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PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003

Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter - 2008

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You will find that Masonry is dignified and inspirational in its manifestation to you who will soon knock at the inner door of the Lodge. It should, and will, play a vital part in all your future life, if you will but open your heart and mind, and let it.

- Quest Book #1, Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota

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

Greetings Brethren,

March has arrived and given the abnormal weather we have experienced this winter, I wonder if it will actually come in like a lion and go out like a lamb.

This is the month a lot of charities start up their fundraising drives and recently I gave a talk about Masonry and charity. It was well received and a number of people have asked for a copy, so I thought I would share it with you this month. To find the entire talk, please go to our District Website - www.torontoeastdistrict.com.

The Official Visits are under way and have been very well attended. I thank you for that. This month, we will have five Official Visits and again I ask you to support the Brethren and Lodges of your District by attending when possible. You never know what you might learn and the fellowship is well worth it.

March Official Visits are as follows:

- The Beaches Lodge on Thursday, March 1st;
- West Hill Lodge on Wednesday, March 7th;
- Todmorden Lodge on Thursday, March 8th;
- Scarboro Lodge on Monday, March 12th and
- Acacia Lodge on Monday, March 19th.



Wednesday, February 8th at Imperial East Gate's Official Visit, V.W. Bro. Edmund Ferguson was presented with his 60 year Mason Pin. He had joined Imperial Lodge in February, 1952. To further mark the occasion the W.M., W. Bro. Robert Gatt, on behalf of the Lodge, presented him with beautiful engraved plaque. Many members of Markham Union Lodge were also in attendance as V.W. Bro. Ferguson is also a member of Markham Union Lodge. V.W. Bro. Ferguson is a 39-year member of Markham Union Lodge, and on Wednesday, February 15th, the members of Markham Union Lodge also honoured V.W. Bro. Ferguson at their lodge meeting. I, along with members of Imperial East Gate and other Masons attended Claremont to surprise V.W. Bro. Ferguson as Markham Union Lodge made a presentation of a beautiful plaque to him and a belated 50-year Jewel. Both Lodges spoke of his personal life, his history and commitment to Masonry. Some good-natured ribbing filled out the speeches and listening to V.W. Bro. Ferguson speak about his Masonic career really brought home what Masonry is really all about. This is why we visit; two rewarding evenings filled with Masonic fellowship. By the way, it didn't go unnoticed that a lot of us in the Lodges were not even born when he was made a Mason. Only in Masonry do we share such experiences. Congratulations V.W. Bro. Edmund Ferguson.

I wish to also remind you all of my visit to the Horace Mundy Chapter, Order of DeMolay on Sunday, March 25, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at Doric Pickering Masonic Temple. We will be presenting our donation cheque at that time during their Masonry Experiences DeMolay event. Let us show our support for these young men who may come into the Craft from the DeMolay.

W. Bro. David Neave and W. Bro. Bill Willis have informed me the District Awards packages and Tickets for the 1st Annual Black & White Gala are now available. I hope you will support what we believe to be a very important event for Toronto East District.

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

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

Fraternally,

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



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

March 2012						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			<u>1</u> * The Beaches - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm York	<u>2</u> * TED - Officer → Progression Workshop- Session 2B see below Doric Pickering	<u>3</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - 5/6 see below East Toronto	<u>4</u> ← * West Hill - Oldies Dance see below East Shore Community Centre
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> * West Hill - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>8</u> * Todmorden - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>9</u> → * TED - Mechanics of the Work - 6/6 see below East Toronto	<u>10</u> * TED - Habitat for Humanity - Build Day 2 of 2 see below Macey Ave. & Dunstan Dr. * The Heritage - Regular Meeting see below Union, Nananae	<u>11</u> Daylight Saving Begins at 2:00 am Set your clocks ahead 1 hour. 
<u>12</u> * Scarborough - Official Visit Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> St. Paddy's Day 	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> * Acacia - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto * Caledonia - Irish Night see below York	<u>20</u> 1st Day of Spring Here comes <i>summer!</i> 	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * TED - Blood Donor Clinic see below St. Aidan's Anglican Church	<u>24</u> * Doric - Spring Dance see below Doric Pickering	<u>25</u> * TED - Horace Mundy Chapter - Masonry Exploring DeMolay see below Doric Pickering * Rainbow Girls - Marlies Hockey see below
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> Toronto and York Districts - Masters' Dinner School of Fine Dining	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	



April 2012						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						<u>1</u> April Fool's Day - Watch your back! 
<u>2</u> * Mimosa - Official Visit DDGM's lodge Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * Brougham Union - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm Claremont	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * Coronati - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> * TED - Blood Donor Clinic see below Doric Pickering	<u>13</u> * Doric - Annual Family Curling Night see below Annandale	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> * Caledonia - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm York	<u>17</u> * Riverdale-JRR - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>18</u> * Markham Union - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm Claremont	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> * The Beaches - Ladies Night see below School of Fine Dining	<u>22</u> * TED - Annual Divine Service see below Ebenezer United Church
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> TED - Spring Business Meeting 9:30 am East Toronto	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u>						



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity Supporting Local Masonic Youth Initiatives

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

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

We don't have to be "successful," only valuable. We don't have to make money, only a difference, and particularly in the lives society counts least and puts last.

- William Sloane Coffin Jr. (1924-2006), Credo-2003, Faith, Hope, Love

Blood Donor Clinics



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

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

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

Upcoming Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday March 23, 2012

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

Thursday April 12, 2012

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

Friday May 25, 2012

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

Thursday June 14, 2012

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

Friday September 28, 2012

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



Friday November 23, 2012

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

Toronto East Masonic Centre (T.E.M.C.)

No message available at time of publication.

- Graeme Boyce
President SMTC & TEMC



eBooks

I will publish more sites as they become known. If there is one you have found and you like, please let me know.

Phoenixmasonry Museum and Library has many good books, periodicals and articles, all free for download or just to reference on their site.

www.phoenixmasonry.org/main/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=44&Itemid=140

Along with many other authors, you will find books by Anderson, Carr, Claudy, Clausen, Coil, Denslow, Gould, Hall, Haywood, Jones, Knoop, Mackey, Morgan, Morris, Newton, Oliver, Pick and Knight, Pike, Preston, Pritchard, Smith, Webb, and Wilmshurst.

