

# Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003  
Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter - 2008

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*[T]here appeared the so-called knightly grades for which formularies were developed based upon such historical material as could be gleaned about the orders then defunct. None but the most enthusiastic practitioners of these degrees would seriously maintain continuity with the knights who fought in the crusades, but the rituals and ceremonial practices were designed to convey precisely that impression.*

*- Bro. Eric Ward, Ars Quatuor Coronatorum vol. 91-1978*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,



July marks the end of a very busy Masonic year in Toronto East District, the conclusion of my term as your District Deputy Grand Master and the beginning of a new year to come. Universally, my predecessors warned me that this year would seem to fly by, so I have done my best to savour every event, meeting and experience that has come with this important and exalted office. W. Bro. Charles E. Frankland, District Secretary and I have truly enjoyed our journey this year and thank the many wonderful, kind and dedicated brethren of our District for the courtesy, support and faith you have put in us and your own lodges. It is through your efforts that our District has continued to flourish.

With your assistance, my talented predecessors were able to entrust me with a district that was in a strong financial, administrative and leadership condition. It was my goal to extend their efforts by enhancing the lodge experience through active mentorship, engagement of our newer members and encouraging friendly and positive work, both within and without the lodge room. I'm comforted to look back over this year and recall many examples of young officers and members engaging the work with reverence and enthusiasm and it is my parting wish that this foundation of positivity and enthusiasm



for Freemasonry will be passed on to the future leaders of Toronto East District so that we may continue to be one of the premier districts within the Grand jurisdiction.

This year's District Gala was once again a rousing success thanks to the efforts of co-Chairmen W. Bros. Craig McOuat, Greig King and Patrick Hillis and your ongoing support of this wonderful event. I also wish to thank our Awards Chairman, W. Bro. James Johnston for his assistance in honouring the efforts and achievements of our brethren. Congratulations to the following award winners:

- **Bro. Chris Phillips** - M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw Award for Mason of the Year;
- **Markham Union Lodge** - M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew Award for exemplification of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth within the Craft;
- **Coronati Lodge** - M.W. Bro. Terence Shand Award for exemplification of Masonic Principles within the Community;
- **Markham Union Lodge** - R.W. Bro. William Reiach Award for Remembrance Service;
- **Coronati Lodge** - Blood Donor Award;
- **Wexford Lodge** - Travelling Gavel Award.

Our District is blessed for the ongoing leadership and contribution of these brethren and lodges. I encourage each lodge to follow the wonderful example they have set.

The 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held July 13-16 at the Royal York Hotel, with voting opening on Tuesday evening at 7 pm, continuing Wednesday from 9 am to 3 pm. Our District Meeting will be held at 4 pm on Wednesday, July 15 in the Ontario Room where we will elect our new D.D.G.M. to lead us into the coming year and on Thursday morning will be the Installation and Appointment of the new Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Master's Banquet is Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and I encourage all brethren to attend.

Please also contact your Senior Warden and plan to attend with your friends and families at the Annual Corn Roast at WindReach Farm on August 22, 2015. This is a great event in support of a worthy charity and the whole family will enjoy a relaxing afternoon of fellowship in the country at this beautiful facility.

In closing, I want to thank my Advisors, R.W. Bros. Keith Jones and David J. Neave, not to mention the support and guidance I have received from so many past DDGM's of our District. I thank the District Chairmen for their service, including but certainly not limited to V.W. Bro. Joe Das, the District Chaplain and R.W. Bro. Bruce Palanik, our District Piper.

I wish to personally express my gratitude to W. Bro. Charles E. Frankland for his hard work, dedication and humble service to the District. He has been my guide, mentor, assistant, confidant and friend and I am eternally grateful. I wish him every success in the future both in life and in Masonry.

Please accept my most heartfelt and sincere gratitude to each of you for your faith in me to serve as the representative of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, in Toronto East District. I consider it an honour and a highlight of my life and I am truly grateful for the brotherly love, support and encouragement I have received throughout the year. On behalf of my lovely lady, Carol, whose patience, grace, support and love have made this year the most rewarding experience and the District Secretary, W. Bro. Charles E. Frankland and his lady, Tess, we want to thank you for the opportunity to serve our District and for the memories that we will cherish for a lifetime.



