

# Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003  
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*Silence, secrecy, and calmness of temper, are the unmistakable marks of a genuine Mason. If you hear any one make an incessant boast of his knowledge, you may set him down as an empty chatterer. Noise is not wisdom. Those who ostentatiously proclaim their own merits may for a time enjoy the satisfaction of deceit, yet in the end, their pretensions are sure to be unmasked.*

*- Bro. George Oliver (1782-1867), The Book of the Lodge-1864*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

It is mid-morning on my backyard deck, the sun is shining and a warm breeze is caressing my senses with the aroma of lilac coming from my neighbour's lilac bushes. Welcome to June, warmer weather, flowers in full bloom, everything well into greening up. By the end of this month most lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction will be starting their summer recess and preparing for the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario held in the city of Toronto at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

With almost all Official Visits in the Jurisdiction having been completed, June will be very active, as many of our lodges throughout the various districts will be conducting their Installations this month. Along with numerous fraternal and social functions such as The Grand Master Receptions, District Gala Events, The PhilCan CableTow Association Banquet, golf fund raisers, special lodge degree events, what a great opportunity to get out, visit, socialize and enjoy yourself in the company of Brethren and friends.



Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Toronto East District Black and White Gala Ladies and Awards Night will be held on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Ajax Convention Centre, 550 Beck Crescent, Ajax Ont., Salem Road and Hwy 401. Brethren, this is a great event. Don't miss it. Bring your Ladies and friends with you, get your pictures taken at our photo booth, enjoy a wonderful dining experience and the music of The Isotones as you dance away the evening. See our district website and newsletters for detailed information.

The Installation and Investiture on Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> of the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Beaches Lodge No. 473 G.R.C. and the Official Visit of the D.D.G.M. to Friendship Lodge No. 729 G.R.C. on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>, both of which were well supported by the District Brethren and visitors, marked both our last Installation and Official Visit for the 2015-2016 Toronto East District Masonic year.

In some ways, I find it hard to believe that all 38 of our Installations and Official Visits have come and gone so soon. All were special and distinctive to me. I applaud the current Worshipful Masters of Toronto East District, the strength of their presence at all of our Official Visits in support of our District, its lodges and their District Deputy Grand Master, was inspirational and truly demonstrated leadership by example. I would also like to acknowledge the enthusiastic reception by the Brethren when received into lodge on my many visits, the warmth of which I will always cherish.

### **The Handshake**

The handshake is one of the most powerful gestures between people. In business, it symbolizes closure, affirmation and a contract. It also symbolizes warmth, friendship, trust and honour. Members of the Masonic fraternity have stretched forth their hands to all men, using the handshake as an act of, brotherly love, relief, truth and a general concern for others. The purpose of Freemasonry is quite simple: to strengthen character, promote respect for others and to help those in need.

A warm and welcome handshake, a smile and heartily offered "Welcome Brother" goes a long way in today's world. Outside the tyled recesses of the lodge, it may be cold and unforgiving, but inside it is warm and friendly. Never leave a man alone in your lodge. Make sure that your members and visitors understand that, in your Lodge, they are welcome, safe and comfortable.

Don't let a single man have the chance to say.....

"Nobody ever cared that I went to Lodge".

Edited and modified from The B2B Manual section 4.15

Brethren, just a reminder that tickets for the Grand Masters Banquet on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel must be ordered and paid for in advance. Tickets are \$65. each and a table of eight, \$500. You may order direct from Grand Lodge or through the D.D.G.M. The cut-off date for prepaid ticket orders is Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>. No tickets will be available through Grand Lodge after that date.

Brethren, as always, I look forward to greeting you.

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



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

Sincerely and Fraternaly,


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

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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

