

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003
Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter - 2008

D.D.G.M.: R.W. Bro. Bruce N. Palanik Email: - brucepalanik@rogers.com
District Secretary: W. Bro. Wayne J. D. Nicholson Email: - toronto.east.secretary@gmail.com
Toronto East District Website: - www.torontoeastdistrict.com
Grand Lodge Website: - www.grandlodge.on.ca

March 1 2013

<u>Contents</u>	<u>Page</u>
Events Calendar	3
Around and About (News & Notices)	5
... by the Lighthouse Beam	20
Administration (It's all about US!)	23

Its purpose is the same as it has been since the day when the stones for King Solomon's Temple were hewn, squared and numbered in the quarries where they were raised. It is to take an individual-just one man at a time, mind you, and as good a man as possible-and try to make a better man of him. That is all.

How desperately the world needs just that! And if the technique is outmoded, then the experience of two thousand years is all wrong; the parable of the Mustard Seed is horse-and-buggy philosophy; the Leaven of the Loaf is a cruel hoax.

The mere fact that men do not comprehend its purpose does not mean that Freemasonry has no purpose, nor that its purpose is outmoded-it only means that the stones (members) are not being well hewn and squared in the quarries (lodges) where they were raised.

- Bro. Dwight L. Smith (1909-1993)

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

No matter what the weather may be for the month of March, the calendar tells us that spring will arrive on March 20th with the vernal equinox. With the change of season comes the feeling of vitality and re-birth. As the temperatures rise the grass will begin to turn green, leaves will begin to appear and we'll start to see plants poke forth from their winter resting spots. May we all feel that burst of energy!

February was busy with a return to Official Visits, the on-going Mechanics of the Work sessions, various lodge functions of great fun and the recent Long Range Planning session for the District. My thanks go out to all who planned, supported, presented/implemented or attended these various Masonic meetings. The teams that plan an event need attendees for that event to be successful . . . and vice versa!!



One of my topics last month seemed to generate some on-going buzz - "Are You Interested or Committed as a Mason?" - and I hope that everyone will continue to assess their own status in light of their goals as Masons. One of the topics for this month will follow along a similar path and I hope it will be equally well-received. I'll share it with those who attend one of the five Official Visits during March.

What I will share now, however, is my fervent request for members to become active Masons. That may not necessarily mean attending Lodge every meeting. However, I would hope that everyone who is able would try to attend lodge during each year to enjoy the companionship of your brethren and to support those progressing on their Masonic journeys. No, what I mean here is that I ask every member of Toronto East District to re-consider what Masonry means to him and to always act according to our tenets and principles - "to practice outside the lodge those excellent precepts inculcated within it". I believe that our actions outside the Lodge room are extremely important as men, and, as Masons. I am sure that some quiet thought on this will provide each Mason with his own answers and plan of action.

Our work within the Lodge Room is important. So, too, are the opportunities for social mirth with our brethren. In addition to the many upcoming lodge activities that you will find listed elsewhere, I would like to draw your attention to two, formal events being planned for Masons, their ladies and guests: -

- **Toronto and York Districts Grand Master's Reception on Tuesday, April 30th.** Not only will our Grand Master be attending but so, too, will R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Deputy Grand Master and a member of Toronto East District. Many other Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies also plan to join us. (For tickets and information please contact V.W. Bro. Gerald Newall.)
- **Toronto East District 2nd Annual Black and White Gala and Ladies' Night on Saturday, June 1st.** The committee has arranged for a very special speaker who I believe our ladies will really enjoy hearing. So, too, will the brethren. If you missed your lodge ladies' night or your lodge has not held one for a while, why not come out? (For tickets and information please contact either W. Bro. David Neave or W. Bro. Bill Willis.)

Finally, over 60 Masons gathered from all around the Greater Toronto Area to participate in the Masonic Memorial Service for V.W. Bro. Sam Forsythe who passed to the Grand Lodge Above at the end of February. To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Wexford Lodge you are to be congratulated for the fine manner in which you allowed many Masons to say "Farewell" to Sam. And this passing of a wonderful supporter of our Craft provides us all with a reminder: as we know nought when a Mason's time will come, it would be prudent for every Worshipful Master in the District and his team to have a plan in place for conducting a Masonic Memorial Service and occasionally practicing it. A Masonic Memorial Service is the only time we perform Masonic ritual in public. All Masons and their families deserve only our best at such a time.

May the G.A.O.T.U. keep you safe and help us all to remain true to our obligations.

