

# Hiram's Lighthouse

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*We can no longer have our survival depend upon the claims of how great we were and point with pride to the greatness of our past brothers. . . . Freemasonry needs an age of Renaissance in America today to lift the veil of ignorance of our membership.*

*- Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, speech to GL of Canada in the Province of Ontario-2011*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,



As we head into the month of June we can finally embrace the slowly warming weather, the blooming of the flowers and our gardens; and we look forward to the end of what I feel has been a wonderful and productive year of brotherhood in the Toronto East District.

As our Masonic year draws to a close, please remember that our labours are nowhere near an end. First and foremost, I want to encourage all of our brethren to attend the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> annual Black & White District Gala & Awards Night to be held on June 13, 2015 at the Ajax Convention Centre. Ticket sales for this event are proceeding as expected, however as the theme of this Masonic year has been the mentorship and progression of younger members within our craft, I would encourage all brethren to invite our younger members and their partners to partake in this wonderful evening of fellowship and brotherhood with their ladies, partners and fellow brethren. It will be the culmination of a great year in the Toronto East District and a wonderful celebration of our award winners, our ladies and the enjoyment of a full 20 piece swing band and orchestra and above all else, fellowship. Please contact your Senior Warden or the District Chairmen, W. Bros. Greig King, Craig McOuat, or Patrick Hillis for tickets at this time. Your partners and you will enjoy a great evening out for a very reasonable price and an amazing guest speaker, W. Bro. Capt. Joseph Curry of the The Beaches Lodge, who has quickly developed into the renowned and respected Masonic speaker and presenter.



In addition to our District Gala, there are a number of other events that are still upcoming in the district over the next few months including the Phil-Can Cabletow Society 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala on June 6, the Beaches Lodge Sand Castle Building Competition in July and the Senior Wardens District BBQ on August 22, 2015 at Wind Reach Farms in Durham Region.

If you want to see the way Freemasonry was conducted in its early years, the Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team will be at Doric Masonic Hall on June 6, 2015 at 1:00 pm. Details are available in [Hiram's Lighthouse](#) and The Builder.

Personally, I would remind the brethren of our final Official Visit of the year, which will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at The Imperial East Gate Lodge, at Chisholm Temple. Please join me in my visit to this wonderful lodge in support the brethren under the leadership of their Worshipful Master, R.W. Bro. David J. Neave. I know that the Travelling Gavel Award is coming down to the wire and there are at least two lodges in the running this year.

We should also put our minds at this point to our attendance at the upcoming annual communication of the Grand Lodge, which will be held at the Royal York during the week of July 13-16, when we will embrace a wonderful opportunity to participate in the deliberations of our Grand Lodge, enjoy fellowship and brotherhood, learning opportunities and a wonderful opportunity to meet you and accomplished brethren from across the province. Among the highlights of this event are many educational seminars, the installation of the new Grand Master, the election of the new District Deputy Grand Master during our district business meeting and of course the many opportunities for fellowship, including the Grand Master's Banquet. I encourage all brethren of our district to plan for the additional traffic created by the Pan Am games to be held in Toronto this year, but definitely attend and participate in this wonderful annual experience. Take public transit where possible, book your rooms early and contact W. Bro. Dean Bergerson prior to June 4 if you wish to order tickets to the Grand Master's banquet.

Well brethren, as my year as your District Deputy Grand Master is winding down, I want to thank you for all of the wonderful support that each of you has provided to me in carrying out our district agenda and in particular I want to thank W. Bro. Charles Frankland, the District Secretary, for his tireless efforts behind the scenes and his invaluable support during this year.

Please continue to encourage our younger brethren in a positive and supportive manner. Remember that they are the future of our craft. Without them, our lodges will not survive. Perpetuate the traditions and teachings that we have all received by mentoring and supporting the future leaders of Freemasonry. Ultimately, by passing on your skills and expertise you will receive the greatest rewards of membership in a Craft Lodge.

My brethren, it's been an honour and a privilege to serve our district as the representative of the Grand Master. Without your support and our ongoing efforts, none of this would've been possible.

May the Most High and Eternal Architect watch over us and keep us united and safe during the final days of our annual labours.

With warmest fraternal greetings,

***R.W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis***

District Deputy Grand Master, Toronto East District



**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

**June 2015**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<p><u>1</u></p> 	<p><u>2</u></p>	<p><u>3</u></p> <p>* RJRR and Todmorden - <b>Darts Night</b> see below Legion - Brigadier O M Martin</p>	<p><u>4</u></p>	<p><u>5</u></p> <p>* Coronati - <b>Ladies Night Dinner and Dance</b> see below Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall</p>	<p><u>6</u></p> <p>Doric - <b>Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team</b> see below Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>7</u></p>
<p><u>8</u></p> <p>* Scarboro - <b>Town Hall Meeting with our Grand Master</b> see below Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>9</u></p>	<p><u>10</u></p> <p>* The Imperial East Gate - <b>Official Visit</b> Banq – 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>11</u></p>	<p><u>12</u></p>	<p><u>13</u></p> <p>* T.E.D. - <b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Black and White Gala</b> see below Ajax Convention Centre</p>	<p><u>14</u></p>
<p><u>15</u></p> <p>* Caledonia - <b>Heritage Night</b> see below York</p>	<p><u>16</u></p>	<p><u>17</u></p>	<p><u>18</u></p> <p><b>Start of Ramadan</b> Have pity. No food down to dusk!</p>	<p><u>19</u></p>	<p><u>20</u></p> <p>* Wexford - <b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament</b> see below Sunnybrae Golf Club</p>	<p><u>21</u></p> <p><b>First Day of Summer</b> And we thought it would never come! <b>Fathers' Day</b> Rest - you deserve it</p>
<p><u>22</u></p>	<p><u>23</u></p>	<p><u>24</u></p> <p><b>St. John the Baptist Day</b> An original patron saint of Freemasonry ↘</p>	<p><u>25</u></p> <p>Markham Union - <b>Strawberry Night</b> See the Chapters, next year's Masters perform a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Claremont</p>	<p><u>26</u></p>	<p><u>27</u></p> <p>* Wexford - <b>60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration</b> see below Radisson Toronto East</p>	<p><u>28</u></p>
<p><u>29</u></p>	<p><u>30</u></p>					



## July 2015

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

### Toronto East District Charity

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

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

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*Personal integrity is important, not because it gets us what we want, but because it helps us be what we want.*

*- Michael Josephson*

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### 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](http://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](http://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?

