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Men join a lodge for many reasons, some of which are the wrong ones. So they leave. Some lodges have lost their soul and are living dead. So members leave. When ritual becomes deadly routine instead of fresh re-enacting of a timeless message, it matters little whether done all at once, in a few months, or in the course of years. The lodge is the temple of fraternity; all the other degrees, rites and titles are

secondary, but they give you the chance to broaden your Masonic circle, your Masonic world. Once you realize this, you can live a happy, productive and satisfying Masonic life.

- Bro. Leon Zeldis, Fiat Lux Email Forum-2011

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,



I can't believe that this is my last message to you as DDGM. I must say, this past year has been one of the best years of my life. The events in my personal life obviously are at the top of that list, but not far behind is the honour that you have bestowed on me. I've mentioned a couple times, when my parents died, I went off the deep end. If I continued down the road I was on, I don't think I'd be here today. Then I met Marina and I had something to straighten out for. It wasn't overnight, but I slowly got my life back on a track. Not a fast upwardly mobile track, but at least in some form of control. It was time to get back to Masonry, and without a question of a doubt without the influence of you all and the Craft, I would not be the man I am today. Each of you has affected my life in some way, and I thank you all for that.

When R.W. Bro. Palanik announced my name at Grand Lodge last year, few moments can match the feeling. I would encourage any of you who are contemplating taking a run at this office, do it. The experience of the last year has been one I will never forget. From the kindness and



respect you have shown me, to the wonderful welcoming you gave Marina each time she came out, you have made this a most memorable year. Thank you.

Toronto East District is a fantastic district. This year we have had 11 new Worshipful Masters take the chair and 15 of our Senior Wardens are Master Masons. A very bright future. The slate of Past Masters in this district is second to none in my opinion. We have Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls and Very Worshipfuls among the active Past Masters. Past Masters of the District, I challenge you to identify and assist the bright young leaders of our district. Mentor them, encourage them to seize the opportunity and help them grow our fraternity. You are a wonderful resource and although you served your lodge well through the chairs, your job is not done. From your example, our new leaders will grow.

Harry Truman once said, "Progress occurs when courageous, skilful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better". Allow our younger leaders to challenge our norms, to push the envelope. Not change our Craft, but allow them to bring their own life experience to Lodge. What worked in your year, may not work for them in theirs.

John C. Maxwell is an author and expert writer on leadership. His books have sold over 19 million copies. To many, his books are considered must haves. When asked to describe a good leader, he said, "People buy into the leader before they buy into the vision." If you are planning on going to the East or beyond, remember those words. Be an encourager to those that follow you, not a discourager. When a brother makes an error doing floor work, don't chastise him. Congratulate him on his efforts and what he did well. He will feel bad enough about the error. He doesn't need anyone to remind him. We are a fraternity, a brotherhood, and brothers support each other.

We have seen some encouraging things this Masonic year. One Lodge has rebounded from the brink of darkness to initiate four new members. A second Lodge saw its members make a firm commitment to revitalizing their Lodge, and began a progressive planning process. A third Lodge took the very risky move of moving their meeting location to accommodate the members who lived out of town. Each move has shown early positive encouraging signs, led by Worshipful Masters that were willing to take risks. Again, I remind you, we have a wonderful breadth of knowledge and experience in our current and emerging district leaders.

Our PDDGM's have each made an impact on Toronto East District and through their efforts, we are where we are today. The foundation they laid has allowed you to build the superstructure that is Toronto East District. Do not rest on your laurels. Be proud of what you have each accomplished in your Masonic career and collectively, you can keep Toronto East District in the forefront of our jurisdiction, an example for others to follow.

For any man to do the job of DDGM, he requires incredible support, from many different sources. From family to work to friends, each supports the DDGM in their own way. This year for me never would have happened without two people. Marina has been a wonderful support. She has spent many nights home alone, but never complained. She understood what this year meant and has participated as much as possible.

The other person who has made this year what it has been is my great friend W. Bro. Malcolm Parish. The countless hours he has put in this year has enabled me to focus on my duties. The brethren of Toronto East District thank you Malcolm. You have discharged your duties with honour and great dignity.



Words really can't express what your support has meant this year, Malcolm. You have traveled miles to be by my side, not just this year, but for the last four years. I can only say thank you. Earlier in the year, I described you as my constant Masonic companion. In reality, you have been much more than that. You have been my older brother, my confidant, my advisor and my great friend. You are the epitome of what it means to be a Mason, and I am so proud to have shared this journey with you. I would not have been the same without you. Thank you.