**June 2016**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * Wexford - <b>Golf Tournament</b> see below Remington Parkview Golf Club	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> <b>Start of Ramadan</b> Take pity! No food - dawn to dusk for a month	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * St. Lawrence District - <b>Annual Quarry Lodge Weekend</b> see below Spencerville, On	<u>11</u> * T.E.D. - <b>5<sup>th</sup> Annual Black &amp; White Gala</b> see below Ajax Convention Centre	<u>12</u> * St. Lawrence District - <b>Annual Quarry Lodge Weekend</b> see below Spencerville, On
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <b>Fathers' Day</b> A whole day all about dad. Clean the garage, fertilize the lawns, dig out the garden and then pay to take the family out for dinner. You love it!
<u>20</u> <b>First Day of Summer !</b> Starts at 6:34 pm	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> * Markham Union - <b>Strawberry Night</b> SW Group, The Pythagoreans, will do a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Visitors-8:00 pm Claremont	<u>23</u> * Royal City Daylight - <b>Installation</b> Visitors-10:30 am see below Guelph Masonic Centre	<u>24</u> <b>St. John the Baptist Day</b> One of the original patron saints of Freemasonry	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> * The Beaches - <b>Sandcastle Day</b> see below Ashbridges Bay
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>			



July 2016

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

### Toronto East District Charity

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

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



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

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

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

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*Six essential qualities that are the key to success: sincerity, personal integrity, humility, courtesy, wisdom, charity.*

*- William Messinger*

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### Toronto East Masonic Centre

The Directors of ProjectCo did not meet in May as the Board is awaiting written comments from our Lawyer as to the feasibility of closing down ProjectCo and returning any remaining decision making responsibility for outcomes back to TEMC.



The May 6<sup>th</sup> launch party sponsored by Lalu Canada, our Development Partner, was well attended by Masons and interested parties. The Board was pleased to receive the following unsolicited comment from Past Master Greg McKinnon:

“It was a good evening tonight that was well attended and enjoyable. I am glad I went as I now do not feel as ‘worried’ about the partnership. It is obvious that Lalu Canada is not a fly-by-night organization. And there are more eyes than just Masons on this with the city councillor and also the Senator involved. Too bad all the naysayers in the District did not attend as I think they would have come away with some positive thoughts. Anyway - good work.”

Attached, is a video recording of the speakers at the new temple project launch for your information.  
<https://vimeo.com/166130109/f1bcf323bd>

The event was well attended with a good mix of Masons and non-Masons.



For those who have driven past the corner of Lawrence and Birchmount, you will have seen site hoarding and fencing going up around the property and interior construction work, preparing the former car showroom for a new presentation centre, in advance of demolition work.

Our Treasurer has been under the weather, but assures me the Auditors will be working on the Audit very shortly.

It is the hope of the ProjectCo Board that our shareholder, TEMC, will announce and call a meeting shortly so TEMC can elect three representatives to represent the interests of Toronto East District Masons on the new Development Board.

If you have further questions, just email us at [ProjectCo@outlook.com](mailto:ProjectCo@outlook.com).

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

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

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### **FYI**

**Lyndon B. (Baines) Johnson (1908-1973), 36<sup>th</sup> U.S. President 1963-69, took the first degree of Masonry on October 30, 1937 but never progressed any further.**

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

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### **Facebook Aficionado ?**

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



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

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

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### **Fort McMurray Disaster**



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

occupational homes and are now in temporary housing with minimal possessions. Consider their need.



A couple of letters follow.

Brethren,

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



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

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

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

Fraternally yours

Terence Shand  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Dear Brethren:



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

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

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

With Prayers & Fraternally Yours,

Jerry W. Kopp  
Grand Secretary  
The Grand Lodge of Alberta





**Smile !**



*"Assault, m'lad? I was merely giving him a masonic handshake."*

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**Want To Learn More ?**

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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### **A Mason Goes Into This Pub**

These pictures were taken while at lunch in a pub located in downtown Kingston, Ontario. The pub was recommended by a good non-Mason friend who said I would be interested in some of the items hanging on the wall.

The name of the establishment is 'Sir John A's Pub', found at 343 King St. It is one of the former law offices of Sir John A.

Speaking with one of the servers, I was told the 'shields' were found in a loft of another building in Kingston a few years ago. The server then asked if I noticed anything about the second shield. Apparently, long ago, someone 'corrected' shield 2 to resemble 1.





Imagine my surprise . . .

- with thanks to Robert Culbertson, Coronati Lodge #520

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**I Did Not Know That !**

Roses may be red, but violets are indeed violet.