As we progress into a new year of Masonic service, may the Great Architect of the Universe be with us and our families, keeping us safe in his grace and giving us unity, health, wisdom, prosperity and brotherly love so as to strengthen our Craft for generations to come.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

***R.W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis***  
District Deputy Grand Master,  
Toronto East District

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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

**July 2015**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
		<p><u>1</u> <b>Canada Day</b> Have a BBQ - set off fireworks - have a great 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> * Birch Cliff - 31<sup>st</sup> Annual <b>“Scramble” Golf Tournament</b> see below Bushwood Golf Club</p>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<p><u>13</u> 160<sup>th</sup> <b>Communication of Grand Lodge</b> * Board of General Purposes</p>	<p><u>14</u> 160<sup>th</sup> <b>Communication of Grand Lodge</b> * Board of General Purposes * Seminars * Voting Delegates Registration * Meet the Nominees</p>	<p><u>15</u> 160<sup>th</sup> <b>Communication of Grand Lodge</b> * Grand Lodge * Voting Delegates Registration * District Elections * Grand Master’s Banquet</p>	<p><u>16</u> 160<sup>th</sup> <b>Communication of Grand Lodge</b> * Grand Lodge * Installation and Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers and DDGMs</p>	<p><u>17</u> <b>End of Ramadan</b> Food! The end of those headaches!</p>	<p><u>18</u> <b>Start of Eid ul-Fitr</b></p>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
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August 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<u>3</u> <b>Simcoe Day</b> Last long weekend of the summer	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
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<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> * TED - SW's <b>BBQ and Corn Roast</b> see below WindReach Farm	<u>23</u> * Doric - <b>Annual Golf Fun Day</b> see below Spring Creek Golf Course
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## AROUND AND ABOUT:

### Toronto East District Charity

#### **Masonic Foundation of Ontario 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Supporting Prostate Cancer Research The Mikey Network**

The Masonic Foundation directors explored opportunities for the Foundation to provide meaningful funding for prostate Cancer research in Ontario. The conclusion was to make funding of prostate cancer the primary activity to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To further highlight the pressing need to make significant advances M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. John C. Green, Deputy Grand Master pledged their full support behind this initiative. One component of this unique fund raising partnership will involve the charitable donations made to the Grand Master during his tenure being used to support the selected prostate cancer research projects. The target is to provide funding to the researchers for ten years.

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*The reward for doing right is mostly an internal phenomenon: self-respect, dignity, integrity, and self-esteem.*

*- Laura Catherine Schlessinger*

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### 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](http://www.communitycaredurham.on.ca/contact.html)

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## **Brotherly Love**

On Monday, March 30, 2015, Dennis Bahadur, a member of Georgina Lodge #343, a single father of 3 beautiful girls aged 16, 13 and 11 was involved in a very serious car crash.

His vehicle hit a tree and the vehicle became engulfed in flames. With the assistance of 2 bystanders, they were able to remove Dennis from the vehicle while he was on fire himself. Dennis was taken to hospital and put into induced coma due to bleeding and swelling of the brain.

He has since been taken out of induced coma but is still heavily medicated due to pain and injuries. Unfortunately, due to the severity of the burns to his legs, he had to have both feet amputated below the knee.

He is still asleep and unaware of his current circumstances.

His daughters are very strong and supportive of their Dad but are young and hurting. They are fortunate to be under the care of close friends.

As time moves forward, there will be many challenges and needs to accommodate and assist with the situation that he and his family will face in the future preparing their home and vehicle with the necessary changes to support him.

If ever there was a moment to realize the tenets of Brotherly Love and Relief for a father it's now. Please take the time to do one thing right now!

Share this story on Facebook and send it to your friends and brethren.

If you can donate, any amount no matter how little will help Dennis and his girls.

[www.gofundme.com/hope4dennis](http://www.gofundme.com/hope4dennis)

- R.W. Bro. Harold Clarke  
Toronto Humber Valley District  
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## **FYI**

**The two structures in the U.S. that have elevators that move sideways, in addition to up and down are the Arch in St. Louis and the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria.**

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

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## **Toronto East Masonic Centre**

Well, it has been a very interesting month. The meetings our Directors have been involved with have been very positive and invigorating.

