

# Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003

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*It is not what we eat but what we digest that makes us strong; not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned; and not what we profess but what we practice that gives us integrity.*

*- Bro. Francis Bacon (1561-1626)*

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

Greetings Brethren,

January marks the beginning of a New Year and there are many ways we will be celebrating. Some will gather quietly with loved ones, some at City Halls or Town Squares and others may attend parties. It's curious how a celebration of the change in date can reset our thinking. "Out with the old and in with the new!" becomes our mantra as we share the hope for a better New Year to come. To that end, many of us will be making a New Year's resolution. Commonly, people resolve to be a better person, work harder, be kinder, take time to help our fellow man, or the like. These resolutions are made with the best intentions, but unfortunately change is not achieved so easily and as we embark upon our new resolutions, they are soon forgotten. By March, old habits emerge and many have completely forgotten that promise made with such good intention. It is not pleasant to acknowledge a failed resolution. But it is not necessary to wait until the next New Year to formulate a new plan for personal conduct, or develop new attitudes of consideration for our fellow man. Every morning can be a time to right your direction. If you resolve daily to be a better man than you were yesterday, then New Year's resolutions would not be necessary. However, those determined to try and change their ways on New Year's Day are to be commended for seeking to lead a better life through self-improvement. Change does not happen overnight. It is a long and often discouraging process, but if we commit ourselves to truly changing, much can be accomplished. My brethren, as Masons we have no real need for New Year's resolutions to improve ourselves. For when we were Initiated, our Obligation was our resolution to become better men by practicing the tenets and fundamental principles of Freemasonry; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. If the world were to practice what Masonry teaches, it would indeed be a better place. So for New Year's, I ask you to reaffirm the resolution you made the day you were Obligated. Recall the changes that occurred in your life as you advanced through the degrees and remember that change does not happen overnight. The acquisition of Masonic knowledge is a lifelong journey. "Masonry is a way of life." So let us start out this New Year in the right direction.



I call upon those Brethren who have been unable to attend Lodge recently to please adjust your calendars so that you may reunite with your fellow Masons, renew your bonds and once again enjoy fellowship. If you are so inclined, look through the Book of the Work and pick out a favourite piece that you might like to deliver during a degree. Remember, "Once a Mason, always a Mason!"

Each of the five Installations in our District this past December was conducted effectively. We were particularly thrilled to see how well W. Bro. James Crawford recovered from very serious surgery in November, to be Installed as Worshipful Master at Markham Union Lodge's Installation, which was postponed from November until December 21<sup>st</sup> for this purpose. Given how busy our Lodges were in December, it was gratifying to see the lodge rooms filled with Brethren who turned out to show friendship and support for the Lodges.

In January there are no scheduled Official Visits or Installations in our District. But our District Chairmen will be conducting Lodges of Instruction again this month. The Mechanics of the Work will be held at East Toronto Temple and the Officers Progression Workshop will occur in the Doric Pickering Temple. Please check your Trestle Board or our District Website for dates and times

It is hard to believe we are almost half way though our Masonic year, having completed seventeen Installations and two Official Visits to date. In the coming months we will have seventeen Official Visits and two Installations. Your attendance has been exemplary at these important Masonic events and for that I thank you. I have no doubt you will continue to support your Brethren in the coming months.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our District Secretary, W. Bro. Peter Sialtsis; who works so diligently behind the scenes. Being the District Secretary comes with many responsibilities and my job as D.D.G.M. could not be accomplished without his valued assistance. We in Toronto East District are fortunate to have Peter as our District Secretary this year.

Our District Charity this year is the support of Lodge Masonic Youth Initiatives, namely the DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Girls Assembly in our District. To initiate our fundraising effort, our District Chairman, W. Bro Malcolm Parish, aided by the valued assistance our Wardens group, the Stonecutters, undertook the sale of 200 tickets for our Charity fundraising draw for the chance to win one of two Grand Prizes of two gold Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey tickets and a \$50 dinner voucher from Jack Astor's. With their efforts and your generosity, we were able to raise \$4,000, which will be donated to these two worthy groups on your behalf. In addition to providing financial support, it is my hope to highlight the value our Masonic Youth Organizations provide to the youth of today. If you know of any promising youth who you think could benefit from Masonic development, encourage them to consider joining these Groups. Thank you to all who contributed to this charity effort, and a job well done to W. Bro. Parish for his efforts in making this undertaking such a success. Congratulations to the winners of the two Grand Prizes: Stewart Crawford, who attended the December 19<sup>th</sup> game vs. Los Angeles and Andrew Coppin, who will be attending the January 3<sup>rd</sup> game vs. Tampa Bay.

In the coming months W. Bro. David Neave and W. Bro Bill Willis will be promoting the Black and White District Gala, scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Ajax Convention Centre. We are planning to also hand out the District Awards that evening, so I hope you will be supporting what we believe to be a very important event for Toronto East District.

To keep up to date on the events in our District, please read the Trestle Board and make note of the dates or visit our web site managed by Bro. Michael K. Morris, F.C.F., [www.torontoeastdistrict.com](http://www.torontoeastdistrict.com) and check the calendar.



I pray that 2012 will bring all of you good health and much happiness and look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

*May the G.A.O.T.U. watch over you and yours and may we all strive to live up to our obligations.*

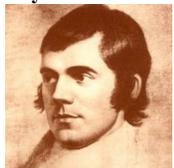
Fraternally,

**R.W. Bro. Keith Jones**  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Toronto East District

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**TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:**

January 2012						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						<u>1</u> <b>New Year's Day</b> 
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> * TED - <b>Officer Progression Workshop-Session 2A</b> See below Doric Pickering	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> <b>Chinese New Year</b> - Year of the Dragon 	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> <b>Robbie Burn's Day</b> 	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <b>TED - Blood Donor Clinic</b> see below Call 1.88.todonate St. Aidan's Church	<u>28</u> * TED - <b>Mechanics of the Work - 1/6</b> See below East Toronto	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>					