Many of these books are no longer published. If you read just one of them, your Masonic horizon will expand. And they are *FREE!*

Another good place to get free eBooks is your public library. All you need is a library card and they will tell you how to get the books.

Top Ten Books List

There are numerous lists of 'favourite' books on Freemasonry. Grand Lodge has several such lists on its web site. Find the lists if you can!

JACKSON'S LIST - Thomas W. Jackson is the Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and book reviewer for The Northern Light.

(In order of preference)

1. A Pilgrim's Path, John J. Robinson, 1993,
2. House Undivided, Allen E. Roberts, 1961
3. The Builders, Joseph Fort Newton, 1914
4. Born in Blood, John J. Robinson, 1989
5. Freemasonry: A Celebration of the Craft, John Hamill & R. A. Gilbert (ed.), 1992
6. The Mystic Tie, Allen E. Roberts, 1991
7. The Temple and the Lodge, Michael Baigent & Richard Leigh, 1989
8. The Clergy and the Craft, Forrest D. Haggard, 1970
9. Freemasonry in American History, Allen E. Roberts, 1985
10. The Boy Who Cried Wolf, Richard Thorn, 1995



FYI

At one time, Golden Lodge #5, Stanstead, Canada occupied a lodge room that straddled the boundary between Canada and the United States. There were entrances on both sides of the border.

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

(Ed: There is currently a Golden Rule Lodge #5 in Stanstead, Quebec that is visited fairly regularly by Birch Cliff Lodge. Maybe someone could tell us if the above statement is still true.)

R. W. Bro. Bruce Grimbleby Honoured



L-R: front row-, R.W. Don Campbell, R.W. Bruce Grimbleby,
W.Bro. Leslie Fisher (W.M. Brougham Union), W.Bro. Peter Sialtsis (District Secretary)
back row- R.W. Bro. Keith Jones, W.Bro. Jim Crawford (W.M. Markham Union),
W.Bro. Bill Willis (W.M. RJRR)

During February, R. W. Bro. Bruce Grimbleby, Past Master of Markham Union, Past Secretary of Brougham Union, Past Secretary of Riverdale John Ross Robertson, Current Secretary of Markham Union and Past D.D.G.M. Toronto District 4 during 2004-05 was honoured at an appreciation night when Brougham Union presented him with the R.W. Bro. Brian E. Bond Special Recognition Plaque. This award is presented to a member of Brougham Union, chosen by his peers, who put forward his best effort to personify the ideals of a Freemason through dedication and support of this Lodge in particular and a desire to emulate the fundamental principals of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Bruce received this award for his work through the years as secretary of various lodges and his help throughout the district whenever called upon. He was a member of the original Builders group which was a Senior Wardens group in the 1980's.

For Long Time Service

On February 8, The Imperial East Gate honoured V.W. Bro. Edmund Ferguson for being a 60 Years a Mason.

V.W. Bro Edmund Ferguson was born in East York in 1928 and ten years later the family moved to Scarborough where they started a 1,000 chicken egg business in the vicinity of Birchmount Rd. and St. Clair Ave. E.



Bro Ferguson worked at several of the farms in the area. He attended and graduated from Scarborough Collegiate.

He worked for Canadian Line Materials from 1944-1947. He was taught the egg grading business by his mother and in 1949, he was granted a Federal Licence and became the youngest operator in Ontario. He operated his business until he sold it in 1975 and at that time it was the largest home delivery service in North America.

He then became the Marketing Director of the Canadian Egg Producers Marketing Board from 1974 to 1988.

Ed and his wife Margaret were married in 1953 and they have four children, Robert, Bill, Linda, and Donna. They also have nine grandchildren.

Initiated: February 11, 1952
Passed: March 24, 1952
Raised: April 28, 1952
Worshipful Master of Imperial Lodge 543 - 1968
Appointed Grand Steward - 1988

V.W. Bro Edmund Ferguson is still an active member in both The Imperial East Gate Lodge and Markham Union Lodge.



R.W. Bro. Keith Jones and V.W. Bro. Edmund Ferguson
with his 60 Years a Mason Award

My Daily Advancement

The following is a modified / paraphrased / edited version of a message sent to the UK Mason Email Forum. The brother sending the message was responding to a particular situation that is irrelevant but the core of his message, in my belief, has relevance to us all.

Dear Brethren,

When I consider my daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, I consciously reflect upon matters that are related to the lodge, its ritual and symbolism. But, I believe, more appropriately, also upon my actions and comments of the last 24 hours and what I have discovered about myself and how I can rectify those things which I now wish I had not done. This too is advancement in Masonic knowledge, as every Mason is enjoined to improve himself.



Should I have had the argument with my son about the state of his bedroom, when he is in love and wanting to be with his lovely girlfriend, or should I have been more understanding and approached it in a different way, remembering how I was at 17? Thankfully this five minute reflective habit each day means that I become more understanding of others.

If more of us take it upon ourselves to reflect in this manner on a regular basis, we may well pause to reconsider potential comments or actions and choose to make them in a different way, not made them at all, or even look at what we are really saying and thought to ourselves that the truly Masonic stance might be the opposite of the comments or actions we were about to make.

It is our Masonic duty to correct the actions of those around us, but it is to be done in a loving manner, with thought and consideration for the person and the person's situation who is the recipient of our instruction.

How un-Masonic is that, not to understand the pain of others, the difficulty of others, the pressures impinging on others? After all of those considerations, is it incumbent upon us to temper our language, or even leave the thought unsaid?

What a dichotomy? I console myself by not deliberately setting out to hurt others, knowing that I can apologise to the casualties and hope that they forgive me, but always trying to learn from every mistake I continue to make.

Brethren, before we engage the displeasure of the Great Architect, we should always pause and reflect.

Ontario District - 68th Annual Shuter Haskill Hunters Night

Betcha ain't seen no degree team spruced up this gooder in years, eh, boys?



Boys say the porcupine and bear banquet were particular tender this year. Woulda had some skunk too but the good ol' boy in the top left went and wore it. No respect for good meat!

