and, of course, the star of the day . . . lots of Corn on the Cob cooked in a big iron pot on a tripod over a wood fire!!

Admission includes access to all of the WindReach Farm grounds and activities (excluding horseback riding), Corn Roast / BBQ. Tickets are available from your Senior Warden NOW.

Time: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 Location: WindReach Farm
 312 Townline Rd in the Hamlet of Ashburn, Ontario (Lakeridge Rd about 12 kms north of Taunton Rd - 1.9 kms east of Lakeridge.)
 Cost: \$10/ea
 \$25 - Family
 Contact: Michael Morris @ mmorris@cavalluzzo.com or 416.931.2954

Sunday August 26 2012

Doric - Annual Golf Tournament



Nine holes of golf and a BBQ steak dinner with all the fixings. Loads of fun. We invite all brethren, ladies and guests to join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Loads, absolutely loads, of awards and prizes. Last year every participant got at least one prize; many got more. Motorized Golf Carts: \$8.50 per person on a two-person cart. Please **RSVP** in advance for allergy concerns and alternatives.

Time: 12:30 pm - T-Off - rain or shine
 about 4:30 pm-5:00 pm - Social and BBQ Steak Dinner.
 Location: Riverside Golf Course
 837 Riverside Dr., Ajax, ON L1T 3R9 - 905.427.1921
 just north of Brock Rd. and Finch Ave.
 Cost: \$47/ea - Golf and Dinner

\$27/ea - Golf only
 \$20/ea - BBQ dinner only
 \$10/ea - Kids Menu of hamburger, fries and salad

Contact: Terrence M. Doyle tmdoyle@rogers.com or 905.839.3823 or cell - 416.528.3823

Ethics must begin at the top of an organization. It is a leadership issue and the chief executive must set the example.

- Edward Hennessy



Wednesday September 12 through Saturday September 15 2012

Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree and its Subordinate Bodies for the Republic of Cuba - International Symposium

The Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree and its Subordinate Bodies for the Republic of Cuba, in collaboration with the Grand Lodge of Cuba of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will convene a symposium on strategic topics to foster the validity of Masonry in contemporary society, summoning all the Regular Freemasons of the World and scholars on cultural, social, scientific and environmental topics related to the tenets and principles of Masonry.

Themes

- I. Current and future perspectives of Masonry in the context of culture.
 - a. Mission and vision in the cultural debate.
 - b. Role of Freemasonry as an expression of cultural identity.
 - c. Position in defence of diversity and cultural influence.
 - d. New challenges for the enrichment of the Traditions.

- II. Guidelines and priorities in relation to the challenges of scientific and technological development.
 - a. Computer and internet.
 - b. Biology and biotechnology.
 - c. others

- III. Freemasonry and Society.
 - a. Global socio-economic problems.
 - b. Financial crisis. Its impact.
 - c. Imbalance between developed and developing countries.

- IV. Masonry in relation to the deterioration of the environment.
 - a. Urgent measures to global population growth.
 - b. Global warming and its consequences.
 - c. Preservation of flora and fauna.

Papers for the Symposium

- 1 - Topic: no more than 15 (fifteen) and not less than 6 (six) pages A4 type, 12 point Arial, single spaced and one-half (1 1/2), margins: 2 cm (left) and 1, 5 cm (top, right and bottom). The paper should express the theme or sub theme, title and author (or authors). The structure must conform to the following academic format: introduction, development, conclusions and recommendations, as well as the literature consulted (in standard form: author last name and initial-name, title, publisher and year, chapters, headings and pages). Must be sent in digital format (Word), in the author's original language and in Spanish.
- 2 - Summary: No more than 250 words, written in Arial 12 point, 1.5 spacing (1 1/2 lines.) The abstract should include the objective of the work and keywords. Be sent in digital format (Word), in the author's original language and Spanish.
- 3 - Presentation time: 15 (fifteen) minutes of presentation and 10 (ten) of debate.
- 4 - Format of work: plenary.
- 5 - Original papers that have been published may be presented.

Additionally include as an attachment the following:

- A. Name of author(s).
- B. Nation, Masonic Obedience and highest degree reached.
- C. If not a Mason: Personal data, synthesis of the academic curriculum and country.



- D. Logistical or technical requirements for presentation.
- E. Language to be used in the presentation.

Deadline for paper submissions is July 10, 2012 at 24:00 hours.

All submissions or requests for further information should be sent to the event's official address:
simposio.supremo33.cuba@gmail.com

The working languages of the event will be Spanish and English. Depending on the participation of large delegations, other working languages may be incorporated.