Freemasonry in action . . . deeds speak!!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Bruce N. Palanik
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



EVENTS CALENDAR:

March 2013						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> * TED-Mechanics of the Work - Week 5/6 see below East Toronto * West Hill-Oldies Dance see below St. Dunstan's of Centerville	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> * West Hill-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>7</u> * The Beaches-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm York	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> * TED-Mechanics of the Work - Week 6/6 see below East Toronto	<u>10</u> Daylight Savings Time Begins 
<u>11</u> * Scarborough-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * Todmorden-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> * TED-Officer Progression Mentoring Workshop 2A see below East Toronto	<u>17</u> St. Patrick's Day 
<u>18</u> * Acacia-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto * Caledonia-Irish Night see below York	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> First Day of Spring starts at 7:02 am  Ain't life grand?!	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * Friendship-Rusty Mason Breakfast see below Doric Pickering	<u>24</u> * GLCPO-3rd Annual Charles A. Sankey Lecture see below St. Catherines * TED-DeMolay Meeting Visitors - 1:30 pm Doric Pickering
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> * TED-Mechanics of the Work - Week see below Doric Pickering	<u>28</u> # Knights Templar- Royal Arch Masons Night see below Thornhill	<u>29</u> Good Friday	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Easter



April 2013						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<u>1</u> * Mimosa- Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> * Brougham Union- Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> * Wexford- Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>6</u> * TED- Officer Progression Mentoring Workshop 2B see below East Toronto	<u>7</u> * TED- Habitat For Humanity Build Day see below
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * The Imperial East Gate- Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>11</u> * Coronati- Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * TED- Divine Service see below St. Dunstan of Canterbury
<u>15</u> * Caledonia- Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm York	<u>16</u> * Riverdale / John Ross Robertson- Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>17</u> * Markham Union- Official Visit Banq - 6:00 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * Birch Cliff, Canada, Scarboro and Wexford- Friend to Friend see below Doric Pickering * The Beaches- Ladies Night see below School of Fine	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> * TED- Officer Progression Mentoring Workshop 2C see below East Toronto	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Toronto and York Districts- Grand Master's Reception see below Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall					



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity



We have been accepted as a Community Partner under the umbrella of the Child Life Program of the Sick Kids Foundation. We hope to raise enough money to buy at least one Multi-Sensory Cart for the children who unfortunately have to stay in Sick Kids. These carts can turn waiting rooms, corridors or hospital rooms into a reactive and enjoyable time for the Children as well as enticing positive reactions from the more seriously ill. When making donations to the project through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, please use **Project Number 2515** on your cheque.

Please support the DeMolay at Doric Pickering Masonic Hall, on Sunday March 24th. We hope that as many Masons as possible will attend the meeting at 1.30 pm and I will arrange to cater the event.

During the month of May, W Bro David Neave will be holding seminars at the four Temple/Halls in our District concerning CPR and Defibrillation techniques. We hope that our Brethren will attend the Seminars and learn these most important life-saving skills. It would be most beneficial for younger members of our families to attend.

During the first two weeks of June, V.W. Bro Gary Fitzpatrick will be holding Golf Lessons at the 4 Seasons Golf Club.

Details are to follow. All events are free, but donations to the District Charity Project would be most welcome.

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

Integrity has no need of rules.
- Albert Camus (1913-1960)

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 -
To Be Announced To Be Announced

FYI

The Rev. William Dodd, first Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, was hanged for forgery on June 2nd, 1777.

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

Grand Lodge Website

The Grand Lodge Website (www.grandlodge.on.ca) has been completely refreshed. Now, a 21st century site to be proud of. There are many, varied resources for all Masons in the Members 'Login' Section. This is your invitation to login and explore. Keep a watch for our new and exciting feature 'My Grand Lodge' social media, internal to our membership. Your comments or suggestions are most welcome. For assistance, contact the webmaster (webmaster@grandlodge.on.ca).

Remember the North East Corner

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

Even if you've signed a donor card, you still need to register your consent to donate. It only takes a couple of minutes. But in doing so, you could one day save 8 lives and enhance 75 more. Not a bad return on investment, eh? Register now.

www.beadonor.ca



Toronto East District Email Lists

We have migrated the mailing lists for Toronto East District news to the list manager on the Toronto East District website. This will allow you to add or remove your name from the list, as you see fit. It will also allow for changes in moderators without having to rebuild the list.

Toronto East District has two email lists,

news@torontoeastdistrict.com and

'News' provides information on activities in the district outside of the lodge room (news, deaths, Grand Lodge announcements, etc.).

events@torontoeastdistrict.com.

'Events' reports on activities in the lodge room (special meetings, This Week in Toronto East known as TWiTE).

We hope that you see the advantage of being on these two lists. Also, if you know a brother who isn't on these lists, you can direct them to www.torontoeastdistrict.com/events.html where they can elect to join one or both.



You control your participation in the lists by subscribing or unsubscribing. Click on the links on the Communications Committee page of the website,

www.torontoeastdistrict.com/resources/committees/communication.html.

You will receive an email that asks you to click on a link that verifies your email address.

To communicate with the Communications chairman, please continue to use his egoodwin@rogers.com address. The addresses of the lists are strictly for publishing information and messages sent to them will not be answered.

You Got Stuff?



For 20 years, Doric Lodge has engaged in inter-visitations with Hamilton Lodge in Jamaica. Every 2-1/2 years, one of the lodges travels to the other and is put up and entertained at the expense of the host lodge. In 2014, the Jamaicans will be coming to Toronto. For some unknown reason, they can never be persuaded to come in February. The cost of hosting is considerable, and fund raising has begun.

With the holidays over, there might be items you would be willing to donate to a Yard Sale taking place this May. Rather than dispose of something you replaced at Christmas, could you keep the Yard Sale in mind? Livestock and family members will not be considered.

