

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003
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Nowhere does Masonry include wishful thinking as one of the seven liberal arts - except when you petition the Knights Templar.

- Bro. Brian Fegely, Masonic Light Email Forum

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

After 16 days, 24 medals including 2 fabulous hockey gold medals, the Olympics are done for another 2 years. What a marvellous spectacle of sport, and sportsmanship. Everyday brought new adventures for our Canadian athletes, and did they ever do us proud.

Every Olympic Games, it never ceases to amaze me, the phenomenal achievements by the athletes. They certainly apply the lessons we learn about our 1st degree working tools to perfection. The determination, perseverance and commitment is something we can all learn from.

A special congratulation goes out to Bro. Brad Jacobs and his curling rink from Sault Ste. Marie on their Gold medal performance. Brad is the Inner Guard in his lodge in the Soo.



On February 15, we had our Inaugural Toronto East District Chilli Cook-off and fundraiser. Thank you to The Guardians for their wonderful work. Special thanks to the brother whose idea the event was; Bro. Russ Richardson of The Beaches Lodge. From the moment Russ mentioned the idea to me and his group, he worked tirelessly to ensure its success. And a success it was. Enough funds were raised to purchase and place 1 MIKEY unit. Fantastic work brethren. And Russ, don't worry; your hair will grow back. After careful deliberation, a winner of the cook off had to be picked, and I'm happy to report that Bro. Joe Curry was declared the winner. Well done Joe, you have won the honour of supplying the Chilli for the Grand Lodge meeting this coming July.

The Official Visit season has gotten off to a fantastic start. Those of you, who have been able to attend, know that I try to deliver a talk each night that is



personal in nature, with the hope that it will trigger your own interpretations. Well it certainly won't get any more personal than it will at the Official Visit of The Beaches Lodge. Bro. Joe Curry has graciously agreed that night to present a shortened version of his paper that was so well received at The London Masonic Education Conference. I am certainly looking forward to hearing Joe speak, and I urge as many of you as possible to come out on March 6 at York Temple.

The Canadian Cancer Society has designated March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. Many of us reading this have been affected by the seemingly countless different strains of Cancer. Don't be embarrassed. Get your proper examinations. A large number of us are at the age where we are considered higher risk for these types of cancers. Be proactive. Get your colonoscopy or colorectal check done. Trust me; any embarrassment will be short lived.

I don't know about you brethren, but I'm pretty tired of this cold. Spring is just around the corner; seems like a never-ending corner, but it is. Next week, the days will get longer with movement of the clocks, and in no time, we will be in shorts and sandals again. Pass the time in the WARM welcome and fellowship of your brethren at the upcoming Official Visits. The District Secretary and I would be so happy to see many of you there. Bring some of your Lodge's newer Masons. Introduce them to that great privilege of visitation that we enjoy. You and they won't regret it.

May the Great Architect of the Universe look over you and yours.

R.W. Bro. David J. Neave
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District





EVENTS CALENDAR:

March 2014

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | | | | | <u>1</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 6/7 see below East Toronto * West Hill - Oldies Dance see below St. Dunstan's | <u>2</u> |
| <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> * West Hill - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto | <u>6</u> * The Beaches - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm York | <u>7</u> * Todmorden - Pancake Brunch and New Temple Information Session see below East Toronto | <u>8</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 7/7 see below East Toronto | <u>9</u> Daylight Savings Begin  |
| <u>10</u> * Scarborough - Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>13</u> * Todmorden - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto | <u>14</u> * Birch Cliff - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto | <u>15</u> | <u>16</u> Rainbow Girls - Pancake Luncheon All welcome 1:00 pm see below Doric Pickering |
| <u>17</u> St. Patrick's Day * Acacia - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto * Caledonia - Irish Night see below York | <u>18</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>20</u> 1st Day of Spring  I thought it would never come! | <u>21</u> * Wexford - Scotch Tasting Proceeds to the District Charity 8:00 pm see below Doric Pickering | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> |
| <u>24</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - East End see below Doric Pickering | <u>25</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> * Friendship - Rusty Masons Breakfast 9:00 am \$5.00 pp Doric Pickering | <u>30</u> GLCPO - Charles A. Sankey 2014 Lecture 3:00 pm see below Brock University |
| <u>31</u> * An Evening with M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw - 30 Years a Past Grand Master see below Le Parc Banquet Hall | | | | | | |