- thanks to Bro. Anon Y. Mous

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



Huron #392, Camlachi ON  
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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*There are two mistakes one can make on the road to truth - not going all the way, and not starting.  
- Buddhist Proverb*

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**Saturday June 4 2016**

**Wexford - Golf Tournament**

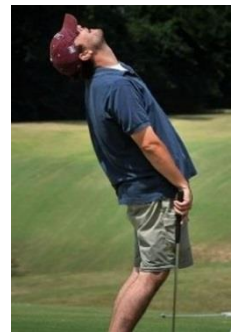
We invite all Brethren, Ladies and guests to join us to enjoy a full day of fun and friendship including 18 holes of Golf with Cart, Lunch and Dinner. There will be Fantastic Prizes and Lots of Fun.

Time: 11:30 am - Registration  
1:00 pm - Tee Time - Shotgun  
7:00 pm - Dinner

Location: Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club  
6400 Steeles Ave E, Markham, ON L3S 3J5, 416.293.2833

Cost: \$150 ea  
\$40 ea - Dinner only

Contact: Maher Eid @ [cici20101998@yahoo.com](mailto:cici20101998@yahoo.com) or 416.723.5507 or  
Andrew Douris @ [andrewlp11@yahoo.ca](mailto:andrewlp11@yahoo.ca) or 416.320.6424



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**Monday June 6 2016**

**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. Ramadan is a time for Muslims to fast for the sake of God (Arabic: Allah), and to offer more prayer than usual. During Ramadan, 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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### **Friday June 10 and Saturday June 11 2016**

#### **St. Lawrence District - Annual Quarry Lodge Weekend**

Weekend events for Masons and non-Masons. Dress is casual (bring a lawn chair).

There will be a Euchre Tournament on Friday evening, and a Breakfast on the Saturday morning. Ladies are free to wander as they wish during the day, no events are planned. Lodge will open on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm. Masons only may attend this event. After the lodge meeting, there will be the Quarry Lodge Dinner.

The candidate will be M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby.

All tickets for events must be purchased prior to Lodge Opening. Tickets are available from those shown below

Time: Friday June 10 2016 - 6:30 pm - Euchre Tournament - Cost \$10 ea  
Saturday June 11 2016 - 8:00 am to Noon - Breakfast - Cost \$12 ea  
Saturday June 11 2016 - 1:00 pm - Lodge opens  
Saturday June 11 2016 - 5:30 pm - Quarry Lodge Dinner - Cost \$25 ea

Location: Hunter's Quarry  
Spencerville, ON  
1909 County Rd. 21 (east off highway 416)

Cost: \$10 ea - Euchre Tournament



\$12 ea - Breakfast

\$25 ea - Quarry Lodge Dinner

Contact:

for information or to purchase tickets

Barry Burchill @ [burchillddgm2006@hotmail.com](mailto:burchillddgm2006@hotmail.com) or 613.225.7039, or

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## **Saturday June 11 2016**

### **Toronto East District - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Black and White Gala**



The ticket price has not increased in 5 years - even at 2% inflation this should be over \$110 by now. The committee is trying to keep this affordable. Even a night out at the with your wife for dinner with appetizers, salad, main course, dessert, wine, coffee, after dinner treats, dancing and entertainment, with tax and tip will cost you far more than that - but proceeds are going to the District Charity, not the Keg's corporate profits!

There will be complimentary wine on tables at dinner - included in ticket price. Cash Bar. Every lady will receive a red rose.

There is a brand new band this year - The Isotones! (Members of Toronto Symphony and North York Symphony). A quartet will also be playing during the cocktail hour.

See a slideshow throughout the reception and dining hour with dozens of photos from each Lodge and their 2015-16 events. There will be a touching tribute to the Masons this district has lost this year.

There will be a brand new Photo Booth company! They will be set up in the foyer between 6 and 8 pm. Take advantage of free photos for you and your guest. Also new this year! There will be 6 tables of prizes to be bid on throughout the evening as a silent auction.

We will be assisted with the flowers by the Rainbow Girls and the photo booth by the Order of DeMolay. Please thank our Masonic Youth for their help this year!

Don't drink and drive! Save the cab fare! Catch a ride on the "Magic Masonic Fun Bus"! The bus holds 46 people. Pick-ups starting at -

- York Temple at 5 pm.
- Chisholm Temple by 5:20 pm (estimate)
- Doric Temple by 5:50 pm (estimate)

Arrive at Ajax Convention Centre by approx. 6:15 pm.

Return trips start at 11:30 pm.

\$20 a ticket. See Eric Smith, Pat Hillis or Rod Rego for tickets.

