

Hiram's Lighthouse

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

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When Masonry is taught by ritual, symbol, and allegory, it is not as easy to follow as the schoolroom method, but has the advantage of making a Mason study and learn for himself. It forces him to search out the truth and to take the initiative, so that the very act of learning is of educational value.

- Bro. Burt Prater

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

Brethren,

First I would like to express my best wishes for this Holiday Season to all our members and families whatever your beliefs and how you celebrate, may The Great Architect bless you all and keep you safe and healthy. Please remember the families of all those who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above this past year as well as those less fortunate and all our wonderful troops abroad doing their part to maintain peace on earth.

Most of our Installations are over and the Official Visits begin in February. In my travels I have seen some splendid degree work as well as Installations but I have also seen some that need a lot of instruction, practice and help. Remember it's available to you but you must ask and be willing to take direction, implement it and want to excel. You would be surprised what visiting lodges and witnessing the 'work' in action can do to improve your standards.

Two events to put on your calendar and attend are the Grand Lodge Resource Workshop taking place on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Doric Temple 8:30 a.m. Coffee on arrival and lunch will be served. This is a must attend event if you want to make use of the substantial resources available to improve your lodge. The other event is a Lodge of Instruction, Installation Ceremony Only for all Past Masters at East Toronto Masonic Temple, Saturday February 20th; 2010 at 8:30 a.m. hosted by Mimosa Lodge.

Please get your donations for the Grand Master's Tim Horton cards for our troops sent off as soon as possible please so they may enjoy that "taste of home" right away.



Visit Claremont's Winter Carnival parade in January and support Brougham Union Lodge. It's a great day and the lodge serves chilli and refreshments. Regalia may be worn.

Bring a new member into Masonry in 2010, mentor him and help him grow and you will have an exciting year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Thomas E. Norris
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

January

Tuesday January 1, 2010

New Year's Day

A chance for a start at a better tomorrow.



Wednesday January 13, 2010

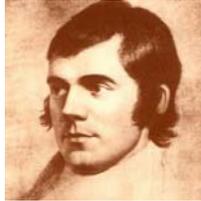
Friendship - **Installation** ← *Oh no, it's not!*

From now on their Installation will be in May.

Monday January 25, 2010

Robbie Burns Day

Aye! Soom haggis an' a' that!
I think he invented scotch.
Didn't he? ☺



Monday January 25, 2010

Scarboro - Robert Burns Night

see below
Scarborough Masonic Temple



Friday January 29, 2010

Toronto East District - Blood Donor Clinic

see below
St. Aidan's Anglican Church

Friday January 29, 2010

The Heritage - 25th Annual Black Tie Banquet

see below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday January 30, 2010

Toronto East District - Lodge Resources Feedback Session

see below
Ajax Masonic Temple

February

Tuesday February 2, 2010

Canada - Official Visit

Lodge of the DDGM
Banquet at 6:30 pm ←
Ajax Masonic Temple

Thursday February 4, 2010

Alpha-Tuscan - Official Visit

Visitors by 8:00 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday February 6, 2010

Brougham Union - Winter Carnival

see below
Claremont Masonic Temple

Tuesday February 9, 2010

Universe - Official Visit

Visitors by 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Wednesday February 10, 2010

The Imperial East Gate - Official Visit

Banquet at 6:00 pm ←
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday February 12, 2010

Birch Cliff - Official Visit

Visitors by 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday February 13, 2010

Brougham Union - Sweetheart's Dance

see below
Claremont Community Centre

Sunday February 14, 2010

St. Valentine's Day

Do something nice for your Sweetie!



Sunday February 14, 2010

Chinese New Year - start of the Year of the Tiger

Mmmm! Food! As if we needed more.

Monday February 15, 2010

Family Day

1st long weekend of the year! Do something fun with the whole famn damily!



Saturday February 20, 2010
Toronto East District – **Lodge of Instruction-**
Installation only
see below
East Toronto Masonic Temple



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.

Contact: Todd Owens @ 678@yrp.ca or 416.722.0843, or
Bill Utton @ 905.831.6256



It's like, at the end, there's this surprise quiz: Am I proud of me? I gave my life to become the person I am right now. Was it worth what I paid?

