

# 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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*One of the great things about Freemasonry is that there is never shortage of important things to learn, to write about, to teach the brethren in your lodge, as well as the young brother you may have the pleasure to mentor.*

*- Bro. Ed R. Halpaus*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

July is here; roll out those "Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer" as sung by Nat King Cole. Enjoy them all. Have a great summer. I look forward to meeting and greeting all brethren at our 161<sup>st</sup> Communication of Grand Lodge at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, city of Toronto, Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> through to Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup>. Note: if you are planning on attending the Grand Masters Banquet on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>, tickets must be ordered by July 8<sup>th</sup> to allow for delivery before the July 14<sup>th</sup> cut-off date. See the Toronto East District Website and newsletters for Monday through Thursday Grand Lodge event details.

Brethren, please remember and support the Senior Wardens' B.B.Q. & Corn Roast at WindReach Farm, fourth Saturday in August. A very worthy cause.

W. Bro. Terry Spalding Martin, editor and publisher of **Hiram's Lighthouse**, a wonderfully informative newsletter, acclaimed throughout our District, Jurisdiction and beyond, has stated that as of the July 2016 edition, he will retire as publisher of our District Newsletter. He has been a pleasure to work with and on behalf of the Brethren of Toronto East District, our great Jurisdiction and his loyal readers everywhere, I thank him so much for his years of service, dedication and commitment to excellence and wish him well in all his future endeavours.



As prophesied by my predecessors, who said, “your year as the D.D.G.M. will come and go faster than you realize. Enjoy the ride.” They were right. It has been a wonderful, fulfilling year and a rewarding life experience.

From September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 to the last days of June 2016, the 19 lodges of Toronto East District have had over 300 meetings concerning the business, activities, social and fraternal events of and between our lodges, along with numerous District Receptions, 19 Installations, 19 Official Visits, Remembrance Day Observations, District Devine Service, Blood Donor Drives, Habitat for Humanity, Youth Support Initiatives, Masonic C.H.I.P. Program in and out of District, Charity Projects, weekly sessions of Mechanics of The Work, numerous presentations of long service 25, 50 and 60 year pins, Grand Lodge Programs and many other events throughout the year. I would like to recognize and thank our many District Chairmen and Brethren throughout Toronto East District for their time, energies and support that have made it possible to drive and advance these initiatives.

Our Toronto East District Black and White Gala held on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> to honour our ladies and to recognize the achievements of our District Brethren and Lodges, marks the culmination of our District Year. Congratulations go out to our District Award Winners:

Bro. Michael Cippolone	-	M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw Award, for Mason of the Year
Markham Union Lodge	-	M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew Award, for Lodge of the Year
Coronati Lodge	-	M.W. Bro. Terrance Shand Award, for the Lodge that best exemplifies the principals of the Craft, within the community
Markham Union Lodge	-	R.W. Bro. William Reiach Award, for Remembrance Day Service
Wexford Lodge	-	Travelling Gavel Award
Coronati Lodge	-	Blood Donors Award

Markham Union Lodge was also recognized for having the most members of a lodge at the Black & White Gala.

I would like to recognize, thank and congratulate our District Gala Committee, W. Bros. Craig McOuat, Patrick Hillis, Alex Wilson and Bros. Eric Smith, Andrew Wilson and James Ignacio for a job well done. It was a great evening, one of our best yet and enjoyed by many, many Brethren, their ladies, guests and friends. A fitting tribute to our year’s end.

When I think of Freemasonry, I am reminded of the fundamental principles that Freemasonry teaches and endeavours to impress upon its members, such as Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and the spiritual attitudes Faith, hope and Charity. Time honoured standards, and guides to conduct our lives by. Not to be better than anyone else, but to become, ourselves, better than we ever thought we could be. I thank the Brethren of Toronto East District, for helping me to become better than I thought I could be. The respect that you have shown for this Office, the warmth of your greetings to me personally, in and out of lodge, I will cherish, always.



