

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT
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Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. It has no theological doctrines, offers no sacraments and does not claim to lead to salvation. There is no 'new' expression of religion that a member must subscribe to, apart from admitting to a belief in a 'Supreme Being'. A member's concept of a 'Supreme Being' is undefined; it is left to the individual to preserve his own understanding according to his own religious traditions.

- Six GLs of Australia and the GL of New

Zealand, Freemasonry and Religion

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

Brethren,

We are now moving into the second half of my term of office and I would like to update you on the first half which has been very challenging and rewarding. Lodges moved into new temples on a temporary basis after the Scarborough Temple was sold and all lodges were welcomed without much disruption.

I planned on introducing a number of programs through our District Chairmen and with Grand Lodge assistance. However, we ran into some early problems as although the Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen and Team Leaders gave every indication that they wanted to come to Toronto East to deliver the programs, the previous year's Chairman had committed them in advance to deliver the same programs in other districts. Also we had some logistical problems in terms of facilities as when the team leaders could accommodate us, the temples were in use.

The total number of Masons in our district as per the July semi-annual returns to Grand Lodge was 1,904. During the 2010 calendar year we had 95 initiations.

The Mentor program, Masonic Education, Friend2Friend and Brother2Brother programs are my **Centres of Excellence** where we will concentrate our efforts in creating high quality educational programs. The District Chairmen for the Mentor and Masonic Education started their programs and will continue in the second half of year.



Seventeen lodges have completed their Installations and Investitures and two lodges have had their Official visits. I have found that fewer lodges have Past Masters sitting in the chairs this year. There have been a large number of applications received by lodges. I am extremely mindful of lodges not becoming “degree factories”; consequently our educational programs are of the highest priority.

Eight (8) Past Masters attended the DDGM Orientation workshop and this augurs well for the future of Toronto East. As of January 17 2011, I have been advised that four (4) aspirants had registered for the DDGM Correspondence Course and one (1) aspirant had completed the first module. The deadline for course completion is April 30 2011.

During the second half of my year, District Chairmen for Friend2Friend and Brother2Brother will push these programs vigorously as they are the lifeblood of the lodges. They are very keen in being invited to lodges to make presentations on their programs.

My theme this year is **“Visitation + Education = Retention”**. Consequently, a questionnaire has been sent to all Masters by the District Chairman Long Range Planning to determine their adaptation of the two key result areas of the District - **Visitation and Masonic Education**. The answers will determine if the District is meeting these Key Performance Indicators as we have measurable information from last year.

Going forward from a Long Range Planning point of view we will define where our district should be and how we will get there. Assistance is being sought from the Grand Lodge Long Range Planning Committee on a go forward basis.

We will also utilize Grand Lodge’s **Officer Progression** workshop in April as a form of succession planning for Officer positions in lodges. They will discuss Best Practices, the Officer Learning Curve, Managing and Leadership and the Three Degrees. All current Officers and those interested in becoming Officers are expected to attend.

Within the next six months my wish is that we will accomplish all of our objectives. Toronto East has a great team and what we have accomplished and are planning to accomplish is recognized in other circles.

I would like to remind you of the Grand Master’s Reception on Tuesday March 29th at the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall. Masters of 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 will have their pictures taken with the Grand Master. Also your District has been honoured as W. Bro. Prince Selvaraj will be giving the toast to the Queen and the Craft and I will be giving the toast to the Visitors.

V.W. Bro. Ed Russell, our ticket coordinator, has advised me that the sale of tickets is slow. Two years ago we sold 135 tickets; I’m expecting that we will increase our numbers this year. This reception is not only for Masons, but also our spouses, significant others and friends are also welcomed. This is also an excellent opportunity for applicants into Masonry and recent initiates to attend as they will see the pomp and ceremony and what Masonry is all about.

See you at my Official Visits.

VISITATION + EDUCATION = RETENTION

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



R.W. Bro. Leyland A. Muss
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

February 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<u>1</u> * Canada – Official Visit 2 nd Degree Banq.-6:30 pm ← Guests-7:30 pm ← Doric Pickering Masonic Hall	<u>2</u> Groundhog Day - 6 more weeks of winter? * Brougham Union – Robbie Burns Night Guests-7:45 pm ← Claremont Masonic Temple	<u>3</u> Chinese New Year – Year of the Rabbit * Alpha-Tuscan – Official Visit 2 nd Degree Guests-7:30 pm ← East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>4</u> * Brougham → Union - Claremont Winter Carnival See below Claremont Masonic Temple	<u>5</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 1 / 6 See below East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>6</u> ← * Markham Union – Robbie Burns Night See below Cedarbrae Golf and Country Club
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> * Universe – Official Visit Guests-8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple * Fraternal Visit to Cuba starts See below	<u>9</u> * The Imperial East Gate – Official Visit Banq.-6:00 pm ← Guests-8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * Birch Cliff – Official Visit 2 nd Degree Guests-8:00 pm Doric Pickering Masonic Hall	<u>12</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 2 / 6 See below East Toronto Masonic Temple * TED – Lodge of Discussion See below Doric Pickering	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> St Valentine's Day – do something nice for your sweetie.	<u>15</u> Mawlid – Birth of Mohammad * Royal Arch – Master Masons Night See below Doric Pickering Masonic Hall	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> Family Day Holiday 1 st long weekend of the year. Take the day off. Rest. Learn a new piece of ritual. ☺	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> * Brougham Union – Scottish Degree Team Guests-8:00 pm Claremont Masonic Temple	<u>26</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 3 / 6 See below East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> * T.E.M.C. – General Meeting 7:30 pm See below East Toronto Masonic Temple						



March 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> * West Hill – Official Visit Guests-8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>3</u> * The Beaches – Official Visit 50 & 60 year pin presentations Guests-7:30 pm ← York Masonic Temple	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 4 / 6 See below East Toronto Masonic Temple * West Hill – Oldies Dance See below	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * Todmorden – Official Visit Date changed See below	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 5 / 6 See below East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>13</u> Daylight Saving Begins at 2:00 am Set your clocks ahead 1 hour. 
<u>14</u> * Scarboro – Official Visit Date changed See below	<u>15</u> * St. Aidan's – Official Visit Guests-8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>16</u> * Cathedral – Official Visit cancelled	<u>17</u> St. Paddy's Day everywhere	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 6 / 6 See below East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>20</u> Spring Starts at 7:31 pm ☺☺☺ ← * TED – Habitat for Humanity Build Day 1 See below 4572 Kingston Rd.
<u>21</u> * Caledonia – Irish Night See below York Masonic Temple * Acacia – Official Visit Date changed See below	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> * TED – Blood Donor Clinic See below St. Aidan's Anglican Church	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> * Mimosa – Poker Night See below East Toronto Masonic Temple
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> * Toronto and York Districts – Grand Master's Reception See below Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>			



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

WindReach Farm strives to enrich the lives of persons of all ages with disabilities and/or special needs by providing opportunities to enjoy experiences in farming, nature, outdoor recreation and other activities and to share those experiences with family and friends. Project 2441.