April 2014

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | <u>1</u> April Fools Day  | <u>2</u> * Brougham Union - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm DDGM's Lodge Claremont | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> * Wexford - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> |
| <u>7</u> * Mimosa - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm Aurora ← | <u>8</u> * Caledonia - Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm York | <u>9</u> * Markham Union - Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Claremont | <u>10</u> * Coronati - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>13</u> |
| <u>14</u> Passover An 8-day celebration commemorating the exodus of the Israelite slaves from the Egyptians under Pharaoh Rameses II. | <u>15</u> * Riverdale-John Ross Robertson - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto | <u>16</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>18</u> Good Friday | <u>19</u> | <u>20</u> Easter  |
| <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> * Birch Cliff - P&E Session Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> |
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AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity



The District Deputy this year has chosen The Mikey Network as his Charity of choice. The Mikey Network works to promote heart healthy lifestyles. They are committed to placing “MIKEYs” (Automatic External Defibrillators) in high-risk locations to help people affected by sudden cardiac arrest. This is not your regular charity. This is a network of people who want to make a real difference in the lives of people just like us, in neighbourhoods just like yours with a life saving device, with the MIKEY unit. They receive not Government or United Way funding and must achieve their goals through support from organizations and individuals like us. So far, 16 people have been saved by a MIKEY! Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any time. This is why we need MIKEYs in Toronto East District.

Thank you.
V.W. Bro. Gerry Newall
District Chairman

Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people.
- Spencer Johnson

Remember the North East Corner

Community Care Durham (CCD), established in 1977, is a multi-service registered charitable organization committed to providing access to a range of services needed to maintain well-being, independence and quality of life. Services are provided free of charge or for a minimal fee and are administered through various service locations across Durham Region.



- **Meals on Wheels:** Nutritious hot or frozen meals are delivered by volunteers to clients in their homes. Online ordering is now available in Ajax-Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington, Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock Township.
- **Transportation:** Volunteers provide transportation to clients for medical appointments, shopping, etc.
- **Friendly Visiting:** Volunteers visit on a regular basis to share in activities and companionship with clients.
- **Luncheon Out:** Group outings for clients to enjoy a nutritious meal and entertainment in a social setting.
- **Telephone Reassurance:** Volunteers provide regular contact to check on the well-being of clients.
- **Home Help:** Brokered helpers provide assistance with light housekeeping, etc.
- **Home Maintenance:** Brokered helpers provide assistance with yard work, snow shovelling, etc.
- **Foot Care Clinics:** Services are provided by registered foot care nurses.

Many of us have already had need for their services, and if not, will do in the future. *There is a great need for volunteers as drivers* to provide Friendly Visiting, Transportation and Meals on Wheels. Volunteers find the experience very satisfying as the clients are usually very grateful to receive contact and assistance that otherwise would not be available. Please help, providing charity in the form of personal time and assistance rather than a cheque.

www.communitycaredurham.on.ca/contact.html



FYI

In 1954, Martin's Station Lodge No. 188 of Virginia was opened 952 feet below the surface of Cumberland Mountain in Cudjo's Cave, which lies between Cumberland Gap, Tennessee and Middleburo, Kentucky. Three hundred and forty-five Masons were present and a Master Mason degree was conferred.

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

Toronto East Masonic Centre



In all honesty, not much progress has occurred since the February update as the Board was awaiting updated drawings from KirKor that were received on February 22. With these in hand, the Board is expecting more activity to occur between now and the end of April.

As of February 24, the Board of Directors is actively looking for partners and/or partnerships to assist in either the financing or development of the project, with the intent the Temple portion itself will be self-sufficient. If you know someone who fits the bill, and has interest, have them contact any of the Directors listed below. There is an executive summary of the project available.

As of today, February 23, I have not received any questions as I requested in my last report. If you do have questions, once again, please forward them to projectco@outlook.com.

On March 8th, at Chisholm Temple, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Directors will be present at the Pancake Breakfast to answer any questions Brethren may have about this project. Copies of the most current design package will be available for you for review and comment. The Directors look forward to seeing all interested parties and answering all questions.

2316543 Ontario Limited, a for-profit corporation, is also known as ProjectCo. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Toronto East Masonic Centre (TEMC). TEMC is a non-profit organization created by Masons of Lodges in Toronto East District for the purpose of building and maintaining a new Masonic temple. The members of its Board of Directors are: Gerry Campbell (Chair), Jim McKinnon (President), Bob Steenson (Treasurer), Michael Morris (Secretary), Joe Lefevre and Roy Gomes.

- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373

Masonic Tour of Scotland

In both 2010 and 2012, I organized Masonic trips to Scotland. Eight people attended in 2010, including Past Grand Master Allan Petrisor. Twenty-four participated in 2012, a group that included both Masons, their wives and families.

Flights were by way of Air Transat to and from Glasgow.

We rented shared accommodation in a series of two and three bedroom apartments in Edinburgh and hired a bus for eight outside of town tours. As well, we took a train ride to Glasgow.

Amongst the Lodges we either visited as a Lodge meeting or as a group were Lodge Kilwinning No. 0; Cannongate Kilwinning No. 2; Trafalgar Lodge No.



223; Lodge Anima, Glasgow, and others. As a group, we toured the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

We also toured a distillery, a brewery, Castles and other tourist attractions. Not to forget Rosslyn Chapel.

We are contemplating doing this again in September 2014 beginning late in the month and carrying over to early October.



Costs will be similar to 2012. We rented shared accommodation in a series of two and three bedroom apartments and the cost for the two-week period came in at around \$500. It could be slightly higher this time. Flights are listing at between \$850 and \$900. The cost for the eight bus trips was around \$300-\$350. Food purchases are at your own choice.

Initially I will be looking for a deposit to cover accommodation and buses. Flights would be left to book on your own directly.

I would be happy to send any interested person an application form and a report on our previous trip.

ED: Brethren, this is not an idea you can sit and ruminate on. Since I received the initial notice, places have been filling up. The accommodations are booked. Ground travel is being arranged. Air flights are up to the individual and should NOT be delayed. If you want to do it, make contact ASAP!

Contact: Roy Cummings @ bowtowca@gmail.com or 905.632.1858
573 Chamberlain Rd.
Burlington, ON
L7L 2V2

Tough Mudder?

So! You think you're tough! Well at least middling fit. You don't puff and blow taking those three steps up to the front door. Here's an opportunity to show us your stuff.

TOUGH MUDDER Toronto 2014

The members of Caledonia lodge are putting together a team of Freemasons and their families to take part in Tough Mudder at Mount St. Louis Moonstone in Coldwater ON on Aug. 17 2014. All proceeds go towards the Wounded Warrior Foundation, which is a worldwide charity that helps the troops returning home who have been hurt in the line of duty. Tough Mudder itself is a 19.5 km obstacle course that includes mud, ice, water and electrical wires. The race is about helping each other finish not how fast you finish.



www.toughmudder.com

So if you wanna have some fun and push yourself while helping others, join the Hiram's Mudders.

Training sessions will start to be scheduled starting in March/April 2014

For more information or to register please

Contact: Michel Willett @ michaelawillett@hotmail.com or 647.999.3166



Saturday February 15 2014

T.E.D. - Hair For Heart

A message from the organizer, Russ Richardson.

I would like to thank you for your help and support with the ‘HAIR FOR HEART’ Fundraiser.

I have been through the figures and in total (after collecting \$95 from outstanding sponsors), we have raised EXACTLY \$2,000 to purchase a Mikey.

It is good to see our combined efforts have been effective, and [we] should be proud of the work we have done. . . . It was a huge success. . . .

We have made a difference.

S&F,

Russ

Saturday February 22 2014

Coronati - 2nd Annual Family Day

The brethren of Coronati, together with their families, friends and DeMolays celebrated a day of basketball, games, darts, zumba classes, basic martial arts and self-defense, food fun and fellowship.



Rommel Tenorio, Algene Etac - organizers
and WB Ron Cada



Coronati brethren



DeMolays



Coronati kids



I Was Wondering

In the Master Mason degree, why is there no direction for the candidate to salute when passing the Worshipful Master to go to the Wardens to prove himself?

The directions regarding saluting are given in the Book of the Work, as are the directions to approach the altar. It is the responsibility of the Deacons to instruct the candidate on these directions before they enter the lodge.

Book of the Work-2013 Pg. 181-(*Deacons then conduct candidate around the lodge three times, instructing him that on the first perambulation the Worshipful Master is passed under the Penal Sign of an Entered Apprentice, then under the 3-Fold Sign. of a Fellow Craft during both the second and third perambulations. After passing the Worshipful Master for the third time, they halt in the south and face the Junior Warden with the candidate standing directly in front of the Junior Warden. The Senior Deacon gives 3 knocks . . . with his wand.*)

Book of the Work-2013 Pg. 191-*S.D.* - *The way to approach the altar in this degree is by seven steps, commencing with the left foot, the first three as if stepping over an open grave, and the remaining four straight forward to the altar.*

Why is the book given to the Fellow Craft to learn the work different from the work at the Senior Warden's chair when he is examined before raising?

