

Hiram's Lighthouse

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Now the journey continues, which for the Mason is a constant attempt to polish his stone, that Rough Ashlar which needs attention day and night. Masons polish the roughness with their Working Tools, the Chisel and the Mallet, alternating between the active and passive poles of their personality. The hidden aspects of their psyche are revealed with each blow of the mallet, chiselling another fine line that can be incisive or divisive, or smoothing, just as the

relationships in their lives out there mirror the progress in here.

- Bro. Judith Rasoletti & Bro. Emile Lancee, We Three or Three Such as We-2008

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

Well, I guess better late than never but it seems as if spring has finally sprung. Not a moment too soon for me I tell you.

I first off want to thank all of you who took time out of your days to send congratulatory messages to Marina and me on our wedding day. We must have done something right, because the weather on the day was absolutely wonderful.

As we start the final month of our Masonic Year, I can't help but reflect back on the past 9 months. From my observations, and the books W. Bro. Parish has looked at, I can safely say that as a whole, Toronto East District is in fine shape. Many lodges are again growing, slowly granted, but at least in the right direction. We have one Lodge whose members have made a commitment to begin a revitalization plan for their Lodge, and they have my full support and pledge of assistance.



On several occasions this year, I have heard something that concerns me. Many members refer to the days when work in Lodge was letter perfect, and nothing less was acceptable. Brethren, this kind of mentality bothers me. While I understand the rational and meaning behind it, we all must be careful in the messages we send to younger / newer Masons. Our Ritual work is very important to us all. It is what separates us from other fraternal organizations, and I take great pride in the work that I do. Nowhere in any document that I have read does it demand that work be done perfectly. Masonry prides itself on taking good men and making them better. Not perfect.

That one little word can cause so much stress and discomfort to the new member that they might choose to not come back. I get so much enjoyment out of watching a brother do new work, struggling as they may to make it through, but completing it. When I get the feeling that it has taken every ounce of being for them to complete the work, even with the errors, I cannot help but feel an immense amount of pride in that man. So brethren I ask you to lose that expression. Focus on the growth of the brother and his improvement. Let him know how well he did. Don't focus on the fact that he missed a line or tripped up on some words. No one knows better than the brother who made the mistake. I'm not asking you to settle for mediocrity, but I am asking you to focus more energy into promoting and encouraging your brethren.

We are not yet done our labours. We still have one Official Visit left along with many opportunities for fraternal visits. I hope you will ALL join me at Imperial East Gate Lodge to witness the strides they have made this year in rebounding.

Of course, we also have several formal events to take our wives / partners to. There is the annual PhilCan Cabletow association banquet on June 6 and Coronati Lodge's Centennial year Gala on June 21. We also have Toronto East District's 3rd Annual Black and White Gala on June 7. I'm obviously slightly biased, but the Black and White Gala is a fantastic event, filled with all the formality that we enjoy. I hope you will be able to join me at all three of these events.

Brethren, my year as your DDGM is winding down, and I want to let you know without a shadow of a doubt, that it has been my ultimate honour to serve you all. The warmth, kindness and welcoming you have given me in my travels this year, solidified in my mind that this is a wonderful District in a wonderful organization.

On behalf of W. Bro. Malcolm Parish, his lady Judy, and of course my wife Marina, thank you for a wonderfully rich year so far.

I wish you all the very best, and may the Great Architect of the Universe look over you and yours.

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



EVENTS CALENDAR:

June 2014

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> * Coronati - Ladies Night see below Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall	<u>7</u> * TED - 3 rd Annual Black and White Gala see below Ajax Convention Centre	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * The Imperial East Gate - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> * Doric - Progressive Euchre Night see below Doric Pickering	<u>14</u> * Wexford - 3 rd Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament see below Bushwood Golf Club	<u>15</u> Fathers' Day Who? Oh, yeah. That guy!
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> * Oakwood Chapter - Master Mason Night see below Doric Pickering	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * Scarboro - Malcolm McKenzie Invitational Golf Tournament and BBQ Contact Joe Rabot 705.791.1987	<u>21</u> 1st Day of Summer Summer officially starts at 5:51 am. Don't waste a second!	<u>22</u> 
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> St. John the Baptist Day Early Saint of Freemasonry	<u>25</u> * Markham Union - Senior Wardens (Guardians) Assoc. Degree Team and Strawberry Night see below Claremont	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Start of Ramadan	<u>29</u> Coronati - 100th Anniversary Ladies Night see below Rembrandt Banquet Hall
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July 2014

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



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

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



Thank you.

V.W. Bro. Gerry Newall
District Chairman

Examine each question in terms of what is ethically and aesthetically right, as well as what is economically expedient. A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.

