

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT
(Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter – 2008)

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From the facts which have been detailed, we can extract the following definition of Craft Masonry in all times and places: Freemasonry is an oath-bound, fraternal order of men; deriving from the mediaeval fraternity of operative Freemasons; adhering to many of their Ancient Charges, laws, customs, and legends; loyal to the civil government under which it exists; inculcating moral and social virtues by symbolic application of the working tools of the stonemasons and by allegories, lectures, and charges; the members of which are obligated to observe principles of brotherly love, equality, mutual aid and assistance, secrecy, and confidence; have secret modes of recognizing each other as Masons when abroad in the world; and meet in lodges, each governed somewhat autocratically by a Master, assisted by Wardens, where applicants, after particular enquiry into their mental, moral, and physical qualifications, are formally admitted into the Society in secret ceremonies based in part on old legends of the Craft. Every Masonic Lodge in existence or that ever has existed, so far as known, answers that description; no other order that exists or ever has existed does so.

- Bro. Henry Wilson Coil

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

Brethren,

Not available at time of publication

Sincerely & Fraternally,

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



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

March

Wednesday March 4, 2009

West Hill Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday March 5, 2009

The Beaches Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 7:45 pm
Late Banquet
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday March 7, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – **EA and FC Breakfast**
See notice below
Claremont Masonic Temple

Saturday March 7, 2009

Toronto East District - **Mechanics of the Work – 4 of 6**
9:00 am to Noon
Les Armitage - 416.598.4794
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday March 7, 2009

West Hill Lodge – **Oldies Dance**
See notice below
East Shore Community Centre

Sunday March 8, 2008

Daylight Savings Time Begins!
Can't you just smell spring in the air?



Monday March 9, 2009

Scarboro Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday March 12, 2009

Todmorden Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday March 14, 2009

Temple Corporation Presidents' Association
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

April

Wednesday April 1, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Claremont Masonic Temple

Friday April 3, 2009

Wexford Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Sunday April 5, 2009

Mimosa Lodge – **Toronto East District Charity Fund Raiser – Texas Hold'Em Tournament**
See notice below
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Monday April 6, 2009

Mimosa Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Thursday April 9, 2009

Coronati Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Tuesday April 14, 2009

Universe Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday April 16, 2009

Toronto East District – **Lodge Resource Committee – 2 of 4**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday April 17, 2009

Doric and The Beaches Lodges – **Annual Family Curling Night**
See notice below
Annandale Golf and Country Club

Sunday April 19, 2009

Scarboro Lodge – **2009 SuperCities Walk for MS**
See notice below
Back of Cedarbrae Collegiate



Saturday March 14, 2009

Toronto East District - **Mechanics of the Work – 5 of 6**

9:00 am to Noon

Les Armitage - 416.598.4794

East Toronto Masonic Temple

Monday March 16, 2009

Acacia Lodge – **Official Visit**

Visitors - 8:00 pm

East Toronto Masonic Temple

Monday March 16, 2009

Caledonia Lodge – **Irish Night**

See notice below

Scarborough Masonic Temple



Tuesday March 17, 2009

St. Patrick's Day!

It's not easy being green! - Kermit

Don't drink too much of that strangely coloured beer!



Tuesday March 17, 2009

St. Aidan's Lodge – **Official Visit**

Visitors - 8:00 pm

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Wednesday March 18, 2009

Cathedral Lodge – **Official Visit**

Visitors - 8:00 pm

East Toronto Masonic Temple

Thursday March 19, 2009

Toronto East District – **Lodge Resource Committee – 1 of 4**

See notice below

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday March 20, 2009

First Day of Spring!

The birds are singing.



Friday March 20, 2009

Toronto East District – **Blood Donor Clinic**

See notice below

St. Aidan's Church

Saturday March 21, 2009

Toronto East District - **Mechanics of the Work – 6 of 6**

9:00 am to Noon

Les Armitage - 416.598.4794

East Toronto Masonic Temple

Monday April 20, 2009

Caledonia Lodge – **Official Visit**

Visitors - 8:00 pm

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Tuesday April 21, 2009

Riverdale-J.R. Robertson Lodge – **Official Visit**

Visitors - 8:00 pm

East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday April 25, 2009

The Imperial East Gate Lodge – **Casino Rama Bus Trip**

See notice below

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Sunday April 26, 2009

Toronto East District – **District Divine Service**

See notice below

St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church

Wednesday April 29, 2009

Toronto East District – **Spring Business Meeting**

7:00 pm

Scarborough Masonic Temple



Saturday March 28, 2009

The Imperial East Gate Lodge - **Charity Euchre**

Card Night

See notice below

135 Port Royal Trail, Scarborough

Saturday March 28, 2009

Doric Lodge - **Hawaiian**

Luu Dance

See notice below

Ajax Masonic Temple



Tuesday March 31, 2009

Grand Master's Banquet

See notice below

Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity **Honouring Our Own**

The Widows and Senior Members of our fraternity who are unable to participate in our District activities. This initiative has been developed to extend the hand of fellowship and guidance to let them know that they are remembered and not forgotten, and that they still belong to our Masonic Family. Individually, as Masons, this project will enable us to demonstrate our fidelity to the obligation we took upon ourselves to help, aid and assist our Masonic Widows and Brethren. Co-chairmen, Todd Owens and Bill Utton will be contacting our Lodges to ascertain the number of widows and brethren in each Lodge and to familiarize the members with the project. Some Lodges already have a program for their widows.