The work given to the Fellow Craft is exactly the same as he received in the floor work and repeated in the west for the Senior Warden in the Fellow Craft degree, however, in both the Fellow Craft degree and in the Master Mason degree, both conclude at 'King Solomon's Temple'. The Senior Warden does not require that the candidate repeat the name of the pillar, nor the import of the word, which he answers in the examination before raising.

Is a Master Mason, who has not proved his proficiency, allowed to wear the apron if he is attending his own lodge or visiting?

A Master Mason is entitled to wear the apron from the moment that he is invested with the distinguishing badge of a Master Mason by command of the Worshipful Master. It is his apron and it would be entirely inappropriate to remove it from him. The proving of proficiency was previously necessary before he could obtain a copy of the Book of the Work. This was amended in 1997 and is now a requirement to be eligible to become an Officer. See the Book of Constitution, Sec. 218.

Book of Constitution-2011, Sec. 218-*No brother shall be eligible to be an officer of a lodge unless he is a member thereof in good standing and has proved his proficiency in the Master Mason Degree in open lodge. (1997)*

When there are multiple candidates, when is it permissible to use the sign of the degree?



Once the point where a candidate must be conducted individually has passed, then the sign of the degree may be used. See the Book of Constitution, Sec. 374.

Book of Constitution-2011, Sec. 374-*Candidates must be taken separately up to and inclusive of:*

(a) *the charge in the north east angle in the Entered Apprentice degree;*

(b) *the obligation and explanation of the altered position of the lights*

in the Fellow Craft degree: and (1981)

(c) *the bright morning star in the Master Mason degree.*



In the Entered Apprentice degree, the Junior Warden states that the Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Skirting and the Star in the centre are the ornaments of a lodge. In the traditional history in the Master Mason degree, we hear that the ornaments of a Master Mason's lodge are the Porch, the Dormer and the Square pavement. Why did the ornaments of the lodge change?

During the lecture in the south, the Junior Warden points out to the Entered Apprentice Mason the composition of the interior of the lodge, and the moral lessons that may be derived in contemplation of the various symbols. In the Master Mason degree, the lodge did not change, but the candidate did. He is now a Master Mason and receives an explanation of our traditional history and is invited to visualize a Master Mason's lodge.

What is "darkness visible"?

See the Mechanics of the Work, p. 19, No. 1 for a good explanation.

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 19, No. 1, Worshipful Master-The lodge ought not to be darkened to the point that the movements of the Deacons and the candidate cannot be discerned at least dimly. If the lodge room does not have a dimmer switch arrange for some measure of illumination from a light at the desk of the Secretary or other means.

Where may a Master Mason obtain the correct word?

From his Worshipful Master who will give it to him in the manner which it was received from the D.D.G.M., who received it from the Custodian of the Work.

What timing is correct and what is the significance of the chimes or bells?

See the Mechanics of the Work, p. 19, No. 3 with regard to the timing; as far as the significance, perhaps we should recall the words of John Donne, "Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee."

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 19, No. 3, Worshipful Master, The 12 chimes or gongs may be sounded either before or during the rendering of "Remember"

Must the lodge be opened in the Master Mason degree for a brother to prove his proficiency, or can this be done in the Entered Apprentice degree if only Master Masons are present?

For the Examination Before Raising, the proficiency must be proved in the Master Mason degree. See the Book of Constitution, Sec. 377.

Book of Constitution-2011, Sec. 377-No brother shall be advanced to a higher degree until he has proved his proficiency in the former degree in open lodge. The examination of a Master Mason to prove his proficiency shall be held in the Master Mason degree in open lodge.

When are the Lesser Lights and the Star in the centre extinguished and relighted?

They are extinguished when the lodge is prepared, after the Deacons have retired. See the Book of the Work. They are relighted after the Bright Morning Star is, and, ". . . of the human race."

See the Book of the Work.

Book of the Work-2013, Pg. 174-(I.G. gives the alarm . . . , opens the door, and permits the Deacons to retire. The Deacons having taken the candidate in charge, the Junior Steward returns to the lodge.)



