

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT
(Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter – 2008)

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January 1, 2009

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“Guard the West Gate...”

“Guard well the portals of your Lodge...”

“Look well to your ballot...”

Said so frequently, the phrase, whatever it may be in your Lodge, becomes background noise – we don't really hear it.

There is much power in the practice of that phrase, in fact complete power. Who comes in at the door today is more important than who goes in at the top.

It is kind of like telling someone; you are responsible for what you eat.

If we keep shoving cheap junk food down our throats, we will become fat and unhealthy. However, if we only allow good clean nutritious food into our system, we will grow to be happy, healthy, wealthy and wise. Well, maybe not so wise. For some of us, there is no hope. <bg>

If we can't understand that three fast food meals each day will hurt us, how can we possibly understand the simple, all-powerful West Gate?

It is the only place where we, as individual lodge members, have full say as to what our lodge will become.

- Anonymous



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

Brethren,

Just like that, the Year 2009 is upon us. I wish to all of you a productive and a Happy New Year. Unfortunately, some of you have suffered a great loss of loved ones over this Holiday Season and we share your pain. It is never easy to rebound from such an emotional turmoil, but may the Most High give you strength to endure your suffering, to be able to carry on, and I hope we can offer some comfort and support in these difficult times of your loss.

January is more less a mid-point of our Masonic year and my term, but traditionally, the New Year brings with it a host of New Year Resolutions and hopeful planning. In the first week we are full of enthusiasm of great undertakings, but as the weeks come by, that enthusiasm quickly fades and our intended resolutions go by the way side.

It may help to understand, that formation of habits starts with any activity repeated many times over several weeks, until it becomes an automatic event, and without even realizing it, it becomes engrained in our mind as our second nature.

The experts inform us, that bad habits are easier to form, as they require less or no self-discipline or effort. They also necessarily promote laziness of the mind and procrastination. However, some people, in pursuit of their passion, actually go to a lot of trouble and effort just to develop an undesirable habit, although starting quite innocently, could eventually lead to an obsession and ultimately to an addiction (such as video games, internet browsing and emailing jokes to everybody you can think of, and other more serious vices). But it is the repetition itself of whatever activity, that is habit forming. Apparently it takes only a month or so, to develop, break or change a habit. Our ritual, or the actual import of its lectures, can be of great help in overcoming our shortcomings. It teaches us that “rude matter (our character) receives its fine finish through repeated efforts alone” (repetition of activity). “That nothing short of indefatigable exertion will induce a habit of virtue (and any other habit) enlighten the mind and render the soul pure” (free of vices). ... That knowledge grounded on accuracy (our understanding of the process), aided by labour (some conscious effort is definitely needed) and promoted by perseverance (repeated effort = repetition) will finally overcome all difficulties ...etc.” It certainly helps in our daily bidding, to keep thinking of the symbolic meaning of our “working tools of the mind” in focus.

Whatever changes in your character or behaviour you are planning on making, keep replaying that mental picture of the new “desired” activity or image of yourself, over and over in your mind’s eye over next several weeks, until through repetition of that mental activity and with the assistance of the symbolism of our working tools, it will take hold in your mind, cut a new groove, a new track, so to speak, in your memory banks, and your new activity or your new self-image, will become a part of you, your second nature.

Some Masons find that night after night, meeting after meeting, the constant repetition of the ritual is boring. But it is the repetition of the ritual, and its understanding, that is necessary, in order for it to become our second nature. In fact, it is not until you memorize the individual lectures yourself and the actual practice of the delivery of it in your mind, that the great and valuable import of its lectures starts to sink in.



We have a great “blue print”, if we can only read it.

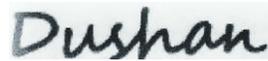
Back to our District, our new Blood Donor Clinic planned for Jan. 13th in Doric Temple has been changed to Monday, February 9th, 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm in order to accommodate the pre-scheduling of Donor appointments. It takes a lot of planning to start up a new location. For those brethren living in the area that would like to volunteer on that day, we do have a Masonic Blood Donor golf shirt for you and I assure you of a great feeling for your contribution of time in this noble cause. There will be several of us on hand to kick-start this location. To co-ordinate the times, do contact R.W. Bro. Elroy MacKinnon at 905.839.5789 or W. Bro. Doug Gray at 416.266.0783.