Papers will not be returned to the authors and the Organizing Committee reserves the right to publication. The Scientific Committee is not responsible for the opinions of the authors and will not consider papers reflecting partisan positions on political or religious matters.

General Program

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Companions</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Dress</u>
Sep. 11 - 12	Arrivals			Airport & Hotel	Foreign Delegates and Companions	Informal
Sep. 12	12:00 - 19:00	Delegates' accreditation	FREE	Meliá Cohiba Hotel	All Delegates Foreigners and Cubans	Street formal
	21:00	Welcoming Cocktail		Meliá Cohiba Swimming Pool	All	Street formal
Sep. 13	08:00		Country trip to Pinar del Río province. Visit to the Viñales Valley (lunch included).	Pinar del Río y Viñales	Foreigner Companions	Informal
	09:00	Symposium inauguration. Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council of 33 rd Degree for the Republic of Cuba, I.P.H. Lázaro Faustino Cuesta Valdés speech.		Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	10:00	Coffee Break				
	10:30 - 13:00	Work begins - Theme - "Present time and perspectives of Masonry in the context of Culture"		Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreigners and Cubans	Street formal
	13:30	Lunch		Meliá Cohiba Buffet Restaurant	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	
	15:00 - 18:00	Work continues - Theme - "Guidelines and priorities in relation to the challenges of scientific and technological development"		Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	19:30	BY INVITATION ONLY Foreign Delegates (Freemasons) will be greeted by Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council of 33 rd Degree for the Republic of Cuba, members of the Supreme Council and their Subordinate Bodies.		Scottish Cathedral - Centro Habana	Invited Freemasons	Formal with Regalia



Sep. 14	09:00	Work continues - Theme - "Masonry and Society"	FREE	Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	10:00	Coffee Break	Shopping tour of Havana Handicraft Fairs. Lunch at city's restaurant.	Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	11:00 - 13:00	Morning session continues				
	13:30	Lunch		Meliá Cohiba Buffet Restaurant	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	15:00 - 18:00	Work continues - Theme - "Masonry in relation to the deterioration of the environment"	FREE	Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	18:30	Symposium Closing		Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street forma
	20:00	Tourist activity - 9 o'clock Gunshot Ceremony and dinner.		La Cabaña Castle & Rancho Palco Restaurante	Foreign Delegates and Companions	Informal
Sep. 15	09:30	Tourist Activity - Havana City tour. Visit to the National Masonic Building "I. Bro. Carlos Manuel Piñeiro del Cueto." Greeting by Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Cuba of A.F. and A.M. and their Grand Officials. Cancellation of philatelic sheet and exhibition inauguration			Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates	Informal
	13:30	Fraternal Lunch		Santo Ángel Restaurante, Old Square	Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates	Informal
	18:00	Floral offering to Apostle's R. Bro. José Julián Martí Pérez statue.		Central Park of Havana	Foreign Delegates and Companions, Cuban Delegates and Masonic people	Street formal Regalia for the heads of dele- gations
	19:00	Music concert and Art exposition with participation of members of the Fraternity and invited artists.		San Francisco de Asis Basilica	Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates	Street formal
	21:00	Farewell Dinner		"El Patio" Restaurant Cathedral Square		
Sep. 16 - 17		Foreign delegates and their companions depart for their respective countries				

Additional Option (for foreign delegates and companions)

Program extension with lodging in Varadero:

Sep. 16 - 09:00 Bus transfer to Varadero peninsula (Matanzas province). One night lodging in a 5 star resort hotel, All Inclusive. Enjoy the beach!

Sep. 17 - 13:00 Bus return to Havana.



NOTICE - Depending on each client's departure flight, it is possible to extend the stay in Varadero as many nights as desired and to make a direct transfer to Havana Airport for the return flight.

Thursday September 13 2012

Coronati - Installation

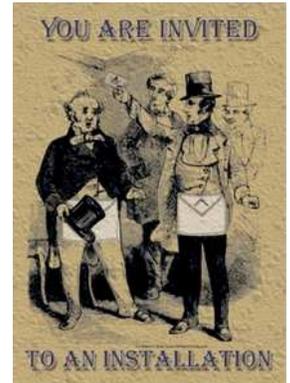
The officers and members would appreciate your presence. Please **RSVP** before August 24th if attending the Banquet.

Time: 5:30 pm - Lodge opens
 6:00 pm - Banquet (sharp)
 7:00 pm - Lodge reconvenes
 7:30 pm - Visitors Received (or earlier)

Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Cost: \$15 for the Banquet

Contact: Gary Rhodes @ gary@rhodes.ca or 416.751.7783



... by the Lighthouse Beam

The well known movie actor Brother Ernest Borgnine was called to the celestial lodge above on July 8, 2012. He died of renal failure at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California, with his wife and children at his side.