Any successes I have achieved would not have been possible without the strong support of the District Secretary, W. Bro. Greig J. King. From creating a new makeover of our Toronto East District Trestle Board to all the other duties required of a District Secretary, along with the everyday responsibilities of a young family and a very demanding job, W. Bro. Greig King has fulfilled the duties of his Office admirably. I thank him for his friendship and his trust. It was a tremendous learning experience for both of us.

To my wife, Evelyn, you made this year possible for me. Thank you so much for your love, patience and support.

Brethren, I look forward to greeting you at Grand Lodge.

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

***Knowledge = Confidence; Never Stop Learning.***

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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

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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

**July 2016**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
				<u>1</u>  <b>Canada Day</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> <b>The End of Ramadan</b> Food! The end of those headaches!	<u>6</u> <b>Eid ul-Fitr</b> The party	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
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<u>18</u> <u>161<sup>st</sup></u> <b>Communication of Grand Lodge</b> * Board of General Purposes	<u>19</u> <u>161<sup>st</sup></u> <b>Communication of Grand Lodge</b> * Board of General Purposes * Seminars * Voting Delegates Registration * Meet the Nominees	<u>20</u> <u>161<sup>st</sup></u> <b>Communication of Grand Lodge</b> * Grand Lodge * Voting Delegates Registration * District Elections * Grand Master's Banquet	<u>21</u> <u>161<sup>st</sup></u> <b>Communication of Grand Lodge</b> * Grand Lodge * Installation and Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers and DDGMs	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
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## August 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<u>1</u>  <b>Simcoe Day</b> The mid-summer long weekend	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
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<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * T.E.D. - Annual Senior Wardens' Corn Roast see below WindReach Farm	<u>21</u>
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## AROUND AND ABOUT:

### Toronto East District Charity

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

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



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

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

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

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*When you counsel someone, you should appear to be reminding him of something he had forgotten, not of the light he was unable to see. It is the stars that teach us this subtlety. They are brilliant sons, but they never dare to outshine the sun.*

*- Baltasar Gracian (1601-1658), The Art of Worldly Wisdom-1647*

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### Toronto East Masonic Centre

The Board wishes all our followers a great Canada Day.

The Board is awaiting decisions from TEMC regarding appointments to the Joint Development Board. TEMC has announced a meeting for Monday July 25th to undertake the necessary elections and discussion on a number of other business issues.

The Site is abuzz with activity. A Presentation Centre is being built within the Chrysler building on the site. Chrysler is currently removing the contaminated soil that was found during the soil testing for environmental approval undertaken over a year ago.



A decision from the City of Toronto is expected this calendar year to enable construction to begin.

If you have further questions, just email us 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 purpose 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), and Maher Eid, Joe Lefevre and Bob Steenson.*

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



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**FYI**

**Hiram Abiff Boaz, born Dec. 18 1866 in Murray, Kentucky. Received his degrees in 1922 before an unusually large crowd and served as Grand Chaplin (Texas) in 1953.**

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

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**Facebook Aficionado ?**



The Ontario Freemasons group is a private group for Masons in Ontario. Treat the group as a banquet room atmosphere where you can share local information and events happening in Ontario. You must be a member of an Ontario lodge to join. There are currently over 700 members.

Listen to what is going on in Ontario Masonry. Give it a try.

[www.facebook.com/groups/OntarioMasons/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/OntarioMasons/)

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**Fort McMurray Disaster**

As with all things, as soon as pictures are no longer noteworthy, the incident drops from the news. Consider what it will take to do clean-up (How will they get all the ash and debris up? Where will they put all that ash?) and reconstruction. This disaster has not gone away just because it is no longer on our evening news. I have a Brother in my lodge who works in the oil sands. He was here at home when the fires went through. There are probably others in our district who have been evacuated from their occupational homes and are now in temporary housing with minimal possessions. Consider their need.

A couple of letters follow.

Brethren,

Traditionally, Grand Lodge responds to disasters such as this via contributions to the Masonic Service Association of North America (M. S. A.). All jurisdictions throughout Canada and the U.S.A. can and do contribute and monies are directed to the specific incident.

