

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT
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The real question, after all, is not as to the quantity of life, but its quality; its depth, its purity, its fortitude, its fitness of spirit and gesture of soul. Hence the insistent emphasis of Masonry upon the building of character and the practice of righteousness; upon that moral culture without which man is rudimentary, and that spiritual vision without intellect is the slave of greed or passion. What makes a man great and free of soul, here or anywhere, is loyalty to the laws of right, of truth, of purity, of love, and the lofty will of God.

- Bro. Joseph Fort Newton (1880-1950)

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

Brethren,

Time always passes faster than we think, but pass it does. In a few months it will feel like a blur. With all Official Functions in Toronto East District now behind us, soon we will be gearing up for cottages or the beach. But it also gives us an opportunity to reflect on what we have accomplished in our year as a District, what were the Highlights and what were the low points or disappointments, and what was our own contribution.

One of the highlights, and there are a few, the Visitation on all Official Visits and Installations was just excellent. Speaking with DDGMS from other Districts, as well as Brethren from without, it is a fact that our Attendance at Official Visits (some over a hundred or close to it) is unsurpassed. It was almost as in the years past. The support that the District Secretary and I received from all of you was most gratifying, not just to Ron or myself but also to all of you who have participated. I am sure that all of you are proud of your accomplishment as a Team and of your own individual accomplishments.

As you know, I was always a proponent of good Ritual Work, and You, my Brethren, have responded well, as the Ritual Work on Official Visits was to a very high standard. I congratulate all of you, who had taken part regardless of how small a part in the Work.



Our Blood Donor Clinics have done very well. We have collected to date 810 units of blood, and it was not only rewarding, but also fun to be part of it, and I thank all Members of our Blood Donors Team and its Co-Chairmen for their continuous effort. It was great to see the Army of red Masonic Blood Donor shirts at work.

Our MasoniChIP Program on May 23rd was an incredible success and I congratulate the Chairman W. Bro. Clint Sturgeon and his Team of Volunteers for processing 105 children. The event was part of Open Doors Toronto and although primarily 3 Lodges organized it, I would say that it was a Team effort as members of numerous Lodges took part and contributed. There are more MasoniChIP Clinics scheduled within the next few weeks, so our numbers will be even better.

The Open House in the Lodge room, hosted by The Beaches Lodge was definitely a well-organized effort and I congratulate W. Bro. Ed Crosier and his Team of Volunteers for months of preparation. I think it was a stroke of genius to make it a part of Open Doors Toronto and I know it was on Ed's mind for at least a year. I am not sure how accurate we are in estimating large crowds, but both W. Bro. Ed Crosier and I thought we had at least a thousand people going through the Lodge room. From 10 am, at any given time, there was at least 50 people sitting in the South, including the extra chairs, listening intently to our Guest Speakers and watching the Friend-to-Friend video. Every half an hour this group would be entirely replenished by another crowd just as big, all day long, till 5:00 pm. There were an unusual number of families and ladies present, and a lot of New Canadians asking some unusual and fascinating questions that V.W. Bro. Alan MacDonald and I had to be thinking on our feet in order to answer. It was simply great, and I congratulate V.W. Bro. Al MacDonald on his ingenuity and forthrightness.

If a Lodge needs new members, then Open Houses are the way to go. It can be well promoted and advertised and results will come.

Some of the disappointments of the year were that only a small number of Lodges make use of the Grand Lodge Programs available. There is no need to re-invent the wheel, it's already been invented and ready to go, and all you need to do is to apply it.

The other low point was to learn that there are still some Masons in some lodges who will abuse the privilege of a secret ballot to settle their personal vendettas and very irresponsibly sabotage the well being of an otherwise viable lodge. They may be Masons on paper, but not in their Hearts. For us to pretend that this kind of behaviour does not exist would be naïve if not outright foolish.

Brethren, there are still many Social Events taking place in our District and I ask you to consult the District Newsletters and the website (www.torontoeastdistrict.com) for dates. Our District Project of "Honouring Our Own", the Luncheon for the Widows and Senior Members is still ahead of us on Sunday, June 7th from 11:00 am at WindReach Farms north of Ajax. Lunch, BBQ - starting at 12:30 pm and Ceremonies at 2:00 pm. I will be sending out directions how to get there over the next few days. If you have knowledge of any Widow not already on your lodge's list who had not been contacted, please do so, and see if you can assist in bringing them out. I also call on lodge W. Masters and Officers and their families to come out and assist us, and make this a great District Event. Bro. Maher Eiid from Wexford Lodge has offered a school bus and a driver to transport the Ladies who need the transportation to WindReach Farms from Scarborough Masonic Temple with possibly a stop in Ajax Masonic Temple. Please contact me at 416.816.1363 or Chairman W. Bro. Todd Owens at 416.722.0843 to make the arrangements. WindReach Farms is located at 312 Townline, in the Hamlet of Ashburn, between Lakeridge Rd. (Durham #23) and Brock St. (Hwy 12), north of Myrtle Rd. (9th Concession). Tel 905.655.5827.



To all Worshipful Masters and IPMs, the CD with the Photo Sessions with our Grand Master from the Grand Master's Banquet on March 31st are now available. I have the CD in my possession with hundreds of photos, and I will be distributing copies of the CD to all W.M.s. and lodges shortly. The slide show of photos is great.

Our Annual Grand Lodge Communication is coming up soon. The District Vote for our new DDGM will take place on Wednesday 15th, in the Ontario Room on the Convention Floor from 5:00 pm to 5:50 pm sharp. There has been a change in use of PROXIES in vote for DDGM. There will be no Proxies in use for vote for DDGM, only for other Grand Lodge Officers. In the District room it is **One Man One Vote**. So make sure you are there to support your Candidate. The Registration is Tuesday, July 14th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm and Wednesday, July 15th 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. You have to register in order to Vote.

Tickets for the Grand Master's Banquet on Wednesday, July 15th at 6:00 pm are available from the DDGM or Grand Lodge. Tickets are \$58.00 cash sales only, before July 10th. Please order them as soon as possible. All W. Masters should attend.