*J.S. -- The candidate is prepared, Worshipful Sir. (Step and Penal Sign of a Master Mason.)
(The lodge is darkened.)*

*Book of the Work-2013, Pg. 213- . . . that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the king of
terrors beneath our feet, and lift our eyes to the bright morning star (points to the star in the
East) whose rising gives peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race.
(The lodge to be re-lighted). The Glimmering Light In The East and the Bright Morning Star to
be turned off.)*

What are the standard requirements for the emblems of mortality?

The furnishings of a Master Masons' lodge require that we have the "emblems of mortality" available during the ceremonies. These are of course, symbolic, and all emblems are symbols. They may be obtained from regalia houses and all lodges should avail themselves of these symbolic relics.

- Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers-2004

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



London ON - Main Temple
with thanks to Joe Parker - Temple Lodge #597

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

*Never be afraid to sit awhile and think.
- Lorraine Hansberry (1930-1965)*



Saturday March 1 and 8 2014 plus Monday March 24

Mechanics of the Work Class

There are two Saturdays left in our Saturday morning classes of the Mechanics of the Work



March 1st will highlight the Deacons' work in the second and third degrees. We will also touch on the work of the Worshipful Master, the Wardens, the Inner Guard and the Stewards as well.

March 8th, the last of East Toronto classes for this season, will see a review of all that we did through our 12 previous sessions.

Expect to see reviewed, demonstrated and presented the Grand Honours; collecting of the pass grip and password, the Five Points of Fellowship, taking a ballot, coming to order, calling off and calling on as well as the floor work in the degrees.

The work is from the **2013 black Book of the Work**.

Each Saturday begins at 8:30 with coffee and doughnuts in the banquet room with class starting in the lodge room at 9:00 a.m. It usually runs until the noon hour.

Remember fellows, that this is open to all Masons, from Entered Apprentices to the most seasoned Master Mason. Each can realize the enjoyment of the 'Profit and Pleasure' offered at each session!

March 24th:- A session in Doric Pickering

Scarboro Lodge will sponsor an evening of learning the way it is to be done exactly as stated in the 2013 Book of the Work. Scarboro will hold a short meeting to do a ballot and then the class will start about 7:30 pm. Dress is casual, no regalia, IF you are just attending the class. There will be light refreshments after the class with a small amount of instruction as to how a banquet is to be conducted.

Time: 8:30 am - Coffee (*coffee!*) and stale day-old sticky buns ☺

9:00 am - noon - Classes

7:30 pm - at Doric Pickering on Monday March 24th

Location: East Toronto

Doric Pickering on Monday March 24th

Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704

Saturday March 1 2014

West Hill - Oldies Dance

A traditionally great dance with good music and great food. Dance to that Good Ol' Rock 'n Roll! A late night dessert table. Cash bar.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social

7:30 pm - Dinner

Cost: \$30.00 pp

Location: St. Dunstan of Canterbury Church

56 Lawson Rd (opposite the Legion) Toronto, ON

Contact: Gerry Ouellette @ gerry.ouellette@rogers.com or 416.412.1572



Saturday March 8 2014

Todmorden - Pancake Brunch and New Temple Information Session

Calling all Brethren.

Please join us in the banquet hall of Chisholm Temple for a brunch of pancakes, bacon, juice, coffee and tea.

And while enjoying this repast with your fellow Brothers, some members of the New Temple Building Committee will also be on hand to share their progress to date with printed handouts and endeavour to answer questions on the progress of our New Temple.



Time: 9:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Cost: all donations gratefully received
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: David Mason @ david.mason.toronto@gmail.com or 416.402.8657

Sunday March 16 2014

Rainbow Girls - Pancake Luncheon

Come out and get stuffed. Bring the kids.

There will also be a 50/50 draw and silent auction.



Portion of proceeds to go to Girls Inc.
Providing a place where a girl can experience a positive and nurturing environment for girls 6 thru 18 where they can take risks, make mistakes, ask questions, get messy and just be themselves.

Time: 1:00 pm
Cost: \$8.00 pp
\$30.00 family of four
Location: Doric Pickering
Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254

Monday March 17 2014

Caledonia - Annual Irish Night

We at Caledonia Lodge are having our annual Irish Night. All are welcome to enjoy this festive occasion.

