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You cannot buy Masonry; no man ever did or ever will. You do not buy it when you pay your fees or dues; you simply gain by these opportunities to get Masonry. Where is your investment then, you ask? Let me tell you.

If you become a Mason you put into Masonry more than money, more than anything you have or possess that you measure by dollars or cents; you put your life into it. Unless you can and do put your life into it, unless you let Masonry direct your life, you have no investment; you get little or nothing from Masonry.

Life is in constant conflict between good and evil. Masonry aids the Mason to choose the good rather than the evil. Dominating the Mason's life Masonry creates the habit of choosing the good, with the result that it helps him to develop character. You may have wealth and put your money in to paying propositions but you can make no investment that will pay you greater dividends than Masonry will if you make Masonic effort to build character.

- Anonymous

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



Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

2016 is here, good luck, good health, good cheer and a Happy New Year to one and all.

I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself,

changing your world, you're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.

- Neil Gaiman

Although there will be no in district Installations or Official visits in January, district lodges will still be active, several lodges will be having Robbie Burns nights, the Mechanics of The Work will be starting up on the last two Saturdays in January, a great learning opportunity for lodge line Officers and Brethren interested in learning the proper mechanics and protocol of how a lodge works. Dates and times on our District Website and newsletters.



On Tuesday January 5th, 2016, at the Doric Masonic Hall, Canada Lodge No. 532 G.R.C. will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary "Gold Ceremony". The Grand Master will be in attendance and conduct the Ceremony of Dedication for the new Working Tools and the new Collars from Silver to Gold. There will be an early Banquet (R.S.V.P.) at 6:30 pm and the Lodge will receive visitors at 7:30 pm.

Four District Installations were held in December. Congratulations to;

- Bro. Dennis Wilson, West Hill Lodge No. 670,
- Bro. Errol M. Chin, Birch Cliff Lodge No. 612,
- Bro. Sam Caruso, Scarboro Lodge No. 653 and
- V.W. Bro. Moffat L. Kiloh, Doric Lodge No. 424

on being installed as the newest Worshipful Masters of Toronto East District. May your year be a rewarding and memorable one.

As December and our year 2015 comes to an end, we have had 17 Installations and one Official Visit. Looking back, how did it go by so quickly? Attendance for the most part has been very good; some events were up against conflicting dates but still showed well.

I thank the Brethren of Doric Lodge 424 for inviting Evelyn and I to their annual Ladies Night. We had a wonderful time and it was a great evening. I would also like to thank the Brethren of a number of our District Lodges for inviting Evelyn and I along with our District Secretary, W. Bro. Greig King and his Lady to their lodge Christmas Parties, due to public and private avocations some of which we could not attend.

Brethren, as we start out this new year of 2016, I would like to share this article with you. It is called;

Attitudes

Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitude toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.

I believe the single most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. It is more important than my past, my education, my bankroll, my successes or failures, fame or pain, what other people think of me or say about me, my circumstances, or my position. Attitude keeps me going or cripples my progress. It alone fuels my fire or assaults my hope. When my attitudes are right, there's no barrier too high, no valley too deep, no dream too extreme, no challenge too great for me.

- Charles R. (Rozell) 'Chuck' Swindoll



Brethren, as always, I look forward to greeting you.

May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over us all.

Knowledge = Confidence; Never Stop Learning.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Dean M. Bergerson
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District





EVENTS CALENDAR:

January 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<u>1</u> New Year's Day 	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> * Canada - 100 th Anniversary Gold Ceremony Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm see below Dorie Pickering	<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>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * TED - Mechanics of The Work - 1 of 6 see below East Toronto	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u> Robbie Burns Day 	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> * TED - Mechanics of The Work - 2 of 6 see below East Toronto 	<u>31</u> * Heritage Lodge - 31 st Annual Black Tie Banquet see below School of Fine Dining