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



Contact: Todd Owens @ 678@yrp.ca or 416.722.0843, or
David Neave @ davidneave@rogers.com or 905.725.8032

The charity that hastens to proclaim its good deeds, ceases to be charity, and is only pride and ostentation.

- William Hutton (1723-1815)

Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are officially Partners For Life with the Canadian Blood Services. **Volunteers to assist are always needed.** Any brother in Toronto East District that wishes to assist at the clinics at St. Aidan's Anglican Church, thus getting their Lodge 'credits' for the amount of donation's made at the clinic may contact the brethren shown below.

If you wish to be a donor and can't make it to any of the indicated Blood Donor Clinics, find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge. The Toronto East District 'Partners For Life' number is **TOR0009781** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

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

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

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday March 25 2011
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Friday May 27 2011



Masonic Youth Groups

Consider: whether you are a Mason or not, weekly (especially in December), you are called, written to or emailed (maybe even accosted at work, in a mall, church or service club) to give generously to a hundred and one good causes. Cure this disease, reforest Brazil, bring peace to the Middle East, feed the hungry in Bangladesh, help the Red Cross and Salvation Army, etc, etc. Good causes all. But consider a **REAL, long term** solution to the constant entreaties for your time and money.

Let's groom the next generation to find the definitive cure for cancer, develop more prolific crops, mediate between the Arabs and Israel, etc. Let's promote youth! Yes, help Boy and Girl Scouts, 4H (all of these groups were founded by Masons - fancy that!) but more especially help **DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Order of the Rainbow for Girls**.



Unlike the other youth groups, they do NOT get United Way monies or assistance from local churches and service clubs. You and you alone as a Mason, can provide the leadership, financing and places to meet for the DeMolay Chapter, Job's Daughters Bethel and Order of the Rainbow for Girls Assembly.



And who knows - maybe that DeMolay, Jobbie or Rainbow will grow up to be Prime Minister, a judge or scientist, a CEO or business owner as many have in the past. They will certainly know the value of ethics, integrity, duty, honour, self respect and spiritual growth that our order teaches.

Many of us are active with Scouts, have assisted 4H and our church youth groups BUT our time and money is best spent when we help OUR Masonic youth because again, **if not us, whom???** **If not now, when???** (Not to mention a higher percentage of Masonic youth are likely to petition a Masonic group than youth who were not DeMolays, Rainbows or Jobbies. Even if they do not become a Mason, Eastern Star or other Masonic group member, neither will they ever fall into the trap of not knowing the many good works of the Masonic bodies.)

Think about it - support youth AND your area Assembly, Bethel or Chapter! Call now! Phone lines are open.

Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254 - Rainbow Girls
Muriel Brown @ chris_muriel.brown@sympatico.ca or 519.787.0554 - Job's Daughters
Scott McDonald @ smcdonal60@rogers.com or 905.428.7756 - DeMolay

Masonic Education on the Internet

The Grand Lodge of Indiana has instituted a website they have styled the Worldwide Exemplification of Freemasonry. The site is presenting a series of talks by noted scholars on topics of interest to



Freemasons. The first lecture will be presented by Dr. John S. Wade, IPM, Quatuor Coronati Lodge, UGLE. The topic is The Four Crowned Ones. See where Coronati Lodge got its name. From the look of it, further lectures will be presented as they become available. Enjoy!

www.weofm.org/

... from the Deputy Grand Master

D.D.G.M. Correspondence Course: Along with any constitutional change comes a cultural change. The cultural change in some cases is even harder to implement. Our D.D.G.M. Correspondence course provides the opportunity for each candidate for the Office to better prepare himself for the duties of being the District Leader. The candidate will take on the job feeling better prepared and more comfortable and the District will benefit from higher quality leadership.



I do not believe that the real issue, in this first year, is the desire or willingness of the individual to enrol in and complete the course. I believe that the issue is the change in culture required in some of our Districts to identify the leadership candidate earlier than they may have done in the past. We know that some Districts are not aggressive in identifying candidates for the D.D.G.M. position until late in the spring. That is not fair to the candidate or the District. Brethren, I encourage you to examine the practice in your District and if you have not yet identified a candidate for 2011–2012, please focus attention on the future leadership of your District in order to see that the opportunity for his training is not wasted.

I mentioned in the last Communiqué that the Grand Master will not confirm any of the new D.D.G.M.'s (or Grand Registrar) next July unless they have been issued a certificate of course completion by the Masonic Education, College of Freemasonry Committee. We are here to help in any way we can. Please help us avoid embarrassment to all. If you have any questions about enrolment, course content or effort required, please contact either:

V.W. Bro. Iain Wates: idwates@sympatico.ca

R.W. Bro. Tom Siemiernik: tom.siemiernik@sympatico.ca

- D. Garry Dowling

How to Get a Good Turn Out at Your Lodge

Hiram's Lighthouse publishes the dates, times and locations of every Official Visit and Installation in the district. Those are fairly easy to obtain as, except for the rare change, they are published in the DDGM's Trestle Board in the early fall.

However, there is no notification of Banquet hours, early or late, or of differences in the normal 'Visitors received' time of 8:00 pm. **Hiram's Lighthouse** is all too frequently provided with this information within days of the event when it is too late for publication.

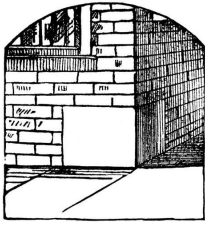
If having Brethren appear at your event is important to your lodge, if having brethren appear at the right time is important to your lodge –

Let **Hiram's Lighthouse** know at least 1 calendar month before the event.

Hiram's Lighthouse will be glad to inform the district.



Is Your Lodge a Cornerstone Lodge?



The Toronto East District in conjunction with Grand Lodge has been running the Cornerstone Project since 2009. To date we have two lodges in the District who are putting their best foot forward in trying to complete the Project. The significance of being able to complete the Cornerstone Project and being able to state on your summons or on any literature that the lodge produces that they are indeed a CORNERSTONE LODGE is immense.