He was a member of Hollywood Lodge No. 355, Los Angeles, and in 2000 received his 50-year pin in Abingdon Lodge No. 48, Abingdon, Virginia. A 33rd Scottish Rite Mason of the Southern Jurisdiction he joined the Valley of Los Angeles in 1964, received the KCCH (Knight Commander of the Court of Honour) in 1979, was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary in 1983, and received the Grand Cross of the Court of Honour in 1991.

Why I Am A Mason Mouth To Ear



In 1946, I traveled with a friend down to a little town called Abingdon, Virginia, to see what the Barter Theater had to offer. It offered nothing except hard work and board. My friend, not accepting the work they offered him, stayed one day - I stayed five years. In that time I grew to love the town and all it offered. The people, in particular, were simply marvellous.

Occasionally I would be assigned to go down to the printing shop and get posters made for the upcoming shows at the Barter Theater. One day, in talking to the owner of the print shop, one Elmo Vaughan, I found that he belonged to the local Masonic Lodge, No. 48, in Abingdon. My father was also a Mason and had advanced to the Thirty-second Degree in Scottish Rite Masonry, and I told this to Elmo. He was pleased, and sensing his pleasure, I asked him if maybe I could join. He said nothing, continuing his work, and a short while later, I took my posters and left.

The next time I saw Elmo, I asked him again about joining the Masonic Order - again he said nothing - and again my work took me away. We became good friends and finally one day I passed by and again I asked if I could join the Masons. Instantly, he whipped out an application and I hurriedly filled it out. I didn't learn 'til later, that in those days, you had to ask three times.

I was thrilled! Not only was I going to be the first actor ever in Lodge No. 48, but I could just imagine my father's surprise when I would spring the old greetings on him! I wanted only to surprise my Dad - and was I surprised, when after I was made an Entered Apprentice, I found I had to remember everything that happened to me at that event and come back and answer questions about it!

I was assigned to a dear old man of about 92 years of age who, I felt, must have been there when the Lodge first started. He was really of the old school - and he started me out with the foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee and mouth-to-ear routine of teaching.

Besides doing my work for the Barter Theater and a little acting to boot, I was also going to that dear Brother for my work in Masonry. I would tramp all over those lovely hills and work on my "Whence



came you's" and one day - oh, one fine day - I stood foot-to-foot with my Brother and answered every question perfectly! I was ecstatic! I was overjoyed and couldn't wait to get to Lodge to show my ability as an Entered Apprentice.

After I quieted down, that dear Brother said, "You've done fine, but aren't you really only half started?" I couldn't believe him! I knew my work; what else was there? He said "Wouldn't it be better if you knew all the questions too?"

I couldn't believe my ears! All that hard work and only half done? He gently sat me down foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee and mouth-to-ear and taught me all the questions. That didn't come easy, because I was almost doing the work by rote, but with careful listening and by really applying myself, I was soon able to deliver all the questions and answers perfectly! The night that I stood in front of the Lodge and was asked if I were ready to answer the questions of an Entered Apprentice, I respectfully asked if I could do both - questions and answers. I was granted that wish and later found that I was the second man in my Lodge to have ever done so! I am truly proud of that, never having demitted, I am still a member in good standing in Abingdon Lodge No. 48.

I tell this story not for the merit it might gain me, but to tell you that learning the Entered Apprentice obligation taught me a great lesson in acting as well: that before I ever attempt to do a part I should work, rehearse, feel, almost live that part to know what I am talking about!

As I've advanced in Masonry, I have found we are an elite group of people who believe in God, country, family and neighbours. We work hard to help our fellow man; and through our charitable work, such as support for the Childhood Language Disorders Centers, we have made it possible to help many children grow into good American citizens. We should always be proud of the Order we belong to. Where in all the world do you find so many great men and Brothers who have helped the whole wide world? But - we are hiding our light under a bushel Basket!

Recently I attended a dinner for a friend, and I ran across a Brother who identified himself in a hushed voice. I asked why he spoke in a whisper when talking about Masonry, and suddenly I realized he wasn't the only one who had ever done that. I speak out loud about Masonry to everyone! I'm proud of the fact that I belong to an organization that made me a better American, Christian, husband and neighbour; and all it took was a little self-determination by going foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee, and mouth-to-ear!

Author: Ernest Borgnine
The Scottish Rite Journal



ADMINISTRATION:

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The following addresses are bouncing because the addresses are not correct or no longer valid. If anyone has a good address, please send it to me.

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