

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003

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Give the Brethren a chance to do something, anything, no matter how small or unimportant. A Brother convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic towards his Lodge and Freemasonry.

- Bro. Carl H. Claudy (1879-1957)

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

Greetings Brethren,



June is a beautiful month, favoured by brides everywhere for their wedding day. The pleasant weather is conducive to an outdoor ceremony, pictures taking in a beautiful park setting and maybe even an outdoor banquet. Despite commentary to the contrary, the institution of marriage is still quite prevalent in our society. Humans, being social creatures, tend to have an aversion to living solitary lives; seeking instead, to seek out someone with whom to share our accomplishments and build our families. I believe this is partly due to an innate human desire for orderly lives. To be successful in this endeavour requires a commitment and a shared understanding of our desired goals and how to achieve them. This hopefully leads us to a life of working together with our chosen partner and the attainment of life-long happiness.

In many ways, this institution is not dissimilar to our institution, Freemasonry. Being that we are very social, while we enjoy our families and our time with them, we also tend to join together in the company of like-minded individuals to form groups with a desire to achieve common goals greater than our individual selves, in hopes of making a positive contribution to society and leaving a strong legacy for the future. This is accomplished by seeking out those who share some of our common interests whether it is joining our fraternity, a sports team, a health club or volunteering with some organisation helping people in need etc. At the end of the day to be successful in any venture, one needs to understand the common goal and then commit and work together for the common good. This is particularly true of Freemasonry.

June is the month that our Masonic year starts to wind down. In Toronto East District we start to think about the election of our officers for the coming Masonic year, as many of our Installations will occur in the first couple of months after our summer break. This is a very important time for all of our lodges.



The Masons we elect and appoint as officers, may very well one day be the Master of our Lodge. So it is very important that we have frank discussions with those Masons seeking office. They need to appreciate the full extent of the commitment to be expected of them and possess the desire to work towards achieving the common goals of the lodge and its members. The future prosperity of your lodge demands this.

I know we have a tendency to make some new Masons officers before they are ready, often justifying this by the rationale that filling the officers' chairs with Past Masters is somehow unacceptable. As a Past Master, I believe we have a duty to fill in as officers where needed, in order to set a proper example and afford our new members a fair opportunity to learn and develop into the proper fulfilment of their duties. Putting new Masons in the chairs prematurely does a disservice to the lodge and the individual Mason. What begins as a misunderstanding of one's duties and obligations, may well lead to failures, frustration and ultimately poor attendance, or outright rejection of the lodge and the Craft. A Mason who demonstrates proficiency through the degrees does not automatically translate into being an effective lodge officer. If we do not take the time to monitor their progress and constantly mentor these men, they may well be lost to us.

Being a good officer is not just memorizing ritual and floor work. It also requires an individual properly prepared to carry out the duties in a proficient manner. Ideally, Lodge officers should have a Past Master or knowledgeable Mason assigned to them as a mentor. Someone who will take the time to gently and quietly teach and encourage him, so he understands why we do the things that we do and is motivated to fulfill his duties with fervency and zeal. Mentors must supply the benefit of knowledge and experience and also build confidence. They must ensure that he is comfortable to ask any questions related to his duties and work with him in a manner that does not leave him feeling embarrassed or awkward.

Prior to elections, before existing officers progress to their next office, the mentor should have an informal discussion with him, during which a review of the past year's performance is conducted. The mentor should assess with the officer, if he felt he did a good job and whether he feels ready to move forward and assume greater responsibilities in the next chair. Chances are that if he has struggled with the work, he may be just as happy to stay in that chair for another year. He may even have been hoping someone would ask if he felt confident enough to move on. We as a lodge must ensure each officer goes through the chairs in a confident and competent manner; acquiring the knowledge contained therein, so when they reach the East, they are properly and fully prepared to carry out the duties of a Master and be proud of their accomplishments.

When we understand where we're going and how we're going to get there, and the goal becomes clear and achievable, then we will make that commitment and work together for the good of Masonry and of ourselves.

The Official Visit and two Installations in May were great and I thank you once again for your attendance and support. We have now finished our Official Visits and Installations for this Masonic year and what a pleasure it has been to sit in the lodges and see the work performed such a proficient manner. But more importantly, the fellowship was fantastic. What a delight it was to visit our lodges and be greeted with so many friendly handshakes and hugs and a friendly "How are you doing?" Sitting in the banquet room and listening to the laughter and voices as we shared with one another our stories of what was happening in our lives is truly heart-warming. How very fortunate we are to be a part of this great fraternity and be able to meet men of such good character; men we may not have had a chance to meet in the ordinary course of our lives. Freemasonry does this and more.



At Canada Lodge's regular meeting, we had an opportunity to pay tribute to V.W. Bro. Fulton Taylor on being a Mason for 65 years. What an accomplishment! We wish him many more years. It should be noted that he still drives himself to Lodge and rarely misses a meeting; something us younger brethren should strive to emulate.

W. Bros. David Neave and Bill Willis inform me that we are all set for our 1st Annual Black & White District Gala. This will be a very special night for your ladies and enable us to give proper recognition to the recipients of the various District Awards. I know you will support what we believe to be a very important event for Toronto East District.

I also have tickets for the Grand Master's Banquet to be held at the Grand Lodge Communication at the Royal York Hotel on Wednesday, July 18 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$58.00 and you may purchase them directly from me.

I am pleased to announce that The Stonecutters Senior Wardens' group will be conducting a 1st Degree at Markham-Union Lodge the evening of June 20 2012. Let's make an effort to attend with them in a show of support for the future leaders of our District lodges.

To keep up to date on the events within our District, please remember to read the Trestle Board and make note of the dates, or visit our District web site managed by Bro. Michael K. Morris, www.torontoeastdistrict.com and check the calendar.

May the G.A.O.T.U. watch over you and yours and may we all strive to live up to our obligations.

