

Hiram's Lighthouse

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*He drew a circle that shut me out -
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But love and I had the wit to win;
We drew a circle that took him in!
- Bro. Edwin Markham (1852-1940)*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

Let me begin this message with a word of thanks to all of the Masons who participated in the three Remembrance Day ceremonies in Scarborough, Claremont and Markham. Just shy of one hundred members of this District attended these services and to each and every one of you, I extend my sincere thanks!! I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of W. Bro. Frank McKay, R.W. Bro. Lou Lombardi and R.W. Bro. Bruce Grimbleby, respectively, in getting one of the largest turnouts of Masons at these ceremonies in years. Well done, all!

As I write this note, the first "Quarry Talk" for Entered Apprentices is about to take place on November 30th. Thank you, Bro. Scott everything together. I'd also like to the Zephyrs, Stonecutters and towards refreshment expenses for the the Quarry Talk for Master Masons To those who participated I also say "daily advancement in Masonry." financial resources to help other appreciated.



McDonald and your team for putting thank three Senior Warden Groups - Ancients - for your kind donations Entered Apprentice meeting as well as that will take place on January 31st. "thank you" as you continue making a The donation of time, talent and Masons on their journey is very much

As we proceed through December, let us join in the celebrations as four Lodges begin a new Masonic year. Installations will take place in West Hill, Scarboro, Birch Cliff and Doric Lodges this month as the new Worshipful Masters and their teams are installed and invested. I hope that you can be there to support these new teams on their special nights!!



The District Charity Project recently received its Project Number from the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. Your donation to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario with the **Project Number 2515** noted on your cheque will ensure that your gift will be designated to our Sick Kids Foundation project to purchase a multi-sensory cart. It will also allow the project to receive up to 10% above the actual donation amount given to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. One of our fundraising events is now over and I am very pleased to announce that through the sale of Christmas Cakes, the District received a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00. Thank you very much to W. Bro. Bill Esplen and his wife, Cathy, for so generously giving of your time and talent for this very worthy cause!! The tickets for the Yuk Yuk's evening on January 24th will be available shortly through your Senior Warden and I hope that we have as successful an evening enjoying laughter as we had enjoying these delicious cakes!!

Speaking of tickets, the tickets for the Toronto and York Districts' Grand Master's Reception on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 will be available shortly. I am sure that the District Coordinator, V.W. Bro. Gerry Newall, will be in contact with all of our Lodges in the very near future. This will be another excellent evening and I am sure that Toronto East District will again be a staunch supporter.



Finally, as we prepare to celebrate a very holy time of year, according to our faith, let us remember not only our family and friends in our celebrations but let us also remember those whose lives may not be as blessed as our own. Whether by giving the gift of life, helping out at a food bank, shovelling a driveway for an elderly neighbour or opening the door for someone with their hands full, please go out of your way to make a day special for another. Remember, it's not what we say that makes us a Mason, it's what we do. May you and your families celebrate joyously, travel safely and return in the New Year refreshed, renewed and rejuvenated.

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 Fraternaly,

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

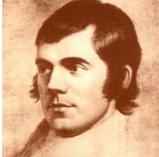


EVENTS CALENDAR:

December 2012						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * Toronto Assembly #2 Rainbow Girls - Annual Christmas Dinner see below Doric Pickering	<u>5</u> * West Hill - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Bodhi Day Start of Hanukkah 8 Day Festival of Lights 	<u>9</u> * Raymond C. Purslow Council - A.M.D. Information Session see below Doric Pickering
<u>10</u> * Scarborough- Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric-Pickering	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * Birch Cliff- Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric-Pickering	<u>15</u> TED - Officer Progression Workshop - 1C <i>Cancelled</i>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * Doric - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric-Pickering	<u>21</u> Winter begins 	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> Christmas Eve 	<u>25</u> Christmas Day 	<u>26</u> Boxing Day  First Day of Kwanzaa	<u>27</u> St. John the Evangelist Day An original Patron Saint of Freemasonry	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> New Year's Eve 						



January 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<u>1</u> New Year's Day 	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * TED - Blood Donor Clinic see below St. Aidan's Church	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> * Caledonia- Annual Scots Night see below York	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> TED-Yuk-Yuk's Comedy Night Child Life-Sick Kids Foundation Fund Raiser see below Yuk-Yuk's Ajax	<u>25</u> Robbie Burs Day 	<u>26</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 1/6 see below East Toronto	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> TED - Winter Business Meeting Committee Chairmen 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>31</u> TED - Quarry Talks For The Master Mason see below Doric Pickering			



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity



We have been accepted as a Community Partner under the umbrella of the Child Life Program of the Sick Kids Foundation. We will be organizing several fundraising events. Please keep, “an eye out” for our endeavours. We hope to raise enough money to buy at least one Multi-Sensory Cart for the children who unfortunately have to stay in Sick Kids. These carts can turn waiting rooms, corridors or hospital rooms into a reactive and enjoyable time for the Children as well as enticing positive reactions from the more seriously ill. When making donations to the project through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, please use **Project Number 2515** on your cheque. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

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

Honour your commitments with integrity.
- Les Brown

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.

Toronto East has the best numbers of donations in the area and is a tribute to the dedication and commitment of not only the donors but of all the brethren who have generously donated their time and even their blood to this very worthy cause. As always new donors/volunteers are always welcome. This is a wonderful way to get some of our new brothers involved with Masonic events as well promote that value of Charity which we are always willing to strive towards.

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 January 11, 2013

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 15, 2013

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



FYI

In 1860 in Limerick, Ireland, there as found a stone in a small chapel, dated 1517, with the following inscription: "I will serve to live with love & care, upon the level, and by the square."

