

# Hiram's Lighthouse

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Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter - 2008

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*Though Masonry neither usurps the place of, nor apes religion, prayer is an essential part of our ceremonies. It is the aspiration of the soul towards the Absolute and Infinite Intelligence; certain faculties of man are directed toward the unknown - thought, meditation, prayer. The unknown is the ocean, of which conscience is the compass.*

*- Bro. Albert Pike (1809-1891),  
Morals and Dogma-1872*

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

Greetings Brethren,



July marks the end of this Masonic year and the beginning of a new one. It is hard to believe one year has passed by so quickly. W. Bro. Peter Sialtsis, the District Secretary and I have certainly enjoyed our journey this past year. Of course our work was made a lot easier thanks to you, the brethren of Toronto East District. You were there for us at every turn. Whatever was needed, someone volunteered to help.

We started the year with three objectives: (1) good governance of the district, (2) to support a cause where we would be helping our own and (3) put together a first-class gala for the ladies while creating an appropriate venue to properly honour our District Award Winners.

The first objective was met through the tremendous efforts of our various District Chairmen, through diligence and hard work, without which nothing would be achieved. Your selfless giving of your time, energy and resources is a tribute to you all and I commend you for the same. You stand for everything that is good and decent about Freemasonry.

The second objective was quite important for me as I believe in supporting our own and that the Masonic youth are our future. To that end, I asked W. Bro. Malcolm Parish to put together a fund-raising effort on behalf of the local DeMolay and Rainbow youth groups. I am so very pleased to report that at year's



end we have raised almost \$11,000, which was divided between the two groups for them to use in their efforts to attract new members and perpetuate Masonic youth initiatives in our District.

The third objective, the Black & White Ladies Gala and Awards Night, was certainly everything that I thought it could and should be. We are a first-class organization and I believe the events we hold should reflect that status. The overwhelming success of this event indicates that the Masons of our District would like to see this event continued on an ongoing basis. W. Bro David Neave and W. Bro Bill Willis deserve any and all accolades that we have heard from those who were able to attend.

My most heart-felt congratulations to our District Award Winners for this Masonic year:

- Bro. Greg McKinnon M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw Award for Mason of the Year
- Riverdale - John Ross Robertson Lodge M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew Award for the exemplification of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth within the Craft
- Brougham Union Lodge M.W. Bro. Terrence Shand Award for exemplification of Masonic Principles within the Community
- Markham Union Lodge R.W. Bro. William Reiach Award for Remembrance Service
- Alpha-Tuscan Lodge Blood Donor Award
- Doric Lodge Travelling Gavel Award

At the end the day, our District is the real winner for having such dedicated individuals and lodges that pursue the goals of Freemasonry.

I would also like to thank the Stonecutters Senior Wardens Group for their participation this year by organizing degree teams, attending with me at the Official Visits and for organizing our upcoming Corn Roast on August 25, 2012 at WindReach Farm. Your efforts are very much appreciated and I wish you the greatest success as you become Masters of your Lodges in the coming year.

Below I have included excerpts of my year-end report submitted to Grand Lodge. It is an overview of the workings of our District.

The Condition of Masonry continues to be strong. The solid foundation of Committee Work and Education has continued this year, enabling us to emphasize stronger lodge management and fraternal relations. We enjoyed tremendous turnout and support at Installations, Official Visits, Lodges of Instruction, Receptions and Divine Service. The spirit of friendship and brotherly love was heart-warming and continued to grow throughout the year. The primary catalysts were positive interactions and inclusion of members through active communications such as our e-mail network, website and newsletters.

We were proud to start this year by celebrating the election of R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, from Scarboro Lodge No. 653 to the position of Deputy Grand Master. We were then blessed to celebrate the culmination of a wonderful year with tremendous attendance at our District Gala where we honoured our ladies and presented our District Awards with M.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, P.G.M. as our guest speaker.

Most lodges took proactive steps to fiscal responsibility. Many reported no members 12 months in arrears, renewing emphasis on timely dues collection, active budgeting, increasing dues to address rising costs and balancing budgets. The District Secretary, W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis received cooperation and support from all District Lodges. Our planning processes are also



coming to the forefront. Many lodges either continued or introduced long-range planning committees, coinciding with the institution of our District Long Range Planning Committee. Most of our lodges continue to enjoy an influx of new members.

I have reminded the brethren of the District that Freemasonry is not a charity; although we do charitable work this is not our primary function. There is a difference between charity and relief that as Masons we are called upon to provide. Before we can provide relief for others, we have to make sure that our own financial houses are in order. This means making sure that our dues are sufficient to run our lodges efficiently and that the shared expenses of the temples are adequate to ensure that the temples are well maintained and kept in a manner of which we can be proud.

Just like the saying “charity begins at home” this year’s District Charity was the support of our local Masonic youth initiatives. Through the tremendous efforts of our Chairmen and the overwhelming response of our membership, we were able to make two substantial donations in support of the Horace Mundy Chapter of DeMolay and Toronto Assembly No. 2 of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. In addition to providing financial support, we were also pleased to have many members from our District attend Meetings and Installations for these wonderful Masonic youth organizations.

Our District continues to remain active within our communities through a variety of events including Remembrance Day Services, Parades, Masonic ChIP, Blood Donor Clinics and participation in Doors Open.

We have enjoyed active participation, support, effective management, active planning, continued committee work and community involvement. I am confident in reporting that unity has really prevailed among our brethren and lodges. Freemasonry is alive and well in Toronto East District.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Grand Lodge July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who have never attended, be sure and come down. You will not be disappointed. It is a great way to make new friends, see old friends and find out more about Masonry.

In closing I would like to thank the Masters, Secretaries and members of the lodges of Toronto East District for extending to the District Secretary and myself, the kindness, support and respect for our offices that truly exemplifies Freemasonry. As I mentioned before, you have helped to make this a truly memorable year for our District. I would like to personally thank W. Bro Peter Sialtsis for all the hard work that he has contributed to our District as well as being my brother, friend and confidant.

Brethren, I will forever be indebted to you for the great honour you have bestowed upon me. Although my year is ending, I will continue to work for the cause of Freemasonry, the world’s Great Fraternity in which I believe.

*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



**TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:**

July 2012						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						<u>1</u> Canada Day 
<u>2</u> Long Weekend	<u>3</u> Cura Purnima	<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> * Birch Cliff - Annual Golf Tournament see below Bushwoods Golf Club	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> 157 <sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Communication Fairmont Royal York	<u>17</u> 157 <sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Communication Fairmont Royal York	<u>18</u> 157 <sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Communication Fairmont Royal York	<u>19</u> 157 <sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Communication Fairmont Royal York	<u>20</u> Start of Ramadan	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>					



August 2012						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> Simcoe Day Another Summer Long Weekend	<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> End of Ramadan	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> TED - Senior Warden's Corn Roast see below WindReach Farm	<u>26</u> Doric - Annual Golf Tournament see below Riverside Golf Course
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		



## AROUND AND ABOUT:

### Toronto East District Charity Supporting Local Masonic Youth Initiatives

Future projects and expectations for financially helping our youth are the traditional Lodge donations at our DDGM's Official visits.

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

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*Integrity is doing the right thing, even if nobody is watching.*  
*- Anonymous*

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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 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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### FYI

In Robinson v. Yates City Lodge, 86 Illinois, 598 (1877), a court ruled that an expelled Mason was not entitled to the return of his degree fees. The court held that the plaintiff voluntarily paid the fees and the expulsion under the provisions of the rules of the organization does not constitute the rescission of a contract under which the fees were paid.

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

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## **Masonic Education in Your Very Own Home!**

### **College of Freemasonry**

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education offers an interesting Correspondence Course on Masonic Education throughout this jurisdiction that is a four-part program covering: (1) Masonry at Work, (2) History and Origin of Masonry, (3) Administration and Organization, (4) Preparing for Leadership. The fee for this course is \$40.00 per unit, or \$135 for the package of four units.

The Committee on Masonic Education also offers a challenging DDGM Correspondence Course for those Past Masters who are considering offering their skills as District Deputy Grand Master. Taking this course is mandatory in order to be considered for election to DDGM. The course is divided into three programs: (DI) Duties and Leadership, (DII) Administration, Finance and Communications, (DIII) Protocol, Etiquette and Ritual. The fee for this course is \$50.00.