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### Brotherly Love

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



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

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

He is still asleep and unaware of his current circumstances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**When the great Obelisk of Alexandria (Cleopatra's Needle) was moved to New York in 1880, there were discovered certain emblems on the original foundation and pedestal. One is clearly a square, causing some to conclude that Masonry existed in ancient Egypt.**

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

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### **Toronto East Masonic Centre**



Unfortunately, I have to write this update a few days before the end of the month due to **Hiram's Lighthouse** publishing requirements. I would have liked to include the results and outcomes of our Annual General Meeting that is being held on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

What the Directors can let you know is we have a number of important milestones meeting scheduled for June. If these meetings are as productive as we hope for, then positive announcements should quickly follow over the next few months.

Chrysler Canada is not renewing its lease that expires in September. The Directors are exploring options until demolition can begin.



Under legal pressure, a former vendor has finally been provided legitimate information to enable ProjectCo to claim previously denied HST Input Tax Credits on expenditures made by the former Board of Directors. The Board is in the process of filing Amended HST returns.

We again thank the Masons of East Toronto District for their support.

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**Smile !**

### The Ancient and Accepted Mysteries of the Masonic Feast



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

A medieval Master named Henry Yevele (born between 1320 and 1330 and died 1400) worked on an Abbey in Croxton, near Derbyshire. His death was attributed to the Black Death. He had apprenticed under King's Master William Ransay. Some of his works were the Abbott's house of Westminster Abbey (1362); Black Prince's tomb at Canterbury (1377); the south font of St. Paul's Cathedral (1384); and Richard II's tomb (1394).

- thanks to Bro. Nelson King

## **On June 1**

In 1495, 1<sup>st</sup> written record of Scotch Whiskey appeared in the Exchequer Rolls of Scotland. Friar John Cor was the distiller;

In 1533, Anna Boleyn was crowned the queen of England;

In 1638, the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S earthquake was recorded at Plymouth, Mass;

In 1679, the Battle at Bothwell Bridge on Clyde: the Duke of Monmouth beat the Scottish;

In 1801, Brigham Young, religious leader of the Mormon church was born;

In 1843, it snowed in Buffalo and Rochester NY and Cleveland Ohio;

In 1862, slavery was abolished in all US possessions; this was one of the precipitators of the US civil war and took decades to come into effect;

In 1926, Marilyn Monroe [Norma Jean Mortenson] was born;

In 1935, driving test and license plates were introduced in England;

In 1938, protective baseball helmets were 1<sup>st</sup> worn by batters; the protective cup had been in use for decades;

In 1938, Superman 1<sup>st</sup> appears in DC Comics' Action Comics Series issue #1;

In 1941, Germany banned all Catholic publications;

In 1967, the Beatles released Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band in US and it immediately went gold;

In 1968, Helen Keller, the blind and deaf author (Let us Have Faith), died at 87;

In 1968, Simon and Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson" hit #1;

In 1969, tobacco advertising was banned on Canadian radio and TV;

In 1971, Ed Sullivan's final TV show was broadcast by CBS;

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## **The Month of June**

June is the month of love and relationships. It is named for the Roman mother goddess, Juno (Hera in Greek mythology). Juno was the patroness of women, the sanctity of marriage and the family. She was also the guardian of money and wealth. She was honoured in Rome at the midsummer harvest.

In Christian symbolism, June is one of two months (also October) when the Blessed Madonna and her Immaculate Heart of Love is venerated.

In Babylonian and Sumerian mythology, Ishtar and Inanna were both honoured as creation-mother-guardian goddesses, and symbolize the story of Venus' change between morning and evening star. (See the book, "Venus" by Ronnie Gale Dreyer) Both goddesses descended into the Underworld, and both arrange to have their husbands resurrected from death. Inanna's husband was Dumuzi. Ishtar's husband was Tammuz.

The Angles and Saxons called the month of June the "dry month", and sometimes the "earlier mild month" - July being the second mild month.



The Moonstone and the Pearl are associated with June. Both are symbolically linked with the Moon. If a Moonstone is held under the tongue when the Moon is full, it is said to enhance one's ability to perceive the future. It is also associated with the third eye, and brings clarity to spiritual quests, helping to guide souls through the astral realm. Wearing a Moonstone is said to cleanse the lymph system.

The Pearl is the symbol of transmutation. Pearls are symbolic of turning irritation or aggravation into mastery and value. Wearing Pearls is said to calm emotions and increase peace of mind. Pearls are said to draw out and make manifest the beauty from within the wearer. These organic gems are said to absorb toxins. After wearing, Pearls may be cleansed by rinsing with salt water, and gently drying with a soft cloth.

June is traditionally the month of weddings. It was said that a woman married in June would always be considered a bride. A Summer Solstice wedding brought a baby to birth at the spring equinox, when the cold of winter was waning.

Wedding rings were put on the fourth finger because the ancients believed that finger contained a nerve going straight to the heart. As it turns out, the heart meridian has a pressure point at the junction between the ring finger and the little finger, marking the place where a wedding ring is worn.

Astrological signs: Gemini and Cancer.

Colours: orange and golden-green.

Flowers: lavender and orchid.

Tree: oak.

June first is the ancient festival of Carna (also called Cardea), the goddess of hinges. When invoked, she opened what was closed, and closed what was open. She was the protector of Roman homes and the domestic comings and goings of the family. The month of June is the "hinge of the year" (which is another term for the summer solstice). Swinging on a swing was part of a ritual to encourage the growth of crops. Ancient Roman farmers hung balls, masks, and small images of human figures, called oscilla, on trees or in doorways to swing in the wind; and children would skip along, hand in hand, swinging their arms, singing songs of summer. The hinge facilitates the doorway to the inner realms, and is symbolic of turning points in one's life. Rituals to activate one's inner hinge are performed during June.