How To Say It

Elective	ee-leck-tivv
Emanates	<u>emm</u> -an-ates
Emblematically	<u>emm</u> -blem-a-tick-alley
Eminence	<u>emm</u> -inn-ense



Eminent	<u>emm</u> -inn-ent ('e' in 'ent' as in 'fence')
Emulate	<u>emm</u> -yoo-late
Enabled	enn- <u>ay</u> -bld
Endeavour	enn- <u>devv</u> -ur ('e' as in 'met')
Endow	enn- <u>dow</u> ('ow' as in 'cow')
Endue	enn- <u>dyoo</u>
Enthusiast	enn- <u>thyoo</u> -zee-ast ('u' as in 'cure')
Enquiry	enn- <u>kwire</u> -ee
Equivocation	ee- <u>kwivv</u> -oh- <u>kay</u> -shun
Erection	ee- <u>reck</u> -shun
Err	urr ('u' as in 'her')
Error	<u>err</u> -or ('e' as in 'met') ('o' as on 'obscure'
Especial	ess- <u>pesh</u> -shul
Essential	ee- <u>sen</u> -shul
Ethereal	ee- <u>thee</u> -ree-al
Evince	ee- <u>vinse</u>

- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work



What's That All About?

Why do we use "So mote it be" instead of "Amen"?

"So Mote It Be" are the final words in the-Regius Poem. "Mote" is old English for "may." Masons have used the phrase since the beginning of the written history of the Craft. Freemasonry includes many other words, now obsolete, which bring the sanctity of age and the continuity of ritual from ancient days to modern times.

Why has a Symbolic Masonry only three degrees and not four or seven or a larger number as have other branches of the Fraternity?

Three is the numerical symbol of the equilateral triangle, which is man's earliest symbol for God. It was the "most sacred number" at the dawn of civilization. Masonry emphasizes it: three degrees, three circumambulations in the Third Degree, three Great Lights, three Lesser Lights, three steps on the Master's Carpet, three principal rounds, three Grand Columns, etc.

Evidently the ritual makers of an early age believed that there should be a symbolism of number as well as of object in the teaching of Masonry regarding the fatherhood of God, to instruct that He is present at all times in every ceremony and meeting.

How is a man made a Mason at sight?

The Grand Master calls into existence an emergent lodge under temporary dispensation, which lodge then confers the three degrees, usually in short form, and usually all three in one consecutive period, upon the man selected for the-honour by the Grand Master.

Most Grand Lodges admit the right of a Grand Master to do this; a few specifically forbid his doing so; one recognizes the right and frowns upon it use. The-objections to the act are two: first, he who seeks Masonry of his own free will and accord honours himself and not the Order by his application; Masonry need seek no candidates: second, the general belief that every Mason should

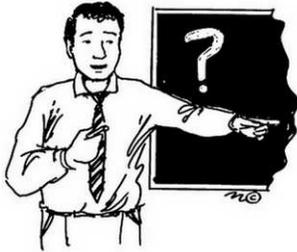


pass the ballot of his fellows and not be picked by authority as beyond and above that requirement.

The ceremonies of “making a Mason at sight” are less and less often performed as the years bring a better perspective upon the practice.

Why cannot a brother appeal from a Master’s decision in lodge?

He can, but not to the lodge; only to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. The Master is strictly charged and sworn to uphold and promote the peace and harmony of his lodge. Without complete authority he cannot assume complete responsibility.



It is, therefore, the Master’s prerogative to begin or terminate debate; to rule on all questions; to control the deliberations of his lodge (within the framework of the by-laws - a Master cannot, for instance, legally open his lodge before the time set in the by-laws, or conduct business at a special or called communication not set forth in the call).

If any brother could appeal from the Master to the lodge, the lodge would control the Master, not the Master the lodge. The Master is not only a presiding officer (as is the president of a club) but is literally *master* of all proceedings, discussions and actions of his lodge, provided what he does is within the framework of Grand Lodge law and the by-laws of his lodge.

Are the Tracing Board and the Trestle Board Masonically the same?

No. The tracing-board bears upon it representations of the several symbols of one or all the degrees; the trestle board is that drawing board, supported upon a trestle, on which, anciently, the Master Builder drew his designs.

In early lodges Masonic symbols were drawn upon the earth or floor with charcoal or chalk; these were erased when the meeting was over. Later, such symbols were presented upon a permanent surface and became the “Master’s Carpet,” and today in many lodges are to be seen upon oil cloth or canvas, pointed out during the delivery of the lecture. Trestle board appeared at least two hundred years ago, mentioned in Prichard’s “Masonry Dissected,” early exposé of Masonic ritual. Mackey considers that the Volume of the Sacred Law is the trestle board of modern Masons.

- One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry



Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .

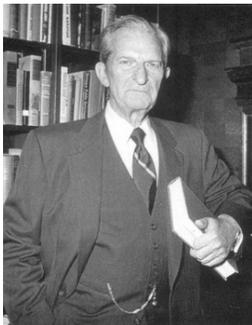


De Freische Trouw Loge, Netherlands
Thanks to Joe Curry, The Beaches Lodge, Toronto, ON

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

Masonic Authors

John J. Robinson



John J. Robinson was a man who seemed to have his feet on the ground, could do the hard work of research, and yet still retained enough enjoyment of life to conjure a good book worth reading. He was that rare breed of writer who was not a Mason when he began producing his books, but became captivated by the fraternity while doing his work and entered a Masonic lodge late in life. His book *Born In Blood* has been the best selling work on the subject of Freemasonry from the time it was published in 1989 until the present day. His last book, *A Pilgrim's Path*, has touched many Masons by its insightful and resonant observations about the craft.

John came to this work after a long life in which he had been a business executive, farmer and member of the U.S. Marines. His abiding interest in the history of Medieval Britain and the Crusades not only spurred his research into those realms, but led to his becoming the head of a family trust dedicated to historical study. Through chance occurrence, his work caused him to become enmeshed with Freemasonry and the Knights Templar.

Born In Blood

While exploring a curious event known as The Peasants' Revolt of 1381, John discovered reverences to a Great Society that was secretly directing the course of the revolt. As he probed into it further, he began to discover numerous connections between this secretive Society and the Knights Templar that had been disbanded 69 years earlier amid men being burned at the stake. Curiously enough, some of those connections also applied to the society of Freemasons that would emerge from behind a veil of secrecy many years later.