Come and be Irish on St. Patrick's Day

Time: 7:30 pm - lodge opens
7:55 pm - visitors
8:05 pm - non-Masonic guests
Cost: \$35.00 pp
Location: York
Contact: Bryan Piper @ brianpyper@rogers.com



Friday March 21 2014

Wexford - Scotch Tasting



For all you Scotch aficionados and Scotch aficionado wannabes, come out and sample some of the many kinds and tastes of single malt scotch. Warning - this stuff is addictive and taking a liking to some of the brands and ages can be very disadvantageous to your financial well-being! But it sure tastes good! And smells even better!

Lots of food will be provided.

Proceeds to go to the district charity - The Mikey Network.

Time: 8:00 pm
Cost: \$50.00 for 5 to 8 shots of scotch
\$20.00 to eat and watch the drinkers ☺
Location: Doric Pickering
Contact: Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or 416.723.5507

Greater and Lesser Lights

In the eighteenth century the 'Moderns' at first regarded their three big candles carried in high candlesticks as the three great lights, the purpose of which was "not only to show the due course of the sun which rises in the east, has its meridian in the south and declension in the west but also to light men to, at and from their labour and also to represent "The Sun, Moon and the Master of the Lodge."

The 'Antients' took a less obvious view of the matter; to them the three great lights were the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Square and Compasses, while the three lesser lights were the candles of the Master and his Wardens. To the 'Moderns' the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Square and Compasses were known as the 'furniture' of the lodge; they are still often known in that way. Probably by the end of the century many of the 'Modern' lodges had come to look at the matter differently, and we find the Lodge of Reconciliation, after the union, adopting the 'Antient' practice as to the great lights, and agreeing that the three lesser lights are situated in the east, south, and west, and are meant to represent the sun, moon, and Master of the lodge.

In the old lodges the candles were arranged to form a triangle on the Floor of the lodge, a position which they still occupy in a few of the older Lodges, but mostly nowadays (an arrangement dating back to the early nineteenth century) the candles are at the side of the Master and the two Wardens, where the three tall candlesticks seem to do duty for the three tall pillars present in the old lodges. There does not appear to be any reason why the candlestick should be on the left or right of a pedestal, and, although the right side is the more general, the left is the more convenient so far as the work with the Candidate is concerned.

In some old French lodges there was a custom of using nine candles in the Third Degree only, in three clusters of three each, retaining the triangular arrangement. Apart from this, it is not thought that there was ever a custom of arranging the candles in different ways to indicate the degree in which the lodge was working.



In existing old lodges, there must be great diversity with regard to the positions of the candles and with regard to the customs associated with them. For example, in the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, founded in 1751, the candle in the east is lit before the Master enters the lodge. The lodge having been opened, the Wardens approach the Master's light with their candles, light them, return and place them in position, and resume their chairs. The candles stand out on the floor, Candidate passing between them and the pedestals.

Author: Bernard E. Jones

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Sunday March 30 2014

GLCPO - Charles A. Sankey Lecture

The guest lecturer will be Dr. Renée Lafferty-Salhany, Associate Professor, Department of History Brock University. The title of her presentation will be "Brothers in Arms: Freemasons and the War of 1812".

Renée Lafferty-Salhany currently teaches in the Centre for Canadian Studies as well as the History Department. Her areas of interest are modern Canadian history and culture, religion and denominationalism, and the history of voluntary organizations and public policy. Prior to joining the department at Brock, she worked as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at York University, researching an ongoing project on the history of Alcoholics Anonymous and the emergence of public health programmes in Ontario after 1935. She is also presently working on a manuscript study of children's homes and orphans' asylums in Halifax, Nova Scotia, between the late 1800s and 1960.

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

Masonic Foundation of Ontario,
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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 four lectures are available for viewing.

Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Brock University
500 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, ON
Contact: Gareth Taylor @ garethtaylor@rogers.com

Monday March 31 2014

An Evening with M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw

30 Year Past Grand Master. On this evening, R.W. Bro. Leyland Muss (Member of the Board) will be giving us the benefit of his presentation entitled "Retain, Revitalize and Renew", together with some related information from the recent Entered Apprentice Retention project. Ladies and Non Masons guests are very welcome.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Cost: \$65.00 pp
Location: Le Parc Banquet Hall



Contact: 8432 Leslie St., Thornhill (Sw corner of Leslie and Hwy 7)
Richard Lundy @ richard.lundy@sympatico.ca or 416.266.8107

But curb thou the high spirit in thy breast, for gentle ways are best, and keep aloof from sharp contentions.

