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A Mason is a man whose conduct should be squared by strict rectitude and justice towards his fellow creatures; his demeanour should be marked by the level of courtesy and kindness; while the uprightnes of heart and integrity of action, should be his the plumb,



distinguishing characteristic; and thus guided by the moveable jewels of Masonry, he may descend the vale of life with joy, in the hope of being accepted by the Most High, as a successful candidate for admission into the Grand Lodge above.

- Bro. Albert G. Mackey (1807-1881)

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

Greetings Brethren,

December is the month of peace and miracles. Among the world's great faiths, two will be holding major celebrations this month, that being Christmas and Hanukkah. These holidays provide an excellent opportunity for all men, particularly Masons to evaluate themselves as individuals and reflect upon the world around them. It would seem that we rush through our lives for eleven months of the year, taking little or no notice of those around us. But this glorious month presents to us a unique opportunity to reflect upon the needs of others.

The words "peace on earth and good will to men everywhere" take on a significant meaning in December and despite the commercialization of this time of year, I for one find it a wonderful time to be out among people who seem happier, kinder and most of all charitable. Brethren, we gave thanks in October for what we have, we gave thanks in November for our freedom. Let us this December give thanks for our own good fortune by being charitable to those less fortunate.

Remember that time when you were asked, "... would you give if it were in your power?" Check within your Lodge to see if there are any brethren in need of assistance this holiday season. Support our Temples as they continue the tradition of putting a collection box in the lobbies to collect toys and food



products to give to those in need. You may know a neighbour, friend or relative in need. Sometimes, when someone is down on their luck, their pride may prevent them from asking for a handout. In those situations, I never choose to look at it that way; but rather, as offering a hand up. As Masons, who profess to espouse the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, it would be ideal if we could live every month as if it were December.

I thank all Brethren who were able to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Markham, Scarborough, and Claremont. There certainly seem to be a resurgence of patriotism in our country to honour those Armed Forces personnel who sacrificed for our freedoms. At the Scarborough Ceremonies, I was honoured to have Canadian Army Second Lieutenant Bro. Joe Curry, a member of The Beaches Lodge who recently returned from Afghanistan, join me as we laid the wreath of Remembrance on behalf of the Toronto East District Masons.

The reception hosted by Wexford Lodge this past month in honour of V.W. Bro Gerald J. Newall, to celebrate his appointment as Grand Steward was very well attended. V.W. Bro. Newall was suitably honoured by his Brethren, family and friends for his dedication to the Craft and Masonic service; a truly worthy recipient indeed.



I would also like to thank the Brethren who attended the reception in my honour held by Mimosa Lodge this past month. My family and I enjoyed the speakers and presentations made that evening, and I am both humbled and grateful for the best wishes and support given to me.

There will be five Installations held in December: West Hill on December 7th, Birch Cliff on December 9th, Scarboro on December 12th, Doric on December 15th and Markham Union, which had to be rescheduled to December the 21st. I am thankful for the wonderful support that you have been giving to our lodges with your attendance at these important events and look forward to seeing you at as many Installations as you are able to attend this holiday season.

As always, please keep up to date on the events in our District by reading your Trestle Board and visit our District web site www.torontoeastdistrict.com and check the calendar.

So my Brethren, as we enter this special holiday time, Diane and I wish you all the joy, happiness and contentment that comes from celebrating the season, by spending time with your family and friends.

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

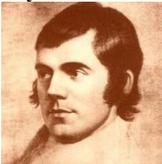


TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

| December 2011 | | | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| <u>5</u> TED - Blood Donor Clinic → see below Call 1.88.todonate Doric Pickering | <u>6</u> * Toronto → Assembly #2 Rainbow Girls - Annual Christmas Dinner See below Doric Pickering | <u>7</u> * West Hill - Installation Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto | <u>8</u> Bodhi Day | <u>9</u> * Birch Cliff - Installation Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering | <u>10</u> * TED - Officer Progression Workshop-Session 1B See below Doric Pickering | <u>11</u> |
| <u>12</u> * Scarboro - Installation Banq - 7:00 pm ← Visitors - 8:00 pm DGM & DDGM in attendance Doric Pickering | <u>13</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>15</u> * Doric - Installation Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering | <u>16</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>18</u> |
| <u>19</u> | <u>20</u> Start of Hanukkah 8 Day Festival of Lights | <u>21</u> * Markham Union - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:45 pm Claremont | <u>22</u> <i>Winter Begins</i> 1:50 am  | <u>23</u> | <u>24</u> Christmas Eve  | <u>25</u> Christmas Day  |
| <u>26</u> Boxing Day  | <u>27</u> St. John the Evangelist Day | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>31</u> New Year's Eve  | |



January 2012

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| <u>23</u> Chinese New Year - Year of the Dragon  | <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> Robbie Burn's Day  | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> TED - Blood Donor Clinic see below Call 1.88.todonate St. Aidan's Church | <u>28</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work See below East Toronto | <u>29</u> |
| <u>30</u> | <u>31</u> | | | | | |



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

Supporting Local Masonic Youth Initiatives

The DDGM has chosen to support the Masonic Youth in our District and local area. Our initial Fund-Raising endeavour is a Raffle at \$20 a ticket. There will be two (2) Grand Prizes of -

- two Gold Tickets to a Toronto Maple Leaf hockey game and
- a \$50 Dinner Voucher at Jack Astors, downtown Toronto.