Applications for the College Course can be found on the Grand Lodge Webpage by clicking on Grand Lodge Education on the menu on the left of the screen and following the links.

Applications can be made for all of these courses by writing to -

Douglas Gray  
College of Freemasonry  
16 Anson Ave  
Scarborough, ON  
M1M 1X3

### **Reflections - The Newsletter of the Committee on Masonic Education**

The newsletter is published quarterly. Its goal is to make available articles and presentations written for Masons by Masons of Ontario. The cost of a yearly subscription is only \$18.00 and can be ordered by writing to -

Masonic Education Newsletter  
c/o Garnet E. Schenk  
870 Third Street,  
Gravenhurst, ON  
P1P 1L8.

Please indicate your Lodge's name and number, your District name and your mailing address where you would like to receive this publication.

Reflections, is always seeking articles about Freemasonry written by Freemasons. Please submit your articles to its Editor, Bro. Rich Gardner, [editor.reflections@gmail.com](mailto:editor.reflections@gmail.com). Articles are often approximately 1,200 words in length. Articles of special merit might be printed in sections over several issues. Short articles provide an excellent resource for a brief Masonic Education moment in open Lodge.

### **Book Sales Table**

Please note that there will be a Book Sales Table at Grand Lodge on the Convention Floor on Tuesday and Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> all day both days from 10:00 am. Make a point of building your own Masonic Library.

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### **Toronto East District - Black & White Gala**

Saturday June 1, 2012 saw the inaugural Toronto East District Black & White Gala Ball take place, and what a celebration of our fraternity it was. The evening began with delicious hors d'oeuvres to the



wonderful sounds of an accomplished jazz trio. The anticipation grew as all wondered what the night would hold. When the doors opened to the banquet hall, all were amazed at the wonderful job the staff of the Ajax Convention Centre did with the decorations of the hall.



After a brief welcome and grace, dinner was served, and what a delicious dinner it was. The theme of the night, Black & White, continued through the dinner ending with alternating chocolate and crème brûlée desserts.

During dessert, M. W. Bro. Alan J. Petrisor spoke eloquently about the Masonic Youth, and in particular the DeMolay. The mixture of humour, fact and thoughtful reflection was enjoyed by all. Following the key address, the district awards were handed out by R. W. Bro. Keith Jones, DDGM who was accompanied by W. Bro. Peter Sialstis and M. W. Bro. Alan J. Petrisor.





Marina Petralito and David Neave, one of the organizers of the event

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### **Toronto East District - District Award Winners**

#### **R.W. Bro. William Reich, P.D.D.G.M. Award Remembrance Service Award**

This award is presented to the Toronto East District lodge with the most members participating in the Markham, Scarborough, Ajax, Pickering, and Claremont Remembrance Day Services in November of each year.

#### **Markham Union**



#### **Travelling Gavel Award**

This award is presented to the Toronto East District lodge with the greatest overall member attendance of lodges in the District on the occasion of the District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visits.

#### **Doric**



### **Blood Donors Award**

This award is presented to the Toronto East District lodge which reports the greatest number of blood donations.

#### **Alpha-Tuscan**



### **M.W. Bro. Terrence Shand, P.G.M. Award**

This award is presented to the Toronto East District lodge which best exemplifies the principles of the Craft, rendering civic involvement in the community.

#### **Brougham Union**



## **M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew, P.G.M. Award**

### **Lodge of the Year**

This award is presented to the Toronto East District lodge which best exemplifies the principles of Masonry within the Masonic Community. This may include not only participating in District Events, but by providing an enjoyable, beneficial and enlightening lodge experience to their members.

### **Riverdale John Ross Robertson**



## **M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw, P.G.M. Award**

### **Mason of the Year**

This award is presented to the brother in Toronto East District who best exemplifies the ideals of a Mason.

### **Bro. Gregory McKinnon**



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## **In The News**

### **What's Going On in France?**

For a good many years, mostly due to politics, the only grand lodge in France recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) and therefore by almost all mainstream grand lodges has been the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise (GLNF). The original and much older French grand lodge, Grande Loge de France (GLdF), was de-recognised by UGLE many years ago in favour of the GLNF and practically all the other grand lodges soon fell into step and followed suit.

Recently the recognised GLNF has been encountering a lot of legal and financial problems. So much so that the French courts have removed control of the administration of the grand lodge and placed it in the



hands of a court appointed trustee. Not only is this trustee not a Freemason but is also a female. Maybe you can see a problem here.

A joint statement of the Grand Lodges of Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg delivered on June 10, 2012 communicated the withdrawal of any form of recognition granted to the French National Grand Lodge.

At least thirty grand lodges from around the world, including at least three U.S. grand lodges, Florida and Massachusetts being two of them, have suspended or modified their recognition of the Grande Loge Nationale Française as a result of the ongoing internal strife surrounding Grand Master Francois Stifani. The court appointed trustee continues to press for a new vote and an audit of all financial records.

It appears that a re-recognition of the Grande Loge Nationale Française, even with a new Grand Master, by the five major European Masonic powers, or a recognition of one of its shards, seems highly improbable. Point 2 of the Basel Declaration uses extremely harsh words and speaks of its general “state of decomposition.”

Meanwhile, an ad hoc group of French suspended lodges (more than 600 so far) is forming a new grand lodge, in the event that the current GLNF troubles cannot be solved successfully. At the end of April, more than 1,000 French Freemasons came together to form the Grande Loge de l'Alliance Française Maçonnique.

As far as I know, there is now no grand lodge in France that is recognised by the majority of other grand lodges although several Grand Lodges have recently recognized the GLdF.

About the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, an announcement was made.

“The delegates of the National Grand Lodge of France (GLNF) have refused the re-election of Francois Stifani as Grand Master during a meeting Saturday . . . According to a source close to the organization, 1,025 of 1,709 delegates who attended . . . or 60%, refused re-election of Mr. Stifani . . .”

Of course, no one knows what the UGLE will do. It is hardly expected that it would ever admit that its creation and extreme support of a satellite Grand Lodge on French soil for a whole century was a mistake but some credible explanation will appear, as has been seen previously.

French Freemasonry has always been a quagmire for those viewing it from outside the country. Foreign Masons, particularly from North America, visiting French lodges report that the rank and file seem to ignore the goings on of their grand lodge(s) and just continue to practice Freemasonry in a tradition any of us would be proud to be part of.

### **Masonic Temple, Cass Park may get \$38M renovation**

June 9, 2012

By Louis Aguilar - The Detroit News

A plan is in the works to pump \$38 million into Detroit's Masonic Temple and the surrounding desolate area.

The investment in the world's largest Masonic Temple, in the Cass Corridor, is being driven by a team of state and city economic power brokers who are working on the financing and declare the deal could be done by year's end, according to information that was posted online by the Michigan Magnet Fund.



“At this stage, it is expected the project will be able to close in six to eight months,” according to the memo, written about a month ago, by the Magnet Fund. It’s not clear how long the memo was online, but it was removed Friday after The Detroit News made telephone calls to fund officials.

Plans call for a \$9.3 million parking garage, as well as \$5 million in inside upgrades that include a new geothermal heating system and more women’s rest rooms. The building is owned by the Masonic Temple Association.

The 14-story complex has 1,037 rooms and multiple theatre and entertainment venues. Jack White last month played two sold-out concerts at the temple’s rarely used Scottish Rite Cathedral. The once-grand facility has a storied past in Detroit entertainment history, often used by traveling companies of Broadway shows, as well as top musical acts of the day.

The project also calls for \$4 million in upgrades to outdoor public lighting and improvements to Cass Park across the street.

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The Masonic facility at 500 Temple is in a lower Midtown area, where 22 property deals, often cloaked in confidentiality agreements, have taken place. The prices of some of the publicly disclosed deals have been well above prevailing market prices for an area that is among the poorest in the city. Some business owners and others in the area say they believe the area near Temple and Woodward Avenue - just east of the Masonic Temple - may be part of the land used for a new Detroit Red Wings hockey arena, which team owner Mike Ilitch says he eventually wants to build downtown.