When members see that XYZ Lodge, No.1234 has the Cornerstone designation, it means that that lodge is a leader in the District and is well prepared in its leadership and membership, and that the regular members of the lodge have put forth a lot of extra effort to achieve these goals. It means that Grand Lodge notices these lodges as having achieved something of significance.

As coordinator of the District Program, I have material available and any lodge that wants to get started can contact the Grand Lodge website and apply for the information.

It is hoped that many more lodges become aware of the CORNERSTONE PROJECT and apply to get started.

Contact: Ed Russell @ ajaxruss48@yahoo.ca or 905.619.3167

Freemasonry on the Internet

If you've read anything about him – if you've read any of his own words – you will agree that he is a truly wise and gifted person – a credit to both his and your Craft. As he is such a great speaker, they took a camera and filmed him talking about Freemasonry. Here it is – Benjamin Franklin on Freemasonry – www.youtube.com/watch?v=iisiJ5wIIw

Wexford Lodge #683 (Canada) and Kedron Lodge #389 (U.S.A.) Fraternal Brothers since 1976. A Brief History.

It began with a visit by Mimosa Lodge of Toronto to Shenango Lodge in Sharon, Pennsylvania in 1973. In attendance was V. W. Bro. Sam Forsythe accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ken Whiting, then the Senior Warden. Ken met W. Bro. Nello Racketich of Kedron Lodge, who was also the Senior Warden. A discussion was brought up about visiting each other's respective Lodges. Ken came back and mentioned this to the Wexford brethren and it was agreed upon. Unfortunately, Nello had taken seriously ill and the planned visit didn't proceed. A couple years later, Shenango Lodge was visiting Mimosa Lodge in Toronto. Ken was talking to a Bro. Jack Stafford (W.M.1983) from Kedron Lodge and found out that Nello was on the mend. Ken conveyed his best wishes and asked if Kedron Lodge were still interested in visiting. They were and the rest is, as they say, history. Nello and Jack became good friends to many Wexford brethren. Unfortunately both Brothers have passed to the Grand Lodge above.



The beginning of exchange visits of Kedron Lodge, West Middlesex, Pennsylvania and Wexford Lodge, Scarborough took place on the weekend of May 5 1979 when W. Bro. Robert Newton with two car loads of Wexford Lodge brethren headed down the Q.E.W. to Pennsylvania. For 25 years the visits continued until one was missed due to the SARS epidemic that scared off our Kedron Lodge brethren and their wives.



In September of 1987, a group of Ladies joined the brethren from Kedron Lodge and were warmly received by W. Bro. Joe Das and our Ladies. It was a first for the ladies. But for some reason the ladies didn't partake again until June of 1997 when a group of brethren and their ladies came to the first Ladies Night hosted by Wexford Lodge for some time. This was the idea of W. Bro. Ebrahim Washington. The following year in June of 1998, the Ladies accompanied W. Bro Ken Penchoff and Wexford brethren for the trip to Pennsylvania. It was a first for our Ladies. Since that time the Ladies have been joining in the warm camaraderie of Friendship and fellowship with their significant others.

This June, Kedron Lodge will be visiting Wexford Lodge. We are expecting between 15 and 20 couples to take sight seeing and entertaining and we are looking forward to their visit, which always seem to end too quickly.

The Working Tools E-Magazine

This electronic magazine disappeared for quite some time. Maybe you knew about it. Maybe you didn't. It is a source for more Masonic information than you can believe. In This Issue . . .

- Claudy "Geometric Bull"
- The Masonic Society
- A Page Out of History
- Short Talk Bulletins
- Book reviews, Masonic websites
- Masons in the News
- Biography - Benjamin Franklin
- The Worldwide Exemplification of Freemasonry
- Masonic Museum
- and much more

There is a great article on a Masonic App for those things that everybody is walking around looking at and not paying attention to where they are going. There is another article on how to build a Masonic library for FREE (or nearly free). Take a look!

www.twtmag.com

Be Aware of Some Date Changes

Some conflicts between personal necessities and Masonic events have resulted in several Official Visit date changes. Please change your calendars.

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Todmorden	March 10 2011	May 12 2011
Scarboro	March 14 2011	May 9 2011
Acacia	March 21 2011	May 16 2011



Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Ketchikan, Alaska

Do you have a picture of a Masonic building in downtown Some-Place-Else? Send it in. Let everybody see.

Carl H. Claudy

Father of the Short Talk. There was a time, an age before television, video rentals, and pro sports, when Freemasons read. An age when sitting before a fire with a book of Masonic lore or history was regarded as an evening well spent. Emerging from that time is the name of an author unparalleled in his contributions to Masonic literature. Anyone who has read just a little of Carl H. Claudy's works cannot help but be charmed by the story told and the manner of expression.



An author of 32 books and a galaxy of essays and short stories numbering more than 1,600, his literary life began inauspiciously enough. His formal education concluded after only a year of high school whereupon he found himself in the hardscrabble workaday world of the late 19th century.

Foreign Countries, Old Tiler Talks, The Old Past Master, A Master's Wages, These Were Brethren, Where Your Treasure Is, The Lion's Paw, and Masonic Harvest, are but a few of his more well known Masonic works.

Strive for perfection in everything you do. Take the best that exists and make it better. When it does not exist, design it. Accept nothing as nearly right or good enough.

- Frederick Henry Royce (1863-1933)

Thursday February 3 2011

Chinese New Year - *Gung Hei Fat Choy*

The Chinese New Year day is on February 3rd, 2011. The traditional New Year's celebration will end on the 15th day of the lunar month. According to legend, in ancient China, the Nián was a man-eating beast from the mountains (in other versions from under the sea), which came out every 12 months somewhere close to winter to prey on humans. The people believed that the Nián was sensitive to loud noises and the colour red, so they scared it away with explosions, fireworks and the liberal use of the colour red. These customs led to the first New Year celebrations. Guò nián, which means 'to celebrate the new year', literally means 'the passover of the Nián'.





Traditionally, Red envelopes or red packets are passed out during the Chinese New Year's celebrations, from married couples or the elderly to unmarried juniors. It is also common for adults or young couples to give red packets to children. Red packets are also known as 'the money used to suppress' or 'put down the evil spirit' during this period. Red packets almost always contain money, usually varying from a couple of dollars to several hundred. Per custom, the amount of money in the red packets should be of even numbers, as odd numbers are associated with cash given during funerals.

This year is the Year of the (Golden) Rabbit, the 4th animal of the 12-year cycle of animals that appear in the Chinese zodiac. The Rabbit is a lucky sign. As it is also the Year of the Golden Rabbit, it is also a prosperous sign. Rabbits are private individuals and a bit introverted. People born in the Year of the Rabbit are reasonably friendly individuals who enjoy the company of a group of good friends. They are good teachers, counsellors and communicators, but also need their own space.