Doric Lodge wants to make the Yard Sale a huge success, but really needs many items of value. Now is the time to start thinking about it. Hidden treasures are needed. Perhaps speak with your neighbours about donations as well.

If you have items of value and no room to store them, Doric Lodge will pick them up.

Contact: Ed Lang @ olelangsignsca@yahoo.ca or 905-839-5213

Responsibility

I hear brethren commenting on how no one is telling them anything. They joined Freemasonry to learn how to be better men. To learn the secrets of life. They are not being taught anything. What is all this symbolism about?

From the moment an Entered Apprentice is given his first set of working tools, he is responsible for using them. Why are they given to him if he is not expected to use them? Why did he take them if he didn't believe he was expected to use them? Did he believe the lessons they brought were going to be absorbed by osmosis? Did he believe someone else would do the work with the tools he took into his own hands and expect he would get the benefit of that labour? Don't wait for knowledge and understanding to be handed to you. That day will never come.

Chop your own wood, and it will warm you twice.
- Bro. Henry Ford (1863-1947)



International Gathering of Masonic Lodges Named for St. Alban

Quinte St. Alban's Lodge in the Toronto Don Valley District, will host the 60th Annual International Gathering of Masonic Lodges Named for St. Alban on September 20 - 22, 2013. Masons and their ladies are expected from Canada, the U.S.A., the U.K. and Germany. Brethren and their ladies who are not associated with a St. Alban's Lodge are always welcome to attend.



Fully registered participants will enjoy a Friday evening social get-together, lunch and Lodge meeting for Brethren on the Saturday afternoon, a ladies' program during the day on Saturday, and a banquet for everyone on Saturday evening. Single tickets will be available for lunch and for the banquet. The cost of the various events will be made known once it has been determined.

The main venue is the Holiday Inn (Yorkdale), and the lunch and Lodge meeting will be held at the York Masonic Temple. Those interested should mark the dates on their calendar now.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee is R.W. Bro. E. Roy Harrison, and the joint Registrars are R.W. Bro. Ian D. Nichols, and his wife Jean.

Further information can be obtained by sending an e-mail message to 2013gathering.to@gmail.com.

I Was Wondering

Do the Deacons cross or lock their wands?

The Deacons cross (more usually lock) their wands. (See Meeting the Challenge, No. 2, p. 82). Meeting the Challenge-1976-Pg. 82, Sec. 2-*If the visiting Grand Lodge officer is entitled to assume the gavel, the Worshipful Master directs the Deacons to attend with their wands. The Senior Deacon is on the right of the visiting officer to be received. The Deacons cross (more usually lock) their wands as the officer enters. If the visiting officer is not entitled to assume the gavel, the deacons do not attend with their wands.*

Is there any time when the Tyler may be directed to “tyle the outer door and sit within the entrance of the lodge”?

Certainly not when a degree is being conferred, but when Masonic Education is being given or a presentation is being made the Worshipful Master may decide that this is appropriate.

Does the Inner Guard carry the sword (or wear a baldric holding it) while the lodge is open?

See the Guidelines for Officers, Pg. 23, No. 3).

Guidelines for Lodge Officers in the Mechanics of The Work-1985-Pg23, No. 3 (publication is now obsolete and has been replaced by the rubrics in the latest edition of The Work - but not quite)-*It is quite UNNECESSARY for the Inner Guard to have the sword in hand for openings, closings and admissions of members and visitors. The sword ought to be taken in hand ONLY when the Worshipful Master directs that the candidate be admitted in the Entered Apprentice Degree*



Can a Brother affiliate from a lodge in another jurisdiction?

If all of the requirements of the applicable Sections of the Book of Constitution are met (See Sections 209, 363, 364, 366, 367, 368, 360, 362, 361, 358 and 359.)

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 209-*If any member shall be under suspension from his lodge or shall have failed to comply with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for membership in any other lodge.*

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 363-*An applicant for affiliation including an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason may make application provided that he is of the full age of twenty-one years at the time of signing his application.*

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 364-*The procedure for balloting on an application for affiliation shall, so far as applicable, be the same as for an application for initiation.*

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 366-*A Brother who has been suspended or who has demitted (dues owing) must have been restored by his lodge before he can apply for affiliation.*

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 367-*When a lodge has ceased to exist, any member thereof shall be eligible to affiliate with another lodge on producing a Certificate of Standing issued by the Grand Secretary.*

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 368-*An applicant for affiliation, who has been rejected, may apply again to the same or any other lodge without waiting for any specified time.*

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 360-*A lodge dues card or other evidence of membership, a Certificate of Demission, or a Certificate of Standing must accompany the application for affiliation.*

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 362-*The procedure for processing an application for affiliation shall, so far as applicable, be the same as for an application for initiation except that notifications in the lodge summons shall contain the name and number of the lodge of the applicant.*

(1981)

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 361-*An application for affiliation shall not be entertained unless the applicant has resided for a period of at least one year in the Province of Ontario immediately prior to the date of his application.*

(1981)

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 358-*An application for affiliation shall be in accordance with prescribed Form 7 and signed by the applicant. This shall be the only document which the applicant shall be required to sign for his Application for Affiliation. Affiliation fee must accompany the Form.*

(1998)

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 359-*An application must be recommended by two members of the lodge, both of whom must be Master Masons in good standing.*

(1998)

When variations occur or errors are made in the Ritual, who has the authority to give directions and make corrections?