- Aldo Leopold (1887-1948)

Remember the North East Corner



It is within your power to give. Your gift will mean ***absolutely everything to the recipients*** but it will cost you ***absolutely nothing*** -- ever. And you don't even have to give anything now or hopefully for a long, long time. You'll never even notice. Register for organ donation.

Even if you've signed a donor card, ***you still need to register your consent to donate.*** It only takes a couple of minutes. But in doing so, you could one day save eight lives and enhance 75 more. Not a bad return on investment, eh? Register now.

www.beadonor.ca

We've have Masons in the Toronto Area on the list awaiting transplant donations. We've had Masons in the Toronto Area die before a transplant donation became available. Imagine the heartbreak of dying or losing a loved one when an alternative is readily available - ***but no one got around to it.***

In Ontario, only 22% of residents are registered as donors at the end of 2012. During that year, 95 people - our family, friends and neighbours, died waiting for organs. In Durham Region the level of registration is ranked in the lower 2/3s of the communities listed at www.beadonor.ca.

As an organization that is demographically the most likely to be at both ends of this issue, both needing and providing organs for lifesaving transplant, you'd think we would get behind this issue more.

What does it take?



FYI

Between 1737 and 1779, two sailing ships of interest operated off the U.S. eastern seaboard, Freemason and Master Mason. The Freemason caught fire and sank in Marblehead Harbor, Mass in 1779.

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

Toronto East Masonic Centre



The past month has not been as productive as the Board would really like. The delivery of the new pro forma (project cost/profit estimates) was delayed from the anticipated date and before we release it, the Board Members are reviewing the figures. Because of the pro forma delay, the date for choosing a partner(s) for the project has been delayed at least one month.

There is still no ruling from Canada Revenue Agency on our HST Input Tax Credit (ITC) claim. The Board will use its volunteer resources to ensure it receives the maximum ITC claim that it is due.

The Board is concerned about the delays being caused by past issues that keep popping up and causing our limited volunteer time to be redirected. To this end, the Board may hire a specialist to review all past documents/actions to discover if any further issues will come back to haunt or hinder the project going forward. The Board is also utilizing its volunteer skills for a day-long strategic planning session in early June. The Board has also committed to meeting every two weeks during the summer months providing there is a quorum.

The actual soil sampling drill date is expected by the middle of June with the report following a few weeks later. To the Board's knowledge, this is the one major outstanding puzzle piece to complete the Phase 2 environmental study that will enable the formal Site Plan Approval (SPA) application to be made to the City of Toronto.

Our financial files have been forwarded to the Auditors for the Annual Financial Report, which we hope will be completed by the end of June.

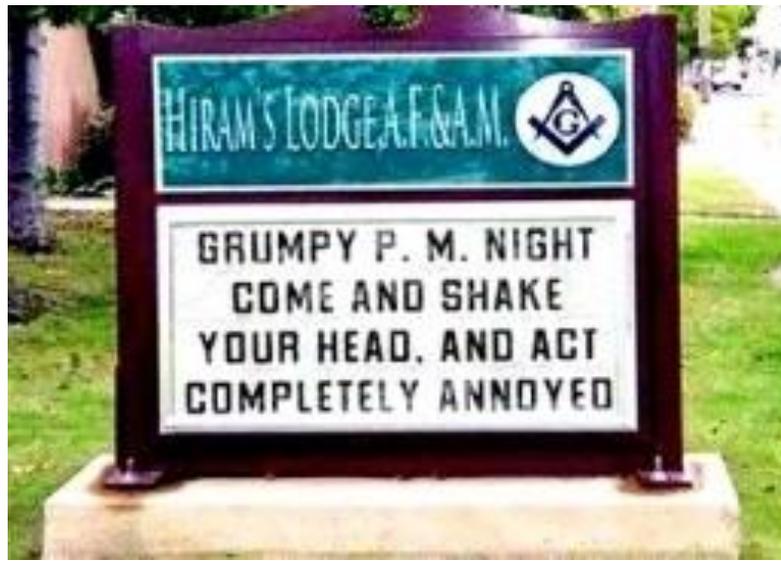
The Board is also in the final stages of conditionally approving a completely new set of bylaws that make the Corporation more transparent and accountable to its Shareholders, and through them, to Lodges in Toronto East District. Shortly those proposed bylaws will be reviewed by our Legal Counsel before we submit them for formal approval of our Shareholder, the Toronto East Masonic Centre, at one of its next regularly called general meetings.

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

- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373

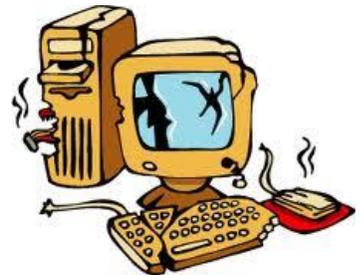


Coming In All Our Futures



Doric - 60-Day E-Waste Challenge

Our goal is to divert 40,000 lb. of electronic waste from landfills. Less than 12% of electronics are recycled, yet they count for 70% of toxins in landfills. Over the next 60 days (ending May 31), we will be collecting all donations of electronic waste, batteries, scrap metal, plus pop cans, beer bottles or cans and liquor bottles.