According to Chinese tradition, the Rabbit brings a year in which you can catch your breath and calm your nerves. It is a time for negotiation. Don't try to force issues, because if you do you will ultimately fail. To gain the greatest benefits from this time, focus on home, family, security, diplomacy, and your relationships with women and children. Make it a goal to create a safe, peaceful lifestyle, so you will be able to calmly deal with any problem that may arise.

Gung Hei Fat Choy! - Translated verbatim, the greeting is 'congratulations on prospering in money.' Notice that the greeting is congratulatory. This is something native speakers may not be aware of. The American Heritage Dictionary defines congratulation as an expression of an acknowledgment of something already achieved. Literally, Gung Hei Fat Choy is more than just a wish or desire, or a hope or belief of things to come. It presupposes that you already have it made, for which congratulations are due.

The Disease in Freemasonry

Freemasons, all freemasons, regardless, of our Masonic affiliation, Obedience, regardless, our nationality, gender, or religious beliefs seem to beset with an invasive malaise that some believe is universal in its scope. It is one that has existed some believe since time immemorial.

The situation I present here has been shrouded in secrecy for centuries and by breaking my silence here I risk grave repercussions. However, I am willing to risk that because I believe our failure to effect a cure may doom us to the ravages of this disease.

The disease is called AGIS, (acquired generational intolerance syndrome).

Can you help find cure for this disease?

Let me recount for you the symptoms and plead for your help in finding a cure:

Hi! Looks like you're writing a superficial article about the Freemasons. Do you want to:

- Strip away their mystique?
- Spotlight a dying fraternity in aging buildings?
- Treat them as 4-alarm nutbags who daily give \$2 million to charity?



The Seniors

In many cases they are the ones sitting in officers chairs, and viewed by many younger Masons as “pains in the butt” with their overwhelming zeal for correcting and judging everything and everyone. Masonry to most seniors has become the focal point of their time.

The Boomers

They like progress and can often be frustrated with the senior’s stubbornness. Many boomers seem to enjoy lodge events and since this group often has a better financial position, many of their proposed activities involve financial participation.

The Gen-Xers

They have long felt unwanted by the older generations. They tend to be very progressive in thoughts and also have vivid imaginations. They are the first generation to be shown video games and as a result tend to need more stimuli within Freemasonry to keep them active in the lodge room. They bore easily and if they become bored, they leave and never come back. These are family orientated. Force them to take positions which may take time from their family is a losing proposition; their family will win out over lodge every time. The more they are pushed to spend more time at the lodge the more they fail to show up. Freemasonry to them needs to be like a video store where they can browse and see which avenues, roles and activities are available to them and be allowed to become involved as they choose to.

The Gen-Yers

This generation seems to need structure in their lives. They may have recently gotten out of military service. They want to be part of something bigger than them, with broader purpose. They are looking also to role models in their lives. The biggest challenges facing this group’s participation in Freemasonry is in allowing them to express themselves. They want to innovate and add new things to the degrees, not to change the lessons but to change how these lessons are taught. When their ideas are rejected they feel rejected and will seek the needed structure elsewhere. They will not accept rejection based on old ideas and concepts but need to have the timeless truths communicated in a timely manner.

When reviewing the symptoms of AGIS it is easy to see how difficult it is to overcome the disease. If you have a solution I invite you to suggest it now before it is too late.

- Jack Buta, Masonic Light Email Forum

Saturday February 5, February 12 and February 26 2011

Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work

The ‘Mechanics-of-the-Work’ classes will resume in 2011 on the first Saturday in February, which is the 5th, continue for 6 more Saturdays until the 19th of March, with the exception of Family Day’s weekend, Saturday the 19th of February when we will not meet. These classes are open to all Masons, regardless of their office, rank or Home District.

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

In the lodge room, we’ll open and close in all three degrees, usually twice, giving those desiring it the opportunity to practice their work in the chair they are either in or the one they’re about to enter. Our



classes are quite informal as open books in the group are welcome and dress code is similarly relaxed as well (no regalia).

Over the course of the gatherings we will cover:

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



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

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

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

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

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

Saturday February 5 2011 **Claremont Winter Carnival Parade**

The Claremont (Brougham Union) Masonic Temple will open at 9:00 am with hot drinks. By 11:00 am we will assemble at the marshalling area on William St. At the end of the parade we will all assemble at the Masonic Temple for a bowl of hot chilli and hot drinks, with ice cream and cookies for the children.

Help is needed with the CHiP program, also running on that day. If you need to have a police check, you should apply NOW because there is a back log at the police station.





Brougham Union is again entering two floats and inviting all Masons and their families to join us. You may wish to march in the Parade or ride one of the wagons. We are happy to report that among our guests in the Parade will be ambassadors from WindReach Farm, the Shrine Hillbilly Troop and the Shrine Drum Corps, the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay.

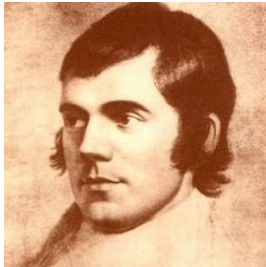
Please note that the Toronto East District DDGM has dispensation for all Masons to wear regalia for the occasion. If you are a member of a Masonic concordant body, you may wish to wear those regalia to add colour and diversity.

It is always a great winter family outing and we cordially invite you to share this annual fun get-together with us.

Time: 9:00 am - Assembly
11:00 am - Parade
Location: Claremont Masonic Temple
Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@xplornet.ca or 905.649.3003 or 416.518.2242
Chris Kellar @ cbkellar@hotmail.com

Saturday February 5 2011

Markham Union – Robbie Burns Night



Sponsored by Club 87. Come and enjoy the York Region Police Pipes and Drums Band (Pipe Major - Peter Fleming) accompanied by the York Region Police Highland Dancers (Vocalist - Deb Baber, Guitarists - John & Janet Kramer).

There will be a Full Scottish Buffet consisting of Haggis, Steak Pie and Gravy, Peas, Tatties and Neeps, followed by a delicious Drambuie Trifle and Shortbread. Tea, coffee, Red and White Wine on the table.

Expect Raffles, a Silent Auction and Spot Prizes. There will be the Immortal Memory to Robert Burns and an Address and Toast to The Haggis. Please **RSVP** to provide is with numbers for the meal.