**February 2012**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> <b>Groundhog Day</b> - does he see his shadow? * Alpha-Tuscan - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>3</u> * Heritage Lodge <b>27<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie Banquet</b> → See below Rameses Shrine Temple	<u>4</u> <b>Mawlid an-Nabi</b> * TED - <b>Mechanics of the Work - 2/6</b> see below East Toronto * TED - <b>Claremont Winter Carnival Parade</b>	<u>5</u> ← * Markham Union - <b>Annual Robbie Burns Night</b> See below Cedarbrae Golf & Country Club
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> * Canada - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering	<u>8</u> * The Imperial East Gate - <b>Official Visit</b> Banq - 6:00 pm ← Visitors - 7:45 pm East Toronto	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * Birch Cliff - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering	<u>11</u> * TED - <b>Mechanics of the Work - 3/6</b> see below East Toronto	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> <b>Valentine's Day</b> * Universe - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> <b>Family Day</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Long Weekend of the year	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * Ontario - <b>68<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunter's Night</b> See below <b>Port Hope</b>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> * TED - <b>Mechanics of the Work - 4/6</b> see below East Toronto	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>				



## AROUND AND ABOUT:

### Toronto East District Charity

#### **Supporting Local Masonic Youth Initiatives**

The winners of the District Draw for our Masonic Youth are **Stewart Crawford** and **Andrew Coppin**. We are very please to announce that \$4,000 has been raise and an equal sized cheque will be delivered very soon to The Rainbow Girls and DeMolay.

Future projects and expectation to financially helping our youth are the traditional Lodge donations at our DDGM's Official visits and W. Bro. David Neave has offered to put on CPR and Defibrillator training at each of our District Temples. The cost being a donation to our District Charity.

Contact: Malcolm Parish @ [malcolm\\_parish@hotmail.com](mailto:malcolm_parish@hotmail.com) or 905.213.9858

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### CPR and Defibrillator Classes

Help support the District Charity and learn some life saving skills. W. Bro. David Neave will be holding CPR classes in each of the District Temples through the months of January and February. Cost will be on a donation basis, however if you require a certification, a fee will apply.

If, as a Lodge, you are interested in hosting one of these information nights, please contact W. Bro. Neave.

Contact: David Neave @ [davidneave@rogers.com](mailto:davidneave@rogers.com) or 905.391.5900

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*The way you get meaning in your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.*

*- Morrie Schwartz (1916-1995)*

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### Blood Donor Clinics



Below you will find the district scheduled Blood Donor Clinics, but if you cannot attend them find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. It is necessary to book an appointment by calling 1.88.todonate (1.888.636.6283). Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge. The Toronto East District 'Partners For Life' number is **MASN011058** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

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

Contact: John Katz @ [johnkatz@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnkatz@sympatico.ca) or 416.264.7399



## Upcoming Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinics -

### Friday January 27, 2012

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 23, 2012

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 25, 2012

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 28, 2012

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 23, 2012

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

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## **Toronto East Masonic Centre (T.E.M.C.)**

As we exit the old year and herald in a new year, I am delighted to report substantial progress has been made by the members of both temple boards.

At the last meeting of the TEMC Board, a special committee chaired by Bro. George Papas was struck and tasked to evaluate several new property proposals. Further, they will also present to the board a professionally prepared report of the most promising and, critically, their recommendation for immediate action. These property proposals are being offered for our consideration by commercial realtors who have been providing their advice to us for the past several months.



It is anticipated that we will be developing the selected location in conjunction with numerous partners and various firms. We believe a multi-storey structure containing retail units, condominiums and retirement homes will enable us to minimize rental costs for tenant lodges and chapters and operate an attractive public facility that will ensure the continued growth and success of Freemasonry in our district for many decades to come.

Also, at a prior meeting of the SMTC, it was unanimously decided to allocate an appropriate amount of funds to repair the roof at our East Toronto Temple.

- Graeme Boyce  
President SMTC & TEMC

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## **Top Ten Books List**

There are numerous lists of 'favourite' books on Freemasonry. Grand Lodge has several such lists on its web site. Find the lists if you can!

CURTIS LIST - Richard Curtis is the editor of The Northern Light, the SMJ (Southern Masonic Jurisdiction) publication.

(In order of preference)

1. The Craft and Its Symbols, Allen E. Roberts, 1974
2. Freemasonry: A Celebration of the Craft, John Hamill and R. A. Gilbert (ed.), 1992
3. A Pilgrim's Path, John J. Robinson, 1993



4. A Comprehensive View of Freemasonry, Henry Wilson Coil, 1973
5. Freemasonry in American History, Allen E. Roberts, 1985
6. Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia, Henry Wilson Coil, 1961
7. Masonic Trivia & Facts, Allen E. Roberts, 1994
8. Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers, Ronald E. Heaton, 1965
9. 10,000 Famous Freemasons, William R. Denslow, 1957
10. Tied to Masonic Apron Strings, Stewart M. L. Pollard, 1969

### That Bright Morning Star

The following comes from the summons for the Sept 2008 meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076:

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#### The Bright Morning Star.

(extracts from Miscellanea Latomorum. sertes II, Vol. 31, pp 1-4)

It is argued that this reference to "that Bright Morning Star" is an allusion to the Founder of Christianity, and as such should never have been included in, or retained in, ritual of an Association professing entire freedom from denominational creed or dogma, outside of the simple basic belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. This attitude has unfortunately been bolstered up by a frequent misquotation of the wording, the phrase "whose rising brings peace and tranquility" being often rendered as "peace and salvation," which is erroneous and decidedly mischievous.

As a symbol, the Morning Star is indeed most appropriate to the ceremonial incident just previously enacted; so apt, in fact, that it may be confidently asserted that no other symbol could be found which would so perfectly fit the circumstances of the case. Astronomically the Morning Star is the herald of the dawning of a new day, just as its opposite, the Evening Star, presages the coming of night. The latter foretells the dying of another day, the approach of the time when man can no longer work; when darkness covers the face of the earth. Darkness has ever been associated with evil, and in its sombre unknown possibilities is a fitting emblem of death. On the other hand, the rising Morning Star brings joy and gladness with its promise of yet another day, of light once more, in which man may work and renew his association with his fellow-man in business or in pleasure. In short, with the new-born day, man rises to a new life. What more fitting symbol, then, than this of the promise of new life after death or the immortality of the soul.