Fraternally,


R.W. Bro. Keith Jones
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

| June 2012 | | | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| | | | | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> * GLCPO - Conference on Masonic Education see below Masonic Centre- Ottawa | <u>3</u> * TED - 1st Annual Black & White Gala see below Ajax Convention Centre |
| <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> * Riverdale-JRR - Family and Strawberry Night Dress - Casual East Toronto | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> * Wexford - 1st Annual Golf Tournament see below Bushwood Golf Club | <u>10</u> * Doric - Pickering Village Jazz and Music Festival Pulled Pork on a Bun see below Pickering Village |
| <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>13</u>  | <u>14</u> * TED - Blood Donor Clinic see below Doric Pickering | <u>15</u> * Wexford & Mimosa - Visitation to Sharon, PA. see below | <u>16</u> * Wexford & Mimosa - Visitation to Sharon, PA. see below | <u>17</u> Fathers' Day The forgotten guy in the family - he's the one out mowing the lawn. * Rainbow Girls - Installation see below Doric Pickering |
| <u>18</u> * West Gate - The Kirkwall Scroll and Masonic Symbolism see below River Park, Streetsville | <u>19</u> * Oakwood Chapter RAM - Master Mason Night and Strawberry Night see below Doric Pickering | <u>20</u> 1st Day of Summer! * Markham Union - EA Degree by The Stonecutters Strawberry Night see below Claremont | <u>21</u> * Doric - EA Degree, Members Night and Strawberry Night Doric Pickering | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> * Scarboro - Malcolm McKenzie Invitational Golf Tournament and BBQ see below Innisfil Creek Golf Course | <u>24</u> Saint John the Baptist Day One of the original Patron Saints of Freemasonry * The Beaches - Sandcastle Competition see below Ashbridge's Bay |
| <u>25</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> * King Cyrus Chapter RAM - Master Mason Night and Strawberry Night see below Richardson (Stouffville) | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>30</u> | |



| July 2012 | | | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> |
| <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>13</u> * Birch Cliff - Annual Golf Tournament see below Bushwoods Golf Club | <u>14</u> | <u>15</u> |
| <u>16</u> 157th Grand Lodge Communication Fairmont Royal York | <u>17</u> 157th Grand Lodge Communication Fairmont Royal York | <u>18</u> 157th Grand Lodge Communication Fairmont Royal York | <u>19</u> 157th Grand Lodge Communication Fairmont Royal York | <u>20</u> Start of Ramadan | <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> |
| <u>23</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> |
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AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity Supporting Local Masonic Youth Initiatives

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

Contact: Malcolm Parish @ malcolm_parish@hotmail.com or 905.213.9858

A person is not given integrity. It results from the relentless pursuit of honesty at all times.
- Anonymous

Blood Donor Clinics



Below you will find the district scheduled Blood Donor Clinics, but if you cannot attend them find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. It is necessary to book an appointment by calling 1.88.todonate (1.888.636.6283). Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge. The Toronto East District 'Partners for Life' number is **MASN011058** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics, go to
www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu

Contact: John Katz @ johnkatz@sympatico.ca or 416.264.7399

Upcoming Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinics -

Thursday June 14, 2012

10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Clinic Hours
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
457 Kingston Rd. W. (at Mill St.)
905.683.0365

Friday September 28, 2012

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

Friday November 23, 2012

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

FYI

In *Hammer v. State*, 173 Indiana, 199 (1909), the Supreme Court ruled that it was a criminal offense to wear the emblem of any society or organization of which one is not a member. The court based its decision on the fact that the membership in such societies is the result of fitness and selection and that the wearing of such emblems by non-members is a deceit and false pretence.

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



Hear Yea! Hear Yea! All Gather Round!



The new Book of the Work (2012) is now available. See your secretary.

There are few if any changes to the ritual. What has changed is the rubrics (*italics*) portions that tell you where to stand and how to . . . , making the old red Mechanics of the Work booklet even more of a redundancy.

Apparently

Shortly after the original Grand Lodge of England was formed, Grand Lodge asked all the lodges to send in their records. It is believed that the intent was for Grand Lodge to 'standardize' the ritual in some way. Anyone aware of the variety of rituals used under the current United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) knows that didn't happen. Anderson in his, I believe, 1723 Constitutions wrote "*This Year, at some private Lodges, several very valuable Manuscripts . . . concerning the Fraternity, their Lodges, Regulations, Charges, Secrets, and Usages . . . were too hastily burnt by some scrupulous Brothers, that those Papers might not fall into strange Hands. These are now lost to us forever.*" Whether this actually occurred, was an isolated incident or was a complete destruction of records is not known. Anderson has been known to bend the truth. When the Grand Lodge of England sent out the request for lodges to send in their manuscripts etc., apparently many of lodges were suspicious of the move and possibly destroyed most of these informative records. What is definite is that there is a dearth of records of Masonic doings in certain parts of England dating prior to this time. Recently, during renovations to a UK temple, builders rediscovered some old documents in a walled up room or cupboard that none of the current members knew existed. Hmmm.

District Spring Business Meeting - April 28 2012

A very informative meeting was held at the Doric Pickering Masonic Hall at which most of the Chairmen of the District Committees gave a 3 minute review on their activities over the previous year. The brethren of the district who could not attend may rest confident, knowing that Toronto East District has had some very effective management over the last year. Some of the projects have had more work involved than others. Other projects required more innovation than others. All the projects were conducted in a very competent manner. We should be proud that we have so many willing and able in our midst.

Brethren of the district who have put their names forward for Grand Lodge office introduced themselves.



