

Hiram's Lighthouse

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As the Lodge is opened with the rising sun, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe and closed at its setting in peace, harmony, and brotherly love, so, if you have any animosity against a Brother Mason, let not the sun sink in the West without being witness to your reconciliation. Early explanations prevent long-continued enmities.

- Bro. George Oliver (1782-1867), The Book of the Lodge-1864

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Well at least today. May it continue until January 3, and then let's get back to temperatures in the mid-70s and up.

November was a very busy month for us. I want to say a HUGE thank you to ALL of you who attended one of the three Remembrance services in The District. In total we had approximately 130 Masons in attendance. Add them to the many family and friends that showed up, what a fantastic showing. As your DDGM, I was incredibly proud to be there with you.



As we enter December, our thoughts turn to Christmas. For many, this is the happiest time of the year. We look forward to spending time with family and friends. However, not everyone is as fortunate. As Masons we profess to admire the virtue of Charity. We all had our principles tested in the North East angle during our initiation. I want to remind you that while we normally think of Charity as the giving of money, that is far from always the case. Not all of us are in the position to be as generous as others, but we ALL have time; granted some more than others. Masonry helps to make us charitable men. During this festive season, think of those around us who are less fortunate. If you have the time to spare, give of your time at one of the countless organizations that help the less fortunate this time of year.



You have all heard me talk about the importance of family. They ground us and give us the foundation for success. Our Brother Winston Churchill once said “There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues, the most dominating virtues of human, are created, strengthened and maintained.” Over the holiday season, keep that quote in the back of your mind, and celebrate your family. Today they come in different shapes and sizes. No two are the same. The diversity in our family unit is a pillar of our Canadian society. No matter the makeup of your family unit, cherish them and let them know what they mean to you.

We do still have some Masonic duties come, and the social season is starting. urge you to partake if you can. In thank you to all The Lodges who have Craft is a fraternity. Enjoy each other, professionally.



this month. There are installations still to Several Lodges hold Christmas gatherings. I advance, on behalf of W. Bro. Malcolm Parish, included us in their get togethers. After all, our but please be safe. I don't want to talk to you

My Brethren, Marina and I wish you and your families a truly Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.

May the Great Architect of the Universe protect you and yours.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. David J. Neave
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



EVENTS CALENDAR:

December 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<u>2</u> * Mimosa - Reception for V.W. Bro. Tod Owens - Assistant Grand DoC Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * West Hill - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto * Rainbow Girls - Family Christmas Dinner see below Doric Pickering	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Bodhi Day
<u>9</u> * Scarboro - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> * Birch Cliff - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>14</u> Doric - Progressive Euchre Night see below Doric Pickering	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> * Doric - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>20</u> * THVD - 3 rd Annual Turkey Giveaway see below Rameses Shrine Temple (Keele)	<u>21</u> First Day of Winter 	<u>22</u> 
<u>23</u> 	<u>24</u> Christmas Eve You can still get the shopping done! 	<u>25</u> Christmas Day 	<u>26</u> Boxing Day Get back into those stores. Buy! Buy! 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 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<u>1</u> New Year's Day Resolve to knock the uneven parts off your ashlar.	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> * Coronati - 100 th Anniversary Celebration see below Doric Pickering	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * TED - Habitat For Humanity Build Day see below	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> * West Hill - Reception for R.W. Bro. Walter Drane - Grand Junior Warden Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> * Todmorden - Robbie Burns Night see below Royal Canadian Legion Branch #345	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Mawlid al-Nabi	<u>25</u> Robbie Burns Day * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 1/6 see below East Toronto	<u>26</u>
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AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity



The District Deputy this year has chosen The Mikey Network as his Charity of choice. The Mikey Network works to promote heart healthy lifestyles. They are committed to placing “MIKEYs” (Automatic External Defibrillators) in high-risk locations to help people affected by sudden cardiac arrest. This is not your regular charity. This is a network of people who want to make a real difference in the lives of people just like us, in neighbourhoods just like yours with a life saving device, with the MIKEY unit. They receive not Government or United Way funding and must achieve their goals through support from organizations and individuals like us. So far, 16 people have been saved by a MIKEY! Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any time. This is why we need MIKEYs in Toronto East District.