Or take advantage if or hotel room deal.

Homewood Suites by Hilton

600 Beck Crescent, (next door) 905.619.5072



Must book by May 10<sup>th</sup> to get the special rates. 10 rooms are set aside at \$129 a night and 3 larger at \$149 a night. Mention you are with Toronto East Masons, Group Code: **TEM**

Attention all Businessmen: Please support the Gala, the District and our District Charity by purchasing an ad in the Gala Program. Let your Masonic brethren know what you do for a living, and that if they need a service done that your business handles, it is always best to go through a Brother you can trust.

- Full Page ad \$350
- Half Page ad \$250
- 1/3 Page ad \$150

All advertisers will receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Craig McOuat will design the ads for you for free for your support. To book an ad in the Gala Program contact Craig McOuat.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social Hour and Hors d'Ouevres  
7:00 pm - Dinner  
8:00 pm - Guest Speaker (tba)  
8:30 pm - Awards  
9:00 pm - Dancing

Location: Ajax Convention Centre  
550 Beck Crescent, Ajax, ON  
(just northeast of Salem Road and Hwy 401)

Cost: \$100 ea

Contact: your Senior Warden, or  
Craig McOuat @ [craig@partnership.ca](mailto:craig@partnership.ca), or  
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### **Saturday June 11 and Sunday June 12 2016**

#### **T.E.D. - The Piper's Project**

##### Donations

Goal: \$3,500  
Received to Date: \$2,960  
% Achieved: 84%

**Thank you** to all who have donated to the 2016 Ride to Conquer Cancer in support of my participation in this very worthwhile event. I have tried very hard to acknowledge each and every donation made on my behalf and in those messages have expressed my thanks individually.

*By the way, . . . I'm hoping we can raise in excess of \$4,000 again this year . . . can you help out???*

The event organizers do a wonderful job in keeping registered riders aware of planning and training tips and events. They also do an outstanding job in keeping track of donations and letting the riders know when a donation has been received in their name.

Having ridden last year in this event, I have seen many of the several hundred hard-working volunteers who staff the registration desk or load overnight gear onto trucks, who provide water, snacks and support at the various Pit Stops along the way or who provide encouragement at the Start and Finish Lines.



While I have focused on one rider who trains for and participates in this 200+ km event it is only fitting to pay tribute to all of the unsung “heroes” who allow the riders to “do their thing” with very few cares about safety, administration, First Aid, etc., etc., etc. So . . . it’s not just all about the riders . . . the volunteers are great!!

Training: In the last issue, I had great hopes to do a lot of riding in April. Unfortunately, April was much colder than normal, as I think we would all agree. Cold weather, cool lake breezes, a stuffy nose and long bike rides don’t seem to go together with bronchitis. So, I had to scale things back from my original plan.

As it turned out, I was only able to ride for a total of 162.7 miles, down from the 221.5 miles I logged last April. However, my average ride is better at 32.5 miles (vs. 27.7) so there is something positive to be said year-over-year . . . after all, I am a bean counter!!



And, yesterday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, I tried my first 50-mile ride of the year and seem to be able to function quite well today in spite of the extra effort on my bike.

Fundraising Event: I’m afraid that the fundraising event I had contemplated is going to have to be shelved for this year. Timing and other commitments have worked against me. However, as I plan to ride again, I hope to plan “an event” to support the 2017 Ride . . . stay tuned!!

#### A Final Request

If you have not yet been able to make a donation, please consider doing so. Here’s how . . .

- Access ‘The Ride To Conquer Cancer’ (Toronto) website (2016 ride) using Google or: [http://to16.conquercancer.ca/site/PageServer?pagename=to16\\_homepage](http://to16.conquercancer.ca/site/PageServer?pagename=to16_homepage)
- Push ‘Donate’, the middle button at the top of the screen,
- Enter my name - Bruce Palanik . . . correct spelling does count here,
- Enter your donation information and message, if you wish.

Many Thanks...  
Bruce

Contact: Bruce Palanik @ [brucepalanik@rogers.com](mailto:brucepalanik@rogers.com) or 905.839.7342

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### **Monday June 20 2016**

#### ***First Day of Summer ☺***



Summer begins at 6:34 pm today! 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?