We have only one Installation this month at Friendship Lodge on Wednesday January 14th. I would like to see the same good attendance and support we have enjoyed thus far through the year. For other upcoming events, please consult the Social Calendar in the Newsletters.

To my good friend and an accomplished Mason W. Bro. Eugene DeBeaupre, who suffered a stroke while out West over the Holidays, I wish a speedy and thorough recovery. Our thoughts are with you.

Once more, on behalf of the Toronto East District I wish You All a Happy and Eventful New Year.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



R.W. Bro. Dushan Surovy
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

January

Tuesday January 1, 2009

New Year's Day

Be careful out there!

The new year is a chance for a fresh start. See if you can do better this time!



Wednesday January 14, 2009

Friendship Lodge – **Installation**

Visitors - 8:00 pm

Ajax Masonic Temple

Friday January 23, 2009

Toronto East District – **Blood Donor Clinic**

See notice below

St. Aidan's Anglican Church

Saturday January 24, 2009

The Heritage Lodge – **Black Tie Banquet**

See notice below.

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Monday January 26, 2009

Chinese New Year

Gung Hei Fat Choy

Welcome the year of the Ox. The traits of the Ox are Patience, Kindness, Stubbornness and Conservatism.



Wednesday January 28, 2009

Doric Lodge – **Class Act Dinner Theatre**

See notice below.

Class Act Dinner Theatre

Saturday January 31, 2009

Toronto East District – **Lodge of Discussion**

See notice below.

East Toronto Masonic Temple

February

Tuesday February 3, 2009

Canada Lodge – **Official Visit**

Visitors - 8:00 pm

Ajax Masonic Temple

Thursday February 5, 2009

Alpha-Tuscan Lodge – **1st Official Visit**

Visitors - 8:00 pm

East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday February 7, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – **Claremont Winter Carnival**

See notice below

Claremont Masonic Temple

Monday February 9, 2009

Toronto East District – **Blood Donor Clinic**

See notice below

Ajax Masonic Temple

Wednesday February 11, 2009

The Imperial East Gate Lodge – **Official Visit**

Lodge of the DDGM ←

Visitors - 8:00 pm

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday February 13, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge – **Official Visit**

Visitors - 8:00 pm

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday February 14, 2009

Toronto East District - **Mechanics of the Work – 1 of 6**

9:00 am to Noon

Les Armitage - 416.598.4794

East Toronto Masonic Temple

Monday February 16, 2009

Family Day – Our New Provincial Holiday

Enjoy a NEW DAY OFF



Saturday February 21, 2009

Toronto East District - **Mechanics of the Work – 2
of 6**

9:00 am to Noon

Les Armitage - 416.598.4794

East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday February 28, 2009

Toronto East District - **Mechanics of the Work – 3
of 6**

9:00 am to Noon

Les Armitage - 416.598.4794

East Toronto Masonic Temple



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity Honouring Our Own

The Widows and Senior Members of our fraternity who are unable to participate in our District activities. This initiative has been developed to extend the hand of fellowship and guidance to let them know that they are remembered and not forgotten, and that they still belong to our Masonic Family. Individually, as Masons, this project will enable us to demonstrate our fidelity to the obligation we took upon ourselves to help, aid and assist our Masonic Widows and Brethren. Co-chairmen, Todd Owens and Bill Utton will be contacting our Lodges to ascertain the number of widows and brethren in each Lodge and to familiarize the members with the project. Some Lodges already have a program for their widows.

Contact: Todd Owens @ 618@ypr.ca or 416.722.0843
Bill Utton

*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.*

- John Wesley (1703-1791)

Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are now officially a Partners For Life entity with the Canadian Blood Services. We just established some dates for future clinics at St. Aidan's Anglican Church and a preliminary clinic at Ajax Masonic Temple. Any brother in Toronto East District that may wish to assist, thus getting their Lodge "credits" for the amount of donation's make at the clinic may contact the brethren shown below.

Each Clinic requires two teams of 4 volunteers. First shift starts about ½ hour before the clinic opens to assist with set-up and the actual clinic. The second shift runs ½ hour after the clinic closes to assist with the actual clinic and the break down. Anyone interested in attending can contact the brethren shown below.

Don't be concerned if you are unable to give blood at any of the indicated Blood Donor Clinics. If you wish to be a donor, find yourself a Blood Donor 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.