[www.detroitnews.com/article/20120609/BIZ/206090318#ixzz1yH5bq4XY](http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120609/BIZ/206090318#ixzz1yH5bq4XY)

### **The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory Grand Master’s Edict Announced at the Grand Communication - 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2012**

On 12 May 2010 the Board of Management passed a resolution stating the principles governing esoteric research. These principles are central to the practice of Regular Freemasonry. In order that there be no doubt that they bind every brother and Lodge in this jurisdiction I have decided to make them the subject of a Grand Master’s edict. At my request the Board of Management has rescinded its resolution so that it may be substituted with the following edict which takes effect immediately.

1. Authorised, official Masonic Education and Instruction is only ‘Regular’ when applied to Free and Accepted or Speculative Masonry (Regular Freemasonry).
2. Because of the widely divergent interpretations which can be placed upon it, I am concerned about the unqualified use of the word “esoteric,” or any of its derivatives or extensions, within Regular Freemasonry. Such use needs to be avoided as it has been and can be misconstrued to the detriment of the Craft.

*(Esoteric, Adj: 1) understood by or meant for only the select few who have special knowledge or interest; understood by or meant for only the select few who have special knowledge or interest; 2) belonging to the select few; 3) private; secret; confidential; 4) (of a philosophical doctrine or the like) intended to be revealed only to the initiates of a group i.e. the esoteric doctrines of Pythagoras. - dictionary.com)*



3. I encourage all Masons to make daily progress in the acquisition of Masonic knowledge. Speculation and discussion within the Landmarks of the Order are to be commended.
4. Within Regular Freemasonry, interpretive discussion and exposition concern only the progressive acquisition of Masonic knowledge towards an understanding of the secrets and mysteries of the Craft, promoting the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. To avoid any misapprehension, such regular discussion and exposition shall be described as “speculative” and the term “esoteric” shall not be applied.
5. Regular Freemasonry does not permit within it any form of esotericism which encompasses or tends towards - occultism, sorcery, alchemy, astrology, profane mysticism, transcendentalism, supernaturalism, druidism, Rosicrucianism, Satanism or any concept or movement related to any of these. The presentation, endorsement and/or promotion of such subjects in any Lodge holding under the UGL of NSW and ACT whether the Lodge be open, adjourned, at refreshment or closed or at any connected or associated Lodge function should be deemed irregular and is strictly forbidden.
6. Any breach of this Edict constitutes serious unmasonic conduct and shall be treated accordingly.
7. The Grand Master from time to time may grant dispensations to permit the presentation of papers on esotericism which would otherwise constitute a breach of this edict. A dispensation may be granted on such terms and conditions as the Grand Master may impose. An application for a dispensation must be made to the Grand Master in writing through the Grand Secretary. Normally it will only be granted if the proposed paper is a genuine and proper piece of Masonic research.

This edict was handed down to an organization that has a guy at the door with a sword to keep out those who do not belong, asks each and every of its candidates to kneel in prayer at least three times during its initiatic process, has signs, symbols and ritual pertaining to hidden ancient traditions and requires all its members to swear oaths promising not to reveal its secrets. That all seems to be fairly esoteric to me! If all that were removed, would it still be Freemasonry?

### **Confusion In The Temple!**

During the past year, the Grand Master of the Arizona Grand Lodge has seen fit to unilaterally suspend several Master Masons and the duly elected Deputy Grand Master. The position of Deputy Grand Master was then filled by a Mason appointed by the Grand Master.

According to the Arizona Masonic Constitution, the suspension of membership in the fraternity is a judicial act (as defined in their Constitution) - and that the powers of the Grand Master are executive only. Therefore a Grand Master of Arizona has no power to suspend the membership of an individual Mason for any reason. The Arizona Masonic Constitution further states that the position of Deputy Grand Master is an elected position and can only be filled by an election in Grand Lodge.

At the recent convocation of Arizona Grand Lodge in late May, a number of delegates stood in protest of the suspensions and subsequent appointment. The Grand Master ordered the removal of the protesting delegates from the lodge room. Another of the delegates, who was apparently responsible for a recent rework of the Arizona Masonic Constitution, pointed out that the protesting delegates had the right to plead their case. After repeated demands by the Grand Master that the protesting delegates stand down, all of which were refused, the Grand Master threatened to suspend them as well as the constitutional authority. Apparently the whole situation then became unruly and over repeated objections, the Grand



Master ordered the room cleared and walked out. Approximately 100 Past Masters, Masters, and Wardens refused to leave.

After a 45 minute stand-off, a compromise was agreed to. The first order of business would be a vote on whether or not the Grand Master had the right to suspend the elected Deputy Grand Master. This was to take place without any attempt at character assassination of the Deputy Grand Master.

Unfortunately, the last part of this agreement was not complied with by the Grand Master. After the Jurisprudence Committee reported that the Grand Master did not have the right to suspend the Deputy Grand Master, the General Policies Committee stood up to make a report. What transpired next was a trial of the Deputy Grand Master. Unsubstantiated allegations were made, a witness called and a guilty verdict rendered. Then the Grand Master announced that three Brothers had requested to speak on behalf of his action and long list of unsubstantiated allegations of the worst sort on why the Deputy Grand Master should not be a Mason and definitely did not deserve to be Grand Master were delivered.

Finally the vote was called for, the ballots counted, re-counted, and finally announced. The Grand Master's suspension of the Deputy Grand Master and those of the other Master Masons were set aside.

The following elections saw the suspended and then un-suspended Deputy Grand Master lose the election for Grand Master in favour of the officer who had been third in the grand line (Senior Grand Warden).

Gee! I'll betcha no one was sleeping in that Grand Lodge meeting! I wonder if our upcoming Convocation of Grand Lodge will have any excitement.

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### **The Truth Of It**

With the proliferation of books on Freemasonry the following is some useful advice from the well known Masonic researcher Bro. Alain Bernheim (now a full member of QC Lodge No. 2076 EC).

“A fundamental idea I would like to stress for those genuinely interested in historical research is the great difference between facts and opinions. In many book and papers, both are mixed up in such a way that a candid reader is not able to sort them out. There is quite a difference between ‘We know that . . .’ - meaning this fact can be checked and proved - and ‘I believe that . . .’ - implying - This is my opinion, I am not sure if it is true.

“When a Masonic writer states a fact there are two possibilities only:

- (1) Either he learned it somewhere and should show where, which is the object of end or foot notes. However the reader must not forget to check if the sources are sound and accurate.
- (2) Or, he discovered an unknown document establishing the point he makes. Then he must state precisely where the document is and quote it.

“I told this to a friend recently and he commented dryly: ‘You forgot a third possibility: the author’s own imagination.’

“A simple way of verifying an author’s degree of reliability is to check the accuracy of the dates, quotes and sources he mentions whenever possible. If what one is able to verify appears correct, the rest is likely correct too. If not, the reader should draw his own conclusions. Accordingly - you probably guesses it already - an abundance of footnotes is no guarantee whatsoever for the reliability of the writer.”



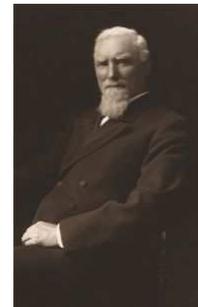
It is always essential to verify the primary (not secondary or more) source to be absolutely confident of the accuracy of the information in many papers and books. This veracity is applied to the papers submitted and published by members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge in London.

Nigel Gilmore, Masonic Light Email Forum

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### **Robert Dollar (1844-1932)**

Robert Dollar was born in Falkirk, Scotland in 1844. He moved to Canada in 1857 and by 1893 purchased a sawmill on the Pacific Coast in the United States. He would later buy a steamship to move the lumber and from there began the 'Dollar Steamship Company' which would grow to 100 steamships and would become one of the most profitable steamship companies in the world. He was a charter member of Bracebridge Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge, ON, Canada.



Dollar never forgot his strict upbringing in Scotland and Canada which would shape his life and work and developed a set of rules which he adhered to all his life.

- 1) Do not cheat
  - 2) Do not be lazy
  - 3) Do not abuse
  - 4) Do not drink
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### **Several Times a Year**

Something hits the news and the general public and Freemasons ask, "How did Masonry allow that man into the fraternity?" We all know at least one or two instances like this. A true embarrassment.

