

# Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003  
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*To me, Freemasonry is one form of dedication to God and service to humanity. The values and ideas, the profound principals of religion, morality, and honour for which Masonry stands, mean much to me as an American.*

*There is, as I see it, nothing like Masonry. It is unique in its fellowship that spreads over much of the earth, in addition to our own country. Moreover, this in-depth fellowship spans the years, even the centuries, running back into antiquity. To me it means a personal relationship with great historical personalities and, taken by and large, also with about the finest body of men whom it is possible to assemble anywhere.*

*Attending Lodge and participating in Masonic activities gave me confidence. I learned to work with people. I found that everyone, every single Brother, had a special talent. All I had to do was bring it out. The Brother, then, saw quickly enough how to put his talent to use.*

*His success at Lodge work gave him confidence too! He passed it on to others, and they still to others. It wasn't necessary to repeat a self-help motto like "I believe in me." Just doing the work and seeing the results were enough.*

*Confidence in self, in the Lodge, in Masonry, in the community and nation - it caught on, and I have seen it spread farther and farther as I continue my Masonic journey in life, meeting ever more Brethren and sharing with them the confidence Freemasonry can give.*

*Ever since I became a Mason, the work has not only charmed me, but also impressed me. I can further add that, as a public speaker, it has also given me enhanced*



*perception of the nobility of words and their inspirational power when used in skilful combination and for the expression of lofty thoughts.*

*- Bro. Norman Vincent Peale (1898-1993)*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

Although we have been experiencing weeks of temperatures in the minus teens and twenties Celsius, I am reminded by a good friend of mine that Spring is 21 days away. Last week, the pitchers and catchers reported to spring training in Florida and our District was vibrant in its work.



Our four February Official Visits were very well attended and for that, I thank you. Also, I was so pleased to see my friend and predecessor R.W. Bro. David Neave Installed as W.M. of The Imperial East Gate Lodge. This month marks the busiest of months for Official Visits, with 5, including West Hill, The Beaches, Scarboro, Todmorden and Acacia Lodges. Please travel with me and visit these wonderful and vibrant lodges.

I am pleased and proud to announce that, with the valued assistance of our Senior Wardens' Group, The Chapters, we have formed our new District Junior Wardens' Group, "The Pythagoreans", under the leadership of their President, Bro. Michael Remillard of Birch Cliff Lodge. Based on the membership of this group, I know that the future of our District is in good hands and I look forward to travelling with these enthusiastic and promising future leaders of our District for the balance of this year and beyond. Brethren these are the Masters who will lead our District during the Tricentennial year of Modern Freemasonry, so please show them your support as they progress towards the East.

Near and dear to my heart are the valuable Mechanics of the Work sessions, held on Saturday mornings at the East Toronto Masonic Temple. In particular, I was pleased to attend the session on February 21, 2015 and welcome R.W. Bro. Gordon Crutcher, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee of Protocol & Etiquette. W. Bros. Rankin and Steenson offer such valuable instruction during these sessions and I encourage all brethren to attend the final session for this year, on Saturday, March 7, 2015.

This month there are also a number of important social events within our District, including the Toronto & York Districts Grand Master's Reception, when we welcome home and honour our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, P.M. of Scarboro Lodge, on March 31, 2015. W.M.'s of last year and this year are reminded that they must attend at 4:00 p.m. in formal dress to have their picture taken with the Grand Master. Also this month, West Hill Lodge will be hosting their annual Oldies Dance on March 7, 2015 and Birch Cliff Lodge is holding their Ladies Night Dinner and Dance on March 21, 2015. Please be sure to come out with your ladies and support these enjoyable events.

Lastly brethren, on a sad note, we pause to remember two notable members of our District, who served the Craft with distinction. R.W. Bro. Ross Roberts, D.D.G.M. Toronto District 4, 1967-68 and member of Mimosa Lodge and W. Bro. John B. Darling, the last W.M. of St. Aidan's Lodge and current S.W. of Birch Cliff Lodge both passed to the Grand Lodge Above and will be remembered. I thank the very many brethren who took the time to attend their Masonic Memorial Services and



honour our departed brethren.

I look forward to greeting you in our travels this month and as always, I encourage you to invite some of our newer members to join us at the official visits and enjoy the many benefits of visitation throughout our district.

As spring brings new life and rebirth, may the Most High give us renewed hope and energy and keep us safe in our travels.

With warmest fraternal greetings,

***R.W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis***  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Toronto East District

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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

March 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> * Rainbow Girls - <b>Spaghetti Dinner</b> see below Doric Pickering	<u>4</u> * West Hill - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto * RRJR and Todmorden - <b>Darts Night</b> see below Legion - Brigadier O.M. Martin	<u>5</u> * The Beaches - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm Late banquet \$20 ea York Temple * Doric – Friend to Friend ALL welcome Doric Pickering	<u>6</u> * West Hill - <b>Oldies Dance</b> see below St. Dunstan of Canterbury Church	<u>7</u> * TED - <b>Mechanics of the Work - Week 6/6</b> see below East Toronto	<u>8</u> <b>Daylight Savings Begins</b> 
<u>9</u> * Scarboro - <b>Official Visit</b> Banq-6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> * Todmorden - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> * TED - <b>2015 Chili Cookoff and Trivia Challenge</b> see below East Toronto
<u>16</u> * Acacia - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>17</u> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> For those who are and those who wish they were Irish. <i>Green beer!</i> 	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring</b>  I told ya it would happen!	<u>21</u> * Birch Cliff - <b>Ladies Night</b> see below Rembrandt Banquet Hall	<u>22</u> * GLCPO - <b>Charles A. Sankey 2015 Lecture</b> 3:00 pm see below Brock University
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> * TED - <b>Blood Donor Clinic</b> see below Beach United Church	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> <b>Toronto and York Districts Grand Masters Reception</b> see below Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall					