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## **Friday June 24 2016**

### **Royal City Daylight Lodge No. 742 - Installation**



Michael H. Woolley, PDDGM - Toronto East (formerly Toronto #3) District, will be Installed as the Worshipful Master of Royal City Daylight Lodge.

Mike is very much looking forward to welcoming each of you to his Installation at 10:30 a.m. on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Attire for the day is: blue & grays; dark business suit; day-wear Kilt; morning suit (if you are a current GL officer).

Location: The Guelph Masonic Centre is located at 21 Chapel Lane, Guelph, ON, N1H 7A1.

Take the 401 Hwy to exit 295 - "Hanlon Expressway/Hwy 6 North". Drive north on Hanlon Expressway to the Wellington St. / Hwy 7 East exit and turn right (east) on Wellington St. to Gordon St.

Turn left (north) past Waterloo Ave. (where the street name becomes Norfolk St.) and drive about 1 km. up to the Paisley St. / Quebec St.

intersection.

Turn right (east) on Quebec St. for 1 very short block to Baker St.

Turn left (north) onto Baker St. (again for 1 very short block) and turn right (east) onto Chapel Lane. The Masonic Centre is on the right side of the street. Parking is in the Municipal Parking Lot immediately on your left-hand side. There are "pay-as-you-go" machines at various spots in the parking lot.

There is a "door-bell" at the left side of the doors (Masonic symbol near it). The lodge room is on the second floor and there are stairs and an elevator, accessible just inside the building.

For catering purposes, could you please send a message with "Attending Mike's Installation" in the subject line to [robert.jewell@sympatico.ca](mailto:robert.jewell@sympatico.ca) if you are planning to attend.

Mike is eager to see many of his old friends from his old district.

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Guelph Masonic Centre  
21 Chapel Lane, Guelph, ON, N1H 7A1

Contact: Robert C. MacIntyre Jewell - Installing Master @ [robert.jewell@sympatico.ca](mailto:robert.jewell@sympatico.ca)

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## **Saturday June 25 2016**

### **Grand Master's Prostate Hope - Golf Tournament**



A Golf Tournament in aid of the Grand Master's Charity, Prostate Hope. The Grand Master is hoping to raise 1 million dollars by July 2017 for this very worthwhile cause, Prostate Cancer Research. I believe this particular Charity is one that should be very close to our hearts as it is a disease that touches almost 1 in 6 men in Canada. Fee includes golf, golf cart, buffet and prizes!

A great tournament supporting a great cause. All financial donations will receive a tax receipt. Masons having fun and making a difference.



Participate by, making a financial donation, buying raffle tickets, attending the tournament, being an event or hole sponsor and or donating a prize.

I hope that the Masons will rally to support this great cause. All funds raised will go directly to support Prostate Hope. All are welcome.

Early Bird Draw. The first 60 tickets sold will be entered in a draw to win a Golf Foursome at National Pines Golf Club worth \$450.00

Time: 11:30 am - Registration  
1:00 pm - Tee Time - Shotgun  
Location: Caledon Woods Golf Club (formerly the 27-hole Bolton Golf Club)  
15608 Regional Rd. 50, Bolton, ON L7E 3E5 - 905.880.1400  
Cost: \$150 ea  
Contact: Darren Dunlop @ [dunlop.georgina343@gmail.com](mailto:dunlop.georgina343@gmail.com) or 416.464.2078 or  
Harold Clarke @ [downeast00@excite.com](mailto:downeast00@excite.com) or 416.457.6496

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### **Sunday June 26 2016**

#### **The Beaches - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandcastle Competition**

The Beaches Lodge is proud to announce its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandcastle Competition will be held on the first Sunday of the summer. An award, the Beaches Cup, will be presented to the team who builds the best sandcastle - as decided by an independent group of judges.

Teams of builders, whether comprising co-workers, friends or families, can arrive at any time but must complete their design by 3:00 pm. “We always expect some teams to be digging by sunrise,” says founder and organizer Graeme Boyce. “But we’ve found to be finished by 3:00 pm they realistically need to begin sculpting by mid-morning.”



The competition is located east of the Woodbine Bathing Station and west of the Summerville Pool, adjacent to the boardwalk. In addition to a local TTC stop, there is a paid parking available at Ashbridges Bay, and additional parking lots north of Lakeshore, off Eastern Avenue, near the cinemas. “As a tourist attraction, building sandcastles has become incredibly popular for many beach communities around the world, but anyone with a spade and bucket can compete in our event that has attracted plenty of teams each year,” continues Boyce.