There are four lodges resident in Fort McMurray and attached you will find correspondence from the Grand Lodge of Alberta providing a means for Masonic assistance.



Those wishing to make immediate community financial assistance are encouraged to use charitable organizations such as the Red Cross.

I'm confident whichever means are used it will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

Fraternally yours

Terence Shand



Dear Brethren:



The Fort McMurray Fire 2016 will go down in history as Alberta's largest fire or disaster in the history of Alberta and this is not the type of history that we like to remember or relate to in the future from a historical point of view. We, who are not directly involved in combatting this massive fire, cannot appreciate the valuable service and countless hours that have been provided by the many emergency services and volunteers. We cannot fathom the displacement of 100,000 persons or the inconvenience to each family that has been impacted. The Grand Lodge of Alberta extends prayers to all

who are impacted whether through a loss of home, business and / or career and we pray that this blaze will soon be snuffed out before impacting others.

We know of several Freemasons who have likewise been impacted by this disaster and the Board of Benevolence is in the process of setting up a special fund that can provide similar financial support as was the case with the 2013 Calgary and area flood. Donations can be made payable by cheque to the "Grand Lodge of Alberta - Benevolent Fund" Attn: Fort McMurray Fire 2016.

With Prayers & Fraternally Yours,

Jerry W. Kopp  
Grand Secretary  
The Grand Lodge of Alberta  
Freemasons' Hall  
330-12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. W.  
Calgary, AB  
Canada T2R 0H2

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**Freemen Shall Be Free**

**Ye whose valiant fathers bled,  
When against the Briton fled,  
Tell me has fair freedom fled,-  
Heavenly born liberty**

**Shall a self-created band,  
Govern with Supreme command,  
While their deeds in darkness stand,  
Veil'd in mystery?**

**Shall they shed a brother's blood,  
Plunge his body in the flood,  
Trample on the laws of God  
With impunity?**





Oh! ye slumberers! awake!  
For your own, your country's sake,  
When your liberty's at stake,  
Sleep ye quietly?

Who'll espouse a righteous cause,  
To oppose Masonic laws?  
Let the man who backwards draws,  
Pine in slavery.

Freemen, boldly take your stand,  
Spread the word throughout the land,  
Wield the pen with willing hand  
Down with Masonry!

By the blood of Morgan slain!  
Victims shall not bleed in vain!  
Masonry no more shall reign!  
FREEMEN shall be FREE

- U.S. Newspaper- March 23, 1830, this was at the height of the Morgan affair

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### **The Collected Works of M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels**

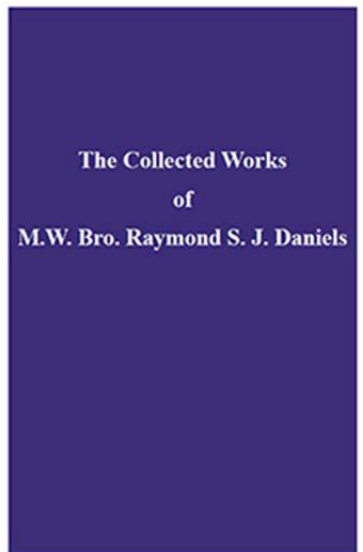
Last October, a select group of Masons from Hamilton District C embarked on a project, with the support of M.W. Bro. S. J. Daniels, P.G.M., to archive all of his Masonic Minutes on the Hamilton Masonic District C website.

In January, this initiative expanded far beyond his Masonic Minutes, to also include Masonic Moments, Masonic Research, Masonic Press, and finally his Masonic Memorial. Unfortunately, M.W. Bro. Daniels passed to the G.L.A. on January 24, 2016.

With all of these materials compiled, the request came for us to consider producing these materials in a book format.

Thus, we are pleased to announce that the complete book, **The Collected Works of M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels** will be available for sale at the upcoming Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at the book desk.

Copies remaining after the Annual Communication will be available through the Grand Lodge Office. At over 300 pages, the book will be in a similar size and format to Whence Come We Vol. II. This book makes for the perfect addition to any Masonic library, or as a Masonic Education resource for any Lodge.