June 4<sup>th</sup> marks the ancient festival of Rosalia, honouring Aphrodite. Worshippers made garlands of roses, on which they counted prayers of supplication. Saint Dominic started the Christian rosary in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century AD to help an illiterate laity keep track of the repetition of their prayers. Some say that Dominic adopted it from Islamic prayer beads. The Pearls of Faith or Islam's Rosary keeps count of the Ninety-Nine Beautiful Names of Allah. On "Paternoster Way", the London craft guilds of old fashioned rosaries, primarily of wood or seeds. Olive wood or pits are still a favourite, recalling the Garden of Gethsemane. The phrase, "knock on wood" comes from reference to prayers of supplication made with rosary beads.

June 7<sup>th</sup> is Vesta Aperit, the Feast of Vesta (Hestia in Greek mythology), when her temple doors were opened to married women for eight days. The rest of the year, the temple was open only to Vestal Virgins. This festival honours women's rite of passage from Virgin to Mother.



June 15<sup>th</sup> in Japan is the day of the Suijin Matsuri (“water person festival”), the annual Shinto ceremonies honouring the Kami, or divine principle, of Water.

June 21<sup>st</sup> is Father’s Day in America (third Sunday in June). Sonora Dodd, of Washington State initiated the first Father’s Day on June 19, 1910 to honour her widowed father as protector and provider, and all the sacrifices he made in raising six children on his own. A Presidential proclamation in 1966 by Lyndon Johnson made it a national holiday. Father’s Day is celebrated unofficially in many countries.

The Summer Solstice is the time when the Sun turns in its tracks and begins its tropical journey south, towards the equator. This, the shortest night of the year, happens on June 21<sup>st</sup>. This major calendrical event is the focus of religious and social festivities in all cultures; Christian society marks the event with St John the Baptist, hence very important for us Masons.

“Solstice” is derived from two Latin words: “sol” meaning sun, and “sistere,” to cause to stand still. This is because, as the summer solstice approaches, the noonday sun rises higher and higher in the sky on each successive day. On the day of the solstice, it rises an imperceptible amount, compared to the day before. In this sense, it “stands still.”

The Summer Solstice is also known as the Wiccan Sabbat, Litha, and is dedicated to the mother goddesses in all the cultural mythic stories. It is one of the four Solar points of the year, and marks the halfway point in the Earth’s yearly journey around the Sun. In medieval times, burning torches were carried in a sun wise direction around buildings, gardens and fields to ensure good fortune. In many religions, the Summer Solstice marks a ritual of sanctification. In the Norse tradition, it is called Sonnenwende, meaning The Sun’s Turning. In the Celtic and Druidic traditions it is the festival of Alban Heruin or Alban Hefin, when the Oak King, (Taliesin - the bright Sun), symbolizing the waxing year surrenders to the Holly King, (Avagddu - the dark Sun) symbolizing the waning year. In latitudes beyond 60 degrees north, the nine days before and after the Solstice are called “Beliye Nochi” or the festive season of White Nights. The Sun around the time of the Summer Solstice never sets in those latitudes. Conversely, at the Winter Solstice, the Sun does not rise above the horizon.

In ancient Lithuania and throughout central Europe, the rite called “Binding of the Wreaths was celebrated by newly married couples on the full Moon after the Solstice. The flower and leaf crowns they wore were symbolic of the god and goddess of potency and fertility invoking a blessing on their marriage.

Ancient Celts: Druids, the priestly/professional/diplomatic corps in Celtic countries, celebrated Alban Heruin (“Light of the Shore”). It was midway between the spring Equinox (Alban Eiler; “Light of the Earth”) and the fall Equinox (Alban Elfed; “Light of the Water”). “This midsummer festival celebrates the apex of Light, sometimes symbolized in the crowning of the Oak King, God of the waxing year. At his crowning, the Oak King falls to his darker aspect, the Holly King, God of the waning year . . .”

No midsummer ritual is as famous as that celebrated annually at Stonehenge (although it has been discouraged since 1986). For many years, the Druids held their Summer Solstice Service in the sacred open-air temple at dawn on the day of the Sun’s passage into summer. As the Sun rose majestically over the Hele-Stone (named for Helios, the Sun god), their sacrament was observed with rituals, candles and incense.

Ancient Germanic, Slav and Celtic tribes in Europe: Ancient Pagans celebrated Midsummer with bonfires. “It was the night of fire festivals and of love magic, of love oracles and divination. It had to do with lovers and predictions, when pairs of lovers would jump through the luck-bringing flames...” It was



believed that the crops would grow as high as the couples were able to jump. Through the fire's power, “. . . maidens would find out about their future husband, and spirits and demons were banished.” Another function of bonfires was to generate sympathetic magic: giving a boost to the sun's energy so that it would remain potent throughout the rest of the growing season and guarantee a plentiful harvest.

Ancient China: Their summer solstice ceremony celebrated the earth, the feminine, and the yin forces. It complemented the winter solstice that celebrated the heavens, masculinity and yang forces.

The full Moon of June (21) is known as the Celtic Oak Moon, the Wiccan Dyad Moon (or the Strong Sun Moon), and the Pagan Rose Moon, about which is said “Everything she touches - changes”. A full Moon in June is favourable for establishing a home and other domestic procedures sacred to Juno.

June 24<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of St. John the Baptist. Because he was a prophet of the messiah, preparing the way for Jesus ministry, both of their birthdays are celebrated, whereas most of the Christian saints' death dates mark their honouring. John is said to have been touched by the Holy Spirit while in his mother's womb. Their birthdays are celebrated at opposite ends of the year.

Have a great month of June.

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### **MasoniChIP**



Caledonia, Todmorden and Doric Lodges manned the counters for a MasoniChip event sponsored by JEI Learning centres located at 1992 Yonge Street Toronto on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The event was very well attended and provided several opportunities to discuss Masonry with the child's parents.

Many thanks to all who participated.