Dungeon, Fire and Sword

The unprecedented popularity of his first book caused John to follow up with *Dungeon, Fire and Sword*, Here he told the full story of the Knights Templar from the time the First Crusade was a just gleam in the



eye of Pope Urban II, until the last ash of Jacques DeMolay's fiery death floated across the Seine River in Paris.

While this writing was well presented, it did not produce anything particularly new or remarkable, so it was not as well received as John's other works.

A Pilgrim's Path

By virtue of his being able to see Freemasonry with fresh eyes, John's story of how he came to be a Mason filled *A Pilgrim's Path* with insights not usually presented in discussions about Freemasonry. He boldly addressed the actions and attacks of anti-Masonic groups he encountered along the way. Yet in the end it was not a story about him or the nay-sayers, but about people trying to make their way in a difficult world, and the mutual support they found in Masonry.

Masonic Information Center

In 1993 John established this Center by providing the financial support needed to fund its work. This group serves as a source of information to Masons and Non-Masons alike, and can be found at www.msana.com/micindex.asp. The center also produces a number of brochures and bulletins with useful information about Freemasonry.

Six Attitude Axioms:

1. *Attitude affects quality of life.*

"Attitude is the reflection of a person," commented Earl Nightingale, "and our world mirrors our attitude." Simply put, our attitude is the way we see events, people, and circumstances in life. It is an internal belief system responsible for the quality of our life's experiences. Ultimately, what we produce or experience depends on attitude.

2. *Attitude is a choice.*

Circumstances are uncontrollable. Life's events happen. Our responsibility is to choose our responses - our attitude. Situations may colour your view of life, but you have been given the power to choose what the colour will be.

3. *Attitude alters abilities.*

Football coach Lou Holtz speaks frequently concerning the correlation between ability and attitude. He believes, "Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." So, to cultivate abilities, sow a healthy attitude.

4. *People with a positive attitude anticipate adversity.*

*Positive people know challenging events, adversity, and tough situations are inevitable. J. Sidlow Baxter in his book, *Awake, My Heart*, beautifully addresses this concept. "What is the difference between an obstacle and adversity? Our attitude toward it. Every opportunity has a difficulty and every difficulty has an opportunity. If the best things are not immediately possible, then immediately make the best of all things that are possible." A person with a healthy attitude takes difficult situations in stride, learns from each experience, and prepares for the next encounter.*

5. *Attitude affirms success . . . and failure.*

Positive people keep success and failure in perspective. In fact, these people tend to remove the word 'failure' from their vocabularies. Words such as 'experience', 'results', 'challenge', 'temporary setbacks', are preferred. This is not just a matter of semantics - it is a process of conditioning our minds to use failure as a stepping-stone to success. With the right attitude, all the setbacks in the world will not make you a failure.



6. Actions alter attitudes.

Psychologist William Glasser advises: "If you want to change attitudes, start with a change in behaviour." You are who and what you are today because of the attitudes you choose. Will the future be a repeat of the past? The choice is yours.

- Glenn van Ekeren

Saturday March 3 2012

Toronto East District - Mechanics of the Work - 5/6

The Mechanics-of-the-Work classes are for designed for any Mason, whether a seasoned veteran or the newest of new Entered Apprentices. There will be something on offer for each participant. Anyone who attends will enjoy themselves as we not only practice the ritual from black book of the work (2009 version only of course) to get you relaxed and comfortable with it and its intricacies but we do it within a easy going atmosphere of profit and pleasure.

The class will concentrate on the Deacons' work for the 2nd and 3rd degrees. The work of the degrees will be covered and the taking of the pass grip and password will also be featured.

We always have coffee on and the doughnuts and conversation after the sessions can be as illuminating as the work itself. Caffeine inhalation commences at 8:30 am. Come out and enjoy our fellowship, you'll be glad that you did!

These classes are open to all Masons, regardless of their office, rank or home district. If you miss one or more classes, it doesn't matter although you'll get the most out of attending them all.

Time: 9:00 am - to Noon
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$2/ea for excellent coffee and fresh, light, fluffy doughnuts
Contact: Les Armitage @ 416.598.4794, or
Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704

Saturday March 3 2012

Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session 2B



The second and last workshop of the 2nd session. There is one more of these sessions planned for this year.

The topics and materials for the 2012 program will be a combination of those prepared by Grand Lodge's Lodge Resources Committee Officer Progression Team as well as those developed within Toronto East District specifically for this program.

Objectives

- To help Officers in Toronto East District plan their progression through the chairs
- To provide a discussion forum for considering best practices for Lodge Officers
- To assist attendees in developing action plans to be better prepared as WM in their Lodge

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$25/ea



Contact: Bruce Palanik @ thepalanikgroup@rogers.com or 905.839.7342

Saturday March 3 2012

West Hill (Club 670) - Oldies Dance

You don't have to be an 'oldie' to attend. 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 will be handled by a new caterer this year. Food, prizes, and dancing to that good ol' time Rock n' 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
followed by - 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: Walter Drane @ wallyjd@rogers.com or 416.755.3734 or
Brian Marcano @ marcab@rogers.com or 905.728.9939

Saturday March 10 2012

Habitat for Humanity - Build Day 2



Homeownership changes lives in many ways. Not only do families escape substandard housing that is overcrowded and unsafe, they are able to break the cycle of poverty and gain financial stability and dignity. Children grow up in safe neighbourhoods, knowing that they can accomplish their dreams. Please help make these dreams come true by volunteering or sponsoring a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Toronto.

<http://my.e2rm.com/personalPage.aspx?registrationID=1322696&langPref=en-CA>

This year's Toronto East District Habitat for Humanities project will be at 21 - 31 Macey Ave. and 32 & 36 St. Dunstan Dr., just west of Victoria Park and Danforth Ave.

Able bodies are needed. Construction experience is not required.

Start time for each build is 8:00 am sharp, and the day normally ends somewhere around 4:00 pm. Pizza and pop lunch will be provided and volunteers also receive a Habitat for Humanity T-Shirt.