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### **The Piper's Project**

**Thank you, thank you, thank you** to everyone who contributed on my behalf to the 2016 Ride to Conquer Cancer. We achieved a wonderful total that will go towards prostate cancer research through



the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. You have all been wonderful in your fantastic support for this Piper's Project.

### Donations

Goal:	\$3,500
Received to Date:	\$5,450
% Achieved:	<b>156%</b>



Over 4,200 riders joined this year's ninth ride and collectively raised \$17.4 million for cancer research. These nine rides have so far raised over \$170 million to battle this insidious disease.

Next year the organizers are planning some "extra special" items for the 10<sup>th</sup> ride and I am sure it will be something EPIC!! I've already registered for the 2017 ride, so I will keep you posted.

### The Ride

Saturday morning at 5:30 a.m. was very damp!! However, by the time I arrived at the CNE grounds where we started the ride, the rain stopped and by the time we crossed the Start Line at 8:30 a.m. there was even a bit of sun shining. And throughout the day, the sun really DID shine!!

While generally known as a Toronto to Niagara Falls event there are actually six routes:

- The Classic - Toronto/Hamilton/ Niagara Falls
- The Classic + - As above plus 20 kms
- Toronto Turnaround- Toronto/Hamilton/Toronto
- Niagara Classic - Niagara Falls/ /Hamilton/ Toronto
- Niagara Classic + - As above plus 20 kms
- Niagara Turnaround - Niagara Falls/Hamilton/ Niagara Falls

This year I again chose to ride in the Classic with estimated distance to be 200 kms overall.

Day One did eventually become sunny and very windy, especially in the afternoon. At times, even going downhill made the use of lower gears almost mandatory due to the winds. And the heat!! By the time I arrived in Hamilton, the thermometer on my handlebars indicated 106.5 F!! In an interesting and challenging Day One, we rode some 94 kms.

On Day Two, the riders could start any time after 07:00. I left the camp in Hamilton by about 07:15 with a nice sunny day ahead with cooler temperatures. Unfortunately, the wind didn't get the memo to take the day off and, in fact, appeared with even more gusto!! We went through the streets of Hamilton then began a 4-mile+ ascending trail to the top of the Hamilton mountain . . . certainly a "fun" way to start the second day, especially after the draining day we had on Saturday.

Thankfully, we had only a few hills on this day because the wind was non-stop, including the last 10 kms along the river to the finish line. So, we had a second interesting day that was listed as 120 kms and really put all riders to the test.

Of note, while the weather conditions played havoc at times . . . nobody complained!!

### Some Final Thoughts



I have included some of the pictures I took on Saturday and, as you will see, they are NOT of professional quality. However, I think they will give you a sense of the scope of this adventure . . . and my pictures are only from a small vantage point.

If you get a chance, take a look at the 2016 RTCC website and look for the “media” button. By following that lead, you will find hundreds of pictures that document the start, the rides each day and the finish line shots that make every rider’s journey look easy. Why? Because in almost every photo the smiles are contagious; from the faces of onlookers as well as those of the riders, this 200+ km journey is for a great cause . . . and each of us is just doing a small part to make it successful.

Many family members, friends and members of the Masonic Fraternity kindly donated to support my participation in this outstanding adventure. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart and want you to know that all who listed their names on my site were with me on my rides, not only the two-day trip to the Falls, but also on all of my practice rides. Your kindness and encouragement really did provide “a gentle push” when energy levels waned.

And, of course, there were many times I thought of those for whom I chose to do this adventure, to ride in their names. This year I added a few more names to my list and, I suspect, that process will continue with each passing year. (Check out my bike, you’ll see what I mean.)

So, until I begin the next leg of the RTCC, I’ll put my newsletter aside . . . probably for the summer at least. However, as I’ve registered for 2017 and that site is now live.

Have a wonderful summer...and thanks!!

With Best Wishes To All!!