(N.B. - Emulation, Stability, and Logic use the word "Salvation," Exeter uses the word "tranquility")

### How To Say It

Deduce	dee- <u>dyooss</u>
Deign	dayn
Deity	<u>dee-it-ee</u>
Defective	dee- <u>feck-tivv</u>
Delegate (verb)	<u>dell-leg-gate</u>
Delineate	dee- <u>lin-ee-ate</u>
Demeanour	dee- <u>mean-ur</u>
Denominate	dee- <u>nom-in-ate</u>
Dependence	dee- <u>pen-dence</u>
Deportment	dee- <u>port-ment</u>
Derived	dee- <u>rive-d</u>
Derogatory	dee- <u>rog-a-tore-ee</u>



Designate	<u>dez-ig-nate</u> ('dez' as in 'bet')
Destitution	<u>dess-ti-tyoo-shun</u>
Depicted	dee- <u>pick</u> -ted

- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work

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## **What's That All About?**

### **Why does Freemasonry forbid brethren to ask their friends to become Masons?**

One of the fundamental concepts of Freemasonry is that application for membership must be wholly a voluntary act. A man must seek for himself and join "of my own free will and accord." Under no other formula can men unite brethren of a thousand religious and political beliefs. Under no more constricting act could Freemasonry accomplish her only end, the building of character among men. Men who become members of a Masonic lodge for any other reason than their own desires can neither receive nor give to others the advantages of a wholly voluntary association. Freemasonry is bigger than any man; the man must seek its blessings; it never seeks the man.

### **What Masonic penalties are enforced?**

The only penalties known to Freemasonry are reprimand; definite suspension from membership; indefinite suspension from membership; expulsion from the Fraternity. To these must be added that intangible penalty which comes to any one who loses all or any part of his reputation. Other penalties suggested in the ritual are wholly symbolic - are not now and never have been enforced. They were legal punishments in the middle ages, designed with special reference to the religious beliefs of the time that an incomplete body could not "rise from the dead"; that a body buried in un-consecrated ground (as between high and low water mark) could not ascend into heaven. Some Grand Lodges offer an interpretation of the ritualistic penalties, in order to be sure the initiate understands the symbolic character of these otherwise difficult phrases.

### **What is a dispensation?**



A permission from the Grand Master to do certain things otherwise forbidden by law. A Grand Master may grant a dispensation to shorten the time between degrees, to admit more than the statutory number of candidates at one communication, to form a new lodge, etc. In general he cannot give a dispensation that sets aside either the laws of the Grand Lodge or the by-laws of a particular lodge, except as set forth in the Book of the Law, Constitutions or Code of the Grand Lodge. In some Grand Lodges the Grand Master's power is so great that he can set aside almost any law, but such use of power is rarely attempted and is usually frowned upon by Grand Lodges.

### **Why is it un-Masonic to disclose how one has balloted?**

In all Grand Jurisdictions the ballot on candidates is secret and inviolable. It is considered un-Masonic, and in most Grand Jurisdictions is against Masonic law, for any brother to divulge how he has balloted or will ballot on any candidate. Masters are instructed strictly to adhere to this requirement. Peace and harmony are the foundations of all Masonic meetings. For Brother A to learn that Brother B has balloted against his friend disrupt that peace and harmony. The rejection of a candidate is a blow to him who has applied. If everyone knew who had cast the black ball



the rejected man might speedily learn, and cause friction in the profane world would then have come out of a Masonic lodge.

A ballot is sometimes immediately retaken, because the appearance of a single black ball may be an error; the ball may have been cast by mistake. If the single black ball appears the second time, presumably it was intentionally cast.

Ballots differ in different Jurisdictions. In some a “collective ballot” may be taken on several candidates at once; if a black ball appears, each name is then balloted on separately. In others, a “multiple ballot box” is used, with a compartment for each name which is printed above it. In still others, each name is balloted on separately from the beginning. In all Grand Jurisdictions, ballots are secret, inviolable and regarded as a cornerstone on which the fraternity is erected.

### **Why is a certain square in Masonry termed an “Oblong Square”?**

An oblong square has its greatest length from east to west, its breadth from north to south.

During the Solomon era the world was supposed to have that oblong form. On a map of the world, inscribe an oblong figure whose boundary lines circumscribe and include that portion known to be inhabited in the days of Solomon; these lines, running a short distance north and south of the Mediterranean Sea, and extending from Spain in the west to Asia Minor in the east, form an oblong square, including the southern shore of Europe, the northern shore of Africa, and the western district of Asia, the length of the parallelogram being about sixty degrees from east to west, and its breadth being about twenty degrees from north to south.

This oblong square enclosing-the whole of what was then supposed to be the habitable globe, represents what is symbolically said to be the form of the lodge.

“Oblong square” has been objected to by purists as a contradiction in terms; they insist that an oblong is a rectangle with unequal sides and perpendiculars while a square is a rectangle with equal sides and perpendiculars. The word “square” did not originally denote a figure with four equal sides, but any figure which had right angles at all four corners. Later “square” came to mean not only “right angled” but a figure enclosed by four equal length lines any adjoining two of which formed a right angle. “Oblong square” then, meant anciently what “oblong” (noun) means today.

### **What are the “beasts of the field”?**

Superstition in the Middle Ages maintained that a man’s body must be buried while perfect if his soul was to go to heaven. Hence, the destroyed (eaten) flesh of a body prevented resurrection. “Beasts of the field” are not the familiar horses and cows, but the wild beasts of Leviticus 26:22, “I will also send wild beasts among you,” etc. These are bears, wild bulls, hyenas, jackals, leopards and wolves - all Old Testament animals.

### **Where and how may I discover the Lost Word?**

Nowhere and in no way. In other rites you receive other substitutes but the real Lost Word, never. This is the unanswerable question.