The Worshipful Master is to “employ and instruct his brethren”; he is also committed to uphold Section 7 of the Book of Constitution.

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 7-*No addition or alteration of the Ritual shall be made except that authorized by the Ritual Committee.*

When balloting, from whom does the Senior Deacon collect the ballot first?

Although there is no specific direction, most lodges collect the ballot from the Worshipful Master first, then proceed in a clockwise direction, collecting the Immediate Past Master’s last.



Can the ballot be collected at the altar?

The Worshipful Master may require the members to ballot at the altar. (See Sec. 343 of the Book of Constitution)

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 343-Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 342, the Master may require the members to ballot at the altar.

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 342-The Master shall then order the Deacons to collect the ballots, whereupon the Senior Deacon shall proceed to do so with the white box, with the drawer closed, in which each member shall deposit a white ball if he wishes to vote for the applicant, or a black ball if he wishes to vote against him. The Junior Deacon shall follow with a black box, with the drawer closed, and collect the reserved ballots.

When there are two or more applicants, when does the Worshipful Master seek consent for a collective ballot?

A collective ballot requires unanimous consent. The Worshipful Master should seek this after informing members of the particulars of each applicant. (See the Book of the Constitution, Sec. 337 and 348).

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 337-When the order of balloting is reached, the Master shall direct the Junior Warden to notify members of the lodge in the ante-room that a ballot is about to be taken. After all members desirous of balloting have entered, the Master shall inform all members of the particulars of each applicant. No brother shall be admitted or allowed to retire during the balloting, except to receive the ballot of the Tyler, who shall be informed by the Master of the purpose of the ballot.

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 348-By unanimous consent, a collective ballot may be passed for two or more applicants at the same time; but, if unfavourable, the ballot shall be taken again for each applicant separately.

Can the Worshipful Master order a second ballot after he inspects the ballot?

If the Worshipful Master inspects the ballot (Sec. 345 of the Book of Constitution) and finds it unfavourable, he may order a second ballot. (See Sec. 347 of the Book of Constitution). It is important to remember that this action be taken immediately after he inspects the ballot, i.e., the box is not presented to the Wardens, so no declaration is made. (See Meeting the Challenge, Pg. 81, No. 9)

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 345-When the Master shall have satisfied himself that all members have balloted, he shall declare the ballot closed. The Senior Deacon shall present the white box, first to the Junior Warden, then to the Senior Warden, then to the Master for inspection. After the inspection, he shall place the ballot box upon the altar for inspection by any member who wishes to examine the ballot. The Master shall then ask the Wardens whether they find the ballot favourable or unfavourable to the applicant, and the Master shall then state how he finds the ballot.

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 347-In the event of an unfavourable ballot on any applicant for initiation, the Master may order a second ballot, if he has not already declared the applicant rejected.

Meeting the Challenge-1976-Pg. 81, No. 9-The Senior Deacon takes the White Ballot Box to Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master; they in turn examine it. The Worshipful Master has the authority to direct another ballot to be taken, in which case he directs the Deacons to destroy the ballot. Otherwise the Worshipful Master directs White Ballot Box to be placed open on the Altar, and asks if any brother wishes to examine the ballot.



Who are entitled to be received under the wands?

Those who are entitled to *preside* are received under the wands:- Grand Master, a Past Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Master.

- Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers-2004

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



St. George's Lodge 3065, Lagos, Nigeria
thanks to Hisham Jarmakani thru Joseph Curry

Do you have a picture of a Masonic Hall in downtown Some-Place-Else? Send it in and let others see.
*Brethren, it appears no one is travelling. My supply of buildings is getting VERY low.
Please!*

Eschew obfuscation.

- William Safire (1929-2009)

Saturday March 2 and 9 2013

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

These classes are open to all Masons, regardless of their office, rank or home district. It doesn't even matter if you've missed any or all of the previous sessions.



The March 2nd session will be a special emphasis for the work of the Deacons in the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees.

The March 9th session will be a wrap up and review.

We wear no regalia; dress is what's comfortable and appropriate for our gathering and our openings and closings are practice only. Questions are entertained throughout the sessions as they arise. Bring your questions and your 2012 black 'Book of the

Work' with you.



The day's schedule:-

- 9:00 a.m. - in the Banquet Hall for coffee, a social quarter of an hour and registration.
- 9:20 a.m. - Lodge will open. We will open in all three degrees and discuss the appropriate lessons while in each degree.
- 10:55 a.m. - Labour to Refreshment for a short break for necessities
- 11:05 a.m. - call back on.
- Noon - finish the formal part of the lessons by closing lodge. Return to the Banquet Hall for refreshments.

Our classes are always gatherings of profit and pleasure.

Time: 9:00 am - to Noon
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$2 for coffee and sticky buns
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704 or
Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or 416.697.0822

Saturday March 2 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 music by the one and only DJ Jimmy Mac. Dancing to that good ol' time Rock n' Roll, the kind of music that will sooth your soul! Add to that a great meal and some wonderful prizes and you have another outstanding evening. Dress is casual.