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

Remember The North East Corner

Although there are no days in the year when mattresses are not on sale, anyone who has had to buy one recently knows that a descent mattress, all by itself, is not a cheap article to buy.

Patients rarely think of their bed as a piece of equipment, but it is a vital part of every hospital stay, and is needed in almost every hospital department.

The Rouge Valley Health System, composed of Centenary Hospital built in 1967 and Ajax Pickering Hospital built in 1954, has served eastern Toronto for all that time. Some of the beds in use have been there since the building of each respective hospital. They have gone through more than a generation of being pushed and pulled, raised and lowered, and soaked in more liquids than anyone wants to discuss. They are breaking down and are constantly in need of repair. As anyone watching the news is aware, getting funding from any level of government is like trapping a cloud.



The cost of most of the beds is in the \$5,000 range but there are many specialized beds, including those for the Intensive Care Unit that can cost as much as \$15,000 or more. The more modern beds have more electronic features for general use and also serve for longer term patients. Features include:

- Special climate control mattresses
- Bed scale for weighing
- Low air loss
- Touch screens to monitor patients
- Rotating modules

You can help restore comfort and health, one bed at a time.

With generous support, the goal is to purchase as many new beds as possible over the next two years. Beds that are purchased in full will have a donor plaque attached.

Create a [personalized, secure website](#) for yourself, or your lodge, with challenges or an event, and collect online donations. Each donor to your fundraising page will receive his or her own receipt automatically by email.

Outright Gift

You may consider purchasing beds in one payment. In this case, your gift will be celebrated immediately (see [Recognizing Your Generosity](#)), and your charitable tax receipt will be mailed immediately.

Pledges

To make it easier to buy a bed for your local community hospital, you may consider making a pledge, by paying in instalments over a one or two year period, customized to your needs. You will receive a receipt immediately each time a pledge payment is received. To set up your pledge, please call 416.281.7119.



Make a Direct Donation

You may wish to make a one-time gift of \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500 or whatever you can afford.

Payment Options

Online: Credit card donations are accepted online, using a secure server, at www.buyabed.ca. Gifts may also be made in honour or in memory of someone significant in your life. Tax receipts are available for immediate download.

By phone: Call 416.281.7342 to set up your pledge or make one-time or monthly donations using Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

By mail: Cheques payable to the Rouge Valley Health System Foundation may be mailed to: Rouge Valley Health System Foundation, 2867 Ellesmere Road, Toronto, ON M1E 4B9

In person: Rouge Valley Health System gladly accepts Visa, MasterCard or American Express, as well as cash, debit or money orders at the office above.

B.C. and A.D. and A.L.

It is common to see a date designated as B.C. (Before Christ) or A.D. (Anno Domini - year of our Lord). The western or Christian world is slowly becoming aware that other cultures and religions exist and that the dating system is at the least politically incorrect. It is now common to see the designations B.C.E. (Before the Common Era) or C.E. (Common Era). To all intent and purpose, the newer designations mean exactly the same as the old ones.

In the 6th century, a Christian monk named Dionysius Exiguus decided to replace the so-called regnal dating system, because it honoured a Roman Emperor who had persecuted Christians.

Exiguus picked a time when he thought a particular birth occurred and called that Year 1, traditionally written 1 A.D. The year immediately prior is 1 B.C. There is no zero point, which causes astronomers and others calculating dates before and after that point endless confusion. Plus, very few people think Exiguus picked anywhere close to the right date.

So, the BCE/CE designations are just as inaccurate as the BC/AD ones.

A.L. which is used with a date used in our Masonic Lodge means Anno Lucius, which means 'The Year of Light'. It is said that Bishop Ussher in 1611 computed the date the world began as 4000 B.C.E. So our Lodge Masonic date adds 4000 years to the C.E. date.



The Archbishop of Armagh (Ussher) actually calculated the year 4004 BCE, rather than 4000, based on his published chronology, *Annales Veteris Testamenti* (Annals of the Old Testament). According to the Jewish calendar (which has also changed a bit over the centuries), the corresponding number should be somewhat less than this, and begins in September, as duplicated in the way the Scottish Rite calculates A.M. (Anno Mundi - year of the world). The Masonic choice of 4000 BCE for calculating dates in A.L. may have been a compromise between the various dating systems, a simple error, rounding off to simplify calculations, or it may reflect a combination of Ussher's calculation with the Rabbinic notion of referencing a date a few years prior to the moment of light.

Other famous estimates of the date of creation include Ussher's contemporary John Lightfoot (3929 BC), Johannes Kepler (3992 BC), and Isaac Newton (4000 BC). Newton's estimate was later, and although it



coincides with the Masonic number, there is no evidence Newton was a Mason, although early Grand Master and Newton fan, Desaguliers may have honoured Newton with this choice.

Scarborough Remembrance Ceremony - November 4 2012



The brethren forming up outside before going into the rotunda.

Did You Know?

What with our recent recognition and remembrance of all those who fought, and in some cases are still fighting, in wars around the globe, I thought this was interesting.



The Builders of the Silent Cities Lodge #12 under the currently de-recognised GLNF was formed in St. Omer, France in 1922 by members of the Imperial War Graves Commission attending to cemeteries along the Western Front. Rudyard Kipling was one of the founders, and is thought to have coined the name.

In 1927 a Lodge with the same name (Builders of the Silent Cities No. 4948) was formed in London, and is still active, meeting at Great Queen Street at the present time. Their website gives more details of the origins:

www.buildersofthesilentcities.org.uk

After a break in activity forced by the 39/45 war, the French Lodge was revived in the 1950s. Since then, and until recently, very many brethren from outside France have visited, some visiting very frequently over many years and some even becoming members of the Lodge. Typically, and especially at the November and May meetings, visitors from the UK greatly outnumbered the French members. Unfortunately recent events in the GLNF have stopped this.