Many advocate that the nonchalant chat that most jurisdiction conduct with potential candidates just doesn't serve the purpose. I believe that some grand lodges conduct both a criminal check and a financial evaluation of all its potential candidates. The financial check is not so much to ensure the candidate is able to pay his dues as to determine if he could be attempting to join in order to take advantage of any possible benevolence.

Even with a strict investigation into a candidate, any man could at some time, due to occupational, marital or medical difficulties descend into the abyss and do or say things they would not previously have even considered.

Still, there has to be something we can do between the extremes of a sophisticated 'Big Brother' investigation and the perfunctory 'howsit goin' most jurisdictions now conduct.

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### **Social Media and Freemasonry**

The use of social media has exploded throughout our population. There can be no surprise that Freemasons and Freemasonry are represented there. When participating on sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn (and others), we should make a conscious effort to make that participation as positive as possible. While we sit alone at our computers, it is very difficult to keep in mind that instead of dealing one-on-one with friends and acquaintances we are communicating one-on-millions. Social media not only communicates with your buddy down the street, at the same time it also communicates with all the many



millions who also participate in that application. Words and images that seem innocuous to you and your friends can leave an entirely different impression upon someone else. We are all entitled to our own intellectual, political and religious opinions, and are free to express them, but to be a Freemason is to be endowed with responsibilities and wisdom that ought to be reflected in what we say, and how we say it.

We are representatives of a great Fraternity. We must remember that we are someone's impression of Freemasonry. We are each that person who inspired us to consider joining the craft. For someone, we may be the only Freemason they have ever known or will ever know. It is incumbent upon us to make that impression as representative of our gentle craft as we can.

The Social Media Committee of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued the following notice: -

[http://massmasons.org/mmdocs/gov/guidelines/Social\\_Media\\_Code\\_of\\_Conduct\\_5-2012.pdf](http://massmasons.org/mmdocs/gov/guidelines/Social_Media_Code_of_Conduct_5-2012.pdf)

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### **How To Say It**

Jephtha	<u>jeff</u> -tha
Lamentation	<u>lam</u> -enn- <u>tay</u> -shun
Leisure	<u>leezh</u> -ur or <u>lezh</u> -ur
Legible	<u>lej</u> -i-bul ('i' as in 'it')
Lenient	<u>leen</u> -yent
Logic	<u>loj</u> -ick ('o' as in 'job')
Luminary	<u>loo</u> -min-air-ee
Magi	<u>maj</u> -eye
Magnanimity	<u>mag</u> -nan-im- <u>it</u> -ee
Malice	<u>mal</u> -iss ('a' as in 'cat')
Malign	ma- <u>line</u> or muh- <u>line</u>
Malignant	ma- <u>lig</u> -nant ('a' as in 'cat')
Masonry	<u>may</u> -son-ree (a three syllable word - only one 'a')
Mature	ma- <u>tyoor</u>
Materially	ma- <u>tee</u> -ree-al-lee
Meads (meadows)	<u>meeds</u>
Mercenary	<u>mur</u> -se- <u>nair</u> -ee
Mode	alphabetical 'o' - silent 'e'
Molestation	<u>moh</u> -less- <u>tay</u> -shun ('o' as in 'oh' or as in 'moss')
Morals	<u>more</u> -alz

- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work

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

#### **What is a Lewis?**

A Lewis is a device used to raise heavy objects (stone) and thus is a symbol of strength. In Masonry, a Lewis is the son of a Mason hence the derivation of "strength" since a man's strength is in his son. England initiates a Lewis at eighteen by dispensation; Scotland does it without a dispensation.



### **What is “just and legally (or lawfully) constituted”?**

A lodge is “just” - meaning complete, properly organized, legally entitled to conduct Masonic business, when the statutory number of brethren is present, when it has the proper furniture (the Great Lights), when its Charter is present, and when it has been opened by the Master, or, in his absence, by the proper Warden. A lodge is “legally constituted” when it has been “constituted, consecrated and dedicated” by a recognized and Masonically legal Grand Lodge also, when it has been opened after notice to the brethren, if a Special, and according to the by-laws, if a Stated, communication.

Some lodges occasionally are neither just nor legally constituted. Opening without the lawful number of brethren present, opening without a Charter in the room, or with the Great Lights absent, makes a lodge other than “just.” Clandestine lodges are never legally constituted. That which has no real existence cannot give real existence to its offspring.

### **What is a demit (or dimit - it is spelled differently in different Grand Jurisdictions)?**

Permission given a member to terminate his membership; the paper representing that permission.



In nearly all Grand Jurisdictions obtaining a demit is a formality; a lodge is obliged to grant a demit to him who asks it, provided he is in good standing and no charges have been or are about to be preferred against him. The theory is that as -he joined his lodge of his own free will and accord he should have the right to leave it in the same way. In some Grand Jurisdictions, a member may receive a demit only to join another lodge, or to remove from his Grand Jurisdiction to another.

### **What is a lodge Charter, or Warrant?**

The document given to brethren who are members of a “lodge under dispensation” - that is, permitted to meet as a lodge by a Grand Master - when such a -group becomes an actual lodge.

Charters, or Warrants of Constitution, are given only by Grand Lodge, and usually after a lodge under dispensation has demonstrated its fitness to receive that document. The Charter sets forth the facts, names the first Master and Wardens, and authorizes the group to be and to act as a regular lodge under the Grand Lodge granting the Charter. Subsequently to the granting of the Charter, and before going to work, the new lodge must be regularly constituted, dedicated and consecrated in a beautiful ceremony performed by Grand Lodge officers concerned in the formation of the new lodge.

Charters are now a necessity for any regular and recognized lodge. In an earlier day what are known as “time immemorial lodges” worked without charters; “The Lodge at Fredericksburg” which initiated, passed and raised George Washington had no charter until several years after these ceremonies.

### **What is an “emergent lodge”?**

Any regular lodge called for an emergency at a special communication by its Master. The purpose of such a meeting must be stated in the call, whether it be for an emergent degree on an elected candidate - as on one who has received sudden orders for foreign service - or to consider



an emergency requiring lodge action, or a sudden call for a greater amount of charity than the Master is willing to spend without lodge authorization.

### What is a “moon lodge”?

In the early days in this country many lodges met “on or after full moon,” or “on or before full moon.” Transportation was poor; roads were rough and difficult; getting from home to lodge was often a problem. Having the light of the moon made such journeys safer and easier. Many old lodges refused to change their dates of meeting even when the necessity for lunar meeting times had passed. But many Grand Lodges have legislated the “moon lodge” out of existence by insisting that their lodges meet upon definite dates, and others of the old moon lodges are gradually giving up that distinction in favour of the more practical settled date. Many of the older lodges that regularly meet during the third week of the month were originally “moon lodges.”

- One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry

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



Upper Canada Village  
Morrisburg, ON

thanks to Gerry Campbell, Riverdale-John Ross Robertson #494

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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*There is no better way to design a better future for yourself, your family, and your career than taking a day - preferably two - away from your usual routine to reflect on who you are and what you want.*

*- Mick Ukleja and Robert L. Lorber*



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## **Sunday July 1 2012**

### **Canada Day**



Canada Day, formerly Dominion Day, is Canada's national day, a federal statutory holiday celebrating the anniversary of the July 1, 1867, enactment of the British North America Act (today called the Constitution Act, 1867), which united two British colonies and a province of the British Empire into a single country within the empire called Canada. Canada Day observances take place throughout Canada as well as internationally.

Frequently referred to as 'Canada's birthday', particularly in the popular press, the occasion marks the joining of the British North American colonies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the

Province of Canada into a federation of four provinces (the Province of Canada being divided, in the process, into Ontario and Quebec) on July 1, 1867. (*I think some of us were there!*) Canada became a kingdom in its own right on that date, but the British Parliament kept limited rights of political control over the new country that were shed by stages over the years until the last vestiges were surrendered in 1982 when the Constitution Act patriated the Canadian constitution. (*I know many of us were there!*)

Under the federal Holidays Act, Canada Day is observed on July 1 unless that date falls on a Sunday, in which case July 2 is the statutory holiday, although celebratory events generally take place on July 1 even though it is not the legal holiday. If it falls on a Saturday, the following Monday is generally also a day off for those businesses ordinarily closed on Saturdays.