This is a perfect time to clean out your garage or basement of those broken or unwanted electronic parts.

Where do I bring my e-waste?

- Items can be brought to any lodge meeting at the Doric Pickering Masonic Hall and placed in the bin just inside the front door. Items will be removed twice a week until the end of the challenge
- Items can be brought to the Doric Pickering Masonic Hall on one of the collection days: May 3, 24, 31 between 10 am and 2 pm.
- If your pile is too big, call us and we'll make arrangements for a pick up.

Where can I find more e-waste?

- Check your home
- Ask family, friends, & neighbours
- Talk to people at work (your company as well as others you deal with)
- Watch near garbage day for roadside piles

Charities that are going to benefit:

Scouts Canada, Owasco Area Durham Child Nutrition Project
ALS Canada Cancer

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Doric Lodge Jamaica Visitation Project.

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





This cross now rests in the Museum of the Grand Lodge of France
Inscription: HIS. Here lies the body of the deceased Vincent Chevallier, in his life, Master Mason, who died on February 23 1616.
May he rest in peace.
Amen

I Did Not Know That !

Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

I Was Wondering

In the Masonic Year of 1976-77, the Education Committee of Toronto Masonic District No. 3 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (many of the lodges of which were realigned into the current Toronto East District), under the direction of R.W. Bro. Frank J. Bruce P.D.D.G.M. compiled 47 questions that were sent to the late W. Bro. Harry Carr P.J.G.D., Past Secretary and Editor of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 United Grand Lodge of England. These are his answers. It is to be noted that the answers refer to the Ritual and customs of the Grand Lodge of England in 1976.

This transcript of the Questions and Answers edited by W. Bro. Nelson King FPS

The “three lesser lights” are placed in the East, South and West. Why is there none in the North?

The answer to this question is in the First Lecture, Section III: “because the Sun darts no ray of light from that quarter to our hemisphere.” And the search for light is a major inspiration in our ceremonies.

What is the meaning of the word “Cable-tow?” What is meant by the reference to its length?

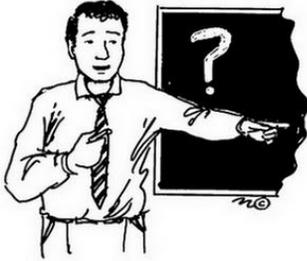
The *Oxford English Dictionary* contains a number of cable combinations, e.g., “cable-rope, cable-range, cable-stock,” etc., but does not give “cable-tow.”

The word tow has another significance, in addition to pulling or dragging, it also means the fibre of flax, or hemp, or jute. A cable might be made of plaited wire, or of metal links, or of manmade



fibres, but the combination “cable-tow” which seems to be of purely Masonic usage, implies almost certainly the natural fibre from which the rope is to be made.

The “cables length” is a unit of marine measurements, 1/10th of a sea mile, or 607.56 feet. We use the term “cables length” in two senses:



1. “A cables length from the shore,” implying that anything buried at that distance out at sea, could never be recovered.
2. “If within the length of my cable-tow.” In operative times, attendance at Lodge or assembly was obligatory and there were penalties for non-attendance. Early regulations on this point varied from 5 to 50 miles, except “in the peril of death.” In effect, the length of the cable-tow implies that masons were obliged to attend, so long as it was humanly possible to do so.

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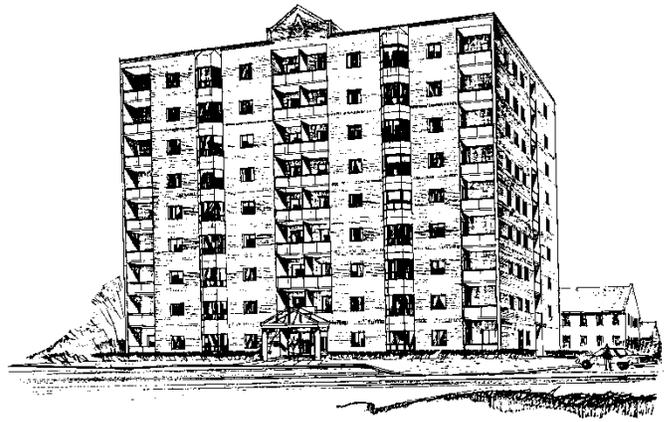
Books! Did You Say, “Books?”

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

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

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

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Moffat #399, London ON

Moffat #399 meets in the lower level of the William Mercer Wilson apartment building in London.

The building was erected over 20 years ago and is owned and operated by the London Masons.

The Masons living in the building simply take the elevator to go to lodge.

S&C on the roof.