Date: Saturday March 10 2012
Time: 8:00 am until the union says to go home ☺
Location: 21 - 31 Macey Ave. and 32 & 36 St. Dunstan Dr.
just west of Victoria Park and Danforth Ave.
Contact: Chris Zmozynski @ chris.zmozynski@beacheslodge.com or 705.768.7734

from delancyplace.com

Early Americans quickly began to view themselves as exceptional, different and better than Europeans. Part of that exceptionalism was equality, which brought with it openness to strangers. Despite its later reputation for exclusivity, Freemasonry - which was born in the widespread emergence of a middle class, and grew rapidly to fill the human need to belong in a country where high mobility was breaking apart traditional social bonds - was an agent for breaking down class barriers and aiding this new openness. Freemasonry repudiated the monarchical hierarchy of family and favouritism and helped create a new republican order that rested on 'real Worth and personal Merit':

"Intense local attachments were common to peasants and backward peoples, but educated gentlemen were supposed to be at home anywhere in the world. Indeed, to be free of local prejudices and parochial ties was what defined a liberally educated person. One's humanity was measured by one's ability to relate to strangers, and Americans prided themselves on their hospitality and their treatment of strangers, thus further contributing to the developing myth of their exceptionalism. Indeed, as Crevecoeur pointed out, in America the concept of 'stranger' scarcely seemed to exist: 'A traveler in Europe becomes a stranger as soon as he quits his own kingdom; but it is otherwise here. We know, properly speaking, no strangers; this is every person's country; the variety of our soils, situations, climates, governments, and produce hath something which must please everyone.' 'In what part of the globe,' asked Benjamin Rush, 'was the 'great family of mankind' given as a toast before it was given in the republican states of America?'

"The institution that many Americans believed best embodied these cosmopolitan ideals of fraternity was Freemasonry. Not only did Masonry create enduring national icons (like the pyramid and the all-seeing eye of Providence on the Great Seal of the United States), but it brought people together in new ways and helped fulfill the republican dream of reorganizing social relationships. It was a major means by which thousands of Americans could think of themselves as especially enlightened. . . . Many of the Revolutionary leaders, including Washington, Franklin, Samuel Adams, James Otis, Richard Henry Lee, and Hamilton, were members of the fraternity.

"Freemasonry was a surrogate religion for enlightened men suspicious of traditional Christianity. It offered ritual, mystery, and communality without the enthusiasm and sectarian bigotry of organized religion. But Masonry was not only an enlightened institution; with the Revolution, it became a republican one as well. As George Washington said, it was 'a lodge for the virtues.' The Masonic lodges had always been places where men who differed in everyday affairs - politically, socially, even religiously - could 'all meet amicably, and converse sociably together.' There in the lodges, the Masons told themselves, 'we discover no estrangement of behaviour, nor alienation of affection.' Masonry had always sought and harmony in a society increasingly diverse and fragmented. . . .

"In the decades following the Revolution Masonry exploded in numbers, fed by hosts of new recruits from middling levels of the society. There were twenty-one lodges in Massachusetts by 1779; in the next twenty years fifty new ones were created, reaching out to embrace even small isolated communities on



the frontiers of the state. Everywhere the same expansion took place. Masonry transformed the social landscape of the early Republic.

“Masonry began emphasizing its role in spreading republican virtue and civilization. It was, declared some New York Masons in 1795, designed to wipe ‘away those narrow and contracted Prejudices which are born in Darkness, and fostered in the Lap of Ignorance.’ Freemasonry repudiated the monarchical hierarchy of family and favouritism and created a new republican order that rested on ‘real Worth and personal Merit’ and ‘brotherly affection and sincerity.’ At the same time, Masonry offered some measure of familiarity and personal relationships to a society that was experiencing greater mobility and increasing numbers of immigrants. It created an ‘artificial consanguinity,’ declared DeWitt Clinton of New York in 1793, that operated ‘with as much force and effect, as the natural relationship of blood.’

“Despite its later reputation for exclusivity, Freemasonry became a way for American males of diverse origins and ranks to be brought together in republican fraternity, including, at least in Boston, free blacks.”

Author: Gordon S. Wood
Publisher: Empire of Liberty, Oxford
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Saturday March 10 2012

Toronto East District - Mechanics of the Work - 6/6

The Mechanics-of-the-Work classes are for designed for any Mason, whether a seasoned veteran or the newest of new Entered Apprentices. There will be something on offer for each participant. Anyone who attends will enjoy themselves as we not only practice the ritual from black book of the work (2009 version only of course) to get you relaxed and comfortable with it and its intricacies but we do it within a easy going atmosphere of profit and pleasure.

We always have coffee on and the doughnuts and conversation after the sessions can be as illuminating as the work itself. Caffeine inhalation commences at 8:30 am. Come out and enjoy our fellowship, you’ll be glad that you did!

The class will revue the previous classes and rely heavily on what the participants want to see featured.

These classes are open to all Masons, regardless of their office, rank or home district. If you miss one or more classes, it doesn’t matter although you’ll get the most out of attending them all.

Time: 9:00 am - to Noon
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$2/ea for excellent coffee and fresh, light, fluffy doughnuts
Contact: Les Armitage @ 416.598.4794, or
Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704

Saturday March 10 2012

The Heritage Lodge - Regular Meeting

All Masons are invited to attend the Regular Meeting.

Time: 12:00 pm - Lunch



1:15 pm - Lodge opens
Topic: Freemasonry in Napanee 1812 - 2012
Speaker: Ernie W. Doughty
Location: Union Lodge
83 Bridge St., Napanee
Contact: Kenneth E Campbell @ heritagelod730@xplornet.com or 613.476.7382

Saturday March 17 2012

St. Patrick's Day



The Irish occasionally get their act together and schedule this day on a Friday or Saturday. This year it is on a Saturday so for some of us, Sunday is going to be a complete bust! Shhh! Keep it down! *Please!*

Saint Patrick (Latin: Patricius) (Irish: Naomh Pádraig) (c. 387-493 [dubious]) was a Romano-Briton and Christian missionary, who is the most generally recognised patron saint of Ireland (although Brigid of Kildare and Columba are also formally patron saints).