April 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<p><u>1</u></p> <p>* Brougham Union - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm Claremont * RRJR and Todmorden - <b>Darts Night</b> see below Legion - Brigadier O.M. Martin</p>	<p><u>2</u></p>	<p><u>3</u></p> <p><b>Good Friday</b></p>	<p><u>4</u></p> <p><b>Passover</b> An 8-day celebration commemorating the exodus of the Israelite slaves from the Egyptians under Pharaoh Rameses II.</p>	<p><u>5</u></p> <p><b>Easter</b></p> 
<p><u>6</u></p> <p>* Mimosa - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm Aurora ←</p>	<p><u>7</u></p>	<p><u>8</u></p> <p>* Markham Union - <b>Official Visit</b> Banq-6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Claremont</p>	<p><u>9</u></p> <p>* Coronati - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>10</u></p>	<p><u>11</u></p>	<p><u>12</u></p>
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<p><u>20</u></p> <p><b>William Preston Initiated in 1763</b> * Caledonia - <b>Official Visit</b> Banq-6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm York</p>	<p><u>21</u></p> <p>* Riverdale-John Ross Robertson - <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>22</u></p> <p>* Oakwood Chapter R.A.M. - <b>Master Mason Night</b> see below Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>23</u></p>	<p><u>24</u></p> <p>* The Imperial East Gate and TDV - <b>Dinner and Single Malt Scotch Tasting</b> see below School of Fine Dining</p>	<p><u>25</u></p> <p>* Doric - <b>Spring Dance</b> see below Doric Pickering * TED - <b>Habitat for Humanity Build Day</b> see below Brimley</p>	<p><u>26</u></p>
<p><u>27</u></p>	<p><u>28</u></p>	<p><u>29</u></p> <p>Toronto and York Districts - <b>Masters Banquet</b> W. Masters only School of Fine Dining</p>	<p><u>30</u></p>			



## AROUND AND ABOUT:

### Toronto East District Charity

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

The Masonic Foundation directors explored opportunities for the Foundation to provide meaningful funding for prostate Cancer research in Ontario. The conclusion was to make funding of prostate cancer the primary activity to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To further highlight the pressing need to make significant advances M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. John C. Green, Deputy Grand Master pledged their full support behind this initiative. One component of this unique fund raising partnership will involve the charitable donations made to the Grand Master during his tenure being used to support the selected prostate cancer research projects. The target is to provide funding to the researchers for ten years.

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*Make your commitments to enduring values and institutions - honesty, integrity, trust, confidence, family, and other matters of the heart. Go ahead and challenge the status quo, but you must also decide what lasts - what really counts - what no one can take away from you. These are your values, and they will accompany you wherever you work and wherever you live.*

*- Jack D. Rehm*

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### 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](http://www.communitycaredurham.on.ca/contact.html)

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## **FYI**

**Thomas Jacob Shryock (1851-1918) served as Grand Master of Masons in Maryland for 32 years (1885-1918). He died after being elected to serve his 33rd term.**

**Bro. Shryock was credited with putting the Grand Lodge of Maryland on a more secure financial basis, organizing and standardizing training of Lodge officers, and infusing new life into Masonry in Maryland.**

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

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## **Toronto East Masonic Centre**

I look out my dining room window and the snow in the back yard is at least 30 inches deep. My mid-size dog is reluctant to go out into the snowdrifts. My second tiny dog will not even go outside. I am originally from north of Montreal and as a kid loved to go out in this type of weather to slide down the hills on the toboggan or in the deep drifts, to shovel out snow tunnels.



The Board of Directors met on February 22 to review proposals from six potential development partners. After much discussion, we chose to ask for more information from all the partners prior to making a decision. Three proposals are very promising and the other three are of continuing interest but require specific clarifications. The Board is communicating to all parties to ensure clear concise proposals with the aspirations of East Toronto Masons desires are addressed. These revised proposals are requested by March 14th for the development partner to be able to proceed to a letter of intent.

One issue, which continues to be raised, is the question of whether ProjectCo is paying finder fees. The current Board has addressed this four times in the past 17 months. In each case, this ProjectCo Board has made motions that ProjectCo will not pay finder fees to any individual who brings a development partner to our table. The Directors review of historical minutes has shown no indication of any written agreement to do so. After the change to the Board in late 2013, the newly elected Board declares any conflict of interest prior to proceeding with business of our meetings, and none has been declared as of our last meeting. What we do pay are any legally legislated fees such as Broker fees assessed under Acts of Parliament, such as negotiated Mortgage broker fees and Real Estate Broker and Agent fees.

The current Board is attempting to be as transparent as possible with you, the Masons of Toronto East District and wish to continue to be so. However, as the Board moves into legal contractual agreements with Developers, we want to warn you that what we can say prior to the signing of those agreements may be limited. In some cases, those Developers may have conditions on what we can say until the project is under construction. It is the Board's obligation and responsibility to you to provide as much as we can legally do.