The Lost Word is the most abstruse and most important symbol of the Fraternity; few if any are less understood. The Lost Word is not a syllable or several syllables; “word” is here used as John used it: “In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was G< The Lost Word is not discovered in Freemason Masons are given a substitute. Of the Lost Word it has been written (*Introduction to Freemasonry*) “Never may we find it here. You shall gaze through microscope and telescope and catch no sight of its shadow. You shall travel many lands and- far and see it not. You shall listen to all the words of the\_ tongues which all men have ever spoken and will speak - the Lost Word is not heard. Were it but a word, how easy to invent another! But is not a word but *The Word*, the great secret, the unknowableness which the Great Architect sets before his children, a will-o’-the-wisp to follow, a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Never here is it to be found, but the search for it is the reason for life.

“The Sublime Degree teaches that in another it may be found. That is why it is the Sublime Degree.”

- One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry

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### Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



House of the Temple, Washington, D.C.  
Thanks to Steve Hudson, Doric Lodge, Ajax, ON

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

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### Masonic Authors

#### **Richard Sands**



Past Grand Master of Masons in Michigan. The author of several articles and stories on Freemasonry. Bro. Richard Sands also is board member of Bonisteel Masonic Library.

He was raised a Master Mason in Golden Rule Lodge #159, Ann Arbor, on March 12, 1964, and served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1971 and later as Intender and as Lodge Education Officer from 1974 through 1977. He is a dual member of Livingston Lodge #76 in Pinckney.



He became active in the Grand Lodge of Michigan serving on the Masonic Service and Education Committee in 1971-78, chairing that committee from 1972-77. During his tenure as chairman, the committee developed the Lodge Educational System including the Intender Plan, began the Warden's Meeting at Grand Lodge, held Leadership Training Sessions in every District and instituted the educational newsletter "From Point-to-Pointe," which later became the official Grand Lodge publication. During his chairmanship, the Committee developed and published the Lodge Education Manual, the Intender Handbook, and Planning for The East, a leadership training guide. He was the Editor of "From Point-to-Pointe" for the first three years, building the circulation to 30,000 inside and outside the State of Michigan, before it was taken over by Grand Lodge. He became Michigan's Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1985.

He has been a very active Scottish Rite Mason, receiving the 32° on November 9, 1974, serving as Thrice Potent Master of the Detroit Lodge of Perfection in 1981-82, was elected to the Board of Trustees from 1983 through 1985, and serving as Chancellor of Detroit Consistory in 1986-87. He was coroneted a 33° on August 29, 1989.

Brother Sands is also a York Rite Mason, receiving the Royal Arch Degree in Washtenaw Chapter #6, RAM on April 4, 1965, made a Cryptic Mason on April 4, 1966 in Ann Arbor Council #86, Royal & Select Masters and received his Knight Templar (Order of the Temple) on April 29, 1969. He is a member of York Rite College #3 in Jackson and received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1986.

He is a member of St. Clement Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and is its current Prelate, a member of Grand Master's Council A, Allied Masonic Degrees, Great Chiefs Council #0, Knight Masons, Oxford Lodge #1, Ark Mariners, a Fellow of the Grand College of Rite and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He is a Prophet in Zal Gaz Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R., Ann Arbor, a Noble in Moslem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. in Detroit and a member of Washtenaw Chapter #490, High Twelve International.

He is a member and Fellow of the Philalethes Society and received its coveted Certificate of Literature Award in 1981, for his paper on "Freemasonry and the Royal Society" published in the Philalethes Magazine.

He is a member of Missouri Lodge of Research, the Iowa Lodge of Research, the Illinois Lodge of Research, and the Correspondence Circle of Quatuor Coronati Lodge #2076. He is author of several articles on Freemasonry and has contributed much to the "Michigan Masonic Manual," a leadership training manual for the Lodge Officers in Michigan.

He has received innumerable honours, including twelve honorary memberships in Masonic Lodges in Michigan and Ohio, the coveted Legion of Honour in the Order of DeMolay, the Grand Cross of Color Order of Job's Daughters. He was chosen Prophet of the Year in 1988 by the Supreme Council, M.O.V.P.E.R., Grottoes of North America.

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*Too many people confine their exercise to jumping to conclusions, running up bills, stretching the truth, bending over backward, lying down on the job, sidestepping responsibility, and pushing their luck.*

*- Anonymous*

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## New Year

Now it is the New Year - emphasis on the word 'New.' It is a new beginning where we can reflect on our actions during the past year, and resolve to do better. Our Creator knows well of all our failings and propensity for failure. For this, He created the means for many new beginnings. We have the beginning of each year, each of the 12 months, the 52 weeks, and all 365 days - all with a new beginning. It is our hope (and that of our Creator) that we can use these new beginnings to learn from past mistakes, leave them in the past, and move forward - for "these things too shall also pass away."

As we begin yet another year, let us resolve to rededicate ourselves to our Masonic principles of Brotherly love and let us translate into deeds the great moral virtues taught within our Fraternity. Let us:

- Provide a deeper and broader expression of brotherly love to each other. In our book of Sacred Law, there are many more than just ten commandments. Our Creator has commanded us to love one another as He has loved us.
- Make an effort to demonstrate the virtues of love, honour, and trust to the hearts and minds of our fellowmen. And thereby earn their respect, affection and esteem.
- Volunteer more. The greatest gift one human being can offer another is the gift of their time. Perhaps our gift of time can't change the world, but in the eyes of the one or two that we can change for the better, that is the world to them.
- Make it a constant rule of our lives to think well, speak well and act well, wherever we may be. Remember, Brethren, our conduct and character outside the Lodge may be the only factual Masonic knowledge available to the outside world.
- Enter the New Year with a firmer resolve to work at the completion of our spiritual temple, that House not built by human hands, eternal in the Heavens.

And let us not forget to put this season in its true light. Our Book of Sacred Law states that the Creator gives us new mercies at the start of every new day. Of these mercies, maybe the best is the glory and beauty of the new day. Once again, and not a minute too soon, the old has passed away and a new beginning is waiting for us.

Prayers for our Brothers and their Families

We name the welfare of our brethren in our petitions because we love them; and knowing our own need of their prayers, we realize their need of ours.