This is traditionally a sold out event. Tickets are limited. Get them *fast!* **NOTE!** - New location.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
followed by - Dessert Table
Location: St. Dunstan of Canterbury Church ← **Note**
56 Lawson Rd - opposite the Legion, lots of easily accessible parking)
Cost: \$30/ea Cash Bar
Contact: Barry Villiers @ barryvilliers@sympatico.ca or 416.438.2168

Saturday March 16, April 6 and 27 2013

Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session II



Registration by March 8 2013. This program introduces the attendees to many of the important issues regarding a Mason's journey through the chairs to that of the Worshipful Master.

The topics and materials for the program will again 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.



As in the past, the maximum number of participants for each three-session program is 24. To date the maximum has never been reached so there is lots of room for you. To ensure sufficient participation, the minimum “course load” will be 8. Registrants will be expected to attend all three sessions and actively participate throughout.

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
- To provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of Lodge Officers

Program Topics Will Include

- Responsibilities and Duties of Lodge Officers
- Preparing for Your Journey
- Best Practices - Food for Thought
- The Master’s Chair and Your Journey Towards the East
- SWOT and Implications for Each Officer in the Lodge
- Developing Your Senior Wardens’ Group
- Protocol and Etiquette
- Ritual Q’s & A’s
- Self-Development - Tips ‘ n Techniques

Registration

Complete the registration form found in the district website www.torontoeastdistrict.com and submit it with the materials fee to Bruce Palanik ***no later than*** March 8 2013. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$35 pp
Contact: Bruce Palanik @ brucepalanik@rogers.com or 905.839.7342

Monday March 18 2013

Caledonia - Irish Night

Wow, it’s hard to believe it is almost five weeks since the resounding success of our annual Scots Night and now we get to build on that success with our Annual Irish Night.



The next regular meeting of Caledonia Lodge will be their annual Irish Night and I believe we have a lined up a first class entertainer for the evening, Hugo Straney.

Hugo has done it all, radio host, a stand up comedian and singer, Hugo does all these things and does them exceedingly well. Blessed with big, strong Irish lungs, Hugo can belt out the power ballads, keep the crowd going with standard favourites, and will bring a tear to your eye with his rendition of 'Danny Boy'.

So, “If you're Irish, Come into the Parlour”- and meet Hugo Straney on March 18th. You won’t be disappointed.



The dinner will be a traditional Irish fare and will be served after Lodge at 8:30 pm.

Tickets for the evening may be reserved from any officer of Caledonia. Your Ladies are welcome.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: York Temple
Cost: \$30 pp
Contact: Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or 416.697.0822

Saturday March 23 2013

Friendship - Rusty Mason Breakfast

Been away from lodge for a while? Forgotten the protocol? Don't remember the steps and signs? Never did get the steps and signs for the 3rd Degree? Here is an opportunity to get them explained and exemplified in a casual setting. And you get breakfast as well. Please **RSVP** to ensure enough supplies.

Time: 9:00 am
Location: Doric Pickering
Cost: \$5 pp - for breakfast
Contact: Ken Fralick @ kdfralick@rogers.com or 905.831.1027

Sunday March 24 2013

4th Charles A. Sankey Lecture - Native American Freemasonry: Joseph Brant to the 21st Century

The guest lecturer will be Professor Joy Porter from the University of Hull, Hull UK.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=3a82t4aRpQ4

Dr. Joy Porter is Professor of Indigenous History, and joined the Department in October 2012. Previously, she was Senior Lecturer and Associate Dean for the College of Arts & Humanities at the University of Swansea. She gained her M.A. and PhD from the University of Nottingham in 1990 and 1993 respectively. She has over 20 publications including 6 books, has organized two externally funded major international conferences and has held Visiting Professorships at the University of Paris, Diderot and at The Clinton Institute, Dublin. She has also delivered invited lectures across Europe and North America. The research underpinning her monograph *Native American Freemasonry: Associationalism and Performance in America* (University of Nebraska Press, 2011) was funded by a Leverhulme Research Fellowship. Other aspects of her work have benefited from a number of awards (AHRC, British Academy, British Association of Canadian Studies, Association of Canadian Studies in the U.S., Canadian Government Research Award). She is currently a member of the AHRC Peer Review College (History, Thought & Culture).

In lieu of charging for admission, a [tax deductible] contribution is requested to:

Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Brock University Partnership - Project Number 2937

We would also like to remind you about the Sankey Lecture website www.sankeylectures.ca. There is information about this year's lecture, as well as the videos of the first few lectures - Dr. Andreas Önnarfors (2010), Dr. Jessica Harland Jacobs (2011) and Dr. Steven Bullock (2012).

Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Brock University



500 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines
Cost: Donation to Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Brock University Partnership
- Project Number 2937

Wednesday March 27 2013

Toronto East District - Mechanics of the Work

This class is open to all Masons, regardless of their office, rank or home district. It doesn't even matter if you've missed any or all of the other sessions.

The Saturday morning workshop for all masons which provides an opportunity to learn and practice the mechanics of the work in all three Degrees is coming east, Doric Pickering Masonic Hall to be precise.