Brethren, on behalf of W. Bro. Ron Scott, District Secretary and myself, we thank you for your great support throughout the year. It was a Great Honour, a humbling and also a gratifying experience that neither of us will ever forget. We truly thank you for the opportunity to serve the Toronto East District, and I hope we have done it to your satisfaction and expectations. There are many, too many, that we could thank individually, but will Thank you Collectively, as a Team, from the bottom of our hearts.

Now it will be time to retire into the multitude, and allow another Brother to shine.

Once again, Thank You All. Do enjoy the summer, and May The Most High watch over you and your loved ones.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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R.W. Bro. Dushan Surovy
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

June

Wednesday June 3, 2009
Brougham Union Lodge – **Annual Steak Night**
See notice below
Claremont Masonic Temple

Thursday June 4, 2009
Doric Lodge – **Senior Wardens Group Degree Team**
2nd Degree
Ajax Masonic Temple

Saturday June 6, 2009
Friendship Lodge – **15th Annual Golf Tournament**
See notice below
Four Season's Golf and Country Club

Sunday June 7, 2009
Toronto East District – **Honouring Our Own**
See notice below
WindReach Farm

Sunday June 14, 2009
Father's Day
Probably the most important job any of us will ever have. May we all look on the job we have done and be satisfied!



Sunday June 14, 2009
East Toronto Masonic Temple Community Day
See notice below
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Thursday June 18, 2009
Toronto East District – **Lodge Resource Committee – 4 of 4**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday June 19, 2009 thru
Sunday June 21, 2009
Birch Cliff Lodge – **17th Annual Owl's Head Visitation**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday June 20, 2009
The Beaches Lodge – **3rd Annual Sandcastle Competition**
See notice below
The Beaches of Ashbridge's Bay

July

Wednesday July 1, 2009
Canada Day !!
Enjoy the day off! Whenever you actually get it. **Fireworks !!**



Friday July 10, 2009
Birch Cliff Lodge - **Annual Golf Tournament**
See notice below
Bushwoods Golf Club

Tuesday July 14, 2009 through
Thursday July 16, 2009
Grand Lodge - **Annual Communication**
See notice below
Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Friday July 24, 2009
Toronto East District – **Blood Donor Clinic**
See notice below
St. Aidan's Anglican Church



Sunday June 21, 2009

First Full Day of Summer

Summer Solstice (when the sun reaches its farthest point north of the equator).

Enjoy our wonderful Canadian summer!



Wednesday June 24, 2009

St. John the Baptist Day – **Patron Saint of Freemasonry**

Saturday June 27, 2009

Scarboro Lodge – **Annual Open Golf Tournament**

See notice below

Rolling Hills Golf Course



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

Honouring Our Own

A luncheon will be held for our Widows and Senior Members of our Lodges who are no longer capable of participating in the life of a Lodge, due to their age or poor health, on Sunday June 7 at WindReach Farms. Please see the notice below.

Contact: Todd Owens @ 618@ypr.ca or 416.722.0843
Bill Utton @ 905.831.6256

Waste no more time talking about great souls and how they should be. Become one yourself!
- Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (121-180)

Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are officially a Partners For Life entity with the Canadian Blood Services. We have established some dates for future clinics at St. Aidan's Anglican Church. Any brother in Toronto East District that may wish to assist at these clinics, thus getting their Lodge 'credits' for the amount of donation's made at the clinic may contact the brethren shown below.

Don't be concerned if you are unable to give blood at any of the indicated Blood Donor Clinics. If you wish to be a donor, find yourself a Blood Donor Clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge.

Do your part and "Be an everyday hero today" by attending the clinics when they are announced.

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday July 24, 2009
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Friday September 25, 2009
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Friday November 27, 2009
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222



Book your appointment time in advance 1-888-2-DONATE and your visit will be quicker. For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics, go to

www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu

Contact: Fred Bryant @ etd.blooddonors@gmail.com or 416.421.6762
Doug Gray @ dagmortgages@rogers.com or 416.266.0783
Jim McKinnon Jr. @ jmckinnonjr@gmail.com or 905.250.0190

Brougham Union Lodge - Mosaic Pavement Raffle

A raffle was held with the proceeds to fund temple refurbishing. The chances were 1 in 100 of winning.



Tickets for all of the \$50 prizes have been drawn. There is 1 remaining \$500 prize to be drawn.

1. March 9/09 - Stan Rowe - \$50 winner
2. March 18/09 - James Tomkinson - \$50 winner
3. April 1/09 - Stan Rowe - \$50 winner
4. April 8/09 - Nick Chiai - Brougham Union Lodge - \$50 winner
5. April 21/09 - Rob Diamond - Brougham Union Lodge - \$50 winner
6. April 21/09 - Don Vale - Brougham Union Lodge - \$50 winner
7. April 29/09 - Rik Kubiak - Shriner - \$50 winner
8. May 6/09 - Rob Diamond - Brougham Union Lodge - \$50 winner
9. May 20/09 - Dushan Surovy – D.D.G.M. - \$50 winner (Who says it's too late to suck up?)
10. May 27/09 - Eric Jones - Brougham Union Lodge - \$50 winner

Next Wednesday June 3rd, at the Annual Steak Night will be the BIG \$500 draw (that I am going to win).

While you are there, enjoying the fine steak dinner with your glass of wine, go upstairs and take a look at the pavement. You'll be envious!

The Dash

I read of a reverend that stood to speak at the funeral of his friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning . . . to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth,
And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own; the cars, the house, the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard, are there things you'd like to change?



For you never know how much time is left. (You could be at 'dash mid-range.')

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand the way other people feel.
And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile,
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash...

Would you be pleased with the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

- Linda Ellis

<http://www.lindaslyrics.com>

Historic Masonic Gavel Missing

We are searching for a missing Masonic Gavel that was used at the dedication of the Masonic Temple at 888 Yonge Street in 1918.

This gavel was last seen in the possession of the manager of 888 Yonge Street in 1992. He had found it in the temple building. Its current whereabouts are unknown. We request your assistance in locating it and having it placed in the Grand Lodge Museum.