As always, we will answer your questions, just drop us a note.

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

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

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**Smile !**



"I was built by a Freemason!"



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### **Planning to Attend Grand Lodge Communications Next Summer ?**

Are you anticipating getting a room at the Royal York Hotel?

As we all know, Toronto is hosting the 2015 Pan Am Games. Oh, yeah! That means hundreds of thousands of people will be flowing into the city to attend and otherwise support those games.

If you plan to get a room, or rooms, today would be better than tomorrow. If not, there could be a convenient room for you somewhere on the west side of Mississauga or the east side of Oshawa. Or maybe not, as those locations are hosting events as well.



Book your rooms as soon as possible.

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/glafam2015>

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## **I Did Not Know That !**

The bullet proof vest was invented by a pizza delivery guy in Detroit after he was shot twice while on the job.

### **On March 1**

In 743, the export of slaves by Christians to heathen areas was prohibited;  
In 1260, Damascus was conquered by Hulagu Khan, grandson of Genghis;  
In 1642, Georgeana (York), Maine became the 1<sup>st</sup> incorporated American city;  
In 1692, Sarah Goode, Sarah Osborne, and Tituba, a Native American slave woman, were arrested for practicing witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts;  
In 1780, Pennsylvania became the 1<sup>st</sup> US state to abolish slavery but only for new-borns;  
In 1790, the 1<sup>st</sup> US census was authorized;  
In 1811, the Egyptian king Muhammad Ali Pasha oversaw the ceremonial murder of 500;  
In 1845, President Tyler signed a resolution annexing the Republic of Texas;  
In 1847, Michigan became the 1<sup>st</sup> English-speaking jurisdiction to abolish the death penalty, except for treason against the state;  
In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the 1<sup>st</sup> US black woman to receive a medical degree;  
In 1872, Yellowstone became the world's 1<sup>st</sup> national park;  
In 1880, Pennsylvania became the 1<sup>st</sup> American state to abolish slavery;  
In 1890, the 1<sup>st</sup> US edition of Sherlock Holmes (Study in Scarlet) was published;  
In 1904, big band leader Glenn Miller was born;  
In 1909, Scottish actor David Niven was born;  
In 1910, 3 passenger trains were buried in the worst snow slide in US history at Steven's Pass in the Cascade Range - 118 die;  
In 1932, Charles Lindbergh Jr., 20 months old, was kidnapped in New Jersey and found dead on May 12;  
In 1937, the 1<sup>st</sup> permanent automobile license plates were issued in Connecticut;  
In 1937, US Steel raised workers' wages to \$5 a day;  
In 1941, Himmler inspected Auschwitz concentration camp;  
In 1942, US suffered a major naval defeat in a 3-day Battle of the Java Sea;  
In 1949, Joe Louis retired as heavyweight boxing champion;  
In 1954, Ted Williams fractured his collarbone in the 1<sup>st</sup> game of spring training after flying 39 combat missions without injury in the Korean War;  
In 1954, US exploded a 15-megaton hydrogen bomb at Bikini Atoll;  
In 1962, an American Airlines 707 plunged nose 1<sup>st</sup> into Jamaica Bay, New York, killing 95;  
In 1966, Venera 3, built by the Soviet Union, became the 1<sup>st</sup> man-made object to impact on a different planet (Venus);  
In 1977, Bank of America adopted the name VISA for their credit cards; (*ED: remember Chargex?*)  
In 1978, Charlie Chaplin's coffin was stolen from a Swiss cemetery;  
In 1980, snow fell in Florida; (*ED: serves them right!*)  
In 1982, Russian spacecraft Venera 14 landed on Venus and sent back data;  
In 1989, Ben Johnson's coach testified that Johnson began using steroids in 1981.

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### **The Month of March**

March was named for Mars, the great Roman warrior god, son of Juno and Jupiter.

This was an appropriate association, for in the ancient world of the Mediterranean, the third month was known for its dynamic weather patterns. Mars was known in the Greek world as Ares, the warrior, and in northern and central Europe as Tiu or Tiwaz. His Celtic name was Teutates and his Norse name was Tyr. In addition to being known as the god of war, he was also worshiped as the protector of agriculture.



From ancient times, March was the first month of the year. It being the first month of spring, it was appropriate to start the year then. It was also the first month of warmer weather and the time to start military campaigns, which could be why its name honours the god of war. It wasn't until between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries that the beginning of the year was changed to January 1. The change occurred at different times in different places.

- 1522 - Venice
- 1544 - Holy Roman Empire (Germany)
- 1556 - Spain, Portugal
- 1559 - Prussia, Denmark/Norway, Sweden
- 1564 - France
- 1576 - Southern Netherlands
- 1579 - Lorraine
- 1583 - Protestant (northern) Netherlands
- 1600 - Scotland
- 1700 - Russia
- 1721 - Tuscany
- 1752 - Britain and its colonies

Prior to the change, Great Britain and her colonies used March 25 as the beginning of the new year. It is for this reason that you will find documents covering the same event stating different years.

The inner theme of March deals with developing wisdom and compassion, and finding one's life path. The search for self is associated with Mars; it is a process that precludes association with others. This process can be a lonely path that requires great stamina and the development of inner strength.