Two authentic letters from him survive, from which come the only universally accepted details of his life. When he was about 14 he was captured from Britain by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After entering the Church, he returned to Ireland as an ordained bishop in the north and west of the island, but little is known about the places where he worked and there is no contemporary evidence for any link between Patrick and any known church building.

By the eighth century he had come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland. The Irish monastery system evolved after the time of Patrick and the Irish church did not develop the diocesan model that Patrick and the other early missionaries had tried to establish. In some forms of Christianity, a diocese is an administrative territorial unit administered by a bishop.

Most available details of his life are from later studies of saints from the seventh century onwards, and these are not now accepted without detailed criticism. Uncritical acceptance of the *Annals of Ulster* would imply that he lived from 340 to 440, and ministered in what is modern day northern Ireland from 428 onwards. The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty, but on a widespread interpretation he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the fifth century.



Saint Patrick's Day (17 March) is celebrated both in and outside of Ireland, as both a liturgical and non-liturgical holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland it is a both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation and outside of Ireland, it can be a celebration of Ireland itself. (*As if we NEEDED a reason to drink beer!*)

- Wikipedia.com



Monday March 19 2012

Caledonia - Irish Night

Come and enjoy a great evening of Fun, Fellowship, Food and lots of Blarney. Bring along a fellow Mason. And don't forget that friend who is not yet a Mason. Let us show him what the spirit of Masonry is all about. Ladies are most welcome. **RSVP** to order tickets. There will be no ticket sales at the door.



Entertainment to include:

Irish Dancing Irish Sing along
Great Food Guest Speaker

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A Hundred Thousand Welcomes

Time: 6:30 pm - Lodge Opens
 7:00 pm - Visitors Received
Time: 7:30 pm - Non Masonic Guests Received
Location: York Masonic Temple
Cost: \$25/ea - No Ticket Sales at the Door
Contact: Norm Mathie @ grandsw2009@yahoo.ca or 416.993.6177, or
 Alex Wilson @ alexedwilson@gmail.com or 905.823.8638

Tuesday March 20 2012

First Day of Spring!

Spring starts today at 1:14 am. You really should all be up to greet it! This is the March or Spring Equinox. You've noticed the days getting longer. That is because the sun has inexorably been making its way back north again. Today it will reach the Equator on its way to the Tropic of Cancer, which is at 23.5° north. When it reaches that point, it will be summer. Kiss that snow shovel goodbye! You didn't really use it that much this winter. Spray it with WD40 and hang it up. It's all in your mind that there is snow out there. Oil up your lawnmower. You're going to need it.



Saturday March 24 2012

Doric - Roman Toga and Warriors' Kilt Dance



Costumes are optional - but what the hey! Show off your knees! Come and welcome the spring and get ready for a great summer. Prizes and Surprises! DJ and cash bar. A late night hot and cold buffet. All are welcome.

Time: 7:00 pm to closing
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$20/ea
Contact: Terrence Doyle @ tmdoyle@rogers.com or 905.839.3823

Sunday March 25 2012

DeMolay Horace Mundy - Masonry Exploring DeMolay

An opportunity for the Masons of Toronto East District, and their families, to learn about the history and purpose of DeMolay as well as to witness some of the public ceremonies of the Order. There will also be



a presentation from the District Charity Committee to the Chapter. Following the presentations, there will be light refreshments. Please plan to come out and join us for an interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Scott McDonald @ smcdonal60@rogers.com or 905.428.7756

Sunday March 25 2012

Rainbow Girls Toronto Assembly #2 - Marlies Hockey

Enjoy a fun filled afternoon with the Girls, watching the Marlies play hockey. Imagine that! A Toronto team that actually wins! And at hockey, too! You can be there AND support one of our youth groups with just your presence. Please **RSVP** by March 7, 2012.



Check out the pictures on the Rainbow Girls Toronto Assembly #2 web site -
www.torontorainbow.org

Time: 3:00 pm - Game starts
Location: Ricoh Coliseum at Exhibition Place
Cost: \$18/ea
Contact: Rebecca Corby @ rebecca-nc@hotmail.com

It takes no more time to see the good side of life than to see the bad.
- Jimmy Buffet

Friday April 13 2012

Doric Lodge - Annual Family Curling Night



All are invited - brethren, family and friends to come and show us how you can toss your rocks. Definitely not your competition grade event. Even *you* can do it. Kids are very welcome. A really fun family evening. No special equipment necessary. We can rig out your running shoes for the ice. 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 . . . uh . . . keisters! Some will know what they are doing. There are killjoys everywhere!

Time: 5:00 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 - the whole deal.
\$12.50/ea - just the meal
Contact: Terrence Doyle @ tmdoyle@rogers.com or 905.839.3823



Saturday April 21 2012

The Beaches - Ladies Night Gala

The Beaches Lodge is hosting its annual Ladies Night Gala once again at their very own Bro. Nick Zarafonitis' restaurant, The School of Fine Dining. At such a fine establishment, the price for the meal alone would be a real bargain. You could not get a better deal.



Each table will have 2 complimentary bottles of wine. There will be a cash bar and of course a DJ and dancing. A whole night of dining, dancing, door prizes and other entertainment. Your special Lady will be very impressed. Tickets are limited so don't be disappointed.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: The School of Fine Dining
4121 14th Ave, east of Birchmount Rd.
Cost: \$50/ea
Contact: John Holmes @ joholmes@adt.ca or 416.659.7023

Sunday April 22 2012

Toronto East District - Annual Divine Service



All are encouraged to attend, Masons, non-Masons, their families and friends. The Past Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev Hugh Kernohan, will be wearing his Clark (Cleric) Tartan Kilt. It would be nice if our kilt-wearing Brethren wore theirs. Regalia are to be worn and Masters to wear their collars.

Time: 9:30 am - Assemble
10:00 am - Service Begins
Location: Ebenezer United Church
5000 Steeles Ave. E., Markham (N.E. corner of Brimley and Steeles)
Contact: Joe Das @ joedas683@gmail.com or 416.291.6444

The Latin phrase "Liberales Artes" is actually a reference to "Noble Arts" (Liberales = Noble). And in Old German and Frisian, the term "Free" (also "Frei") can also mean "Noble."