At the end of last month, we held our Annual General Meeting. Due to last minute changes to the notes in respect to activities after year-end, the financials were not available and a second AGM meeting will be held in late August or early September.

The Financial part of the statements is not expected to change. The Board thanks the Brethren and guests who attended both our AGM and that of TEMC.



Early in June, ProjectCo Board members met with the Board of Management of Grand Lodge and provided them an update our endeavours to date. The Board asked many excellent probing questions and appeared to be very pleased with our responses. Grand Lodge did provide us with a letter, applauding the initiative of the Toronto East District Masons in their efforts to build a new temple.

The ProjectCo Board is in discussion on three proposals. One is for the outright purchase of the land, which would require us to seek other land to build on. The second is for a mixed rental development with a new temple located on a connected severed piece of land on Birchmount with shared parking with the rest of the development. The third is for a mix usage complex comprising of a new temple, parking, ground floor retail, Senior Supportive Housing and a Long Term Care facility run by a separate charitable organization.

As of today, the Board has not formally endorsed any proposals but has ranked them as to meeting Masonic Principles and the Objective set forth when ProjectCo was founded by TEMC. Discussions with these three proposers are ongoing, and much due diligence work must be performed by both sides. ProjectCo Board is taking the appropriate time to fully evaluate the proposed outcomes. We promise to provide further details in September as to our preferred project.

The Board is seeking ideas or tenants for short-term rental income from the property effective September. If any brethren have leads, ProjectCo Board welcomes your assistance.

If you have questions, we will gladly answer them at [projectco@outlook.com](mailto:projectco@outlook.com).

*2316543 Ontario Limited, a for-profit corporation is also known as ProjectCo. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Toronto East Masonic Center (TEMC). TEMC is a non-profit organization created by the Masons of Lodges in Toronto East District whose mission is to build and maintain a new masonic temple. The members of its Board of Directors are Gerry Campbell (Chair), Jim McKinnon (President), Neil Friedman (Treasurer), Michael Morris (Secretary), Maher Eid, Joe Lefevre and Bob Steenson.*

- Gerry Campbell @ [projectco@outlook.com](mailto:projectco@outlook.com) or 416.606.1373

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### **I Did Not Know That !**

While there is no record of Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-1877) progressing further than his Entered Apprentice Degree in Angorona Lodge No. 168 at Memphis, Tennessee, he did however, go on to become a Lieutenant General and First Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

- thanks to Bro. Nelson King

### **On July 1**

In 70, Titus sets up battering rams to assault the walls of Jerusalem;

In 1200, sunglasses were invented in China;

In 1517, 1<sup>st</sup> burning of Protestants at the stake took place in the Netherlands;

In 1535, Sir Thomas More went on trial in England charged with treason;

In 1656, the 1<sup>st</sup> Quakers (Mary Fisher / Ann Austin) arrived in Boston; they were arrested;

In 1690, the army of England's Protestant King William III (King Billy) defeated the Roman Catholic King James II in the Battle of Boyne in Ireland;

In 1776, the 1<sup>st</sup> vote on the Declaration of Independence took place;

In 1862, Internal Revenue Law imposed the 1<sup>st</sup> federal taxes on inheritance, tobacco and on incomes over \$600 (progressive rate);

In 1867, the Dominion of Canada was formed (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec);  
(that's the reason we get the day off, eh?)



In 1871, the decimal currency system was made uniform in Canada;  
In 1873, Prince Edward Island became the 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian province;  
In 1881, the 1<sup>st</sup> international telephone conversation took place between Calais, Maine and St Stephen, New Brunswick; (*and my daughter is STILL on the phone!*)  
In 1896, Harriet Beecher Stowe, US author of Uncle Tom's Cabin died at 85;  
In 1898, Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders charged up San Juan Hill; (*later they leisurely walked back down ☺*)  
In 1904, the 3<sup>rd</sup> modern Olympic Games opened in St Louis;  
In 1911, a proclamation removed "Dei Gratia" from Canada's coins;  
In 1916, Coca-Cola brought the current Coke formula to the market;  
In 1924, the Light Brigade was formed;  
In 1933, the German Nazi regime decided that married women shouldn't work;  
In 1934, the 1<sup>st</sup> X-ray photo of the entire body was taken, in Rochester, NY;  
In 1937, Britain began using an emergency phone number (999);  
In 1941, the Bulova Watch Co. paid \$9 for 1<sup>st</sup> ever network TV commercial.