*Bruce Palanik...*

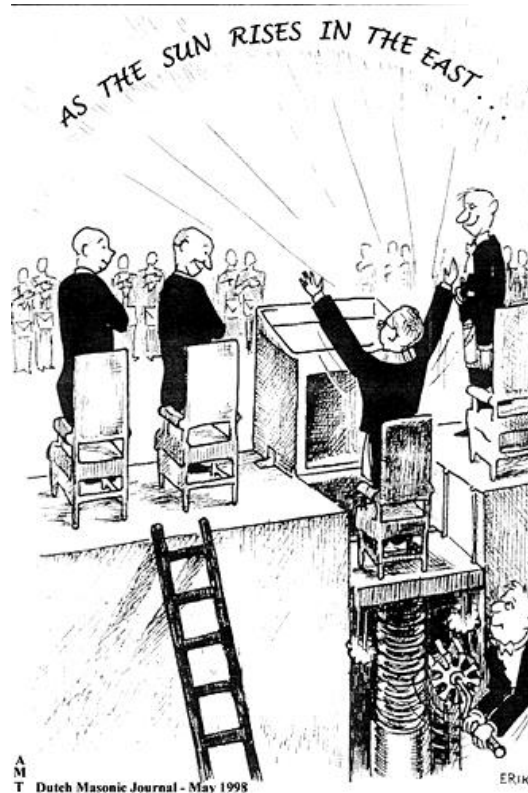
*The Peddling Piper*





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**Smile !**



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**Want To Learn More ?**

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

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

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



3. The Worshipful Master (eight modules).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest.  
- thanks to Bro. Anon Y. Mous

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



King Solomon #5, Tombstone AZ  
with thanks to Ken Penchoff - Wexford #683

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



*Knowing how to pray has saved my butt countless times. The secret of prayer is expressing gratitude for our existence. And the Truth is, everything happens for a reason. We exist on this plane for a reason. We are here to learn, and we only learn from our mistakes. . . So when you pray, ask for wisdom and understanding. Don't bother asking for anything else, because if you have wisdom and understanding you don't need anything else.*

*- Thomas B. Kin 'Tommy' Chong, The I Chong: Meditations From The Joint-2006*

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## **Friday July 1 2016**

### **Canada Day**



Canada Day is the national day of Canada, a federal statutory holiday celebrating the anniversary of the July 1, 1867, enactment of the Constitution Act, 1867 (then called the British North America Act, 1867), which united three colonies into a single country called Canada within the British Empire. Originally called Dominion Day, the holiday was renamed in 1982, the year the Canada Act was passed. Canada Day observances take place throughout Canada as well as among Canadians internationally.

There will be parades, concerts, carnivals, fairs, barbecues, picnics and fireworks. And best of all - another summer long weekend. Get out and enjoy yourself.

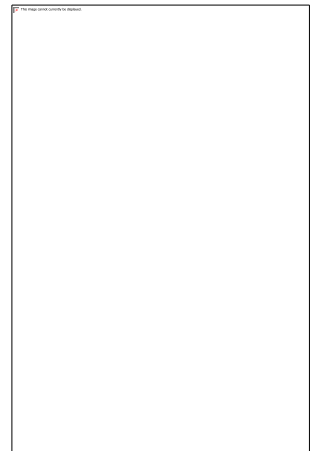
- Wikipedia

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## **Wednesday July 6 2016**

### **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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**Monday July 18 2016**  
**161<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Communication**  
See below

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*True charity is the desire to be useful to others without thought of recompense.*  
*- Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772)*

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**Saturday August 20 2016**  
**Toronto East District - Annual Senior Warden BBQ and Corn Roast**

The Toronto East District Annual BBQ and Corn Roast held by the Pythagoreans (Senior Wardens Group 2016/17). 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: Michael Penchoff @ 416.615.1272, or  
your Senior Warden



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**Saturday August 20 2016**

**Rainbow Girls Toronto Assembly #2 - Golf Tournament**



Join us for a day of FUN, FOOD, DRAWS, and PRIZES. All proceeds to support the 2017 Hostess Committee. This tournament will be a scrambled format. Your tournament fee includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, and lunch.