March's birthstone is the Aquamarine "water of the sea" and is a gemstone-quality transparent variety of beryl, having a delicate blue or turquoise colour, suggestive of the tint of seawater. It's closely related to the gem emerald. Colours vary and yellow beryl, rose pink beryl, and white beryl are known. People in the Middle Ages thought that aquamarine could magically overcome the effects of poison. Ancient sailors traveled with aquamarine crystals, believing that it would ensure a safe passage, and guarantee a safe return; they often slept with the stones under their pillow to ensure sound sleep. They believed the siren's (mermaid) fish-like lower body was made of aquamarine.

March's other gemstone is the bloodstone, also known as the heliotrope, which means the "turning of the Sun." This refers to the equinoctial passage of the Sun - its change of declination from the Southern to the Northern Hemisphere. In the Christian tradition, the bloodstone, deep green jasper with crimson spots, is symbolic of the blood of the Christ spilled at Golgotha by a Roman soldier's spear. The stone is said to hold a divine power to stop haemorrhaging, and was widely used in folk medicine to stop nosebleeds and cure wasting diseases. The bloodstone was employed in rituals at the time of eclipses to invoke invisibility (eclipses result in the momentary invisibility of the covered celestial body), and was used by Pliny the Elder as a mirror with which to safely view Solar eclipses. The Gnostics used the stone as an amulet to prolong life, and by the Egyptians in thumb rings (the Mars digit) to sustain courage.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1634 the first tavern in Boston opened (Samuel Cole). On the same day, in 1746 Bonnie Prince Charlie occupied the Castle of Inverness.

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1665 the Philosophical Transactions of Royal Society started publishing. On the same day in 1775 the first Negro Mason in U.S. was initiated in Boston. On the same day in 1834, Toronto was incorporated with William Lyon Mackenzie as its first mayor. Also on the same day in 1836, 3,000 Mexicans beat 182 Texans at the Alamo, after a 13-day battle.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1913 Internal Revenue Service began to levy and collect income taxes. On the same day in 1930, Mahatma Gandhi started civil disobedience in India.



On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1522 Marten Luther preached his Invocavit and the protestant reformation was on.

Under the heading of 'You Ain't Never Gonna See It Again', on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1934 the longest undefeated streak in Toronto Maple Leaf history (18 games) ended.

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 537 the Goths lay siege to Rome.

The ides of March on the 15<sup>th</sup> are forever linked with the prophecy made to Caesar to beware and be particularly careful that day. His wife had an ominous dream as well and told him to stay home. He did not listen to her . . . and the rest is history.

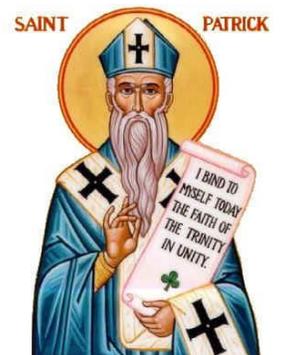
The Spring Equinox, this year is on the morning of March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm. Equinox means, "equal night," and is the moment when the Sun crosses the equator in the juncture between the dark and light halves of the year, when the days and nights are equal. It is the midpoint between the Solstices (the turning points of the Sun's yearly motion). It is a day of honour for Iduna, or Idunn (a Scandinavian goddess), the equivalent of the Greek Hebe. This goddess is the Spring symbol of the triple goddess, and was charged with supplying youth and strength to the rest of the gods and goddesses, by providing them with the ambrosia and nectar of immortality. She is the maiden form of Hera (aka Hertha, Nerthus), whose name means "Our Lady," the primary goddess before the advent of patriarchal gods. This is also the day that the Hindu goddess, Sri Ushas, (goddess of the Dawn) is honoured. The Wiccan festival of Ostara welcomes the Spring and the transformation of the goddess into her form of the Maiden. We now celebrate this day as International Astrology Day.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1457 the Gutenberg Bible became the first printed book.

March 28<sup>th</sup> was the date given for Jesus' nativity before the Christian Church adopted December 25<sup>th</sup> as the 'correct' date in 336 AD. This date was also the old Roman festival of the Sacrifice at the Tombs (honouring their ancestors).

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1848 Niagara Falls stopped flowing for 30 hours due to an ice jam.

The number three is sacred to March. This is a very important number for us Masons. The triangle, being the strongest of all figures, is used in many religions to signify strength and to symbolize the unity of the three basic attributes of their beliefs. An isosceles (three equal sides) triangle with the point pointing down is a symbol of the Supreme Being. The same triangle with the point pointing up is a symbol of humanity. The triple-goddess in pagan beliefs and mythology is used to signify the three stages in the process of life: fertility, nurturance, and wisdom. In Jewish folklore, it symbolizes the closing of the circle of wisdom. In this story, the Jewish elder, Mordecai recognized three principles of faith from out of the mouths of three young boys: "fear not, speak the truth, and God will protect," possibly the source of the symbolism of the three sacred monkeys: "hear no evil, speak no evil, and see no evil." Christian symbolism celebrates the number three during the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of the year. The Lenten cycle has constant reminders of the Holy Trinity, such as cloverleaf rolls, and the lowly pretzel (German for "little arms"), a tiny three lobed loaf of bread, representing crossed arms. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, one was eaten each day of Lent, as a symbol of prayer, fasting, and pious works. Salt was added for grounding and penance. St Patrick, a Celt with Roman citizenship, who converted to Christianity in 5<sup>th</sup> century Ireland, used the abundant shamrocks to teach the lessons of the Trinity.