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### **Saturday January 21 2012**

#### **Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session 2A**

The first workshop of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session. There will be one more of these workshops, each session consisting of two Saturday mornings, on March 3, 2012. These two, half-day workshops will be limited to 24 participants and there is space available at this time. PLEASE NOTE: The date of the first day of the workshop has been revised FROM January 28<sup>th</sup> TO January 21<sup>st</sup>.



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Session: Jan. 21 & Mar. 3, 2012
  - *Registration deadline: Jan. 16, 2012*

The topics and materials for the 2012 program will be a combination of those prepared by Grand Lodge's Lodge Resources Committee Officer Progression Team as well as those developed within Toronto East District specifically for this program.



### Objectives

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

For more information and the registration form please refer to the Toronto East District website - [www.torontoeastdistrict.com](http://www.torontoeastdistrict.com)

Please complete the registration form and submit it with the materials fee to W. Bro. Bruce Palanik no later than the registration date for the session.

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall  
 Cost: \$25 pp  
 Contact: Bruce Palanik @ [thepalanikgroup@rogers.com](mailto:thepalanikgroup@rogers.com) or 905.839.7342

### Monday January 23 2012

#### Chinese New Year - Year of the Dragon

### *Gung Hei Fat Choy*

The Chinese New Year day is on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. Because this is a new moon day, it is the first day of the first Chinese lunar month in the Chinese Lunar Calendar system. The traditional New Year's celebration will end on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the lunar month.

Chinese New Year is celebrated round the globe including countries like Singapore, Indonesia, Mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Vietnam. Festivities also take place in different countries with major Chinese ethnic populations. Though Chinese New Year is celebrated with pomp and glory in Japan, Cambodia and Philippines, yet it is not a public holiday there.

According to legend, in ancient China, the Nián was a man-eating beast from the mountains (in other versions from under the sea), that came out every 12 months somewhere close to winter to prey on humans. The people later 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'.

This year is the Year of the Dragon, the most auspicious animal as per the Chinese zodiac. People born in the Year of the Dragon (1964, 1976, 1988, 2000) exhibit characteristics such as -

- Enterprising





- Innovative
- Self-assured
- Flexible
- Passionate
- Brave
- Unanticipated
- Scrutinizing
- Generous

- Charismatic
- Free spirited
- Smart and witty
- Originality

However, they possess a couple of negative characteristics as well. For instance, they crave for attention and are egoistical by nature. They aren't modest and have a bossy temperament. Their general tendency is to dominate others. They detest unsolicited advice and may be insensitive and tactless to their partners.



Dragons are blessed with good health. The only thing that bothers them is stressful situations. At work, dragons are pretty imaginative and prefer taking a radical approach towards their work.

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.



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 a 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. It presupposes that you already have it made, for which congratulations are due.

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### **Saturday January 28 2012**

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Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple  
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Dennis Rankin @ [kdrankin@pathcom.com](mailto:kdrankin@pathcom.com) or 416.691.1704

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*It is almost impossible to carry the torch of truth through a crowd without singeing somebody’s beard.  
- Georg Christoph Lichtenberg (1742-1799)*

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### **Saturday February 4 2012**

#### **Toronto East District - Mechanics of the Work - 2/6**

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## **Saturday February 4 2012**

### **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.



Brougham Union is again entering a float 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](mailto:loulombardi@xplornet.ca) or 905.649.3003 or 416.518.2242  
Wayne Lord @ [lord.wayne@hotmail.com](mailto:lord.wayne@hotmail.com)

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## **Saturday February 4 2012**

### **Markham Union - Annual Robbie Burns Night**



Thrill to the skirl of the Pipes and Drums by York Region Police Pipe Band accompanied by the York Region Police Highland Dancers.

Enjoy the Immortal Memory to Robert Burns Address and Toast to The Haggis followed by a Full Scottish Buffet.

All who enjoy the pipes are welcome. Bring your special lady, friends, neighbours and perspective members.

Time: 5:30 pm - Social  
7:00 pm - Dinner  
Location: Cedarbrae Golf & Country Club  
1<sup>st</sup> lights east of Markham Rd, on Steeles Ave., turn south on Staines Road, and then turn left onto Mac Frost Way. First intersection on your left.  
Cost: \$40 pp  
Contact: Bruce Grumbleby @ [bgrumbleby@gmail.com](mailto:bgrumbleby@gmail.com) or 905.472.8124



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## I Always Wondered Where They'd Gone To!

### SCOTLAND SUNDAY

Published on Saturday 3 December 2011 19:00

IT COULD have been a plot twist from The Da Vinci Code when workers unearthed a pile of bones under heavy stone slabs.

No-one knew why the skeletons were there in the central aisle of the 15<sup>th</sup> century Rosslyn Chapel, which according to legend is the last resting place of ancient knights and even older holy relics.

But archaeologists now believe the skeletons were placed there when the chapel was abandoned during the Reformation, in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, by local people who wanted to bury their relatives on consecrated ground. They lay under the stone for more than three centuries until the slabs were lifted two years ago.

The archaeological team has now released the first pictures of the skeletons in their resting place. Tests are still under way to accurately date the findings.

Colin Glynne-Percy, director of the Rosslyn Chapel Trust, said: "During excavation works to install a new heating system in the chapel, archaeologists found a number of bones just beneath the slabs. Below that, they came across a second skeleton that was fully intact."

Lindsay Dunbar, from Loanhead-based AOC Archaeology Group, employed to monitor the present conservation project at Rosslyn, was one of those who discovered the bones while extending an old heating duct. "We believe that the first set of bones had been disturbed by workers putting in the original duct, some time around the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century," she said.

"The bones at the higher level have been removed and are being examined before being re-interred. A small sample has been taken from the second skeleton, which was recorded and left in situ."

It is believed there were three burials, although experts can't be sure because the bones have been scattered over a large area.

"Once we get a full human bone report then hopefully the specialist will be able to give us an exact number of individuals," said Dunbar.