Brethren, on behalf of W. Bro. Malcolm Parish and our families, thank you for this wonderful experience, and may the Great Architect of the Universe protect you and guide you through your Masonic journeys.

Thank you.

R.W. Bro. David J. Neave
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



EVENTS CALENDAR:

July 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<p><u>1</u> Canada Day</p> 	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<p><u>10</u> * Doric - English Constitution 1st Degree Exemplification 7:30 pm see below Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>11</u> * Birch Cliff - Annual Charity Golf Tournament see below Bushwood Golf Club</p>	<p><u>12</u> * Doric - Jamaica Farewell Dance 8:00 pm see below Doric Pickering</p>	<u>13</u>
<p><u>14</u> 159th Communication of Grand Lodge * Board of General Purposes</p>	<p><u>15</u> 159th Communication of Grand Lodge * Board of General Purposes * Seminars * Voting Delegates Registration</p>	<p><u>16</u> 159th Communication of Grand Lodge * Grand Lodge * Voting Delegates Registration * District Elections * Grand Master's Banquet</p>	<p><u>17</u> 159th Communication of Grand Lodge * Grand Lodge * Installation and Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers and DDGMs</p>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<p><u>27</u> End of Ramadan Food! The end of those headaches!</p>
<p><u>28</u> Start of Eid ul-Fitr</p>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>			



August 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<u>4</u> Simcoe Day Last long weekend of the summer	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
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<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * TED - SW's BBQ and Corn Roast see below WindReach Farm	<u>24</u> * Doric - Annual Golf Fun Day see below Spring Creek Golf Course
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AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

The District Deputy this year has chosen The Mikey Network as his Charity of choice. The Mikey Network works to promote heart healthy lifestyles. They are committed to placing “MIKEYS” (Automatic External Defibrillators) in high-risk locations to help people affected by sudden cardiac arrest. This is not your regular charity. This is a network of people who want to make a real difference in the lives of people just like us, in neighbourhoods just like yours with a life saving device, with the MIKEY unit. They receive not Government or United Way funding and must achieve their goals through support from organizations and individuals like us. So far, 16 people have been saved by a MIKEY! Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any time. This is why we need MIKEYs in Toronto East District.



Thank you.

V.W. Bro. Gerry Newall

District Chairman

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

- C. S. (Clive Staples) 'Jack' Lewis (1898-1963)

Remember the North East Corner

Community Care Durham (CCD), established in 1977, is a multi-service registered charitable organization committed to providing access to a range of services needed to maintain well-being, independence and quality of life. Services are provided free of charge or for a minimal fee and are administered through various service locations across Durham Region.



- **Meals on Wheels:** Nutritious hot or frozen meals are delivered by volunteers to clients in their homes. Online ordering is now available in Ajax-Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington, Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock Township.
- **Transportation:** Volunteers provide transportation to clients for medical appointments, shopping, etc.
- **Friendly Visiting:** Volunteers visit on a regular basis to share in activities and companionship with clients.
- **Luncheon Out:** Group outings for clients to enjoy a nutritious meal and entertainment in a social setting.
- **Telephone Reassurance:** Volunteers provide regular contact to check on the well-being of clients.
- **Home Help:** Brokered helpers provide assistance with light housekeeping, etc.
- **Home Maintenance:** Brokered helpers provide assistance with yard work, snow shovelling, etc.
- **Foot Care Clinics:** Services are provided by registered foot care nurses.

Many of us have already had need for their services, and if not, will do in the future. *There is a great need for volunteers as drivers* to provide Friendly Visiting, Transportation and Meals on Wheels. Volunteers find the experience very satisfying as the clients are usually very grateful to receive contact and assistance that otherwise would not be available. Please help, providing charity in the form of personal time and assistance rather than a cheque.

www.communitycaredurham.on.ca/contact.html



FYI

In 1801, Czar Alexander I of Russia banned the craft. In 1803, he rescinded the order and became a Freemason. But in 1822, he again ordered Freemasonry banned in Russia.

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

Toronto East Masonic Centre



June has turned out to be an extremely busy month for the Directors. Our President, Jim McKinnon, has been finding it almost a full time commitment. Directors Bob Steenson and Joe Lefevre have also been putting in extensive amounts of time. Other Directors have been providing many hours of commitment in dealing with specific tasks. As Chair, I thank every Director for their efforts.

Canadian Revenue Agency has not yet made a ruling on our HST Input Tax Credit (ITC) claim. The Board will use its volunteer resources to ensure it receives the ITC claim it is due.