- Unknown

Saturday May 5 2012

Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session 3A

The first workshop of the 3rd session. These sessions have been such a hit that another session has been arranged. Each session will consist of two Saturday morning workshops. Registrants are expected to attend both workshops for the session. Class size will be limited to 24 participants and there is space available at this time.

- 3rd Session: May 5 & May 26, 2012
- **Registration deadline: April 30, 2012**



The topics and materials for the 2012 program will be a combination of those prepared by Grand Lodge's Lodge Resources Committee Officer Progression Team as well as those developed within Toronto East District specifically for this program.



Objectives

- To help Officers in Toronto East District plan their progression through the chairs
- To provide a discussion forum for considering best practices for Lodge Officers
- To assist attendees in developing action plans to be better prepared as WM in their Lodge

For more information and the registration form please refer to the Toronto East District website -

www.torontoeastdistrict.com

Please complete the registration form and submit it with the materials fee to W. Bro. Bruce Palanik no later than the registration date - **April 30, 2012**.

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$25/ea
Contact: Bruce Palanik @ thepalanikgroup@rogers.com or 905.839.7342

Friday May 25 2012

Peterborough District - Reception for M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling

All Masons and their Ladies are invited to attend. Dress is Formal or business suit. No regalia to be worn. Prepaid tickets only will be held for pickup at the door. Please **RSVP** no later than March 30, 2012. **CHEQUES ONLY PLEASE**. Make your cheque payable to Grand Master Reception Committee.

Walter Howell
1622 Chamberlain Dr.
Peterborough, ON, K9L 1N6
705.741.4116

A block of rooms is available at
Best Western Otonabee Inn
84 Lansdowne St. E.
Peterborough ON
705.742.3454

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Great Hall at Trent University, Peterborough
Cost: \$50/ea
Contact: Walter Howell @ whowell16@cogeco.ca or 705.741.4116

Saturday May 26 2012

Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session 3B

The second workshop of the 3rd session. This workshop has been such a hit that another session has been arranged. Class size will be limited to 24 participants. Registrants are expected to attend both workshops for the session.



- 3rd Session: May 26, 2012
 - **Registration deadline: April 30, 2012**

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Just as your car runs more smoothly and requires less energy to go faster and farther when the wheels are in perfect alignment, you perform better when your thoughts, feelings, emotions, goals, and values are in balance.

- Brian Tracy

Saturday June 2 2012

2012 Conference on Masonic Education

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

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

Outline of the Conference

8:30 am	-	Registration
9:00 am	-	Plenary session in the lodge room. An invited Masonic speaker
10:00 am	-	8 papers and small group discussions. Participants will attend 2
to 12:00 noon	-	sessions of their choice
12:30 pm	-	Lunch
1:30 pm	-	The same 8 papers and group discussions. Participants will attend 2
to 3:30 pm	-	sessions of their choice



- 3:30 pm - Plenary session: Reports from Small groups. Conclusions drawn from the day's groups
- 4:30 pm - Attitude adjustment time
- 5:30 pm - Dinner followed by an after dinner speaker

All the details have not been established as yet. Registration will be limited to 150. The registration fee will include lunch, dinner and all conference materials. This will include the proceedings of the conference, which will be sent after the event. An official hotel will be chosen for the event. An informal dinner may be held at the conference hotel on the evening prior to the conference.

A registration form will be forthcoming.

Call for papers:

Participants are invited to submit abstracts of papers for presentation at the conference. Each presentation will be of 30 minutes or less followed by 30 minutes of questions and answers. Please submit abstracts of papers prior to March 15th. Abstracts should be less than 50 words. Should the paper be selected for presentation at the conference, it will be published in the proceedings in full. The abstracts of those not presented will also be published with the permission of the author.

- Time: All day
 - Location: The Ottawa Masonic Centre
2140 Walkley Rd., Ottawa
 - Cost: \$tba
 - Contact: John Forster @ forster.john@me.com or 613.271.8610
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Saturday June 9 2012

Wexford - 1st Annual Golf Tournament

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



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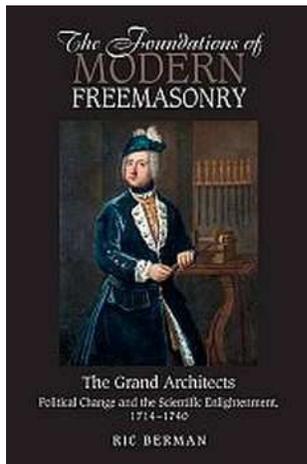
BOOK REVIEW:

The Foundations of Modern Freemasonry:

The Grand Architects - Political Change and the Scientific Enlightenment, 1720-1740

Author: Ric Berman
ISBN: 9781845195069
Publisher: Sussex Academic Press
Published: 2012

Supposedly, this 320 page book will not be published until early March of 2012, but already there are good things being said about it from Australia of all places, several months ago. One said it was “the most significant book regarding Freemasonry to have been produced in recent times.” Here is a fly leaf review from the publisher.



Following the appointment of its first aristocratic Grand Masters in the 1720s and in the wake of its connections to the scientific Enlightenment, ‘Free and Accepted’ Masonry rapidly became part of Britain’s national profile and the largest and most influential of Britain’s extensive clubs and societies. The new organisation did not evolve naturally from the mediaeval guilds and religious orders that pre-dated it, but was reconfigured radically by a largely self-appointed inner core. It became a vehicle for the expression and transmission of their political and religious views, and for the scientific Enlightenment concepts that they championed, and hence naturally attracted an aspirational membership. Through an examination of new and previously unexplored primary documentary evidence, the aim is to contribute to an understanding of contemporary English political and social culture, and explore how Freemasonry became a mechanism that promoted the interests of the

Hanoverian establishment, connecting a number of elite metropolitan and provincial figures. A range of networks centred on the aristocracy, parliament, the learned and professional societies, and the magistracy, are examined; and key individuals instrumental in spreading the Masonic message are evaluated. Special focus is given to the role of the ‘Craft’ in the development of the scientific Enlightenment.