Do your part and “Be an everyday hero today” by attending the clinics when they are announced.

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday January 23, 2009

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

Monday February 9, 2009

3:30 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
Ajax Masonic Temple
457 Kingston Rd. W. (corner of Mill St.)
905.683.0365

Friday March 20, 2009

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 22, 2009

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

Friday July 24, 2009

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

Friday September 25, 2009

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

Friday November 27, 2009

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

Book your appointment time in advance 1-888-2-DONATE and your visit will be quicker. For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics go to

[//www.bloodservices.ca/centre*apps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm](http://www.bloodservices.ca/centre*apps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm)

Contact: Fred Bryant @ etd.blooddonors@gmail.com or 416.421.6762
Doug Gray @ dagmortgages@rogers.com or 416.266.0783
Jim McKinnon Jr. @ jmckinnonjr@gmail.com or 905.250.0190



Statistics Show

That for the most of us, it is not a case of IF but a case of WHEN. Prostate Cancer is a slow moving cancer that will strike the greater percentage of men before they die. If you are 45 years old or greater, please make sure you get a PSA test at least once a year. It is a simple blood test and takes minimal time. Caught early, Prostate Cancer is easily defeated. Once detected, removal of the Prostate by surgery is now only one of a number of options.

Get a PSA test. Send a cheque to support Prostate Cancer Research.

Hurricane Damage in Cuba

You have often seen articles about the need for aid for Masons residing in Cuba. Even over the counter (OTC) medicine is difficult to acquire there. Several tropical depressions and hurricanes hit the island this fall. The following shows the damage that resulted.

<u>Mason's Homes</u>		<u>Lodge Buildings</u>	
Totally collapsed	65	Partially collapsed	9
Roofs partially collapsed	133	Totally collapsed	1
Roofs blown off	70		

If you can assist, please do.

https://freemasonry.org/index.php?option=com_facileforms&Itemid=64

Excerpt from the Grand Master's Message for December

Grand Lodge had an interesting experience on November 26, 2008, when we were asked to perform a cornerstone laying ceremony in downtown Toronto, at Yonge and Davenport. The CTV owned building at 888 Yonge St., was the home of Masonry in Toronto from 1917 until 1994. The Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Chaplain and other Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance. Some of you may have seen the ceremony on CTV news and CP24 outlets this week. News media were on hand and the Grand Master was interviewed by three different news groups; it was a uniquely historical occasion.

The President of CTV, and his Executive V.P., Corporate Affairs, explained their wish to preserve the Masonic heritage of the building. They have gone to great lengths to do that by inviting the Grand Master to symbolically lay the cornerstone with Masonic Ceremony. CTV have preserved the Mosaic Pavement in one of the business offices on the second floor and the complete red room on the fifth floor that housed the Scottish Rite bodies at one time. Other Masonic symbolism still exists throughout the building as we discovered on a tour following the ceremony.

If one asks why the building changed hands, I would say it was because of a shifting membership base. Membership moved closer to Lodges on the perimeter of Toronto as the costs of maintenance spiralled with dwindling support. Does this sound familiar? It should cause each Temple Board and Lodge to look seriously at their finances and plan for the future. I notice in some summonses that several Lodges are facing rising costs head-on by increasing their Membership dues. The burden really does fall on each



of us to take ownership and support our Lodge. Compare the cost of your dues to other activities in which you engage and you will find that membership in our fraternity is a bargain.

- Allan J. Petrisor

Tips For Leading Discussion Effectively

Discussion allows the members of the Lodge to share their experiences, to express their concerns, and to seek answers to their questions. It is important to ensure that the discussion involves two-way communication.

As a Chairman, take responsibility for facilitating the discussion amongst the members. Group discussion takes place on two levels - content and process. *Content* is the subject matter at hand. *Process*, the more challenging of the two, is how the discussion takes place and how participants interact. For successful group discussion, your facilitation of process is probably more important than your grasp of the content. In fact, if you feel strongly about the content of discussion, you may not be able to manage its process side and should consider enlisting someone else to facilitate discussion.