If you have any information to assist in our search please advise –

Paul Skazin @ skazin@sympatico.ca or

Charlie Reid @ charlie.reid@sympatico.ca

Ahh! There He is!

On Friday, April 17th, the Masons of Wellington District welcomed the Grand Master and other visitors from across the province to Guelph Place for a reception and dinner. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor brought greetings from the Masons of Ontario and gave a thought provoking presentation on his perspective of Masonry in today's world. Freemasonry is the oldest fraternity known to man, encouraging goodwill and charity towards all. It inspires personal growth and recognizes human equality. Attending, and pretending he can play (note the almost empty glass) were Robert Jewell, His Grace, Le Marquis de BenCruachan of Guelph at the piano, with Harry Cooper and John Thomson.



Not Enough Masonic Organizations To Keep You Busy? ☺

Ever thought of joining the International Order of Friendly Sons of the Raccoons? Joining is cheap. Initiation - \$1.50. Annual dues - \$2.00. Give them a try. Could be some of their members are guys you already know!

<http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/fiction/fraternities/raccoons.html>

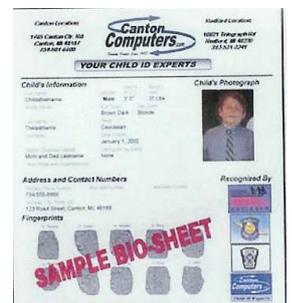


MasoniChIP, Open House and Community BBQ

The MasoniChIP Program is arguably one of the most important things Freemasonry does for our communities. With the depressing news we've had recently, no one can deny that high quality identification for the most vulnerable sector of our society, our young is of value. This program is conducted throughout the U.S. with a MasoniChIP booth present at nearly every community event, fair, etc. To have the name and reputation of Freemasonry attached to such a venture in the minds of the general public can do us nothing but good.

Estimates place the amount of time required to collect, digitize and distribute the information mandatory for an Amber Alert at between 12 and 24 hours, thus delaying the alert by that amount of time. With MasoniChIP, all the mandatory information is ready and available for distribution as soon as they can get to a suitable computer.

MasoniChIP (Child Identification Program) provides all the identification items that the police ask for in the event of a missing child. In addition to the standard height, weight, etc., there are a still photograph, a video with voiceprint, digitized fingerprints, a DNA swab and a dental impression. Everything possible is recorded digitally on a disk, combined with a print out and the physical components as a package and given to the parent. In the un-hoped for event that a child disappears, everything the authorities would require for an immediate Amber Alert is in one readily available package.



By the time of publication there will have been two MasoniChIP programs held in our district and another one planned for later in the month. All participants must be congratulated.

Although many of these pictures come from one of the ChIP days, it gives those who have not attended or are not sure of what goes on, an idea of what can be done.



The Scarborough Temple day was combined with the Toronto Open Doors weekend. Members from several of the Masonic Family associations set up booths and talked to the general public. The children were interviewed, photographed, had DNA swab and dental impressions taken etc. to provide all the components of this valuable



Aside from the actual ChIP program, the Temple was open for the public to go through and ask questions. As said in the DDGM's message, the lodge room was continually filled with people listening to the talk and asking questions. There was entertainment for the kids, entertainment for the ladies (*Firemen!*), police checks for the correct mounting of child car seats, a BBQ and the media, in this case CityTV. As you can see, this does not have to be a one-dimensional day. It can be of value to all levels of the public and Freemasonry as well.



Think about how your lodge can combine as many interesting things as possible into one day, and go for it.

The ideals that have always shone before me and filled me with the joy of living are goodness, beauty, and truth. To make a goal of comfort or happiness has never appealed to me; a system of ethics built on this basis would be sufficient only for a herd of cattle.

- Albert Einstein (1879-1955), Nobel Physics Prize-1921

Wednesday June 3, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – Annual Steak Night

Come to beautiful downtown Claremont and enjoy a lovely summer's evening accompanied by a 7 oz. steak, baked potato, salad, bun, dessert and one glass of wine. Food is served on china plates with linen tablecloths, etc. If you've never been to one of these, you don't know what you are missing. There are two sittings: - 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. For those who wish to stay longer, tables are available under a marquee behind the Lodge Hall. Please note that only 150 tickets are available and they **MUST BE PREPAID. Tickets will not be available at the door.**



Time: 6:00 pm – Sitting #1



7:00 pm – Sitting #2
Location: Claremont Masonic Temple
Cost: \$15/ea
Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@sympatico.ca or 416.518.2242 or 905.649.3003

Saturday June 6, 2009
Friendship Lodge – 15th Annual Golf Tournament



A great day full of golf, sunshine, fraternity, food and laughter. D’ya think he made the putt? What do ya think the laughter is all about?

Time: 9:30 am
Location: 4 Seasons Golf and Country Club
Cost: \$100/ea
Contact: Ken Rayner @ ken.rayner@siemens.com or 905.579.7106

A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees.

He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him.

As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter asked, “Are you a good golfer?”

The man replied: “Got here in two, didn’t I?”

Sunday June 7, 2009
Toronto East District – Honouring Our Own

Dushan Surovy the District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto East District invites you to a celebration of honouring our own. All members of the Toronto East Districts 21 Lodges and their families are invited to attend. Children will have a great time!

The Guests of Honour will be Masonic Widows their families and any senior Lodge members!



The event will include a tour of the Farm and outbuildings. The WindReach Farm is all wheelchair accessible on paved pathways, and buildings and barns combine to make it a wonderful experience.

Each Lodge is responsible for contacting their own Guests of Honour - our Masonic Widows and all Senior Lodge members. It would be appreciated if secretaries of Lodges can provide a list or numbers of Widows and Senior Members attending, so that transportation, gifts, favours and presentations can be coordinated.

A BBQ lunch, hotdogs, sausages, hamburgers, salads, pop, coffee, tea and deserts will start at 12:30 pm.



The organizational committee still needs volunteers to assist on the event day, specifically transportation, food and beverages, Honouring Our Own ceremony and other activities.