Rosslyn chapel, made famous by its inclusion in Dan Brown's best-selling The Da Vinci Code, had been in operation for only about 150 years when, in 1592, its altar was burned and its statues smashed as "a house and monument of idolatrie." The chapel was abandoned and left to rot for almost 300 years until, in 1862, it was rededicated by the Bishop of Edinburgh.

During their research into the chapel, the archaeologists uncovered anecdotal stories of locals using the chapel as an unofficial cemetery in the period when the church wasn't in use.

"People were coming in, lifting up the slabs and putting bodies there," said Dunbar. "We suspect the bones date from that period."

Carbon dating and other tests being carried out on the bones should be completed next year.



“Hopefully, we should be able to determine a little bit of information such as age, sex and what era,” said Glynne-Percy.

“Beyond that we shall just have to wait and see what information they can extract.”

Rosslyn Chapel, in Midlothian, is awash with legend and mystery. As well as being linked to the Knights Templar, in 1998 anthropologist Dr Keith Laidler claimed that Christ’s head was buried under the Scottish chapel.

The suggestion was that the Knights Templar, members of a religious military order born out of the first crusade, dug up the head in Jerusalem and carried it through France to Scotland.

It has also been claimed that the church, built in 1446 by Sir William St Clair, was the hiding place of the Holy Grail. This was the subject of Dan Brown’s book, which was made into a film starring Tom Hanks in which the plot came to the conclusion that the Holy Grail was not an object but descendants stretching back to the relationship between Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene.

Another Rosslyn legend is that the chapel is the burial place of the St Clair Knights, which could provide a tantalising theory as to the identity of the skeletons.

The skeletons are the most spectacular of a number of discoveries made at Rosslyn since the conservation project began in 2009. They include more bone fragments in the chapel grounds, a stone buttress in the roof containing a hidden stone beehive used for producing honey and another roof slab with hearts carved on to its inward-facing edge.

The work at Rosslyn, to install the new heating system, is part of a £9 million conservation project that has already seen the refurbishment of the roof and renovation of many of the stained-glass windows and the organ.

Work is expected to be completed in 2013.

[www.scotsman.com/scotland-on-sunday/scotland/rosslyn\\_bones\\_from\\_up\\_to\\_three\\_bodies\\_1\\_1990883](http://www.scotsman.com/scotland-on-sunday/scotland/rosslyn_bones_from_up_to_three_bodies_1_1990883)

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## **Saturday February 4 2012**

### **The Heritage Lodge - Annual Black Tie Banquet**



A good meal, great guys and an interesting talk. Also the presentation of the William James Dunlop Award to V.W. Bro. Iain Mackenzie. Dress is Black Tie (preferred) or Business Suit. Ladies most welcome.

Tickets are required. Tickets can be purchased from David Mackey at 40 McKitrick Dr., Kanata, ON K2L-1T7 - [d.mackey@rogers.com](mailto:d.mackey@rogers.com). Deadline Jan. 15/12

Topic: Geologic Journey World  
Speaker: Professor Nick Eyles, Ph.D., D.Sc., P.Geo.  
Social: 5:30 pm  
Banquet: 6:30 pm  
Location: Rameses Masonic Centre (Keele St.)  
Cost: \$30 ea  
Contact: David Mackey @ [d.mackey@rogers.com](mailto:d.mackey@rogers.com)



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**February 8 through 12 2012**  
**Masonic Week**



This week can be defined as 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. It is also a time to enjoy excellent banquets and even “fun degrees.” (*Ed: Again this year, Ye Antiente Order of Corks, Most Worthy Paul Newhall, Grand Bung for the Americas will be attending. I always wanted to be a Grand Bung!*)

Masonic Week is a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. The Hospitality Rooms are sponsored by a variety of groups meeting during the event to enable the attendees to do just that - Make New Friends!

Prince Selvaraj of The Beaches and a few friends have attended this week for a number of years. They are planning on doing so this year as well. Prince has nothing to do with the event other than as an attendee.

Check the website shown below for the abundance of meetings and feasts scheduled so far.  
[www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek/index.html](http://www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek/index.html)

Reservations: 800.HILTONS or 703.845.1010.

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

Contact: Prince Selvaraj @ [prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca](mailto:prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca) or 416.269.9909

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**What It Means To Be Master**

The Office of Master is of great antiquity and respect, and is one of the highest dignities to which we may aspire. Its incumbent, to rule well, should possess and practice several important prerequisites.

As a MAN, he should be of proven integrity and irreproachable morals, freed from the dominion of hasty temper and ill-governed passions, of good repute in the world, and practicing, as an example to his Brethren, the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice.

As a CITIZEN, he should be loyal to his government, obedient to its laws, prompt in the duties he owes to society; and, [should demonstrate] a pattern of fidelity in all social and domestic relations.

As a MASON, he should cling to the old landmarks and be sternly opposed to their infringement; be desirous to learn and apt to teach; be prompt to aid and relieve, and be ever mindful that, though elevated for a time above his fellows, he is elevated by them, and should therefore cultivate, everywhere and at all times, the golden tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.



As an OFFICER, he should remember, first of all, that he is an individual Mason, sharing in that respect a common lot with his Brethren, and therefore interested in the welfare of each and all; be devoid of undue ostentation and haughty overbearing; be accessible to all, cultivating the closest friendship and the most unlimited confidence with his associate Officers; be eager to take counsel with his Brethren and ready to give it; be ready to reward good; be devoid of favouritism; and, [be]wholly impartial.

Such are some of the most important qualifications the Master should possess and the errors he should avoid. It may be that most, if not all of us, have failed to reach this standard; but, it is attainable, and be it your purpose to reach it, and be a bright and shining example to those who shall come after you.

- Old Illinois Ritual, the language is about 100 years old

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### **February 10 though 17 2012**

### **Quinte St. Alban's - 3<sup>rd</sup> Fraternal Visit to Holguín, Cuba**



One week Vacation and Masonic Discovery: - Participation in the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the Logia Roberto Luís Ferrer Rodriguez. Attendance at the regular meeting of the Logia Calixto García Iñiquez, the Logia Holguín, and Logia Roberto Luís Ferrer Rodriguez.