Thank you.
V.W. Bro. Gerry Newall
District Chairman

The soul is dyed the colour of its thoughts. Think only on those things that are in line with your principles and can bear the full light of day. The content of your character is your choice. Day by day, what you think, and what you do is who you become. Your integrity is your destiny . . . it is the light that guides your way.

- Heraclitus (535-475 BC)

Remember the North East Corner

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

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

www.beadonor.ca



We've have Masons in the Toronto Area on the list awaiting transplant donations. We've had Masons in the Toronto Area die before a transplant donation became available. Imagine the heartbreak of dying or losing a loved one when an alternative is readily available - *but no one got around to it.*

In Ontario, only 22% of residents are registered as donors at the end of 2012. During that year, 95 people - our family, friends and neighbours, died waiting for organs. In Durham Region the level of registration is ranked in the lower 2/3s of the communities listed at www.beadonor.ca.

As an organization that is demographically the most likely to be at both ends of this issue, both needing and providing organs for lifesaving transplant, you'd think we would get behind this issue more.

What does it take?



FYI

Mussolini ordered all Masonic references removed, including the emblems on the base of Garibaldi's monument in Rome. After the restoration of the republic, fascist emblems were removed and the Masonic emblems restored.

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

Toronto East Masonic Centre

November was a busy month for the members and directors of the Toronto East Masonic Centre. It was discovered there were some irregularities in the corporate structures of the TEMC and its wholly owned company, 2316543 Ontario Limited. These were dealt with quickly by our legal team but the solution did require we call a meeting of the members to resolve some issues and approve a new bylaw. This being completed, the board of directors for the number company increased to seven and they promptly elected new officers with Graeme Boyce continuing as our leader in the president's role.



Sadly, his tenure was short as he tendered his resignation for personal reasons just a few weeks later. We all wish Graeme well in his future endeavours and offer him our sincere thanks for the tremendous achievements he has brought to this project thus far.

His replacement as president is Jim McKinnon, current VP of the Toronto East Masonic Centre and president of the East Toronto Masonic Temple Corporation.

The other members of the board are, Michael Morris (Secretary), Roy Gomes (VP), Gerry Campbell (Chairman of the Board), Bob Steenson (Treasurer) and Joe LeFevre.

Pray the Great Architect of the Universe may grant them all, wisdom to comprehend and judgement to discern as they guide this magnificent undertaking towards a successful dedication of our Temple.

Directors
Toronto East Masonic Centre

What's Happening This Week?

Brethren who don't like or don't know how to use the electronic (email / internet) means, can call into the new This Week in Toronto East (TWiTE) telephone hotline and hear upcoming events within our District for the current week. The phone number is an Ajax exchange so it is local for all within our District. The phone number is **289.482.1294**.

The information will be updated every Sunday night when W. Bro. Earle Goodwin posts the electronic TWiTE.

Thank you Earle, for taking on this task with the enthusiasm you did.

- R.W. Bro. David J. Neave



Masonic Youth in Action

On the weekend of November 9 2013, the Youth of the Year Awards were presented.



L-R: R.W. Bro. Jeffery Baker, DDGM of Hamilton A, Kaitlyn Erin Davies, Toronto Assembly #2 Rainbow Girls, Jad Ltief, Ottawa DeMolay, R.W. Bro. Bill Atkinson, Youth Chairman

Demonstrating that Masonic Youth is involved in community activities, the DeMolay of Windsor District represented Freemasonry as flag bearers during the Windsor District Remember Day Memorial Service at Malden Park.



Our Real Purpose

Hiram's Lighthouse published a paper earlier this month entitled Our Real Purpose by P.G.M. F.P. Galbraith from 1965. Some recipients think I write these papers. I'd like to take credit but I am merely



the messenger not the author. These papers generate a small amount of buzz both pro and con and that is a good thing. That is the reason I publish them - to get us to take a look at what we are doing and really consider what Freemasonry is all about. Here is one response for your consideration.

The [**Lighthouse**] beam does shed light on important aspects of Masonry - none more so than the thoughts that are in this article. I myself have often wrestled with the reality of "What have we really morphed into - particularly in the G.T.A." and "Where are we going". The tantalising questions are, in my mind:-

- What is the fundamental purpose of Masonry in 2013? (Rather than the trite surface comments that are so prevalent!). What should we be striving to be? Is there a tangible purpose that one could adequately describe?
- When the fundamental purpose is clearly understood in a Lodge then, perhaps, an understanding by a senior Mason should be given after each degree, on a subsequent occasion, as to how that degree relates to that purpose. Today, education concentrates on the mechanics of the work.
- Is there a clear understanding of that purpose amongst current Members - never mind conveying that purpose to new Members?
- Are the majority of Masons truly involved in furthering that purpose by a knowledgeable, enthusiastic presentation of The Work?
- Why are so many Members, who aspire to greater rank, members of numerous Lodges rather than dedicated to the success of their Mother Lodge?
- With declining Membership, why are there so many Masons intent on furthering their own personal ambitions?