St Patrick, whose death is commemorated on March 17<sup>th</sup>, utilized an ancient Gaelic invocation called the Lorica, or the Breastplate. He used it to shape-shift himself and his monks into deer when they were pursued and persecuted by King Loegaire's troops. The Lorica has been used by many over the centuries as a magical invocation of Divine energy, and reflects the presumption of astrology being accepted and used throughout early centuries. The Lorica is filled with astrological symbolism: St. Patrick's Lorica - "I arise to-day through the Strength of Heaven; Light of Sun, Radiance of Moon, Splendour of Fire, Speed of Lightning, Swiftmess of Wind, Depth of Sea, Stability of Earth, Firmness of Rock. I arise today in acceptance of the Three, Supported by the One."

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### **Coronati - Partners For Life**



Coronati Lodge #520 is a member of the Canadian Blood Services "Partners For Life Program" with PARTNER ID# CORN 013800 since 2013. In 2013, it surpassed its goal of 20 blood donations by 5 donations, thus, receiving the Blood Donor Award 2013-2014 that was awarded by the Toronto East District during the District Gala Night in June 2014. The following year, it again exceeded its target by donating 28 blood donations.

Above photo shows members of Coronati Lodge, together with their families holding its first bloodletting for this year, which was held on Feb. 21, 2015 at the Cedarbrook Community Centre.

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### **District Awards**

Last year's awards were presented at the Black and White Gala held in June at the Ajax Convention Centre. This year, the awards are to be presented at the same event to be held on Saturday June 13, 2015.

The six awards are: -

- **M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew Award**  
to the lodge that exemplifies Masonic principles within the craft  
presented to Wexford Lodge #683 in 2014
- **M.W. Bro. Terence Shand Award**  
to the lodge that best exemplifies Masonic principles in the Community  
presented to Brougham Union Lodge #269 in 2014
- **M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw Award**  
to the Toronto East District Mason of the Year  
presented to Bro. Steve Hudson in 2014



- R.W. Bro. William Reiach Award  
to the lodge best supporting Remembrance Services  
presented to Markham Union Lodge #87 in 2014
- Blood Donor Award  
to the lodge best supporting the Blood Donation Services  
presented to Coronati Lodge #529 in 2014
- Travelling Gavel Award  
to the lodge best supporting visitation within the District  
presented to Wexford Lodge #683 in 2014

It is our aim to make the lodges aware of the awards and to have more competition to earn them. It is our hope the your lodge will try to win one or more awards as Wexford Lodge #683 did as they were presented with two awards. To find out more about the selection criteria for the awards, please contact me for details.

Contact: Jim Johnston @ [johnston1946@rogers.com](mailto:johnston1946@rogers.com)  
Chairman Awards Committee

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### **I Was Wondering**

In the Masonic Year of 1976-77, the Education Committee of Toronto Masonic District No. 3 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (many of the lodges of which were realigned into the current Toronto East District), under the direction of R.W. Bro. Frank J. Bruce P.D.D.G.M. compiled 47 questions that were sent to the late W. Bro. Harry Carr P.J.G.D., Past Secretary and Editor of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 United Grand Lodge of England. These are his answers. It is to be noted that the answers refer to the Ritual and customs of the Grand Lodge of England in 1976.

*This transcript of the Questions and Answers edited by W. Bro. Nelson King FPS*

### **What is veiled allegory?**

There is an error in this question. It is not the allegory that is veiled. We use the allegory to veil our teachings. The best simple definition will explain my meaning: Allegory: to describe one subject in the guise of another.

### **What do the references to the Golden Fleece and Roman Eagle mean in our Apron Charge?**

The Order of the Golden Fleece was one of the most illustrious Orders of Knighthood in Austria, Spain and Flanders, founded by Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy and the Netherlands in 1429. The insignia or Jewel of the Order is a golden sheepskin with head and feet, resembling a whole sheep hanging in the middle from a gold and blue flint stone emitting flames. The Eagle was to the Romans the ensign of Imperial power. In battle, it was borne on right wing of each Roman legion. It was held in veneration by the soldiers and regarded as affording sanctuary. We cite the Golden Fleece and Roman Eagle to illustrate the respect and veneration that we owe to the simple white lambskin Apron.

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



Norton Moses Lodge #336, Leander Texas  
with thanks to Corky Daut - Waller Lodge #808, Waller TX  
visit the Small Town Texas Mason E-Magazine - [www.oldercorky.com](http://www.oldercorky.com)

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

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*Seek to mentor a Brother Mason: It's good for him, it's good for you, and it's good for Freemasonry!*  
*- Bro. Ed R. Halpaus*

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**Wednesday March 4 2015**

**Rainbow Girls - Spaghetti Dinner**

Come out and get stuffed. Bring the kids. Enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner, which includes spaghetti (meat and veggie sauce), bread, salad, beverages and dessert. All proceeds benefit: Rainbow Girls Toronto Assembly #2



Time: 6:00 pm  
Cost: \$10.00 ea  
\$5.00 Rainbow Girls and children  
Location: Doric Pickering  
Contact: Lorraine Ball @ [ball.lorraine@hotmail.com](mailto:ball.lorraine@hotmail.com) or 416.919.5635