I only have a line drawing of the building.
with thanks to with thanks to Joe Parker - Temple Lodge 597

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

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.
- Chinese Proverb

Friday June 6 and Saturday June 7 2014

Pickering Village Annual JAM Fest

Jazz! Art! Music! Street vendors, and days and nights of music and entertainment in The Village. Jazz, R and B, hip hop, street music, Blues, and Rock and Roll.



The Music is the focus point but it's more than that. It's something that local residents, and not so local, have come to look forward to over the years. No matter what the weather, they come to listen, dance in the streets, or just sit on the benches to hear some local talent.

The talent line up for the main stage on Saturday is:

- 1:45 pm Opening Ceremonies with Mayor Parish Town of Ajax
- 2:00 pm George Oliver Trio
- 3:30 pm California Sun
- 5:00 pm Old Man Flanagan's Ghost
- 5:45 pm Fashion Show featuring the stylings of Ellen G Salon and Brenton Alleyne Grooming for Men
- 7:00 pm ABBA Tribute Group
- 7:45 pm White Ash
- 8:30 pm Hot Rocks
- 10:00 pm Crush (Bon Jovi Tribute Band)



And if you are feeling a little peckish, Doric Lodge will be manning a Pulled Pork Booth until the pig runs out. Drop on by!

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Friday June 6 2014

Coronati - Ladies Night



Cleo Balsomo @ c_balsomo@yahoo.com or 416.293.9606

In conjunction with the Cabletow Service Club, a night of fraternity, dining and dancing. All are very welcome. Cash bar.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall
60 McDowell Gate, Markham
Cost: \$50 ea
Contact: Ervin Aspiras @ ervin_ign@yahoo.com or
647.797.8852 or

Saturday June 7 2014

Toronto East District - 3rd Annual 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 21-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.

This year we will feature Hugh Heron, President of Heathwood Homes and President of The Mikey Network as our guest speaker.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
9:00 pm - Dancing
Location: Ajax Convention Centre
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (401 and Salem)
Speaker: Hugh Heron, President of Heathwood Homes and President of The Mikey Network
Cost: \$100 ea
Contact: the Senior Warden of your lodge

Saturday June 14 2014

Wexford - Third Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament

Open to all Masons, family and friends. Enjoy a fun day on the greens. Shotgun start, 18 holes of Golf with a cart, Free Driving Range, Putting Contest, Lunch, and a Steak Dinner. Fantastic Prizes. Lots of Fun.



The proceeds of this tournament will be split evenly between Charity, Epilepsy Durham and the Lodge. Sponsors wanted.

Time: 11:30 am - Registration
1:00 pm - T-Off (shotgun)
7:00 pm - Steak dinner
Location: Bushwood Golf Club
10905 Reesor Rd., Markham - 905.640.1233
Cost: \$150 ea
Contact: Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or 416.723.5507 or
Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.391.9044 or
Gordon McHallam @ gsmchallam@gmail.com or 905.410.7590

Saturday June 14 2014

Doric - A Night of Progressive Euchre

A fun night of cards and chitchat. Light refreshments will be provided.

- Euchre Score Prizes!
- Door Prizes!
- 50/50 draw!



Funds raised will support events for the return visit of brethren from Hamilton Lodge, Spanish Town, Jamaica in 2014 and a portion will be donated to charity.

Time: 7:30 pm
Cost: \$15.00 ea
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Bill Houston @ yukon_born@yahoo.ca or 905.426.7135

Sunday June 15 2014

Fathers' Day

Fathers' Day is a celebration honouring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. Many countries celebrate it on the 3rd Sunday of June, but it is also celebrated widely on other days. Fathers' Day was created to complement Mothers' Day, a celebration that honours mothers and motherhood.

Tuesday June 17 2014

Oakwood Chapter R.A.M. - Master Mason Night

What has attracted so many Brethren to seek further light in Royal Arch Masonry?



The Royal Arch Degree was considered most important in the early years of Freemasonry and so dogmatic was the Mother Grand Lodge - from which all Speculative Masonry derives - that in 1813, when the two grand lodges in England united, a firm and solemn landmark was adopted and placed in the Articles of Union to guide Masons throughout the world forever on this matter: "Pure Ancient Freemasonry consists of but three degrees, viz., that of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch." This landmark has never been changed and to this day, no other degree has been officially recognized by the Mother Grand Lodge.



Naturally, this is as it should be, because a man is not a Master Mason until he receives the Master's Word and he can only receive it in the Royal Arch.

Oakwood Chapter #233 Royal Arch Masons will be having a Master Mason's Night and invites all Master Masons to this special night. This will be a very informative evening for all. There will be a movie on Royal Arch Masonry along with guest speakers from Grand Chapter to enlighten you on Royal Arch Masonry. The steps involved in progressing through each degree in the Royal Arch will be explained along with explanations of the Chapter and its furniture, its Officers and their duties.