The Board continues to be concerned about the delays being caused by past issues but have yet to engage a specialist to assist in a project review as I had reported in May's message.

On July 2nd, the soil sampling drilling will begin to complete the Phase 2 environmental study. We are also doing a geotechnical examination of buildings on site for any asbestos or lead. The whole property has already been paint marked for hidden underground services, a pre-requirement before drilling can begin.

We are waiting on our Auditors for the draft Annual Financial Report for the year ended October 31, 2013.

The Board had a Strategic Planning day and agrees as to the next strategic requirements and our continuing desire to bring Toronto East Masonic Temple to a reality. We have agreed our mission is: To build and maintain a self-sufficient Masonic Temple for the Masons of Toronto East District. The Board also hopes it can also evolve into being a meeting place for East Toronto Community groups.

Our revised pro-forma is undergoing corrections to reflect the soft costs that have already been expensed and to correct assumptions that were made in error.

The Board is currently reviewing proposals from a number of financial funders and developers. We have yet to choose a partner as the trickle of proposals has turned into a flood and the Board wants to be sure that the partner proposal we chose integrates the best with our corporate mission and Masonic beliefs.

2316543 Ontario Limited, a for-profit corporation is also known as ProjectCo. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Toronto East Masonic Centre (TEMC). TEMC is a non-profit organization created by the Masons of Lodges in Toronto East District whose purpose is to build and maintain a new Masonic temple. The members of its Board of Directors are: Gerry Campbell (Chair), Jim McKinnon (President), Bob Steenson (Treasurer), Michael Morris (Secretary), Neil Friedman, Joe Lefevre and Roy Gomes. This report is prepared by the Chair with the valued input of the Board.

- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373



I Did Not Know That !

Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

I Was Wondering

In the Masonic Year of 1976-77, the Education Committee of Toronto Masonic District No. 3 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (many of the lodges of which were realigned into the current Toronto East District), 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

Why does the Candidate wear the cable-tow while taking his Obligation? He comes of his own free will, yet the cable-tow is a symbol of restraint.

With us, the cable-tow serves the practical purpose of restraint. As a symbol, it has several different meanings. I suggest:

1. The implicit duty of regular attendance; 'if within the length of my cable-tow,' as noted in another question and in the Obligation of the 3rd degree.
2. Humility; it, the frame of mind in which one enters the order.
3. Submission; to the regulations, tenets and principles of the Craft.
4. The bondage of ignorance until one sees the light, later on.

What is the meaning of the word "hele?"

To hide, conceal, keep secret. The *Oxford English Dictionary* quotes the earliest English use of the word in 975 over a thousand years ago.

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Books! Did You Say, "Books?"

A significant amount of Masonic material has recently become available through the Internet Archive - <https://archive.org>

By using the keyword 'freemasonry', and 'Texts' and doing a search, you will get a list of available books. You can then rank the results by choosing from the headings under 'Advanced Search' on the right side of the page.

Given a little time, you may find many of the texts advertised as "rare and expensive books" available on CD or DVD for the nominal price of only . . . plus shipping and handling.



Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Owen Sound Masonic Hall, Owen Sound, ON
with thanks to Steve Hudson - Doric Lodge #424

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

*Life is a dream walking - death is a going home.
- Chinese Proverb*

Thursday July 10 2014

Doric - English Constitution 1st Degree Exemplification

For more than 20 years, Doric has been conducting alternating visits with Hamilton Lodge of Spanish Town Jamaica. This year, they are here!

Hamilton Lodge will be doing the exemplification of an English Constitution 1st degree. Come and witness the degree ritual as it was before it started being modified to become the Canadian Working.

Dress is business suit. There will be a catered dinner following.

Time: 7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Doric Pickering
Cost: donations gratefully accepted
Contact: Corey Rick @ biggest_smile@hotmail.com or 905.622.6561



Friday July 11 2014

Birch Cliff - Annual Charity Golf Tournament



A shotgun start followed by 18 holes of golf with a cart followed by a Steak Dinner to round out what should be a wonderful day. Fantastic Prizes. Lots of Fun. The tournament is in support of Prostate Cancer research under the guidance of Dr. Alan Toguri.

All brethren, ladies and guests are most welcome for a day of fun and camaraderie.

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

7:00 pm - Dinner

Location: Bushwood Golf Club
10905 Reesor Road, Markham, ON. L6B 1A8 - Phone: 905.640.1233

Cost: \$115 ea

Contact: Roy Morris @ roy.morris123@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7390

Saturday July 12 2014

Doric - Jamaica Farewell Dance

Hamilton Lodge from Jamaica will be going home in the following days. Time to give them a little Jump-Up.