The games are on December 19th vs. Los Angeles and January 3rd vs. Tampa Bay. The draw will be at the December 15th Doric Installation at Doric Pickering Masonic Hall, or, if all the tickets are sold out earlier, at the next available meeting in our district. Tickets can be purchased from the Senior Wardens of each lodge. There are only 200 tickets printed.

Contact: Malcolm Parish @ malcolm_parish@hotmail.com or 905.213.9858

Anticipate charity by preventing poverty; assist the reduced fellow man, either by a considerable gift or a sum of money or by teaching him a trade or by putting him in the way of business so that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced to the dreadful alternative of holding out his hand for charity. This is the highest step and summit of charity's golden ladder.

- Maimonides [Moshe ben Maimon] (1135-1204)

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 -

Tuesday December 6, 2011

10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Clinic Hours
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
457 Kingston Rd. W. (at Mill St.)
905.683.0365

Friday January 27, 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 March 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

Friday May 25, 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 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

Remember the North East Corner



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

Toronto East Masonic Centre (T.E.M.C.)

Although progress continues to be made, there is really nothing to report at this time.

- Graeme Boyce
President SMTC & TEMC



Scarborough Remembrance Day Observance



Bro. Joseph Curry and R.W. Bro. Keith Jones
At the Scarborough Civic Centre

Lost! Past Master's Jewel

Richard Carveth has lost his PM jewel. It was not in his regalia case after the banquet hour after the meeting on Friday November 25th.

This PM jewel is especially important to our Lodge and to Richard, as it originally belonged to our First Master, W. Bro. John Carveth, who was Richard's great grandfather. It was originally presented in 1923.



If any member or visitor may have found it or knows of its whereabouts, please contact Richard right away.

rgcarveth@rogers.com

Who Would Have Thought That!

Brent Morris (Google the name if you do not recognize it) is a mathematician. He recently did an analysis on dues structures and memberships and published it on the Philaethes Society Email Forum. He was working with Scottish Rite but the results could easily apply to Craft Lodges. The results were surprising. The following is the original message and a portion of the resulting discussion.

“The most exciting findings in science are counter-intuitive - those that surprise your expectations. I’ve come across such a result.

“If you have endured raising dues in a Masonic body, you have probably heard the tired, old objections. “Our older members on fixed incomes can’t afford it.” “Our younger members starting their families can’t afford it.” “So many people will drop out that it will be a net loss.”



“Let’s forget conventional wisdom and look at facts. I did a study of the 207,000 members and 212 Valleys of the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ. I looked at two data points from each Valley for 2010: What was their ‘voluntary departure’ rate (demits + NPDs (None Payment of Dues) as a percentage of their membership) and how much did they raise their dues (in 2010 it was from \$0.00 to \$50.00). The large majority of Valleys had a \$0.0 dues change.

“I did a regression analysis to create a line that predicted the ‘ideal’ change in dues for any dollar amount.

“Now here’s the counter-intuitive result: In 2010, if a Valley raised dues \$0.00 (no dues increase at all), they expected to lose 4.67% of their members by NPD or demit; at \$50.00, they expected to lose 4.12%. In other words, if a SR Valley raises its dues by \$50, its voluntary departures *decrease* by 0.55%!

“Now for the disclaimer: if this were predicting an election result, it would be too close to call. But the fact that raising dues essentially had no effect is surprising.

“And for all of you freshman statistics students, you can conclude that raising dues \$500.00 will reduce attrition by 5.50% and thus putting a valley in the black! ☺

“One possible explanation for the *declining* rate of attrition with *rising* dues is that those Valleys who have decided to raise their dues are getting their acts together with transparent budgets. Their members know what services they receive, what needs to be done to their building, and what everything costs. This produces confidence and participation in their members, and they’re less likely to leave. (Not very much less likely to leave, but less likely nonetheless.)”

- Brent Morris

According to sociologist Rodney Stark, the same counter intuitive logic applies to religious movements, - the more difficult or costly to gain admission or acceptance, the more popular they are. And, they seem



to go through a cycle of growth and decay, which is well marked by their changes in admission standards and expectations.

www.amazon.com/Churching-America-1776-2005-Winners-Religious/dp/0813535530

- Chuck Blatchley

Active in public - and internal - relations for much of my career outside Freemasonry, one of the first things I learned (empirically, I agree) was that cheap is considered cheap, that is disposable, to be considered with suspicion, a pretty but probably worthless bauble.

It's a matter of psychology. Any shopkeeper will tell you that, when faced with a choice, people will select the more expensive offer even if it's not the best. Hey, I often catch myself doing that! The steady membership increase in my Grand Lodge and "higher degrees" is due to the challenge, the difficulty of getting in, but also to the relatively high expense it involves.

Some candidates will be ready to sacrifice a sizable part of their income for that. In the earlier days of Freemasonry in the USA that was what many actually did. . . .

- Mike Segal

It would also be interesting to know, transparency set aside, if those Valleys that raised their dues first employed a phone campaign to contact those members that had not been to a meeting or other activities in years. Based on empirical evidence I might argue that phone calls or personal visits to those members who had not been contacted in years might in itself be the reason for a superior retention rate, even if dues were increased, simply because of the personal fraternal contact. Arguably, at times, we talk about creating superior experiences to retain and attract new members, when in fact we have forgotten and do not address the simplest of Masonic principles - that being brotherly love and affection. For some, just knowing someone cares is worth another \$50 per year, and that doesn't require any other outside dressing.

. . . .