Come out for an evening of education and enlightenment and enjoy the splendour, colour and regal solemnity of Royal Arch Masonry.

Light refreshments will be available after the presentation. E. Comp. Keith Larocque, equivalent to W.M., is Junior Warden in Doric #424.

Time: 8:00 pm - guests received
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Keith Larocque @ tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com or 905.721.8701

Saturday June 21 2014

1st Day of Summer ☺



The common name for this event is the Summer Solstice. This is when the sun is as far North as it can go.

Farthest North - Tropic of Cancer - 23.5 degrees North (summer)
Farthest South - Tropic of Capricorn - 23.5 degrees South (winter)

Between these two tropics there really are no seasons. It is warm and humid all the time. And we live here - why?

Saturday June 21 2014

Coronati - Centennial Year Gala Dinner and Dance

A special night, acknowledging a major milestone and a birthday not achieved by many. Grand Master MW Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Secretary MW Bro. Terrence Shand, DDGM RW Bro. Davis Neave, and District Secretary Malcolm Parish will be attending. Come out for a wonderful night of celebration with a full sit-down meal and dancing. All are very welcome. Cash bar.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Rembrandt Banquet Hall
930 Progress Ave., Scarborough
Cost: \$60 ea
Contact: Peter Nuttall @ pnuttall@idirect.com or 416.283.8056 or
Cleo Balsomo @ c_balsomo@yahoo.com or 416.293.9606



The story goes back a year ago to the days when I was initiated and raised to a Master Mason. I have always been proud of my association with such a distinguished group of men who really, in the great part, demonstrate the true spirit of Freemasonry in its finest form. I have tried to educate myself in the affairs of Masonry ever since that day and traveled around to see how Masonry is practiced by other groups of Masons. I was rather disappointed because what I saw was a tremendous departure from what I considered the teachings of Freemasonry. This caused my mind to reflect deeply and sharpened my sense of observation.

After this short year of observation, experience and education, I have been able to formulate my own opinions. The more I pondered, the more my concern grew over our fraternity. The more I asked and enquired, the more I became convinced of the necessity of sounding the alarm. The more I read into the history and landmarks of Freemasonry, the more I saw the threat to its destiny because of the misinterpretation and practice of its teachings by many who believe themselves to be true and devoted Masons.

Did the picture in my mind before becoming a Mason correspond to the picture I have now about the practice of Masonry? The answer is, "No!" I had thought of Masonry as an association of outstanding people with strong ties of true friendship who are constantly endeavouring to develop themselves in a continuous effort through courses, workshops, lectures and meetings to obtain optimum perfection permissible to man through his limited resources, with the ultimate goal of imparting this wisdom and love they acquired from within to the world outside.

Indeed after my initiation I read an official statement of what Masonic Teaching is. These are the words, "Masonry teaches man to practice charity and benevolence to protect chastity, to respect ties of blood and friendship, to adopt the principles and revere the ordinances of religion, to assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up the downtrodden, shelter the orphan, guard the altar, support the government, inculcate morality, promote learning, love man, fear God, implore His mercy and hope for happiness."

What happens when the picture the candidate has in his mind about Freemasonry gets shattered? Does he get disappointed? Of course he does. The degree of his disappointment depends on the degree of departure his findings will be from his preconceived idea of the fraternity. Does he withdraw from active participation in the activities of the fraternity? He sure does as statistics well show. I would have done the same thing except for a haunting feeling that the ills of modern Masonry are the outcome not of its teachings and principles but of the current practice and misinterpretation of these teachings. Nobody can ever question the noble teachings of Freemasonry. They are immortal and can fit into any society, can coincide with every creed, can be suitable for man of the jungle and man of the atom.

Then what has gone astray? In my opinion it is the inability of Masonic teachings to draw a clear, well-defined plan to reach its objectives. To reach these objectives, Freemasonry should prepare its members to be exemplary in their respective societies. It should prepare them for the role of leadership by teaching them its philosophy and logic, effective communication and all the related sciences dealing with human relations. It should teach them how to carry the message of love, peace and understanding which prevails inside our small society to the greater society of mankind. It should instruct its members to carry with them to lodge meetings the ills and problems of the greater society so that solutions can be worked out. It is only when Masons become involved with the rest of society that we can bring to it our noble message. It is only through this involvement that we shall be able to keep up with the evolution in the greater society; that evolution which will make it necessary for us to take a hard look at ourselves, our procedures, our programs and our plans. This evolution is essential to us in our present day fight for survival. Our basic principles can always remain the same but it is doubtful that we shall be able to



survive without keeping up with a changing world. Time changes, people's outlook changes, their need changes and consequently our methods that meet the demands of society should change.