Deadline to Register: September 1, 2016

Debbie Wright

248 Ravenscroft Rd.

Ajax, ON L1T 2A1

Cheque Payable to: Toronto Assembly #2 Hostess Committee

Time: 7:30 am

Location: Annandale Golf & Curling Club

221 Church St. S., Ajax ON

Cost: \$100 ea

\$400 - Foursome

\$35 - Lunch only (limited seating)

Parking is FREE

Contact: Debbie Wright @ [debbie\\_wright248@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_wright248@yahoo.com) or 905.767.9073

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**The 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge**  
**Fairmont Royal York Hotel**  
**Monday July 18 through Thursday July 21 2016**

**REGISTRATION**

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall on Tuesday evening July 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Wednesday July 20<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. (NOTE: VOTE ONLY FOR FIVE (5) BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES MEMBERS.) 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 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.*

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSSES

**WEDNESDAY JULY 20<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 20<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.

**Agenda**

**Monday July 18**

The **Board of General Purposes** will meet in the Ballroom on the Convention floor of the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 9:00 a.m. Roll Call. Dress: Business. R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, will preside.

**Tuesday July 19**

The **Board of General Purposes** will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Ballroom, Fairmont Royal York Hotel.  
MEET THE NOMINEES

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Salon A - Convention Floor

**Wednesday July 20**

**Grand Lodge** will assemble in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, at 8:45 a.m.; M.W. Bro. John C. Green presiding. Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in Grand Lodge before 8:30 a.m. 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 a.m. The brethren are asked to reassemble after lunch in the same place at 1:30 p.m.



## 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 20<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	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 21

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m. in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

The **Installation and Investiture of Grand Lodge officers and the newly elected D.D.G.M.s** will take place on Thursday 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 21 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 19

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	The Memorial Service	Engaging The New Mason	Building a Web Site	
2:30 to 3:20	District Secretary Preparation	Central Investment Lodge Funds		Computer Resources
3:30 to 4:20	Cornerstone Project	History 300 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Masonry	Project Hope	



***GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET***

Wednesday July 20, 2016

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

**R.W. Bro. Stuart A. Wright**

**Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of California**

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 14, 2016.

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



## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### Home Plate

*(ED: You think this paper has nothing to do with Freemasonry? Nothing to do with our Craft in general? Think again!)*

In Nashville, Tennessee, during the first week of January 1996, more than 4,000 baseball coaches descended upon the Opryland Hotel for the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual American Baseball Coaches Association convention.

While I waited in line to register with the hotel staff, I heard other more veteran coaches rumbling about the line-up of speakers scheduled to present during the weekend. One name, in particular, kept resurfacing, always with the same sentiment - "John Scolinos is here? Oh man, worth every penny of my airfare."

Who the hell is John Scolinos, I wondered. No matter, I was just happy to be there.

In 1996, Coach Scolinos was 78 years old and five years retired from a college coaching career that began in 1948. He shuffled to the stage to an impressive standing ovation, wearing dark polyester pants, a light blue shirt, and a string around his neck from which home plate hung - a full-sized, stark-white home plate.

Seriously, I wondered, who in the hell is this guy?

After speaking for twenty-five minutes, not once mentioning the prop hanging around his neck, Coach Scolinos appeared to notice the snickering among some of the coaches. Even those who knew Coach Scolinos had to wonder exactly where he was going with this, or if he had simply forgotten about home plate since he'd gotten on stage. Then, finally . . .

"You're probably all wondering why I'm wearing home plate around my neck. Or maybe you think I escaped from Camarillo State Hospital," he said, his voice growing irascible. I laughed along with the others, acknowledging the possibility. "No," he continued, "I may be old, but I'm not crazy. The reason I stand before you today is to share with you baseball people what I've learned in my life, what I've learned about home plate in my 78 years."

Several hands went up when Scolinos asked how many Little League coaches were in the room. "Do you know how wide home plate is in Little League?"

After a pause, someone offered, "Seventeen inches?" more of a question than answer.

"That's right," he said. "How about in Babe Ruth's day? Any Babe Ruth coaches in the house?"