- Richard Bach

Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are officially a Partners For Life entity with the Canadian Blood Services. Any brother in Toronto East District that may wish 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: Fred Bryant @ etd.blooddonors@gmail.com or 416.421.6762
Doug Gray @ douggray@rogers.com or 416.266.0783
Jim McKinnon Jr. @ jmckinnonjr@gmail.com or 905.250.0190

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday January 29, 2010
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Friday March 26, 2010
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222



Masonic Half Penny - 1794



The Government of those days in England and Wales was quite unable, or too inept, to organise the money supply to meet the needs of the people. The Master of the Royal Mint was paid commission on the value of the Mint's output, so it was more profitable to produce gold and silver coins of higher denominations, even though the shortage of small change made local trading almost impossible. The upper classes also thought it demeaning to have the effigy of the monarch on base metal coins such as bronze or tin. In 1787, one Thomas Williams began minting his own token pennies and halfpennies from the copper he produced in his own mines in Anglesey. Soon, others imitated him, and subsequently even small traders and institutions were designing and producing their own token coins. More than 10,000 different designs appeared between 1787 and 1817, some in vast quantities. Among the many traders issuing tokens was James Sketchley, a bookseller and a Mason of Birmingham, who designed and issued the coin illustrated, the Masonic halfpenny. These were issued in 1794, probably as "Pocket Pieces" or curios, but it is certain that they were circulated widely and accepted as money in the same way as all the other token coins. It is not recorded how many were made, but experts have recognised three different dies for one face, two for the other and 13 edge inscriptions, so it is fair to assume that very many were produced. After a short time, the manufacture was taken over by William Lutwyche, another Mason.

The top [first] illustration of the coin is depicted what may be termed its historical face. It carries the Mason's Arms, the insignia of the Premier Grand Lodge, which Brother Sketchley's Lodge, St Paul's, now No. 43, had adopted as its crest in 1786. There are several noteworthy points. First, the escutcheon or shield is divided by a chevron, on which is engraved wide-open compasses. Second, the shield is supported by two beavers, traditionally famed for their industry. Third, above the shield is a globe surmounted by the Dove of Peace, and finally, the legend *Amor, Honor et Justitia* - Love, Honour and Justice. Around the circumference is an inscription commemorating the election in 1790 of HRH the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Premier Grand Lodge, referred to as "The Moderns". The Prince of Wales subsequently became Prince Regent, and later King George IV.

The bottom [second] illustration, I deem the symbolic or allegorical face of the coin. First, the Latin legend *Sit Lux et Lux fuit* - Let there be light and there was Light. Also, observe around a triangle the names of those three great pillars that symbolically support a Lodge: wisdom, strength and beauty. Finally, observe the shape of this coin, a perfect circle, a line with no beginning and no end, signifying Charity, reminding us that the Great Architect has ruled, is ruling now, and will continue to rule till time shall be no more.

This Masonic Token is a coin of small value, and yet as an object on which to moralise is of inestimable worth. It provides a direct link with our brethren of over 200 years ago, and illustrates the stability and unchanging nature of our peculiar system of morality that is amply illustrated by such symbols.

This article is based on a lecture delivered by the late W. Bro. Fred Finedon to his own lodge, Babergh Lodge No. 8122 and to the Lodge of Perfect Friendship No. 376.

- Chandra Mohan



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 of age 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 only one of a number of options that are available now.

Talk to your doctor and get a PSA test. Send a cheque to support Prostate Cancer Research.

Seven Blunders of the Masonic World

Ritual Without Meaning:

Too many times, we are more concerned about performing the ritual perfectly without understanding what it means. I know many men that give great lectures, but will confide that they don't even know what something means. Ritual for the sake of tradition is worthless. Ritual for the sake of enlightenment is valuable. An understanding of the ritual's meaning is far more important than just memorizing it.