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### Smile !



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### The Month of July

July was named for the Roman Emperor Julius Caesar, organizer of the Julian calendar in 46 BC, which remained in use until 1752, when the Gregorian calendar was adopted.

The birthstone for July is the red ruby. It symbolizes love, and an open heart. The ruby is the carrier of the red ray, and helps the wearer to gain courage. Ruby is worn to improve circulation and the richness of the blood. Associated with the sign Leo, it strengthens the heart centre leading to the will, and through compassion turns personal love into love of humanity. The ruby is not limited to Leo, but is supportive of all fire signs. Its contrasting properties are associated with Shiva the destroyer, and correlate with the process of purification.



The seventh Full Moon of the year (the full Moon of July) is known as the Mead Moon, named after the mowing of the meadows (or meads), and the first issue of ale.

In Teutonic tradition, it honours the sacred children of the Moon, Bil and her brother, Hyuki. On their way to draw the sacred song-mead for their family from Bryger, the enchanted spring, they were kidnapped by Odin's handsome chariot driver, Mani and taken to the Moon in his chariot. There, the water was transformed into sacred mead, elixir of the gods, which is symbolic of wisdom and strength. Earth elders call out to the children when the Moon is full, to sprinkle a few drops on their lips so they may gain the brew's gifts. The children, seen during the full Moon as twin shadows on the Moon's face were then praised and venerated by mortals for their gift of the elixir. This myth became the source of the nursery rhyme, Jack and Jill.



The Mead Moon celebrates the time of the year when honey is harvested. Honey, yeast, and fruit juice fermented together for months are the main ingredients in mead. Many additional ingredients have been used for flavouring, including gingersnaps.

In the Wiccan tradition, the July Full Moon is known as the Buck Moon, when male deer grow their first velvet antlers. Masculine in tradition, it is an appropriate time to work on the physical body or answer the challenge of mastering physical objects.

The second full moon of any month is erroneously called a Blue Moon - July 31st this year. This phenomenon occurs approximately once every 33 months, although if a Blue Moon occurs in January, it will also likely happen that same March because of the brevity of February. The last Blue Moons in 1999 were such a case. Contrary to popular belief, a blue moon is not actually blue in colour.

In actuality, the term Blue Moon referred to something that very rarely occurred, if at all. The original meaning of "Blue Moon" came from an anonymous poem from 1528:

Read me and be not wrothe,  
For I say no things but truth:  
If they say the moon is blue,  
We must believe that it is true.

Use of the phrase as an actual astronomical phenomenon started in 1932 in the Farmer's Almanac, published in Maine, a precursor to the Old Farmer's Almanac. It's not clear where the Mainiacs got their definition, but it was the third full moon in a season containing four full moons rather than the usual three. That's right, the third full moon. They are not called Mainiacs for no reason. The seasons are defined by the equinoxes and solstices, rather than calendar months.

July is associated with goddesses such as Rowana, patroness of the secret knowledge of the runes. Wood cut from the Rowan tree was used to make magical runes. Holda, the white goddess, and Hela, the black goddess are also honoured in July. They were the twin daughters of Norse trickster god Loki, and are the goddesses who shared rulership of the underworld. On the last day of July, Loki and his consort Sigyn are honoured.



In the Japanese Calendar, the 17<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as the re-emergence of the Sun Goddess Amaterasu-O-Mikuni, who had plunged the world into darkness by retreating into her cave in fury after she was ridiculed by her brother, the trickster Susanoo-O-Mikuni. Her retreat and reappearance are the Japanese version of the universal myth of the departure and return of the Light, and along with it, the life force of the Earth.

July 25<sup>th</sup> is Furrinalia, honouring the ancient Italian goddess of springs. This festival reminds us of our vital reliance on sources of water. Ancient peoples blessed the springs.