Come on out and enjoy an evening with Masons of a Jamaican persuasion. Wear your tropical party clothes. The forecast doesn't show any snow or sleet. It should be a great time. Prove to them that us Canajuns is a fun bunch of people! "We bare footin'."

A late evening repast and cash bar.

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Doric Pickering

Cost: \$20 ea

Contact: Corey Rick @ biggest_smile@hotmail.com or 905.622.6561



Monday July 14 2014

159th Annual Grand Lodge Communication

See the Grand Lodge section below.



Monday July 28 2014

Eid ul-Fitr



Eid ul-Fitr, also called Feast of Breaking the Fast, the Sugar Feast, Bayram (Bajram), the Sweet Festival and the Lesser Eid, is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. The religious Eid is a single day and Muslims are not permitted to fast on that day. The holiday celebrates the conclusion of the 29 or 30 days of dawn-to-sunset fasting during the entire month of Ramadan. The day of Eid, therefore, falls on the first day of the month of Shawwal. This is a day when Muslims around the world show a common goal of unity. The date for the start of any lunar month varies based on the observation of new moon by local religious authorities, so the exact day of celebration varies by locality. However in most countries, it is generally celebrated on the same day as Saudi Arabia.

Before the advent of Islam in Arabia, there is mention of festivals as well as some others among the Arabs. The Israelites had festivals as well, but as is evident from the Old Testament and other scriptures, these festivals related more to commemorating certain days of their history.

Eid ul-Fitr was originated by the Islamic prophet Muhammad. It is observed on the first of the month of Shawwal at the end of the month of Ramadan, during which Muslims undergo a period of fasting.

According to certain traditions, these festivals were initiated in Medina after the migration of Muhammad from Mecca. Anas reports:

When the Prophet arrived in Medina, he found people celebrating two specific days in which they used to entertain themselves with recreation and merriment. He asked them about the nature of these festivities at which they replied that these days were occasions of fun and recreation. At this, the Prophet remarked that the Almighty has fixed two days of festivity instead of these for you that are better than these: Eid ul-Fitr and Eid ul-Adha.

For Muslims, both the festivals of Eid ul-Fitr and Eid ul-Adha are occasions for showing gratitude to God and remembering Him, and are an occasion of entertainment.

As-alamu-alaiku
- Wikipedia

One of the best ways to persuade others is with your ears - by listening to them.
- Dean Rusk (1909-1994)

Saturday August 23 2014

Toronto East District - Annual BBQ and Corn Roast

The district Annual BBQ and Corn Roast held by The Guardians (Senior Wardens Group 2013/14), Toronto East District. This is an opportunity for the full extended family to participate in an outdoor fun day in a farm-like setting. Pet the animals. Step in that squishy stuff. Take it home with you on your shoes.



Children from 1 month to 99 years will have a good time and enjoy themselves. Bring the wife. Bring the kids. Bring the grandkids. Bring the neighbour's grandkids. Get your face



painted. Do you want to tire out that kid who's always on the run? It makes you weary just thinking up answers to the questions, doesn't it? See how many chickens they can catch! That'll slow them down for the evening.

A great opportunity to introduce a perspective candidate to members of the Craft. Hamburgers, hot dogs, vegetarian fare and corn will be available. Did I mention there would be corn?

Proceeds will go to WindReach Farm.

Time: 11:00 am
Location: WindReach Farm
Cost: \$10 ea - Adult
\$25 - Family
Contact: Your Senior Warden

Sunday August 24 2014

Doric - Annual Golf Fun Day



Come out and have a nice relaxing round of golf on a pristine Full Length nine hole course, followed by some fellowship with your brethren and fellow golfers in the Clubhouse that overlooks the Ninth Hole. Then enjoy a nice BBQ Steak Dinner all for the cheapest Masonic Golf Game of the Year.

Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Spring Creek Golf and Country Club
Concession 9 and Westney Rd, Claremont, ON
Cost: \$60 ea - Adult
\$25 ea - Steak Dinner only
Contact: Keith Larocque @ tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com or 905.721.8701

*We are here to add what we can to life, not to get what we can from life.
- William Osler, 1st Baronet (1849-1919)*

Thursday September 4 2014

The Beaches - Military Degree Team

The newly formed Military Degree Team will be conducting the ceremony of Initiation in full military dress, medals and decorations, and with military gusto for two currently serving soldiers.