Time: 11:00 am – Gates Open – Tours Start
12:30 pm – Luncheon
2:00 pm – Honouring Our Own Ceremony
Location: The WindReach Farm
Contact: Todd Owens @ 618@ypr.ca or 416.722.0843
Ron Scott @ r.on.scott@sympatico.ca or 416.439.5715 or
Dushan Surovy @ dushan_surovy@hotmail.com or 416.816.1363

Sunday June 7, 2009

Toronto Assembly #2 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls – Installation

All are cordially invited to attend their Installation of Officers. Formal dress code. Ladies no pants, culottes or black please. Refreshments to follow.

Time: 1:30 pm – Line Up
2:15 pm – Installation
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Contact: Rebecca Corby @ 416.266.9706
Jane Ball @ baljan@rogers.com or 416.267.0364

From the Top Down, or the Bottom Up

A thought that is heard from time to time is that if change doesn't come from the top down it will need to come from the bottom up. That's an interesting idea for a couple of reasons, and it is something to think about.

Thinking of a Lodge and a Grand Lodge; it's natural to think first of the Master Masons who are the Lodge, and then also who the members of a Grand Lodge are; the representatives of the Constituent Lodges. Master Masons are in a position to take an active part in Lodge governance, and Masters and Wardens are in a position to take an active role in the governance of their Grand Lodge. A Lodge of Masons can, and should, suggest ideas for legislation Master or Wardens could present at the Grand Lodge Communication.

When some think of top down and bottom up they think of the Lodge officers and Grand Lodge officers being at the top, while the Lodges and its members being at the bottom: As a member of my Lodge I don't feel like I'm at the bottom. This view may have come from an unfortunate choice of words that dates back to the Premiere Grand Lodge in 1717, which continued for hundreds of years, and into the thinking of Masons around the world. In 1717 the Lodges that formed the Grand Lodge were referred to as 'subordinate' Lodges. What a mistake! If anything was correct it was the Grand Lodge that was subordinate to the Lodges that formed the Grand Lodge. It was individual Lodges that came together to 'birth' a Grand Lodge, and then to elect the officers to serve the Grand Lodge. Over the years, as the number of Lodges in a jurisdiction have grown the Grand Lodges have also grown. That growth means the members of Grand Lodge from the "constituent" Lodges far out number the elected, appointed, and permanent members of a Grand Lodge.



Thankfully, in their wisdom, Grand Lodges voted to change the word 'subordinate' to 'constituent' - to reflect the actual and proper role of the Lodges and Master Masons within a jurisdiction.

So to use the term 'bottom up' to mean from the Lodges and Master Masons to the Grand Lodge, and the term 'top down' to mean from the Grand Lodge to the Lodges and Master Masons in a jurisdiction is just not correct.

It's true we want our elected and appointed officers to be Masons who are hard workers and who have good ideas; Masons who aren't afraid to put their ideas out there for others to see, hear, and consider. But we also want them to be Masons who meet us on the level and who will listen to us and our ideas: Not only listen but also to consider our ideas and advance the good ones to the rest of the craft. This is what can be done in an annual communication of a Grand Lodge.

To me, 'top down' means the Constituent Lodges and its members, who are the Constituents of our Grand Lodge. The individual Masons in our jurisdiction and the members of the Grand Lodge have the opportunity to take an active role in the direction ofMasonry. I don't view officers of jurisdictions (Lodge and Grand Lodge) as dictators telling Master Masons what to do and how to do it. Rather, to repeat myself, I think of individual members of Lodges who can, and who maybe have the responsibility to, take a more active role in the governance and direction of their Lodge and Grand Lodge.

Brother and President Harry S. Truman used to refer to his wife as "The Boss," and to his daughter as "The Boss' Boss." If the word "Boss" means the one who is listened to, then maybe the word 'Top' might have a similar meaning. Lodge and Grand Lodge officers listen to the members of their respective bodies. In Freemasonry it's the Master Masons who are tops.

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Sunday June 14, 2009

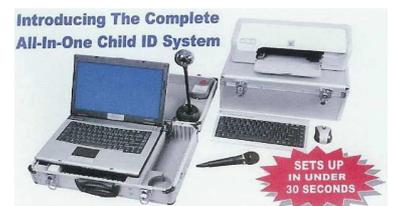
East Toronto Masonic Temple Community Day

A day just packed with activity. We will also be hosting an Open House, a BBQ, a Yard Sale, Face Painting, a Raffle, a Food Drive and a gigantic bouncer provided by the Firefighter's Association.

ChIP will take place in the Banquet room and a committee of Brethren from the various Lodges from the East Toronto Masonic Temple will be there to put together the kits for the parents so as to have this valuable data available to them in case of any emergency!

We are having a Food Drive so would you bring some cans or dry goods with a value no more than \$5 to place in the Hamper/Box in the anteroom. Food donations are much in need.

We would like any donations of goods for the Yard Sale to be brought to the East Toronto Temple. Please bring an item and show that you care to make this a huge success!!!



The intention is to raise enough funds through the Yard Sale to repay the District / DDGM for all of the materials provided the District Blood Donors Committee this Masonic year as well as making donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, the East Toronto Temple Board and the District Project of Honouring Our Own.

This will be an OPEN event for the Freemasons and Families and especially the Community at Large.

Time: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: Doug Gray @ douggray@rogers.com or 416-266-0783

Tuesday June 16, 2009

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals.
Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie.**

Topic: tba
Speaker: tba
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione @ pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 905.846.3586

NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

Thursday June 18, 2009

Toronto East District - Lodge Resource Committee – 4 of 4

The Toronto East District Lodge Resource Committee is holding some informal training and information night at the Scarborough Masonic Temple. The meeting will commence at 7:30 pm sharp and will be followed by a short festive board.

The purpose of the meeting is to explore the Grand Lodge, Lodge Resource Manual that is being introduced to the Lodges this year by David Dainard and his committee. All who have had a chance to review the manual have had excellent comments regarding the content and structure. It is both informative and intuitive and makes for good reading too.