July is the birth month of several members of the family of Pythagoras, noted philosopher / mathematician / astronomer. Pythagoras himself was born on July 24, 569 BC in Samos, Ionia. His daughter, Damo (seeress, disciple and inheritor of his secrets and writings) was born on July 21<sup>st</sup>; his mother, Pythais was born on July 28<sup>th</sup>; and his wife, Theano (who, with her two daughters carried on the Pythagorean School after her husband's death) was born on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Many sources state that it was Theano who developed the principle of the "Golden Mean" which relates to the ratios of a given line. It has been said that geometry has two great treasures: one is the theorem of Pythagoras and the other is the theorem of the Golden Mean. The explanation for the Golden Mean is much more complex than that of the Pythagorean "the square of the hypotenuse is . . ."

July 31<sup>st</sup>, at sundown is the beginning of Lammas, the two-day festival of the blessing of bread from the first grain harvest. As a symbolic gesture, blessing a loaf of bread can remind us to be grateful for what we have, and to discover what other riches are possible when the cooperative work of the harvest is complete. Lammas comes at the middle of summer, and is the third fire festival, the rituals of which we can use to feed our spirits.

Spirituality seems to come after the needs of the body have been tended. However, in some belief systems, attending to the spiritual needs is a necessary step in ensuring that the physical needs will be met. After extending gratitude to Earth goddesses, Demeter and Ceres for nourishing their bodies from the bounty of the Earth, the ancients called upon fire deities who bestowed and encouraged inspiration: in the Celtic tradition, they are Ceridwen and Brighid; We may invoke them to grant us the nine gifts of the Cauldron: Poetry, Reflection, Meditation, Lore, Research, Great Knowledge, Intelligence, Understanding, and Wisdom.

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### **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*

### **Is there any significance in the Right Arm laid bare etc.? If not, why bother?**

Certainly there is. It would be fair to say that there is "significance" in every item of clothing, equipment and procedure, sometimes very important, sometimes almost trifling. But what is trifling to you may be important to me. In matters of symbolism and interpretation, the significance that you work out for yourself is what really matters. Try it sometime; you will find



it an interesting exercise. As for the Right Arm, it is bare to show that the candidate carries no weapons.

### **Did they have mosaic pavement in the Temple? Where?**

No. See I Kings V 15, which says that Solomon “covered the floor of the house (i.e. the Temple) with planks of fir.”

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### **Vancouver in August**

To all who may find Qualicum Beach, on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada within the length of their Cable Tow this August 29: Qualicum Lodge UD under the MWGL of British Columbia and Yukon will receive its Charter of Constitution, from the MW Grand Master.

This promises to be a most auspicious occasion, and all Masons in amity with our Grand Lodge are most cordially invited to attend the ceremony and the banquet in the evening. There will be a Ladies function while the Lodge is in session, and a sumptuous banquet will follow an attitude improvement hour.

Tickets for the Banquet are \$50.00 CAD per person, and may be ordered from me. Do not be disappointed! Break the Masonic trend and do NOT wait until the last minute! Contact me NOW for further details.

Contact: Colin Hart @ [cmhart@shaw.ca](mailto:cmhart@shaw.ca)

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### **Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team in Toronto East**

On Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>, Doric Lodge hosted the Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team as part of Doric's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. The team portrayed a degree as taken from the minutes of a lodge meeting in 1774. The presentation is done in full costume and has not been seen in this area for at least 10 to 20 years.



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



Masonic Centre and Scottish Rite Building, Moline, Ill.  
with thanks to Bob Parker - Temple Lodge #597

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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*What is the reason Bro. \_\_\_\_ makes so little progress in Masonry? - Indolence. Why did Bro. \_\_\_\_ fail to establish a good character as the Master of his Lodge? - Because he was not an industrious person. Do you inquire why Bro. \_\_\_\_ never passed to the Second Degree? - I answer, because he was constitutionally idle. Indolence is the prolific parent of numerous other vices. Bad habits may be subdued, selfishness may be reformed, and passion held in check, but indolence is rarely, if ever, conquered.*

*- Bro. George Oliver (1782-1867), The Book of the Lodge-1864*

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**Friday July 10 2015**

**Birch Cliff - 31<sup>st</sup> Annual "Scramble" Golf Tournament.**

A fundraiser for the Scarborough Hospital Foundation, Prostate Cancer Program.

We invite all brethren, their ladies, guest, as well as Scarborough Hospital Foundation Golfers to join us for a day of fun and camaraderie.