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

It does not make much difference what a person studies - all knowledge is related, and the man who studies anything, if he will keep at it, will become learned.
- Hypatia (370-415)

Blood Donor Clinics



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

Each clinic requires two teams of 4 volunteers, one team per shift. First shift starts about ½ hour before the clinic opens to assist with set-up and the actual clinic. The second shift runs ½ hour after the clinic closes to assist with the actual clinic and the break down. Anyone interested in attending can contact the brethren shown below.

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

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

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday March 20, 2009
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222



Friday May 22, 2009
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

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

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

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

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

[//www.bloodservices.ca/centre*apps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm](http://www.bloodservices.ca/centre*apps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm)

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

Youth Groups of Today

The Grand Master has decreed that Masons are permitted to wear their lodge regalia while attending the youth groups to show that we support them in their endeavours. These young men and women are the future leaders of our country. By supporting our youth you are supporting those who will inherit and will be the future of our country and our great fraternity.

Horace Mundy Chapter - Order of DeMolay - for boys - meets at the Whitby Masonic Temple on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:00 pm - www.demolay.org

Toronto Assembly No. 2 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls - meets at the Scarborough Masonic Temple on the 1st Monday and the 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm - www.gorainbow.org/home/home.taf

Job's Daughters – no local chapter but if there is one in your area and you wish to attend, ask at your lodge for details - www.iojd.org

Remember - today's youth are the leaders of tomorrow



Contact: Gerry Ouellette @ gerry.ouellette@sympatico.ca or 416.412.1572

Brougham Union Mosaic Pavement Raffle

A raffle is being held to fund temple refurbishing. Your chances are 1 in 100 of winning. Better odds than you get with 649 (or of getting back that money you loaned your son!) The draws will begin as soon as the tickets are all sold.

Tickets: \$20 each
No. of Tickets: 100
Prizes: 10 weekly prizes of \$50
1 Grand Prize of \$500
Contact: David Neave @ davidneave@rogers.com or 905.391.5900



Was Homer a Story Teller or Historian **Celestial clues hint at eclipse in Homer's *Odyssey***

<http://newswire.rockefeller.edu/?page=engine&id=777>

Among countless other debates about Homer's *Odyssey* - not the least of which is whether the entire poem can be attributed to Homer himself - is whether Odysseus returns home to experience a total solar eclipse. Total eclipses, when the moon briefly but completely blocks the sun, happen pretty rarely. In fact, they're so rare that if what Homer describes is truly an eclipse, it could potentially help historians date the fall of Troy, which was purported to occur around the time of the events described in *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. But after arguing about the point for hundreds of years, historians, astronomers and classicists finally agreed that there was no corroborating evidence and tabled the discussion. Now, Rockefeller University scientists believe they have found some overlooked passages that, taken together, may shed new light on the timing of an epic journey.

Marcelo O. Magnasco, head of the Laboratory of Mathematical Physics, and his colleague Constantino Baikouzis of the Proyecto Observatorio at the Observatorio Astronómico in La Plata, Argentina, combed through *The Odyssey* to find specific astronomical references that could be precisely identified as occurring on specific days throughout Odysseus's journey. Then they aligned each of those dates with the date of Odysseus's return, the same day he murders the suitors who had taken advantage of his long absence to court his wife.

In research published today in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, the researchers describe four celestial events. The day of the slaughter is, as Homer writes more than once, also a new moon (something that's also a prerequisite for a total eclipse). Six days before the slaughter, Venus is visible and high in the sky. Twenty-nine days before, two constellations - the Pleiades and Boötes - are simultaneously visible at sunset. And 33 days before, Homer may be suggesting that Mercury is high at dawn and near the western end of its trajectory. (Homer actually writes that Hermes - known to the Romans as Mercury - traveled far west only to deliver a message and fly all the way back east again; Magnasco and Baikouzis interpret this as a reference to the planet).

Astronomically, these four phenomena recur at different intervals of time, so together they never recur in exactly the same pattern. Therefore Baikouzis and Magnasco looked to see whether there was any date within a hundred years of the fall of Troy that would fit the pattern of the astronomical timeline. There was only one: April 16, 1178 BCE, the same day that astronomers had calculated the occurrence of a



total solar eclipse. “Not only is this corroborative evidence that this date might be something important,” Magnasco says, “but if we take it as a given that the death of the suitors happened on this particular eclipse date, then everything else described in *The Odyssey* happens exactly as is described.”

Magnasco acknowledges that their findings rely on a large assumption: Although the association of planets with gods was a Babylonian invention that dates back to around 1000 BC, there’s no evidence that those ideas had reached Greece by the time Homer was writing, several hundred years later. “This is a risky step in our analysis,” he says. “One may say that our interpretation of the phenomena is stretching it, but when you go back to the text, you have to wonder.”