A full copy of the various sections of the manual is available on line at the Toronto East District website at www.torontoeastdistrict.com/resources/resources.html. I would encourage the Brethren to visit the site and download sections that are relevant to them.

The intent is to practice opening and closing the Lodge in the three Degrees of Masonry, answering questions regarding the correct procedures and protocol after each opening and closing and explaining some of the reasons 'Why?' we do certain things. This will follow a similar approach to the Saturday morning sessions at the East Toronto Masonic Temple under the excellent tutorage of Les Armitage.

Following this there will be a presentation of a section of the Lodge Resource Manual.



Friday, June 19, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge - Owl's Head Visitation



2005 – RCMP (Ottawa) Degree Team enters the 'lodge' from the 'West' end. The 'altar' is in the middle of the open area.

Witness the 153rd Annual 3rd Degree (US Constitution) held on the summit of Owl's Head Mountain, overlooking beautiful Lake Memphramagog, 3,000 feet above sea level. It is held in a natural rock amphitheatre, formed in the shape of a Lodge room.

Birch Cliff Lodge has been making this Annual Visitation for the past 17 years. It is a unique Masonic experience.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 5, GRQ of Stanstead, QB, (about 100 km east of Montreal), has been holding this event for the past 153 years, always on or about the 3rd Saturday in June. As a lodge, Golden Rule Lodge #5 predates both the GLCPO, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.



Each year, several hundred Masons from every jurisdiction attend this famous event. The GMs in attendance two years ago were from the Grand Lodges of Quebec, New Brunswick, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, and Ohio. Over the years, we have met Masons from as far away as Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, South Africa, Scotland, Ireland, England and Sweden, as well as from every part of Canada and the U.S.A.

Birch Cliff Lodge plans to depart on Friday, June 19th at 8:00 AM and return on Sunday, June 21st around 5:00 PM. They stay overnight in the Newport City Motel in Newport, VT. **Rooms need to be booked as soon as possible so please contact Jim Pickett as soon as possible.** Valid documentation (passport?) is mandatory for USA entry.

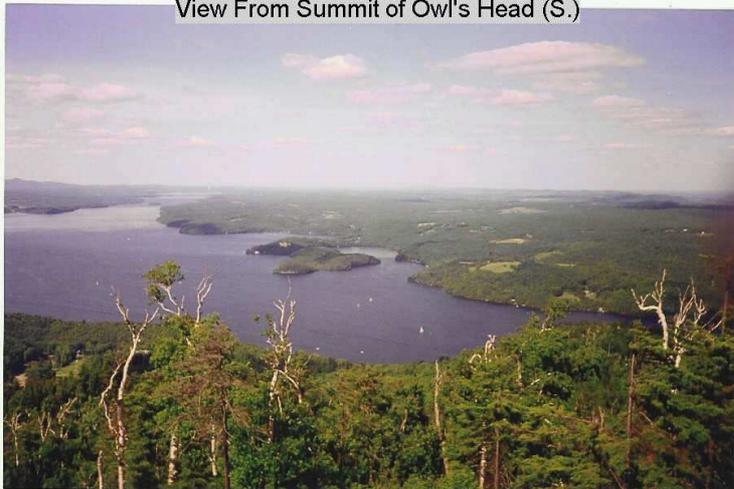
If any other Lodge wants to organize their own transportation, Birch Cliff would be happy to provide all directions, or they can travel with our car.

➔ As this is an out of province visit, Lodges attending as a group require dispensation from Grand Lodge. Birch Cliff already has its dispensation.

➔ It is open to Master Masons only, (no EAs or FCs).



View From Summit of Owl's Head (S.)



Going There:

Departure: Friday June 19, 2009
8:00 AM
Location: tbd
Cost: share mini-van rental,
insurance, gas, etc. as required (usually
\$200-\$250 for the w/e)
Overnight: Newport City Motel in
Newport, VT.
Lodge Meeting:
Time: Saturday June 20, 2009
12:00 Noon
Dress: casual, even shorts if the
weather is hot. Regalia are required.

You ascend on the ski-lift to the 2,500 ft. level, then it's a rough trail climb up to the summit. Good heavy footwear, like boots or hiking shoes is strongly recommended.

Coming Back:

Location: Golden Rule Lodge Hall
Departure: Sunday June 21, 2009 - after breakfast

Toronto Arrival:

Time: approximately 5:00 PM
Contact: Jim Pickett @ j_o_pickett@yahoo.ca or 416.282.9373
(Jim is an honorary member of Golden Rule Lodge.)

It Is Interesting To Note . . .

It is interesting to note that, during the period of the Jewish Hasmonaean Dynasty (152 - 37 BC), a beautifully appointed stone chamber (84 x 60 feet or 26 x 18 m) was constructed underground beneath the former Council House (or Sanhedrin) in Jerusalem. It was used for many years by the operative masons of that period. They believed that it had been used for arcane religious rites at the time of Solomon. However, there is no firm evidence to support this. It still exists, and is located just west of Wilson's Arch near the Wailing Wall. It is regarded as one of the finest examples of such work from the late Hellenistic period.

www.geocities.com/fmisrael/quarries.html

Under the "Research Study" side heading of the 'Site Map' on the home page. Look for - The Origin and Fate of the Temples at Jerusalem - Philip E. H. Thomas - then go to - The Temples - BUILDING THE SECOND TEMPLE - 514 BCE.

The construction of the southeastern part of the Temple Mount is artificially built of refilling works and arches. Located in this area are long underground halls, the most famous among them being Solomon's Stables and the Double and Triple Gates. It is possible that similar arches exist to the west of (southern end of) the Temple Mount but there is currently no access to this area.

It is traditional to attribute this vaulted construction to extensive reconstruction and levelling works that were carried out by Herod at the Temple Mount, however additional changes were carried out in this area at a later period.