Our history clearly indicates that we have always maintained faithfully our procedures, rituals and ceremonies. Have we with equal faithfulness maintained our objectives? Would the time spent in learning and memorizing the rituals and ceremonies be used more effectively in attacking the world's most insistent problems for which we have offered the answer in our noble teachings and objectives? If it is not possible for us because of other demands of modern life, to devote our time both to the learning of our rituals and ceremonies and also to the implementation of our noble objectives, which of the two should receive preference and more attention? And which of the two is actually receiving more attention?

Some will argue that our ancient landmarks and constitutions ban innovations in the landmarks. No doubt about that. But what kind of innovations? It stands to reason that what it means must be the innovations and changes dealing with the teachings of Masonry, changes dealing with the heart and essence of the movement but not its framework of ceremonies, rituals and procedures. Would it stand more to reason and logic that we should cling to the frame and lose the picture? What is the price? The price is our extinction. We can have the most beautiful, ceremonious and impressive rituals but unless more of us are going to put into practice their teaching, the day is not far away that the noble teachings of Freemasonry will only be a wonderful inscription on paper.

So one year after I was raised I continue to attend my lodge, the only one of my class that does. I attend because I feel impelled to sound the alarm and, in so doing, will have discharged my duties towards my noble and believed fraternity.

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Wednesday June 25 2014

Markham Union - Guardians the Senior Wardens Assoc. Degree Team and Strawberry Night



Markham Union has received dispensation from Grand Lodge to hold their Regular meeting on Wednesday June 25th instead of the 14th.

On that night, The Guardians - the Senior Wardens of Toronto East District will be conducting a Second Degree. As a reward for suffering through this punishment, Markham Union will be holding their Annual Strawberry Night.

Come on out, dine and celebrate the coming summer.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Claremont Masonic Hall
Contact: Bruce Grumbleby @ grumblebybm@ymail.com or 905.472.8124

Friday June 27 2014

Georgina - R.W. Bro. Ralph Lewis - Fifty Years a Mason

Many will remember Ralph Lewis, especially those who know what Toronto District 3 was.



Come out for an evening to recognize Ralph's participation in Masonry over the last 50 years. Meet some old friends again. Finger food and drinks after the meeting.

Old Times! Good Times!

Time: 7:30 pm - guests received
Location: Renforth Temple
Contact: George McCowan @ georgina343secretary@yahoo.com

Saturday June 28 2014 **Start of Ramadan**

The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind, and clear proofs of the guidance, and the Criterion (of right and wrong). And whosoever of you is present, let him fast the month, and whosoever of you is sick or on a journey, (let him fast the same) number of other days. Allah desireth for you ease; He desireth not hardship for you; and (He desireth) that ye should complete the period, and that ye should magnify Allah for having guided you, and that peradventure ye may be thankful.

- The Qur'an Surah 2:185 al-Baqarah



Ramadan, also written *Ramazan*, *Ramzan*, *Ramadhan*, *Ramdan*, *Ramadaan*, is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is the Islamic month of fasting, in which participating Muslims refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, and indulging in anything that is in excess or ill-natured; from dawn until sunset.

Every day during the month of Ramadan, Muslims around the world get up before dawn to eat *Suhoor* or *Sehri* or *Sahari* (meaning "something we eat at Sahar"), then they perform the *fajr* (or *Sobh*) prayer. They have to stop eating and drinking before the call for prayer starts until the fourth prayer of the day, *Maghrib*. Muslims break their fast at *Magrib* (at sunset) prayer time with a meal called *Iftar*. Muslims may continue to eat and drink after the sun has set until the next morning's *fajr* prayer call. Then the process starts all over.

Fasting is meant to teach the Muslim patience, modesty and spirituality. Ramadān is a time for Muslims to fast for the sake of God (Arabic: Allah), and to offer more prayer than usual. During Ramadān, Muslims ask forgiveness for past sins, pray for guidance and help in refraining from everyday evils, and try to purify themselves through self-restraint and good deeds.

As compared to the solar calendar, the dates of Ramadan vary, moving forward about ten days each year as it is a moving festival depending on the moon. Ramadan was the month in which the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to the Islamic prophet Muhammad.

- Wikipedia.com

It is humbling to discover how many of our glib assumptions, which seem to us novel and plausible, have been tested before, not once but many times and in innumerable guises; and discovered to be, at great human cost, wholly false.

- Paul B. Johnson



Thursday July 10 2014

Doric - English Constitution Degree

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

Hamilton Lodge will be doing the exemplification of an English Constitution degree, hopefully but not certain - a 3rd degree.

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

Time: 7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Doric Pickering
Cost: \$10 ea
Contact: Corey Rick @ biggest_smile@hotmail.com or 905.622.6561

Friday July 11 2014

Birch Cliff - Annual Charity Golf Tournament



A shotgun start followed by 18 holes of golf with a cart. The tournament is in support of Prostate Cancer research under the guidance of Dr. Alan Toguri. Fantastic Prizes. Lots of Fun. There will also be a Free Driving Range, a Putting Contest, Lunch, and a Steak Dinner to round out what should be a wonderful day.