Getting discussion started

- Define topic for discussion and the reason it's important
- Prepare questions to ask audience to get things rolling
- Phrase questions positively
- Avoid leading questions
- Use 'open ended' questions
- Break large problems into smaller ones
- Serve as a model participant - relate your own knowledge or experiences
- Keep discussion rolling
- Let participants answer each others' questions
- Clarify, interpret and summarize others' contributions
- Recognize the contributions of others and use them to build discussion
- Call on non-participants - questions with short answers are a good way to draw them into discussion
- Consider keeping a record of contributions
- Take regular breaks throughout your sessions. Never go past 45 minutes without a break or stretch.
- A change of pace can keep group interest high. Try breaking into groups.
- After a break, review quickly what you have just covered. Then outline what is to come.
- Encourage note taking for home study.
- Get people to believe in themselves. As they build faith in their abilities, they will succeed and improve their self-esteem.
- The better the planning the better the meeting. What are the needs? What has to be accomplished? Answer those questions then set your goals.
- Write out your plan on paper so you can focus on the goal. This will also keep you on track.
- Stay on time.
- Build upon your successes. Once your plan is established it will be relatively easy to start future sessions from where you left off.
- Practice before you get in front of the group.



- Let the participants do the work of developing answers to the questions. They must at the end of the day, take ownership.
- Always follow-up, give feedback and instil confidence.

Simple techniques for increasing participation

- Take an informal survey or ask for a show of hands
- Have people answer questions in writing, and then share their answers
- Assign a person to the role of devil's advocate
- Go around the room and ask each participant to state a concern or make a comment
- Provide the audience with exercises, and then use them as a starting point for discussion

Avoid common pitfalls

- Talk with the group, especially during discussion
- Stop filibusters by ...
 1. Break eye contact
 2. Turn away
 3. Say "*Let's hear from someone else*"
- Limit tangents
- Limit participants to short contributions
- Avoid saying "*Yes, but...*"

Finally ...

Bring closure to the discussion, or acknowledge that discussion seems to have run its course by giving a brief summary of the ideas examined in discussion.

The above was taken from the monthly communication entitled *B2B Facilitfacts* published by V.W. Bro. Iain Wates, Grand Lodge's Team Leader for the Brother-to-Brother Program. To get on his distribution list, send a message to idwates@sympatico.ca.

Christmas Hams for the Salvation Army of Durham Region

It has been an annual project for **Canada Lodge** to raise money in order to provide Christmas Hams to needy families of Durham Region. This year, a total of \$2,510 was raised by the brethren of Canada Lodge. There were 264 hams delivered and Canada Lodge was able to give the Salvation Army \$450 in cash as well.

The recipients were most grateful for the continued work on this project. Unfortunately, the Salvation Army has had a 30% increase in the number of families that they support. They say that the Hams are now the highlight of the Christmas food hampers that they make up for delivery. The Salvation Army wishes all of the members of Canada Lodge the very best for the season.

Brougham Union Mosaic Pavement Raffle

A raffle is being held to fund temple refurbishing. Your chances are 1 in 100 of winning. Better odds than you get with 649 (or of getting back that money you loaned your son!) The draws will begin as soon as the tickets are all sold.



Tickets: \$20 each
No. of Tickets: 100
Prizes: 10 weekly prizes of \$50
1 Grand Prize of \$500
Contact: David Neave @ davidneave@rogers.com or 905.391.5900



To reform means to shatter one form and to create another; but the two sides of this act are not always equally intended nor equally successful.
- George Santayana, (1863-1952)

Saturday January 17, 2009

Templum Fidelis Lodge UD - Installation

Templum Fidelis is the newest Masonic Lodge operating in the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and having recently received permission from our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Allan Petrisor, to begin meeting Under Dispensation, you can imagine the excitement and anticipation we are feeling about the prospects that lay ahead for us in our new Templum Fidelis Lodge!

We are looking for an experience where the focus is on the Work, protocol and the candidate. We envision quality as far more important than quantity, only one voice in the lodge room - the Master and only anyone he has given the floor too - no side bars, no private meetings, no cell phones or electronic planners - that carries on into the banquet room (agape). We envision candidates that learn more about Masonry as they go along, who will not only prove themselves before advancing, but also present a paper on their experiences and significance of the former Degree before they advance much like the European model. We envision a lodge where the focus is on candidate development rather than a Mason-making-machine - expecting the average period between candidates Degrees to be a year. We envision tuxedos, white gloves, candles and solemnity that will make a lasting impression on the candidate and our members.