Ultimately, whether they’re right or wrong, the researchers are interested in reopening the debate. “Even though there are historical arguments that say this is a ridiculous thing to think about, if we can get a few people to read *The Odyssey* differently, to look at it and ponder whether there was an actual date inscribed in it, we will be happy,” Magnasco says.

“Poor men, what terror is this that overwhelms you so? Night shrouds your heads, your faces, down to your knees - cries of mourning are bursting into fire - cheeks rivering tears - the walls and the handsome crossbeams dripping dank with blood! Ghosts, look, thronging the entrance, thronging the court, go trooping down to the realm of death and darkness! The sun is blotted out of the sky - look there - a lethal mist spreads all across the earth!”

- Homer (translation by Robert Fagles)

Masonic Relief for Cuba

Since its conception, the Masonic Relief for Cuba (MRFC) program has sent over 1,500 lbs. of prescription drugs, over the counter (OTC) medication, and medical paraphernalia to Logia Humanidad’s little clinic for Masons and their families in Santiago, and the Lansó Masonic Home for the Aged. These were sent from Canada.

A number of parcels of prescription drugs have also been sent from Costa Rica. These have been donated by Medical Doctors, who are members of the Gran Logia de Costa Rica. The District Grand Lodge of Jamaica and the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador have now become sponsors.

This clinic was originally formed to see that Members of Logia Humanidad had access to medications. The clinic has now expanded to take care of the needs of all Masons in Santiago. The program has also expanded to cover other lodges in Cuba that have been visited by our Brethren.

In December, 21 kilos of AquaTabs (water purification tablets) were received, repackaged and sent to Cuba. They were sent via surface mail, due to the cost. Some will go to Santiago de Cuba, some to Ciego de Avila and the bulk of them will go to the Gran Logia de Cuba.

The Grand Secretary of Cuba recently requested an Inspiration Compressor Nebulizer System (a medicine inhaler deliver system) as well as a paediatric mask for the twins of a Mason who suffer from severe asthma. The unit was purchased and shipped. The father of the twins responded with this message.





“I am extremely happy. I am thanking you very much. I am remembering all of you, brothers and your collaborators forever. Thanks from my wife Olga, my little twin children and myself. That is an endless fraternal example. I have received both parcels already, so, I am going to tell you how my children get after all in the next mail. I am sending a picture of my twin children.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

William Rojas Aguilar”

Subsequently, Bro. Aguilar reported that, thanks to the nebulizer, the kids were doing fine.

Anyone who has access to medicine of any kind and in any quantity that they wish to donate, or who wish to make a donation, contact Nelson King at 416-293-8071, or

https://freemasonry.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogsection&id=9&Itemid=63

Congratulations are Due !

Wexford Lodge

Henry Baker **50 Years P.M. and 60 Years a Mason**

Sam Forsythe **50 Years a Mason**

Norm Wheeler **V.W. Bro. Sam Forsythe Award** and a Bro. and Gentleman honoured by his mother Lodge, Wexford, for the great works he has done (and continues to do) in and out of the district.

Lewis Jewel Recipients:

Sam Forsythe, Dennis Bishop, Barry Butler, Gerald Newall, Norm Wheeler, Royce Baker, Rick Sue-a-Quan Sr., Rick Sue-A-Quan Jr., Vance Scott, Robin Singh

Fraternal Visit to Cuba

After more than seven months of planning, the eagerly anticipated day arrived. Very early on the morning of Saturday January 24 our group of 32 people, of whom 15 were Masons, assembled at Pearson International Airport for the flight to Holguín, in the easternmost province of Cuba. The object was to enjoy a week's holiday of sun, sand and seawater, and to enjoy fraternal fellowship with members of Logia Holguín, one of three Masonic Lodges that meet in the city of Holguín. By any standards, all our hopes were generously fulfilled.

The 15 Masons in the group were from 12 Lodges from as far away as St. Thomas to the west and Smiths Falls to the east. Included in the group were Bro. Graeme Boyce of The Beaches Lodge No. 473, and V.W. Bro. Murray Black of Cathedral Lodge No. 643.

W. Bro. Vincent Lombardo, I.P.M. of Quinte St. Alban's Lodge, had been working hard since late last spring to organize this trip to visit a Lodge that he had attended during previous holidays in Cuba.

The temperatures during the week were much warmer than Toronto's, by between 35 and more than 40 Celsius degrees. The all-inclusive Blau Costa Verde resort offered good food and drink, lots of space to lie in the sunshine or in the shade, a fresh water swimming pool, a beach with excellent swimming and snorkelling, pedal boats and sail-driven catamarans, entertainment each evening, and a disco (mercifully at a distance) that went until 2:00 a.m. each day.



We participated in three Masonic events. The first was a dinner in the style of a Table Lodge, at the resort on the Sunday evening, honouring Bro. Erasmo Rodriguez Arias, the Secretary of Logia Holguín, and his family. Bro. Erasmo had done a lot of work at the Cuban end to make the arrangements with W. Bro. Lombardo for the Masonic events in Holguín.