Accommodation at the Playa Pesquero Beach Resort

- All Inclusive, Double Occupancy Price \$1,500.00 per Adult (tax incl.) (Subject to availability at time of booking)
  - Alternative - leaving earlier than the main group on February 7<sup>th</sup> for \$1,265.00 per Adult

To Book, contact Yani - Tel [416-646-0890](tel:416-646-0890)-ext 268

All are welcome - Masons, friends, ladies and children. Group Rates and Masonic Activities Package - For more see -

[www.quintestalbans.com/news-20101025.php](http://www.quintestalbans.com/news-20101025.php)

For more information on activities of previous visits of 2009 and 2011 visits:

[www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-january-2009.pdf](http://www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-january-2009.pdf)  
[www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-february-2011.pdf](http://www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-february-2011.pdf)

Contact: Vince Lombardo @ [vince.lombardo.to@gmail.com](mailto:vince.lombardo.to@gmail.com) or 905.731.0504



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### **Saturday February 11 2012**

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### **Thursday February 23 2012**

#### **68<sup>th</sup> 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

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### **Saturday February 25 2012**

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## **... by the Lighthouse Beam**

Brethren,

I publish papers in this section and occasionally under separate cover. These papers are taken from Masonic sources that are available to the general public. I must point out that until VERY recently, truth and fact were of passing importance to many Masonic writers. The concepts of checking and recording the source of facts are a relatively new innovation. The most glaring examples of this are the Templar and Rosslyn stories. However, even noted respected authors can get it wrong. Very few - exceedingly few - authors have the time let alone the resources to source out their information. They rely on someone else's work. For example - we know the mother Grand Lodge was started in 1717. Unless you personally have seen the actual primary documents that substantiate this fact - the possibility exists, however small, that the information is wrong. Once someone has published a false fact, whether intentionally or un-intentionally, that fact takes on a life of its own and is referenced in subsequent publications as an established truth.

After the universally recognised research lodge Ars Quator Coronati presents a paper, its members debate the paper. Those that agree or disagree state their reasons why. So even heavily researched papers have noted researchers arguing for and against.

Henry Coils and Bernard Jones are excellent researchers and authors, however, time and subsequent research has turned up occasional inaccuracies in their work.

At your initiation, you were taught to be cautious.

The above is a comment on Masonic texts in general and should not be construed in any way as a reflection on the following paper.

### **Constitutions and Charges**

A few years after the 1717 formation of the Premier Grand Lodge in London, the then Grand Master, George Payne, who served the Grand Lodge two separate times as Grand Master, 1718 and 1720, ordered that the Masons should bring to the next Annual Communication all the old writings they had from the Lodges before the Grand Lodge was formed. Our early Brethren brought all the old records and documents that survived to the next annual communication, which were given to Rev. Brother James Anderson who was charged to digest all the information and draft a new set of rules and regulations for the consideration of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. I mention about the old records that survived, because there is documentation that many Masons destroyed many documents rather than have them appear in a printed book produced by anyone, even the newly formed Grand Lodge. Not all was harmonious within the Premiere Grand Lodge at the time.



Brother John Noorthouck<sup>1</sup> in commenting on a book titled 'The Use and Abuse of Freemasonry' written by our former Brother George Smith<sup>2</sup> in 1783 mentions about Grand Master Payne's order to bring the old documents to the Grand Lodge: "*Indeed, the temptations of authorship have effected a strange revolution of sentiments since the year 1720, when even ancient manuscripts were destroyed, to prevent their appearance in a printed book of Constitutions!*" Evidently many of our early Brethren were very adamant that nothing about Masonry should be collected and printed. Freemasonry, however, is indebted to the Masons who did bring in what they had of the written laws of Masonry in the form of those old documents, because through them Speculative Masonry has learned and continues to learn a great deal.

In any event the result of the gathering of the 'old' Masonic documents brought to the Grand Lodge by our early Brethren is what we now know as Anderson's Constitutions of 1723. There were also editions that followed. We're just years away from the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Premiere Grand Lodge, (2017) and the writing of the Constitutions for the Grand Lodge of England. While Anderson's Constitutions are not Landmarks, they do precede the list of Landmarks compiled by Brother Albert Mackey in 1858, and are important to Masonry and to Masons.<sup>3</sup>

I'm told that in the Grand Jurisdictions of Canada each Constituent Lodge has the Charges of Anderson's Constitutions read at the making of every Mason in the Lodge, and, in addition, these Charges are read in each Lodge annually, so that all are familiar with them. I like the tradition of reading Anderson's Constitutions on a regular basis, and it might be a good idea to also read Mackey's list of 25 Landmarks.

These Charges can be read in the Little Masonic Library, which is available in most Lodge libraries, and Freemasons for Dummies, which was a selection for the Minnesota Masonic Book Club in November 2005. Mackey's list of Landmarks is available to read in many places, one of the easiest places to read many old documents is on the Internet at sites such as Phoenix Masonry at [www.phoenixmasonry.org](http://www.phoenixmasonry.org), and the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and the Yukon at <http://www.freemasonry.bcy.ca/sitemap.html>. Another good thing to do is read them in Mackey's Jurisprudence of Freemasonry. Reading old documents such as the Old Manuscripts, Anderson's Constitutions, Mackey's Landmarks, and the Masonic Laws of your own Grand Lodge is a very interesting journey into Masonic learning.