It was early



Who was keeping them alert





David Neave



Bruce Palanik

Candidates for District Deputy Grand Master



Walter Drane

Candidate for Grand Registrar

Masonic Education - Protocol and Etiquette

For those interested in the topic, You can get on a regular email list and get the latest in your very own email box by emailing Gordon Crutcher at -

gordon@crutcher.ca

The very latest issue on the topic of the election of lodge officers can be found at -

<http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1108760976428-5/P&E+Essentials+-+Issue+18.pdf>

For past issues, you can go to -

www.torontoeastdistrict.com/resources/committees/protocol.html

2012 Sankey Lecture

On May 6 2012 another of the Sankey Lectures was presented at Brock University featuring Dr. Steven C. Bullock's lecture entitled *The Heart of Masonry: Upstate New York and the New Nation, 1776-1826*. A full length streaming video of the lecture can be found at -

www.sankeylectures.ca/2012_bullock_lecture.html

How To Say It

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| Indented | inn- <u>dent</u> -ed |
| Indigence | <u>inn</u> -di-jense ('i' as in 'it') |
| Indite (verb) | inn- <u>dite</u> (2 nd 'i' as in 'light') |



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| Induce | inn- <u>dyooss</u> |
| Ineffectual | <u>inn-ee-feck</u> -choo-al |
| Inevitable | inn- <u>evv</u> -it-abble |
| Infallible | inn- <u>fal</u> -ibble |
| Infinite | <u>inn</u> -finn-nit |
| Integrity | inn- <u>teg</u> -rit-tee |
| Injunction | inn- <u>junk</u> -shun |
| Insolent | <u>inn</u> -so-lent |
| Instructive | inn- <u>struck</u> -tivv |
| Intellectual | <u>inn</u> -tell- <u>leck</u> -choo-al |
| Intelligible | inn- <u>tell</u> -i-jibl ('i' as in 'it') |
| Intimated | <u>inn</u> -timm- <u>mate</u> -ed |
| Intimating | <u>inn</u> -timm- <u>mate</u> -ing |
| Intricate | <u>inn</u> -trick-it |
| Inviolable | inn- <u>vy</u> -oh-lab-bul |
| Ionic | eye-on-ick |
| Irregularities | ir- <u>reg</u> -yoo- <u>lar</u> -i-teez ('i' as in 'it') ('a' as in 'cat') |



- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work

What's That All About?

Masonic dates are written "A.L." before figures which never correspond with the number of the year in which we live; why?

Freemasonry's practice has followed the ancient belief that the world was created four thousand years before Christ; that when God said "Let there be light" the world began. Therefore Masons date their doings four thousand years plus the current year, "Anno Lucis," or "In the year of Light."

It is but another of Freemasonry's many ties with a day so old no man may name it.

What are "A Master's Wages"?

According to the ritual, corn, wine and oil are symbolic of the payment a Freemason earns today by "good work, true work, square work." "A Master's Wages" may be the same, may be different, for every brother. They are the friendships formed through Freemasonry; the consciousness of unselfish work; taking part in movements and actions for the betterment of the condition of neighbours; inherent in learning and in making it possible for other men to learn that men of widely different beliefs, convictions, circumstances, education, skills and character may live and work, play and love together in peace and happiness. A Master's Wages are intangible, but the more real because any brother may earn as much as he will.

*"I worked for menial's wages
Only to learn, dismayed,
Any wage I asked of lodge,
Lodge would have paid."*

This is a paraphrase indicating that there is no limit to the Master's Wages any brother may receive, except that which he may put upon himself.



What is legal (or lawful) Masonic information?

Legal or lawful Masonic information can be obtained in three ways; “legal Masonic information” that A. is a Mason is attained by sitting in lodge with him; when he is vouched for by some one with whom a brother has sat in lodge; when he passes an examination before a committee appointed by the Master (or the Grand Master). A letter from a friend introducing “Brother A” as a Mason is not legal Masonic information. The real Brother A may have lost the letter and it may be presented by a stranger. No brother is at liberty to accept an avouchment that a man is a Mason by talking over the telephone with one who knows him to be a Mason. Unless in his presence, and that of the man vouched for, no one can know that the Mr. A spoken of over the telephone is the Mr. A in mind.

Only by strict adherence to these principles can Masons be sure that no cowan or eavesdropper sits in their lodges.

Why does parliamentary law not apply in a lodge?

Parliamentary law which governs the usual body of men assembled in any organization cannot govern a Masonic lodge. A Master may put a motion which has not been proposed or seconded. He can close debate at his pleasure. He does not have to put a question even after debate if he does not desire to do so. He entertains no motion to “lay on the table” or to “postpone” or “to adjourn.” No one can “move the previous question” in a Masonic lodge, and so on.

The reason is found in the responsibility which is the Master’s. The Grand Lodge and the Grand Master hold him responsible for everything that happens in his lodge. There are certain things he cannot do without lodge action, such as spend lodge money. He cannot open before the time stated in the by-laws for a regular communication. But the lodge cannot dictate to him what can be discussed, and if, in his judgment, something should not be discussed or acted upon, it is for him and only for him to say that it should or should not. Were it otherwise, a lodge might “run away” with him, and in enthusiasm do that for which the Grand Lodge or Grand Master would censure or punish him. Therefore, the Master has full control of debate, and work, and acts; ordinary parliamentary law, which might interfere with that control, does not apply.



What is a Masonic Monitor?

The Monitor, or Manual, published by most Grand Lodges in some form, is usually a pocket size volume which contains the exoteric or written work, as distinct from the esoteric, or secret, or “mouth to ear” work or ritual. It is curious and interesting that what is exoteric in one Grand Lodge is sometimes esoteric in another, but no Monitor discloses any secrets to any reader.

Monitors are of more use to officers and others who take parts in the exemplification of degrees than to lodge members who do not. Some Monitors contain also explanations of various parts of Freemasonry and a few are comprehensive in their coverage of the subject.

- One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry



Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Scottish Rite Building
Hamilton, ON
thanks to Steven Hudson, Doric 424

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

A man of character finds a special attractiveness in difficulty, since it is only by coming to grips with difficulty that he can realize his potentialities.

- Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970), 18th President of France-1959-69

Saturday June 2 2012

2012 Conference on Masonic Education

Theme

The timeless vitality of Masonry, for the Past, Present & Future Mason.
Educational, Communication, & Spiritual issues relating to this.

- Dealing with the “why” questions
- Answering the question, “Why is there apparently no time in which to learn the true essence of Masonry?”
- 8 papers will be presented: participants will choose 4 presentations & discussions



The conference format will allow for in depth discussion to occur between conference delegates. At the end of the conference it is our objective to have raised your enthusiasm for Masonic education and be motivated to return to your lodge and district with many useful ideas on how to bring your ideas to the floor of the lodge.

The format will be an initial plenary session with a distinguished Masonic speaker, eight seminars each repeated once (Participants will chose 4) and a wrap up plenary with conclusions from each group. There will be a distinguished speaker at the dinner following our last session. It is expected that the event will be over in time for personal activities with family if present.

Registration is limited to 150. Please submit your registration as soon as possible.

Outline of the Conference

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| 8:30 am | - | Registration |
| 9:00 am | - | Plenary session in the lodge room. An invited Masonic speaker |
| 10:00 am | - | 8 papers and small group discussions. Participants will attend 2 |
| to 12:00 noon | - | sessions of their choice |
| 12:30 pm | - | Lunch |
| 1:30 pm | - | The same 8 papers and group discussions. Participants will attend 2 |
| to 3:30 pm | - | sessions of their choice |
| 3:30 pm | - | Plenary session: Reports from Small groups. Conclusions drawn from |
| | - | the day's groups |
| 4:30 pm | - | Attitude adjustment |
| 5:30 pm | - | Dinner followed by an after dinner speaker |

The registration fee will include morning coffee, lunch and dinner as well as all conference materials. The dinner will be a smorgasbord: vegetarian dishes will be available. Every attendee will receive a memory stick containing not only the proceedings of the conference but also a library of Masonic books and papers.

Please make contact with John Forster to obtain the registration form.

A conference hotel has been arranged and a special room rate of \$99 plus tax is available for this conference. On booking mention your attendance at "Masonic Education Conference."

The Monterey Inn

2259 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa, ON., K2E 6Z8

1-800-565-1311 - or - <http://www.montereyinn.com>

Call for papers:

You are encouraged to present a paper on one of the conference themes (Education, Communication and Philosophy). Please submit an abstract of 100 words or less of your proposed talk. Of the abstracts submitted 8 will be chosen for the conference and given in two (2) sessions each of one hour and consisting of the delivery of the paper followed by questions and discussion. Attendees will choose 4 of the 8 sessions available. The 8 papers and all abstracts will be published electronically in their entirety in the conference proceedings. Everyone will receive a memory stick with the proceedings and other Masonic education pieces. Should the paper be selected for presentation at the conference, it will be published in the proceedings in full. The abstracts of those not presented will also be published with the permission of the author.

Time: All day



Location: The Ottawa Masonic Centre
2140 Walkley Rd., Ottawa
Cost: \$75
Contact: John Forster @ forster.john@me.com or 613.271.8610

Saturday June 2 2012

Toronto East District - Black and White Gala

You, your lady and guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres to the sounds of a jazz trio, followed by a four-course dinner in a beautiful setting. Corsages are planned for the ladies. After a sumptuous meal, there will be dancing to the 18-piece George Lake Big Band orchestra.



Brethren, we want to be sure and thank our ladies in a very

special way for a year of patience and support and this will be a night for them to remember. We also want to have an award ceremony that truly reflects the stature of the District award winners.



In keeping with promises, all speeches will be short and no raffle tickets of any kind will be sold, nor silent auctions held.

For those that might be interested in staying at a hotel that evening, the Hilton Hotel right beside the Ajax Convention Centre has given us a special rate of \$129 per night for a room with 2 queen beds. Anyone interested just needs to

quote Toronto East Masons.

Please note that there are limited sponsorship opportunities available for individuals or businesses. If interested, please contact David or Bill at tedgala@gmail.com.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Ajax Convention Centre
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (401 and Salem)
Speaker: M.W. Bro. Alan Petrisor
Topic: Masonic Youth
Cost: \$100/ea
Contact: David Neave @ davidneave@rogers.com or 905.725.8031, or
Bill Willis @ bill.willis@sympatico.ca or 416.578.1722, or
the Senior Warden of your lodge

Saturday June 9 2012

Wexford - 1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Eighteen holes of golf with cart, complimentary range facilities, lunch and a steak dinner. Rental of golf clubs available. Shotgun start. Fantastic prizes. Lots of fun. We invite all brethren, ladies and guests to join us for a day of fun and camaraderie.



Proceeds from the day will support Epilepsy Durham, Wexford's charity this year.



Time: 11:30 am - Registration
1:00 pm - T-Off - Shotgun
7:00 pm - Social and dinner
Location: Bushwood Golf Club
10905 Reesor Rd., Markham, ON. L6B 1A8 Phone: 905-640-1233
Cost: \$125/ea
\$18/ea - Club rental (no sharing)
\$50/ea - Steak dinner only
Contact: Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or 416.723.5507, or
Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.391.9044, or
Ron Narinesingh @ rnarinesingh@rogers.com or 647.291.6466, or
Greg Seale @ gregseale@rogers.com or 905.477.3502

Saturday June 9 2012

Doric - Pulled Pork on a Bun Booth



Each year, Pickering Village holds a JAM (Jazz, Art and Music) Festival that this year includes a Friday night rock 'n roll street dance featuring Freddie Vette & the Flames and Pauly & the Goodfellas. Saturday presents a street music festival with an artisan market, Belly Dancers, community groups, international food vendors, beer tent, fashion show and featuring the Battle of the High School Jazz Bands. Parking is available on off streets or walk in. Wheelchair accessible.