The Doric Pickering Masonic Hall Board has kindly allowed us to use the facility and the Brethren of Friendship Lodge have offered to facilitate the evening by providing refreshments at the festive board.

Under the stewardship and guidance of W. Bro. Denis Rankin, lodge will open at 7:30 in the First Degree and continue through to the Third with ample opportunity to ask questions and receive pointers regarding the subtleties of our ritual.



Special emphasis will be given to the work of the Deacons and the presence of R.W. Bro. Bruce N. Palanik will provide an excellent opportunity to practice receiving visitors and Grand Lodge officers into Lodge. We will also cover the collection of the Pass Grip and Pass Word by the Deacons as we open in the Second, and in the Third we will attempt to bring some light to the 'signs', in particular the Five Points of Fellowship.

The evening will conclude with a 'formal' banquet where we will focus on the protocol and etiquette of arranging the seating of a head table, introducing the same, the order of recognitions, toasts and introductions.

The entire evening will be conducted in a casual yet business like manner in order to promote an atmosphere of learning.

No regalia will be worn and dress will be business casual.

Brethren are encouraged to bring the latest 2012 copy of the Book of the Work for reference purposes.

Our classes are always gatherings of profit and pleasure.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704 or
Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or 416.697.0822



Wednesday March 27 2013

Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory - Knights Templar - Royal Arch Masons Night



Are you a Royal Arch Mason who professes a belief in the Holy Trinity and is seeking more light in Masonry?

If so, you are cordially invited by the Presiding Preceptor Em. Kt. Richard B. Allgood, the Officers and the Sir Knights of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory to a Knight Templar information session for Royal Arch Masons.

We are a worldwide Masonic organization who welcomes into our organization any Royal Arch Mason who professes Christian ideals, believes in the Holy and Undivided Christian Trinity and seeks the society of men pledged to the practice of Christian Virtues and deeds of Charity. If you wish to learn more please join us. Refreshments will be served following the presentation. No regalia are required.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Thornhill Masonic Hall
30 Elgin St., Thornhill
Contact: Richard Allgood @ rall@sympatico.ca or 416. 284.8919

A large volume of adventures may be grasped within this little span of life, by him who interests his heart in everything.

- Laurence Sterne (1713-1768), Tristram Shandy-1760

Saturday April 7 2013

Habitat for Humanity Build Day



Your friendly neighbourhood bureaucrats have been ‘helping’ with this project and the date of the Build Day is getting bounced around. Hopefully, this will be the last change.

No doubt, long before we stood in the north east corner of the lodge, Charity has been an integral part of our personal fabric, and yet the pure virtue itself can become less tangible and even lost in the distraction of process, routine, tax receipts, etc. (we are asked - we pull out our chequebooks). Our roots are as Operatives, we are “doers” more than “sayers”, and yet very few of our charitable endeavours grant us the opportunity to be truly charitable in deed (and not just in pocketbook) as Habitat for Humanity does. I am reminded of the parable in the Volume of the Sacred Law where the widow threw less than a penny’s worth into the Temple collection - Jesus called her out and noted that she had given more than the rich had given: “For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.” (Mark 12:44). I know for myself, and for many of you, time is the most valuable asset we have. What then is more purely charitable - and Masonically charitable - than giving of our time to build a home for a deserving family in our community?

We have committed to filling 15 positions on this volunteer team and we need your help. You can sign up by [clicking on this link](#) and then selecting “Join This Team.” If you are unable to participate by building you can always sponsor our build by selecting “Sponsor This Team.”

Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm



Location: New Crescent (697 Danforth Rd.)
Cost: \$75 pp - minimum amount each team member must raise
Contact: Joseph Curry @ joseph.curry@gmail.com or 647-893-6298

The Golden Fleece

A frequent Masonic question is “What is the legend of the Golden Fleece and what is its relation to the lambskin apron and Roman Eagle?”

The legend of the Golden Fleece has been handed down from time immemorial. Mythology tells us that the Golden Fleece was supposed by the Greeks to be hidden in a remote land far across the trackless sea. This precious fleece grew upon the back of a ram, the gift of one of their gods. The ram was constantly guarded by bulls that breathed fire and by a dragon that never slept. The promise to the Greeks was (so the fable went) that if they could find and recover the Golden Fleece and bring it to Greece, wealth and prosperity would abound in that country. The hope of redeeming that promise led to the formation of an order that embraced in its membership many of the most illustrious men of that period, who were called Argonauts from the name of the ship, Argo, on which they sailed. Tradition is replete with the daring deeds and suffering of those men in the cause in which they enlisted. The badge of the order was the symbol of a Golden Fleece.



A standing live ram, held by a hoisting belt, was the emblem adopted by the Duke of Burgundy when he founded the Order of the Golden Fleece in 1430.

At a later, though still ancient, period, there was formed among the Romans an order that embraced only those renowned in war. Its symbol was the Roman Eagle. Of these two orders, the object of one was worldly wealth; the object of the other was military glory. Both orders have faded from the face of the earth, as surely will perish all orders founded on sordid or vain desires.

But allegedly more ancient than the order of the Golden Fleece or that of the Roman Eagle is the order whose badge is a lambskin or white leather apron, whose aim is innocence and purity of life, and whose object is charity. That this order, Freemasonry, has survived, while all others have perished, teaches us that if we live in accordance with its tenets, we, too, shall persevere.