Currently there are three Lodges in France bearing the above name: (1) a small rump of the GLNF Lodge, (2) a group which broke off a few years ago, now part of an un-recognised Constitution known as GLTSO, and (3) a third in the brand new un-recognised GLAMF, which has attracted a very considerable proportion of the GLNF membership.

On Friday September 21st, a planning meeting for a new Lodge under the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium (GLRB, a recognised Constitution) took place. This lodge will work in French, using Emulation Ritual, and will meet in Ploegsteert (Plug Street to the 1914/18 Tommies). Plug Street is in the heart of the Flanders battlefields, and is a very appropriate location for the proposed “Builders of the Silent Cities in Flanders Fields” Lodge. Ploegsteert is close to Ypres and to Lille.

For the Mason Who Just Doesn't Have Enough

You BBQ a lot. Have the friends over practically every weekend and burn a little meat in the back yard. Smoke in your hair and grease all over your best dress t-shirt. Always a bother! Maybe you have a lodge brother that does the same. Maybe your lodge runs a BBQ on a regular basis. If so, here is an idea whose time has come. Behold - the Master Mason's BBQ Apron. About \$22 CAD



http://letchworthshop.co.uk/cat/product_details.php?p=943

Just a Thought



Each of us, on achieving our Master Mason degree, is presented with a blue and white lamb-skin apron. They are often found later, long after a funeral when the living quarters of the deceased are cleaned out by relatives.

Many of us advance in rank and the 3rd degree apron becomes redundant and no longer used.

These aprons are often found in the lodge storage locker where they are occasionally used by a brother who has forgotten to bring his or a brother from another jurisdiction who doesn't have one. The number of orphaned aprons far exceeds the need.

Wouldn't it be good if there were some kind of ceremony or procedure for the handling these aprons who's rightful owners have been called from Labour to Refreshment by the GAOTU?

We dispose of our national flags by burning in a dignified ceremony. If there is no such ceremony for aprons, could we not put our collective minds together to create a dignified way of dealing with these aprons that are such a big symbol of Freemasonry? I believe that Ohio has such a ceremony.

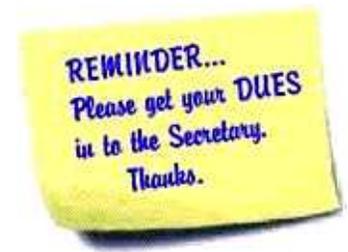
How To Say It

Severely	<u>sev</u> -veer-lee
Sincere	sin- <u>seer</u>
Society	so- <u>sigh</u> -e-tee ('e' as in 'bet')
Solace	<u>sol</u> -iss
Solemnity	so- <u>lem</u> -nit-ee
Solicit	so- <u>lis</u> -it



Solicitation	so- <u>lis</u> -it- <u>tay</u> -shun
Soliciting	so- <u>lis</u> -it-ing
Specie	<u>spee</u> -shee
Sphere	sfeer
Strenuously	<u>stren</u> -yoo-us-lee
Sublunary	<u>sub</u> -loo-nar-ee or sub- <u>loo</u> -nar-ee
Subvert	sub- <u>vert</u>
Successor	suck- <u>sess</u> -or
Succoth	<u>suck</u> -oth or <u>soo</u> -koth
Suffice	suff- <u>ice</u>
Superior	soo- <u>peer</u> -ee-or
Superstructure	soo-per- <u>struck</u> -choor
Supplicate	<u>sup</u> -lick- <u>ate</u>
Supplication	<u>sup</u> -lick- <u>ay</u> -shun

- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work



I Was Wondering

Who should propose the toast to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge?

The traditional toast is correctly worded in Meeting the Challenge p. 91 No. 2: “The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario” (as indicated in the answer to question No. 4). The composition of our Grand Lodge is specified in Sec. 9 of the Book of Constitution, and propriety would indicate that the toast should be offered by one who is not a member of Grand Lodge, i.e., a Master Mason.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 9-Grand Lodge shall consist of Grand Officers, its Past Grand Officers, and the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of all lodges duly returned on the Grand Lodge register.

On which side does the Director of Ceremonies stand when conducting visitors into the Lodge?

The Director of Ceremonies stands on the left side of visitors. (See Meeting the Challenge, p. 82, No. 3).

Meeting the Challenge-1976-The Grand Lodge officer enters first and takes his place under the wands. The Deacons proceed with the visiting officer to the altar. The escorting officer remains outside the wands, on the left: at no time does he grasp the visitor by the arm.

Is the District Deputy Grand Master automatically a member of each Lodge in the District during his term of office?

The District Deputy Grand Master is authorized to preside, and only those with this authority are presented, received under the wands, accorded the Grand Honours and given the gavel. (See the response to question 19). Each Lodge in the District is required to send a copy of every summons to the District Deputy; however he is not a member of every lodge in the District, and is certainly not entitled to vote or ballot. (See the Book of Constitution Sec. 96,239 and 344).

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 96-The District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority, unless the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master be present, to preside at any lodge meeting within his District and to direct the business thereof during his visit thereto.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 239-The Master shall cause the Secretary to send a copy of every summons to the members of the lodge, the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the lodge is situated, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master.



Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 344-*All members of the lodge present when the ballot is taken must ballot.*

If a member wishes to visit a Lodge where he cannot be properly vouched for, what should he be prepared to present and answer?

He must present a paid up dues card, either from a Lodge in our jurisdiction, or from a Lodge in a Grand Lodge with which we are in amity; pass a satisfactory examination by a Board of Trial. (See the Book of Constitution Sec. 213 to Sec. 216).