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Location: Royal Canadian Legion  
Brigadier O M Martin Branch 345  
81 Peard Rd., Toronto, ON  
Closest major intersection is Victoria Park and O'Connor. The Legion is just a touch north of St. Clair on the west side of Victoria Park



Contact: Tom Fulton @ [tsfulton@rogers.com](mailto:tsfulton@rogers.com) or 416.694.3891 or  
Greg McKinnon @ [gregmckinnonmm@gmail.com](mailto:gregmckinnonmm@gmail.com) or 416.686.0107

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### **Saturday March 7 2015**

#### **Mechanics of the Work Class**

These classes begin again for the spring session. Classes are open to all Masons, from the newest Entered Apprentice to the rustiest young timer. We are informal in the normal lodge meeting sense and welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills or reacquaint themselves in many aspects of our ceremonies and rituals. Attendance for the full three-hour class or at every class is not compulsory.

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

We cover openings and closings, coming to order, the F.P. of F., the Grand Honours, entering and leaving a lodge while at work as well as when and how to address the Worshipful Master.

Hope to see you come visit to partake in and enjoy the sessions that many others have gotten a charge out of over the many years this program has been offered.



Time: 8:30 am - Coffee (*coffee!*) and day-old sticky buns. Honest!  
9:00 am - noon - Classes  
Location: East Toronto  
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ [kdrankin@pathcom.com](mailto:kdrankin@pathcom.com) or 416.691.1704

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### **Saturday March 7 2015**

#### **T.E.D. - 2015 Chili Cook Off and Trivia Challenge**

Do you have the best Chili Recipe? Do you think you are the most knowledgeable person in the district?

”The Guardians” in conjunction with the Beaches Lodge #473 give you an opportunity to show your culinary skills, or partake of someone else’s. Last year’s competition was a friendly but competitive one.

Competitors are asked to arrive at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday in the lower banquet hall with their delicious pre-prepared chili in a crock-pot or large pot (kitchen facilities available on site), ready to serve at 11:00 a.m. start time.



Each chili will be judged on its own merit, keeping the competition fair and competitive.

The 2015 Chili Cook Off is definitely heating up with 7 of 12 positions already filled.

This year we have both returning competitors, as well as some new entrants, all eagerly hoping to be the next “Chili Cook Off Grand Champion”, earning a 1<sup>st</sup> prize trophy accompanied by a certificate for The School Fine Dining, generously donated by Nick Zarafonitis.

Customers at the event will be asked for minimum \$5 donation for sample chili bowls of all chilis entered, with the option of purchasing (also by donation) a larger bowl of their favourite chili dish.



Light snacks and refreshments will be available at the snack bar. All proceeds will be donated to the Toronto East District Charity - Prostate Cancer Research

### Trivia Challenge

The Trivia Challenge will be in 2 classes: team and individual. For the team trivia challenge there will be a 1<sup>st</sup> prize trophy awarded. For the individual trivia challenge there will be both a 1<sup>st</sup> prize trophy accompanied by a certificate for The School Fine Dining, as well as bragging rights for the smartest person in the district.

All competitors wishing to compete in the Trivia Challenge are asked to register for the event with Quizmaster Andrew Douris.

So if you would like to taste some delicious dishes of home cooked chili, and maybe give your brain some exercise, why not join us for a great afternoon of socializing while supporting your T.E.D. Charity in the process?

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Location: East Toronto Masonic Hall  
Contact: Russ Richardson @ [russdriver@hotmail.com](mailto:russdriver@hotmail.com) or 647.222.5855, or  
Mark Ingram @ [ingram75@gmail.com](mailto:ingram75@gmail.com) or 416.420.0291

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### Saturday March 7 2015

#### **West Hill - Oldies Dance**



”Take those old records off the shelf!” A classic, great dance and a perennially sold-out event.

Lots of convenient parking. Dress is casual. A good filling meal. Dancing to the music of DJ Jimmy Mack. Door prize and spot dance prizes. Cash bar. Get your ticket order in early! Don` t miss out because you can stay up later as Daylight Savings starts the next day.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social  
7:00 pm - Dinner  
Location: St. Dunstan of Canterbury Church  
56 Lawson Rd., Toronto. (Port Union and Kingston Rd. area)  
Cost: \$30 ea  
Contact: Walter Drane @ [wallyjd@rogers.com](mailto:wallyjd@rogers.com) or 416.755.3734, or  
Gerry Ouellette @ [gerry.ouellette@rogers.com](mailto:gerry.ouellette@rogers.com)

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### Friday March 20 2015

#### **First Day of Spring!**

Spring starts today at 6:45 pm. This is the March or Spring Equinox. You`ve noticed the days getting longer. That is because the sun has inexorably been making its way back north again. Today it will reach the Equator on its way to the Tropic of Cancer, which is at 23.5° North. When it reaches that point, it will be summer. Kiss that snow shovel goodbye. It`s a delusion there is snow out there. Oil up your lawnmower. You`re going to need it.