Put together a team. It doesn't have to be family or Masons. Bring along a team from the scout or guide troop, or a class from school or any other group with which many of us belong. For the benefit of passers-by, each team is encouraged to post a small sign with an explanation of the castle or structure they are building, as well as its significance. “Cuz the barbarians are coming,” works. A fun day, digging in the sand.

The prize will be a trophy of *unprecedented* value. One year it rained in the morning and a team of young ladies from East York whose castle was very intricate walked off the beach with the trophy, by winning The Beaches Cup.



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

Time: Wee Hours of the Morning (or 9:00 am) - Getting Started  
3:00 pm - Judgement Time  
Location: Beaches of Ashbridges Bay  
Contact: Graeme Boyce@ [gboyce@civilizedproductions.com](mailto:gboyce@civilizedproductions.com) or 416.402.8591

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*Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.  
- Bro. George Oliver (1782-1867), The Book of the Lodge-1864*

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### **Friday July 1 2016**

#### **Canada Day**



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

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

- Wikipedia

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### **Monday July 18 2016**

#### **161<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Communication**

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*The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.*

*- Francis Maitland Balfour (1851-1882)*

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### **Saturday August 20 2016**

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

The Toronto East District Annual BBQ and Corn Roast held by the Pythagoreans (Senior Wardens Group 2016/17). This is an opportunity for the full extended family to participate in an outdoor fun day in a farm-like setting. Pet the animals. Step in that squishy stuff. Take it home with you on your shoes. No charge!

Children from 1 month to 99 years will have a good time and enjoy themselves. Bring the wife. Bring the kids. Bring the grandkids. Bring the neighbour's grandkids. There's a hayride for the kiddies as well as



many other activities to keep them entertained for the day. Do you want to tire out that kid who's always on the run? It makes you weary just thinking up answers to the questions, doesn't it? See how many chickens they can catch! That'll slow them down for the evening.

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

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

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

Proceeds will go to WindReach Farm.

Time: 11:00 am  
Location: WindReach Farm  
Cost: \$10 ea - Adult  
\$25 - Family  
Parking is FREE  
Contact: Michael Penchoff @ 416-615-1272, or  
your Senior Warden

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

**REGISTRATION**

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall on Tuesday evening July 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **NOTE:** Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.

ENTRY TO CONCERT HALL WILL BE THROUGH SALON B.

*All balloting, except district elections for the office of D.D.G.M., shall be done at the time of registration in the Concert Hall. (NOTE: VOTE ONLY FOR FIVE (5) BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES MEMBERS.) The district elections for the D.D.G.M., and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Secretary and/or Grand Treasurer, shall commence at:*  
*4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.*

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSSES

**WEDNESDAY JULY 20<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm SHARP!**

**PROXIES**

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

**Regalia Room**

The Ontario Room on the Convention Floor will be available to the general membership to change into regalia on Wednesday and Thursday but must be vacated by 3:00 pm Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> to be used for District Meetings. For safety's sake, hats and coats, regalia bags, etc. should be checked in the hotel checkroom, as neither the Fairmont Royal York Hotel nor Grand Lodge will be responsible for loss or theft.

**Agenda**

**Monday July 18**

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

**Tuesday July 19**

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

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

**Wednesday July 20**

**Grand Lodge** will assemble in the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, at 8:45 a.m.; M.W. Bro. John C. Green presiding. Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in Grand Lodge before 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Distinguished visitors, representing other Grand Jurisdictions, will be received and welcomed. An Address of Welcome will be tendered and



Grand Lodge will then proceed with business until 11:30 a.m. The brethren are asked to reassemble after lunch in the same place at 1:30 p.m.

**District Meetings**

The District Meetings for the election of District Deputy Grand Masters and for such other business as may properly be brought before them will be held at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> in the following rooms. *All ballots at District Meetings, regardless of colour, are **ONE VOTE** only.*

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

**Thursday July 21**

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

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

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

The Custodian of the Work will instruct the new D.D.G.M.s on Thursday morning, July 21 at 7:59 am in the Alberta Room.