I believe that another underlying problem for the fraternity is its increasing problem of not being able to concisely articulate what it is and what it is not, to both current members and potential members. The world's microscope continues to get larger and the amount of light reflected to observe whatever is under investigation only shines brighter. I would argue that convoluted, misleading, or glib phrases will no longer suffice. As you and others have repeatedly stated, we must be able to deliver what we claim to possess.

- Ron Martin

. . . the dues are not the restrictive element in lodge membership when value is provided. Decrepit lodges which provide no value better not tamper with the cost of the dues card for that is all most lodges provide - a dues card! Yes it is an extreme story - it is only mentioned to suggest growth in membership is not at all related to dues if the costs are appropriate. However raising dues without providing a return is unwarranted and apt to be destructive.

- Kenneth Gibala

As long as there is beef in the sandwich, price is not an issue.

- Ron Richards

It's In The News!

November 2, 2011: - Four men - aged 65 through 73 - bespectacled and so hard of hearing that they strained on Wednesday to hear a federal judge at their initial court appearances in Gainesville, Georgia -



have been accused of conspiracy and may be linked to a loose association of fringe militia groups targeting a government they believe is out of control. At least one of them is a Mason who regularly played Santa for his lodge.

www.nytimes.com/2011/11/03/us/georgia-men-held-in-plot-to-attack-government.html?_r=1&nl=todaysheadlines&adxnnl=1&emc=tha23&adxnnlx=1320325814-QFO3LykN3vwyK5ENwjVFpw

Reports exist that many members of these Georgia militia groups are Freemasons. The Southern Poverty Law Center has data that shows an alarming number of Georgia Masons who also claim Klan membership, some of the Klans meet in lodge halls.

Blatantly Stolen from the Riverdale-John Ross Robertson Summons

R. W. Bro. Keith Jones emphasized that Freemasonry is a 'Gentleman's Club.' Being a Gentleman requires much more than simply belonging to a club.

Rules of a Gentleman

1. A Gentleman is always presentable.
2. Live a passionate life, with a compassionate nature, and dispassionate judgement.
3. Talent is God-given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful.
4. Opening the door for a lady is not optional.
5. A Gentleman is one who puts more into the world than he takes out.
6. Nothing beats a good hat, so long as it is removed when indoors or in the presence of a lady.
7. Anything worth having is worth working hard for.
8. A Gentleman will never instigate a fight, but he is permitted to end one.
9. A Gentleman reads and reflects.
10. The best suits are tailored (ties should never be a focal point).
11. A Gentleman means what he says, and says what he means.
12. Be gracious in manner, humble in tone, and thankful for what is given.
13. A Gentleman lives beyond his zone of comfort.
14. The line between confidence and arrogance is very thin, and a Gentleman is aware of it.
15. Drinks are not meant to be mixed.
16. A Gentleman can drive stick-shift.
17. A Gentleman can jump if need be.
18. A Gentleman knows the difference between courage and stupidity.
19. A Gentleman is observant, and takes action without delay.
20. To a lady, a Gentleman will readily offer both his coat and his hand.

- Courtesy of The Gentlemen's Society

Another One Bites The Dust

Just like local newspapers and national magazines, it felt the pressure and made adjustments. That



Ontario Mason magazine you recently got in the mail was the last one you are going to receive. Ever! Put it in a plastic wrapper - it could become a valuable keepsake. No more flipping through it, reading the odd article or looking at the pictures. No more leaving it on the coffee table for interested non Masons to read. From now on, it will only be available on-line. You will need technology between you and the publication.

Times change. ☹ Shame.



Masonic Supplies Anyone?



Canadian Mason is a family run business, created and run by Masons (a father and his two sons), located at the eastern edge of Toronto East District. The business was created 2008, and has rapidly taken off. Three years ago they began by supplying 5 lodges on a regular basis.



They continue to grow every day and have even begun an exclusive jewellery line. This year Canadian Mason is doing business province wide, with an eye to going global. Canadian and American aprons, jewels and collars, rings, pins and Masonic odds and ends. Tell the **Hiram's Lighthouse** sent you. Any interested Mason is invited to visit their Web Store at - www.canadianmason.org

Visitors, Friends and Brothers



West Hill Lodge brethren visiting with one of their sick and shut-in brethren, R. W. Bro. Kenneth Holmes, DDGM District 4 in 1996-97, at London Hospital.

Did You Know?

There is symbolism in the smallest part of the ritual. That is why it is better to be very careful when someone expresses the desire to change or remove some part of it. For example –

“ . . . where the tide regularly ebbs and flows twice in the twenty-four hours”

Being buried between high and low water tide marks prevents you from entering heaven as it is neither land nor sea, both of which are consecrated for burial.

Also, the back and forth action of the waves and bottom sand will act as a strong abrasive, grinding down what was buried until it completely disappears – as if it had never been.



How To Say It

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| Conspired | kon- <u>spired</u> ('i' as in 'tire') |
| Conspirators | kon- <u>spir</u> -a-torz ('i' as in 'pin') |
| Conspiracy | kon- <u>spir</u> -a-see ('i' as in 'pin') ('a' as in 'cat') |
| Contemplate | <u>kon</u> -tem-plate |
| Contemplation | kon-tem- <u>play</u> -shun |
| Contrary | <u>kon</u> -tre-ree_ ('tre' sound as in 'ten') ('ee' as in 'tee') |
| Convened | kon- <u>veend</u> |
| Conveyed | kon- <u>vayd</u> |
| Convocation | <u>kon</u> -vo- <u>kay</u> -shun ('vo' sound as in 'vote') |
| Corinthian | kor- <u>rinth</u> -ee-an |
| Corporeal | kor- <u>pore</u> -ee-al |
| Courteous | <u>cur</u> -tee-us |
| Dais | <u>day</u> -iss or dayss |
| Debilities | dee-bill-it-ease |
| Decision | dee- <u>si</u> -zhun ('i' as in 'sick') |

- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work



What's That All About?