In an effort to give Freemasonry a greater presence in the community, Doric Lodge will be manning a Pulled Pork on a Bun booth as part of the festival and answering any questions about the Craft that the festival goers may pose. Come out and enjoy a day of music, buy a bun, enjoy a brew if you wish and people watch to your hearts content . . . A good day for all.



Time: 2:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Location: Pickering Village
Old Kingston Rd. (North West corner of Kingston Rd. and Church St.)
Cost: \$5 a bun
Contact: Corey Rick @ biggest_smile@hotmail.com or 905.426.1756

Friday June 15 through Sunday June 17 2012

Wexford and Mimosa - Visitations to Pennsylvania

This year, Wexford and Mimosa have coordinated their regular visitations to the U.S. on the same weekend. Wexford will be visiting with Kedron Lodge in West Middlesex and Mimosa will be visiting with Hermitage Lodge in Sharon. They will be leaving on the morning of Friday June 15th and returning on Sunday June 17th 2012.



If you have never visited a lodge in Pennsylvania, here is an opportunity. Their ritual is quite different. Pennsylvania's ritual is unique in the United States. It is neither Emulation nor Preston. It claims to be "Antient York" stemming directly from Pennsylvania's warrant from the Antient Grand Lodge in 1750. During the Revolution of 1776, all "Modern" lodges ceased meeting in Pennsylvania as they were



essentially all "Tory Lodges." Consequently, when the Antients and the Moderns "merged" - Pennsylvania had no lodges to merge and therefore kept its "Antient Ritual."

The hosts need to confirm the numbers as they are providing all of the food. Hotel rooms may also become a problem if you wait too long. Contact those indicated below and they will provide details.

Contact: Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or 416.723.5507
Doug Coulter @ dougandmarylynn@hotmail.com or 905.881.0699

Sunday June 17 2012

Toronto Assembly No. 2, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls - Open Installation of Officers



A very important date for one of our youth groups and all are eagerly invited to attend and honour those young ladies who will be taking office. Peter Sialtsis, our district Secretary would be grateful for the opportunity of sharing this proud day for a father with all of his Masonic friends, as on this day, his own daughter, Miss Madeline Sialtsis, will be Installed as the Worthy Advisor of the Assembly.

All are encouraged to bring along daughters, nieces, grand-daughters, etc. between the ages of 12 to 21 who may have an interest in Rainbow Girls. The ceremony is interesting and the members of the Assembly would love to meet them and answer any questions they may have.

Dress code is formal. Ladies - skirts or dresses - no pants. Men - suits and ties - regalia may be worn.

Come see the pomp and ceremony and support the young ladies. And Peter.

Time: 1:30 pm - Meeting
2:30 pm - Installation
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254

Tuesday June 19 2012

Oakwood Chapter-Royal Arch Masons - Master Masons' Night

Oakwood Chapter No. 233 will be hosting a Master Masons' night. The newly raised Master Mason is told the casual signs and words are a substitute until time and circumstances will restore the genuine secrets.



Royal Arch Masonry is a continuation of the three degrees of Freemasonry, the completion of the temple, an explanation of Royal Arch Masonry in general. We extend an invitation to all Master Masons wishing further light in Masonry to see the completion of the temple and what Royal Arch Masonry has to offer for their continuing researches into Freemasonry.

As a bonus, this is also the chapter's Strawberry Night!

Time: 7:30 pm



Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7388 or
Allan Pendleton @ xscouse@rogers.com or 416.283.2713

Tuesday June 19 2012

West Gate - The Kirkwall Scroll and Masonic Symbolism

In 2007, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan put on a web conference featuring presenter Dr. Robert Lomas (author of *The Hiram Key* and several other books on Masonry) who was credited by Dan Brown for his input into his bestsellers: *Da Vinci Code* and *Angels and Demons*. The conference was video taped and the 90 minute video will be shown this evening.

There are 3 main parts to the video:

- An explanation of the history and content of the Kirkwall Scroll (carbon dated to the early 1500's)
- An explanation of Masonic symbolism including the meaning of the layout of the lodge, etc.
- A brief Question & Answer session

This is a “must-see” for every mason, regardless of rank! Dress is business casual.

Please **RSVP** to give an idea of the number of attendees. However, all Masons are welcome regardless.
Light refreshments

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: River Park Temple,
11 Thomas St., Streetsville, ON
Cost: Free
Contact: Neil @ neil.sammy@symline.com

Wednesday June 20 2012

First Day of Summer

At 7:09 pm the sun will touch the Tropic of Cancer at 23.50 degrees north, the furthest north it will go. This is commonly called the summer solstice. This is the day when the sun is truly at its meridian. This is also the day with the most daylight hours. Mosquitoes are well aware of this day. From now on, the days will get progressively shorter. Are you depressed enough yet?



As an interesting aside: London, England is at 51.30 degrees north (Toronto is at 43.40 degrees north, so London is even further north than we are. You don't normally think of that, do you?). This means, when Freemasonry was in its infancy, to face the sun, even when it was the furthest north it would go, you had to face south. The sun would rise on the left and set on your right. It would go in a clockwise rotation.

What way do we circumambulate the lodge? Hmmm! Vestiges of sun worship practices here?



Wednesday June 20 2012

Markham Union - Strawberry Night



Markham Union will be conducting an Entered Apprentice Degree this evening. The degree team will be the world renown, infamous, illustrious Stonecutters, also known as the Senior Wardens Group for Toronto East District. Come out and see the upcoming Masters of the district strut their stuff. As a reward for showing up, you will be showered with fresh strawberries.

And by the Sacred Parchment, I swear that if I reveal the secrets of The Stonecutters, may my stomach become bloated and my head be plucked of all but three hairs.

- Matt Groening, TV cartoon character Homer Simpson, Stonecutter Oath, The Simpsons

Obviously, some of us talked!