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### **I Was Wondering**

In the Masonic Year of 1976-77, the Education Committee of Toronto Masonic District No. 3 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (many of the lodges of which were realigned into the current Toronto East District), under the direction of R.W. Bro. Frank J. Bruce P.D.D.G.M. compiled 47 questions that were sent to the late W. Bro. Harry Carr P.J.G.D., Past Secretary and Editor of Quatuor



Coronati Lodge No. 2076 United Grand Lodge of England. These are his answers. It is to be noted that the answers refer to the Ritual and customs of the Grand Lodge of England in 1976.

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

### **What shape is a parallelepipedon and how does it relate to Masonry?**

The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines it as: A solid figure contained by six parallelograms, of which every two opposite ones are parallel. This is my pet abomination in Masonry. There ought to be a law against words of more than 3 or 4 syllables! It appears in the First Lecture, Section III in answer to the Question asking “The form of the Lodge”. The same question in 1730, had the answer “A long square”, and I feel that the man who decided to use the Parallelepipedon ought to be shot!

### **Why does the Junior Deacon conduct the Candidate? Could any other Officer do this job?**

In 1730, it was the Warden’s job (and Deacons were rather rare). Since 1813, it has been the Junior Deacon’s duty, but any other Officer could be deputized for him in his absence (or by arrangement).

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### **Vancouver in August**

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

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

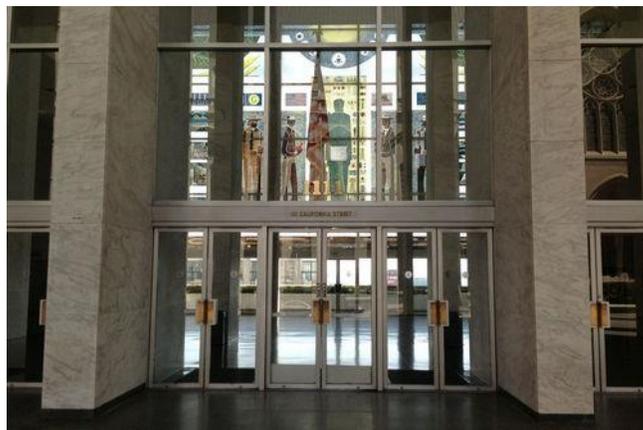
Tickets for the Banquet are \$50.00 CAD per person, and may be ordered from me. Do not be disappointed! Break the Masonic trend and do NOT wait until the last minute! Contact me NOW for further details.

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

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Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Masonic Temple - San Francisco  
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.

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*Brotherhood is not just a Bible word. Out of comradeship can come and will come the happy life for all.*

*- Heywood Hale Brown (1918-2001)*

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### **Wednesday June 3 2015**

#### **Riverdale JRR and Todmorden - Darts Night**

Would you like to throw a few darts? Enjoy an evening out for some fraternal fun and a few laughs with your brothers outside the Lodge room. This darts night has been running successfully for several months on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month and the entire district is invited to join in. Bring a friend - Mason or not. Throw a few darts at regulation boards. Beginner or expert - it does not matter - come on out.



Time: 7:30 pm  
Location: Royal Canadian Legion  
Brigadier O M Martin Branch 345  
81 Peard Rd., Toronto, ON  
Closest major intersection is Victoria Park and O'Connor. The Legion is just a touch north of St. Clair on the west side of Victoria Park  
Contact: Tom Fulton @ [tfulton@rogers.com](mailto:tfulton@rogers.com) or 416.694.3891 or  
Greg McKinnon @ [gregmckinnonmm@gmail.com](mailto:gregmckinnonmm@gmail.com) or 416.686.0107

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### **Friday June 5 2015**

#### **Coronati - Ladies Night Dinner and Dance**



Enjoy a fine evening with an enjoyable crowd in conjunction with the FilCan Cabletow Association.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social  
7:30 pm - Dinner  
Location: Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall  
Cost: \$55 ea  
Contact: Ervin S. Aspiras @ [ervin\\_ign@yahoo.com](mailto:ervin_ign@yahoo.com) or 647-797-8852

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### **Saturday June 6 2015**

#### **Doric - Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team**

In 2017, just under 2 years from now, Freemasonry around the world will in some way acknowledge the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Freemasonry in its 'organised' version. It wasn't until the formation of the premier Grand Lodge of England in 1717 that Freemasonry was organised and started to become what we know it as today. Definitely, it had existed for possibly hundreds of years before that date, but at this point, Freemasonry as a speculative rather than operative organisation was established.

Freemasonry was a social phenomenon. It immediately raised all sorts of public interest, gossip and more than a handful of imitators. One of the popular phenomena of the day was the publication of 'broad sheets', early newspapers that would publish just about anything, from the salacious to scandalous to even something close to the news. With the interest in Freemasonry, articles frequently appeared, many ridiculing the order, and even a few 'inside Freemasonry' articles, called exposures.

Because of these exposures, the premier Grand Lodge of England changed some of its signs and words. This displeased some and in 1751, the Antient Grand Lodge of England was established purporting to do things the 'old' way.

As you can see, there was a lot of upheaval. The ritual was being developed and tried out. Numerous very good exposures appeared. Three Distinct Knocks (Antient exposure) in 1760; Jachin and Boaz (Antient exposure) in 1762; Shibboleth (Modern exposure) in 1765; Mahabone (Antient exposure) in



1766. There were many more. Without these exposures, we would have no knowledge of these early years.

In the midst of all this turmoil, in the mid 1770s, a lodge in London performed an Initiation and the minutes of that meeting have come down to us to this day.

For those who would like to experience what a Masonic Lodge meeting was like back in the 'good old days', even before you joined, Doric Lodge #424 is sponsoring the Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team. This two-hour theatrical presentation by the Team has been performed to lodges in Ontario, Quebec and the northern United States for about 35 years. Those who have seen the enactment were definitely not disappointed.

To enhance the production, the costumes are duplicated from the 1770s and the production and ritual is based upon actual minutes taken from a lodge at that time. The choreography and scripting is well designed and will leave nothing to the imagination. You will enjoy the re-enactment of the initiation ceremony of an Entered Apprentice that will be filled with humorous moments that frequently leaves audiences in laughter.



The Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team will bring the past to life. The presentation is interesting, entertaining, historical and educational.