<http://www.templumfidelis.com/>

Time: please make contact
Location: Bath Masonic Hall
Contact: Lodge Secretary @ secretary@templumfidelis.com

Tuesday January 20, 2009

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals.
Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie.**

Topic: The Scottish Rectified Rite
particularly the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City and its founder/innovator John Baptiste Willermoz.
Speaker: Michael Restivo
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute



426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione @ pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 416.341.7938

NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

Wednesday January 21, 2009

Rainbow Girls – Pledge Group

Toronto Assembly #2 has re-opened their pledge group for girls between the ages of 7 and 11. The pledge group gets the girls ready to join the Rainbow Girls when they turn 11 years old. The group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. There is no cost. The first meeting is January 21st, 2009.

Please contact Catherine Benoit for further information.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$0
Contact: Catherine Benoit @ benoithome@sympatico.ca

Saturday January 24, 2009

The Heritage Lodge – 24th Annual Black Tie Banquet

Open to Masons and non-Masons alike. Dress is Black Tie preferred or Dark Business Suit, NO white tie or tails PLEASE!

Topic: Kipling's Gavel, an adventure in Masonic research
Speaker: David J. Cameron, Chairman of Masonic Education
Time: 4:30 pm - Social
6:00 pm - Banquet
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$25
Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@sympatico.ca or 416.518.2242 or any The Heritage Lodge officer

On the twentieth of December, I sent out a message to the list with a subject of . . . and To All, a Good Night! I was really surprised at the number who responded to this review of a traditional Christmas story. The author, Skip Boyer, P.M. Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge No. 29, Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona, passed away on May 27, 2006. He was a frequent contributor on the condition of Freemasonry on the Philalethes

(www.freemasonry.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogsection&id=4&Itemid=49) Email list (www.groups.yahoo.com/group/philalethes). Of the many subjects Skip wrote about, one of the most entertaining concerned his association with a very special raven named Furthermore who just happened to be a Freemason himself. These writings were compiled under the heading of 'THE CHRONICLES OF FURTHERMORE, THE MASONIC RAVEN *Being, for the most part,*



adventures in pet care, bartending and brotherhood with a boy and his bird’ Visit and learn more of this entertaining relationship. [www.furthermoreaven.org](http://www.furthermoreraven.org)

Saturday January 24, 2009

Rainbow Girls Toronto Assembly No. 2 – Group Night

Are They Having More Fun Than Us?

Toronto Assembly will be attending the Toronto Marlies game at 7:00 pm. A Toronto team that actually WINS! There will be a 50/50 draw and a fun night of watching American Hockey League. Tickets are at a reduced price. What will your daughter be doing?



If you would like to be involved and attend this fun evening, all are welcome.

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Ricoh Coliseum, Hamilton
Contact: Jane Ball @ baljan@rogers.com or 416.267.0364

Sunday January 25, 2009

Rainbow Girls Toronto Assembly No. 2 – Installation

All welcome. Wearing of regalia would be appreciated.

Time: 2:00 pm – Visitors admitted
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Contact: Gerry Ouellette @ gerry.ouellette@sympatico.ca or 416.412.1572

Wednesday January 28, 2009

Doric Lodge – Class Act Dinner Theatre

The brethren of Doric Lodge invite you, your family and friends to an evening of food, fun and social mirth to help raise funds to host the next fraternal visit by the brethren and their ladies of Hamilton Lodge #1440, Spanish Town, Jamaica in July 2009.

A portion of the proceeds from all fundraising activities for this visit will be donated to selected local charities at the completion of the visit. Several local charities have benefited from our many fundraisers since these exchanges began in 1987.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Class Act Dinner Theatre to enjoy their production of “**Sex Please, We’re 60**”. Class Act offers a unique combination of professional theatre and a superb five-course buffet dinner.

We plan to hold a Silent Auction and you can view items when the doors open at 5:45 pm.

Tickets are \$60 each and include all taxes and gratuities. No tickets will be available at the door.

NOTE: There is a deadline for ticket purchase of Monday January 19, 2009. Tickets are limited!



Time: 5:45 pm - Social
6:00 pm - Dinner
7:45 pm – Show starts
10:00 pm – Show ends (approximately - depending on how much you laugh!) ☺

Location: Class Act Dinner Theatre
104 Consumers Dr. Whitby (between Brock St. and Thickson Rd., west of Hopkins Rd.)