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### **Saturday March 21 2015**

#### **Birch Cliff - Ladies Night**

An enjoyable evening for a dinner and dance. Join our D.D.G.M. and his lady as they dance the night away.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social  
7:30 pm - Dinner  
Location: Rembrandt Banquet Hall  
930 Progress Avenue, Scarborough  
(east off Markham Rd., just south of 401)  
Cost: \$?? ea  
Contact: Errol Chin @ [erroll@bell.net](mailto:erroll@bell.net) or 416.778.0369



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### **Sunday March 22 2015**

#### **GLCPO - Sankey Lecture**

2015 Lecture - The Masonic Empire of Thomas Dunckerley: England to Quebec and the Broad Oceans In-between

Susan Mitchell Sommers is Professor of History, Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Her fields of specialization include the Enlightenment, Early Modern and Modern Britain, the Age of Empire, Historical Method, and the History of Fraternalism.

Dr. Sommers' talk will be based on material from her 2012 book on Thomas Dunckerley entitled Thomas Dunckerley and English Freemasonry. The following is some background from the book "Thomas Dunckerley is a late eighteenth-century icon of British Freemasonry; his story is a fascinating morality tale of self-invention and self-deception. Climbing to the highest echelons of the order, and long accepted as something of a hero, the reality of Dunckerley's life is very different from the version that was recorded by his nineteenth-century biographers. Sommers reveals Dunckerley's widely accepted claim to be an illegitimate son of George II to be untrue. But alongside a very real success as a Freemason, his true story includes the Royal Navy, travel, a career in law and the 'scandalous Worsley affair'. In one of the first books to provide a scholarly study of English Freemasonry, Sommers uses Dunckerley's case to examine the changeable nature of personal identity in the eighteenth century and the evolving methodology and expectations of biography."

In lieu of charging for admission, a [tax deductible] contribution is requested to:  
Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Brock University Partnership - Project Number 2937

Time: 3:00 pm  
Location: Brock University  
500 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines  
Tickets: Brock University Box Office  
[boxoffice@brocku.ca](mailto:boxoffice@brocku.ca) or 905.688.5550 x 3257

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**Friday March 27 2015**

**T.E.D. - Blood Donor Clinic**



The gift of blood is a truly charitable donation. Each donor gives an insignificant amount of time and the results will benefit an untold number of people in desperate need. To a patient and their family, you will be giving the most appreciated gift possible. Your gift will be appreciated by someone you don't even know. Someone like Mackenzie, who received 27 units of blood and a stem cell transplant.

Book an appointment today. Let your friends and family know that you are donating and ask them to join you.

If you cannot donate blood but would like to help those that do, come down and help with the set up and break down of the clinic. Payment comes in the form of juice and cookies - and a lot of personal satisfaction.

Time: 3:00 pm - 7:45 pm - Volunteers  
3:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Donor Clinic  
Location: Beach United Church  
140 Wineva Ave., Toronto, ON  
Contact: Gilbert Carreiro @ [gilbert.c@rogers.com](mailto:gilbert.c@rogers.com) or 416.704.7551



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**Tuesday March 31 2015**

**Toronto and York Districts - Grand Master's Reception**

Honouring M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell. An opportunity to mix and mingle with brethren and their families from not only your own district, but also the other districts in the GTA. Tickets have been distributed and are selling. To make sure Lodges and Members of Toronto East District have good seats, get your tickets now. Ladies are invited and tables of 10 are the norm.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social  
7:30 pm - Dinner followed by entertainment  
9:00 pm - Dancing  
Location: Crystal Palace Banquet Hall  
60 McDowell Gate, Markham  
Cost: \$60 ea  
Contact: Keith Jones @ [kjones@nmdaviscorp.ca](mailto:kjones@nmdaviscorp.ca) or 416.489.6858

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*Homo sapiens is the species that invents symbols in which to invest passion and authority, then forgets that symbols are inventions.*

*- Joyce Carol Oates*

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### **Wednesday April 1 2015**

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Closest major intersection is Victoria Park and O'Connor. The Legion is just a touch north of St. Clair on the west side of Victoria Park  
Contact: Tom Fulton @ [tfulton@rogers.com](mailto:tfulton@rogers.com) or 416.694.3891 or  
Greg McKinnon @ [gregmckinnonmm@gmail.com](mailto:gregmckinnonmm@gmail.com) or 416.686.0107

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### **April 15 to April 30 2015**

#### **Mocha Shrine Temple, London, ON - Trip to Scotland**

The editor of **Hiram's Lighthouse** took a similar trip to Scotland in September/October 2014. This tour will use the same tour guide who is very knowledgeable of both Scottish and Masonic history. The trip is well worth the time, effort and cost and will keep you, your wife and other non-Masons interested and occupied. If you are seriously contemplating taking advantage of the trip, do not delay in making contact and booking. Time is extremely short.

The purpose of the tour is to visit Masonic Lodges, historic castles, points of interest and other attractions in the heart of Masonry - Scotland.

The tour will last two weeks and many places of interest are on the itinerary. Among those will be: -

- The oldest existing lodge room in the world
- The Royal Yacht Britannia
- Rosslyn Chapel
- Stirling Castle
- The Falkirk Wheel
- The Famous Grouse Distillery
- Loch Lomond
- Lodge No. 0, The Mother Lodge of Scotland in Kilwinning
- Burns Cottage
- Edinburgh Castle
- The Wallace Monument
- The Glenfiddich Distillery
- St. Andrews
- The Scottish Borders which will include: -
  - Melrose Abbey and
  - Floors Castle, largest private home in Britain

Contact: Chapman Cultural Tours Ltd.  
Robert Niddery @ [bob@chapmantours.ca](mailto:bob@chapmantours.ca) or 416-445-4447

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### **Sunday April 19 2015**

#### **Toronto East District - Divine Service**

Family and friends are most welcome.