Grand Lodge has given dispensation for the presentation to be given to Masons only. The event is open to all Masons of any lodge, from any district.

The production lasts about 2 hours and will be followed by a light lunch. Admission, including the lunch, is by ticket. This is an event not to be missed. Tickets for this very singular event are limited.

Online tickets can be obtained at: -

<https://eventbrite.ca/event/15395819310/>

Time: 1:00 pm  
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall  
457 Kingston Rd. W., Ajax, ON L1S 6M1  
Cost: \$10  
Dress: Business casual  
Contact: Stephen Hudson @ [steve@stevehudson.ca](mailto:steve@stevehudson.ca) or 905.420.8825, or  
Keith Larocque @ [tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com](mailto:tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com) or 905.721.8701, or  
Terry Spalding-Martin @ [tsmartin@rogers.com](mailto:tsmartin@rogers.com) or 905.420.0776

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### **Monday June 8 2015**

#### **Scarboro - Town Hall Meeting with our Grand Master M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell**

As our Grand Master comes down the home stretch in his term in office, this will be a great opportunity for brethren across Toronto East District to hear a retrospective of our Grand Master's experiences during his term in office, ask questions of our Grand Master and voice their own thoughts regarding the future direction of the Craft.



This will be an informal evening of engaging conversation, fraternity, and appreciation for our Grand Master who has so proudly represented Toronto East District in the highest office of the Craft over the past two years.

All are invited. An informal reception will follow.

Time: 7:30 pm  
Dress: Business Suit  
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

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### **Saturday June 13 2015**

#### **Toronto East District - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 three-course dinner with two bottles of complimentary wine per table. Favours are planned for the ladies. After a sumptuous meal, there will be dancing to the 21-piece George Lake Big Band orchestra. There will be a photo booth and a late night buffet table available



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.

Your committee has also managed to arrange an event pricing from the Hilton Garden Hotel next door. If you book your room before May 13<sup>th</sup>, the room rate will be \$129, after that date the price will be \$179. Rooms can be booked directly with the hotel, 905.686.9400. The rooms are held under The Toronto East District Black and White Gala.

Various levels of sponsorship are offered and can be obtained by contacting those identified below.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social  
7:00 pm - Dinner  
9:00 pm - Dancing  
Location: Ajax Convention Centre  
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (401 and Salem)



Dress: Formal  
Black Tie or dark business suit  
Speaker: Bro. Joseph Curry  
Cost: \$100 ea  
Contact: Craig McOuat @ [craig@partnership.ca](mailto:craig@partnership.ca) or 905.471.6555, or  
Greig King @ [kiltedmapleleaf@gmail.com](mailto:kiltedmapleleaf@gmail.com) or 647.860.6834, or  
Patrick Hillis @ [pshillis@rogers.com](mailto:pshillis@rogers.com) or 416.457.3652

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## **Monday June 15 2015**

### **Caledonia - Heritage Night**



Celebrating our unique Scottish/Irish Heritage

Great entertainment by The Pipes and Drums of Toronto Fire.

R.W. Bro. David Neave will reveal the mysteries of the Ancient Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland and its links with Freemasonry. V.W. Bro. Ashley Tidy will tinkle the Ivories in his inimitable manner and accompany us as we sing old Scottish and Irish Songs. Address to the Haggis by W. Bro. Frank McKay.



This is the evening everyone is talking about.

Door Prizes: So if you have never won a door now's your chance!!

What a bargain, what an evening, great food, great company and entertainment and especially in the company of YOU.

Ladies and Non -Masonic Guests Most Welcome

Please call to confirm they will attend and how many tickets they would like.

Time: 7:30 pm - Lodge Opens  
8:00 pm - Visitors Received  
Location: York Temple  
Cost: \$30 ea  
Contact: Alex Wilson @ [alexedwilson@gmail.com](mailto:alexedwilson@gmail.com) or 647.222.0694, or  
James Clifford @ 416.528.4490, or  
Eduardo Gutierrez @ 416.272.5059

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## **Thursday June 18 2015**

### **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.





Ramadan, also written *Ramazán*, *Ramzán*, *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

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### **Saturday June 20 2015**

### **Wexford - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament**



A great day of golf includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and a steak dinner. You think he makes the put?

Time:            11:30 am - Registration  
                     1:00 pm - T-Off - Shotgun Start  
                     7:00 pm - Steak Dinner

Location:       Sunnybrae Golf Club  
1430 King St., Port Perry, ON. Phone: 905.985.2234

Cost:            \$130 ea

Contact:        Maher Eid @ [cici20101998@yahoo.com](mailto:cici20101998@yahoo.com) or 416.723.5507, or  
                     Gerald Newall @ [g.newall@sympatico.ca](mailto:g.newall@sympatico.ca) or 905.391.9044, or  
                     Andrew Douris @ [andrewlp11@yahoo.ca](mailto:andrewlp11@yahoo.ca) or 416.320.6424



**Wednesday June 24 2015**

**St. John the Baptist Day**

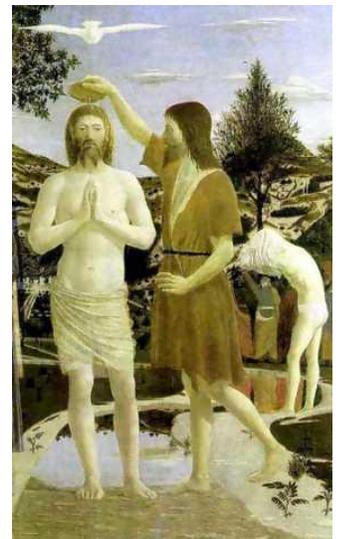


By history, custom, tradition and ritualistic requirements, the Craft holds in veneration the Festival Days of St. John the Baptist on June 24<sup>th</sup>, and St. John the Evangelist on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Any Blue Lodge that forgets either of these important Festival Days forfeits a precious link with the past and loses an opportunity for the renewal of allegiance to everything in Freemasonry symbolized by these Patron Saints.

No satisfactory explanation has yet been advanced to explain why operative Masons adopted these two particular Christian saints, when, for example, St. Thomas, the patron of architecture and building, was already in wide use.