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## **Tuesday July 3 2012**

### **Guru Purnima**

Guru Purnima is a festival traditionally celebrated by Hindus and Buddhists. On this day, disciples offer worship or pay respect to their Guru (Spiritual Guide). Traditionally the festival is celebrated by Buddhists in the honour the lord Buddha who gave His first sermon on this day at Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh, India. While Hindus celebrate it in the honour of the great sage Vyasa, who is seen as one of the greatest gurus in ancient Hindu traditions, and a symbol of the Guru-shishya tradition. Vyasa was not only believed to have been born on this day, but also to have started writing the Brahma Sutras on ashadha sudha padyami which ends on this day, hence their recitations as a dedication to him, are organised on this day, which is also known as Vyasa Purnima.

The festival is common to all spiritual traditions in Hinduism, where it is dedicated to the expression of gratitude towards the teacher by his/her disciple. Hindu ascetics and wandering monks, observe this day by offering worship to the Guru, during the Chaturmas, a four month period during the rainy season, when they choose seclusion, and halt at one selected place; some also give discourses to the local public. Students of the Indian classical music, which also follows the Guru shishya parampara, celebrate this festival, around the world.

- Wikipedia



## Friday July 13 2012

### **Birch Cliff - Annual Charity Golf Tournament**



Eighteen holes of golf with cart, complimentary range facilities and a BBQ steak dinner. A Best Ball Tournament. Fantastic prizes. Lots of fun. We invite all brethren, ladies and guests to join us for a day of fun and friendship.

Proceeds from the day will support the Master's Charity, the Scarborough Hospital Foundation, and Dr. Allan Toguri and Prostate Cancer Research.

Time: 12:00 pm - Registration  
1:00 pm - T-Off

Location: Bushwood Golf Club  
10905 Reesor Rd., Markham, ON. L6B 1A8 Phone: 905-640-1233  
Cost: \$110/ea  
Contact: Theo Doughty @ [tm\\_doughty@live.ca](mailto:tm_doughty@live.ca) or 905.649.8394

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## Monday July 16 2012

### **157<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Communication**

Please see below.

**Special Announcement:** Bro. Chris Hodapp, author of "Freemasonry For Dummies" has agreed to speak to our Grand Lodge on Wednesday afternoon, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Plan now to come and hear this distinguished Masonic author and speaker.

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## Friday July 20 2012

### **Start of Ramadan**

The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind, and clear proofs of the guidance, and the Criterion (of right and wrong). And whosoever of you is present, let him fast the month, and whosoever of you is sick or on a journey, (let him fast the same) number of other days. Allah desireth for you ease; He desireth not hardship for you; and (He desireth) that ye should complete the period, and that ye should magnify Allah for having guided you, and that peradventure ye may be thankful.

- The Qur'an Surah 2:185 al-Baqarah



Ramadan, also written *Ramazan*, *Ramzan*, *Ramadhan*, *Ramdan*, *Ramadaan*, is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is the Islamic month of fasting, in which participating Muslims refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, and indulging in anything that is in excess or ill-natured; from dawn until sunset.

Every day during the month of Ramadan, Muslims around the world get up before dawn to eat *Suhoor* or *Sehri* or *Sahari* (meaning "something we eat at Sahar"), then they perform the *fajr* (or Sobh) prayer. They have to stop eating and drinking before the call for prayer starts until the fourth prayer of the day, *Maghrib*. Muslims break their fast at Maghrib (at sunset) prayer time with a meal called Iftar. Muslims may continue to eat and drink after the sun has set until the next morning's *fajr* prayer call. Then the process starts all over.



Fasting is meant to teach the Muslim patience, modesty and spirituality. Ramadān is a time for Muslims to fast for the sake of God (Arabic: Allah), and to offer more prayer than usual. During Ramadān, Muslims ask forgiveness for past sins, pray for guidance and help in refraining from everyday evils, and try to purify themselves through self-restraint and good deeds.

As compared to the solar calendar, the dates of Ramadan vary, moving forward about ten days each year as it is a moving festival depending on the moon. Ramadan was the month in which the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to the Islamic prophet Muhammad.

- Wikipedia.com

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*The world is divided into people who do things, and people who get credit. Try, if you can, to belong to the first class, there is far less competition.*

*- Dwight W. (Whitney) Morrow (1873-1931)*

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### **Saturday August 25 2012**

#### **Toronto East District - Senior Wardens' Association Corn Roast**

The Toronto East District Senior Wardens' Association, the Stonecutters, cordially invite all Masons, Family and Friends to an afternoon of food and festivities at WindReach Farm where everyone can take part.



A visit to WindReach Farm is an excellent opportunity to experience the sights, sounds, smells and touches of a working farm. The farm covers over 100 acres and offers an agricultural (farming) environment and a nature interpretation centre especially designed for groups of all ages and abilities. The animals love to have human contact!! Wheelchair accessible pathways, buildings, barns and washrooms combine to make a wonderful experience for anyone who comes out.



***This is a "rain or shine" event.*** There is a lot to see and do, with activities planned for the children and paths to walk for anyone wanting a scenic tour of the grounds. Should it rain, we will have access to meeting rooms, the upper level of the barn and the indoor riding arena so that events will continue no matter what the weather. And, of course, you can also sit and talk with your family and friends . . . and meet other members of the District, including the new DDGM!!

And don't forget THE FOOD!! There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and, of course, the star of the day . . . lots of Corn on the Cob cooked in a big iron pot on a tripod over a wood fire!!

Admission includes access to all of the WindReach Farm grounds and activities (excluding horseback riding), Corn Roast / BBQ. Tickets are available from your Senior Warden NOW.

Time: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Location: WindReach Farm

312 Townline Rd in the Hamlet of Ashburn, Ontario (Lakeridge Rd about 12 kms north of Taunton Rd - 1.9 kms east of Lakeridge.)

Cost: \$10/ea

\$25 - Family

Contact: Michael Morris @ [mmorris@cavalluzzo.com](mailto:mmorris@cavalluzzo.com) or 416.931.2954



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## **Sunday August 26 2012**

### **Doric - Annual Golf Tournament**



Nine holes of golf and a BBQ steak dinner with all the fixings. Loads of fun. We invite all brethren, ladies and guests to join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Loads, absolutely loads, of awards and prizes. Last year every participant got at least one prize; many got more. Motorized Golf Carts: \$8.50 per person on a two-person cart. Please **RSVP** in advance for allergy concerns and alternatives.

Time: 12:30 pm - T-Off - rain or shine  
about 4:30 pm-5:00 pm - Social and BBQ Steak Dinner.

Location: Riverside Golf Course  
837 Riverside Dr., Ajax, ON L1T 3R9 - 905.427.1921  
just north of Brock Rd. and Finch Ave.

Cost: \$47/ea - Golf and Dinner

\$27/ea - Golf only

\$20/ea - BBQ dinner only

\$10/ea - Kids Menu of hamburger, fries and salad

Contact: Terrence M. Doyle@ [tmdoyle@rogers.com](mailto:tmdoyle@rogers.com) or 905.839.3823 or cell - 416.528.3823

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*This is the very perfection of a man, to find out his own imperfections.*

*- St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430), United Service: A Monthly Review of Military and Naval Affairs-1895*

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## **Wednesday September 12 through Saturday September 15 2012**

### **Supreme Council of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree and its Subordinate Bodies for the Republic of Cuba - International Symposium**

The Supreme Council of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree and its Subordinate Bodies for the Republic of Cuba, in collaboration with the Grand Lodge of Cuba of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will convene a symposium on strategic topics to foster the validity of Masonry in contemporary society, summoning all the Regular Freemasons of the World and scholars on cultural, social, scientific and environmental topics related to the tenets and principles of Masonry.

#### Themes

I. Current and future perspectives of Masonry in the context of culture.

- a. Mission and vision in the cultural debate.
- b. Role of Freemasonry as an expression of cultural identity.
- c. Position in defence of diversity and cultural influence.
- d. New challenges for the enrichment of the Traditions.

II. Guidelines and priorities in relation to the challenges of scientific and technological development.

- a. Computer and internet.
- b. Biology and biotechnology.
- c. others



III. Freemasonry and Society.

- a. Global socio-economic problems.
- b. Financial crisis. Its impact.
- c. Imbalance between developed and developing countries.

IV. Masonry in relation to the deterioration of the environment.

- a. Urgent measures to global population growth.
- b. Global warming and its consequences.
- c. Preservation of flora and fauna.