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Claremont Masonic Hall
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ grimblebybm@ymail.com

Wednesday June 20 2012

King Cyrus Chapter-Royal Arch Masons - Master Masons' Night

King Cyrus Chapter No. 232 will be hosting a Master Masons' night. Curious to discover what Royal Arch Masonry is all about? Please join us. We would be pleased to welcome you.



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As a bonus, this is also the chapter's Strawberry Extravaganza!

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Richardson Masonic Hall
279 Second St., Stouffville
Contact: Terry Sleightholm @ tsleightholm@sympatico.ca

Saturday June 23 2012

Scarboro - Malcolm McKenzie Invitational Golf Tournament and BBQ

Nine holes of golf and a BBQ dinner. Loads of fun. We invite all brethren, ladies and guests to join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Bring Your Own Clubs, Thirst Quenchers and Chair!

Time: 11:30 am - Registration
1:00 pm - T-Off - Shotgun
7:00 pm - Social and dinner
Location: Innisfil Creek Golf Course
Innisfil, just north of Hwys. 400 and 89
BBQ - Joe Rabot's



924 Sloan Circle Dr., Churchill, ON, L0L 1K0
Cost: \$45/ea
\$15/ea - BBQ dinner only
Contact: Joe Rabot @ joerabot@rogers.com or 705.791.1987

It Is Said

Freemasonry “takes good men and makes them better.” The question is, what is Freemasonry doing to fulfill that aim? What does it do, ritual aside, to assist its members in becoming better men?

What is your lodge doing?

What are you doing?

Why not?

If not now, when?

Sunday June 24 2012

The Beaches - 6th Annual Sandcastle Competition



Teams are expected to be digging by sunrise at the very least! ☺
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!

There is no pre-registration process for teams in the competition. A team might consist of a family (see picture - Doug Lauder's kids), a lodge, a business, or just some people walking by - just a group of people working together to achieve a goal, while competing against other teams and, you're right, it's fun too!

Wear those really cool shorts and slip into your most beaten up flip flops. Borrow the neighbour kid's plastic shovels and pail. If you have an idea of what a sandcastle looks like, it 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. More people tend to fall over each other and wreck the real workers' construction. The rest can protect the cooler. One year when it rained in the morning, it made building castles in the afternoon really easy, because the sand was perfect to sculpt.

The prize will be a trophy of **unprecedented** value. Last year there were a dozen castles built and two trophies were awarded: one selected by the judges and one by popular vote - a “people's choice” award. The year it rained in the morning, a team of young ladies from East York whose castle was very intricate walked off the beach with the trophy, by winning The Beaches Cup. (*Young ladies?! Don't look like Masons to me! Hitch up them shorts! Suck in that gut!*)



Sunburns, blisters, heat stroke, sand in places we won't talk about and laughter - free of charge.

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Location: Beaches of Ashbridge's Bay
Contact: Doug Lauder @ douglauder@lifesuccessconsultants.com or 905.728.0534

My philosophy of life is that the meek shall inherit nothing but debasement, frustration and ignoble deaths; that there is security in personal strength; that you CAN fight City Hall and WIN; that any action is better than no action, even if it's the wrong action; that you never reach glory or self-fulfillment unless you're willing to risk everything, dare anything, put yourself dead on the line every time; and that once one becomes strong or rich or potent or powerful it is the responsibility of the strong to help the weak BECOME strong.
- Harlan (Jay) Ellison

Friday July 13 2012

Birch Cliff - Annual Charity Golf Tournament



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

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

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

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

Monday July 16 2012

157th Annual Grand Lodge Communication

Please see below.

We will win the world when we realize that fellowship, not evangelism, must be our primary emphasis. When we demonstrate the Big Miracle of Love, it won't be necessary for us to go out - they will come.
- Jess Moody (1837-1899)

Saturday August 25 2012

Toronto East District - Senior Wardens' Association Corn Roast

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

A visit to WindReach Farm is an excellent opportunity to experience the sights, sounds, smells and touches of a working farm. The farm covers over 100 acres and offers an agricultural (farming) environment and a nature interpretation centre especially designed for groups of all ages and abilities. The animals love to have



human contact!! Wheelchair accessible pathways, buildings, barns and washrooms combine to make a wonderful experience for anyone who comes out.



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

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

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

Time: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 Location: WindReach Farm
 312 Townline Rd in the Hamlet of Ashburn, Ontario (Lakeridge Rd about 12 kms north of Taunton Rd - 1.9 kms east of Lakeridge.)
 Cost: \$10/ea
 \$25 - Family
 Contact: Michael Morris @ mmorris@cavalluzzo.com or 416.931.2954

Sunday August 26 2012
Doric - Annual Golf Tournament



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

Time: 12:30 pm - T-Off - rain or shine
 about 4:30 pm-5:00 pm - Social and BBQ Steak Dinner.
 Location: Riverside Golf Course
 837 Riverside Dr., Ajax, ON L1T 3R9 - 905.427.1921
 just north of Brock Rd. and Finch Ave.
 Cost: \$47/ea - Golf and Dinner

\$27/ea - Golf only
 \$20/ea - BBQ dinner only
 \$10/ea - Kids Menu of hamburger, fries and salad

Contact: Terrence M. Doyle@ tmdoyle@rogers.com or 905.839.3823 or cell - 416.528.3823

If you employed study, thinking, and planning-time daily, you could develop and use the power that can change the course of your destiny.

- Bro. W. (William) Clement Stone (1902-2002)



Wednesday September 12 through Saturday September 15 2012

Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree and its Subordinate Bodies for the Republic of Cuba - International Symposium

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

Themes

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

- II. Guidelines and priorities in relation to the challenges of scientific and technological development.
 - a. Computer and internet.
 - b. Biology and biotechnology.
 - c. others

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

- IV. Masonry in relation to the deterioration of the environment.
 - a. Urgent measures to global population growth.
 - b. Global warming and its consequences.
 - c. Preservation of flora and fauna.