Come out and enjoy the festivities. (*What do they wear under there?*)

Time: 5:30 pm - Social
6:30 pm – Scrumptious Buffet
Location: Cedarbrae Golf and Country Club
Steeles Ave. to the first lights east of Markham Rd. turn south, then 1st left
Cost: \$40 ea payable in advance – Cash Bar
Contact: Jim Crawford at 905.294.9262, or
Bruce Grimbleby @ bgrimbleby@yahoo.ca or 905.472.8124, or
E-Mail Bookings @ jcra4d@istar.ca



Tuesday February 8 through Tuesday February 15 2011

Second Winter Vacation and Fraternal Visit to Holguín, Cuba



The Beach Bar

The Officers and Brethren of Quinte St, Alban’s Lodge No. 620 G.R.C. extend an invitation to all Masons in Ontario to join them in this fraternal visit, and a week of sun and relaxation. The Cuban brethren have been notified and are delighted to welcome us again. We will attend their regular meeting of February 11 (planned a 1st degree) and we will host a Dinner with our Cuban brethren and their families on February 12, including a City Tour, a visit to a cigar factory and to an elementary school, and cultural entertainment.

We have also been invited to visit the Venerable Logia Calixto García (also in Holguín) on Tuesday, February 8. On that occasion we will deliver to them the officers’ collars and aprons we are now in the process of collecting from all the lodges in Ontario. The Brethren of Logia Calixto García have also asked for Cod Liver Oil supplements and any over-the-counter medicines we can provide.

Price (estimated) for Masonic activities and inland transportation: \$65.00 p.p. payable in cash to the group treasurer at the airport, before departure.

The group package previously published has now expired. We are working on securing additional seats at a discounted group price.

Those who wish to participate in the Masonic visits and activities may purchase their own vacation package on their own and join us for the Masonic activities at the Sol Río de Luna y Mares resort on the dates indicated above.

- Resort: Sol Río de Luna y Mares All Inclusive
www.solmeliacuba.com/cuba-hotels/hotel-sol-riodelunaymares/
- Travel Agency: Gala Travels
ask for Enoch Solomon @ solli@rogers.com or 416.493.3114
- Price: Check with your travel agent or Gala Travels
- Contact: Vincent Lombardo @ vince.lombardo.to@gmail.com or 905.731.0504

Wednesday February 9 through Sunday February 13 2011

Masonic Week



An “In-Gathering” of Masons of National Appendant Bodies for the purpose of conducting Annual Meetings. It provides an excellent opportunity to meet and “converse on the level” with many well known Freemasons, especially of the York Rite. Take a look at the number of bodies attending at the web site shown below. It is also a time to enjoy excellent banquets and even “fun degrees.” (*Ed: Ye Antiente Order of Corks, Most Worthy Paul Newhall, Grand Bung for the Americas, eh? I always wanted to be a Grand Bung! Some people would argue that I already am.*)



The special room rate will be available until **January 26th** or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

All meals must be reserved by **February 1!** Tickets WILL NOT be available at the hotel! Brethren living outside of the USA please fill out meal request form and contact Paul Newhall for payment instructions.

www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek/index.html

Reservations: 800-HILTONS or 703.845.1010. On-line hotel reservation [Form](#)

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

Contact: Paul Newhall psnewhall@verizon.net for meal payment instructions.

Saturday February 12 2011

Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work – Session 2 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. See above for details.

Time: 9:00 am – to Noon

Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple

Cost: \$2 for coffee and stale sticky buns

Contact: Les Armitage @ 416.598.4794, or
Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or
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Saturday February 12 2011

Toronto East District – Lodge of Discussion



What do New Members want from Masonry?

The first Lodge of Discussion, held in December, was attended by representatives of nearly every lodge in the District. It was a lively, open, and informative discussion on “Why does the traditional approach to Masonic Education get a bad name in the lodge?”

As an outcome of this Lodge of Discussion, the question was posed “What do New Members want from Masonry.” It is with this question in mind that I would like to invite both NEW and EXPERIENCED masons to attend.

This is a perfect opportunity for the newer members of your lodge to express their views as to what they want from Masonry and for the more seasoned members to provide their input and appreciate the views of the new member.

One of the healthiest and most pragmatic ways of getting to the heart of any matter is through DISCUSSION. Discussion or dialogue On The Level provides a forum for Equality, Empathic Listening, and the Surfacing of Assumptions. A Lodge of Discussion provides just these requirements - a Conflict Free Environment of dialogue.



Time: 9:30 am – Coffee and sticky buns
10:00 am – Lodge of Discussion
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Arthur Christie @ christie@powergate.ca or 905.852.4696

Monday February 14 2011

St. Valentine's Day

St. Valentine's Day is a holiday celebrated on February 14 by many people throughout the world. In the English-speaking countries, it is the traditional day on which lovers express their love for each other by sending Valentine's cards, presenting flowers, or offering confectionery. (*Ed: Notice that nowhere in there does it say anything about giving her a big honking diamond!*) The holiday is named after two among the numerous early Christian martyrs named Valentine. The day became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer (1340-1391) in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

It is a common opinion that the Christian church may have decided to celebrate Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to Christianize celebrations of the pagan Lupercalia, and that a commemorative feast was established in 496 by Pope Gelasius I, of those "... whose names are justly revered among men, but whose acts are known only to God," among whom was Valentine, was set for the useful day. Alternatively, William M. Green argues that the Catholic Church could not abolish the deeply rooted Lupercalia festival, so the church set aside a day to honour the Virgin Mary.



Lupercalia was a very ancient, possibly pre-Roman pastoral festival, observed on February 15th to avert evil spirits and purify the city, releasing health and fertility. The Lupercalia was believed in antiquity to have some connection with the Ancient Greek festival of the Arcadian Lykaia (from Ancient Greek: "wolf," Latin *lupus*) and the worship of *Lycaean Pan*, the Greek equivalent to Faunus.

In the good old days that some of us remember as only being a little while ago, there were numerous Masonic Valentines cards. I've shown them before, and here they are again.



Tuesday February 15 2011

Mawlid – Birth of Mohammad

Mawlid an-Nab, Qur'anic Arabic: "Birth of the Prophet" is a term used to refer to the observance of the birthday of the prophet Muhammad.



This observance is a good example of the differences in the Islamic faith. Depending on which country or which language or Arabic dialect is being used, the event is called by a variety of names or not recognised at all. Also, the Sunnis observe the event on February 15 while the Shi'as hold it on February 20 2011.

Islamic scholars are divided on whether observing Mawlid is necessary or even permissible in Islam. Some see it as a praiseworthy event and positive development, while others say it is an improper innovation and forbid its celebration.