Papers for the Symposium

- 1 - Topic: no more than 15 (fifteen) and not less than 6 (six) pages A4 type, 12 point Arial, single spaced and one-half (1 1/2), margins: 2 cm (left) and 1, 5 cm (top, right and bottom). The paper should express the theme or sub theme, title and author (or authors). The structure must conform to the following academic format: introduction, development, conclusions and recommendations, as well as the literature consulted (in standard form: author last name and initial-name, title, publisher and year, chapters, headings and pages). Must be sent in digital format (Word), in the author's original language and in Spanish.
- 2 - Summary: No more than 250 words, written in Arial 12 point, 1.5 spacing (1 1/2 lines.) The abstract should include the objective of the work and keywords. Be sent in digital format (Word), in the author's original language and Spanish.
- 3 - Presentation time: 15 (fifteen) minutes of presentation and 10 (ten) of debate.
- 4 - Format of work: plenary.
- 5 - Original papers that have been published may be presented.

Additionally include as an attachment the following:

- A. Name of author(s).
- B. Nation, Masonic Obedience and highest degree reached.
- C. If not a Mason: Personal data, synthesis of the academic curriculum and country.
- D. Logistical or technical requirements for presentation.
- E. Language to be used in the presentation.

Deadline for paper submissions is July 10, 2012 at 24:00 hours.

All submissions or requests for further information should be sent to the event's official address:

[simposio.supremo33.cuba@gmail.com](mailto:simposio.supremo33.cuba@gmail.com)

The working languages of the event will be Spanish and English. Depending on the participation of large delegations, other working languages may be incorporated.

Papers will not be returned to the authors and the Organizing Committee reserves the right to publication. The Scientific Committee is not responsible for the opinions of the authors and will not consider papers reflecting partisan positions on political or religious matters.

General Program

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Delegates</b>	<b>Companions</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Dress</b>
Sep. 11 - 12		Arrivals		Airport & Hotel	Foreign Delegates and Companions	Informal



Sep. 12	12:00 - 19:00	Delegates' accreditation	FREE	Meliá Cohíba Hotel	All Delegates Foreigners and Cubans	Street formal	
	21:00	Welcoming Cocktail		Meliá Cohíba Swimming Pool	All	Street formal	
Sep. 13	08:00		Country trip to Pinar del Río province. Visit to the Viñales Valley (lunch included).	Pinar del Río y Viñales	Foreigner Companions	Informal	
	09:00	Symposium inauguration. Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council of 33 <sup>rd</sup> Degree for the Republic of Cuba, I.P.H. Lázaro Faustino Cuesta Valdés speech.		Meliá Cohíba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal	
	10:00	Coffee Break					
	10:30 - 13:00	Work begins - Theme - "Present time and perspectives of Masonry in the context of Culture"		Meliá Cohíba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreigners and Cubans	Street formal	
	13:30	Lunch		Meliá Cohíba Buffet Restaurant	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban		
	15:00 - 18:00	Work continues - Theme - "Guidelines and priorities in relation to the challenges of scientific and technological development"		Meliá Cohíba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal	
	19:30	<u>BY INVITATION ONLY</u> Foreign Delegates (Freemasons) will be greeted by Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council of 33 <sup>rd</sup> Degree for the Republic of Cuba, members of the Supreme Council and their Subordinate Bodies.		Scottish Cathedral - Centro Habana	Invited Freemasons	Formal with Regalia	
Sep. 14	09:00	Work continues - Theme - "Masonry and Society"	FREE	Meliá Cohíba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal	
	10:00	Coffee Break	Shopping tour of Havana Handicraft Fairs. Lunch at city's restaurant.				
	11:00 - 13:00	Morning session continues		Meliá Cohíba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal	
	13:30	Lunch		Meliá Cohíba Buffet Restaurant	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal	
	15:00 - 18:00	Work continues - Theme - "Masonry in relation to the deterioration of the environment"	FREE	Meliá Cohíba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal	
	18:30	Symposium Closing	Meliá Cohíba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street forma		
	20:00	Tourist activity - 9 o'clock Gunshot Ceremony and dinner.		La Cabaña Castle & Rancho Palco Restaurante	Foreign Delegates and Companions	Informal	
Sep. 15	09:30	Tourist Activity - Havana City tour. Visit to the National Masonic Building "I. Bro. Carlos Manuel Piñeiro del Cueto."			Foreign Delegates and Companions	Informal	



		Greeting by Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Cuba of A.F. and A.M. and their Grand Officials. Cancellation of philatelic sheet and exhibition inauguration		Invited Cuban Delegates	
	13:30	Fraternal Lunch	Santo Ángel Restaurante, Old Square	Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates	Informal
	18:00	Floral offering to Apostle's R. Bro. José Julián Martí Pérez statue.	Central Park of Havana	Foreign Delegates and Companions, Cuban Delegates and Masonic people	Street formal Regalia for the heads of delegations
	19:00	Music concert and Art exposition with participation of members of the Fraternity and invited artists.	San Francisco de Asis Basilica	Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates	Street formal
	21:00	Farewell Dinner	"El Patio" Restaurant Cathedral Square		
Sep. 16 - 17		Foreign delegates and their companions depart for their respective countries			

**Additional Option (for foreign delegates and companions)**

Program extension with lodging in Varadero:

Sep. 16 - 09:00 Bus transfer to Varadero peninsula (Matanzas province). One night lodging in a 5 star resort hotel, All Inclusive. Enjoy the beach!

Sep. 17 - 13:00 Bus return to Havana.

NOTICE - Depending on each client's departure flight, it is possible to extend the stay in Varadero as many nights as desired and to make a direct transfer to Havana Airport for the return flight.



**The 157<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge**  
**Fairmont Royal York Hotel**  
**Monday, July 16 through Thursday July 19 2012**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

Your committee has received FIFTEEN (15) proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> proposal** deals with PART VI, CHARGES, and Paragraph 11.

The proposer wants to change it from the current 11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation in the body of Masonry to read:

*11. You admit that it is not in the power of any Man, or Body of Men, to make any Alteration or Innovation in the Body of Masonry without the consent first obtained of the Grand Lodge.*

The proposer is      W. Bro. Peter Renzland      ***Your committee finds this proposal irregular***

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal** is an amendment to Form 6 pertaining to an application for Initiation.

The proposer suggests that the words “being free by birth” be changed to “being a free man.”

The proposer is      W. Bro. Peter Renzland      ***Your committee finds this proposal irregular***

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> proposal** deals with Section 113 (Powers and Duties of Grand Secretary).

The proposer would like to add a section (q) to read as follows:

*(q) report the number of Grand Lodge members to each annual meeting of Grand Lodge.*

The proposer is      W. Bro. Peter Renzland      ***Your committee finds this proposal irregular***

**The 4<sup>th</sup> proposal** deals with Section 70 and suggests that the following sentence be added:

*Except as agreed to by the proposer, the text of the proposed amendment, along with any reasons provided by the proposer, shall be transmitted in its entirety, and unaltered, to the Grand Lodge members by the Grand Secretary.*

The proposer is      W. Bro. Peter Renzland      ***Your committee finds this proposal irregular***

**The 5<sup>th</sup> proposal** deals with the Powers and Duties of Standing Committees and Section 136(e) Constitution and Jurisprudence.

The proposer suggests “To consider the regularity or irregularity of proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge” be changed to *“To consider whether proposed amendments would introduce inconsistencies into the constitution of Grand Lodge, and if so, to report the particulars of such inconsistencies to the Grand Lodge.”*

The proposer is      W. Bro. Peter Renzland      ***Your committee finds this proposal irregular***

**The 6<sup>th</sup> proposal** deals with section 27, Meetings of Grand Lodge.

The proposer suggests that section 27 (c) be added as follows:

*“All motions, discussions, questions, answers, decisions, and other deliberations be recorded completely and accurately, and that the official minutes be a complete and accurate account of the recorded proceedings, and that any exception there from be noted, and the reasons stated.”*

The proposer is      W. Bro. Peter Renzland      ***Your committee finds this proposal irregular***



**The 7<sup>th</sup> proposal** deals with the issuance of a Certificate of Demission when a Candidate is non-responsive.