Among other reasons, the object of building arches was to decrease the pressure on the supporting walls, and to elevate the platform above the bedrock. But others have argued that the reason for the (system of



arches) was to overcome the problem of isolating (defilement of surface buildings) by the dead who might be buried below in “the graves in the depth.” (Mishnah, Tohoroth, 3) . . .

www.templemount.org/solstables.html

Ever wonder how a 1st Century CE Jerusalemite would refer to THE TEMPLE when there were other pagan houses about?

Saturday June 20, 2009

The Beaches Lodge – 3rd Annual Sandcastle Competition

The theme for this daylong event is to build a *Sandcastle*. We expect teams to be digging by sunrise. They will realistically need to begin sculpting their walls by 10:00 am because the competition will end sharply at 3:00 pm. With any luck, sun block will be advised. A fun day for all!

Anyone with a spade and bucket can compete, but having some idea of what a sandcastle looks like will certainly help. Although each team can have as many members as they want, to be fair, only 4 team members should be working on their structure at any one time.

The first year there were 3 entries, and last year there were 8. There is a rumour that some teams from other districts are considering the trip to Hogtown. So, hopefully, we’ll get a lot more lodges to participate and more civilian castles too! There will be media coverage.

The prize will be a trophy of *unprecedented* value. So far, the winners have been Doric Lodge in 2007 and The Beaches Lodge in 2008. Go figure, eh? Come and dethrone the current chumps, er, uh, champs! Get your Lodge’s name permanently placed on the cup, written in indelible ink on some masking tape! Wow! ☺



Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: Beaches of Ashbridge’s Bay
Contact: Graeme Boyce @ rawgraeme@gmail.com or 416.402.8591

Friday June 26, 2009 through Sunday June 28, 2009

Scarborough Shrine Club – Shrine Circus



The Scarborough Shrine Club is inviting all Masons, their families, friends and any prospective and potential Candidates to the Shrine Circus.

On Friday June 26th at 4.00 PM a special performance of the Shrine Circus will be put on for Masons, their families, and especially prospective and potential Candidates.

Time: Fri. June 26th – 4:00 pm (special Candidate performance)
Fri. June 26th – 7:30 pm (normal performance)
Sat. June 27th – 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm
Sun. June 28th – 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm
Location: East York Town Centre
45 Overlea Blvd, North York
Contact: Duncan Macaulay @ clowncastledm@hotmail.com or 905.426.7087 or
Prince Selvaraj @ prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca or 416.269.9909



Saturday June 27, 2009

Scarboro Lodge – Annual Open Golf Tournament

Our event this year will include a full 18 hole round of golf followed up by a barbecue at our very own Worshipful Master's home (Frank McKay).

The round of golf will be a best-ball format, therefore it is open to expert and hackers alike! There are only a limited number of foursomes that can fit on this event, so please reply as soon as possible with your foursome or individually, and I can arrange a foursome.

There will be prizes and fun for all. A special draw for a foursome of golf will be held for early birds registered before June 15, 2009.



Time: 10:00 am
Location: Rolling Hills Golf Course
Cost: \$40/ea – Golf and BBQ
Golf Cart - \$10 extra
\$15/ea – BBQ only
Contact: Alan Liang @ scarboro653@hotmail.com or 416.953.4636

For most of the round the golfer had argued with his caddy about club selection, but the caddy always prevailed. Finally on the 17th hole, a 185-yard par three into the wind, the caddy handed the golfer a 4-wood and the golfer reacted.

“I think it’s a 3-iron,” said the golfer.

“No, sir it’s a 4-wood,” said the caddy.

“Nope, it’s definitely a 3-iron.”

So the golfer set up, took the 3-iron back slowly, and struck the ball perfectly. It tore through the wind, hit softly on the front of the green, and rolled up two feet short of the pin.

“See,” said the caddy. “I told you it wasn’t enough club.”

A thing is not necessarily false because it is badly expressed, nor true because it is expressed magnificently.

- St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)



Friday, July 10, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge – Annual Birch Cliff Open



The price includes 18 holes of Golf, a Power Cart, BBQ Steak Dinner and the pleasure of the many who have already committed to tickets. Prizes Galore. Best Ball Format. Double Tee-off at the 1st and 10th hole. All are welcome - ladies and non-Masonic friends. Proceeds in support of Prostate Cancer Research. For those wishing to attend, please contact any Officer of Birch Cliff Lodge **ASAP** as tickets usually become hard to get toward the event date.

Time: 10:30 am – T-off
Location: Bushwoods Golf Club
10905 Reesor Road, Markham
Cost: \$98/ea
Contact: Theo Doughty @ 905.649.8394

A young man and a priest are playing together. At a short par-3 the priest asks, “What are you going to use on this hole my son?”

The young man says, “An 8-iron, father. How about you?”

The priest says, “I’m going to hit a soft seven and pray.”

The young man hits his 8-iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his 7-iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards.

The young man says, “I don’t know about you father, but in my church, when we pray, we keep our head down.”

Take Good Men And Make Them Better

In a letter written in 1132 by St. Bernard of Clairvaux it says,
This is the finger of God secretly working, softly renewing, healthfully changing not, indeed, bad men into good, but making good men better.

What was the ‘purpose’ of Freemasonry as stated by the Grand Lodge of England circa 1717? How long has Freemasonry used the phrase (or equivalent) ‘to take good men and make them better?’ Anybody got an answer?

Tuesday July 21, 2009

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

Pat has confirmed this date. Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals. Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie**.

Topic: tba
Speaker: tba
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute



426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione @ pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 905.846.3586

NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

Above all things let us never forget that mankind constitutes one great brotherhood; all born to encounter suffering and sorrow, and therefore bound to sympathize with each other.
- Bro. Albert Pike (1809-1891)

Saturday August 15, 2009

Toronto East District - Senior Wardens' Association Corn Roast and Day at the Farm



The Toronto East District Senior Wardens' Association (The Zephyrs) cordially invite all Masons, Family and Friends to an afternoon of food and festive fun at WindReach Farm where everyone can take part.

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



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



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

The Zephyrs are planning a few more surprises . . . but we can't tell you everything right now.