Fellowship Without Frivolity:

Whenever Masons decide to hold a function for fellowship, a discussion typically ensues about how to make the function have the smallest impact on the lodge's coffers and the wallets of the members. This results in paper plates, meagre meals, and boring events. To spend money wisely in order to make fellowship a grand time is wise for the lodge that wants to be successful.

Quantity Without Quality:

A lodge with seven great men that believe in the Masonic ideals and actively labour to improve themselves - and therefore the lodge - is far better off than a lodge with one hundred men that show up to lodge just to show up to lodge.

Education Without Philosophy:

Many times, we think of Masonic education as being a lesson on the local lodge's history, a famous Mason, the history of the world wide fraternity, or how to do the ritual properly. But if no philosophy is covered in Masonic education, then little self-improvement is accomplished. Discussing Masonic lessons in terms of philosophy, ideas, and a man's conduct is what truly transforms men into Masons. It is important to discuss topics that are foreign to a lodge's membership and it is sometimes even necessary to challenge our preconceived ideologies through Masonic education.

Charity Without Connection:

Big institutional charities often require that fund raisers be conducted and large checks written to the people that actually perform the charity. This type of charity is devoid of self-improvement because it has no real connection. If we extend our hands to our needed Brethren and devote our own skills and time to their problems, then we are engaging in true, meaningful charity.

Frugality Without Discretion:

Frugality is not a tenet of Freemasonry, a cardinal virtue, or a Landmark. It is okay for the lodge to spend its funds on worthwhile activities that will enhance the Masonic experience of its Brethren. Not everything should be done in the cheapest way, a habit to which we have become accustomed.

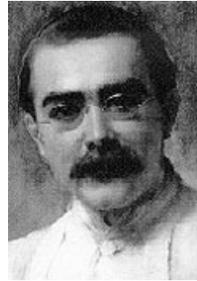


Leadership Without Competence:

A man does not deserve to be Master of the lodge solely because he has spent a certain amount of years in the lodge. We elect leaders without any regard for the skills that they possess to function in that capacity. Only competent, qualified men should be elected to preside over the Craft.

Author: Ambarish Singh Roy
Publisher: GLCPO Lodge Resources Program

Rudyard Kipling



Kipling became a Mason at the age of 20 while working as a British civil servant in Lahore, India. He recalls: "I was made a Freemason by dispensation, being under age, because the Lodge hoped for a good Secretary. They did not get him, but I helped, and got the Father to advise, in decorating the bare walls of the Masonic Hall with hangings after the prescription of Solomon's Temple. Here I met Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, members of the Araya and Brahma Samaj, and a Jew tyler, who was priest and butcher to his little community in the city. So yet another world opened to me which I needed." Bro. Kipling's early Masonic experience in this lodge is memorably treated in his poem, The Mother-Lodge.

He returned to England in 1889 as a very popular writer of short stories and poems - many of which convey Masonic themes and influences. Brother Kipling was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907. Afterward, he remained very active in the Craft, for example as a founding member of the Builders of Silent Cities Lodge No. 4948 and Authors' Lodge No. 3456 under the constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England.

- Masonic Authors, Bro. Shawn Eyer
http://academialodge.org/library_authors.php

If you can put the question, "Am I or am I not responsible for my acts?" then you are responsible.
- Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky (1821-1881)

Sunday January 10, 2010

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Toronto Assembly #2 - Installation of Officers

All are cordially invited to attend the Installation of Officers.

A major youth group in the Masonic Family, the Rainbow Girls provide enlightenment and growth for our young ladies. They really appreciate the support of individual Freemasons. Enjoy their version of the Installation ceremony. Refreshments to follow.



Dress code is formal. Ladies - no pants, culottes or black please.

Time: 1:00 pm - Pledge Ceremony
2:00 pm - Open Meeting
2:30 pm - Installation
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple



Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254

Wednesday January 20, 2010

The Cornerstone Club - formerly the Downtown Masonic Luncheon

Beginning in January 2010 the Downtown Masonic Luncheon will be merged with **The Cornerstone Club** that will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the University of Toronto Faculty Club (41 Willcocks St., Toronto). **The Cornerstone Club** is an exciting new concept that brings together a diverse set of both Masonic and non-Masonic speakers presenting interesting topics that range from the classic Liberal Arts and Sciences to modern academics, history, esoteric studies, and world affairs. The format will continue to be a 60 to 90 minute luncheon accompanied by a guest speaker; but the stately Faculty Club venue and the accompanying luncheon prepared by the Faculty Club fine dining team will be sure to add significantly to the overall quality of the monthly event. The best part is that there is no change in price; the monthly event will still be only \$25.