Cost: \$60

Deadline: Monday January 19, 2009

Contact: Bruce Palanik @ thepalanikgroup@rogers.com or 905.839.7342

Saturday January 31, 2009

Toronto East District – Lodge of Discussion

Come out and talk Masonry at a Lodge of Discussion. Participants from past Lodges of Discussion have found these to be relevant, lively and rewarding sessions. Plan to participate.

Time: 8:30 am – Coffee and Donuts (first come, first served, with a toonie donation)
9:00 am – 10:30 am - Discussion (or later if the brethren want to continue)

Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple

Contact: Bruce Palanik @ thepalanikgroup@rogers.com or 905.839.7342

You must dare to disassociate yourself from those who would delay your journey . . . Leave, depart, if not physically, then mentally. Go your own way, quietly, undramatically, and venture toward trueness at last.

- Vernon Howard (1918-1992)

Saturday February 7, 2009

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 parade marshalling area on William St. At the end of the parade we will all assemble at the Masonic Temple for a bowl of hot chili and hot drinks, with ice cream and cookies for the children.

Brougham Union Lodge 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, and town crier, Bill McKee.

Please note that the Toronto East District DDGM has requested 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 color 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@sympatico.ca or 905.649.3003 or 416.518.2242

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Speaker: Terry Spalding-Martin
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
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Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
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Tuesday February 17, 2009

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 speakers from Grand Chapter to enlighten you on Royal Arch Masonry. We will explain the steps involved in progressing through each degree in the Royal Arch along with explanations of the Chapter and 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.

Guests will be welcomed into Chapter at 8:00 pm and light refreshments will be available after the presentation.

Time: 8:00 pm – Guests received
Location: Ajax Masonic Temple
Contact: Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7388 or
Peter Nuttall @ pnuttall@idirect.com or 416.283.8056



Thursday February 26, 2009

65th Annual Shuter Haskill Hunters' Night

The Degree Team will all be comprised of hunters dressed in their camouflage, vests and boots. The Banquet afterwards will feature the best of whatever the hunters have brought down, if road kill is unavailable. ☺

Location: Ontario Lodge #26, Port Hope, ON

*If there is righteousness in the heart,
There will be beauty in the character.*

*If there is beauty in the character,
There will be harmony in the home.*

*If there is harmony in the home,
There will be order in the nation.*

*If there is order in the nation,
There will be peace in the world.*

So let it be.

- Confucius (551-479 BC), The Great Learning

Saturday March 7, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Breakfast

All Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts in the district are encouraged to attend. The Master of the Lodge should come himself or appoint a representative to accompany any Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts that are interested in attending.

The plan at the moment is for a breakfast meeting, very relaxed. The attendees are encouraged to bring all the questions that they did not ask or dared not ask at their Initiation or Passing. In other words we want to step out of the box and try and answer all their questions (observing Grand Lodge parameters) to make their journey into Masonry more meaningful.

Please **RSVP** by Feb. 28, 2009 to ensure enough vitals.

Time: 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

Location: Claremont Masonic Temple

Contact: Garry Fitzpatrick @ garryfitz@sympatico.ca or 905.649.8087, or
Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@sympatico.ca or 905.649.3003

This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you.

- The Mahabharata (c. 800 BC-400 AD)



Saturday May 9, 2009

The Beaches Lodge – Ladies Night

Once again, The Beaches Lodge is hosting our annual Ladies Night Gala. This year it will be held on Mothers' Day Weekend, so bring your Mothers as this year we will be at a new venue. Our very own Bro. Nick Zarafontis' 5 Star restaurant, The School. At a bargain price of \$50.00 per person for a lovely meal and evening at such an establishment. You cannot get a better deal. A whole night of dancing, door prizes, and other entertainment. Your special Ladies will be very impressed. Tickets are limited, so buy early.

Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: The School Restaurant
4121 14th Ave. (East of Birchmount Rd, Unionville)
Cost: \$50 Each
Contact: Prince Selvaraj @ prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca or 416.269.9909
Michael Enns @ mike-enns@hotmail.com or 416.264.5264

Saturday May 23, 2009

The Beaches and Birch Cliff Lodges – MasoniChIP program, Open House and Community BBQ

The Beaches and Birch Cliff Lodges are hosting the MasoniChIP program, along with an Open House and a community BBQ. We need lots of volunteers to help organize and run the event. An application to the city of Toronto to be included in their Open Door program held on same weekend has been made. This will be a big event and hopefully well attended. We are currently looking for guest speakers, especially authors of Masonic Books, general volunteers to help organize and run the event, and either a Dentist, Dental Assistant or Hygienist to volunteer to make dental impressions. All are welcome.