A number of Islamic scholars subscribing to the Sufi (generally understood to be the inner, mystical dimension of Islam) movement, and the primary scholar of the Muslim Brotherhood movement, have given their approval for the observance of Mawlid. They cite where Muhammad recommended fasting on Mondays, as that was the day he was born and also the day prophecy descended on him. They suggest that fasting on Mondays is also a way of commemorating Muhammad's birthday. However, there is division among them on the lawfulness of the methods of the celebrations. Most accept that it is praiseworthy as long as it is not against *sharia* (i.e. inappropriate mingling of the sexes, consuming forbidden food or drink such as alcohol, playing music etc).

Where Mawlid is celebrated in a carnival manner, large street processions are held and homes or mosques are decorated. Charity and food is distributed, and children narrate stories about the life of Muhammad with recitation of poetry. Scholars and poets celebrate by reciting *Qasida al-Burda Sharif*, the famous poem by 13th century Arabic Sufi Busiri.

Mawlid is celebrated in most Muslim countries, and in other countries where Muslims have a presence, such as India, Britain, and Canada. Saudi Arabia is the only Muslim country where Mawlid is not an official public holiday. Participation in the ritual celebration of popular Islamic holidays is seen as an expression of the Islamic revival.

Among non-Muslim countries, India is noted for its Mawlid festivities. The relics of Muhammad are displayed after the morning prayers at Hazratbal shrine on the outskirts of Srinagar. Thousands attend nightlong prayers held at the shrine.

During Pakistan's Mawlid celebration, the national flag is hoisted on all public buildings, and a 31-gun salute in the federal capital and a 21-gun salute at the provincial headquarters are fired at dawn. The cinemas show religious rather than secular films.

In some countries, such as Egypt and Sudan, Mawlid is used as a generic term for the celebration of birthdays of local Sufi saints and not only restricted to the observance of the birth of Muhammad. Around 3,000 Mawlid celebrations are held each year and attended by tens of thousands of people. These festivals attract an international audience, with the largest one in Egypt attracting up to three million people honouring Ahmed el-Bedawi, a local 13th Century Sufi saint.



As with any religion, some followers do and some followers don't. And as with all things religious, whether you do or don't, someone is going to consider what you did or didn't do a bad thing.

As-alamu-alaiku

Tuesday February 15 2011

Oakwood Chapter RAM - Master Masons' Night



This is to be a very informative evening for all. We will be showing a movie on Royal Arch Masonry with guest speaker George H Gifford, Past Grand 1st Principal to enlighten you.

The newly raised Master Mason is told the casual signs and words are substituted until time and circumstances will restore the genuine secrets. Royal Arch Masonry is a continuation of the three degrees of Masonry providing further light using the completion of the Temple as a backdrop for its lessons.

We will explain the steps involved in progressing through each degree in the Royal Arch along with explanations of the Chapter, its furniture, its Officers and their duties.

Come out for an evening of education and enlightenment and enjoy the splendour, colour and regal solemnity of Royal Arch Masonry. Light refreshments will be available after the presentation.

Time: 7:45 pm - Guests received
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Alan Pendelton @ xscouse@rogers.com or 416.283.2713

Thursday February 24 2011

67th Annual Shuter Haskill Hunters' Night



The Degree Team will all be comprised of hunters dressed in their camouflage, vests and boots. This event was started in the 'dirty thirties' when a group of brethren, including Shuter, were hunting to put meat on the table. One of the hunters suggested that the brethren among the hunters put on a degree - and a tradition was started. The Banquet afterwards will feature the best of whatever those old hunters

brought down, if road kill is unavailable. ☺



Location: Ontario Lodge #26, Port Hope, ON

Saturday February 26 2011

Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work – Session 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. See above for details.

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



Monday February 28 2011

Toronto East Masonic Centre [T.E.M.C.] – General Meeting

Building a New Home for Freemasonry in East Toronto

At this meeting, those members of the old Scarborough and Chisholm Temples who are entitled to a place on the board of the Toronto East Masonic Centre will hold the first annual meeting to elect from among themselves the officers of the TEMC.



Of the members entitled to nominate a representative, only three have thus far replied in writing to the Secretary, V.W. Bro. Joseph Das, indicating the name of their representative. It would appear some member bodies are having difficulty choosing a delegate from among their membership stating there are still many questions that have not been answered to their satisfaction.

If your Lodge or Concordant Body is undecided and clearly needs answers to some critical questions, please contact one of the following to arrange a visit to your next meeting so that we may answer your questions and provide a progress report to date.

Brethren, on February 28th 2011 almost 8 months will have slipped by since the sale of the Scarborough Temple. The time has come to move forward to the future of Freemasonry in East Toronto.

For information and some Frequently Asked Questions, see the web site at -

www.torontoeastdistrict.com/temc.html

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or 416.697.0822
James McKinnon Jr., 416.453.8282
Joe Das @ joedas683@rogers.com or 416.291.6444
John Barnes @ mystics.toronto@rogers.com or 416.497.6143



Members of groups that do not meet regularly together usually do not feel a strong sense of belonging and do not take ownership for the success of the group.

- Anonymous

Saturday March 5 2011

Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work – Session 4 of 6

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



Saturday March 5 2011

West Hill - Oldies Dance



You don't have to be an 'oldie' to attend. Great people, great music, great food. This annual gem features that fabulous 50's, 60's and 70's music by the one and only DJ Jimmy Mac. Dinner, catered by the great Triple G Catering, features roast beef and chicken. Food, prizes, and dancing to that good ol' time Rock n' Roll! The kind of music that will sooth your soul. Dress is casual. This is traditionally a sold out event. Arguably the best dance in the district. Tickets are limited. Get them fast!

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
11:00 pm - Dessert Table
Location: East Shore Community Centre
910 Liverpool Rd., Pickering
(west side of Liverpool, south of Bayly, lots of easily accessible parking)

Cost: \$25/ea Cash Bar
Contact: Steve McClymont @ stefann44@hotmail.com or 416-226-6792

Saturday March 12 2011

Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work – Session 5 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. See above for details.

Time: 9:00 am – to Noon
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$2 for coffee and stale sticky buns
Contact: Les Armitage @ 416.598.4794, or
Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or
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Saturday March 19 2011

Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work – Session 6 of 6

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



Saturday March 19 and Saturday April 30 2011

Habitat for Humanities

This year's Toronto East District Habitat for Humanities project will be at 4572 Kingston Rd., just across the side road from Sisters Restaurant.



We currently have capacity for five to eight brethren on Saturday, March 19th 2011 and additionally on Saturday, April 30th 2011. These weekends were the only weekends left until the end of June. They filled up very fast on the first day of booking! I endeavoured to book these dates keeping in mind that summer is when we all get far busier in our personal lives, and they would not be ideal for participation.