What are the "Old Charges?"



The first book of Freemasonry, printed in 1723, is known as *Anderson's Constitutions*. In it appear six "Old Charges" which are a statement of the old laws of operative masonry concerning a mason and his conduct. These six Old Charges are titled: Of God and Religion; Of the Civil Magistrate Supreme and Subordinate; Of Lodges; Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices; Of the Management of the Craft in Working; Of Behaviour. The last, sixth Old Charge is concerned with behaviour: "in the Lodge while constituted; after Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone; when Brethren meet without Strangers, but not in a Lodge; in presence of Strangers not Masons; at Home and in the Neighbourhood; towards a strange Brother."

Many "Books of the Law" - Constitutions, Codes, etc. - of Grand Lodges print these Old Charges. They can also be found in Mackey's Encyclopaedia and in the Little Masonic Library.

Is there a distinction between Masonic oath and Masonic obligation?

The "oath" is the "So help me, God" at the end of any solemn promise made with hand upon the Book of the Law. The "obligation" is the substance of the preceding promises.

"Oath" is thus symbolical of man's fear of God; "obligation" signifies the promises and agreements made preceding the oath.



What is jurisdiction?

1. Refers to a geographical area such as a province, state or country. The Jurisdiction of Quebec - the Jurisdiction of Manitoba - means the Grand Lodges and all the individual lodges of those areas.
2. Refers to the power of the Grand Master. He has jurisdiction over all the Masons in the area governed by his Grand Lodge whether they be members of his lodges or sojourning Masons from other Grand Lodges.
3. Refers to the territory over which a lodge has control as far as applications are concerned. Often in rural districts, jurisdictional lines are tightly drawn so that no lodge accepts applications from men who live within the territorial jurisdiction of another lodge. In cities, "concurrent jurisdiction" is usual, any man being free to apply to any lodge within the city limits.
4. Refers to the power a lodge has over its rejected candidates; the right to give, or withhold, permission for rejected men to apply elsewhere. "Penal jurisdiction," as this is sometimes called, varies in different Grand Lodges. In some, it is perpetual; in others, it lapses after a certain length of time.

Explain the letters GAOTU.

Grand Architect; Great Architect; Grand or Great Artificer of the Universe are titles under which Freemasonry refers to Deity. A fundamental of Freemasonry is its non-sectarian character; any man may offer his devotions to the Deity he reveres, under the Masonic title, no matter what name he may use in his religion. Great Architect of the Universe (or any of its variations) is a symbol of Deity as named and worshipped in all religions.

What is the significance of the Northeast Corner?

Cornerstones are laid in the Northeast corner. Entered Apprentices stand in the Northeast corner of the lodge. The point midway between the darkness of the North and the brilliance of the East was chosen by ancient builders as the point of beginning - a spot to mark a birth - the commencement of a new structure. Obviously, he who stands in the darkness has no light; as obviously, he on whom falls the whole light of the brilliant East and its rising sun is not-in darkness. The point halfway between then, is a symbol of a beginning - the traveller has left the darkness and moved toward the light. Those who build have left the "darkness" in which is no building, and progressed far enough towards the "light" to lay a foundation stone - a place which by its position symbolizes movement away from blackness into the day.



The symbolism of the Northeast corner in the Entered Apprentice degree is taken from this ancient practice of laying the cornerstone in the Northeast corner. He who stands there in the lodge, "a just and upright Mason," is himself a cornerstone of the lodge which will be. A lodge is erected not only by, but upon, her sons. The Entered Apprentice of today is the veteran Mason and lodge member of tomorrow.

Where is the River Jordan?

The longest and most important river in Palestine. It rises in the Eastern Lebanon Mountain Range in Syria, is some two hundred thirty miles long, and empties into the Dead Sea. The river



is mentioned in the Old Testament many times and in the New Testament fifteen times. It was the Jordan in which Christ was baptised.

What discussion of Masonry is proper in the presence of those not Masons?

As little as possible, unless in answer to a direct and respectful question the answer to which is not secret. Such questions as “How may I become a Mason?” or “When does the Masonic lodge in this town meet?” or “What is the expense of becoming a Mason?” of course are answerable questions. No argument should ever be held with any one regarding Masonry. Freemasonry needs no defence from any one. The less Masonic matters are discussed in public, the better for Masonry.

“Secrecy may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time, be entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which might inadvertently lead you to do so.” (Entered Apprentice Degree Charge) means what it says.

- One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry

On The Net . . .



There is absolutely no excuse for anyone who has access to the Internet to say they cannot find any Masonic books. You don't even need to buy them. They're free to anyone interested. Are you interested? Then take a look and download some great reading.

www.themasonictrowel.com/masonic_books_online.htm

Canada Lodge U.D., Kandahar, Afghanistan

An historic moment in Canadian Masonic history occurred on November 10, 2011 when the first two brothers were Raised in Canada Lodge U.D.! One of them, Bro. Smith, had been Initiated, Passed, and now Raised in Canada Lodge! The following are snippets of the minutes of this momentous meeting taking place in a war zone.