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$0, donations to cover costs will be most gratefully received
Contact: Ed Crosier @ newfser@hotmail.com or 289.240.4913 or
Charles Frankland @ cfrankland@rogers.com

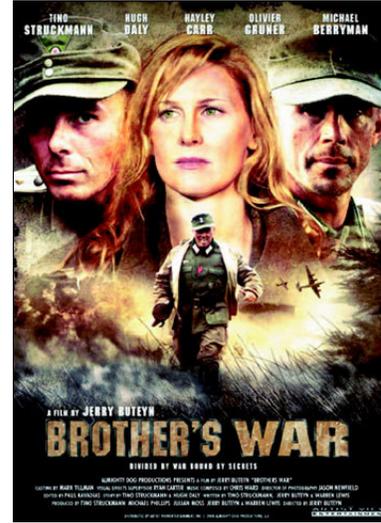


FILM REVIEW:

Brother's War

The story is set in the latter days of World War II, against the backdrop of fierce combat on the eastern front. Brother's War is based on real events. The western Allies push into Germany and the Red Army is fighting its way towards Berlin. Churchill is worried about Russia's post-war plans for Europe, but must not endanger the increasingly threatened alliance between the west and Russia.

A British military officer, attached to the Red Army, discovers a Russian war crime against the Polish government in exile and is seized by Stalin's feared intelligence service. He finds unexpected help from an enemy and fellow prisoner, a German Captain. They discover a common bond in Freemasonry and are bound by honour, oath and secrets. They are joined by Anna, a beautiful Polish nurse cast adrift on the tides of war. The three are pursued by a ruthless Russian commander through Germany, carrying a secret that can change the outcome of the world and the fate of millions.



Brother's War was produced with strict attention to historic accuracy and military detail and portrays the horrors and heroism of desperate battles. The film also opens the door into the ancient order of the Freemasons and presents unmatched insight on the real histories of these men, brothers all, who have fought in every war for hundreds of years.

Coming soon to a theatre near you.

http://www.brotherswar.info/about_the_film.htm



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Significant Events Prior to 1717

In medieval times the operatives' lodges had simply been a hut or a lean-to on the site in which they stored their tools and took their refreshment and ease. By the 1600s the guild system, with the exception of the London Livery Companies, was virtually moribund.

1620 - In the earliest year for which we have records, six men are allowed to join the company of Masons in London on payment of 9 pounds sterling upon 'accepting' Masonry and in the following year are 'made' Masons. Conder P146

1628 - A letter sent by Sir David Cunningham, an officer in the Court of King Charles to his namesake in Scotland telling him.

"the noble fraternitie had our solemne meeting in London, being now (with your self and Adam the Advocate) just forty in number. Wee have taken in sundrie of the bedchamber and others of quality and worth, and haue forever hereafter excluded and discharges to admit of any but his majesties servants; and they also to be of the degree of esquire. Also wee have established laudable and good orders to be observed, under the forfeiture of certain penalties, whereby wee shall avoyde all manner of excesses, royat and disorder. Whereof my brother Ffullerton wil informe you. Your self and the Advocate was very respectulie and solemnly remembered by the whole companie. These enclosed badges of the noble brothered is to be worne by you and the Advocate about your hatband, until our next meeting which is to be every six months, whereof yu shall always haue notice given yow to keep that day solemnly, at which tyme yee shall have our new badges of favour. This much I was commanded to signifie unto you."

The uncle of Sir David was the same David Cunningham of Robertland, who succeeded William Schaw as Master of Works in 1602.

1629 - The deputy to James Murray, Master of Works for Scotland, was Anthony Alexander, the Second son of Sir William Alexander Anthony the Earl of Stirling. The Earl served as Poet Courtier to James VI and in 1629 was Secretary of State for King Charles I.

1634 - Anthony Alexander became the first identified non-operative mason to join a Scottish Masonic lodge. He arranged for himself, his brother, (listed on the rolls of the lodge as Viscount Canada) and Sir Alexander Strachan to become members of the Lodge of Mary's Chapel in Edinburgh.