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 213-*A member in good standing who has been personally vouched for by a brother in good standing or who passed a satisfactory examination by a Board of Trial may visit a lodge at the discretion of the Master.*

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 214-*A Board of Trial for a visitor shall be conducted by at least two Master Masons of the lodge, of whom one should be an Installed Master, appointed by the Master and the examination shall include:*

- a a lodge dues card or other evidence of membership, a Certificate of Demission, or a Certificate of Standing;*
- b acceptable proof of having been initiated, passed and raised in Craft Masonry; and*
- c the requirement that the visitor either subscribe to the Tyler's oath in accordance with prescribed Form 3 or repeat it.*

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 215-*Following satisfactory examination, the visitor shall enter his name, Masonic rank and the name of his lodge in which he claims or last claimed membership, in the attendance book to be kept by each lodge for the purpose.*

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 216-*A visitor shall be subject to the by-laws of a lodge and to the Constitution of Grand Lodge.*

When giving the Grand Honours we seem to have an extra movement, i.e., ten rather than nine, twenty-two rather than twenty-one, etc. Why is this?

The method of extending the Grand Honours is clearly detailed on page 83 of Meeting the Challenge, however, when the appropriate total has been reached there seems to be a somewhat natural tendency to strike the thighs one more time, when at this point, the hands should be merely dropped to the sides before beginning to strike the palms.

Meeting the Challenge-1976-*The Grand Honours are given as follows. The brethren stand with hands at their sides. The first movement is to strike the thighs with the palms. The second movement is to cross the arms over the breast, the left over the right, the palms sharply striking the shoulders. The third movement is to raise the hands above the head, striking the palms together. These three movements are repeated the appropriate number of times (see below, paragraph 2). Then the same number of smart claps are given with the right palm on the left palm, then with left on right; repeat with right on left; then one, right on left; one, left on right; and one, right on left.*

2) *The code established by Grand Lodge is as follows.*

- a Grand Master, and Past Grand Master: nine times.*
- b Deputy Grand Master , Past Deputy Grand Master , District Deputy Grand Master , Past District Deputy Grand Master , Grand Chaplain, present and past, and all other elective Grand officers, present and past: seven times.*
- c Appointive Grand Lodge Officers other than Grand chaplain, present and past: five times.*



- d* *Worshipful Master and Past Master: three times.*
 - e* *A brother appointed by the Grand Master to represent him at the constitution of a lodge, and not otherwise entitled to more: five times.*
 - f* *All Grand and Past Grand officers of foreign jurisdictions may receive similar honours to those accorded to members of our own Grand Lodge, according to their degree, by courtesy only.*
- 3) *A convenient way to keep the count, both for the brother leading in the Grand Honours, as well as for each participating brother, is to count silently as each of the three movements of the first part is performed; thus, (1) strike the thighs; (2) cross hands over the breast; (3) strike palms together; (4) strike the thighs; (5) cross hands over breast; and so on, until the appropriate total has been reached, e.g., 27 for the Grand Master, 21 for the District Deputy Grand Master. (ed: I have found that rather than do the math to determine the number of movements, it is easier to count the number of cycles by saying the phrase ‘this is 1 (2, 3, etc.)’ for each movement in a cycle. Thus, you would say ‘this’ when slapping the thighs, ‘is’ when crossing the breast, and the appropriate number when clapping the hands over the head.)*
- 4) *The Grand Honours are given at the reception of distinguished Masons; at the installation of the Worshipful Master; at the installation ceremonies in Grand Lodge: at the dedication of a lodge room; and at the consecration of a lodge.*

What is the “Tyler’s Oath,” and where can it be found?

It is usually given as part of a Board of Trial, so called because it was formerly administered by the Tyler. (See the Book of Constitution Sec. 214c). It is printed on Form 3 on page 182.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 214c-the requirement that the visitor either subscribe to the Tyler’s oath in accordance with prescribed Form 3 or repeat it.

Book of Constitution-2005-page 182, Form 3-TYLER’S OATH-I, (visitor’s name) do hereby solemnly and sincerely swear that I have been regularly initiated, passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in a just and legally constituted lodge of such; that I do not stand suspended or expelled; and know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic Communication with my brethren.

When does the Inner Guard not carry the sword to the anteroom door?

See the Guidelines for Officers, page 19, No. 1 and page 24, No. 3. (ed: this document has recently been made redundant by additions to the rubrics in The Work.)

Guidelines for Officers-2004, page 19, No. 1-(Fellowcraft Degree) There is no need to carry the sword to the anteroom.

Guidelines for Officers-2004, page 24, No. 3-(Master Mason Degree) It is quite UNNECESSARY for the Inner Guard to have the sword in hand for openings, closings, and admissions of members and visitors. The sword ought to be taken in hand ONLY when the Worshipful Master directs the candidate to be admitted in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Should the Senior Deacon square the lodge when directed to attend the door?

When directed by the Worshipful Master to attend the door with their wands, the Senior Deacon would square the lodge and join the Junior Deacon who had stepped forward from his chair. They would both await the entry of the visitor being received, with their wands at the slope, until the officer steps between them, when they cross (or lock their wands) over the visitor with the Senior Deacon being on the right of the visitor.



If a brother is suspended from a craft lodge where he was an affiliated member, does this affect his membership in his mother lodge, where he is a life member?

Suspension in any lodge under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, or any Grand Lodge recognized by our Grand Lodge, automatically results in suspension in all lodges under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge. (See Book of Constitution Sec.207 and Sec. 210).

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec.207-Suspended members are deprived of all their Masonic rights and privileges.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec.210-Suspension in any lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge or any Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge automatically results in suspension in all lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. (1983)

How can the Constitution be changed?

The Constitution may only be amended by Grand Lodge. (See Book of Constitution, Sec. 67. The amending procedure is detailed in Sec. 70.)