- The Lodge was then opened to the Second Degree. Both Bros Smith and Goheen then answered the necessary questions and stated their Obligations as Fellow Craft. All in attendance this evening were extremely impressed with Bros Smith's and Goheen's faultless discharge of their Fellow Craft Obligations. The two FCs then exited the lodge and retired to a convenient room.
- Overcome with excitement about raising the candidates to the Sublime Degree and caught up in the moment the WM almost forgot to open in the Third Degree! Thereupon, after each Bro. present was proven to be of the rank of Master Mason, the WM opened the Lodge in the Third Degree.
- This once again proved to be a momentous occasion for the chronicles of Canada Lodge in Afghanistan and a true testament to the WM's hard work and dedication this past year. For many of the Bros in attendance either it had been many years since they worked in the Third Degree or they were unfamiliar with the Grand Lodge of Ontario's ritual and particular customs.
- Bros Smith and Goheen then passed in due form from the JW, Bro Brightmon to the SW, Bro Lindsey and then to the Altar where the WM dispensed the Instructions at the Altar and the Master Mason Obligation. The WM was infallible in his address, setting a standard for all to strive to achieve.



- Bro Hanz Cajal then provided a Retrospect on the MM's journey from EA through FC which was indefectible and extremely well spoken.
- The WM then instructed both the J and SD to retire to their seats and the newly obligated MMs stood with their backs at the foot of two open Gs. The WM proceeded to give a dissertation on the Death of HA, in which the JW and SW participated and assisted the WM in his work.
- The SW and JW then assisted the WM with the Raising, and imparting the expected pedagogy and practicum of a newly obligated MM.
- Both newly risen MMs were then immediately entrusted by Bro Ramey with the Secrets of the Sublime Degree.
- The two MMs were then led from the Altar back to the SW where he invested them with the Badge of a MM. SD, Bro Rodgers delivered the MM's Apron Charge after which the new MMs were placed back in the SE Angle of the Lodge and he provided them with the Traditional History and the events that befell our Grand Master HA.
- The MMs were then permitted to resume their personal comforts and returned for Exemplifications of the Secrets once again delivered by the WM, followed by him providing the Final Charge.
- With this evening's Work now complete, the Lodge closed in Third Degree followed by the Second Degree.
- Several Bros about the lodge had many thoughts and reflections to say for the purposes of Freemasonry.
- Bro. Goheen offered his gratitude on the efforts made on his and Bro. Smith's behalf and recognized all the work in getting Canada Lodge to open in the Third Degree. He also explained that his apron was his grandfather's and he will now be able to attend the installation of his brother as WM of his Mother Lodge, Ontario Lodge in Port Hope ON. He also requested that everyone sign his Masonic Bible.
- Bro. Brightmon wanted to offer his congratulations to Bros Smith and Goheen, reiterating on how special it was to be Raised the first night Canada Lodge was opened in the Third Degree.
- Bro. Smith then also wished to thank all in the Lodge and in particular the WM and noted that it was an honour to be Initiated and then brought through the Second and now to the Third Degree in Canada Lodge.
- Hearing nothing more for the good of Masonry in general or for the good of this Lodge in particular we closed this historic meeting in Peace and Harmony at 2115 hrs followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Aside from the brethren of Ontario Canada, in attendance, doing work and occupying chairs were brethren from Halifax, NS; Chalk Mountain, TX; St. Albert, AB; Vancouver, BC; Calgary, AB; Kamloops, BC; San Diego, CA; Hanford, CA; Okinawa, Japan; and Quincy, MA. Memories of Kipling's Mother Lodge or what?!





Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Lodge Eastmuir #1126 Glasgow, Scotland
Thanks to David Neave, Brougham Union Lodge, Claremont, ON

This a lodge building in Glasgow, Scotland that David Neave attended while there on vacation. His late father's lodge meets in this building.

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

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If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth - only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair.

- C. S. (Clive Staples) 'Jack' Lewis (1898-1963)

Wednesday December 7 2011

Toronto Assembly #2 - Christmas Dinner

Come join the Rainbow Girls for an evening of food, friends, laughter and Christmas Joy! Maybe you will be lucky and win a basket in their Christmas Basket draw. Please **RSVP** by November 30.

Time: 7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$18 pp, children under 6 free
Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254



Thursday December 8 2011

Bodhi Day



Bodhi Day, traditionally the 8th day of the 12th lunar month, has been observed on December 8th in Japan since the Meiji Restoration (1862-1869). It is the Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that the historical Buddha, Prince Gautama Siddharta (563-483 BC), experienced enlightenment, also known as Bodhi in Sanskrit or Pali.

According to tradition, Siddharta had recently forsaken years of extreme ascetic practices and resolved to sit under a tree and simply meditate until he found the root of suffering, and how to liberate one's self from it.

Traditions vary on what happened. Some say he made a great vow to nirvana and Earth to find the root of suffering, or die trying. In other traditions, while meditating he was harassed and tempted by the demon of illusion. Other traditions simply state that he entered deeper and deeper states of meditation, confronting the nature of the self.

Bodhi is traditionally translated into English as enlightenment, but frequently (and more accurately) translated as "awakening." The word "buddha" means "one who has awakened." Although its most common usage is in the context of Buddhism, bodhi is also a technical term, with various usages, in other Indian philosophies and traditions.