Ric Berman concludes that Freemasonry should be recognised not only as the most prominent of the many eighteenth-century fraternal organisations, but also as a significant cultural vector and a component of the social, economic, scientific and political transformation then in progress. This analysis throws a new and original light on the formation and development of what rapidly became a national and international phenomenon.

Since it supposedly has not been published yet, acquiring a copy of The Foundations of Modern Freemasonry could be a little difficult - and expensive. I found it at Amazon

www.amazon.ca/Foundations-Modern-Freemasonry-Ric-Berman/dp/1845194799

Cost is about \$36 CAD. If you wait a while, the cost will probably drop.

Review by: Sussex Academic Press



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Masonic Education: Its Hidden (or Forgotten) Treasures

Recently, a brother within my own lodge and a graduate of the College [of Freemasonry] provided me with the reading list of books and similar materials recommended for each of the following components of study:

- Masonry at Work
- History and Origin of Masonry
- Administration and Organization
- Preparing for Leadership

When I looked over the list, I was surprised at how many of the books I had in my own collection. On the other hand, many listed were long out of print but I discovered quite a few are still available as reprints through the major booksellers if students choose to buy their own and establish a personal library. For example, books written by leading Masonic authors Harry Carr and Bernard Jones are easily obtainable, even the History of Freemasonry in Canada by John Ross Robertson first published over 100 years ago may be purchased as a reprinted paperback at Chapters.

The title of my talk is Masonic Education - Its Hidden (or forgotten) Treasures and I want to focus on an old publication from our own Grand Lodge that dates back to 1948, and was so popular and groundbreaking in its day that it was revised and reprinted in 1955 and 1962 (gaining 20 pages from the first printing in 1948).

The Manual for Masonic Instructors and Students

This is my own copy given to me by a brother now deceased, who was a senior member of my mother lodge. How many are familiar with it? It is a reference book that likely formed the basis of many of the publications we have in use today, published by our own Grand Lodge and promoted by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education.

This comprehensive manual of instruction was published in 1948. It was actually a compilation of two earlier manuals on the first and second degree, first published in 1933 and 1934 respectively. Apparently, a manual for the third degree was never printed separately, but was included with the former two in this book.



The word 'manual' in the title would suggest it was the forerunner to the present day Masonic Manual published in 1989 and revised in 2007, but this historic manual went much further and more deeply into our history, protocol, and delved extensively into symbolism including some that is quite esoteric.

The intended use was for instructor-led Masonic education, but any Master Mason could purchase the book through the lodge secretary.



“Instructors are urged not to read to a class or to the members of a lodge from this book, but to use it as a basis for talks or addresses. If the Master of a lodge will set aside fifteen minutes at each monthly meeting for Masonic education, wonderful progress can be made in a year. A list of topics, which can be treated adequately in that space of time, will be found elsewhere in this book.¹”

Indeed, a list of suggested topics was provided, 49 potential items ranging from the use of passwords (why none in the first degree), powers and duties of the WM, and rulings concerning pseudo-Masonic organizations.

Master Masons were reminded that the manual was for their personal use only and that its contents must be guarded with the greatest care. Remember, this was in the days when the Book of Work was not widely distributed (at least not officially) and instruction for “proving a degree” was transmitted orally.

It was through this manual that newly made Masons were made aware of the symbolism of the Junior Warden’s lecture, logically broken down according to each symbol with a corresponding explanation. The same format extended to the second and third degrees, and the type of information imparted likely formed the basis for our current Mentor Program.

Several papers are included on topics ranging from the origins of our grand lodge to the Egyptian mysteries, written by prominent past Grand Masters from the 1930s and 1940s, notably William J. Dunlop and Walter S. Herrington.

Of course, over time much of the content found its way into subsequent publications, such as *Beyond the Pillars* (1973) and *Whence Come We* (1980). This had the effect of retiring the manual to the bookcase; however, there are a few items in this book that are not easily found elsewhere, which is the reason why anyone who has this book has kept it in their collection or library:

- An excellent explanation of the Third Degree tracing board
- An interpretation of Ecclesiastics 12
- A thoughtful explanation of the indented skirting that surrounds the mosaic pavement
- Papers on various subjects written by some of our most prominent members such as the significance of the number “3” in our ritual, the origin of Freemasonry, the power of symbolism, and our history as a grand lodge
- Recommended reading lists - may seem limited by today’s standards with the abundance of Masonic authors, but otherwise a historic record of the books that were the recommended reading of the day and (as I said previously) largely available from booksellers or likely reside in Masonic libraries

Interestingly, a familiar topic “poor attendance at lodge meetings” is tackled with suggestions equally familiar, such as efficient business meetings, well-rehearsed degrees, and an equally efficient festive board so not to draw out the evening unnecessarily.

Granted, times have changed, the language of some of the papers and explanations of the symbols is rather expansive. Over the years we have added new dimensions to the explanation of various symbols (e.g., using plain language), and we are certainly more open to sharing our knowledge and purpose with mainstream media today.

Of course, the current Masonic Manual (2007) is where we go for protocol and etiquette, and the proper administration of our lodges and fraternity.

¹ P. 74 Manual for Masonic Instructors and Students, Pg 74, 1962 edition



This book however, remains a valuable resource and worth an occasional review for an idea or explanation not found elsewhere, or can be read as a time capsule of where we were as a fraternity 60 years ago.

Brethren, this is only one of many books that should form part of any recommended reading list for new Masons, at least for its historic significance in addressing the need for basic instruction and education.

One of my goals this year as Chairman of Masonic Education is to encourage lodges and/or individual members to set aside and make available similar books they may have on hand and willing to loan or share.

Here at Walkley Road, my intention is to create a section in the library (for the lodges that meet here) for those materials we have in the collection that form part of the reading list as suggested by the College of Freemasonry.

All of our Grand Lodge proceedings are now available online. Why not have this and similar publications (long out of print) available electronically as well?

Interest in books and other resource materials whether traditional, esoteric, or even fiction has grown incredibly, and more lodges are setting aside time for Masonic education.

If the aim of Grand Lodge is to promote Masonic education whether through the College, individual study, or a portion of each meeting set aside for that purpose, let us put more effort into promoting those resources that may be hidden treasures.

Author: Brian Griffin
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