Regardless, Freemasons agree that the choice of these two ancient Brethren was, indeed, wise. No other two great teachers, wise men, or saints could have been found who better exemplified through their lives and works the sublime doctrine and ageless teachings of Freemasonry.

It was a common custom in the Middle Ages for craftsmen to place themselves under the protection of some saint of the church. All the London trades appear to have ranged themselves under the banner of some saint and if possible they chose one who bore fancied relation to their trades. Thus, the fishmongers adopted St. Peter; glove makers chose St. Crispin; guards chose St. Matthew; tilers chose St. Barbara; tailors often chose Eve; lawyers selected St. Mark; lead workers chose St. Sebastian; stone cutters chose the Four Crowned Martyrs; doctors chose St. Luke; astronomers chose St. Dominic; and so on.



Eleven or more medieval trade guilds chose John the Baptist as their Patron Saint. Even after exhaustive research by some of the best Masonic scholars, no one can say with any certainty why Freemasons adopted the two Saints John, or why they continue to celebrate feast days when they once held a far different significance. However, the appropriateness of the two Johns is obvious in our system of Great Moral Teachings, if we consider the spiritual suggestion of their lives.

St. John the Baptist was a stern and just man, intolerant of sham, of pretence, of weakness. He was a man of strength and fire, uncompromising with evil or expediency, and, yet, courageous, humble, sincere, and magnanimous. A character at once heroic and of rugged nobility, the Greatest of Teachers said of the Baptist: "Among them that are born of woman, there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist."

What do we know about John the Baptist? John was a Levite. His father Zechariah was a Temple priest of the line of Abijah, and his mother Elizabeth was also descended from Aaron. The Carpenter from Nazareth and John the Baptist were related. Their mothers, Mary and Elizabeth, were cousins. John the Baptist was born 6 months before the Nazarene, and he died about 6 months before Jesus. The angel Gabriel separately announced the coming births of the Great Teacher Christ and John the Baptist. Zechariah doubted the prophecy, and was struck dumb until John's birth. John lived in the mountainous area of Judah, between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.



John had a popular ministry. It is generally thought that his ministry started when he was about the age of 27, spreading a message of repentance to the people of Jerusalem. John's ministry became so popular that many wondered if he was the Messiah prophesized in the ancient Hebrew teachings. We are also told that John the Baptist baptized Jesus, after which he stepped away and told his disciples to follow Jesus. It would seem logical that these two would combine their ministries. Oddly enough, however, they apparently never met again.

Descriptions from various historical sources seem to indicate that John was a strong, handsome, well-formed man, and there is every indication that he was attractive to the opposite sex. However, we know that he never married, and chose to devote his life to his ministry. In addition to being concerned with the spiritual reformation of the people of the Hebrew nation, John was also interested in the affairs of state.

John's ministry and life ended when he admonished Herod and his wife, Herodias, for their sinful behaviour. John was imprisoned and was eventually beheaded. Saint Jerome wrote that Herod kept the head for a long time after, stabbing the tongue with his dagger in a demented attempt to continuously inflict punishment upon John. After he was murdered, John's disciples came and buried his body, and then went and told the Great Teacher all that had happened. The Carpenter responded to the news of John's death by saying, "John was a lamp that burned and gave Light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his Light."

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, we observe the festival of summer sun and on December 27<sup>th</sup>, we observe the festival of the winter sun. The June festival commemorates John the Baptist and the December festival honours John the Evangelist.

The Festivals of the Saints John bear the names of Christian Saints, but ages ago, long before the Christian era, they bore other names. Freemasonry adopted these festivals and the Christian names, but has taken away Christian dogma, and made their observance universal for all men of all beliefs.

St. John's the Baptist's Day, June 24<sup>th</sup>, marks the summer solstice, when nature attains the zenith of light and life and joy. St. John's the Evangelist's, December 27<sup>th</sup>, symbolizes the turn of the sun's farthest journey, which is symbolic of the attainment of wisdom, the rewards of a well-spent life, and goodwill toward men. The Catholic Church observes the birth of the Baptist as a hallowed event. Interestingly, they have no such commemoration for the birth of any of the other Saints.

In addition to being the initial Patron Saint of Freemasons, the Baptist was also considered to be the Patron Saint of the following: Bird dealers, convulsions, cutters, epilepsy, furriers, hailstorms, Knights Hospitaller, Knights of Malta, lambs, Maltese Knights, monastic life, motorways, printers, spasms, and oars.

The first Grand Lodge was organized in England in 1717, on the Festival Day of the Baptist. The United Grand Lodge of England was created in 1813 on the Festival Day of the Evangelist. The day of St. John the Baptist is truly symbolic of a day of beginnings, while the day of the Evangelist is symbolic of endings.

In the English catechism of the early eighteenth century, the following three questions and answers were included as an explanation of why Lodges were dedicated to the Holy Saints John.



*Why to John the Baptist?*

*In him, we have a singular instance of purity, of zeal, simplicity of manners, and an ardent wish to benefit mankind by his example. To him we are indebted for the introduction of that grand tenet of our institution, which it is our glory to support: Peace on earth, good will toward men.*

*Did John the Baptist have any equal?*

*To carry into execution this grand tenet, and to transmit to future ages so valuable a doctrine, an equal has been selected, John the Evangelist, in whom we find talents and learning alike conspicuous. Hence, it is to him we pay due allegiance as the patron of our art.*

*In what is he considered the equal of John the Baptist?*

*He is considered to be equal to the former in this. As the personal influence of John the Baptist could not extend beyond the bounds of a private circle or so effectually defuse the benefits of the plan he had introduced, an assistant was necessary to complete the work he had begun. In John the Evangelist, therefore, we discover the same zeal as John the Baptist, and superior abilities displayed to perfect the improvement of man; copying the example of his predecessor we view him arranging and ably digesting, by his eminent talents, the great doctrine which had been issued into the world; and transmitting by his writings, for the benefit of posterity, the influence of that doctrine to which the zeal of his predecessor had given birth. As parallels in Masonry, we rank these two patrons and class them as joint promoters of our system; to their memory in conjunction with Solomon, we are taught to pay due homage and veneration.*

Thus, we define the two great characters to whom we owe the establishment of our tenets, and the improvement of our system; while, in the ceremony of dedication, we commemorate the virtues and transmit them to latter ages, we derive from their favour, patronage and protection.