There is a much more practical explanation of the legend of the Golden Fleece. From the earliest days, it was known that a sheepskin placed in the bed of a stream where there was alluvial gold would catch and entangle the fine particles of gold and small nuggets as they rolled down the streambed. The fleece was then carefully removed from the stream, dried, and the gold dust shaken out into a suitable container.

Author: Anonymous
Publisher: Veritatem Petite (Seek the Truth)
Research Lodge of New South Wales, Australia
5998



Sunday April 14 2013

Toronto East District - Annual Divine Service



All are encouraged to attend, Masons, non-Masons, their families and friends. Regalia are to be worn and Masters to wear their collars.

Time: 9:30 am - Assemble
10:00 am - Service Begins
Location: St. Dunstan of Canterbury
56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough (west of Meadowvale Rd.)
Contact: Joe Das @ joedas683@gmail.com or 416.291.6444

Saturday April 20 2013

Birch Cliff, Canada, Scarboro and Wexford - Friend to Friend

Do you know someone who has shown an interest in Freemasonry? Do you have a co-worker or neighbour who has the attributes that would make them a suitable candidate for Masonry? If so, bring them along to this morning of information for perspective candidates.

Time: 10:00 am
Location: Doric Pickering

Saturday April 20 2013

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 a bargain price for a lovely meal at such an establishment. You can 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 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: \$50.00 per person
Contact: Nick Zarafonitis @ tsfd@bellnet.ca or 905.477.1161



Tuesday April 30 2013

Toronto and York Districts - Grand Master's Reception

Honouring Most Worshipful Bro. D. Garry Dowling. No tickets will be available at the door. Ladies most welcome.

Time: 5:30 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall
60 Mcdowell Gate, Markham
Cost: \$60.00 pp
Contact: Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7388, or your District Deputy Grand Master while on his travels



I wish you a world free of demons and full of light.
- Carl Sagan (1934-1996)

Thursday May 30 2013

Scottish Rite - Master Masons Night



Another special evening open to all Master Masons who wish to learn more about Freemasonry. Invite a brother from your own Masonic lodge as a guest of the Valley of Toronto for the evening. Witness the portrayal of the colourful and impressive 21st degree.

We invite all Master Masons to be our guests. A ticket is required for admittance. Contact your Scottish Rite lodge representative or Scottish Rite District Chairman.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Rameses Masonic Centre
3100 Keele St.
Cost: \$10 pp - members only
Contact: Elroy MacKinnon @ elroy@sympatico.ca or 905.839.5789 or any Scottish Rite District Chairman



... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Energy Of Our Passions

“The universe is a vast net of energy rays. The primary ray is that which emanates from the Subtle Origin, and it is entirely positive, creative, and constructive. Each being, however, converts the energy of this primary ray into its own ray, and these lower rays can be either positive or negative, constructive or destructive.”¹

There is a story from a small Indian volume entitled *I Am My Best Self*. It is a teaching story, like the Sufi teaching stories dispensed by the Sufi Sages in the Islamic tradition. In it, a small boy starts out at the close of the school year to return to his village. He ambles aimlessly through the countryside until the night approaches. He huddles in a field, cold and wet. His carefree thought gone, he wonders. “What if there were wild animals around? What if they were hungry? What if they were looking for a meal right this very minute? What if a tiger were to find me here?”

Before he could think even one more terrified thought, a tiger really did appear. The little boy mentally asks the tiger to leave and it does. The story in its simplicity illustrates the power of negative thinking and the power of positive thinking.

“Taking a deep breath, he concentrated all of his attention and energy on the tiger. Then, shutting his eyes, he wishes with all his might that the tiger would disappear.”

Poof! With as little a sound as that, the tiger was gone! He was just nowhere to be seen . . .

This was awesome! The whole situation had changed. Chinmai now understood. It is our mind that gives us our power. As we think, our lives will be! This had to be the most important lesson he had ever learnt. He was excited that he wanted to shout it out to the world. “Hey listen! Thoughts do work.”

Tonight our inspiration comes from Chinese wisdom. The Chinese spirituality is not anthropomorphic - a word meaning shaped like a human form. God in the Sistine Chapel ceiling reaches out and touches Adam. This is an anthropomorphic image of God the Creator.

The Chinese mind is more intellectual and metaphysical, more attuned to principles and not individual personalities. The universe is a constant play of energies, passive and active, yin and yang constantly changing and interacting. The task of the sage is to adjust his response, his energy from moment to moment to this kaleidoscope of change. To the Chinese, like attracts like, negatively evokes negativity. It is a law of mutual reciprocity. What goes around comes around. “As you sow, thus shall ye reap.”



But let us continue with a second quotation from a contemporary Taoist master: -

¹ Hua Ha Ching, The Hungry Tiger of Our Thoughts.