Held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals.

For a preview of **The Cornerstone Club** website go to: www.cornerstoneclub.org.

Topic: The Northeast Angle Revealed

A fascinating presentation that will explore the symbolism, geometry, architectural ritualism and spiritual history behind one of Freemasonry's most significant waypoints on the spiral path to enlightenment. Join us to examine one of the great thrills along the journey of Masonic initiation, a point at which the idea and purpose of Freemasonry begins to take shape in the mind of the initiate.

Speaker: Dave Greeway

Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm

Location: University of Toronto Faculty Club

41 Willcocks St., Toronto, east of Spadina, west of Huron

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.

Monday January 25, 2010

Scarboro Lodge - Robert Burns Night

This day is good old Robbie's birthday! Come and celebrate with us. We welcome both Masons and their non-Masonic guests. There will be no lodge meeting. This is purely a social event.

Our Burns Night event observes a traditional program, including a Haggis dinner beginning with a proper Ode to the Haggis, famously delivered by our Past Master, W. Bro. Frank MacKay.

Our guest lecturer this year is once again W. Bro. David Phelan who will deliver the traditional, "Immortal Memory" lecture that focuses on some aspect of Burns' life and his work.

And all the Haggis you can eat!

RSVP for tickets before January 22, 2010.



Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$20 ea - two (2) for \$30
Contact: scarboro653@hotmail.com

Friday January 29, 2010

The Heritage Lodge - 25th Annual Black Tie Banquet

A good meal and a very interesting talk. Tickets can be purchased from Charlie Reid or any Heritage Lodge officer. Dress is Black Tie (preferred) or Business Suit.

Topic: The Hermetic Code
Speaker: Barry Hutton
Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Banquet
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$30
Contact: Charlie Reid @ charlie.reid@sympatico.ca or 416.742.7878

We Need a Good Man

There was an important job to be done and
EVERYBODY was sure that **SOMEBODY** would do it.

ANYBODY could have done it but **NOBODY** did.

EVERYBODY thought **ANYBODY** could do it
but **NOBODY** could find **SOMEBODY** who would.

It ended up with

EVERYBODY blaming **SOMEBODY** when **NOBODY** did what **ANYBODY** could have done quite easily in the first place!

Saturday January 30, 2010

Toronto East District - Grand Lodge - Lodge Resources Workshop-Feedback Session

All are welcome, Lodge Chairmen, Lodge Officers and interested Masons, particularly Master Masons with less than 3 years experience. The Lodge Resources manual will be reviewed to provide an overview of its contents and participants may express their views of what went well and what could do with some improvement. A 'must attend' event if you want to make use of the substantial resources available to improve your lodge. There will be a session on how to become a *Cornerstone Lodge*. Lunch is provided.

Time: 8:30 am
Location: Ajax Masonic Temple
Contact: Tom Norris @ tom.norris@sympatico.ca or 905.852.5448



A man without ethics is a wild beast loosed upon this world.
- Bro. Manly Palmer Hall (1901-1990)

Saturday February 6, 2010
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 chili and hot drinks, with ice cream and cookies for the children.

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, and maybe our town crier, Bill McKee.

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 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

Saturday February 13, 2010
Brougham Union - Sweethearts Dance



Celebrate Valentines with your Sweetheart at the Claremont Community Centre. The community centre will be decorated to suit the Hawaiian theme so wear that shirt you can't wear anywhere else and show your disdain for the lingering winter.

Brougham Union has engaged the marvellous "George Lake Big Band Sound", a 26-piece swing band that enables the guest to relax or turn up the heat and just Dance the Night Away. There will be plenty of good food (chicken or beef, a relish tray, dessert, tea, coffee) and libation, and a silent auction.