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

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

**Seminars**

**Tuesday July 19**

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

<u>Time</u>	<u>B.C. Room</u>	<u>Quebec Room</u>	<u>Alberta Room</u>	<u>Algonquin Room</u>
1:30 to 2:20	The Memorial Service	Engaging The New Mason	Building a Web Site	
2:30 to 3:20	District Secretary Preparation	Central Investment Lodge Funds		Computer Resources
3:30 to 4:20	Cornerstone Project	History 300 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Masonry	Project Hope	



***GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET***

Wednesday July 20, 2016

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

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

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

Guest Speaker

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Doors open at 6:00 pm. Special Entertainment.

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

Cash sales only. Sales cease July 14, 2016.

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

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## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### Take My Hand; Follow Me

When I was a young man, a long time ago,  
The secrets of Masonry I wanted to know.  
Of a Mason I asked what those secrets might be.  
He replied, "First, we talk, then we will see."

A petition he granted and ordered it filled  
To be read at a meeting and a judgment be willed.  
Then questions I answered about God and home;  
Of habits and friends; a wife or alone.

In time I was summoned - a date to appear  
Before an assembly of men gathered near.  
I entered the building and looked up the stair;  
Does pleasure or pain await me up there?



A hazing by paddle, taunting by joke?  
My petition accepted or maybe revoked?  
Introductions and handshakes welcomed me there  
And lessons symbolic, an aid to prepare

For a journey in darkness, a predestined plight  
To a Holy of Holies, the source of all light.  
How well I remember what I heard someone say,  
To enter God's Kingdom there is but one way;

Be ye naked and blind, penniless and poor;  
These you must suffer 'fore entering that door.  
The journey ahead is not yours to know,  
But trust in your God wherever you go.

Then assurance from the darkness whispered tenderly,  
"My Friend, be not afraid;  
Take My Hand;  
Follow Me."

With nervous attention a path I then trod;  
A pathway in darkness to the altar of God.  
With cable-tow and hoodwink, on bare bended knee,  
A covenant was made there between God and me.

Charges and promises were made there that night.  
Dispelling the darkness and bringing me light.  
Mid lightening and thunder and Brethren on row!  
Cast off the darkness! And cast off the tow!





In the company of men, a man you must be,  
Moral in character, the whole world to see.  
Trust in your God, promise daily anew  
To be honest and upright in all things you do.

Each man is a brother in charity to share  
With those suffering hunger, pain or despair.  
The widow and orphan and brother in pain  
Depend on your mercy their welfare to gain.

The secrets of Brethren keep only in mind.  
To the ladies of Brethren be noble and kind.  
Go now, my brother, your journey's begun  
Your wages await you when your journey is done.

That journey I started, oh, so long ago  
And I've learned of those things I wanted to know.  
I've learned of the secrets, not secret at all,  
But hidden in knowledge within Masons' hall.

Childhood yields to manhood, manhood yields to age,  
Ignorance yields to knowledge, knowledge yields to sage.  
I've lived all my life the best that I could,  
Knowing full well how a good Mason should.

I know of those times when I slipped and then fell.  
What's right and what's wrong were not easy to tell.  
But a trust in my God and a true brother's hand.  
Helped raise me up and allowed me to stand.

I've strode down the old path, Masonically worn  
By all Mason's raised for the Masons unborn.  
But this tired old body, once young and so bold,  
Now suffers the afflictions of having grown old.

The almond tree's flourished; the grinders are few.  
The housekeepers tremble; desires fail too.  
The locusts are a burden; fears are in the way.  
The golden bowl is breaking, a little every day.

Mine eyes are again darkened, my sight again to fail;  
I sense the Master's presence mid my family's silent wail.  
I've laid aside my working tools, my day is nearly done.  
For long I've played the game of life; the game's no longer fun.

Life's pathway ends before me. I see what's meant for me;  
An acacia plant is growing where a beehive used to be.  
The Ethereal Lodge has summoned from beyond the wailing wall  
And I vowed that I must answer when summoned by a call.



Again I stand bewildered at the bottom of the stair  
In nervous apprehension of what awaits me there.  
Once again, and now alone, I stand without the door.  
With faltering hand, I slowly knock as once I did before.

I pray again to hear those words,  
whispered tenderly,  
*“My son, be not afraid.  
Take My Hand;  
Follow Me.”*

Author: Alvin F. Bohne

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