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec.67-Grand Lodge has the sole power and authority to .enact rules and regulations for the government of the Craft and to amend or repeal them from time to time, subject only to the Ancient Landmarks and this Constitution.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec.70-The Constitution of Grand Lodge may be amended at the annual meeting thereof by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting. A Notice of Motion in writing, stating distinctly the proposed amendment shall have been given at the preceding annual meeting or shall have been received by the Grand Secretary on or before the 1st day of January preceding the meeting at which the motion is to be considered, or at such shorter period as may appear to the Grand Master on consultation with the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence to be just and appropriate considering the special circumstances of the case. The Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence shall have reported favourably on the constitutional validity of the proposed amendment and Grand Lodge shall have adopted its report. (1991)

- Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers-2004

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Cascade Lodge, Banff, AB
thanks to Lucio Bertulli - Mimosa Lodge



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

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.
- Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), Nobel Peace Prize-1952

Wednesday December 5 2012

Toronto Assembly #2 - Annual Christmas Dinner



Come join the Rainbow Girls for an evening of food, friends, laughter and Christmas Joy! Come sing Christmas Carols. 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

Saturday December 8 2012

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 8 2012

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 BCE. 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

Saturday December 8 2012

Raymond C. Purslow Council No. 170 - A.M.D. Information Session

The Officers and Members of Raymond C. Purslow Council No.170 wish to cordially invite all Royal Arch Masons to an A.M.D. (Allied Masonic Degrees) information session.

We are a Masonic organization that originated in England in the 1870’s and since have spread to France, the United States, Spain, Australia and other countries worldwide.



We perpetuate several long since unpractised degrees. But more importantly, we encourage Masonic research, and it is customary to have a paper written and presented at each meeting by one of our members.

Raymond C. Purslow Council meets four times a year on the second Saturdays in March, May, September and December. Breakfast served at 8:30 AM. Council opens at 9:30 AM.

If you would wish to learn more about this young, growing order in Canada, please attend this Royal Arch Masons Information Morning. They say there is no such thing as a free lunch, but we will give you a free breakfast (Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Toast, Juice and Coffee) starting at 8:30 am. And we promise to have you home by noon.

Time: 8:30 am
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Richard Allgood @ rall@sympatico.ca or 416.284.8919

From Kona Lodge - Hawaii:

I am reminded of an incident in the life of Count Tolstoy, the great Russian novelist, sometimes reputed to have been a Freemason, who dared to be a socialist in the days of the czars.

The count was accosted by a beggar on the streets. Tolstoy searched his clothes but could find nothing that he might contribute. He then addressed the supplicant: "Brother, I hope you are not angry with me because I can find no coin."

The trace of a smile crept to the face of the beggar. A dim light came into his eyes. He responded, "You called me 'brother,' and that was a great blessing."

We who use the term 'brother' freely, and are not hindered in so doing, have little conception what deep meaning there may be in the word when spoken under certain conditions or circumstances. The derelict who approached the great Russian undoubtedly was accustomed to refusal of his appeals; he must have been accustomed to kicks and cuffs in place of silver. There was none to love him, and none for whom he might show affection. At night he crawled into a dirty hovel, and by day he was hounded from public places by the police of the czar.

To receive nothing could not have been a great disappointment, having so often been his lot. And he expressed no disappointment, but the great Russian who had nothing to give did express disappointment.



He apologized almost for being empty of pocket. "Brother, I hope you are not angry with me because I have no coin." Possibly his socialistic beliefs told him that his own empty-handedness made him brother to the other who had nothing. Whatever the reason, he spoke the word that brought to the face of the mendicant the first glint of a smile that it may have known for many a day, for many a month. The kind word may have led the beggar to forget his hunger.

That night he may have crawled into his dirty bunk to pleasant dreams. The kind word that cost nothing, but it brought into a dark life more than could have been put there by a coin that would have commanded bread.



“You called me ‘brother’ and that was a great blessing.”
- Wayne Anderson, FCF, MPS

Friday December 21 2012

First Day of Winter

December 21st at 6:12 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 word solstice comes from the Latin words for “sun” and “to stand still.” In the Northern Hemisphere, as summer advances to winter, the points on the horizon where the Sun rises and sets advance southward each day; the high point in the Sun's daily path across the sky, which occurs at local noon, also moves southward each day. At the winter solstice, the Sun's path has reached its southernmost position. The next day, the path will advance northward. However, a few days before and after the winter solstice, the change is so slight that the Sun's path seems to stay the same, or stand still. The Sun is directly overhead at “high-noon” on Winter Solstice at the latitude called the Tropic of Capricorn. In the Northern Hemisphere, the solstice days are the days with the fewest hours of sunlight during the whole year.



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.

Wednesday December 26 2012

First Day of Kwanzaa



Kwanzaa created by Maulana Karenga, is a week-long celebration honouring universal African heritage and culture, is observed until January 1 and was first celebrated in 1966.

This celebration features activities such as lighting a candle holder with seven candles and culminates in a feast and gift-giving.

Kwanzaa celebrates what its founder called the seven principles of Kwanzaa, or Nguzo Saba (the seven principles of African heritage). Each of the seven days of Kwanzaa is dedicated to one of the following principles: Umoja (unity); Kujichagulia (self-determination); Ujima (collective work and responsibility); Ujamaa (cooperative economics); Nia (purpose); Kuumba (creativity); and Imani (faith).

If it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures, like Shakespeare wrote poetry, like Beethoven composed music; sweep streets so well that all the host of Heaven and earth will have to pause and say, "Here lived a great street sweeper, who swept his street well." Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.
- Bro. Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), 26th U.S. President-1901-09, Nobel Peace Prize-1906

Friday January 18 through Friday January 25 2013
Quinte St. Alban's - 5th Fraternal Visit to Holguín, Cuba
One week Vacation and Masonic Discovery.