Time: 7:30 pm - Social
8:00 pm - Banquet
Location: Claremont Community Centre



Cost: \$50 ea
Contact: Eric Jones @ 905.721.0965
Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@sympatico.ca or 905.649.3003 or 416.518.2242

The Hangman

As an outlaw was about to be hanged, the hangman asked him if he had any last words. The outlaw said he did and started, "I was framed by the Freemasons!"

"What do you mean," asked the hangman?

"The guy who said I stole his horse is a Freemason. The sheriff is a Freemason. The posse had 11 of 12 men who are Freemasons. The jury that tried me had 12 Freemasons and to top it off, the judge was a Freemason. I was framed by the Masons!!!"

The hangman asked if there was anything more the horse thief wanted to say and the answer being, "No", the hangman said, "You will now take a short pace with your left foot."

Wednesday February 17, 2010

The Cornerstone Club - Expand Your Horizons

The Cornerstone Club was established to allow like-minded individuals from a cross section of Toronto communities to meet on a monthly basis and enjoy enlightened discussion and fine dining while promoting personal growth and community engagement among its members. The Cornerstone Club brings together a diverse set of both Masonic and non-Masonic speakers presenting interesting topics that range from the classic Liberal Arts and Sciences to modern academics, history, esoteric studies, and world affairs followed by a Question and Answer period. This is the way in which Freemasonry originated - minus the ritual.

Held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals.

For a preview of the Cornerstone Club website go to: www.cornerstoneclub.org.

Topic: tba
Speaker: tba
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: University of Toronto Faculty Club
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Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
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They Made Me An Entered Apprentice

They made me an Entered Apprentice; they gave me my first degree;
They gave me the base for an honest pride; and took some conceit from me.
I thought I should have attendants whose station and rank were high,
That they who should give me instructions would cater to such as I -



So they made me an Entered Apprentice; and good were the words they said;
Their speech was the speech of wisdom, the lore of the heart and head.

And one was a humble person, a man of the everyday,
Whom oft I had passed by proudly on meeting him in my way.
He spoke, and my bigness dwindled, and out of the circling sky
There seemed to come down a message for me to be measured by.
I got me a newer learning, an inkling of some great plan -
They made me an Entered Apprentice in the building of a man.

And one was a kindly scholar, whom many a day I'd seen,
With speech that was firm, yet gentle, and countenance all serene;
He taught me a wealth of learning that never yet was in schools
And showed me the grief they garner that walk in the way of fools.
The simple, eternal precepts they put in my mind and heart -
They made me an Entered Apprentice and bade me to do my part.

Thy made me an Entered Apprentice - I was not so proud a man,
A pride that was deeper, newer, that all meaner things must ban.
Took place of the old vainglory, and all for my soul's own good,
As dimly the patient teachings began to be understood.
They made me an Entered Apprentice; they gave me my first degree;
They gave me the base for a decent pride, and took some conceit from me.

Author: Wilbur D. Nesbit

Tuesday February 16, 2010

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.

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: 8:00 pm - Guests received
Location: Ajax Masonic Temple
Contact: Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7388 or



Wednesday February 17, 2010

The Heritage Lodge - Committee of General Purposes

All members of The Heritage Lodge are requested to attend.

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Rameses Masonic Centre (Keele St.)
Contact: Ken Campbell @ heritagelod730@xplornet.com

Saturday February 20, 2010

Toronto East District - Lodge of Instruction-Installation Ceremony only

This meeting, kindly hosted by Mimosa Lodge #576, is open to any potential Installing Master and all Past Masters interested in the correct and current ceremony according to the 2007 Book of Installation and the 2009 Book of the Work. Please **RSVP** as soon as possible.

Time: 8:30 am
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: Edward H. Russell @ ajaxruss@yahoo.ca or 905.619.3167
Thomas E. Norris @ tom.norris@sympatico.ca or 905.852.5448

Thursday February 25, 2010

66th Annual Shuter Haskill Hunters' Night

The Degree Team will all be comprised of hunters dressed in their vests, boots and camouflage. 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

A man has honour if he holds himself to an ideal of conduct though it is inconvenient, unprofitable, or dangerous to do so.