At the same time, when visiting successful Lodges, one can immediately get a feeling of genuine, relaxed, fraternal good will to all. It must emanate from that intangible fundamental purpose of Masonry. It would be good to analyze it, bottle it and clone it.

John Woods
P.M. Caledonia Lodge

November 28 2013

Mechanics of the Work Class - Eastern Edition

A special edition of the classes normally held on Saturday mornings at East Toronto Temple was held on this evening at Doric Pickering Masonic Hall. The classes had never been attempted anywhere other than East Toronto Temple, so no one knew what to expect.

The result was an enormous success. There were about 40 participants, the lodge room was packed, with attendees ranging from a newly initiated Entered Apprentice to Grand Lodge Officers including our DDGM and the District Secretary. There were even brethren from Ontario district.

For anyone who hasn't attended these classes, you don't know what you are missing! The classes are free, open and informal. Anything and everything is explained. Anyone who wishes can take a desired chair so it's a great way to practice for the next office to be held.

After the lodge part broke up, everyone retired to the banquet hall for a scrumptious meal donated by Friendship Lodge and the protocol and etiquette of the banquet was explained.



The DDGM explained several things that benefitted all who were there, A special thanks goes to W. Bro. Bob Steenson for taking the chance of holding the class in the east end and also for acting as the instructor.

Great night!

Christmas Extras and Stuff

You know how it goes around this time of year. You're dropping in on somebody for a visit and you don't want to come empty handed. You don't need much, just a token gift. Or maybe you want a little something sweet for around the house, aside from the resident goddess that is.

The Oshawa and District Shrine Club has the answer. They are currently selling Christmas goodies. Many lodges use the Shrine Christmas Cakes as a gift for their widow.



Scottish Shortbread	380 gm	\$7.00	French Chocolate Truffles	250 gm	\$10.00
Christmas Cake - light or dark	450 gm	\$12.00	Plum Pudding w Sauce	675 gm	\$8.00
Tin of Chocolate Chunk Cookies	380 gm	\$11.00	Cherry Cakes Twin Pack	450 gm	\$14.00

Contact your lodge Shrine representative.

Tough Mudder?

So! You think you're tough! Well at least middling fit. You don't puff and blow taking those three steps up to the front door. Here's an opportunity to show us your stuff.

TOUGH MUDDER Toronto 2014



finish not how fast you finish.

The members of Caledonia lodge are putting together a team of Freemasons and their families to take part in Tough Mudder at Mount St. Louis Moonstone in Coldwater ON on Aug. 17 2014. All proceeds go towards the Wounded Warrior Foundation which is a world-wide charity that helps the troops returning home who have been hurt in the line of duty. Tough Mudder itself is a 19.5 km obstacle course which includes mud, ice, water and electrical wires. The race is about helping each other

www.toughmudder.com

So if you wanna have some fun and push yourself while helping others, join the Hiram's Mudders.

Training sessions will start to scheduled starting in March/April 2014



For more information or to register please

Contact: Michel Willett @ michaelawillett@hotmail.com or 647.999.3166

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I Was Wondering

The candidate is received on the Square of Virtue?

He is received on the angle of a square, to teach him to square his actions by the square of virtue. The Fellow Craft degree is opened on the square, which is used and referred to many times in the degree.

Fellow Craft were paid their wages in "specie"?

The word denotes coin of the realm. Masonically, the Fellow Craft is paid in the specie of instruction in the hidden mysteries of nature and science. (See Beyond the Pillars, Pg. 114)

Beyond the Pillars-1973, Pg. 114-The Fellow Craft were paid not in kind but in the more substantial material of coin. Having advanced in wisdom and learning, the Mason's reward is in a more valuable form, one which may be used in a wider range of interests. Inasmuch as he has made such progress in the art of building, any return he now receives in the form of further knowledge and self-development is of increasing value, adding as it does to all that he has so far achieved.