February 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p><u>1</u></p> 	<p><u>2</u></p> <p>Groundhog Day We want more snow and sleet, right? * Canada - Official Visit Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>3</u></p>	<p><u>4</u></p> <p>* Alpha-Tuscan - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>5</u></p>	<p><u>6</u></p> <p>* TED - Mechanics of The Work - 3 of 6 Deacons' Day see below East Toronto.</p>	<p><u>7</u></p> <p>* TED - Claremont Winter Carnival Parade see below Claremont</p>
<p><u>8</u></p> <p>Chinese New Year And I haven't even started to lose weight yet!</p>	<p><u>9</u></p> <p>* Universe - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>10</u></p> <p>* The Imperial East Gate - Installation Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>11</u></p>	<p><u>12</u></p> <p>* Birch Cliff - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>13</u></p>	<p><u>14</u></p> <p>St. Valentine's Day Flowers. Chocolates. Dinner out. A comment about her weight loss.</p>
<p><u>15</u></p> <p>Family Day 1st long weekend of the year</p>	<p><u>16</u></p>	<p><u>17</u></p>	<p><u>18</u></p>	<p><u>19</u></p>	<p><u>20</u></p> <p>* TED - Mechanics of The Work - 4 of 6 see below East Toronto</p>	<p><u>21</u></p>
<p><u>22</u></p>	<p><u>23</u></p>	<p><u>24</u></p>	<p><u>25</u></p> <p>* Ontario-72nd Annual Hunter's Night see below Port Hope</p>	<p><u>26</u></p>	<p><u>27</u></p> <p>* TED - Mechanics of The Work - 5 of 6 Deacons' Day see below East Toronto</p>	<p><u>28</u></p>
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AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

Masonic Foundation of Ontario 50th Anniversary Project Hope Supporting Prostate Cancer Research
The Mikey Network



Our Grand Master is continuing the project started by M. W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, to support three prostate cancer research projects. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers). It is the 3rd leading cause of death from cancer in men in Canada.

According to The Canadian Cancer Society, it is estimated that in 2015: -

- 24,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. This represents 24% of all new cancer cases in men in 2015.
- 4,100 men will die from prostate cancer. This represents 10% of all cancer deaths in men in 2015.
- On average, 66 Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer every day.
- On average, 11 Canadian men will die from prostate cancer every day.

For more information, or to contribute to this cause that has affected so many, please contact
Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or 416.723.5507 or
Eric Lakien: eric@lakien.com

A life lived with integrity - even if it lacks the trappings of fame and fortune - is a shining star in whose light others may follow in the years to come.
- Denis E. Waitley

Toronto East Masonic Centre

Happy New Year to all our followers. I hope last night was enjoyable and you have maintained your resolutions until at least today.

We continue to move forward to finalizing our Joint Venture Agreement. Planned vacations by a number of key participants have unfortunately drawn out the process. However, progress has been made, and the planned meetings in early and mid January may seal the deal.



Our ongoing end of lease talks with Chrysler should also be completed by the end of January. Chrysler has indicated in writing their responsibility for the environmental issue.

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FYI

Montana's first livestock brand was the Square and Compasses and is still in use. It was registered by Poindexter & Orr of Beaverhead County, Montana in 1873.

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

The Silver Matchbox

On October 22nd 1897, Bro. Major R.L.S. Badham worked the Second Degree in a manner described as exemplary by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The senior member of the Committee of Improvement, Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow, subsequently presented Bro. Badham with a silver matchbox to mark the achievement. Until the rest of the Committee decided that he should be relieved of the burden, Bro. Sudlow, at his own expense, made similar presentations to other Brethren attaining a similar standard.

Within a few years, it had become the established custom, and a Brother who works a ceremony from the Chair "without standing in need of prompting or correction" receives a Silver Matchbox, engraved on the front with his name and on the reverse with the heading "E. L. of I." and beneath it the ceremony he has worked, together with the year (e.g. "2nd Deg. & T.B. 1975"). If the Brother subsequently worked a different ceremony without correction, that ceremony is recorded in the same fashion, and if he worked all four ceremonies without correction, the words "Complete Record" are added at the foot of the list.

By the end of April 2007, 345 Brethren had received a Silver Matchbox, of whom 120 had achieved a complete record.



Shown above is the Emulation Silver Matchbox that is awarded by The Emulation Lodge of Improvement - London England, for perfect rendering of the Masonic Ceremonies according to Emulation Working. The front depicts the Brothers name and the reverse has the ceremony worked.

<http://emulationloi.org/silvermatchbox/>

www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/emulation_lodge_match_safe_award.htm



Smile !



I Did Not Know That !

On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily! (*That explains a few mysteries . . . like my brother.*)

- thanks to Bro. Anon Y. Mous

Want To Learn More ?

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education offers interesting Correspondence Courses on Masonic Education throughout this Jurisdiction that is comprised of nineteen different modules.



Any Master Mason may take any module individually for \$10.00 each or they may wish to complete a course of study for a set fee. If a Brother takes an individual module today, and decides to complete a course of study later in time, he will be accredited with the module he has completed previously. In other words, he does not have to pay for or rewrite what he has already completed in the past. There are three courses of study offered by the College of Freemasonry:

1. The Masonic Arts and Sciences (eighteen modules).
2. The Past Master (six modules as of July 2014)
3. The Worshipful Master (eight modules).