On Monday afternoon our whole group went by coach into Holguín city for a tour of some of the highlights. At about 6:00 p.m. we arrived at the Lodge building where Logia Holguín meets and where we hosted a banquet for some 250 Cuban Masons and their families. At the head table was the Worshipful Master (Venerable Maestro) of each of the three Lodges that meet in Holguín. We paid for the necessary supplies and the Cubans had prepared the buffet consisting of three spit-roasted pigs, salads, breads and desserts. During this banquet, greetings were read from Lodges and individuals, Bro. Erasmo gave a lecture on the history of Masonry in Cuba and W. Bro. Lombardo a lecture on brotherly love and social harmony (both in Spanish!); presentation was made of more than \$1000 Canadian that had been contributed to the Hurricane Relief Fund set up by Quinte St. Alban's Lodge last September, and of regalia that we had collected and taken with us. A significant portion of this regalia came through Scarborough Lodge No. 653 and Doric Lodge No. 424.

We were able to see the Lodge room, which compares in size to the large room at the York Temple, but is longer from east to west and not quite as wide. There are seven steps in the East, with only the Venerable Maestro sitting at the highest level. The risers of the seven steps are labelled with the names of the seven liberal arts and sciences. In the West are five steps labelled with the five senses, and in the South are three steps labelled Faith, Hope and Charity. In the Lodge room we could see evidence of the damage caused when the very heavy rain of Hurricane Ike forced its way into the building. Our contribution will help the Cubans to repair this damage, and provide for other necessities at the discretion of the Master of Logia Holguín.

On Thursday evening the Masons in our group travelled into Holguín again and were permitted by the Venerable Maestro, Bro. Salvador Aquiledos, to attend a special meeting of Logia Holguín, from the opening to the closing of the lodge, at which the Cuban brethren exemplified most of their First Degree, and we exemplified part of ours – while translations from Spanish to English and from English to Spanish were projected onto a large screen on the West wall. We had originally planned (and received the permission of our own Grand Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of Cuba) to exemplify our entire Initiation ceremony, but just a few days before we went we received a sharp reminder that Cuban society is not the free society that we are used to (and take so much for granted). The government department that regulates fraternal and other like organizations in Cuba had denied the permission to do what we had hoped for. In spite of these restrictions, we had an excellent experience of Masonic fellowship. The Masons there were very warm and friendly in their welcome and in their appreciation of what we had taken to them.

When four of the Masons who were part of our group took a local bus into a nearby town to visit a market place, they met a local Cuban Mason, who invited them to join him and his family as they celebrated his birthday near the end of the week. The result for our brethren was a great experience, off the tourist track, of Cuban family life -- an added bonus for them in what was already a good holiday.

As we headed for the airport for the return to Canada on Saturday January 31, there was general agreement among both Cubans and Canadians that it would be well worth considering another similar tour at some time in the future.

- R. W. Bro. Ian Nichols



There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life - happiness, freedom, and peace of mind - are always attained by giving them to someone else.
- General Peyton C. March (1864-1955)

Saturday March 7, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Breakfast

All Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts in the district are encouraged to attend. The Master of the Lodge should come himself or appoint a representative to accompany any Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts that are interested in attending.

The plan at the moment is for a breakfast meeting, very relaxed. The attendees are encouraged to bring all the questions that they did not ask or dared not ask at their Initiation or Passing. In other words we want to step out of the box and try and answer all their questions (observing Grand Lodge parameters) to make their journey into Masonry more meaningful.

Please **RSVP** by Feb. 28, 2009 to ensure enough vitals.

Time: 8:30 am – 12:00 noon
Location: Claremont Masonic Temple
Contact: Garry Fitzpatrick @ garryfitz@sympatico.ca or 905.649.8087, or
Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@sympatico.ca or 905.649.3003

Saturday March 7, 2009

Club 670 (West Hill Lodge) – Oldies’ Dance

Great people, great music, great food. This annual gem features that fabulous 50’s, 60’s and 70’s music by the one and only DJ Jimmy Mac. Dinner, catered by the great Triple G Catering, features roast beef and chicken. Food, prizes, and dancing to that good ole time Rock and Roll! The kind of music that will sooth your soul. Dress is casual. This is traditionally a sold out event. Tickets are limited. Get them fast!



Time: 5:30 pm – Social
6:30 pm - Dinner
11:00 pm – Dessert Table
Location: East Shore Community Centre
910 Liverpool Rd, Pickering
(west side of Liverpool, south of Bayly, lots of easily accessible parking)
Cost: \$25/ea Cash Bar
Contact: Horst Benoit @ 416.284.0482

Monday March 9, 2009

Scarborough Shrine Club – Master Masons’ Night



All Master Masons are invited to an evening full of fun and fellowship and to learn about the Shriner's Hospitals For Children and other Shrine activities. Please **RSVP** to reserve your seats and for further information.

Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Watts Restaurant
Eglinton Square, Scarborough
Contact: Duncan Macaulay @ clowncastledm@hotmail.com or 905.426.7087
Prince Selvaraj @ prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca or 416.269.9909

Saturday March 14, 2009

Temple Corporation Presidents' Association

The moderator will be Terence Horner, Chairman – Lodge Finances Advisory Committee. The attendees should be the Corporation President (or his designate) plus one representative (two maximum per Temple). The topics covered will be – 1) Issues Facing Temples; 2) Q&A; 3) Networking Events. This will be an opportunity for the leadership of the Temples to meet, introduce themselves to each other and discuss the various issues facing the Temples. It is advised that each Temple come prepared with their bylaws and financial statements for their own reference.

Time: 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Contact: Robert Kliamon @ rkliaman@cpa-ca.com or 905.707.6886

Monday March 16, 2009

Caledonia Lodge – Irish Night

Dig out that crushed top hat. Throw that green scarf around your neck. Put on that neon green tie your mother-in-law gave you, don your Irish regalia and bring your non-Masonic male friends to Caledonia Lodge for our Irish Night. We will have Irish Dancers to entertain you and you will also get some good Irish Fare, and a guest speaker.



Time: 7:00 pm – Meeting
7:30 pm - Visitors
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$10/ea
Contact: Alan Pendleton @ xscouse@rogers.com

Tuesday March 17, 2009

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

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

Topic: Youth leadership and an adult's role in development of those young leaders.
Speaker: Allin Brown
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)



Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione @ pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 905.846.3586

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

Thursday March 19, 2009

Toronto East District - Lodge Resource Committee – 1 of 4

The Toronto East District Lodge Resource Committee is planning on holding some informal training and information nights at the Scarborough Masonic Temple commencing on March 19th and continuing on April 16th, May 21st and June 18th (third Thursday of each month for 4 months). Meetings will commence at 7:30 pm sharp and will be followed by a short festive board.

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

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

The manual should be of particular interest to the junior officers of the Lodge as it provides some excellent information regarding the duties of the various offices and some valuable insights into the *hidden mysteries*, such as how to introduce a visitor, prepare a toast, present Grand Honours, which order do we receive Grand Lodge Officers, who is 'Presented' and who is 'Introduced' and why, to mention just a few.

Back to the monthly sessions. The intent is to practice opening and closing the Lodge in the three Degrees of Masonry, answering questions regarding the correct procedures and protocol after each opening and closing and explaining some of the reasons 'Why?' we do certain things. This will follow a similar approach to the Saturday morning sessions at the East Toronto Masonic Temple under the excellent tutorage of V.W. Bro. Les Armitage. (Which incidentally started again on February 14th and continue each month)

Following this there will be a presentation of a section of the Lodge Resource Manual. At the first meeting on March 19th, R.W. Bro. Des Tutin will guide us through the section titled 'Etiquette and Protocol'.

Keep an eye on the March edition of **Hiram's Lighthouse** for more information.

Saturday March 21, 2009

Cathedral Lodge – Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament



All are invited - brethren, family and friends to an evening of dinner and live entertainment. This will be an evening of fun, laughs, and unforgettable memories. Kindly **RSVP** no later than February 20th 2009 along with payments.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament
10 Dufferin St., Exhibition Place, Toronto
Cost: Adults \$50.00 + taxes
Kids \$40.00 + taxes
Contact: Spiros Roussetos @ 416.463.2002
Peter Marossis @ peter.marossis@sympatico.ca or 416.209.3010

Saturday March 28, 2009

The Imperial East Gate Lodge – Charity Euchre Card Night



All are invited - brethren, family and friends to an evening of Euchre. Proceeds will go to the SOS Children's Villages - <http://www.soschildrensvillages.ca/Pages/default.aspx>. Kindly **RSVP** for table space. Donations of money, food, and prizes gladly accepted.

Time: 7:00 pm - Arrive
7:30 pm – Games begin

Location: Robert and Brenda Gatt's
135 Port Royal Trail, Scarborough – parking at the school across the street
Contact: Brenda Gatt @ whitewind@rogers.com or 416.297.9744 leave a message



Give Brother 2 Brother A Try In Your Lodge!!

Our goal this year is to provide the lodges of the Jurisdiction with a road map that can lead to long-term sustainability. It is a program based on membership retention, member involvement, lodge administration and it encourages excellence. It teaches us that *when we are united in our efforts we have strength and when we build on our strengths we can achieve what others cannot.*

You can learn more about the *Benefits & Proven Techniques* of the program by arranging for a presentation to be conducted in your Lodge or District.

For more information, contact the B2B Team at: idwates@sympatico.ca

We Are Here To Serve You!

Saturday March 28, 2009

Doric Lodge – Hawaiian Luau Dance

All are invited - brethren, family and friends to a Hawaiian evening. Hula skirts and Hawaiian shirts definitely acceptable. We've heard about your knees so shorts aren't required. Dance to the DJ and enjoy the late



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snack in keeping with the evening's theme. Door prize and a 50/50 draw. DD4U will be available to get you and your car home if you have been drinking. Get your tickets early.