In early Buddhism, bodhi carried a meaning synonymous to nirvana, using only some different metaphors to describe the experience, which implied the extinction of greed, hate and delusion. In the later school of Mahayana Buddhism, the status of nirvana was downgraded, coming to refer only to the extinction of greed and hate, implying that delusion was still present in one who attained nirvana, and that one needed to attain bodhi to eradicate delusion. Therefore, according to Mahayana Buddhism, the 'worthy one' has attained only nirvana, thus still being subject to delusion, while the 'enlightened being' not only achieves nirvana but full liberation from delusion as well. One thus attains bodhi and becomes a buddha. In Theravada Buddhism, bodhi and nirvana carry the same meaning, that of being freed from greed, hate and delusion. It should also be noted that in the Mahayana Mahaparinirvana Sutra, parinirvana (final nirvana, which occurs upon the death of the body of someone who has attained complete awakening (*bodhi*)) is equal in all respects to Bodhi and indeed is the state of perfect Buddhahood.

- Wikipedia.com

Saturday December 10 2011

Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session 1B

The second workshop of the 1st session. There will be two sessions of these workshops, each session consisting of two Saturday mornings.

- 1st Session: Nov. 12 & Dec. 10, 2011
 - ***This first session is fully booked up.***
- 2nd Session: Jan. 21 & Mar. 3, 2012
 - ***Registration deadline: Jan. 16, 2012***

The District's Officer Progression Mentor Program will be offered once in the fall of 2011 and once again in the winter of 2012. There are two sessions. Pick a session and register. Each session will consist of two, three-hour Saturday morning workshops and registrants will be expected to attend both workshops for the session in which they enrol. There will be a maximum of 24 participants for each Session.

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Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$25 pp



The Secrets of Freemasonry

Every Entered Apprentice should be informed of the following basic principles and information.

What You Can Discuss With a Non-Mason?

Masonry is not a secret society. Members of our lodges are not in any way forbidden from telling others that they are Masons. While every Mason should remember his obligations to secrecy, yet we want to inform non-Masons about who we are, what we are, and what we do. Therefore it is important that every Mason understand clearly which things he can talk about and which things he cannot.

What is a Masonic Secret?

What are the things we call the secrets of Masonry? The first secret is the ballot of a Mason. No one can know how a Mason votes, unless that Mason tells him, and that is considered un-Masonic conduct. The right and privilege of casting a secret ballot is universally respected in this country by Masons and non-Masons alike.

Other secrets are:

- The modes of recognition (signs and words);
- The obligations or vows of each degree;
- The manner of conferring the degrees, and;
- The legend of the third degree.

These four items are usually considered to be the “real” Masonic secrets. But we should all realize that any interested party can go to the public library or bookstore [or Internet] and obtain books which reveal all these things. Clearly we cannot consider these to be secrets in the true sense of the word. There is no way we can keep this information from the public. What then is the meaning of our obligation to secrecy?

Our Obligation to Secrecy

The obligations of Masonry, as well as all other teachings and laws of our Craft, are not things that Masons impose upon other people. These obligations, teachings, and laws are things that each Mason agrees to accept for himself and to apply to himself. Thus when we agree to keep a Masonic secret we only agree that we will not discuss that matter with a non-Mason. This agreement is then binding upon the Mason, but it is not and cannot be binding upon a non-Mason. Masons should not be disturbed by this. If a non-Mason learns what he considers to be our secrets, we are under no obligation to take action of any kind. But if the same person comes to us and asks us to affirm or deny that certain things are our secrets, then we must neither confirm nor deny what they have learned. We are best advised to simply change the subject. If that fails, then let the person read this page.

- Ed R. Halpaus

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www.halpaus.net

From the Masonic Manual of Minnesota; 1998 Revised edition, pages 34 & 35



Tuesday December 20 2011

Start of Hanukkah - The Festival of Lights



Hanukkah, also spelled Chanukah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt of 164 BC. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, and may occur from late November to late December on the Gregorian calendar.

The festival is observed by the kindling of the lights of a special candelabrum, the nine-branched *Menorah* or *Hanukiah*, one light on each night of the holiday, progressing to eight on the final night. An extra light called a *shamash* (Hebrew: “guard” or “servant”) is also lit each night for the purpose of lighting the others, and is given a distinct location, usually above or below the rest.

According to tradition, when the Maccabees entered the Holy Temple, they discovered that the Greco-Syrians had defiled the oil that was used to Temple’s menorah. Only one vat of purified oil remained - enough for only one day. It would take the Jews a week to process more purified oil. Then a miracle occurred. The Maccabees lit the menorah and it burned for not one, but eight days, by which time the new, purified oil was ready. This is why the Hanukkah Menorah has eight candles (not including the shamash candle used to light the others) and one reason why Jews celebrate Hanukkah for eight days.

Hanukkah is a fun festival, especially for children. After lighting the Hanukkah candles together, families (and often invited guests) will eat and play games. Traditional Hanukkah food is oil-rich in commemoration of the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. Potato pancakes (Latkas in Yiddish, Livivot in Hebrew) are a Hanukkah favourite. Israelis eat Hanukkah doughnuts called soofganiot. Dreidel is a traditional Hanukkah game, with game rules so simple that the whole family, from toddlers to grandparents can play together. The custom of giving Hanukkah gelt (money) to children has evolved into a gift-giving tradition in many Jewish families today.