- Walter J. Lippmann (1889-1974)



Saturday April 17, 2010

3rd Annual Habitat for Humanity Build Days

Toronto East District Masons will build for Habitat For Humanity on two different Saturdays: - April 17 and May 8. Spaces are limited to fifteen (15) volunteers per Saturday and will be determined on a first come, first serve basis.



- Every volunteer Mason builder will be expected to obtain a pledge total of at least \$50 each.
- All tools and safety equipment are supplied by Habitat.
- Builders are required to sign waivers of liability.
- Time is 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, lunch supplied by Habitat.
- House construction experience is not necessary, just the willingness to pitch in and help.
- The build site is William's Way (1500 Weston Rd. near Jane St.) and it is Habitat's first project of solar-panel technology homes. Twenty townhouses will be built providing safe, decent and affordable homes for 96 women, men and children currently living in substandard housing in Toronto.
- The solar build will also be GreenHouse® certified construction standards and will be 25-30% more energy efficient than those built to minimum Ontario Building Code standards.
- More information about Toronto Habitat for Humanity is available on their web site www.torontohabitat.on.ca.

To reserve a place as a Toronto East District Mason builder, please contact W. Bro. Royce Baker as follows:

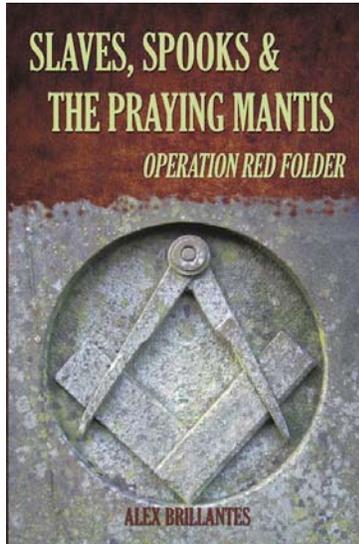
Time: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm - lunch supplied
Location: William's Way
1500 Weston Rd. near Jane St.
Contact: Royce Baker @ royce.baker@rogers.com or 905.391.3809



BOOK REVIEW:

Slaves, Spooks and The Praying Mantis: Operation Red Folder

Author: Alex Brillantes
ISBN: 978-1-4401-6894-9
Publisher: iUniverse, Inc.
Published: 2009



Thanks to his uncle's prestigious position at the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) in the Philippines, Ron Bello has just landed a gig as a special agent, something he's dreamed about since childhood. After the drudgery of law school, he's ready for a little danger and excitement in life - and he's about to get it.

Ron's new position has one main goal: flush out the leaks prevailing inside the NBI. The corruption within law enforcement agencies makes it necessary for Ron to be a part of a trusted, all-Masonic group of worldwide covert operatives known as the Red Folder. Before long, the Interpol-authorized agents stumble into a massive organized drug cartel, headed by The Praying Mantis of the Hong Kong based Pù Táng clan. The syndicate produces and smuggles dope from China via Hong Kong to all parts of the world and is not only mired in illegal human trafficking, but stinks to high heaven with corrupt cops.

Ron's orders are to terminate this horrific operation. But things take a drastic turn when Ron learns that his long-time girlfriend, Julie, now living in Hong Kong as a slave, has become unwittingly entangled in the cartel. With danger dogging his every move, Ron fights the tangle of the clan's deadly web of deception and crime, knowing that one false move could endanger not only Julie's life, but his own . . .

First off, you will not find any Masonic secrets in this work of fiction.

In *Slaves, Spooks and The Praying Mantis*, rampant graft and corruption so plagued law enforcement agencies that a trusted elite group had to be selected from worldwide covert organizations as part of the Interpol-aligned Red Folder group. The directors, also Freemasons, couldn't discuss much of anything about the issues outside the brotherhood. They had decided that, due to internal difficulties and other headaches afflicting damage upon the organization, it necessitated forming an elite group of covert operatives from various worldwide secret service bureaus to flush out the leaks that prevailed internally. This group of undercover agents are Freemasons or relatives of Freemasons, the only trusted group within the spook organizations.