And as a reminder to the lodge Masters and Secretaries, if you have not already, please contact me regarding your liaison / appointee to the project (using the form which was emailed out in October) so I may communicate with them directly to organize the participation in this worthy cause.



Both of these dates will be interior work and we will not be subjected to the elements. Hooray! We do have the ability to add a weekday event if more participants request, currently there has only been one request for a weekday event - if we can get another three bodies, we can book one weekday. Weekdays as of November 22nd are pretty much wide open.

Start time for each build is 8:00 am sharp, and the day normally ends somewhere around 4:00pm. Pizza and pop lunch will be provided and volunteers also receive a Habitat for Humanity T-Shirt.

Dates: Saturday March 19 2011
Saturday April 30 2011
Time: 8:00 am until the union says to go home ☺
Location: 4572 Kingston Rd.
just across the side road from Sisters Restaurant.
Contact: Michael Morris @ mkmorris@gmail.com or 416.931.2954



Monday March 21 2011

Caledonia - Irish Night

Listen to the great music of the Ulster Accordion Band. Marvel at Irish Dancing. Enjoy Irish Culture and Humour. Delight in a Banquet of *Gourmet* Corned Beef and Cabbage.



You enjoyed Scots Night - now revel in our Irish Night.

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Time: 7:30 pm Lodge opens
8:00 pm visitors received
Location: York Masonic Temple
1100 Millwood Rd.
Cost: \$25
Contact: Brian Black @ briancblack@rogers.com or 905.824.0032

Sunday March 27 2011

Mimosa – Poker Night



Come and try your luck with some real card sharps! (Are the red cards better than the plain black ones? And the diamonds have to be great - right?)

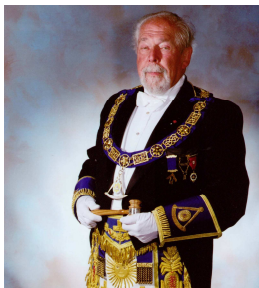
Enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie and cards along with a glass of liquid refreshment of your choice. The only things missing will be cigarette smoke and dancing girls. But if you win big - maybe your girl will dance!

There are only 77 spots with the top 7 spots paid. 20 minute blinds. Other draws as well i.e. 50/50. All are very welcome - men, women, and Masons as well as non Masons. All benefitting WindReach Farm.

Time: 11:00 am until you run out of money
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$50 for entry includes chilli, toast and raffle ticket. Cash Bar
Contact: Michael Morris @ mkmorris@gmail.com or 416.931.2954

Tuesday March 29 2011

Toronto and York Districts - Grand Master’s Reception



Honouring Most Worshipful Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels. The Worshipful Masters of 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 will have their pictures taken with the Grand Master. No tickets will be available at the door. Cut off for tickets is March 1st. Ladies most welcome.

If requesting tickets by email, please supply your full name and address, your postal code and the name associated with each ticket.



To pay for your Tickets to the Grand Masters Reception by Email Money Transfer, please follow the following instructions, as well as those specified on your bank’s On-Line System.

1. Log on to your bank’s On-Line Site.
2. Go to “Make a Transfer” or “Email Money Transfer.”



3. Register yourself as “The Sender,” and register to whom you are transferring the money to as “The Recipient” (The email address of the Recipient is tydgmr@hotmail.com).
4. You will then be asked to register a “Security Question” The following is to be used:
The Security Question will be: “What is your Grandfathers Occupation.”
The “One Word Answer” is to be listed as “mason.”
5. In the “From” section fill out the following:
Name/email: enter your name and email address.
Account: enter or select the account your funds will be taken from.
Amount: enter the amount to be transferred from the account you selected. (\$55.00 x no. of tickets).
6. In the “To” Section, fill out the following:
Recipient: enter tydgmr@hotmail.com.
Message: enter your Name, Lodge and Number, District, the quantity of tickets being purchased, along with the names to be associated with each ticket.
7. Click on “Next” at the bottom of the Page/Screen or Section.
8. Confirm the Transaction by clicking on “Finish” or “Send” at the bottom of the Page/Screen or Section.

You will be asked if you wish to print a copy of this transaction, and we strongly urge you to do so as a confirmation/receipt for your records, and as back-up documentation, should any questions arise.

As each Financial Institution has slight variations of these procedures, this guide should help you along the way. We will email you back, to confirm we have received your funds, for your peace of mind. We thank you for using this service.

Time: 5:30 pm – Social
7:00 pm – Dinner

Location: Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall
60 McDowell Gate, Markham

Cost: \$55.00 per person

Contact: Ed Russell @ ajaxruss48@yahoo.ca or 905.619.3167, or your District Deputy Grand Master while on his travels

If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.
- Matthew 18:15

Saturday April 16 2011

The Beaches – Ladies Night Gala



Once again The Beaches Lodge is hosting our annual Ladies Night Gala. This year it will once again be held at our very own Bro. Nick Zarafontis’s restaurant, The School of Fine Dining, at a bargain price for a lovely meal at such an establishment. You can not get a better deal. Each table will have 2 complimentary bottles of wine. The menu for the evening will include

1st course soup/ squash chowder,
2nd course salad/ mixed spring greens with citrus vinaigrette,
Main course beef medallion with a port wine sauce; there will also be a fish option for main course



Followed by dessert coffee, tea.

There will be a cash bar and of course a DJ and dancing. A whole night of dancing, door prizes and other entertainment. Your special Lady will be very impressed. There are only 110 tickets available so reserve yours today and don't be disappointed.

Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm – Dinner
Location: The School of Fine Dining
4121 14th Ave, east of Birchmount Rd.
Cost: \$50.00 per person
Contact: Christian Giles @ christiangiles@hotmail.com or
Graeme Boyce @ gboyce@civilizedproductions.com or 416.402.8591
Ed Crosier @ newfser@hotmail.com or 289.240.4913

I have tried to live my life so that my family would love me and my friends respect me. The others can do whatever the hell they please.

- John Wayne [Bro. Marion Robert Morrison] (1907-1979)

Saturday May 7 2011
Canada – Ladies Night

Canada Lodge is trying a new venue this year. Come and impress your favourite lady with your thoughtfulness - the day before Mother's Day. There will be a cash bar and of course a DJ and dancing.