Which is correct "scruple" or "scruples"?

The word is scruple, defined as doubt or uncertainty regarding a question of moral right or duty.

Should the Candidate be shown the "ear of corn near a stream of water" during the ceremony?

As this is communicated during the floor work, this would be best left to the sponsor or mentor to direct the attention of the candidate to it while preparing for the examination before raising.

Does the Senior Warden conduct the Candidate to the east after the lecture in the west?

The Senior Deacon places the Candidate in the East. (See the Mechanics of the Work, Pg. 18, No. 19 and the Book of the Work, Pg. 160).

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 18, No. 19-(Senior Deacon) Following the lecture by the Senior Warden, proceed to the west without any direction from the Master.

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 160, Lecture: Second Degree-The Senior Deacon places the candidate in front of the Worshipful Master for the Charge.

(a) What is the correct way to salute while carrying the wand?

(b) Why do the Deacons have to salute when asked to attend with their wands?

(a) See the Mechanics of the Work, Pg. 18, No. 18.

(b) See the Mechanics of the Work, Pg. 9, No. 1.



Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 18, No. 18-(Senior Deacon) *As you salute along with the candidate when passing the Master, bring the wand to a vertical position. The reason for the salute by the Senior Deacon is presumably because the salute of the candidate is going through the Senior Deacon.*

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 9, No. 1-(Junior Deacon) *Rise, salute, take the wand (grasped about one third from the top and placed under the left arm at an angle of 45 degrees) and await instructions.*

Should a brother be “unclothed” during the process of changing aprons?

The apron to be invested should be held over the apron which is to be removed.

Why has the Sign of Fidelity been changed?

It has not been changed. (See the Book of the Work, Pg. 30, 35, 39 & 132).

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 30, Third Degree Closing- *At this point the brethren drop the sign and place right hand on left breast while the Past Master opens the Volume of the Sacred Law at Judges XII, 6, . . .*

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 35, Second Degree Closing- *At this point the brethren drop the sign and place right hand on left breast while the Past Master opens the Volume of the Sacred Law at Ruth IV, 7, . . .*

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 39, First Degree Closing- *At this point the brethren drop the sign and place right hand on left breast while the Past Master closes the Volume of the Sacred Law.*

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 132, Second Degree-The first part of the Sign is called the Sign of Fidelity and is given thus _____, *emblematically to shield the repository of your secrets from the attacks of the cowan.*



In this degree why is the candidate directed to approach the altar commencing with the right foot?

The significance of the approach in all three degrees is an area worthy of our individual contemplation, and a greater understanding of our progress can be attained if we reflect upon all of the directions which we are given.

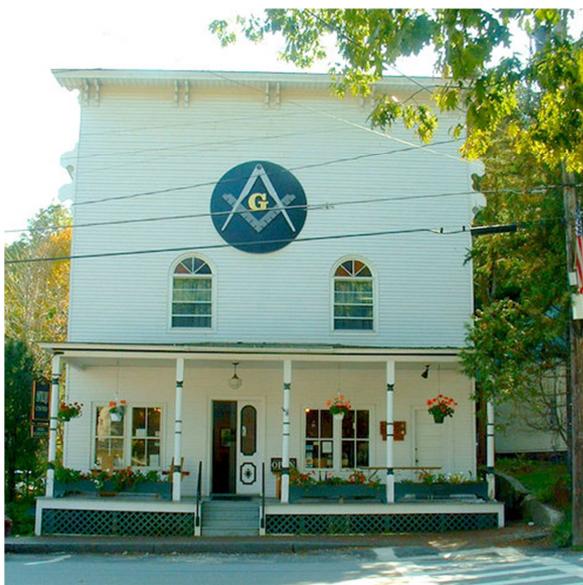
In the Examination Before Raising, what is G.W.E.?

God will establish.

- Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers-2004



Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Mystic Lodge #56, Stowe, Vermont
with thanks to Jeff Brown, King Solomon #394, Thamesford ON

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

It's not what we do once in a while that shapes our lives. It's what we do consistently.
- Anthony 'Tony' Robbins

Wednesday December 4 2013

Rainbow Girls - Family Christmas Dinner



Come join the Rainbow Girls for an evening of food, friends, laughter and Christmas Joy! There will be entertainment and draws. Come sing Christmas Carols. Please **RSVP** ASAP.