In the book *Slaves, Spooks and The Praying Mantis*, out of the 15 worldwide undercover operatives, there are nine Freemason spooks, and the rest were sons, daughters and a niece of Freemasons. The majority of the NBI directors are Freemasons.

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... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Sponsor's Obligation to his Candidate

All too often a newly made Mason, usually at the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft stages in his Masonic career, drops out and eventually demits or receives a non-payment of dues suspension. Is it his fault???

No! It is yours!!!

You, as his sponsor and mentor, began ignoring him the minute the ink from your signature had dried on his petition for initiation. You were not there for his initiation, passing or raising. You failed to assist him with his memory work. You failed to introduce him throughout your jurisdiction by not inviting him out to visit other lodges with you. You failed to phone him on a regular basis or visit him, to ensure he is not having any difficulties with his memory work. You failed to invite him and his wife out to a ladies night, to ensure his wife felt part of the Masonic community. He probably does not know the protocol for these types of social functions as of yet and never assume he does. Basically, you left him standing alone, thus leaving him with the feeling he is not part of the Masonic fraternity, subsequently losing interest in his lodge and never returning.

This, my brethren, is OUR fault, not the members who lose interest. They lose interest because they are not stimulated in lodge, their sponsors forget their obligations and most of all, they are being ignored/disregarded amongst the lodge members who should be taking these new members under their wing and making him feel welcomed and part of the circle. It is estimated that there is an alarming rate of approximately 20% of new members, usually EA or FC, who have lost interest in the lodge and have demitted, or not returned.

It is your duty as a sponsor/mentor to ensure, once you petition someone that you strive to stay with him throughout the entire process. You should be ensuring that the new member is cared for, supported and directed throughout the process. This must continue until such time he is either accepted into the circle, which should be automatic, considering our purpose, or until he is comfortable enough on his own to build his own friendships amongst the brethren.

Don't just assume that because he receives his monthly summons he should feel welcome to attend the regular meetings. Ensure you remind him of the meetings and offer to drive him there for the first few. Be there from his entering the lodge, signing the porch book, introducing him to members he has not yet met and sit with him. After the close of the lodge, sit with him at the festive board until it is time to leave.

I have heard of an incident. A friend of mine moved from one province to another. When he visited a lodge in that jurisdiction, he was surprised to see one of his sponsors from his mother lodge, who also moved away. His sponsor did not recognize him at first and asked him if he would have a problem with a



board of trial.

Another friend of mine was sponsored a few years ago and one of his sponsors lived across the street from him. Not once did his sponsor visit or phone him to see how his memory work was or if he required assistance. Luckily, this newly made Mason was a fast learner, a keen member and went through all the degrees by himself, without any assistance from his sponsors at all.

In closing brethren, if you are going to sponsor someone, be there for him after the ink on his petition dries, from start to finish. I realize that many of us, due to family and work commitments, cannot be there all of the time. But there is always that second person who affixed his signature on that petition and has the same obligation as you do.

Just remember that every new member we lose, we are also losing the possibility of the ten people he may have sponsored throughout his Masonic career. If we, as a fraternity, are to survive, we must remember the duties and obligations owed to our new members.

Just remember before you sponsor someone - will you be there for him?

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Lodge and No	Temple	Reg	Emg	Inst	Off Vst
Acacia #430	East Tor	3 rd Mon		Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384	East Tor	1 st Thu	3 rd Thu	Oct	Feb
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 www.cathedralodge643.com	East Tor	3 rd Wed		Oct	Mar
Coronati #520 www.coronatilodge520.ca	Scar	2 nd Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424	Ajax	3 rd Thu	1 st Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Ajax	2 nd Wed		May	Oct
Mimosa #576 www.mimosalodge.com	East Tor	1 st Mon	3 rd Mon	Oct	Apr
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 www.rjrr494.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	Feb
West Hill #670	Scar	1 st Wed	3 rd Wed	Dec	Mar
Wexford #683	Scar	1 st Fri	3 rd Fri	Nov	Apr
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