Any Brother looking to run for the DDGM of their District, the Board of General Purposes or Grand Registrar, the course required by the Book of Constitution, Section 50(b) is the **Past Master's Course**. This course is also great for those looking to be a District Secretary.

For those who wish to pay by cheque, please send it to

George Warner
4010 Chadburn Cres.,
Mississauga, ON
L5L 3X2



For those who wish to pay via credit card, just fill in the application form and send it to masonic.college@gmail.com, and the Brother will be emailed payment instructions through PayPal (an account is not necessary).

If any Brother has any questions, they may e-mail R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte, FCF, Principal, College of Freemasonry, masonic.college@gmail.com.

You may also get information by going to the Grand Lodge Website, sign in, click “Membership”, then “College of Freemasonry”.

They also have many electronic books and other resources there. Check it out!

Masonic Essay Contest 2016

Ontario Mason Magazine and College of Freemasonry announce the Annual Masonic Essay Contest, open to all Masons of the jurisdiction who are members in good standing. Those ineligible include: Current and Past Grand Lodge Officers, Members of Grand Lodge Committees and Teams and Members of the Board of General Purposes.



Essay Contest Theme:

If a non-Mason asked you, “**Why are you a Mason?**” what would your answer be?

- Essays to be submitted to the College of Freemasonry at masonic.college@gmail.com
- Only essays submitted in doc or docx formats will be accepted.
- The essay length is a maximum of 1200 words.
- All quoted sources must be identified in an included bibliography.
- The bibliography will not count towards the word count.
- Submissions will be accepted from February 1, 2016 until midnight on February 28, 2016.

Top 3 essays will be announced in the Spring 2016 issue - Ontario Mason and posted on the Grand Lodge website.

1st Place Prize:

- Essay will be presented at the Ontario Masonic Education Conference in 2016.
- The author will be entitled to complete the College of Freemasonry “Masonic Arts and Sciences” course at no cost.
- Receive a copy of the Masonic Manual autographed by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.
- Essay will be published in the Spring 2016 issue of the Ontario Mason Magazine.

2nd Place Prize:

- The author will be entitled to complete the College of Freemasonry “Masonic Arts and Sciences” course at no cost.
- Receive a copy of the Masonic Manual autographed by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.
- Essay will be published in the Spring 2016 issue of the Ontario Mason Magazine.

3rd Place Prize:

- The author will be entitled to complete either the College of Freemasonry “Past Master’s” course or “Aspiring Worshipful Master’s” course at no cost.
- Receive a copy of the Masonic Manual autographed by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.



- Essay will be published in the Spring 2016 issue of the Ontario Mason Magazine.

For more information contact: masonic.college@gmail.com

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I Was Wondering

In the Masonic Year of 1976 - 1977, with M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew as D.D.G.M., the Education Committee of Toronto Masonic District No. 3 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario under the direction of R.W. Bro. Frank J. Bruce, P.D.D.G.M. compiled 47 questions that were sent to the late W. Bro. Harry Carr P.J.G.D., Past Secretary and Editor of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 United Grand Lodge of England. These are his answers. It is to be noted that the answers refer to the Ritual and customs of the Grand Lodge of England in 1976.

This transcript of the Questions and Answers edited by W. Bro. Nelson King FPS

What is the exact meaning of the word Cowan?



The *Oxford English Dictionary* says “Derivation unknown”, and defines it as “One who builds dry stone walls (i.e., without mortar) - applied derogatorily to one who does the work of a mason, but who has not yet been regularly apprenticed or bred to the trade”. The word is probably of Scottish origin, and it appears, in that sense, in a large number of Scottish Masonic documents from 1598 onwards. (For further details, see Carr’s “*The Freemason at Work*” pages 86-89).

During the Master Mason Degree the Chaplain recited “Or ever the silver cord be loosed.” What is meant by the “silver cord”?

The words are from Ecclesiastes XII that describes, in great detail, the decline of man in old age, and the failure of his senses, limbs and faculties. I would quote from my annotated *Geneva Bible*, which says that the “silver cord” is “the marrow of the backbone and sinews”. It may be pure coincidence, but I am forcibly reminded of a passage in the *Graham MS.*, 1726, which, after describing the earliest raising within a Masonic context, contains the word “Here is yet marrow in this bone”.

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Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Yukon #45, Dawson City, YK
with thanks to Jim Arnold - The Imperial East Gate #543

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

There's no worse thief than a bad book.
- Italian Proverb

Tuesday January 5 2016

Canada - 100th Anniversary Gold Ceremony



In recognition of their 100th Anniversary, Canada Lodge will be receiving their Gold regalia. This is a ceremony that does not come around too frequently. Come out and celebrate with them.