The day will include 18 holes of Golf with cart followed by a Plated certified "Angus" Prime Rib Au Jus dinner with roasted potatoes, garden salad, seasonal vegetables, rolls on the table, with dessert, coffee and tea to follow, all under the tent.

There will ,be a putting contest with every player who enters the putting contest receiving a sleeve of Titleist Dt SoLo golf balls. There will also be contest holes with prizes for both men and women.

"Double Your Chances" - hole #18, par 3: if a player purchases raffle tickets during registration or at the 18<sup>th</sup> tee and lands his or her tee shot on the green, they will receive double the number of raffle tickets purchased.

Raffle Tickets (White) - \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Mulligan Tickets (Red) - \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.



Passport Package - \$20.00 - You get 2 extra Mulligan and 2 extra Raffle Tickets. Five Raffle Tickets (White) and Five Mulligan Tickets (red).

Raffle Draws:

1<sup>st</sup> Draw - Men's right hand, Regular Flex, Cobra Golf Driver with adjustable Loft, 8.5 - 11.5 degree.

2<sup>nd</sup> Draw - \$250.00 Gift Certificates from La-Z-Boy Furniture Gallery, Markham, ON.

Live Auction - Payne Stewart. Framed (22" x 26")



Grand Prize - Framed (16" x 20") picture of two Golf Legends. \$10.00 to play.



Time: 11:00 am - Registration  
11:30 am - Putting Contest  
1:00 pm - T-Off - Modified Shotgun - more than 72 players  
6:30 pm - Dinner

Location: Bushwood Golf Club  
10905 Resser Rd., Markham, ON. L6B 1A8

Cost: \$115.00

Contact: Roy Morris @ [roy.morris123@sympatico.ca](mailto:roy.morris123@sympatico.ca) or 905.728.7390, or  
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**Thursday July 18 2015**

**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

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*All antiquity believed . . . in a Mediator or Redeemer, by means of whom the Evil Principle was to be overcome and the Supreme Deity reconciled to His creatures. The belief was general that he was to be born of a virgin and suffer a painful death. The Hindus called him Krishna; the Chinese, Kioun-tse; the Persians, Sosiosch; the Chaldeans, Dhovanai; the Egyptians, Horus; Plato, Love; the Scandinavians, Balder; the Christians, Jesus; Masons, Hiram.*

*- Bro. Henry Pirtle (1858-1922), The Kentucky Monitor-1921*

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**Saturday August 22 2015**

**Toronto East District - Annual BBQ and Corn Roast**



The district Annual BBQ and Corn Roast held by The Chapters (Senior Wardens Group 2015/16), 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. No charge!

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. There's a hayride for the kiddies as well as many other activities to keep them entertained for the day. 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.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, vegetarian fare and corn will be available. Did I mention there would be corn?

There will be refreshments to suit all those so inclined with a beer and wine tent.

A great opportunity to introduce a perspective candidate to members of the Craft.

Proceeds will go to WindReach Farm.

Time: 11:00 am  
Location: WindReach Farm  
Cost: \$10 ea - Adult  
\$25 - Family  
Parking is FREE  
Contact: Kelly Dadzie @ [kellydadzie@gmail.com](mailto:kellydadzie@gmail.com) or 416.586.2934, or your Senior Warden

**Sunday August 23 2015**

**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, Clarendon, ON  
Cost: \$60 ea - Adult  
\$27 ea - Steak Dinner only  
Contact: Stephen Hudson @ [steve@stevehudson.ca](mailto:steve@stevehudson.ca) or 905.420.8825

*He who sees a need and waits to be asked for help is as unkind as if he had refused it.  
- Dante Alighieri (1265-1321)*



**Thursday September 17 through Sunday September 20 2015**

**Bedford Lodge (U.S.) Masonic Navy - 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Voyage**



We have done this trip several times over the years and it has always been enjoyable. We are accepting up to 32 participants, so get your reservation/deposit in soon. Please get back to one of us as soon as possible so we can accurately plan the upcoming trip.

We are planning on two 10-person larger boats and two 6-person smaller boats. See [www.houseboatholidays.ca/](http://www.houseboatholidays.ca/)

We can board the boats around noon on Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> and would like to leave the marina by 4:00 pm. to travel to one of the islands for Thursday night, if everybody can get there in time. If not, we will sleep at the marina and depart in the morning. It only takes about 45 minutes to get to a decent island from the marina.