Planned Itinerary

1:00 pm	Gates open and access to the farm is available
2:00 pm	Children's activities
3:00 pm	Scavenger hunt
5:00 pm	Corn Roast and BBQ
7:00 pm	Sing-along and Karaoke in the upper level of the barn
9:00 pm	<i>Good Night One and All</i>



Admission

Admission includes access to all of the WindReach Farm grounds and activities (excluding horseback riding), Corn Roast / BBQ and admission to the evening Sing-along and Karaoke.

Time: 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: WindReach Farm
312 Townline Rd in the Hamlet of Ashburn, Ontario (Lakeridge Rd about 12 kms north of Taunton Rd - 1.9 kms east of Lakeridge.)
Cost: \$15 – Adults
\$5 – Children under 11
Contact: Bruce Palanik @ thepalanikgroup@rogers.com or 905.839.7342

One of the surest evidences of friendship that one individual can display to another is telling him gently of a fault. If any other can excel it, it is listening to such a disclosure with gratitude, and amending the error.

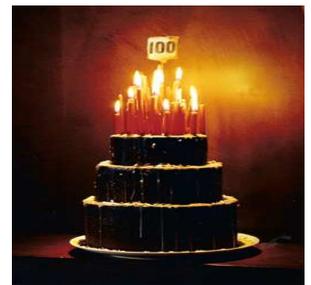
- Edward George Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)

Saturday October 3, 2009

Riverdale John Ross Robertson Lodge #494 - 100th Anniversary

The Officers and Brethren of Riverdale John Ross Robertson Lodge are pleased to invite you to come and help them celebrate their 100 Year Anniversary. See the donning of the Gold.

Time: 4:30 pm - Lodge Opens
6:30 pm - Banquet
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$20 - Banquet
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ bgrimbleby@yahoo.ca or 905.472.8124



The 154th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Monday, July 13 through Thursday July 16, 2008

REGISTRATION

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall on Tuesday evening July 14th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Wednesday July 15th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **NOTE:** Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.
ENTRY TO CONCERT HALL WILL BE THROUGH SALON B.

All balloting, except district elections for the office of D.D.G.M., shall be done at the time of registration in the Concert Hall. The district elections for the D.D.G.M., and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Secretary, and Treasurer shall commence at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 15th.

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSSES

WEDNESDAY JULY 15th, 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 15th to be used for District Meetings. For safety's sake, hats and coats, regalia bags, etc. should be checked in the hotel checkroom as neither the Fairmont Royal York Hotel nor Grand Lodge will be responsible for loss or theft.

District Meetings

There will be no Proxies in use for the vote for DDGM, only for other Grand Lodge Officers. In the District room it is **One Man - One Vote**. Make sure you are there to support your Candidate. 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 15th in the following rooms.

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

Agenda

Monday July 13

The **Board of General Purposes** will meet in the Ballroom, on the Convention floor at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. R.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels, 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 – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Salon A - Convention Floor

Wednesday July 15

Grand Lodge will assemble in the Canadian Room at 8:45 am, M.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor presiding. Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in Grand Lodge before 8:30 am on Wednesday. Distinguished visitors, representing other Grand Jurisdictions, will be received and welcomed.

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

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

Thursday July 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 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>Alberta Room</u>	<u>B.C. Room</u>	<u>Quebec Room</u>	<u>Algonquin Room</u>
1:30 to 2:20	W.M.W. Medal Service Award <i>Putting a Face to the Name</i>	Investigating the Candidate <i>What to Look For</i>	New, Younger Members <i>Keeping Them Interested</i>	Computer Resources presentation
2:30 to 3:20	Lodge Resources What's New <i>Protocol and Etiquette Essentials</i>	Participation in Lodge <i>Discuss – Learn – Grow</i>	Worried About Finances <i>Keeping Your Lodge Afloat</i>	Computer Resources presentation



3:30	Meet Tomorrow's	Participation in	Economic	Computer
to	Leaders Today	Lodge	Downturn	Resources
4:20	<i>Our Youth</i>	<i>Discuss – Learn –</i>	<i>How Brothers Can</i>	presentation
		<i>Grow</i>	<i>Help Brothers</i>	

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 15, 2008

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

Dr. David Harte

*National Spokesman – MasoniChIP Program
International, Inc., Massachusetts*

Guest Speaker

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Doors open at 6:00 pm. Special Entertainment.

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

Cash sales only. Sales cease July 10, 2009.

Reserved tables of 8 direct from Grand Lodge.



BOOK REVIEW:

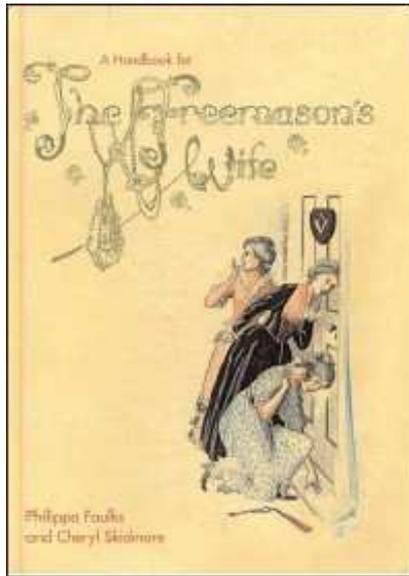
A Handbook For The Freemason's Wife

Author: Philippa Faulks and Cheryl Skidmore

ISBN: 0853183139

Publisher: Lewis Masonic, U.K.

Published: 2009



This is an enjoyable little book, its need is self-evident: a clear, simple and sympathetic description of Freemasonry for those wives whose husbands are thinking of joining us or who have recently joined. It is, of course, equally useful for new members of the Craft who may find much of what he has just experienced bewildering and does not know where to start with his questions.

The book intelligently explores the questions that might arise about Freemasonry, the criticisms that are current in the media and the symbolism employed which, at first, will often seem strange. It is particularly strong with its explanations of the practices of Freemasonry, providing short and simple explanations of the Three Degrees and the most common symbols encountered early on by new masons. It also gives a short summary of the offices such as Lodge Almoner and Charity Steward and the often arcane distinctions of Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, or District Grand Lodge honours. Since most such explanatory books are written for

Freemasons and assume a certain amount of knowledge, this book's explanations, written for the literally uninitiated, is very welcome.