The Military Degree Team is composed of current and former members of the Canadian Armed Forces as well as members of Canada Lodge UD, Kandahar Afghanistan.

In attendance will be veterans of World War II, the Korean and Afghan Wars, as well as a number of surprise VIPs.

Following the degree, there will be a Festive Board with an address by one or more of our surprise VIPs.

Visiting brethren are most welcome and current or retired members of the CAF are encouraged to wear their medals and decorations.



If you wish to participate in the Degree Team, please contact Bro Joseph Curry.

Time: 7:00 pm - Lodge opens
7:30 pm - Visitors received
Location: York Temple
1100 Millwood Rd., Toronto
Cost: \$10 - Banquet
Contact: Joseph Curry @ joseph.curry1@gmail.com or 647.893.6298

There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
- Bro. Will Rogers (1879-1935)

Saturday October 25 2014

The Imperial East Gate - 1st Annual Chili Cookoff and Trivia Night

An evening of tasteful delights followed by an 'I didn't know that!' Trivia contest.

If you want to participate in the Chili competition, please contact John Grouios and let him know you are bringing a chili. There is an entry limit of 10 chilis. If you don't want to participate in the chili competition, that's OK.



The trivia competition is table against table (~8 people per table). If you don't have eight or would like to join a table, that's encouraged! This event is for Masons and non-Masons alike and is an excellent friend-to-friend function for your Lodge! Cash bar.

Prizes for the Best Chili and the Trivia Winners.

The proceeds from this event will benefit the charity of the new DDGM.



Time: 5:30 pm - Chili 'Evaluation'
6:30 pm - Dinner of excellent chili
7:30 pm - Trivia
Location: Brigadier O.M. Martin Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion
81 Peard Rd, Toronto
Cost: \$15 - with a chili
\$20 - without a chili
Contact: John Grouios @ macedonn@gmail.com or 416.438.2794 or
Richard Lundy @ richard.lundy@sympatico.ca or 416.266.8107 or
Peter Snetivy @ petersnetivy@gmail.com or 905.621.3984



The 159th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Monday, July 14 through Thursday July 17 2014

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

By Grand Lodge request, the record of Proposed Amendments has been removed from this document.

REGISTRATION

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall on Tuesday evening July 16th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Wednesday July 17th 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. shall be done at the time of registration in the Concert Hall. The district elections for the D.D.G.M., and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Secretary and / or Grand Treasurer shall commence at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 16th.

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSSES

WEDNESDAY JULY 16th, 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 16th 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.

Meet the Nominees

Tuesday July 15th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Salon A, Convention Floor

Agenda

Monday July 14

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. John C. Green, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, will preside.

Tuesday July 15

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



Seminars

Tuesday July 15

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

<u>Time</u>	<u>B.C. Room</u>	<u>Quebec Room</u>	<u>Alberta Room</u>	<u>Algonquin Room</u>
1:30 to 2:20	Officer Progression	Protocol and Etiquette	Library, Museum and Archives	Computer Resources
2:30 to 3:20	Mentorship	Blood Donors	Communication	Computer Resources
3:30 to 4:20	Brock University	Engaging The New Mason	Masonic Debate	Computer Resources

Wednesday July 16

Grand Lodge will assemble in the Canadian Room at 8:45 am, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell presiding.

Note: Appropriate Dress for admission to Grand Lodge Communication (Canadian Room) will be Jacket, Dress Pants, 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.

District Meetings

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 16th in the following rooms. *All ballots at District Meetings, regardless of colour, are **ONE VOTE** only.*

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

Thursday July 17

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 17 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.

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 16, 2014

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

M.W. Bro. Robert P. Conley

Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Michigan

Guest Speaker

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Doors open at 6:00 pm. Special Entertainment.

Tickets \$60 available from the D.D.G.M.s.

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The Seven Blunders of the Masonic World

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Ritual Without Meaning

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

Fellowship without Frivolity

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

Quantity without Quality

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

Education without Philosophy

Many times, we think of Masonic education as being a lesson on the local lodge's history, a famous Mason, the history of the worldwide fraternity, or how to do the ritual properly. But if no philosophy is covered in Masonic education, then little self-improvement is accomplished. Discussing Masonic lessons in terms of philosophy, ideas, and a man's conduct is what truly transforms men into Masons. It



is important to discuss topics that are foreign to a lodge's membership and it is sometimes even necessary to challenge our preconceived ideologies through Masonic education.

Charity without Connection

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



meaningful charity.

Frugality without Discretion

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

Leadership without Competence

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

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