Another long pause.



“Seventeen inches?” came a guess from another reluctant coach.

“That’s right,” said Scolinos. “Now, how many high school coaches do we have in the room?” Hundreds of hands shot up, as the pattern began to appear.

“How wide is home plate in high school baseball?”

“Seventeen inches,” they said, sounding more confident.

“You’re right!” Scolinos barked. “And you college coaches, how wide is home plate in college?”

“Seventeen inches!” we said, in unison.

“Any Minor League coaches here? How wide is home plate in pro ball?”

“Seventeen inches!”

“RIGHT! And in the Major Leagues, how wide home plate is in the Major Leagues?”

“Seventeen inches!”

“SEV-EN-TEEN INCHES!” he confirmed, his voice bellowing off the walls. “And what do they do with a Big League pitcher who can’t throw the ball over seventeen inches?” Pause. “They send him to Pocatello!” he hollered, drawing raucous laughter.

“What they don’t do is this: they don’t say, ‘Ah, that’s okay, Jimmy. You can’t hit a seventeen-inch target? We’ll make it eighteen inches, or nineteen inches. We’ll make it twenty inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can’t hit that, let us know so we can make it wider still, say twenty-five inches.’”

Pause.

“Coaches . . .”

Pause.

“ . . . what do we do when our best player shows up late to practice? When our team rules forbid facial hair and a guy shows up unshaven? What if he gets caught drinking? Do we hold him accountable? Or do we change the rules to fit him. Do we widen home plate?”

The chuckles gradually faded as four thousand coaches grew quiet, the fog lifting as the old coach’s message began to unfold. He turned the plate toward himself and, using a Sharpie, began to draw something. When he turned it toward the crowd, point up, a house was revealed, complete with a freshly drawn door and two windows.

“This is the problem in our homes today. With our marriages, with the way we parent our kids. With our discipline. We don’t teach accountability to our kids, and there is no consequence for failing to meet standards. We widen the plate!”

Pause. Then, to the point at the top of the house, he added a small American flag.



“This is the problem in our schools today. The quality of our education is going downhill fast and teachers have been stripped of the tools they need to be successful, and to educate and discipline our young people. We are allowing others to widen home plate! Where is that getting us?”

Silence. He replaced the flag with a Cross.

“And this is the problem in the Church, where powerful people in positions of authority have taken advantage of young children, only to have such an atrocity swept under the rug for years. Our church leaders are widening home plate for themselves! And we allow it.”

“And the same is true with our government. Our so-called representatives make rules for us that don’t apply to themselves. They take bribes from lobbyists and foreign countries. They no longer serve us. And we allow them to widen home plate and we see our country falling into a dark abyss while we watch.”

I was amazed. At a baseball convention where I expected to learn something about curveballs and bunting and how to run better practices, I had learned something far more valuable. From an old man with home plate strung around his neck, I had learned something about life, about myself, about my own weaknesses and about my responsibilities as a leader. I had to hold myself and others accountable to that which I knew to be right, lest our families, our faith, and our society continue down an undesirable path.

“If I am lucky,” Coach Scolinos concluded, “you will remember one thing from this old coach today. It is this: if we fail to hold ourselves to a higher standard, a standard of what we know to be right; if we fail to hold our spouses and our children to the same standards, if we are unwilling or unable to provide a consequence when they do not meet the standard; and if our schools and churches and our government fail to hold themselves accountable to those they serve, there is but one thing to look forward to . . .”

With that, he held home plate in front of his chest, turned it around, and revealed its dark black backside. “. . . dark days ahead.”

Coach Scolinos died in 2009 at the age of 91, but not before touching the lives of hundreds of players and coaches, including mine. Meeting him at my first American Baseball Coaches Association convention kept me returning year after year, looking for similar wisdom and inspiration from other coaches. He is the best clinic speaker the American Baseball Coaches Association has ever known because he was so much more than a baseball coach.

His message was clear: “Coaches, keep your players - no matter how good they are - your own children, your churches, your government, and most of all, keep yourself at seventeen inches.”

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