In the Masonic Concordance of the Holy Bible it mentions something that, to me, is interesting about the word 'Neighbour.' About that word it refers the reader to Anderson's Constitutions where in section 6 "Of Behaviour," and article 5 "Behaviour at Home and in your Neighbourhood," it says in part: "*You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man; particularly, not to let your family; friends and neighbours know the concerns of the Lodge.*" The good reason for this is because the Lodge resembles a family, and

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<sup>1</sup> John Noorthouck (1746-1816) Editor of the 5<sup>th</sup> Book of Constitutions, which is considered the best (1784.) Brother Noorthouck is the one who saw fit to report Brother Preston to the Master for having organized a procession to St. Dunstan's Church without a dispensation. [a] Denslow's 10,000 famous Freemasons.] This led to his suspension / expulsion and the formation of the Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent. Noorthouck himself was also later expelled, but both were later reinstated, and while Noorthouck and Preston obviously were at odds Denslow suggests that possibly they may have reconciled, as Noorthouck became a member of Preston's Grand Chapter of Harodim. Reading about Noorthouck and Preston is an interesting study into how animosity of two Masons can get out of hand. You can begin reading about it at: <http://www.masonicdictionary/preston.html> Also in the latest issue of the Philalethes (Fall 2009) there is an excellent article on Preston that mentions Preston and Noorthouck by our good Brother and Masonic scholar Robert G. Davis of Guthrie, OK

<sup>2</sup> I mention 'former' because in 1785 Captain George Smith was expelled from Masonry for 'uttering an instrument purported to be a certificate of the Grand Lodge recommending two distressed Brothers.'

<sup>3</sup> The Landmarks are called "The Unwritten Law" while the old Manuscripts and Charges are called "The Written Law." A good reference to find the landmarks and information on the Written Law is in "Mackey's Jurisprudence of Freemasonry." Many Masonic Booksellers have it for sale.



because of that there are things the Masonic family would like to keep private, because those things concern no one else.<sup>1</sup>

Andersons Constitutions is not the only place you will find the admonition of keeping private the goings on and business of a Masonic Lodge. Many if not all of the 'Old Constitutions' "*have the charge that "every Mason shall keep true counsel of Lodge and Chamber"* (see Sloane Manuscript, No. 3848). This is enlarged in the Andersonian Charges, of 1722 thus: '*You are not to let your family, friends and neighbours know the concerns of the Lodge*' (Constitutions, 1723, page 55). However loquacious a Freemason may be in the natural confidence of neighbourhood intercourse, he must be reserved in all that relates to the esoteric concerns of Freemasonry."<sup>2</sup>

There are three copies of what Mackey calls the 'Old Manuscripts' that have the name of 'Sloane;' so named because they were once the property of Sir Hans Sloane, but which now can all be found in the British Museum. The first Sloane Manuscript (circa 1646) is number 3848, and is one of the most complete copies extant of the 'Old Constitutions.' The second Sloane Manuscript (circa 1659) is number 3323, and the third Sloane Manuscript, (date of this manuscript is unknown but thought from 1640 to 1700; some scholars think it should be dated around the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century,) is number 3329. More can be read about these important Manuscripts in Mackey's Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry, and in Mackey's 7-volume set of the History of Freemasonry. Many Lodges will have one or more sets of this work in their Lodge library. Otherwise they can still be found through sellers of used Masonic Books; one of my favourite sources is Brother Harold Davidson, founder of the Billings Masonic Library and Librarian of The Philaethes Society; Brother Harold can be reached at [brodave@wtp.net](mailto:brodave@wtp.net).

It is difficult to legislate and enforce certain behaviours among people, Freemasonry included. However, the 'old Charges', and The Charges approved by the Premiere Grand Lodge in 1722, and which make up an important part of Anderson's Constitutions, attempt to do just that. Section 6 and all its articles (1 - 6) deal specifically with a Speculative Mason's behaviour both within and without the Lodge. This section of Anderson's Constitutions might make an interesting topic for a presentation by the Lodge Education Officer.

Inwood, in his sermon on 'Union Amongst Masons' says: 'To defame our Brother, or suffer him to be defamed, without interesting ourselves for the preservation of his name and character, there is scarcely the shadow of an excuse to be formed. Defamation is always wicked. Slander and evil speaking are the pests of civil society, are the disgrace of every degree of religious profession, are the poisonous bane of all brotherly love.'

- Mackey's Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry - Clegg edition.

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<sup>1</sup> An article in Masonic Matters entitled "What Happens in Vegas stays in Vegas" has to do with keeping private the goings on in a Lodge Communication, and the symbolism of the Rose. If you would like to read it go to; <http://www.halpsus.net> then click on Masonic Matters and in the archives click on April 2005

<sup>2</sup> Mackey's Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry; Clegg edition, Vol. 2



## LODGES OF TORONTO EAST DISTRICT:

Toronto East District is comprised of the lodges residing in the Claremont, Doric-Pickering, and East Toronto (Chisholm) Masonic Temples.

<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 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384	East Tor	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Oct	Feb
Birch Cliff #612 <a href="http://www.birchcliffodge.com">www.birchcliffodge.com</a>	Doric	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Dec	Feb
Brougham Union #269	Clar	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed		Oct	Apr
Caledonia #637 <a href="http://www.caledonialodge637.com">www.caledonialodge637.com</a>	York *	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Oct	Apr
Canada #532	Doric	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Oct	Feb
Coronati #520 <a href="http://www.coronatilodge520.ca">www.coronatilodge520.ca</a>	Doric	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424 <a href="http://www.doric424.com">www.doric424.com</a>	Doric	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Doric	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed		May	Oct
Markham Union #87	Clar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed		Oct	Apr
Mimosa #576 <a href="http://www.mimosalodge.com">www.mimosalodge.com</a>	East Tor	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	Oct	Apr
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 <a href="http://www.rjrr494.com">www.rjrr494.com</a>	East Tor	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Sep	Apr
Scarboro #653	Doric	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Dec	Mar
The Beaches #473 <a href="http://www.beacheslodge.ca">www.beacheslodge.ca</a>	York *	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu		May	Mar
The Imperial East Gate #543	East Tor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed		Nov	Feb
Todmorden #647 <a href="http://www.todmordenlodge.com">www.todmordenlodge.com</a>	East Tor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	4 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Nov	Mar
Universe #705 <a href="http://www.ul705.com">www.ul705.com</a>	East Tor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Oct	Feb
West Hill #670	East Tor	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Dec	Mar
Wexford #683	Doric	1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	Nov	Apr
<b>Total Lodges:</b>	<b>19</b>				

\* With the sale of the Scarborough Masonic Temple, the inhabiting lodges of that building have relocated to the other buildings. Caledonia Lodge #637 and The Beaches Lodge #473 have relocated to the York Temple which geographically is customarily outside Toronto East District.



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