Also welcome are the answers to the kind of questions that Freemasons, being men, would never ask but which might concern their wives or partners. What should I wear for a Ladies night? How can I help in Masonic activities? And all those other small bits of Festive Board ritual that can seem forbidding: what is the procedure to be adopted at a Ladies' Night? Who takes wine with whom? Who are the toasts for and what is the firing afterwards? Who might sit and who might stand?

Overall it is very sympathetic towards Freemasonry, as one would hope given that both authors are wives of Freemasons who have also served as Master of their lodges, yet it does not shy away from a few warnings. For example, as we know, following the completion of the Three Degrees a Freemason discovers that there are many other lodges and Orders which can be joined; the authors usefully caution, 'The temptation is often to join as many as possible, but the Mason must always consider his commitment to his family, work and financial status before leaping in.'

This is a well-written book that can be read in one sitting or dipped into at leisure; every Freemason should purchase a copy for his wife or partner. Although a little Anglo-centric, it is still a worthwhile book.

Review: Michael Baigent

This book is available from Lewis Masonic in the U.K. and from several websites for under \$13.



... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Tenets of Freemasonry: Mere Words or Good Guidelines?

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, what fine and lofty words indeed! These are the principal tenets of our wonderful institution. They form the foundation on which our Masonic lives are founded. So let's examine what these words mean.

Brotherly Love is a combination of the philos, which means love (or philia) and adelphos, which means brother. It refers to the type of bond that we may experience with a family member or close friend. It denotes more than just a superficial relationship but rather one of deep compassion, affection and understanding. To have Brotherly Love for someone means that we truly care about and value that individual as we would a member of our own family.

Relief can be defined as a removal or lightening of something oppressive, painful, or distressing. A synonym would be welfare. It refers to [our] genuine care in our Brother's welfare. For to be able to lift a burden from a Brother's shoulders or have one lifted from our own, would indeed a joyous thing and strengthen our bond with each other.

Truth, ah what a word! Truth is derived from the old English word "trēowth" which means fidelity and taken closely from the old English word "trēowe" which means faithful. It can be defined as sincerity in action, character, and utterance and the fidelity of a standard. It is a reminder that our words, actions and character should be one of integrity. They should embody the highest standards of morality and the image of our Creator.

Yet, while it is nice to know what they mean, do we really need to use them as a guideline? In other words do we need to follow these very closely in lives, both daily and Masonic? My answer would be an emphatic, YES!! For how would we really be able to care for our Brother's family in the unfortunate event of him being indisposed to do so? Or, how could we care about our Brother's welfare if we didn't even like the man himself? Better yet, if we weren't sincere with one another in our words and actions, how would our Brother know who we really are? **KNOW THY SELF**; a common inscription found over the door of many ancient and some present ante room doorways, is a reminder that before we cross the threshold of Freemasonry, we must first possess these things in ourselves. Because Freemasonry doesn't endow us with these tenets, it deepens and gives us an appreciation for these qualities that we should already have in practice.



In closing, these words embody the basic and highest levels of humanity: They exude the qualities that our Creator implanted in us for most beneficent purposes, and that is why they form the principle guidelines of our wonderful institution of Freemasonry.

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November 6008



Toronto East District Lodges:

Toronto East District is comprised of the lodges residing in the Ajax (Doric-Pickering), Claremont, East Toronto (Chisholm) and Scarborough Masonic Halls.

<u>Lodge and No</u>	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Emg</u>	<u>Inst</u>	<u>Off Vst</u>
Acacia #430	East Tor	3 rd Mon		Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384	East Tor	1 st Thu	3 rd Thu	Oct	Jan
Birch Cliff #612 www.birchcliffodge.com	Scar	2 nd Fri	4 th Fri	Dec	Feb
Brougham Union #269	Clar	1 st Wed		Oct	Apr
Caledonia #637 www.caledonialodge637.com	Scar	3 rd Mon		Oct	Apr
Canada #532	Ajax	1 st Tue	3 rd Wed	Oct	Feb
Cathedral #643 www.cathedralodge643.com	East Tor	3 rd Wed		Oct	Mar
Coronati #520	Scar	2 nd Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424	Ajax	3 rd Thu	1 st Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Ajax	2 nd Wed		Jan	Oct
Mimosa #576 www.mimosalodge.com	East Tor	1 st Mon	3 rd Mon	Oct	Apr
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 www.rjrr494.com	East Tor	3 rd Tue	1 st Tue	Sep	Apr
Scarboro #653	Scar	2 nd Mon	4 th Mon	Dec	Mar
St. Aidan's #567	Scar	3 rd Tue		May	Mar
The Beaches #473 www.beacheslodge.ca	Scar	1 st Thu		May	Mar
The Imperial East Gate #543	Scar	2 nd Wed		Nov	Feb
Todmorden #647 www.todmordenlodge.com	East Tor	2 nd Thu	4 th Thu	Nov	Mar
Universe #705 http://home.eol.ca/~freemason/lodge/universe.htm	Scar	2 nd Tue	4 th Tue	Oct	Apr
West Hill #670	Scar	1 st Wed	3 rd Wed	Dec	Mar
Wexford #683	Scar	1 st Fri	3 rd Fri	Nov	Apr
Total Lodges:	20				



ADMINISTRATION:

Hiram's Lighthouse is published on the last day of every month. It is your newsletter. If **Hiram's Lighthouse** does not have the content you would prefer, it is because the editor does not have that content available. With 20 lodges currently in the district, including grip-and-grin pictures of the Official Visit, Installation and Ladies Night of each lodge would dominate the content. If you want something more, please submit it. Please feel free to offer suggestions, submissions for ... **by the Lighthouse Beam**, book and film reviews, and topics of Masonic interest.

To get a notice into the newsletter at least one month before the event, send us a message @ tsmartin@rogers.com with all the information and we'll run it every month until the function is past.

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FYI – there are currently 209 names and growing on the **Hiram's Lighthouse** subscription list.

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