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

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

7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Bushwood Golf Club
10905 Reesor Road, Markham, ON. L6B 1A8 - Phone: 905-640-1233
Cost: \$115 ea
Contact: Roy Morris @ roy.morris123@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7390

Saturday July 12 2014

Doric - Jamaica Farewell Dance

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

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

A late evening repast and cash bar.

Time: 8:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering
Cost: \$20 ea
Contact: Corey Rick @ biggest_smile@hotmail.com or 905.622.6561



Monday July 14 2014

159th Annual Grand Lodge Communication

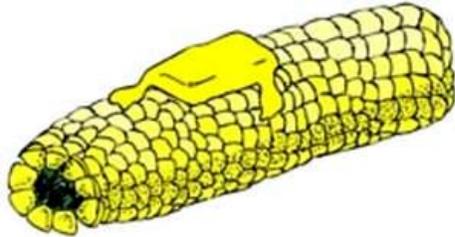
See the Grand Lodge section below.

Since reason is our most precious gift from God, we should do nothing to reduce its status or degrade it. Since reason should govern our conduct, we should allow nothing to govern it. Since reason is the sovereign over all human faculties, it should not be made subject to any other faculty.

- Razi (865-925), Kitab al-Muluki

Saturday August 23 2014

Toronto East District - Annual BBQ and Corn Roast



The Annual BBQ and Corn Roast held by The Guardians (Senior Wardens Group 2013/14), Toronto East District.

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

Contact: Your Senior Warden

Sunday August 24 2014

Doric - Annual Golf Fun Day

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



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



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

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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

REGISTRATION

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall on Tuesday evening July 16th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Wednesday July 17th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **NOTE:** Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.

ENTRY TO CONCERT HALL WILL BE THROUGH SALON B.

All balloting, except district elections for the office of D.D.G.M. shall be done at the time of registration in the Concert Hall. The district elections for the D.D.G.M., and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Secretary and / or Grand Treasurer shall commence at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 16th.

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSES

WEDNESDAY JULY 16th, at 3:00 pm SHARP!

PROXIES

The rules relating to the issue and use of proxies are defined in Sections 56 and 57 of the Book of Constitution. ***Please read carefully.***

Regalia Room

The Ontario Room on the Convention Floor will be available to the general membership to change into regalia on Wednesday and Thursday but must be vacated by 3:00 pm Wednesday July 16th to be used for District Meetings. For safety's sake, hats and coats, regalia bags, etc. should be checked in the hotel checkroom as neither the Fairmont Royal York Hotel nor Grand Lodge will be responsible for loss or theft.

Meet the Nominees

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

Agenda

Monday July 14

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

Tuesday July 15

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

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



Wednesday July 16

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

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

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

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

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

District Meetings

The District Meetings for the election of District Deputy Grand Masters and for such other business as may properly be brought before them will be held at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 16th in the following rooms. *All ballots at District Meetings, regardless of colour, are **ONE VOTE** only.*

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

Thursday July 17

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

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

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

The Custodian of the Work will instruct the new D.D.G.M.s on Thursday morning, July 18 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 16

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

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

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 16, 2014

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

M.W. Bro. Robert P. Conley

Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Michigan

Guest Speaker

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Doors open at 6:00 pm. Special Entertainment.

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

Cash sales only. Sales cease July 110, 2014.

Reserve tables of (8) direct from Grand Lodge



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Operative and Speculative

In medieval times, the builders were organised into a secret fraternity composed of separate lodges, which was for the purposes of self-protection and for preserving the secrets of the trade; and men were given words, grips, and tokens on their admittance to a lodge. This fraternity had an ancient traditional history, and it used its tools and trade processes as emblems and symbols whereby to teach a code of morality far above the average ethical standards of the time. This was called Operative Masonry because its followers were engaged in the work of actual building.

At the time of the Reformation ecclesiastical building, in which the Freemasons were mostly engaged, fell into a decline. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, the Operative Lodges began to receive a large number of members who had no intention of practical building, but were attracted by the history and symbolism of the Order. In course of time, this Speculative element out-topped the Operative so that, at the Revival of 1717, Masonry became wholly a Speculative Body.