We will enjoy the beauty of the 1000 Islands between Gananoque and Hill Island. House boating along the St. Lawrence Seaway is fun and relaxing. The islands we will be stopping at are all part of the St. Lawrence Islands National Park (Canada). We will travel to a different island for each night. Most of the islands we will be stopping at have walking/hiking trails, some have picnic shelters (pavilion type structures) and fire pits where we can just enjoy the fellowship and brotherly love. We plan to have a campfire each night on the islands. There is tent camping available on each island if anyone is interested at about \$10 per night, payable on the island. Bring your own tent and equipment.

We will get back to the marina by noon or so on Sunday.

It is the committee's intention to get the boat assignments done early and distributed to all participants so each boat can coordinate snacks and drinks if they choose to. Each year we all bring too much snacks, etc., so we think a little coordination would help everybody.

The boats only have 12v power as far as I know. We should plan to have people bring an inverter for each boat or a small generator for any breathing machines.

The boats have kitchen stoves with ovens.

The boat rentals include sheets, pillows, and blankets. If you are planning on sleeping on the floor, in a tent or outside, you will need to bring a sleeping bag, etc.

We need to collect money early because we have to pay the boat company for the deposit for this trip. As always, all deposits and payments are **non-refundable**.

\*\*\* I have participated in this annual trip on 11 of the 16 years it has been happening. It is limited to Master Masons (very occasionally EA and FC). The price includes everything except your booze. There is an excellent mix of Canadian and American Masons on this trip. While the info suggests payment by the end of January, what is needed is email commitment and payment by end of March. I would be happy to answer any questions about this Masonic Navy. - Gerry Campbell @ [gerry\\_campbell@msn.com](mailto:gerry_campbell@msn.com) or 416.606.1373 (*secretary - RJRR*)

Time: 12:00 pm - September 17 - Board  
12:00 pm - September 20 - Disembark  
Unless you plan to be on the highway early, you should consider driving on the Wednesday and staying



overnight at a motel.  
Location: St. Lawrence National Park, Gananoque, ON  
Cost: \$400 ea - \$100 ea deposit **ASAP**  
Contact: Jerry Bergeron @ [rwjerryb@gmail.com](mailto:rwjerryb@gmail.com) - cheques to  
38 Nye Ave., Acushnet, MA 02743  
Ed Gordon @ [edgordon12@comcast.net](mailto:edgordon12@comcast.net)

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**The 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge**  
**Fairmont Royal York Hotel**  
**Monday July 13 through Thursday July 16 2015**

**REGISTRATION**

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall on Tuesday evening July 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Wednesday July 15<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. 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 G.M. and / or D.G.M. shall commence at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup>.*

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSES

**WEDNESDAY JULY 15<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 15<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.

**Meet the Nominees**

Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Salon A, Convention Floor

**Agenda**

**Monday July 13**

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 14**

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 15**

**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, Tie and Regalia.*



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 15<sup>th</sup> 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	4:00-4:50	Ballroom	Convention
Toronto East	4:00-4:50	Ontario	Convention
Toronto Humber Valley	5:00-5:50	Ballroom	Convention
Toronto West	4:00-4:50	Concert Hall	Convention
York	5:00-5:50	Concert Hall	Convention

### Thursday July 16

**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 16 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 14

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	Masonic CHIP Foundation	Cornerstone Project	Finance Advisory It's Your Money +	
2:30 to 3:20	Leadership Development	Condition of Freemasonry	CRA Needs	Computer Resources
3:30 to 4:20	Preparing for District Secretary	Condition of Freemasonry	College of Freemasonry	



***GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET***

Wednesday July 15, 2015

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

**Chief William Blair, C.O.M. (Retired)**

*Toronto Police Service*

Guest Speaker

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Doors open at 6:00 pm. Special Entertainment.

Tickets \$65 available from the D.D.G.M.s.

Cash sales only. Sales cease July 10, 2015.

**Reserve tables of (8) direct from Grand Lodge**



## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### The Badge

Why should I join Masonry?

What would you say to a possible new member?

You're interested in joining the Masonic lodge? We'd love to have you. You're the type of person we look for: committed, enthusiastic, a leader. We think you'll do great things here. You will make lifelong friendships, and hopefully, you'll be the type of person whose positive impact will be felt here for many years.