Time: 8:00 pm to the wee hours
Location: Ajax Masonic Temple
Cost: \$20 ea if paid for before March 19. \$25 ea after
Contact: Mark Sale @ marksale@sympatico.ca or 905.619.9773

Tuesday March 31, 2009

Grand Master's Banquet

Join us to celebrate the tenure of our Grand Master M.W. Allan J Petrisor, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Masons and non-Masons welcome. Masters of 2007-08 and 2008-09 should be in attendance.

Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall
60 McDowall Gate, Markham, ON
Cost: \$50 ea
Contact: Bob Thompson @ little.beau@sympatico.ca or 416.491.3230

I say today, thank God for Masons and for all affiliated with this outstanding organization because you bring good, and the more good we bring, the closer we get to a more perfect world, so that the children of this world can indeed know peace, have freedom, and seek dreams.
- Bro. Dirk Kempthorne

Sunday April 5, 2009

Mimosa Lodge – Toronto East District Charity Fund Raiser – Texas Hold’Em Tournament

All are invited - brethren, family and friends to come and enjoy a great afternoon of friendship and cards. First Prize is \$800 !! Door Prizes !! Cash Bar !! Proceeds to benefit the Toronto East District Charity – Honouring Our Own. First Prize based on Sold Out Event.



Time: 11:00 am
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$50 ea
\$25 Entry Fee, \$15 Charity Donation, \$5 Food Voucher, \$5 Door Prize
Contact: Todd Owens @ 678@yrp.ca or 416.722.0843

Thursday April 16, 2009

Toronto East District - Lodge Resource Committee – 2 of 4

The Toronto East District Lodge Resource Committee is planning on holding some informal training and information nights at the Scarborough Masonic Temple on April 16th, May 21st and June 18th (third Thursday of each month). Meetings will commence at 7:30 pm sharp and will be followed by a short festive board.



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

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

The manual should be of particular interest to the junior officers of the Lodge as it provides some excellent information regarding the duties of the various offices and some valuable insights into the *hidden mysteries*, such as how to introduce a visitor, prepare a toast, present Grand Honours, which order do we receive Grand Lodge Officers, who is 'Presented' and who is 'Introduced' and why, to mention just a few.

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

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

Keep an eye on the March edition of **Hiram's Lighthouse** for more information.

Friday April 17, 2009

Doric and The Beaches Lodges – Annual Family Curling Night



All are invited - brethren, family and friends to come and show us how you toss your rocks. Definitely not your competition grade event. Even you can do it. Kids are very welcome. A really fun family evening. Dinner will be roast beef on a bun with gravy and fries. The bar will be open for those who wish to partake at their own expense. Now we know that some of you think of ice as a bad thing. For those, there is a special price for just the meal with none of that nasty ice stuff. Come watch your buddies fall on their a__! Some will know what they are doing. There are killjoys everywhere!

Time: 6:30 pm until you go home (about 9:30 to 10:00 pm)
Location: Annandale Golf and Country Club
Church St just north of Bayly St.
Cost: \$20 ea for the whole deal. \$12.50 ea for just the meal.
Contact: Mark Sale @ marksale@sympatico.ca or 905.619.9773
Prince Selvaraj @ prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca or 416.269.9909

Sunday April 19, 2009

Scarboro Lodge – 2009 SuperCities Walk for MS



For the seventh consecutive year, Scarboro Lodge will be fielding a team in the 2009 SuperCities **Walk for MS** event and . . .

Scarboro Lodge Challenges ALL lodges in the Toronto East District to join us!

This event is an excellent way to help raise funds to fight a debilitating and horrible disease, the highest incidence of which is right here in Canada. The MS Society has the best record of all charities in fundraising too - 98% of all funding goes toward research or support of sufferers of the disease. A cure is close!

Naturally, most lodges will find the prospect of trying to compete against the might of Scarboro Lodge as too intimidating - but don't let that stop you from joining in this important work. W.M. Frank MacKay has granted permission for *any* Mason to join our team! That's right, you too can join Scarboro Lodge on our triumphant march into the glory of a cure for MS!

If you can't make the Walk itself, why not sponsor a Scarboro Brother with a tax-deductible pledge? For more information, pledge sheets and online registration, go to:

www.mssociety.ca/2009Walk/SponsorTeam.aspx?&PID=990002&L=2

Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am – Registration – breakfast provided
10:00 am to 12 noon – Walk through the park to Thompson Community Centre and back - lunch provided
Location: cafeteria in back of Cedarbrae Collegiate
Markham Rd. south of Lawrence Ave.
Contact: Frank MacKay at frank_mackay@hotmail.com

Tuesday April 21, 2009

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

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

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

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

Saturday April 25, 2009

The Imperial East Gate – Casino Rama Bus Trip

All are invited - brethren, family and friends to come and show us how to win big bucks! **Free Bus Ride** to the Casino and return to Scarborough Temple. **Free Lunch** included. The bus will leave the Scarborough Temple at 9:45 am and return



at about 6:00 pm. Must be over 19 years of age. Please **RSVP** as soon as possible as a certain number of people are needed to get the free ride and free lunch.