Time: 7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$18 ea

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.

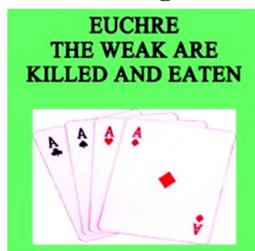


In early Buddhism, bodhi carried a meaning synonymous to nirvana, using only some different metaphors to describe the experience, which implied the extinction of greed, hate and delusion. In the later school of Mahayana Buddhism, the status of nirvana was downgraded, coming to refer only to the extinction 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 14 2013

Doric - Progressive Euchre Night



Stress and pressure of all that Christmas shopping getting you down? Got to get off your feet and relax? Well this may not be the place for you.

Come and enjoy several rounds of absolutely cutthroat euchre played by some really intense semi professional players.

You believe that? Me neither. “Are the red cards better?” 😊

Only 20 tables available. Snacks and refreshments (no alcohol) will be provided. Prizes for high and low scores. A portion of the proceeds go to charity. Come out, chat with friends and enjoy a few hands of cards. “Renegé! Renegé!” Whenever I play, I hear that a lot. I don’t know why. That’s not my name!

Time: 7:30 pm - start
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$15 ea available at the door
Contact: Bill Houston @ yukon_born@yahoo.ca or 905.426.7135



Saturday December 21 2013

First Day of Winter

December 21st at 12:11 pm 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 proceed 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. So actually we can say that this is the very beginning of the long sunny summer days. Not here yet, but they are on the way!

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.

Saturday December 21 2013

Toronto Humber Valley District - 3rd Annual Turkey Giveaway



Helpers are needed! This year, the Masons of THVD are planning on giving away 500 turkeys, first come, first serve. They would appreciate your presence to support them from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. to make this event another success. ALL able bodies will be gratefully received.

Time: 9:00 am until the birds are gone
Location: Rameses Shrine Temple
3100 Keele St.
Contact: Tony Fernando @ tonbiz@gmail.com



Thursday December 26 2013

First Day of Kwanzaa

December 26th is the first day of Kwanzaa, a week-long celebration honouring universal African heritage and culture, observed until January 1st. This celebration features activities such as lighting a candle holder with seven candles and culminates in a feast and gift-giving. It was created by Maulana Karenga and was first celebrated in 1966. 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).

Politeness and consideration for others is like investing pennies and getting dollars back.
- Thomas Sowell, Creators Syndicate

Thursday January 9 2014

Coronati - 100th Anniversary Celebration and Regalia Dedication Ceremony



The officers and members of Coronati Lodge #520 would be more than pleased if you would all come and help celebrate this very important milestone. See the presentation of the gold.

There will be a Fraternal Banquet by pre-purchased ticket. Make cheques payable to *Coronati Lodge #520*. Please **RSVP ASAP**.

Time: 6:00 pm - Banquet
7:45 pm - Lodge Opens
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$20 ea. for the Banquet
Contact: Gary Rhodes @ gary@rhodes.ca or 416.751.7783
169 Birkdale Rd., Scarborough, ON M1P 3R9

Saturday January 11 2014

TED - Habitat For Humanity - Build Day

In one of Canada's most affluent cities, tens of thousands of hard working families are trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty where they do not have a safe and decent place to live. We are choosing to do something about the poverty housing issue in our city. Together we can give families a better life and future.



Each year, Toronto East District Freemasons sponsor a build day for Habitat for Humanity Toronto where we help build a home for a deserving family. Their motto is “A hand up, not a hand out.”

I am excited to be organizing our District Build team again this year! I can't think of a better cause than putting roofs over the heads of deserving families - right here in our own back yard! I invite you to throw your support behind this build, either by signing up as a volunteer, or donating to sponsor the build.

Tradesmen to “Desk Jockeys” – we have a job for everyone! We have committed to 15 volunteers, and to raising at least \$1,125. Last year we raised triple that amount, so I am confident we can once again show strong support.

To register as a volunteer, or to make a secure online donation please visit <http://bit.ly/1hmVCW0> .