Accommodation at the Blau Costa Verde at the Playa Pesquero
All Inclusive, Double Occupancy Price \$999.00 per Adult (tax incl.) (or less with a large enough group)

All are welcome - Masons, friends, ladies and children. For more information on activities of previous visits of 2009, 2011 and 2012 visits:

- www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-january-2009.pdf
- www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-february-2011.pdf
- www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-february-2012.pdf

Contact: Vince Lombardo @ qsaweb@gmail.com or 905.731.0504

Monday January 21 2013
Caledonia - Annual Scots Night

Come and enjoy wonderful friendship. Taste the pleasure of freshly caught haggis!



- Hear the Address to the Haggis done by Andrew McClelland.
- Tap your toes to the skirl of the pipes played by Rory Sinclair.
- Hear the sound of the fiddle played by Stephanie Miletic.
- Be entertained by The Beach Celtic Group.
- Be fascinated by traditional Scottish Dancing by The Bold Step Dancers.



- Laugh to the humour of Scotland's own Syd Simkins.
Wear your kilt! Bring the wife and kids and all the neighbours. Even the people from work.

We Will Be Waiting To Greet You!

Time: 7:00 pm
 Location: York Temple
 Cost: \$30 pp
 Contact: Brian Black @ brianblack@rogers.com or 905.424.0032

Thursday January 24 2013

Toronto East District - Child Life-Sick Kids Fund Raiser

There will be a Comedy night at Yuk Yuk's in Ajax. Two things of note -

- Tickets can be used on any Wednesday, or Thursday show, when arranged with Yuk Yuk's management. (We of course would like to see you on the night.)
- Tickets can not be bought at the door on the night, as this is a fundraising event and money is made for the project from the door receipts.



What a wonderful way to endeavour to be happy and to communicate that happiness.

Support the Toronto East District charity and start the year off with a smile on your face. Be prepared to laugh until your stomach can't take it any more.

Time: 7:30 pm - doors open
 8:00 pm - Show time
 Location: Yuk-Yuk's - Ajax
 235 Bayly St. W., Ajax
 Cost: \$20 pp
 Contact: Malcolm Parish @ malcolm_parish@hotmail.com or 905.213.9858, or
 Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or
 your Senior Warden

Saturday January 26, February 2 and February 9 2013

Toronto East District - Mechanics of the Work 1, 2 & 3 of 6

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

Our district has schools of instruction that are an excellent method of learning the work in a fun, friendly atmosphere and as I have travelled the district over the years I have seen the results of these Saturday mornings come to fruition on the floor of the lodge.

W. Bro, Greig John King, Canada Lodge Summons



The January 26th, February 2nd and 9th sessions will be a special emphasis for the work of the Deacons in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The February 23rd and March 2nd sessions will be a special emphasis for the work of the Deacons in the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees.



The March 29th session will be a wrap up and review.

We wear no regalia; dress is what's comfortable and appropriate for our gathering and our openings and closings are practice only. Our coffee is \$2.00 to allow us to cover expenses. Questions are entertained throughout the sessions as they arise. Bring your questions and your 2012 black 'Book of the Work' with you.

This day's schedule will see us begin at:-

- 9:00 a.m. - in the Banquet Hall for coffee, a social quarter of an hour and registration.
- 9:20 a.m. - Lodge will open. We will open in all three degrees and discuss the appropriate lessons while in each degree.
- 10:55 a.m. - Labour to Refreshment for a short break for necessities
- 11:05 a.m. - call back on.
- Noon - finish the formal part of the lessons by closing lodge. Return to the Banquet Hall for refreshments.

Our classes are always gatherings of profit and pleasure.

Time: 9:00 am - to Noon
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$2 for coffee and sticky buns
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704 or
Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or 416.697.0822

Thursday January 31 2013

TED - Quarry Talks for the Master Mason



Come and discuss, ask questions and learn about the Master Mason Degree. Open to all Master Masons in the district. An informal social time will follow.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Scott McDonald @ smcdonald60@rogers.com or 905.428.7756

*We need to learn to set our course by the stars, not by the light of every passing ship.
- Bro. General Omar Nelson Bradley (1893-1981)*

Saturday February 2 2013

The Heritage Lodge - 28th Annual Black Tie Banquet

All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal, good friends and an interesting talk. The speaker will be Dr. Bridget Stutchbury of York University, Canada Research Chair in Ecology and Conservation Biology.

Tickets are available by writing to -

Thomas W. Hogeboom
192 Dundas St. W.
Napanea, ON
K7R 2A6



Deadline - January 18 2013

On your request for tickets, please indicate -

- Your full name
- Phone number
- Current Grand Lodge Office
- Number and choice of meals (either Roast Beef or Salmon)
- Your spouse's name (if accompanying)
- Lodge name and number
- Email address

Time: 5:30 pm - Social
6:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Rameses Shrine Temple
3100 Keele St., North York
Speaker: Dr. Bridget Stutchbury
Topic: Migratory Song Birds
Cost: \$30.00 pp

Saturday February 2 2013

Markham Union - Robbie Burns Night



Wear your kilt. All are welcome. Thrill to the skirl of the Pipes and Drums of the York Region Police Pipe Band accompanied by the York Region Police Highland Dancers.

There will be a Silent Auction and Spot Prizes. Dinner will be a full Scottish Buffet featuring Steak Pie with gravy, Peas, Tatties and Neeps and Mmmm . . . Haggis!! (Sheep's entrails stuffed with a mixture of dry oats, onions, ground sheep's liver, heart and tongue. Appetizing, eh?) Afterwards there will be delicious Drambuie Trifle and Shortbread, tea and coffee.