M.W. Bro. John Green will be attending.

There will be a banquet preceding the meeting for Masons only. Please **RSVP** the secretary if you are going to attend.

Time: 6:30 pm - Banquet - Masons only
7:30 pm - Visitors received
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Ray Beverley @ rbeverley@sympatico.ca or 416-284-8610

Saturday January 23 and 30 2016

Saturday February 6, 20 and 27 2016

Saturday March 5 2016

Mechanics of the Work Classes

These classes are open to all Masons, from the newest Entered Apprentice to the rustiest young timer. The classes are of enormous worth to newer members and especially to those who have aspirations to be lodge line officers. Classes are informal in the normal lodge meeting sense, no regalia is required, and welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills or re-acquaint themselves in many aspects of our ceremonies and rituals. Attendance for the full three-hour class or at every class is not compulsory.



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

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

Calling Off and Calling On will be a practical part of the class for a 'Bio Break'. Yup, a genuine necessity sometime in midstream. Then we will finish at noonish to tidy up the lodge room and head back to the banquet room for more fellowship and the other stuff.



Special Deacons' Days will occur on February 6th and February 27th. These are very popular and informative and aimed primarily at the Deacons but also those who interact with them. Here we will cover the work of the degree, collecting the PG and PW, receiving GL officers under the wands and collection of a ballot.

Hope to see you come visit to partake in and enjoy the sessions that many others have gotten a charge out of over the many years this program has been offered.

Time: 8:30 am - muddy coffee (*coffee!*), day-old sticky buns (*if you are lucky*) and corny jokes
9:00 am - noon - Classes
Location: East Toronto Masonic Hall
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704

Saturday January 30 2016

The Heritage Lodge - 31st Annual Black Tie Banquet



All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal, good friends and an interesting talk.

Dress is black tie or dark business suit.

Full gourmet beef, salmon or other meal including wine - to be indicated when ordering tickets.

RSVP. No sales at the door. All sold tickets will be held at the door. No refund after cut-off date of January 19th 2016

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: School of Fine Dining
4121 14th Ave., Markham
Speaker: Terrance Sleightholm
Topic: Charles Dickens
Cost: \$50.00 ea
Contact: Kenneth E. Campbell @ kec238ec@xplornet.com or 613.476.7382 or
David Neave @ davidneave@bell.net or 905.725.8032



It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives. The act of dying is not of importance, it lasts so short a time.

- Bro. James Boswell, 9th Laird of Auchinleck (1740-1795)

Saturday February 6 2016

Claremont Winter Carnival Parade

Experience Masonry in a small town atmosphere. 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. The horse drawn wagon will be there. 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 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.

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

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

Time: 9:00 am - Assembly
11:00 am - Parade

Location: Claremont Masonic Temple

Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@xplornet.ca or 905.649.3003 or 416.518.2242

What if you gave someone a gift, and they neglected to thank you for it. Would you be likely to give them another? Life is the same way. In order to attract more of the blessings that life has to offer, you must truly appreciate what you already have.

- Ralph Marston

Saturday March 5 2016

T.E.D. - 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off and Trivia Challenge



Do you have the best Chili Recipe? Do you think you are the most knowledgeable person in the district?

The 2014 Senior Wardens group “The Guardians” are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off and Trivia Challenge, a great opportunity to escape the elements and spend a nice, warm afternoon of hot food and socializing.

This year, there will be up to 12 entrants, each securing a spot for the amount



of \$20.00.

ALL PROCEEDS TO BE FORWARDED TO TORONTO EAST DISTRICT'S CHARITY
PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH

CHILI COOKOFF

Each Chili Cook Off participant will bring their delicious dish of chili, pre prepared in a crock-pot (for simplicity) and the Chili will be judged on their own merit to keep things fair.

Trophy (and certificate for The School Fine Dining) to be awarded for Best Chili as well as prizes for 2nd and 3rd place.

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Plaques will be awarded for 1st place in Trivia Challenge for both individual and team, with individual prizes for 2nd and 3rd prize as well. All Trivia Challenge contestants will register at time of event.

So if you would like to taste some delicious dishes of home cooked chili, and maybe give your brain some exercise, why not join us for a great afternoon of socializing while supporting your T.E.D. Charity in the process?