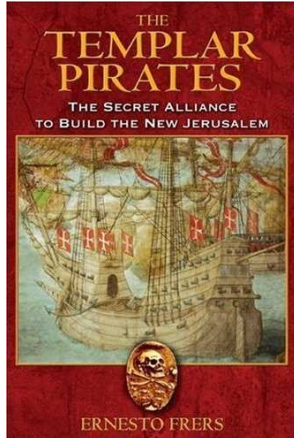
Time: 6:30 pm – Social
7:30 pm – Dinner
Location: Ajax Convention Centre
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (Salem and 401)
Cost: \$55.00 per person
Contact: Greig King @ kiltedmapleleaf@rogers.com or 905.683.6834



BOOK REVIEW:

The Templar Pirates: The Secret Alliance to Build the New Jerusalem

Author: Ernesto Frers
ISBN: 1594771464
Publisher: Destiny Books
Published: 2007



The author reaches some striking conclusions about the involvement of Freemasonry, the Templars, and the European governments in underwriting/encouraging various forms of piracy up to the early 1700s.

Evidently, piracy started out as a form of anti-Papism, with the merchant vessels of the Papal States being the target. (Frers thinks the Templars, with their jolie rouge flag = the Jolly Roger, were behind this game plan. He believes that the fleet that sailed from LaRochele in October 1307 into thin air actually resurfaced as pirate vessels.) Then as Spain and Portugal began to colonize all over the globe, attention shifted from robbing the Pope to hitting their ships, especially the ones returning from the New World loaded down with gold and gems.

Anyhoo, a pseudo-masonic group of pirates formed the Brotherhood of the Coast on all the Masonic principles except belief in God. It provided cooperation and safe havens for marauding members throughout the Caribbean.

This book was originally published in Spanish, and I'm willing to bet the occasional misconstructions about the ___th century (actually referring to the wrong 100-year period) and other inconsistencies are the result of either bad or no editing to the Spanish text or a sloppy translation. But it's still worth a look.

There's more about piracy than the other elements. And the author speaks of the Priory of Sion as a simple fact, which I know many Masons don't credit. New Yorkers will bridle at the author's discussion of Robert Livingston's involvement in bankrolling Captain Kidd and involving a known Mason, Richard Coote (earl of Bellomont), in their master plan "to capture pirate ships in the name of the Crown, but keep the booty instead of returning it to its owner." Oddly enough, Frers does not remark that Livingston was a Mason - rather a surprising gap in a book that drops lots of other names from the early days.

Amazon for about \$11.00 CAD

Review By: Janet Searcy Wintermute, Master Mason
Eastern Order of International Co-Freemasonry
Publisher: Masonic Light Email Forum



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Islamic Notables In Freemasonry

Many Brethren and many Muslims mistakenly believe that one cannot be a Muslim and be a Mason at the same time, but history gives ample demonstration of some of the most notable Muslim scholars of their time holding membership in Lodges in the Muslim world; sometimes more than one Lodge.



W.M. Jamal al-Din
al Afghani

Two of Islam's greatest luminaries and co-founders of the Salafi reform movement, Jamal al-Din al-Afghani and Muhammad Abduh, were members of Egypt's Star in the East Lodge #1355, erected in 1871 under the UGLE-sponsored National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

Another example is the Grand Orient National d'Egypte, the French-based Grand Lodge, which had its roots in Isis Lodge, erected in 1799 as Napoleon's military campaign withdrew. English-based Masonry came later as the two foreign powers struggled for supremacy in Egypt. General Gamal Nasser nationalized Egyptian assets in 1964 and closed both the Grand Orient of Egypt and National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

The Grand Lodge of Iran was erected that same year. Here we see a member's jewel from Lodge Saadi #6, Grand Lodge of Iran, showing the Lodge's crest. Crests are used to show a Lodge's heritage and events significant to its history. Note the Farsi inscription on the lintel, above the twin pillars, showing the Lodge's name and number.

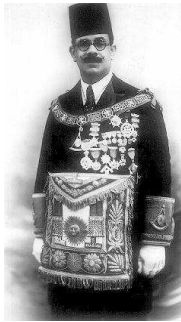


Abd-al-Qadir

In 1845, Les Pyramides Lodge was erected in Alexandria, and al-Amir Abd-al-Qadir - a leader who fought against the colonization of Algeria - was initiated into it in 1864 for saving over twelve thousand Christians in Damascus during the riots, even after being imprisoned and exiled several years earlier for resisting French imperialism.

Raghib Idris Bey was Grand Master in Egypt from 1889 to 1922, and was the Ruler of the Craft that led its greatest expansion. M.W. Bro. A. Bey was succeeded by M.W. Prince Muhammad Ali Pasha, who held office from 1922 to 1927. M.W. Mahmud Fahmi Qutri succeeded him and governed the Craft in the wake of his career.





M.W. Raghieb Idris Bey

Freemasonry has a very intertwined history with several Muslim countries, and has grown or receded in accord with political realities, much as it did in the U.S. with the Morgan Affair. It is a fascinating area of study, and presents a wide-open field for the wide-awake man who seeks ever more and further for Light.



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<u>Lodge and No</u>	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Emg</u>	<u>Inst</u>	<u>Off Vst</u>
Acacia #430	East Tor	3 rd Mon	2 nd Mon	Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384	East Tor	1 st Thu	3 rd Thu	Oct	Feb
Birch Cliff #612 www.birchcliffodge.com	Doric	2 nd Fri	4 th Fri	Dec	Feb
Brougham Union #269	Clar	1 st Wed		Oct	Apr
Caledonia #637 www.caledonialodge637.com	York	3 rd Mon	1 st Mon	Oct	Apr
Canada #532	Doric	1 st Tue	3 rd Wed	Oct	Feb
Coronati #520 www.coronatilodge520.ca	Doric	2 nd Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424	Doric	3 rd Thu	1 st Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Doric	2 nd Wed		May	Oct
Markham Union #87	Clar	3 rd Wed		Oct	Apr
Mimosa #576 www.mimosalodge.com	East Tor	1 st Mon	3 rd Mon	Oct	Apr
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 www.rjr494.com	East Tor	3 rd Tue	1 st Tue	Sep	Apr
Scarboro #653	Doric	2 nd Mon	4 th Mon	Dec	Mar
St. Aidan's #567	East Tor	4 th Tue		May	Mar
The Beaches #473 www.beacheslodge.ca	York	1 st Thu		May	Mar
The Imperial East Gate #543	East Tor	2 nd Wed		Nov	Feb
Todmorden #647 www.todmordenlodge.com	East Tor	2 nd Thu	4 th Thu	Nov	Mar
Universe #705 www.ul705.com	East Tor	2 nd Tue	4 th Tue	Oct	Feb
West Hill #670	East Tor	1 st Wed	3 rd Wed	Dec	Mar
Wexford #683	Doric	1 st Fri	3 rd Fri	Nov	Apr
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