Listen to (but maybe not understand) the Immortal Memory to Robert Burns Address and the Toast to The Haggis. Cash Bar.

Time: 5:30 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Cedarbrae Golf & Country Club
first lights east of Markham Rd, south of Steeles Ave
Cost: \$40.00 pp
Contact: Jim Crawford @ jcra4d@rogers.com or 905.294.3698 or 905.294.9262

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.

- Bro. Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), 26th U.S. President 1901-09, Nobel Peace Prize-1906



Saturday March 16, April 6 and 27 2013

Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session II



Registration by March 8 2013. This program introduces the attendees to many of the important issues regarding a Mason's journey through the chairs to that of the Worshipful Master.

The topics and materials for the program will again be a combination of those prepared by Grand Lodge's Lodge Resources Committee Officer Progression Team as well as those developed within Toronto East District specifically for this program.

As in the past, the maximum number of participants for each three-session program is 24. To date the maximum has never been reached so there is lots of room for you. To ensure sufficient participation, the minimum "course load" will be 8. Registrants will be expected to attend all three sessions and actively participate throughout.

Objectives

- To help Officers in Toronto East District plan their progression through the chairs
- To provide a discussion forum for considering best practices for Lodge Officers
- To assist attendees in developing action plans to be better prepared as WM in their Lodge
- To provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of Lodge Officers

Program Topics Will Include

- Responsibilities and Duties of Lodge Officers
- Preparing for Your Journey
- Best Practices - Food for Thought
- The Master's Chair and Your Journey Towards the East
- SWOT and Implications for Each Officer in the Lodge
- Developing Your Senior Wardens' Group
- Protocol and Etiquette
- Ritual Q's & A's
- Self-Development - Tips ' n Techniques

Registration

Complete the registration form found in the district website www.torontoeastdistrict.com and submit it with the materials fee to Bruce Palanik **no later than** March 8 2013. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$35 pp
Contact: Bruce Palanik @ brucepalanik@rogers.com or 905.839.7342



Sunday March 24 2013

4th Charles A. Sankey Lecture - Native American Freemasonry

The guest lecturer will be Professor Joy Porter from the University of Hull, Hull UK.

Dr. Joy Porter is Professor of Indigenous History, and joined the Department in October 2012. Previously, she was Senior Lecturer and Associate Dean for the College of Arts & Humanities at the University of Swansea. She gained her M.A. and PhD from the University of Nottingham in 1990 and 1993 respectively. She has over 20 publications including 6 books, has organized two externally funded major international conferences and has held Visiting Professorships at the University of Paris, Diderot and at The Clinton Institute, Dublin. She has also delivered invited lectures across Europe and North America. The research underpinning her monograph *Native American Freemasonry: Associationalism and Performance in America* (University of Nebraska Press, 2011) was funded by a Leverhulme Research Fellowship. Other aspects of her work have benefited from a number of awards (AHRC, British Academy, British Association of Canadian Studies, Association of Canadian Studies in the U.S., Canadian Government Research Award). She is currently a member of the AHRC Peer Review College (History, Thought & Culture).



In lieu of charging for admission, a [tax deductible] contribution is requested to:

Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Brock University Partnership - Project Number 2937

We would also like to remind you about the Sankey Lecture website www.sankeylectures.ca. There is information about this year's lecture, as well as the videos of the first two lectures Dr. Andreas Önnersfors (2010), Dr. Jessica Harland Jacobs (2011) and Dr. Steven Bullock (2012).

Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Brock University
500 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines
Cost: Donation to Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Brock University Partnership
- Project Number 2937



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Columns and Rods



Why do the wardens have columns? Why do the Wardens dispose them as they do, depending whether the Lodge is at Labour or Refreshment? What do those columns represent?

I looked up the subject of “Warden’s Columns” in Coil’s Masonic Encyclopaedia and this is some of what I found. “The two Wardens’ Columns it is possible, but is not certain that these represent Jachin and Boaz.”

Jones, in his ‘Freemasons Guide and Compendium’ says; “it seems that Jachin and

Boaz do not stand like sentinels in English Lodges, for the two columns were formerly given more prominence by being placed on either side of the entry way so that one must pass between them to enter the Lodge.” Passing between Boaz and Jachin is what is meant by the term ‘Passed” in the 2nd degree, so I think passing between these pillars each time one enters his Lodge is a nice thing. However, there are few Lodges that have the room for these pillars to reside on each side of the Tyler’s Door, to enjoy passing between them as we enter the Lodge we need to think of symbolically doing it.

Jones also says he is of the opinion that the two Wardens’ Columns took the place of the larger columns which were abandoned. And evidently in English Lodges the two Wardens’ Columns are all that is left of the three great pillars. Well if that’s true they couldn’t represent Jachin and Boaz, they must be Strength and Beauty, Doric and Corinthian. But why then do the Warden’s Columns have round globe-like features on their tops?

Again Coils: “Early rituals (1730) spoke of “three Grand Pillars” which supported the Mason’s Lodge, and represented the first three Grand Masters. In the 18th century [the pillars] stood before, to the side, or behind, the Master, and one was similarly placed with respect to each Warden.”

In the Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry it says this about the Senior Warden. “He represents the Column of Strength. He has placed before him, and carries in all processions, a column, which is the representative of the right-hand pillar that stood at the porch of King Solomon’s Temple. The Junior Warden has a similar column, which represents the left hand pillar.” This refers to Jachin and Boaz respectively; Boaz on the left, and Jachin on the right. This placement is found in the 7th chapter of I Kings of the Great Light of Masonry.

I continued to look into books I have on hand and found that the Warden’s Columns and the Deacon’s Rods are related.