- Wikipedia.com
- About.com

Thursday December 22 2011

First Day of Winter

December 22nd at 5:30 am is when winter officially starts. Except for a few dustings, so far it hasn’t really been an issue. Some tough guys are still wearing their shorts.

The winter solstice occurs exactly when the axial tilt of a planet’s polar hemisphere is farthest away from the star that it orbits. Earth’s maximum axial tilt to our star, the Sun, during a solstice is 23° 26’. A hemisphere’s winter solstice occurs on the shortest day and longest night of the year, when the sun’s daily maximum elevation in the sky is the lowest. Since the winter solstice lasts only a moment in time, other terms are often used for the day on which it occurs, such as midwinter, the longest night or the first day of winter.



The seasonal significance of the winter solstice is in the reversal of the gradual lengthening of nights and shortening of days. Depending on the shift of the calendar, the winter solstice usually occurs on December 21 or 22 each year in the Northern Hemisphere.



Worldwide, interpretation of the event has varied from culture to culture, but most cultures have held a recognition of rebirth, involving holidays, festivals, gatherings, rituals or other celebrations around that time.

Pagan religions held major celebrations at this time. When Christianity came on the scene, Christmas, the celebration of Christ's birth, was moved from March to December in order to 'overlay' and negate the importance of the prevalent and universally popular pagan celebrations.

There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them.

- Denis Waitley

Saturday January 21 2012

Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session 2A

The first workshop of the 2nd session. There will be one more of these workshops, each session consisting of two Saturday mornings. These two, half-day workshops will be limited to 24 participants and there is space available at this time. ***PLEASE NOTE:*** The date of the first day of the workshop has been revised FROM January 28th TO January 21st.

- 2nd Session: Jan. 21 & Mar. 3, 2012
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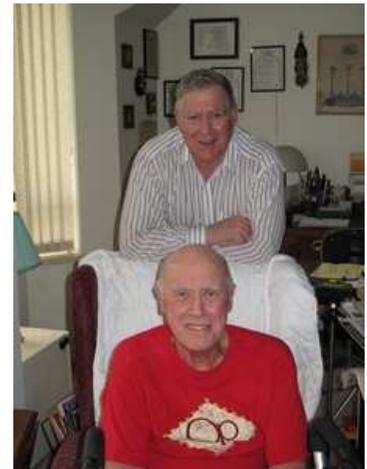
Saturday January 28 2012

Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work

The ‘Mechanics-of-the-Work’ classes will tentatively resume in 2012 on the last Saturday in January. Due to illness, the schedule and preparations have not been finalized. These classes are open to all Masons, regardless of their office, rank or home district.

Les Armitage and Dennis Rankin wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year's celebration with family and friends.

Time: 9:00 am – to Noon
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$2 for coffee and day-old sticky buns
Contact: Les Armitage @ 416.598.4794, or
Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704



*Live a good, honourable life. Then, when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Anonymous Farmer*

Saturday February 14 2012

Markham Union - Annual Robbie Burns Night

Thrill to the skirl of the Pipes and Drums by York Region Police Pipe Band accompanied by the York Region Police Highland Dancers.

Enjoy the Immortal Memory to Robert Burns Address and Toast to The Haggis followed by a Full Scottish Buffet.

All who enjoy the pipes are welcome. Bring your special lady, friends, neighbours and perspective members.

Time: 5:30 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Cedarbrae Golf & Country Club
1st lights east of Markham Rd, on Steeles Ave., turn south on Staines Road, and then turn left onto Mac Frost Way. First intersection on your left.
Cost: \$40 pp
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ bgrimbleby@gmail.com or 905.472.8124



February 10 though 17 2012

Quinte St. Alban's - 3rd Fraternal Visit to Holguín, Cuba



One week Vacation and Masonic Discovery: - Participation in the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the Logia Roberto Luís Ferrer Rodriguez. Attendance at the regular meeting of the Logia Calixto García Iñiquez, the Logia Holguín, and Logia Roberto Luís Ferrer Rodriguez.

Accommodation at the Playa Pesquero Beach Resort

All Inclusive, Double Occupancy Price \$1,095.24 per Adult (tax incl.) (Subject to availability at time of booking)

To Book, contact Yani - Tel [416-646-0890](tel:416-646-0890)-ext 268

All are welcome - Masons, friends, ladies and children. Group Rates and Masonic Activities Package - For more see -

www.quintestalbans.com/news-20101025.php

For more information on activities of previous visits of 2009 and 2011 visits:

www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-january-2009.pdf

www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-february-2011.pdf

Contact: Vince Lombardo @ vince.lombardo.to@gmail.com or 905.731.0504

February 8 through 12 2012

Masonic Week



This week can be defined as an “In-Gathering” of Masons of National Appendant Bodies for the purpose of conducting Annual Meetings. It provides an excellent opportunity to meet and “converse on the level” with many well known Freemasons, especially of the York Rite. It is also a time to enjoy excellent banquets and even “fun degrees.” (*Ed: Again this year, Ye Antiente Order of Corks, Most Worthy Paul Newhall, Grand Bung for the Americas will be attending. I always wanted to be a Grand Bung!*)



Masonic Week is a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. The Hospitality Rooms are sponsored by a variety of groups meeting during the event to enable the attendees to do just that - Make New Friends!

Prince Selvaraj of The Beaches and a few friends have attended this week for a number of years. They are planning on doing so this year as well. Prince has nothing to do with the event other than as an attendee.