- Homer (~800-700 BC)

Friday May 23 2014

Wexford - Elvis Priestly in Concert

Look! I KNEW he was alive!

Rock on to the tunes of the guy who started it all, with his band, The Elvi's and the Vanrosi Band! Bar and Light Refreshments will be available.

Proceeds to go to Epilepsy Durham to assist them in continuing to make a difference in the lives of people living with Epilepsy.



Time: 6:30 pm - doors open
7:30 to 10:00 pm - Show Time!
Cost: \$25.00 pp
Location: Armenian Centre
930 Progress Ave, Scar. (401 & Markham Rd)
Contact: George Mlynek @ 905.441.5771 or
Gordon McHallam @ 905.728.4471 or
Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or 416.723.5507

Saturday May 24 2014

Ontario Chapter - O.E.S. - Best Ball Golf Day



You are invited you to join us for a day of fun, exercise, fresh air and good company. Spring out and have fun whacking those little white balls - into the ruff, into the sand bunker, into the goose pond, into the trees and behind that great big maple tree. Great fun! Enjoy a wonderful day in the outdoors with enjoyable people.

Bring your friends and make this a truly memorable event. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please share this information with them.

Sponsorships and additional donations are most welcome.

You will get -

- golf with use of power cart
- BBQ lunch of hot dog and pop/water
- scrumptious buffet dinner
- 2 for 1 or 4 for 2 golf voucher
- contest prizes for
 - closest to the pin,



- longest drive,
- most accurate drive
- and more

Proceeds to support Grandview Kids. Each year 5,000 children and youth with special needs receive critical therapy services to help them achieve their personal best. As the demand for service increases, and space to provide service is limited, support from our community matters now more than ever. Grandview Children's Centre is an independently operated not-for-profit organization. They are the only children's treatment centre in Durham Region providing specialized programs, outpatient clinical treatment, and support to thousands of children and youth with special needs and their families. They diagnose, prescribe and provide clinical treatment, specialized programs, therapies, and specialized equipment for children and youth with communication, physical or developmental special needs as well as provide access to specialists, consultation and support for families. More information can be found at their website, www.grandviewcc.ca.

Time: 11:00 am - Registration
 Location: Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club
 6400 Steeles Ave. E., Markham, ON
 Cost: \$160.00 pp after March 31, 2014
 \$135.00 pp 'early bird' prior to March 31, 2014
 \$35.00 pp - buffet dinner only (by May 1 2014)
 Contact: Melynda Norman-Lee @ melyndanormanlee@gmail.com or 416.992.4258

Thursday May 29 2014

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Toronto - Master Mason Night

The night consists of a dramatic presentation of one of our degrees followed by a reception and dinner. All Master Masons who are not members of Scottish Rite who request it will receive an invitation and free admission to the evening activities.

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.

Location: York Masonic Centre
 1100 Millwood Rd. Toronto, ON
 Cost: \$10.00 pp for members
 \$0.00 pp for guests
 Contact: Elroy J. MacKinnon @ elroy@sympatico.ca or 416.669.2777

The first step in successfully influencing someone to stop doing wrong and to begin to do good is to sincerely care about this person's well-being. When you have a profound concern for another person then regardless of exactly what you say, that person will experience your sincere caring. However you think and feel, that is the way you will talk. When you are motivated by sincere concern, what you say will be more conducive to effective results.

- Zelig Pliskin



Saturday June 7 2014

Toronto East District - 3rd Annual Black and White Gala

You, your lady and guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres to the sounds of a jazz trio, followed by a four-course dinner in a beautiful setting. Corsages are planned for the ladies. After a sumptuous meal, there will be dancing to the 21-piece George Lake Big Band orchestra.



Brethren, we want to be sure and thank our ladies in a very special way for a year of patience and support and this will be a night for them to remember. We also want to have an award ceremony that truly reflects the stature of the District award winners.

In keeping with promises, all speeches will be short and no raffle tickets of any kind will be sold, nor silent auctions held.

This year we will feature Hugh Heron, President of Heathwood Homes and President of The Mikey Network as our guest speaker.

- Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
9:00 pm - Dancing
- Location: Ajax Convention Centre
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (401 and Salem)
- Speaker: Hugh Heron, President of Heathwood Homes and President of The Mikey Network
- Cost: \$100 pp
- Contact: the Senior Warden of your lodge
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... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Wearing of Masonic Emblems

Many Masons like to wear Masonic pins or rings. When done modestly, these emblems can sincerely display a man's dedication to those associations he values or holds most dear. It is sad that a few of our card-carrying members display the emblems for selfish motives often hoping to generate some type of business gain from publicly trumpeting who they mingle with, but in most cases, the wearing of Masonic emblems is a positive thing, if done modestly and with respect to our gentle Craft.

Tradition holds that a man's left lapel is suitable for a membership pin or button. (I applaud former astronaut, Senator and Brother John Glenn for regularly wearing the Masonic Square and Compass on his lapel.) I think it imperative that this basic emblem of Craft Masonry be the pin chosen, although I confess, I have worn four lapel pins to Shrine meetings-in the hope of promoting Masonic education and unity. I always wear the Square and Compass on the top and in the middle two pins, one a Scottish Rite double-headed eagle and the other one a Knights Templar Cross and Crown of the York Rite. The final pin on the bottom would be the Shrine's famous scimitar and crescent.

I try to treat both Rites equally, and even in conversation, when I mention one Rite, I like to mention the other. Even though not a prerequisite for today's Shrine membership, the original Shriners in the year 1872 felt that both rites were vital in one's overall understanding of the whole Masonic Fraternity, and I totally agree.

I have seen other Masons adopt an even better way of showing Masonic unity: a tie tack or tie bar with all four emblems side by side. That gets the point across without going overboard. I have adopted this idea as well and have a four-emblem tie bar, which shows the Blue Lodge/York Rite/Scottish Rite/Shrine emblems. For those who utilize the four-emblem tie bar, I still recommend that they stick with the Blue Lodge lapel pin on their suit jacket.

Some Shrine Potentates promote their own "Potentate's pin" to celebrate their year in office. I would prefer that they develop a commemorative coin to mark their year instead. It seems to me that Masonry and Shrinedom are getting too splintered with subgroups, committees, clubs, and units. There simply is no substitute for the Square and Compass for that emblem binds us together as a fraternal band of Brothers. We need to display Masonic Unity at the most basic level. Furthermore, the public needs to see one constant image that they can link to our Craft. I don't care whether you wear one lapel pin or 15



lapel pins (that choice is up to you). However, I hope the primary one that stands out among your selection will be the Square and Compass.

I belong to many groups. I enjoy my membership in my High-12 Club and my Grotto, but I just try to promote the overall Masonic Fraternity with a pin and praise fine groups such as these by my favourable words and actions.

Our various organizations should not be treated like "notches on a gun belt." Their Masonic heritage is the anchor which enables them to prosper, and our Lodges are the foundation of



the whole superstructure, so if we promote the entrance gate,” we will nurture the seeds of future growth, and, whenever the Symbolic Lodges prosper, the Rites will prosper, and so on. When I joined Masonry at age 18 (permitted in Kansas), my Dad gave me a ring with a red stone featuring the Square and Compass. He gave a little speech in open Lodge and said he hoped that I would always wear that ring with all the honour and dedication that the emblem denotes.

I wear it on the ring finger of my right hand. I wear my 14° A.A.S.R. ring on the ring finger of my left hand. (At times, I have people, including girls, ask me if that gold band is a wedding ring. Presently I am still single, but if I get any proposals I might entertain a wedding ring on that finger!)

I have read that the Knights Templar wore their KT ring on the index finger of the right hand. I wear my KT ring on that finger to honour their legacy. Since I equate the level of the Knight Templar Order as roughly comparable in level to the Scottish Rite’s 32°, I wear my 32° double-eagle ring on the index finger of my left hand.

Interestingly, on the side of it is the numeral 32 within a triangle. It looks as if it was meant to be in that position on my hand, although I may be the only one to utilize historical accuracy in the placement of my rings.

If I recall correctly, The 33° ring of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, is traditionally placed on the little finger of the right hand. In the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, it is placed on the little finger of the left hand. I hope that all Masons reading this article will wear a Masonic pin or ring or utilize some other suitable way to promote our Fraternity. Again, I hope the Square and Compass will be the primary emblem chosen; however, don’t abandon the other pins. You can display them on your office desk or pin them to a window curtain or your ball cap so visitors will see them.

Whatever emblems you display to the public, please be prepared to tell people how that particular emblem fits into the overall Masonic, organizational chart. As I say, if you have the fundamental Square and Compass displayed, you will have an easy point of beginning.

Let your light shine.

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity!
- Psalm 133:1

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