The Volume of Sacred Law tells us that when the multitudes asked of the Baptist, "What shall we do", John responded, thusly: "He that hath two coats, let him give to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do in like manner." To the tax collectors, he enjoined then not to exact more than the rate of taxes fixed by law. To the soldiers, who served as the police of those times, he recommended not to do violence to any man, nor falsely to denounce anyone.

St. John the Baptist was a man of character and integrity, and someone we would all do well to emulate. John was a humble man, in the best sense of the word. John preached a message of repentance. Repentance means more than just saying that, "you are sorry." The Greek word "metanoia," from which the word "repentance" comes literally means, "to turn around." In other words, John urged his followers to literally turn around and move in a new direction, i.e., to move toward God instead of away from God. Mere lip service was not enough because actions speak louder than words. John wanted his followers to live lives that demonstrated their orientation toward God. Moreover, he preached this message not only with his words, but through his actions as well.

John the Baptist was simply a man who lived in one particular historical moment. Yet, his message of repentance, humility, devotion and love of God transcends time and culture. It is a message that is just as urgent and just as true today as it was 2,000 years ago. It is a message that was illustrated by John's daily life. Moreover, it is a message that underscores so many of the values that Freemasons today exalt as ideals for the living of a moral life.



Our ritual speaks of a Lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem. Many Brethren take this to refer to a Lodge at Jerusalem when it actually only refers to the Holy Saints John as being at Jerusalem. Hundreds of years ago, Scottish Lodges were referred to as Saint Johns' Lodges. Therefore, when a Brother referred to himself as coming from a Lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem, he meant only that he came from a Scottish Lodge.

When were the Holy Saints John selected as patrons of our Order? We do not have exact dates, but our ancient manuscripts indicate that St. John the Baptist was selected by Scottish, and later British, Lodges long before the Evangelist who appears for the first time in any Masonic documents in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

We may never know the truth about John's historical relationship with Freemasonry. We may never find out if he was a member of our Fraternity, although it is highly unlikely that he was. The truth is that it really does not matter if he was a member of our Ancient Craft. Freemasonry honours the humble man who came to be known as St. John the Baptist because his entire life exemplified duty to God through his faith, his religious practices, and through the very living of his life.

It is regrettable that we note an apparent increasing disinterest on the part of Lodges and our Brethren to honour the two Patron Saints of our Order. It is not that these two Saints need to be honoured based on any ancient rituals and tradition. Rather, by holding an annual celebration in their honour, we recall to ourselves the great moral lessons each taught, and the example of piety and devotion to Deity they exhibited throughout their lives.

The imminent Masonic scholar, Joseph Fort Newton, wrote, "Righteousness and Love -- those two words do not fall short of telling the whole duty of a man and a Freemason." And Freemasons around the world could do no better in their choice of a Patron Saint and a model for living than they have in John the Baptist - a man whose life continues to shine as an example to us all - Mason and non-Mason alike!

Author: Phillip G. 'Phil' Elam  
Grand Orator (1999-2000)  
Grand Lodge of Missouri

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**Saturday June 27 2015**  
**Wexford - 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

The Celebrations consist of a buffet dinner featuring roast beef and chicken with roasted potatoes, salads, and bread, dessert and coffee, followed by dancing to Van Rossi - live!

Come join in the fun - ladies welcome

Time: 6:30 pm - Social  
7:30 pm - Dinner  
Location: Radisson Toronto East  
55 Hallcrown Place, Toronto, ON, M2J 4R1  
Cost: \$45 ea  
Contact: Greg Seale @ [jgregoryseale@yahoo.ca](mailto:jgregoryseale@yahoo.ca) or 905.477.3502

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*My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.*

*- James 1:19-20*

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### **Friday July 10 2015**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Raffle Draws:**

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

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

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



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



Time: 11:00 am - Registration  
11:30 am - Putting Contest  
1:00 pm - T-Off - Modified Shotgun - more than 72 players  
6:30 pm - Dinner  
Location: Bushwood Golf Club  
10905 Resser Rd., Markham, ON. L6B 1A8  
Cost: \$115.00  
Contact: Roy Morris @ [roy.morris123@sympatico.ca](mailto:roy.morris123@sympatico.ca) or 905.728.7390, or  
Micky Godrej @ [mgodrej@rogers.com](mailto:mgodrej@rogers.com) or 647.885.1904

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*God gave us two eyes, two ears and one mouth and we should use them in the same proportion.  
- Irish Proverb*

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### **Saturday August 22 2015**

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



The district Annual BBQ and Corn Roast held by The Chapters (Senior Wardens Group 2015/16), Toronto East District. This is an opportunity for the full extended family to participate in an outdoor fun day in a farm-like setting. Pet the animals. Step in that squishy stuff. Take it home with you on your shoes. No charge!

Children from 1 month to 99 years will have a good time and enjoy themselves. Bring the wife. Bring the kids. Bring the grandkids. Bring the neighbour's grandkids. There's a hayride for the kiddies as well as many other activities to keep them entertained for the day. Do you want to tire out that kid who's always on the run? It makes you weary just thinking up answers to the questions, doesn't it? See how many chickens they can catch! That'll slow them down for the evening.

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

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

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

Proceeds will go to WindReach Farm.

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

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**Sunday August 23 2015**

**Doric - Annual Golf Fun Day**

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

Time: 1:00 pm  
Location: Spring Creek Golf and Country Club  
Concession 9 and Westney Rd, Claremont, ON  
Cost: \$60 ea - Adult  
\$27 ea - Steak Dinner only  
Contact: Stephen Hudson @ [steve@stevehudson.ca](mailto:steve@stevehudson.ca) or 905.420.8825



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*An aim in life is the only fortune worth the finding; and it is not to be found in foreign lands, but in the heart itself.*

*- Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)*

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

The boats have kitchen stoves with ovens.