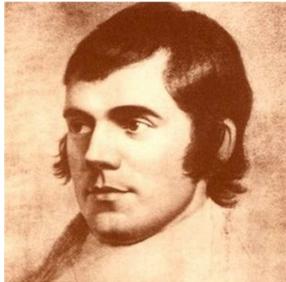
Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: 30-40 Acme Crescent, Toronto

Contact: Joseph Curry @ joseph.curry1@gmail.com or 647.893.6298

Saturday January 18 2014

Todmorden - 6th Annual Robbie Burns Night



Come and join us for ‘The Selkirk Prayer’ led by Tom Fulton. See the piping in of the haggis, as our brethren carry in the Laden Trencher for its presentation, and then watch, listen, and enjoy the address to the Haggis.

Dinner will be served followed by a 15 minute speech on the ‘Immortal Memory’ of Robert Burns, Scotland’s most influential and beloved poet. There will be raffles, door prizes and dancing followed by a late night, light finger food buffet, tea and coffee. Cash bar. We look forward to seeing lots of new faces, and familiar smiles. All are welcome.

Tickets are available through any member of Todmorden Lodge, the Brigadier O. M. Martin Branch 345 of the Royal Canadian Legion, at the door or from our Senior Stewart.

Proceeds raised are being donated to Masonic Charities as decided by the District Deputy Grand Master for the Toronto East.

Menu for the evening:

Cock-a-Leekie Soup

A Golden fortified Broth of Chicken and Leeks with pearl Barley, fresh Herbs and a touch of Sherry

Tossed Green Salad

Crisp Romaine Greens with Julienne Peppers, Red Onion, Celery, Carrots, Sliced Cucumber and Radishes, with a choice of Maple Cider, Thousand Islands, or Vinaigrette Dressings

Succulent Oven Roasted Chicken Breast

Oven Roasted Chicken Breast stuffed with Spinach, Sun Dried Tomato, and Ricotta Cheese, served with served with Neeps ‘n Tatties and Mushy Peas

** A Vegetarian Wild Mushroom and Saffron Risotto main course is available in lieu the standard fare.

** If there are other dietary restrictions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Cranachan

A Parfait of Toasted Oats, Fresh Raspberries and whipped sweet cream served with a Crisp Chocolate Cookie

Coffee ~ Tea ~ Dainties ~ Mints

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:15 pm - Dinner
Location: Royal Canadian Legion Brigadier O. M. Martin Branch #345
81 Peard Rd., Toronto, ON M4B 1T7 (Victoria Park and Peard)
Cost: \$45 ea. (if purchased through www.eventbrite.ca/event/8446925983 cost is \$48.69 ea.)
Contact: Senior Stewart @ todmorden647@gmail.com

Saturday January 25 2014

Mechanics of the Work Class

These classes begin again for the spring session. Classes are open to all Masons, from the newest Entered Apprentice to the rustiest young timer. We are informal in the normal lodge meeting sense and welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills or reacquaint themselves in many aspects of our ceremonies and rituals. Attendance for the full three hour class or at every class is not compulsory.

The work is from the **2013 black Book of the Work.**

We cover openings and closings, coming to order, the F.P. of F., the Grand Honours, entering and leaving a lodge while at work as well as when and how to address the Worshipful Master.

Hope to see you come visit to partake in and enjoy the sessions that many others have gotten a charge out of over the many years this program has been offered. Our D.D.G.M. has promised to pop in and give us his support and input too.



Time: 8:30 pm - Coffee (*coffee!*) and stale old sticky buns
9:00 pm - noon - Classes
Location: East Toronto
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704

*I became a member of the Joiners and Plasterers so I could join and get plastered.
- Anonymous*

Saturday February 1 2014

Markham Union - Annual Robbie Burns Night

Thrill to the skirl of the York Region Police Pipe Band Pipes and Drums. Wonder at the grace and beauty of the dancing of the York Region Police Highland Dancers.

There will be a stirring rendition of *Immortal Memory to Robert Burns* and the *Address and Toast to the Haggis*. There will also be a Silent Auction and Spot Prizes.



The fare for the evening will include a Full Scottish Buffet of Haggis, Steak Pie and Gravy, Peas, Tatties and Neeps followed by 'Drambuie Trifle' and 'Shortbread', Tea and Coffee. Cash bar.

Time: 5:30 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Cedarbrae Golf and Country Club
55 Mac Frost Way, Scarborough ON M1X 1N6 (1st lights east of Markham Rd, south of Steeles Ave.)
Cost: \$40 ea
Contact: Jim Crawford @ jcra4d@rogers.com or 905.294.3698, or
Bruce Grimbleby @ grimblebybm@ymail.com or 905.472.8124



... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Law of the Jungle



Rudyard Kipling was a prominent Freemason. A number of his poems and stories were centered upon the Craft. This poem has never been considered to be based on Freemasonry, however, it might be. Thoughtful brothers will be able to see that many of the points made here by Brother Kipling appear to relate directly to our laws and traditions.