The proposer suggests a Section 194(a) be added to read as follows:

*“194(a) The lodge may, by resolution of which a notice of motion has been given and published in a summons for a regular meeting, and all reasonable attempts have been made to contact the brother, demit that brother who is in arrears of dues. A Certificate of Demission (dues owing) in accordance with prescribed Form 3 shall state the fact and the amount of the indebtedness of titre Brother to the lodge.”*

A new Form 3 for section 194(a) is as follows:

*This to certify that ( ) Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ has been demitted from membership of this lodge, being \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, numbered \_\_\_\_ in the register of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario; and that his demission from this lodge was accepted in open lodge in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20\_\_.*

*This action has been taken according to Section 194a in that his dues owing to this lodge are in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years.*

*This action being taken due to his failure to respond to all efforts to contact him up to and including by registered mail in regards to his dues owing. Given under the seal of the lodge this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20\_\_, in the Province of Ontario. (Lodge Seal)*

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Worshipful Master \_\_\_\_\_

The proposer is R.W. Bro. Robert R, Beckett **Your committee finds this proposal irregular**

**The 8<sup>th</sup> proposal** proposes a change to Section 161 of the Book of Constitution dealing with amalgamations and what will occur if the newly amalgamated ledges wish a totally new name and charter. It proposes adding sections (d) and (e) as follows:

*(d) Should an Amalgamated lodge decide to choose a name for itself that is different than any of the existing (Parent) lodges, and upon the approval of the Amalgamation by the Grand Master, the New Lodge MAY at their own expense produce a New Charter or Warrant. This new Charter or Warrant will be submitted to be Endorsed and Sealed by the Grand Lodge to be displayed in order to conduct business in accordance to Sections 173 through 181 of the Book of Constitution, so long as the new Charter meets the requirements set out in Subsection (e)*

*(e) Any NEW Charter produced shall be worded and presented in a dignified manner so as to reflect properly on both the Amalgamated Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. This New Charter should be patterned from one of the charters of the Amalgamated Lodges and be as close of a copy as possible save for some minor alterations as outlined below:*

*The New charter shall have the New Amalgamated Lodge Name and Number, and make reference for posterity the names and numbers of the amalgamated lodges so as to preserve their history, while allowing the New Lodge to begin writing its own:*

*To show that this Charter is for an Amalgamated lodge, an Asterisk ‘\*’ shall be placed to the right of the Lodge Number if the Amalgamated Lodge is retaining the Registry Number of one of the original lodges. There is no need for this if the amalgamated lodge has chosen to be issued a new Number. The new charter should name the Worshipful Master and Wardens at the time of the imagination. The names of any other officers or Brethren present at the amalgamation, may also be included, but are not required.*

The proposer is W. Bro. David Goetz **Your committee finds this proposal irregular**



**The 9<sup>th</sup> proposal** deals with a change to Section 175 which is under the heading “Warrants” it proposes adding sub sections (a) through (e) as follows:

*(a) The Grand Lodge will issue ONE Warrant to each Lodge at its INITIAL formation as set out in Section 153 through 155 in the Book of Constitution. This is the ONLY Warrant that will be provided by Grand Lodge, if a NEW Charter or Warrant is requested or required by the Lodge then obtaining a New Charter will be at the expense of the lodge making the request.*

*(b) A New or Replacement Charter may only be requested for the following reasons.*

- *Loss of the original Warrant due to Theft, Fire, Flood, or other Natural Disaster.*
- *Due to the aging, or discolouring, of the original*
- *Due to the Amalgamation of Lodges.*

*(c) Once a new charter request has been received and approved by Grand Lodge, the requesting lodge can then either produce one on their own, or purchase one from the Grand Lodge. If the Lodge making the request for the new or replacement charter chooses to create their own, the NEW Charter produced should be worded and presented in a dignified manner so as to reflect properly on both the requesting Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The New Charter should be patterned from an existing charter of another Lodge and be as close of a copy as possible, save for the Lodge Name, Number, and Names of the Officers.*

*(d) If the New Charter requested is being made for reasons No. 1 or 2 as outlined in Subsection B above, the requesting lodge shall obtain the names of the founding lodge officers as well as the Grand Lodge officers who originally endorsed the charter, so they can be included in the replacement charter. If at all possible, the Grand Lodge officers who originally signed the charter should also endorse the replacement, otherwise the current Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary will sign the replacement. In either case, the replacement charter will be designated as a replacement by a lower case ‘r’ being placed to the right of the Lodge Number.*

*(e) If a new charter is being request as a result of amalgamation, the request for such will only be approved if the amalgamated lodge has chosen a new name for itself as outlined in Section 161, regardless of whether the Lodge retains an existing Registry Number or selects a new one.*

The proposer is W. Bro. David Goetz

***Your committee finds this proposal irregular***

**The 10<sup>th</sup> proposal** deals with a proposed amendment to Section 199 of the B of C regarding when a brother is considered in arrears of dues and reads as follows:

*199. A brother shall be considered in arrears of dues if he is default in payment of them as of the end of two months of the current Masonic year of his lodge as stipulated in the by-taws of the lodge.*

The proposer is V.W. Bro. Bernard Hopkins

***Your committee finds this proposal irregular***

**The 11<sup>th</sup> proposal** deals with Section 114 under the master heading Powers and Duties of Other Grand Lodge Officers,

It is proposed that section 114 be amended by adding the sentence,

*The Grand Registrar shall assume District Deputy Grand Master responsibility for the Heritage Lodge No. 730.*

The proposer is R. W. Bro. David Mackey

***Your committee finds this proposal Regular***



**The 12<sup>th</sup> proposal** is an amendment to Section 383A dealing with research lodges and it proposes that a section (p) be added to read as follows:

*The Grand Registrar shall be the Grand Master's representative for the research lodge, Heritage Lodge No, 730, and assume all duties relating to a District Deputy Grand Master,-pursuant-to Sections 96 through 109 inclusive.*

The proposer is R. W. Bro. David Mackey **Your committee finds this proposal Regular**

**The 13<sup>th</sup> proposal** deals with Section 302(b). It proposes that the list number (1) through (ix) be amended as follows:

*Firstly, that the word 'and' at the end of item numbered (viii) be deleted.*

*Secondly, that the word 'and' be inserted after the word 'lodge' in item (ix) and thirdly that the item (x) Lodge membership cards" be added after item (ix).*

The proposer is R. W. Bro. Forrest McQuaker **Your committee finds this proposal irregular**

The 14<sup>th</sup> proposal deals with Section 152 dealing with Fees Payable to Grand Lodge and in particular sub section (m) and it reads as follows:

*(m) Fifteen dollars per annum payable January 2013 for every member of each lodge whose fees have not been commuted to Grand Lodge, including honorary and charter members.*

The proposer is W. Bro. Ronald Cowalchuk **Your committee finds this proposal irregular**

**The 15<sup>th</sup> proposal** deals with an amendment to Section 136, Powers and Duties of Standing Committees sub section (c) and it reads as follows:

*In partnership with Brock University encourage research into the significant impact fraternalism in general and Freemasonry in particular have made on society here in Canada and throughout the world and to publish yearly financial statements through the Audit and Finance Committee of all Grand Lodge donations to Project 2937.*

The proposer is W. Bro. Ronald Cowalchuk **Your committee finds this proposal irregular**

## REGISTRATION

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall on Tuesday evening July 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **NOTE:** Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.

ENTRY TO CONCERT HALL WILL BE THROUGH SALON B.

***All balloting, except district elections for the office of D.D.G.M., and if required, a second ballot for the office of grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be done at the time of registration in the Concert Hall. The district elections for the D.D.G.M. shall commence at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>.***

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSSES

**WEDNESDAY JULY 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm SHARP!**



## PROXIES

The rules relating to the issue and use of proxies are defined in Sections 56 and 57 of the Book of Constitution. *Please read carefully.*

### Regalia Room

The Ontario Room on the Convention Floor will be available to the general membership to change into regalia on Wednesday and Thursday but must be vacated by 3:00 pm Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> to be used for District Meetings. For safety's sake, hats and coats, regalia bags, etc. should be checked in the hotel checkroom as neither the Fairmont Royal York Hotel nor Grand Lodge will be responsible for loss or theft.