The details of this picture may be filled out by a remarkable paragraph in Brother MacBride's "Speculative Masonry" (p. 124):

"The view we wish to consider is, that down through the Roman Collegia and the Medieval Craft Guilds, along with certain traditions, there was probably transmitted some of the symbolism of the Ancient [paragraph continues] Mysteries; and that the great quickening of intellectual life in the sixteenth century, resulting from the social and political upheaval of the Reformation, gave new life and a more developed form to the speculative element within the old Craft Lodges. The mental activities of men had so long been 'cribbed, cabined, and confined' under ecclesiastical rule that, having burst its bonds, it fairly revelled and rioted in all sorts of ways. Hence we find Kabbalism, Theosophy, Alchemy, and Astrology receiving attention and support from the learned scholars of the age. . . . The spirit of inquiry was rampant, and ill directed as it was in many respects, it had on the whole a wonderfully stimulating effect. Science, in all its branches, expanded and developed; literature, art, and social and political life, acquired fresh vigour. It is from this period that we can mark the presence of the speculative element in the old Craft Lodges. Our view is that the seed of our present Speculative System, lying latent in these old lodges, was quickened into life through the influence of the Reformation period, and, later on, in 1717, developed into the present organised form."

On another page of the same work, Brother MacBride gives a more specific description of the moral and symbolic germ in the craft guilds that later expanded into Speculative Masonry:

"Taking the Old Charges, and reading them over, no one can fail to be impressed with the moral precepts they contain, and how the speculative bulks over the purely operative parts. In every case, the Mason is charged first of all to be true to God, the King and to his fellows. Stealing and vice are explicitly named to be avoided.



Falsehood and deceit are condemned and the general impression left after reading these ancient documents is, that they are not those of a mere trades union or operative guild. There is an element in them, apart from and above the operative work, that refers to conduct and morals and it is in this, more than anything else, that their relationship with modern Masonry shows itself. After all, what is the purpose of our speculative system but to shape life and conduct to noble ends?"

In these passages, Brother MacBride takes the position that Speculative Masonry is the expansion of a germ that lay in Operative Masonry. Other writers, while holding this view, also believe that the non-operatives who were accepted during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries brought with them an entirely new element. Brother A. E. Waite speaks for these writers in his booklet, "Deeper Aspects of Masonic Symbolism":

"The interest in Operative Masonry and its records, though historically it is of course important, has proceeded from the beginning on a misconception as to the aims and symbolism of Speculative Masonry. It was and it remains natural, and it has not been without its results, but it is a confusion of the chief issues. It should be recognised henceforth that the sole connection between the two Arts and Crafts rests on the fact that the one has undertaken to uplift the other from the material plane to that of morals on the surface, and of spirituality in the real intention. . . . My position is that the traces of a symbolism which may in a sense be inherent in Operative Masonry did not produce, by a natural development, the Speculative Art and Craft, though they helped undoubtedly to make a possible and partially prepared field for the great adventure and experiment."

On another page of the same book, Brother Waite contends that among the men who were accepted into the Operative Lodges were many "Latin-writing" scholars who brought with them ideas and symbolisms from Kabbalism and Rosicrucianism. With this position, Albert Pike and many other authorities agree. Brother Waite's argument, it seems to me, does not contradict, but rather supplements, Brother MacBride's position. If this be the case, we may say that from Operative Masonry our Speculative System has received an organisation, a moral element, and certain emblems and symbols derived from the building art; but that there is an element of philosophy and mysticism in it, in the Third Degree more especially, is derived from other sources.

Leaving for other pages a discussion of the mystical and philosophical element, we may examine here only the elements inherited from the Operative Guilds. The Operative Mason used actual tools to erect structures of wood and stone; for this, he received material wages. The Speculative Mason uses moral, mental, and spiritual forces to erect himself into a nobler manhood, and society into a nobler Brotherhood; his wages consist in the enrichment of his own and his race's life.

These words are familiar enough to every Mason; indeed they have become almost hackneyed and threadbare; but familiarity must not be permitted to blind us to the radical, I had almost said, the revolutionary, character of this teaching. For it implies that human nature may be modified, reformed, regenerated; and the world likewise. The cry of the reactionary, the obstructionist, the ultra-conservative, has ever been, "As the world is so has it always been, so will it always be. Poverty, ignorance, vice, - these are fated things, built into the nature of the race, and can in no wise be improved." Against this position Masonry throws itself with all its weight, and contends that out of the stuff of the Present a nobler Future can be made; that a man's nature is plastic material out of which a better man can be fashioned; that the world of today is a rough quarry out of which may be hewn the stones for a Temple of Tomorrow, in which a God may be found to dwell. If his philosophy of Masonry be true, as we Masons are most profoundly convinced that it is, it gives us the one Great Hope of Man, the one certain pledge of Progress.



“Man is not man as yet,
Nor shall I deem his object served, his end
Attained, his genuine strength put fairly forth,
While only here and there a star dispels
The darkness, here and there a towering mind
O'er looks its prostrate fellows.

“When all mankind is perfected;
Equal in full-blown powers - then, not 'til then,
I say, begins man's general infancy,
Such men are even now upon the earth
Serene amid the half-formed creatures 'round.”
- Robert Browning.

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