Check the website shown below for the abundance of meetings and feasts scheduled so far.

www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek/index.html

Reservations: 800.HILTONS or 703.845.1010.

Location: Hilton, Alexandria, Mark Center
5000 Seminary Rd.,
Alexandria, VA 22311

Contact: Prince Selvaraj @ prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca or 416.269.9909



Baal's Bridge Square
(aka the Balls Bridge Square)



Lodge 13 has in their archives an old brass square that was found under the foundations of Baal's Bridge. (Baal derives from an old (Celtic) word for 'light'.) This Square dated 1507 is reputed to be one of the earliest Masonic items in the world.

The old brass square, known as the Baal's Bridge Square, was recovered from the foundations of Baal's Bridge in Limerick when the bridge was being rebuilt in 1830. The first Baal's Bridge was erected in 1340 at the narrowest point of the Abbey River to join the English Town (built by the Normans) on King's Island to Irish Town -

both towns were protected by walls. It is inscribed "I will strive to live with Love and Care Upon the Level By the Square" and bears the date, 1507.

The inscription on side 1 is **"I will strive to live with love & care"**
and on side 2 **"upon the level and by the square"**

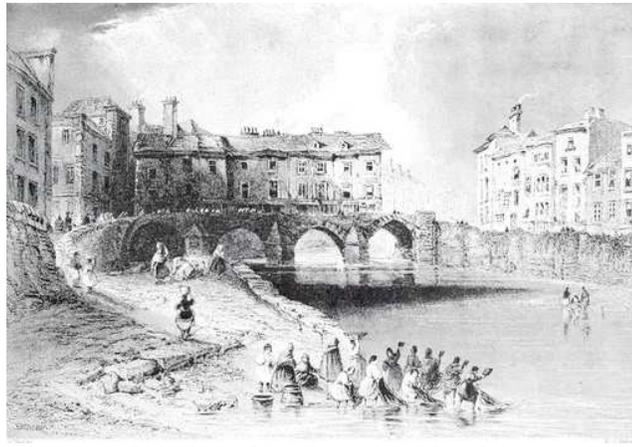
This ancient Square, carefully treasured by Lodge 13 is recorded as being presented to Brother Michael Furnell, Provincial Grand Master, by Brother James Pain, (referred to as the Provincial Grand Architect).



In the Freemasons' Quarterly Review, 1842, p. 288, Bro. Furnell, under the date of 27th August, 1842, printed a short note on this relic of antiquity, accompanying which is a facsimile sketch. He says that Bro. Pain, in 1830, had been contractor for re-building Baal's Bridge in Limerick, and on taking down the old structure, he discovered under the foundation stone at the English town side, this old brass square, much eaten away. In the facsimile sketch, Bro. Furnell puts the date as 1517, which is a mistake, as the square bears the date 1507. A heart appears in each angle.

In the book by H. F. Berry, Assistant Keeper of the Irish Records, "The Marencourt Cup and Ancient Square." dated 1905, Bro. Berry records that "Ball's (or Baal's) Bridge is a beautiful structure, of a single arch, built in 1831, to replace an ancient bridge of the same name, which consisted of four arches, with a range of houses on its west side. The date of the erection of this ancient structure has been ascertained as 1340, but possibly the old square, dated 1507, may have been placed, under the foundation stone in that year. In any case, Bro. Furnell informs us that the old bridge is mentioned in records of 1558.





Old View of Baal's Bridge, Limerick.
Date undetermined.

In a most interesting and valuable paper on a “ Diary of the Siege of Limerick Castle, 1642,” Journal, R.S.A.I., 1904, p. 163, Mr. M. J. McEnery, M.R.I.A., reproduces a facsimile of a Map of Limerick, taken from Speed's Map of Munster, 1610, which shows the old bridge, called in the reference the Thye bridge; also portion of the city of Limerick, cir. 1590, from Mr. T. J. Westropp's copy of a map of Limerick in the Library, Trinity College, Dublin, wherein the same bridge is shown, and called in the reference the Tide bridge.



Recent View of Baal's Bridge, Limerick

James Pain, a distinguished architect, was born at Isleworth in 1779. He and his brother, George R. Pain, entered into partnership, subsequently settling in Ireland, where James resided in Limerick and George in Cork. They designed and built a number of churches and glebe houses. Mitchelstown Castle, the magnificent seat of the Earls of Kingston, was the largest and best of their designs. They were also architects of Cork Court-house and the County Gaol, both very striking erections, and of Dromoland Castle, the seat of Lord Inchiquin. James Pain died in Limerick 13th December, 1877, in his 98th year, and was buried in the cathedral church of St. Mary in that city.”

www.freemasonsnorthmunster.com/Baal's_Bridge_Square.htm



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Hiram's Lighthouse is your newsletter. It is published on the last day of every month. If **Hiram's Lighthouse** does not have the content you would prefer, it is because the editor does not have that content available. With 19 lodges currently in the district, including grip-and-grin pictures of the Official Visit, Installation and Ladies Night of each lodge would dominate the content. If you want something more, please submit it. Please feel free to offer suggestions, topics to be covered, submissions for ... **by the Lighthouse Beam**, book and film reviews, and topics of Masonic interest.

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Moving? Changing ISPs? Remember to send in your new snail-mail and email addresses to both your lodge secretary and **Hiram's Lighthouse** - hiramslighthouse@rogers.com

FYI - There are currently 240 names and growing on the **Hiram's Lighthouse** subscription list.

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