### District Meetings

*At District Meetings, all ballots, regardless of colour, are **ONE VOTE** only.* The District Meetings for the election of District Deputy Grand Masters and for such other business as may properly be brought before them will be held at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> in the following rooms.

<u>District</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Floor</u>
Toronto Don Valley	5:00-5:50	Upper Canada	18 <sup>th</sup>
Toronto East	4:00-4:50	Ontario	Convention
Toronto Humber Valley	4:00-4:50	Upper Canada	18 <sup>th</sup>
Toronto West	5:00-5:50	Concert Hall	Convention
York	4:00-4:50	Concert Hall	Convention

## Agenda

### Monday July 16

The **Board of General Purposes** will meet in the Ballroom, on the Convention floor at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm. R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, will preside.

### Tuesday July 17

The **Board of General Purposes** will meet at 10:00 am in the Ballroom.

MEET THE NOMINEES - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Salon A - Convention Floor

### Wednesday July 18

**Grand Lodge** will assemble in the Canadian Room at 8:45 am, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling presiding.

*Note: Appropriate Dress for admission to Grand Lodge Communication (Canadian Room) will be Jacket, Shirt and Tie.*

Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in Grand Lodge before 8:30 am on Wednesday. Distinguished visitors, representing other Grand Jurisdictions, will be received and welcomed.

An Address of Welcome will be tendered and Grand Lodge will then proceed with business until 11:30 am.

The brethren are asked to reassemble after lunch in the same place at 1:30 pm.

### Thursday July 19

**Grand Lodge** will reassemble at 8:45 am in the Canadian Room.

The **installation and investiture of Grand Lodge officers and the newly elected D.D.G.M.s** will take place in the Canadian Room, at such time as the Grand Master shall direct. It is essential that each one be present and that he bring his regalia with him. Every member of Grand Lodge is expected to be present sharp on time.



### **Instruction Class for D.D.G.M.s-Elect Only**

The Custodian of the Work will instruct the new D.D.G.M.s on Thursday morning, July 19 at 7:59 am in the Alberta Room.

The D.D.G.M.s will see that their successors are in attendance and on time. They will also be present in Grand Lodge, with the regalia for the new D.D.G.M.s, and be prepared to invest at the proper time in the installation ceremonies.

The instruction class is for the new D.D.G.M.s only. Others cannot be admitted. The D.D.G.M.-elect will have with him his Past Master's apron so that he can go directly from the class to Grand Lodge. Our time for instruction is very limited - so it is essential that all assemble on time.

### **Seminars**

Tuesday July 17

Discussion and participation seminars for all brethren. Pre-registration not required.

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Alberta Room</u></b>	<b><u>B.C. Room</u></b>	<b><u>Quebec Room</u></b>	<b><u>Algonquin Room</u></b>
1:30 to 2:20	What Works For You	Membership and Mentoring	Diversity in Masonry	Computer Resources
2:30 to 3:20	Cornerstone Project	Membership and Mentoring	Diversity in Masonry	Computer Resources
3:30 to 4:20	Cornerstone Project	What Works For You	What Works For You	Computer Resources

### ***GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET***

Wednesday July 18, 2012

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

**V.W. Bro. Harry Ansara**

*Distinguished Toast Master*

Guest Speaker

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Doors open at 6:00 pm. Special Entertainment.

Tickets \$58 available from the D.D.G.M.s.

Cash sales only. Sales cease July 12, 2012.

Reserved tables of 8 direct from Grand Lodge.



## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### Protocol, Etiquette and Essence: Are We On The Right Path?

For the past couple of years we have received, in monthly instalments, the fruits of the labour of the Protocol & Etiquette Committee. Excellent work which has been effective in fostering elegant uniformity in the external appearance of our Craft.

We have seen of late brethren engaged in a race to out-do each other in the observance of these rules of protocol and etiquette, called “Essentials”; we have seen a remarkable improvement in “name-calling” - I mean: the proffering of full list of rank and titles of everybody in sight, the more the merrier, repeatedly, unconcerned about the unstoppable ticking of the clock toward the midnight hour; we have seen deviations to these rules, especially the “name-calling” rule, big or small, treated as “mortal sins” . . . - but, what about Essence?

To answer this question I have looked into the past, when Freemasonry was in full bloom; when wise, good and virtuous men gathered together, as equals, for the purpose of fostering the progress of Humanity; when status, station, age, education, rank and all other distinctions among men were considered before Masonry profane; when the regent had no hesitation in trading his sceptre for the humble apron and sat beside the labourer, addressing one another by the noblest of titles: “Brother.”

We read in the ritual of the Apprentice Degree approved by the Gran Logia de Cuba in 1947: -

“- Profane, you are blindfolded - deprived of the use of the most beautiful of the senses; you don't know the place where you are or the identity of those who surround you, but do not fear: in this Temple you are among men of honour who will help you as guides, as they are committed to support you through the difficulties in life. By your free will and accord you have come to a society that you do not know, bringing with you only your genuine desire to do good. You do not come, profane, to a perfect society, because human perfection does not exist; but you have come to an Institution where pure and virtuous men are found from every country, who seek, without the political antagonisms nor the intransigence of religions, universal brotherhood and progress by means of instruction, love and charity, that should make brothers to all rational beings, in the joys of happiness, as in the pains of misfortune.”



Those who are familiar with Cuban Masonry will know that the only title used in a Cuban lodge is that of “Venerable Maestro” designating the Worshipful Master - all other brethren, no matter what office they had held or hold in any other body or Grand Body, call each other “Brother.”

Bro. Johann Gottliebe Fichte wrote (1803): -  
“Men of all ranks, regents, princes, nobles, the learned, artists, men of business, entered it [Freemasonry]; Catholics, Lutherans, and Calvinists were initiated and called one another “Brother.”



Bro. Karl Christian Friedrich Krause said (1808): -

“In the spirit of Freemasonry all workers [Masons] are to call themselves brothers; because they have as pure humans united like children of one great family of God on earth, in order to make themselves all completed and harmonious, and to foster mankind’s progress on earth;”

In those days, continued Krause, the candidate for initiation was prepared: -

“ . . . in a room in the lodge, and it was taken away from him all that could remind him of his station and of his peculiarity, so as to appear pure, as a man, as a brother, before the eyes of the Freemasons, who wanted to raise and build men first and Humanity the most, to a pure, undivided [that is: undifferentiated], healthy nature.”

Krause again: -

“If one were to leave out or add something to our customs and ceremonies, or overload it with vain ornamentations, and at the same time to colour it, in so doing he would easily violate the model of Masonry and of the Masonic fraternity, thus destroying the distinctive chiaroscuro which has connected so closely the Spirit with the Essence, which does so well to the heart and the historical meaning”

And finally with Fichte: -

“All that looks to differences among men, whether to skill in art or learning or virtue, is before Masonry profane. This conception, firm and thoroughly defined and clear in itself, we must undoubtedly make a canon of Masonry and a principle of critique of everything Masonic if we have to set up such a critique.”

As you can see, Brethren, from these brief accounts of years past, of the golden age of the Craft, distinctions and impressive titles were considered profane to the true spirit of Masonry and its Essence: - universal human brotherhood.

In our world, today, complete strangers address one another with first names as soon as they first meet - no titles. Are we firmly “on the level” when in lodge we differentiate our members by progressive titles? Are we wise in differentiating our lodges from non-descriptive to “Cornerstone Lodges?” Is a cornerstone lodge more Masonic than a run-of-the-mill lodge?

In the latest issue of the Protocol & Etiquette Essentials of March 2011, there is an eloquent explanation of the honorific title “Worshipful” owed to the Master of the lodge - the brother holding the gavel: -

“Worshipful” is an old English word signifying “worthy of respect.” Masonically it is a title of respect for the office of the presiding officer, the Master, whom the brethren believe possessed of sufficient knowledge, wisdom, and integrity to preside over them in a proper manner.”

You have seen that, before I attended at the lectern to deliver this brief address, I gave the gavel to the brother entitled to receive it, our DDGM; therefore, as I speak, I am no longer the “Presiding Officer” and you can call me just Brother Lombardo. So should all past masters and all other past grand officers - as they are no longer presiding - be afforded the highest possible Masonic title: that of “Brother.”

Further down in the March issue of P&E Essentials we find these words: “ . . . common sense should prevail over protocol.”

Author: Vincent Lombardo



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