The Rod or staff is an emblem of power, and as with the Warden’s Columns they are today a Badge of Office; when a King carries it, it is called a sceptre, but when carried by an inferior officer it becomes a Rod, verge, or staff: At one time the Deacons, Stewards, and Marshal (*ED: American Office*) of a Lodge all carried Rods. The Rod or Staff in addition to being an emblem of power and authority is a symbol of protection. “Thy Rod and thy staff they comfort me.”



In the Military the Rod became a “Baton” in the hands of the Marshal, and the Baton was adopted by Freemasonry as the badge of office for the Marshal of the Lodge.

“Smith’s edition of the Pennsylvania “Ahiman Rezon” refers to a procession in 1778 where the Wardens carried “wands tipped with gold,” and also the Warden’s Columns.”

At the time of Webb’s Monitor, published in 1797, and as shown in Preston’s Illustrations of Masonry, the Deacons received the Columns as the badges of their office: “A short time later, meaning soon after 1804 but most likely before 1807, the Columns were transferred to the Wardens and Rods were given to the Deacons.” According to Mackey’s Encyclopaedia - after 1822 all the “Monitors” referred to the Columns for the Wardens and the Rods for the Deacons. So after about 1822 the columns were everywhere recognized as the insignia for the Wardens, and the Rods, Wands, or Staves, as belonging to the Deacons.

White as a colour - Here is an explanation as to why the Steward’s Rods are white, “the Steward’s Rod is an imitation if the White Staff borne by the Lord High Steward of the King’s household:” A real simple explanation as to why Freemasonry adopted the White Rods for the Lodge Stewards. The Rod is the badge or ensign of the office of the Stewards of the Lodge, or of the Grand Stewards in the Grand Lodge, on the top of which is the same insignia as is the Steward’s Jewel and the same system of Jewels and Rod Tops follows for the Deacons as well.

The first formal account of the Stewards and their White Rods is found in the Book of Constitutions from 1738. On June 24, 1724, (St. John the Baptist Day) is recorded; the Stewards were walking “Two and two abreast with white rods.”

The use of the White Rods comes from the political usages of England, where the Steward of the King’s household was appointed by the delivery of a staff, the breaking of which dissolved the office. In those times, going back to the reign of Edward the 4th, at least, the “White Staff” was the proper insignia for both the office of Steward and Treasurer. In 1792, Preston wrote about the “Grand Treasurer with his staff.” In America the custom of the Treasurer carrying a Rod has been abandoned. However, the custom was derived from the old custom of the Treasurer of the King’s household to carry a staff as the ensign of authority.

“In the old “customary books” we are told that the Steward or Treasurer of the household received the White Rod as a badge of office from the King himself. The King would present the Rods with these words: “Tenez le baston de nostre maison.” (Receive the Staff of our house.)

An interesting comment in Mackey’s Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry is this about the Deacons of a Lodge. “The proper Badge or Ensign of office of a Deacon, which he should always carry with him in the discharge of the duties of his office, is a Blue Rod surmounted by a pine-cone.”

Over time the colour of the Deacons Rods, at least here in America, became Black. In the two-volume set of the “New Century Dictionary,” which is from the beginning of the last century, (the 1900’s,) not our New Century; under the meanings and examples of the word “Black” I saw two words “Black Rod,” and this is what it says about the Black Rods. “The chief gentleman usher of the Lord Chamberlain’s department of the English Royal household; also usher of the Order of the Garter, whose principal duty is attendance on the House of Lords, in which he is responsible for the maintenance of order (named with reference to the Black Rod he carries); a similar official in British colonial legislatures.”



And since the duties of the Deacon's is to carry messages from the Senior Warden and orders from the Master about the Lodge, the pine-cone was replaced with a Square and Compass as the top of the Deacon's Rod. Inside the Square and Compass of the Junior Deacon is a representation of the moon and of the sun for the Senior Deacon. And as mentioned above the same Square and Compass with the moon or sun is in the Jewels of the Deacons, which they wear because it alludes to the Three Lesser Lights, and why the Senior Warden is in the West and the Master is in the East.

So after all of that, I still stand by the answer I had in the first place. The Warden's Columns represent the pillars at the porch of King Solomon's temple, Jachin and Boaz. If one would inspect the Columns in some Lodges we might find that in addition to Globes being represented on the Wardens Columns there are also Lilies, Network and Pomegranates depicted in the carvings of the wood. While the Columns of Doric, (representing Strength,) would be quite plain, and the Corinthian, (being the most beautiful of the 5 orders of architecture,) would have two rows of leaves and eight volutes sustaining the abacus, and it would not look like an orb. But that is assuming that the Warden's Columns are an accurate depiction of what they represent. In the more modern production of the columns it appears that they are turned out on a lathe for a faster, simpler product, and thus are made much plainer. From my observation of the Warden's Columns when visiting Lodges it is evident that the construction of the columns varies; some older ones being very ornate and detailed, and newer columns being on the plain side, in short they don't all look the same. Today it seems the very detailed and ornate columns are quite rare, valuable, and collectable.

I find it quite interesting that when looking up information about the Warden's Columns, I was led to the Rods. In studying Speculative Masonry, one thing many times leads to another.

So there is the answer to the question regarding why the Warden's have Columns that they dispose when the Lodge is either at Labour or Refreshment; they dispose them as they do to let the members of the Lodge know two things; whether the Lodge is at Labour or Refreshment, and which officer is assisting the Master in the governance of the Lodge. And also why the Deacon's carry rods that are coloured black, and why the Steward's rods are white. The Stewards carry "White Rods" because it is reminiscent of the White Rod carried by the Steward in the King's household. And the Deacons carry Black Rods because the Chief Gentleman Usher of the Lord Chamberlain's department of the King's household carried a Black Rod.

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