Now this is the Law of the Jungle - as old and as true as the sky;
And the Wolf that shall keep it may prosper, but the Wolf that shall break it must die.
As the creeper that girdles the tree-trunk, the Law runneth forward and back -
For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack.

Indeed our traditions are as old and as true as the sky and the strength of Masonry depends on each brother and the strength of each brother may sometimes depend on the Craft. The Fortitude of each Brother toward the traditions of the Craft is what makes our future secure.

Wash daily from nose-tip to tail-tip; drink deeply, but never too deep;
And remember the night is for hunting, and forget not the day is for sleep.

Keep temperance in mind while we are indulging in our time of refreshment. Use the 24" gauge to organize our lives and guard against vices.

The Jackal may follow the Tiger, but, Cub, when thy whiskers are grown,
Remember the Wolf is a Hunter - go forth and get food of thine own.

We must support our families when we mature. As we advance through the degrees we take on new responsibilities.

Keep peace with the Lords of the Jungle - the Tiger, the Panther, and Bear.
And trouble not Hathi the Silent, and mock not the Boar in his lair.

Pay deference to the Great Architect of the Universe, however you may perceive Him. Prudence is one of our cardinal virtues and we should always keep it in mind.

When Pack meets with Pack in the Jungle, and neither will go from the trail,
Lie down till the leaders have spoken - it may be fair words shall prevail.

Allow our Masonic leaders to speak publicly for the Craft.

When ye fight with a Wolf of the Pack, ye must fight him alone and afar,
Lest others take part in the quarrel, and the Pack be diminished by war.

When you have disagreements with a Brother, work it out in private so as not to obstruct harmony within the lodge.



The Lair of the Wolf is his refuge, and where he has made him his home,
Not even the Head Wolf may enter, not even the Council may come.

Respect the family of another Mason.

The Lair of the Wolf is his refuge, but where he has digged it too plain,
The Council shall send him a message, and so he shall change it again.

Whispering good council in a Brother's ear is a correct thing and taking that good council is encouraged.

If ye kill before midnight, be silent, and wake not the woods with your bay,
Lest ye frighten the deer from the crop, and your brothers go empty away.

Keep in mind the interests of your Brothers as they will also keep yours in mind.

Ye may kill for yourselves, and your mates, and your cubs as they need, and ye can;
But kill not for pleasure of killing, and seven times, never kill Man!

The secrets of your brothers are to be kept, except for murder and treason. Violations of Masonic law shall be dealt with by certain and immediate justice.

If ye plunder his Kill from a weaker, devour not all in thy pride;
Pack-Right is the right of the meanest; so leave him the head and the hide.

Always consider giving charity for the less fortunate.

The Kill of the Pack is the meat of the Pack. Ye must eat where it lies;
And no one may carry away of that meat to his lair, or he dies.

Theft from a Lodge will be dealt with by nothing less than expulsion.

The Kill of the Wolf is the meat of the Wolf. He may do what he will;
But, till he has given permission, the Pack may not eat of that Kill.

Charity will not be mandatory but will be given freely within the length of a Brothers cable tow.

Cub-Right is the right of the Yearling. From all of his Pack he may claim
Full-gorge when the killer has eaten; and none may refuse him the same.
Lair-Right is the right of the Mother. From all of her year she may claim
One haunch of each kill for her litter, and none may deny her the same.

A Brothers obligation includes charity to the widow and the orphan of a Brother.

Cave-Right is the right of the Father - to hunt by himself for his own:
He is freed of all calls to the Pack; he is judged by the Council alone.

A brother should put the care of his family first, and should not neglect them in favour of his Lodge responsibilities.

Because of his age and his cunning, because of his grip and his paw,
In all that the Law leaveth open, the word of your Head Wolf is Law.

A Brother should always respect directions given by the Master if within the length of his cable tow.

Now these are the Laws of the Jungle, and many and mighty are they;
But the head and the hoof of the Law and the haunch and the hump is - Obey.



Kipling compares the laws of our Craft with the laws of the wolf in the jungle. These include Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice.

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