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

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

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

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

Location: St. Lawrence National Park, Gananoque, ON

Cost: \$400 ea - \$100 ea deposit **ASAP**

Contact: Jerry Bergeron @ [rwjerryb@gmail.com](mailto:rwjerryb@gmail.com) - cheques to  
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**The 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge**  
**Fairmont Royal York Hotel**  
**Monday July 13 through Thursday July 16 2015**

**REGISTRATION**

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall on Tuesday evening July 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **NOTE:** Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.

ENTRY TO CONCERT HALL WILL BE THROUGH SALON B.

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

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSES

**WEDNESDAY JULY 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm SHARP!**

**PROXIES**

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

**Regalia Room**

The Ontario Room on the Convention Floor will be available to the general membership to change into regalia on Wednesday and Thursday but must be vacated by 3:00 pm Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> to be used for District Meetings. For safety's sake, hats and coats, regalia bags, etc. should be checked in the hotel checkroom, as neither the Fairmont Royal York Hotel nor Grand Lodge will be responsible for loss or theft.

**Meet the Nominees**

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

**Agenda**

**Monday July 13**

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

**Tuesday July 14**

The **Board of General Purposes** will meet at 10:00 am in the Ballroom.  
MEET THE NOMINEES - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Salon A - Convention Floor

**Wednesday July 15**

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

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



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

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

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

### **District Meetings**

The District Meetings for the election of District Deputy Grand Masters and for such other business as may properly be brought before them will be held at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> in the following rooms. *All ballots at District Meetings, regardless of colour, are **ONE VOTE** only.*

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

### **Thursday July 16**

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

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

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

The Custodian of the Work will instruct the new D.D.G.M.s on Thursday morning, July 16 at 7:59 am in the Alberta Room.

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

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

### **Seminars**

#### **Tuesday July 14**

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

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>B.C. Room</u></b>	<b><u>Quebec Room</u></b>	<b><u>Alberta Room</u></b>	<b><u>Algonquin Room</u></b>
1:30 to 2:20	Masonic CHIP Foundation	Cornerstone Project	Finance Advisory It's Your Money +	
2:30 to 3:20	Leadership Development	Condition of Freemasonry	CRA Needs	Computer Resources
3:30 to 4:20	Preparing for District Secretary	Condition of Freemasonry	College of Freemasonry	



***GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET***

Wednesday July 15, 2015

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

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

*Toronto Police Service*

Guest Speaker

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Doors open at 6:00 pm. Special Entertainment.

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

Cash sales only. Sales cease July 10, 2015.

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

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## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### The John Ross Robertson Chair

After a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 1917 at the corner of Yonge St. and Davenport Rd. in Toronto in which the Cornerstone of the new Temple was laid by M.W. Bro. William H. Wardrope, M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson a Past Grand Master addressed the audience and said: -

The chair in which the Grand Master now sits is made from the oak beam that supported the floor of the room in which the first Grand Lodge of England was organized in 1717 A.D., in the Goose and Gridiron Tavern in London Yard.

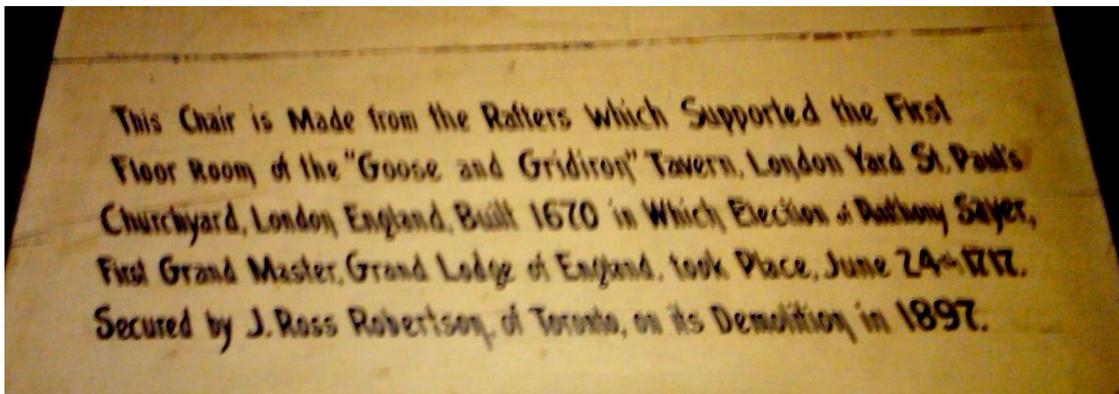
Historical documents tell us that the Goose and Gridiron Tavern was demolished in 1895 and that the contractor on the job saved two of the oak floor joists and presented them to M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, who had a substantial chair made from that wood. It is also said that: -

All Grand Masters of our Grand Lodge are seated thereon whenever Grand Lodge meets in Toronto for the installation of the new Grand Master every two years.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 1938, the chair became the property of John Ross Robertson Lodge No. 545 when the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the John Ross Robertson Estate, Mr. A.T. Chadwick, before the Lodge assembled, the D.D.G.M. of Toronto District A, R.W. Bro. B.E. Elblad and the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W.J. Dunlop, read a letter from the trustees, conveying the historic chair into the possession of the Lodge where it has since occupied a place in the East in the Large Lodge Room in the Chisholm Ave. Temple.

John Ross Robertson, the then Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Canada, sat on this chair when he wrote the fifth chapter of the History Freemasonry, in which the story of the Masonic Grand Lodge of England is told.





Inscription on the underside of the seat:-

This Chair is made from the Rafters which supported the first floor room of the Goose and Gridiron Tavern, London Yard St. Paul's Churchyard, London England, built 1670 in which Election of Anthony Sayer, First Grand Master, Grand Lodge of England, took place June 24<sup>th</sup> 1717. Secured by J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, on its Demolition in 1897.

A conservation report produced in May 2013 states

- The chair is in very good shape considering its age and its long use as a piece of functional furniture.
- The wood that the chair is constructed of is more than 343 years old and spent its first 227 years as building rafters supporting the floor of a functioning pub and then the next 116 years as a chair.

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With great thanks to: -  
Greg McKinnon



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