“This law reveals that energy of a specific vibration frequency responds to and attracts energies of a corresponding frequency. Thus, one’s experience is determined by the energy one embodies. If one is in harmony with universal law, the manifestations of one’s physical, emotional and mental energies will be harmonious. If one violates the laws of nature, one manifests disorder and disharmony in one’s life.”¹

Growing up many, many years ago, the newspaper contained a comic strip called “Lil Abner” written by Al Capp. Lil Abner was a muscular hillbilly and he had a girlfriend named Daisy Mae. Another character drifting in and out of the columns was Joe Btfsplk: A forlorn character with a little black cloud over his head - always surrounded by a circle of calamities. As I recall, Lil Abner and Daisy Mae always fled in consternation when Joe appeared.



Tradition teaches harmony arrives when one submits to the laws, rules and regulations of the specific traditions; whether it be Buddhism, Judaism, Shintoism, Taoism, Islam, Christianity, or Hinduism. Tradition maintains these are sacred revelations from the supreme level of consciousness to the material plane. Masonry, while not a revelation, is a stream of wisdom, trickling down from the fount of divine wisdom, a stream with the power to regulate our passions. The stream is embodied in the ritual, which if followed, enacted, and remembered has the power to harmonize and transform the participants. I must add, a ritual that is not altered by subservience to the modern spirit.

If one is in harmony with universal law, the manifestations of one’s physical, emotional, and mental energies will be harmonious. If one violates the laws of nature, one manifests discordant disharmony in one’s life.

A contemporary sage once remarked that most physical illnesses are all psychosomatic (i.e., reflections on the physical plane of psychological disequilibrium). Medical science has documented profound changes in the immunologic defences of the human body in those exhibiting profound negativity, those who grieve for lengthy periods at the loss of a loved one, for instance. It’s quite a stretch to think the devastations of inflammatory arthritis, heart disease and cancer are not solely genetic, but triggered by emotion psychic and spiritual imbalance. I leave you to reflect and speculate on these assertions.

The Chinese approach to the material world is more akin to the scientific understanding of modern physics where the material world is, in some views, a focus of congealed energy. At least this layman takes away such a view after a very superficial scientific education.

The ancient Chinese and Indian sages would or could argue that thought is a form of energy. Certainly thought when it takes form as speech has the power to inflame or to sooth, to degrade or elevate. Witness the effects of Hitler’s rhetoric in the 1930s.

I think the Chinese and Indian sages would argue that brotherly love is an energy, an energy to be cultivated or developed. The question then arises, how does one cultivate the energy of brotherly love? How does one subdue every discordant passion?

The candidate submits to the laws, rules, and regulations of the Craft. By submitting and attendance at the Stated Meetings and degrees, the ritual shapes and nurtures the innate capacity for brotherly love, relief, and truth. These capacities, actualized by authentic ritual, then are manifested in Masonic charity.

¹ Hua Ching Ni, Tao: The Subtle Universal Law and the Integral Way of Life



Since my entry into the Craft over thirty years ago, the Craft in many circles has been dominated by negative thinking. A magnificent building on 6th and Smith was abandoned in part because it lacked elevator access for the frail and elderly. Masonic councils are, in some locales, a sparring ground for factional disputes. Is this failure to harmonize our Masonic interactions the result of ritual weakening and devaluation; a failure of intent; or a misunderstanding of how things actually work? The Taoist Sages believe it is a failure of spiritual attunement; too much noise in the jargon of the ham radio operator.

Why do we subdue our passions? In tune with the theme of this paper, we subdue our passions in order to divert that energy, embodied in the passions, into the channel hallowed out by the practice of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, that channel leading to greater spiritual fulfillment and realization.

With this last random thought, let us merge into silence before we close the Lodge.

Author: Anonymous
Publisher: T.F.S. (Three, Five, Seven)
erhmasonic@gmail.com
<http://halpaus.blogspot.com/>
www.halpaus.net



ADMINISTRATION:

Hiram's Lighthouse is your newsletter. It is published on the last day of every month. If **Hiram's Lighthouse** does not have the content you would prefer, it is because the editor does not have that content available. With 19 lodges currently in the district, including grip-and-grin pictures of the Official Visit, Installation and Ladies Night of each lodge would dominate the content. If you want something more, please submit it. Please feel free to offer suggestions, submissions for ... **by the Lighthouse Beam**, book and film reviews, and topics of Masonic interest.

We also ask all Secretaries and Worshipful Masters to inform their lodge members of the existence of the newsletter and how to subscribe to it.

Anyone wishing to get on the subscription list should personally send a message to hiramslighthouse@rogers.com including your full name, with a subject of Newsletter.

Be aware that **Hiram's Lighthouse** DOES NOT respond to any email security messages. It is the subscriber's responsibility to ensure that **Hiram's Lighthouse** is white listed.

To get a notice into the newsletter at least one month before the event, send a message to hiramslighthouse@rogers.com with all the information and we'll run it every month until the function is past.

Moving? Changing ISPs? Remember to send in your new snail-mail and email addresses to both your lodge secretary and **Hiram's Lighthouse** - hiramslighthouse@rogers.com

FYI - There are currently 248 names and growing on the **Hiram's Lighthouse** subscription list.

Terry Spalding-Martin F.C.F.
Toronto East District Newsletter Editor
Doric Lodge #424 G.R.C.
hiramslighthouse@rogers.com

If this newsletter was received at your email address in error, please inform the newsletter editor and delete the message.