Papers for the Symposium

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

Additionally include as an attachment the following:

- A. Name of author(s).
- B. Nation, Masonic Obedience and highest degree reached.



- C. If not a Mason: Personal data, synthesis of the academic curriculum and country.
- D. Logistical or technical requirements for presentation.
- E. Language to be used in the presentation.

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

All submissions or requests for further information should be sent to the event's official address:
simposio.supremo33.cuba@gmail.com

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

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

General Program

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Delegates</u> | <u>Companions</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Participants</u> | <u>Dress</u> |
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| Sep. 11 - 12 | Arrivals | | | Airport & Hotel | Foreign Delegates and Companions | Informal |
| Sep. 12 | 12:00 - 19:00 | Delegates' accreditation | FREE | Meliá Cohiba Hotel | All Delegates Foreigners and Cubans | Street formal |
| | 21:00 | Welcoming Cocktail | | Meliá Cohiba Swimming Pool | All | Street formal |
| Sep. 13 | 08:00 | | Country trip to Pinar del Río province. Visit to the Viñales Valley (lunch included). | Pinar del Río y Viñales | Foreigner Companions | Informal |
| | 09:00 | Symposium inauguration. Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council of 33 rd Degree for the Republic of Cuba, I.P.H. Lázaro Faustino Cuesta Valdés speech. | | Meliá Cohiba Main Hall | Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban | Street formal |
| | 10:00 | Coffee Break | | | | |
| | 10:30 - 13:00 | Work begins - Theme - "Present time and perspectives of Masonry in the context of Culture" | | Meliá Cohiba Main Hall | Delegates Only Foreigners and Cubans | Street formal |
| | 13:30 | Lunch | | Meliá Cohiba Buffet Restaurant | Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban | |
| | 15:00 - 18:00 | Work continues - Theme - "Guidelines and priorities in relation to the challenges of scientific and technological development" | | Meliá Cohiba Main Hall | Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban | Street formal |
| | 19:30 | BY INVITATION ONLY Foreign Delegates (Freemasons) will be greeted by Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council of 33 rd Degree for the Republic of Cuba, members of the Supreme Council and their | | Scottish Cathedral - Centro Habana | Invited Freemasons | Formal with Regalia |



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| | | Subordinate Bodies. | | | | |
| Sep. 14 | 09:00 | Work continues - Theme - "Masonry and Society" | FREE | Meliá Cohiba Main Hall | Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban | Street formal |
| | 10:00 | Coffee Break | Shopping tour of Havana Handicraft Fairs. Lunch at city's restaurant. | Meliá Cohiba Main Hall | Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban | Street formal |
| | 11:00 - 13:00 | Morning session continues | | | | |
| | 13:30 | Lunch | | | | |
| | 15:00 - 18:00 | Work continues - Theme - "Masonry in relation to the deterioration of the environment" | FREE | Meliá Cohiba Main Hall | Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban | Street formal |
| | 18:30 | Symposium Closing | | Meliá Cohiba Main Hall | Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban | Street forma |
| | 20:00 | Tourist activity - 9 o'clock Gunshot Ceremony and dinner. | | La Cabaña Castle & Rancho Palco Restaurante | Foreign Delegates and Companions | Informal |
| Sep. 15 | 09:30 | Tourist Activity - Havana City tour. Visit to the National Masonic Building "I. Bro. Carlos Manuel Piñeiro del Cueto." Greeting by Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Cuba of A.F. and A.M. and their Grand Officials. Cancellation of philatelic sheet and exhibition inauguration | | | Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates | Informal |
| | 13:30 | Fraternal Lunch | | Santo Ángel Restaurante, Old Square | Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates | Informal |
| | 18:00 | Floral offering to Apostle's R. Bro. José Julián Martí Pérez statue. | | Central Park of Havana | Foreign Delegates and Companions, Cuban Delegates and Masonic people | Street formal Regalia for the heads of dele- gations |
| | 19:00 | Music concert and Art exposition with participation of members of the Fraternity and invited artists. | | San Francisco de Asis Basilica | Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates | Street formal |
| | 21:00 | Farewell Dinner | | "El Patio" Restaurant Cathedral Square | | |
| Sep. 16 - 17 | | Foreign delegates and their companions depart for their respective countries | | | | |

Additional Option (for foreign delegates and companions)

Program extension with lodging in Varadero:

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

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



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



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

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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

The 1st proposal deals with PART VI, CHARGES, and Paragraph 11.

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

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

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

The 2nd proposal is an amendment to Form 6 pertaining to an application for Initiation.

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

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

The 3rd proposal deals with Section 113 (Powers and Duties of Grand Secretary).

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

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

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

The 4th proposal deals with Section 70 and suggests that the following sentence be added:

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

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

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

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

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

The 6th proposal deals with section 27, Meetings of Grand Lodge.

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

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

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



The 7th proposal deals with the issuance of a Certificate of Demission when a Candidate is non-responsive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secretary _____

Worshipful Master _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The proposer is W. Bro. David Goetz

Your committee finds this proposal irregular

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

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

The proposer is V.W. Bro. Bernard Hopkins

Your committee finds this proposal irregular

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

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

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

The proposer is R. W. Bro. David Mackey

Your committee finds this proposal Regular



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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REGISTRATION

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

ENTRY TO CONCERT HALL WILL BE THROUGH SALON B.

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

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSSES

WEDNESDAY JULY 18th, 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 18th to be used for District Meetings. For safety's sake, hats and coats, regalia bags, etc. should be checked in the hotel checkroom as neither the Fairmont Royal York Hotel nor Grand Lodge will be responsible for loss or theft.