Time: 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Hall
Contact: Russ Richardson @ russ-driver@hotmail.com or 647.222.5855, or
Mark Ingram @ ingram75@gmail.com or 416.420.0291

Sunday March 20 2016

GLCPO - Sankey Lecture

Searching for the Apple Tree: What Happened in 1716? - Dr. Andrew Prescott

Dr. Andrew Prescott FSA FRHistS is Professor of Digital Humanities, AHRC Theme Leader Fellow for Digital Transformations, University of Glasgow. Dr. Prescott will be delivering the lecture on work done jointly with Dr. Susan M. Sommers, Professor of History, Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. They will be looking at the history of the Apple Tree tavern, Covent Garden, where the first meetings that led to the formation of the Grand Lodge in London were supposedly held.

Tickets are required, but to enable university students to be exposed to this exemplary speaker and program, they will be free.

Tickets will be available in early 2016. There will be a limit of 5 tickets per request.

More information about the Sankey Lecture Series can be found at
www.sankeylectures.ca

Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Brock University - Sean O'Sullivan Theatre
Speaker: Dr. Andrew Prescott
Topic: Searching for the Apple Tree: What Happened in 1716?
Contact: info@sankeylectures.ca



... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Golden Rule



Simply put, Masons believe in the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is part of every great world religion, so it qualifies as the single, unifying theme of all faiths. In Masonic parlance, a Landmark. The term “Golden Rule”, or “Golden law” began to be used widely in the early 17th century in Britain; the earliest known usage is that of Charles Gibbon in 1604.

The maxim may appear as either a positive or negative injunction governing conduct:

- One should treat others as one would like others to treat oneself (positive or directive form).
- One should not treat others in ways that one would not like to be treated (negative or prohibitive form).

The Golden Rule differs from the maxim of reciprocity captured in [do ut des](#) - “I give so that you will give in return” - and is rather a unilateral moral commitment to the well-being of the other without the expectation of anything in return.

⁴Its most basic concept is the cornerstone of Freemasonry, no matter how it is phrased:

- Baha’i: “Lay not on any soul a load that you would not want to be laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself.”
- Buddhism: “In five ways should a clansman minister to his friends and families; by generosity, courtesy, and benevolence, by treating them as he treats himself, and by being as good as his word.”
- Christianity: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”
- Confucianism: “What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others.”
- North American First Nations: “We are as much alive as we keep the earth alive.”
- Hinduism: “Men gifted with intelligence . . . should always treat others as they themselves wish to be treated.”
- Islam: “No one of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.”
- Jainism: “One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated.”
- Judaism: “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”
- Sikhism: “I am a stranger to no one; and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all.”
- Taoism: “Regard your neighbour’s gain as your own gain, and regard your neighbour’s loss as your own loss.”
- Wicca: “An’ harm none, do as thou wilt.”
- Zoroastrianism: “Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself.”

The golden rule is endorsed by all the great world religions; Jesus, Hillel, and Confucius used it to summarize their ethical teachings. And for many centuries, the idea has been influential among people of very diverse cultures. These facts suggest that the golden rule may be an important moral truth.

Let’s consider an example of how the rule is used. President Kennedy in 1963 appealed to the golden rule in an anti-segregation speech at the time of the first black enrolment at the University of Alabama.



He asked whites to consider what it would be like to be treated as second-class citizens because of skin colour. Whites were to imagine themselves being black - and being told that they couldn't vote, or go to the best public schools, or eat at most public restaurants, or sit in the front of the bus. Would whites be content to be treated that way? He was sure that they wouldn't - and yet this is how they treated others. He said the "heart of the question is . . . whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated."

The golden rule is best interpreted as saying: "Treat others only as you consent to being treated in the same situation." To apply it, you'd imagine yourself on the receiving end of the action in the exact place of the other person (which includes having the other person's likes and dislikes). If you act in a given way toward another, and yet are unwilling to be treated that way in the same circumstances, then you violate the rule.

To apply the golden rule adequately, we need knowledge and imagination. We need to know what effect our actions have on the lives of others. And we need to be able to imagine ourselves, vividly and accurately, in the other person's place on the receiving end of the action. With knowledge, imagination, and the golden rule, we can progress far in our moral thinking.

The golden rule is best seen as a consistency principle. It doesn't replace regular moral norms. It isn't an infallible guide on which actions are right or wrong; it doesn't give all the answers. It only prescribes consistency - that we not have our actions (toward another) be out of harmony with our desires (toward a reversed situation action). It tests our moral coherence. If we violate the golden rule, then we're violating the spirit of fairness and concern that lie at the heart of morality.

The golden rule, with roots in a wide range of world cultures, is well suited to be a standard that different cultures can appeal to in resolving conflicts. As the world becomes more and more a single interacting global community, the need for such a common standard is becoming more urgent.

The Masonic Jurisdiction of Ontario has two lodges by the name of Golden Rule.

- Golden Rule Hastings #126 Campbellford
- Golden Rule #409 Gravenhurst

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