1635 - Anthony Alexander was made Master of Works and knighted by King Charles in 1636.



1637 - The job and knighthood went to his brother Henry Alexander and the very next year we see Henry Alexander, the third son of the Earl of Stirling, joined the lodge and became a brother.

1640 - Alexander Hamilton, General of Artillery and a Covenanter was received as a fellow and master of the craft, and one more Covenanter General would join the following year, Robert Moray.

1641 - There is no date given for the initiation of James, the Duke of Hamilton but he along with his kinsman Alexander Hamilton signed the entry at Newcastle on May 20, 1641 for Robert Moray.

1646 - While a civil war brought on by religious intolerance still raged, Col. Mainwaring, a Roundhead hero, and his soon to be brother-in-law (not son-in-law as often quoted) Elias Ashmole, a Royalist, were both initiated into Freemasonry in Warrington. Existing members of the lodge included both Catholics and Protestants. None of the members of the Lodge were identified as Operative masons. (Elias Ashmole and Sir Robert Moray were later two of the founding members of the Royal Society.)

1648 - Robert Moray and his cousin arranged an escape for King Charles from Newcastle. It fell apart when the King refused to risk being embarrassed if he was caught dressed as a commoner. ('Dressed' is an appropriate word as they were going to disguise him as a woman.) His ego cost him his life. Moray and his cousin were arrested but somehow released for their part.

1649 - Shortly after the execution of King Charles I, James Hamilton, who had been captured the previous summer in a failed attempt to rescue the king, was given the choice of revealing his English allies and being set free or remaining quiet and being executed. He chose to lay down his life rather than betray their trust.

1656 - After Cromwell took power, the Worshipful Company of Freemasons changed their name to the Worshipful Company of Masons after almost 200 years.

1665 - Randle Holmes writes that there was in Chester a lodge of 26 Freemasons of which 2 were classes as Gentlemen, 4 were Aldermen of the city, and only 4 were identified as operative Masons.

1665 - The inventory of the Worshipful Company of Masons includes a framed list of "Accepted Masons" under lock and key. The use of this designation would indicate that these members were separate from the normal roll of operative Masons. It is particularly interesting that there is no record of this valuable artefact and no way to know who was listed.

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LODGES OF TORONTO EAST DISTRICT

Toronto East District is comprised of the lodges residing in the Ajax (Doric-Pickering), Clarendon, East Toronto (Chisholm) and Scarborough Masonic Halls.

<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		Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384	East Tor	1 st Thu	3 rd Thu	Oct	Jan
Birch Cliff #612 www.birchcliffodge.com	Scar	2 nd Fri	4 th Fri	Dec	Feb
Brougham Union #269	Clar	1 st Wed		Oct	Apr
Caledonia #637 www.caledonialodge637.com	Scar	3 rd Mon		Oct	Apr
Canada #532	Ajax	1 st Tue	3 rd Wed	Oct	Feb
Cathedral #643	East Tor	3 rd Wed		Oct	Mar
Coronati #520	Scar	2 nd Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424	Ajax	3 rd Thu	1 st Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Ajax	2 nd Wed		Jan	Oct
Mimosa #576 www.mimosalodge.com	East Tor	1 st Mon	3 rd Mon	Oct	Apr
North Gate #591	Ajax	2 nd Thu		Apr	Oct
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 www.rjr494.com	East Tor	3 rd Tue	1 st Tue	Sep	Apr
Scarboro #653	Scar	2 nd Mon	4 th Mon	Dec	Mar
St. Aidan's #567	Scar	3 rd Tue		May	Mar
The Beaches #473 www.beacheslodge.ca	Scar	1 st Thu		May	Mar
The Imperial East Gate #543	Scar	2 nd Wed		Nov	Feb
Todmorden #647 www.todmordenlodge.com	East Tor	2 nd Thu	4 th Thu	Nov	Mar
Universe #705 http://home.eol.ca/~freemason/lodge/universe.htm	Scar	2 nd Tue	4 th Tue	Oct	Apr
West Hill #670	Scar	1 st Wed	3 rd Wed	Dec	Mar
Wexford #683	Scar	1 st Fri	3 rd Fri	Nov	Apr
Total Lodges:	21				



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