This is the start of something really cool.

We know you have your reasons for joining, and we also know that the reasons you'll stay will be entirely different. Trust us on that one. People tend to join for different reasons. They stay around for the friendships and because they find a place where they can impact the lives of others. It's a family. We know this. Soon, you will, too.

The badge of membership will soon be yours. But, there's one lesson that we need to impress upon you before you sign your name on the dotted line, pay that first fee, and take that first step. It's the single most important thing we're going to ask of you, so you need to listen and understand it, now, before you say "yes."

It's the one most important thing that any fraternity can impress upon its new members. Truly, our survival as an organization depends on you understanding this one simple lesson and taking it to heart.

It's more important than our history, our traditions, our structure, or our rules. Because, if you don't understand this most fundamental lesson, then none of the other stuff will matter. If you don't get this one "golden rule of Masonry," then your son and grandson won't have this organization to join someday, and all of this will just be a fuzzy memory.

Here it is. Ready?

From the moment you say yes to this organization, you are always wearing your badge.

I'm going to repeat it.



From the moment you say yes to this organization, you are always wearing your badge.

We're not talking about t-shirts, or sweatshirts, or hats made with logos of the group. We're not talking about a tattoo on your ankle, some party favour, or a badge you wear on your dress shirt.

What we mean is that when you say yes to lifetime membership in Masonry, everything you say, do and represent from that moment forward is a direct



reflection on this group, your brothers, and the thousands of members who have come before you. Everything you put out to the world is a direct reflection of this fraternity. Every decision, every achievement, every mistake you make happens to all of us from this point forward.

When you go to the grocery store, you represent us.

When you drive down the road and slow down so a pedestrian can cross the street, you represent us.

When you become a leader, you represent us.

When you insult someone or talk badly about another, you represent us.

When you make decisions about how you behave, you represent us.

When you go anywhere, you represent us.

When you go home and sit at your mother's dining room table, you represent us.

When you get a job and go to work for a company or organization, you represent us.

When you commit your life to that special person, you represent us.

You are always wearing your badge

From this day forward, always. Every day, in every situation, it never comes off.

It doesn't matter if you're wearing a jersey with our name on it, or a business suit at an interview. You have to assume that every person you meet will form a permanent opinion about Masons - good or bad - based on how you interact with them. Every good thing you do builds us up. Every dumb thing you do tears us down.

We live in a time when the actions of one man can kill a group like ours. One person who acts in a way that is inconsistent with our shared values can end hundreds of years of tradition and pride. One bad choice you make can take away everything that generations of men have worked to build.

All the stuff you see that belongs to us can be boxed up or thrown out, because of the choices you make.

If this seems a little intense, that's good. Because it's serious. If it sounds like too much responsibility, or if you don't think you can behave in a way that reflects well on us at all times, then walk away now. Do us the favour. We won't think less of you. In fact, we'll thank you. This sort of commitment isn't for everybody.

But, don't say yes unless you understand.

We're not asking you to give up anything. We aren't asking you to become something you aren't. We're asking you to become something more. We're inviting you to become part of a group of men who make a promise to take care of each other, every day. We're asking you to become the very best version of you that you can be.



It's a big deal, and not everyone can do it. Forget everything you've heard up to this point. Forget how much you might desire this, or how much we might want to bring you into the group. Just clear your mind and ask yourself one question.

Are you ready to never take off the badge?

Because when you say yes, you're not just putting a badge on a sweatshirt. You're putting it in your heart. You're forever stamping your identity with it. Everything you are, from this point on, becomes who we are.

You will make mistakes, and brothers will remind you of your commitment. There will be times where you will see other brothers forgetting their promise, and you'll need to remind them. That's part of this whole "Masonic" thing. We work together to make ourselves better men who stand for something. We carry each other. We matter to one another.

If we're doing our Masonic duty right, then we'll make you a better man. If you're doing everything right, then you will make us a better organization.

So, please think about it. Take it seriously.

Because if you say yes, this badge belongs to you as surely as it belonged to our founders. If you say yes, this badge becomes your responsibility - forever.

That's the promise.

Brethren I think with this type of commitment we would retain a membership that is more active.

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