Time: 9:15 am - Assembly
9:45 am – Bus Departs
5:30 pm – Assembly
6:00 pm – Bus Departs for home
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$5 to go to charity
Contact: Richard Lundy @ richard.lundy@sympatico.ca or 416.266.8107

Sunday April 26, 2009

Toronto East District – District Divine Service

All family and friends are very welcome. Regalia to be worn. Masters to wear their collars.

Time: 10:00 am - Assembly
10:30 am – Service
Location: St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church
56 Lawson Rd., Scar.
Contact: Joe Das @ joedas683@rogers.com or 416.291.6444

The plumb, square and level try it (the Perfect Ashlar); the working tools fashion it; the checkered pavement illustrates it; the Great Architect calls for it. When the Craft has fashioned it, it is complete, perfect.

- Bro. Charles C. Hunt (1866-1948)

Saturday May 2, 2009

Caledonia and St. Aidan's Lodges – Ladies Night

On behalf of the Worshipful Masters of Caledonia and St. Aidan's Lodges, you are all cordially invited - brethren, family and friends to participate in our yearly Ladies Night. Come out for a great meal, prizes and dancing to music by DJ Jimmy Mack.

Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$45 each
Contact: Alex Wilson @ awilsonpmcaledonia@rogers.com or 905.823.8638

Saturday May 9, 2009

The Beaches Lodge – Ladies Night

Once again, The Beaches Lodge is hosting our annual Ladies Night Gala. This year it will be held on Mothers' Day weekend, so bring your Mother. We will be at a new venue - our very own Bro. Nick Zarafontis' 5 Star restaurant, The School. A lovely meal and evening at such an exquisite establishment at a bargain price of \$50.00 per person. You cannot get a



better deal. A whole night of fine dining, dancing, door prizes, and other entertainment. Your special Ladies will be very impressed. Tickets are limited, so buy early.

Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: The School Restaurant
www.theschoolfinedining.com
4121 14th Ave. (East of Birchmount Rd, Unionville)
Cost: \$50 each
Contact: Prince Selvaraj @ prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca or 416.269.9909
Michael Enns @ mike-enns@hotmail.com or 416.264.5264

Saturday May 23, 2009

The Beaches, Birch Cliff and Caledonia Lodges – MasoniChIP, Open House and Community BBQ

Caledonia Lodge has recently joined with The Beaches and Birch Cliff Lodges in co-hosting this great day. We need lots of volunteers to help organize and run the event. An application to the city of Toronto to be included in their Open Door program held on the same weekend has been made. This will be a big event and hopefully well attended. We are currently looking for guest speakers, especially authors of Masonic Books, general volunteers to help organize and run the event, and either a Dentist, Dental Assistant or Hygienist to volunteer to make dental impressions. All are welcome.



Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: - donations to cover costs will be most gratefully received
Contact: Ed Crosier @ newfser@hotmail.com or 289.240.4913 or
Charles Frankland @ cfrankland@rogers.com or 416.493.9022

Thursday May 28, 2009

The Ancient And Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada - Master Mason's Night

Master Masons are cordially invited to a beautiful evening of learning and fellowship. Witnessing the rare portrayal of the impressive 21st Degree. Admission is by ticket only.

Time: 7:30 pm sharp
Location: Rameses Masonic Centre,
3100 Keele St, Toronto, ON
Cost: Non-members- Free
Scottish Rite Members- \$10.00
Contact: Your Scottish Rite Lodge Representative



BOOK REVIEW:

The Genesis of Freemasonry

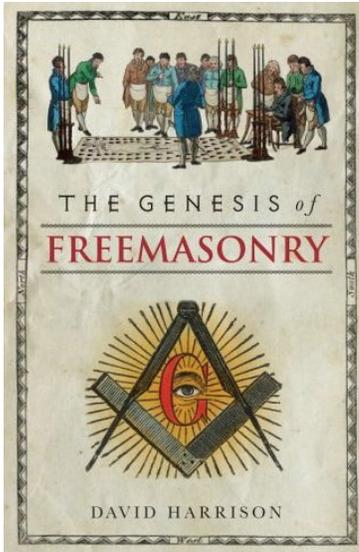
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Freemasons' Origins Unearthed by Liverpool University Professor
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A MERSEYSIDE man has written a book unearthing the roots of what remains one of the world's most mysterious and secretive of brotherhoods, the Freemasons.

Dr David Harrison's *The Genesis of Freemasonry* reconstructs the history of the movement through its formative years in the late 16th and early 17th centuries, beginning with its connections to the medieval trade guild societies.

It also delves into the study of alchemy and necromancy which many of the early Masons indulged in, and which Dr Harrison accepts is one of the reasons why the fraternal organisation, with its estimated five million worldwide membership, is still treated with some suspicion today.