District Meetings

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

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

Agenda

Monday July 16

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

Tuesday July 17

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

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

Wednesday July 18

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday July 19

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

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



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

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

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

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

Seminars

Tuesday July 17

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

| <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 | What Works For You | Membership and Mentoring | Diversity in Masonry | Computer Resources |
| 2:30 to 3:20 | Cornerstone Project | Membership and Mentoring | Diversity in Masonry | Computer Resources |
| 3:30 to 4:20 | Cornerstone Project | What Works For You | What Works For You | Computer Resources |

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 18, 2012

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

V.W. Bro. Harry Ansara

Distinguished Toast Master

Guest Speaker

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Doors open at 6:00 pm. Special Entertainment.

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

Cash sales only. Sales cease July 12, 2012.

Reserved tables of 8 direct from Grand Lodge.



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Patience

Patience is remaining calm and relaxed in the face of delay or provocation without becoming annoyed or upset; or exhibiting forbearance when under strain, especially when faced with longer-term difficulties. That's the dictionary definition, but patience is so much more. It is also used to refer to the character trait of being steadfast and having forbearance. What could be better than forbearance as a Masonic virtue!

Patience is often described as a core virtue in religion or spiritual practices. For example, Job is a figure that appears in the Hebrew Bible, Christian Bible and the Qur'an; his story is considered a profound religious work. We have all heard the phrase "He has the patience of Job." Well this theme is about the coexistence of the devil and God. The application of patience is highlighted as the resolution of the earthly struggles caused by that co-existence. The theme of Job in these Holy books is that Job endures near-catastrophic calamities without losing his patience or reproaching the Creator. In the Qur'an, the person of Job is actually known as Ayyub, which is a name that is symbolic of the virtue of patience.

Patience and fortitude are prominent themes in Judaism. The Talmud extols patience as an important personal trait. The story of Micah, for example, is that he suffers many challenging conditions and yet endures, saying "I will wait for the God who saves me." Patience in God, it is said, will aid believers in finding the strength to be delivered from the evils that are inherent in the physical life. In the Hebrew Bible, Ecclesiastes, it is said: "Better is the patient spirit than the lofty spirit. Do not in spirit become quickly discontented, for discontent lodges in the bosom of a fool."

In the Christian religion, patience is one of the most valuable virtues of life. Increasing patience is viewed as the work of the Holy Ghost in the Christian who has accepted the gift of salvation. Patience is one of the seven virtues, alongside chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, kindness, and humility. In Islam, patience is one of the best and most valuable virtues of life. Through patience, a Muslim believes that an individual can grow closer to Allah and thus attain true peace. It is also stressed in Islam, that Allah is with those who are patient, more specifically during suffering. The Qur'an states that Muslims should "Persevere in patience and constancy" and "be steadfast in patience." It notes that "No one will be granted such goodness except those who exercise patience and self-restraint, none but persons of the greatest good fortune."

Interesting, but what does this have to do with us? I'm glad you asked. One of the fundamentals of Freemasonry is patience or tolerance. The Old Testament tells us that we should conduct ourselves with all humility and gentleness, with patience showing tolerance for one another with love. Being tolerant and indulgent with those whose opinions and practices differ from ours. It also means being free from intolerance and bigotry, or severity in judging the opinions or practices of others. John F Kennedy summed it up nicely; "tolerance implies no lack of commitment to ones own beliefs, but rather it condemns oppression and persecution of others."

Speculative Masonry, like Operative Masonry, cannot make a Perfect Ashlar out of an imperfect specimen: Speculative Masonry admits only good men; just as the Operative Mason will work only



with good stone; flawed material cannot be made perfect. ‘A rough stone can be made smooth, but it must be capable of taking the polish or the work will be in vain.’

Making a stone perfect, much like perfecting a man, or carving a statue, is not done by adding something; it is done by taking away: removing the superfluous, brings out what is within and thus is found what is closer to perfection; this takes time and patience. Sound familiar?

As Masons we are taught the Cardinal Virtues through the respective lectures of the three degrees, and which, we are taught are the formula to govern the conduct of every Mason. Fortitude, Temperance, Prudence and Justice are impressed upon us early in Masonic learning and are an included part of the Entered Apprentice degree. Fortitude means we stay the course. It does not permit us to give up. Temperance dictates moderation in all things and therefore, the practicing Mason is not excessive in his living habits. Again, there is nothing particularly spiritual in that practice. Prudence requires that a Mason use good judgment in all that he endeavours as he goes about the business of daily living, and Justice dictates that he would practice the biblical lesson that “he would treat others as he would be treated.” The preceding describes those attributes required for a stable, happy and productive life in the material world. They work quite well when followed and certainly have withstood the test of time as a formula for constructive-action.

Continuing the degree work we hear also of Faith, Hope and Charity and we are told that of these the greatest is Charity. Faith and Hope are clearly functions of the mind. A Mason has Faith that he will achieve a unity with Deity. In his mind he Hope(s) to fulfill his goal. Neither Faith nor Hope can occur outside of man’s thought process and so must be attached to the Fellow Craft degree as that is the degree of a thinking Mason who is able to apply his gavel in the horizontal to remove rough edges and achieve an ashlar of not only horizontal dimensions, but also of true perpendiculars.

Charity, being the greatest of the virtues and the third of the group presents its own special considerations because it is found in both our earthly life as well as our spiritual world. As the third of the group it creates the number three. Therefore, it is also a characteristic of the Fellow Craft degree. It is also a spiritual act insomuch as Jesus said, “that which you do to the least of man, you do also to me.” Thus, it ties directly to the Master Mason degree since the Master Mason is supposed to be a Master in his understanding of the ways of the Craft. Finding these parallels, Charity could be said to be a giving act, prompted by thought, and that we are all part of the Divine.

These then, are the 7 Cardinal virtues that govern the conduct of every Mason and determine the traits of a Freemason, and Patience is a trait to be desired within the heart of every Mason if they will grow in Light on their Journey. What does a Mason do when he meets another with differing views?

Nothing - he patiently listens.

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