“But back then, alchemy, the search to turn base metal into gold, was seen as a science not magic,” said Dr Harrison, 39, who lectures in history at the University of Liverpool as well as for the Adult Education Service. “In fact, some of the founding members of the Royal Society in the 17th century, which became the bedrock for the development of modern-day science, were both alchemists and Freemasons.”

One of them was Elias Ashmole, a Royalist soldier on the run who sought refuge in Warrington in 1646 where he was accepted to the Lodge there.

Dr Harrison said: “The Lodge was the only place where both sides of the political spectrum could meet. A place where Parliamentarians and Royalists could come together without literally killing each other, which is what they would have done if they had met outside. Issues of politics or religion were not allowed to be discussed within its realms, a principal that still applies to the present day.”

He added that this bonding principle of Masonry did help to stabilise Britain in the subsequent years following the upheaval caused by the Civil War.

Ashmole, who became one of the founding members of the Royal Society in 1661, is just one of the local characters and significant events documented.

One of them is the Liverpool Masonic Rebellion of 1823.



Dr Harrison explained: “Basically a load of Liverpool merchants and tradesmen wanted to go it alone. They’d had enough of being pushed around by the United Grand Lodge in London whom they felt had been interfering too much with affairs of the provincial Lodges. So they bonded together to form their own Grand Lodge.”

Local bickering set in soon after however, and a contingent of Wigan Masons left to form their own Grand Lodge. “I suppose you could say it was one of the first examples of differences being expressed between Woollybacks and Scousers, with the Liverpoolians being left to their own devices by the Wiganites!” joked Dr Harrison.

Pre-orders for the book, which is due to be published in March, have been encouraging and publishers Lewis Masonic have already asked Dr Harrison to write a follow-up.

“They’re not being written with academics or Masons in mind, but hopefully as works which will be received as being of general historical interest to lots of others,” said Dr Harrison.

This book is currently only available through the publisher, Lewis Masonic, for about \$36.00 CAD. http://www.lewisasonic.com/product_info.php?products_id=460&osCsid=2h7hrii8shftfu887h3o01mdh7
(ed: Lewis Masonic accepts payment by credit card and they will mail to all parts of the world.)

If you order this or any other book from them, I suggest you also consider -
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which are compilations of selected articles from the first ten years of *Freemasonry Today* magazine.)

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The TIME Factor



Schools require ONE year to pass from a class to the one above. Universities require ONE year to pass from Freshman to Sophomore, from Junior to Senior, and so on. Both have a ONE-year teaching period, which seems important for development.

French type Freemasonry (GOoF, GLoF, DH, GLNF, etc.) requires at least ONE year of practise, papers, learning, and visiting to pass from one degree to another (in craft lodges); 3 to 4 years to get into a degree beyond Master Mason.

According to my own experience, and those of many other friends in French type Masonry, the TIME factor has played, and is playing a very important role in shaping the character of Freemasons who are ‘progressing’ in their minds and hearts. I witnessed that in my own personal development and in most of the Masons I have met while a member of GOoF. And French type Masonry is progressing! The greatest majority of French type Masons have a very similar, if not the same, definition of Masonry, while most Masons in the UK and USA have different and varied definitions of Masonry!!!!

Unfortunately, the TIME factor is not an ingredient in Masonry as practised in UK and USA. Needless to say that researching, and writing one’s experiences in papers is not a culture in UK and in the USA.

This paper is not about praising or degrading this or that type of Masonry; it is mainly aiming to learn from each other and have the Masonry we belong to progress. One of the most challenging factors we are facing now in UK and USA is not just getting new members BUT keeping the current members.

My experience taught me that at least 3 factors could make Masonry in the UK and in the USA rise high:

1. Research
Learning, practicing and researching the rituals, symbols and history of Masonry.
2. Writing Papers
Writing about how the research into Masonry has changed one’s feelings, and personal thought processes in papers for debate. Debating helps us learn from one another.
3. the TIME factor
The TIME factor does not mean just one year of belonging to Masonry by paying lodge dues but by assisting in almost all the regular meetings over the year as well as visiting and GETTING INVOLVED in the first two points.

I believe Masonry should be above and beyond personal/national culture. Unfortunately, it is not and that is why we have English, Scottish, Irish, French, Italian, Swedish, etc. cultures of Masonry.



Rituals/Symbols are what make a man/woman a Mason! Those rituals and symbols were made for a reason... otherwise, our Masonic ancestors would've developed a simple scholastic curriculum to learn, a test to pass and a grade (like in school) that allows Masons to go from one degree to another!

It is true that some people are genius enough to get higher learning academic degrees in a short time, but this is not the usual criterion. If a TIME factor weren't needed for most humans, schools, universities, jobs, etc. wouldn't have created it!

What makes the difference between youth, middle age and old age? Time! Time helps us learn more, understand more... and progress more!

I, as a Mason (regardless of my Masonic affiliation), see that Time is a psychologically essential factor in all Masonic and non-Masonic undertaking! I don't seek to have it applied in Masonry because this or that GL/GO use it, but because in all our undertakings (social, academic, Masonic, businesses, etc.) the TIME factor has proved to be needed!

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