Time: 9:30 am - Assembly



10:00 am - Church Service  
Location: St. Margaret in the Pines Anglican Church  
4130 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough  
Contact: Joe Daz @ [joedas683@gmail.com](mailto:joedas683@gmail.com) or 416.291.6444

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### **Tuesday April 21 2015**

#### **Oakwood Chapter R.A.M. - Annual Master Masons Night and Charity BBQ**

On behalf of E. Comp. Keith Larocque, First Principal, the Council and Companions, we invite you to our annual Master Masons night.



This is to be a very informative evening for all. We will be showing a movie on Royal Arch Masonry with guest speakers from Grand Chapter to enlighten you on Royal Arch Masonry. We will explain the steps involved in progressing through each degree in the Royal Arch along with explanations of the Chapter and its furniture, its Officers and their duties.

Come out for an evening of education and enlightenment and enjoy the splendour, colour and regal solemnity of Royal Arch Masonry.

Proceeds going to the District Charity, the Bursary Fund, a very worthy cause.

Time: 6:00 pm - BBQ  
7:00 pm - Guests received into Chapter  
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall  
Cost: \$20.00 - BBQ  
Contact: Gerald Newall @ [g.newall@sympatico.ca](mailto:g.newall@sympatico.ca) or 905.391.9044, or  
Peter Nuttall @ [pnutall@idirect.com](mailto:pnutall@idirect.com) or 416.283.8056, or  
Keith Larocque @ [tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com](mailto:tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com) or 905.721.8701, or  
Michael Penchoff @ [pmpenchoff@gmail.com](mailto:pmpenchoff@gmail.com) or 416.615.1272

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### **Friday April 24 2015**

#### **The Imperial East Gate and TDV - Dinner and Single Malt Scotch Tasting and Silent Auction**

You are cordially invited to attend with your presenter for the evening, Mr. Edward Patrick, founder of "The Companions of the Quaich", in support of The Mikey Network, an organization committed to placing "MIKEYS" (public access defibrillators) in as many high-risk locations as possible so people affected by sudden cardiac arrest might have a second chance at life.





The dinner choices are Prime Rib, Fish, or Vegetarian. There is a Cash Bar.

Dress Code in effect - Business Casual - No Jeans!

All proceeds to support The Grand Lodge Public Awareness Committee Project to assist Lodges obtain Public Access Defibrillators through The Mikey Network

Time: 6:00 pm - Social  
7:30 pm - Fine Dining  
Location: The School of Fine Dining  
4121 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Markham, ON  
Cost: \$80 ea  
\$150 same name couple  
\$90 ea at the door  
Contact: David Neave @ [davidneave@bell.net](mailto:davidneave@bell.net) or 905.391.5900

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### **Saturday April 25 2015**

#### **T.E.D. - Habitat for Humanity Build Day**

More than 1.3 million Canadian families struggle to get by without a safe, decent and affordable place to live. It's that time of year again when the Toronto East District gives low-income families a "hand-up" by supporting the Habitat for Humanity Build Day.



I am excited to work with all the brethren to raise funds and have a great day in honour of the virtue we profess to admire - Charity. Just this past year, the project had 16 brethren from across the district volunteer a day and raise over \$3,000!

We will be accepting volunteers to assist with the building of the homes as well as support the project in the form of donations from across the district. Let's show them our Masonic spirit in helping them build homes for families in need!

Please find the registration link below:

<http://vhub.at/torontoeastfreemasons>

Also, please use this link for Donations. Look for Toronto East District Masons team.

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/LoginRegister.aspx?eventid=160447&langpref=en-CA&Referrer=direct%2fnone>

Call or email me if you have any questions or would like to know how to get involved.



Time: 8:00 am until we're done  
Location: Brimley at Lawrence  
Contact: Sharbel Dalal @ [sharbel@sharbeldalal.com](mailto:sharbel@sharbeldalal.com) or [416.303.6619](tel:416.303.6619)

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### **Saturday April 25 2015**

#### **Doric - Spring Dance**



Fergit winter! We're having a Hawaiian Luau. Use can wear your loudest shirt and grass skirt. Winter is done like the Leafs. Have a fun night and stick a fork in it.

Prizes including a door prize of a day of golf for four (4) at the Four Season's Golf and Country Club in Claremont.

Tickets are available by contacting Steve or online @ [www.doric.eventbrite.ca](http://www.doric.eventbrite.ca). There will be a list of everyone who bought online at the dance ticket desk. People can print their ticket out or just show up at the door.

Time: 8:00 pm to closing  
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall  
Cost: \$25 ea  
\$45 couple  
Contact: Steve Hudson @ [steve@stevehudson.ca](mailto:steve@stevehudson.ca) or 905.995.4824

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*It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.*

*- Bro. Harry S. Truman (1884-1972), 33rd U.S. President-1945-53*

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### **Sunday May 3 2015**

#### **Scarboro - Scarborough Walk To End MS**

Every day, 3 more Canadians are diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable illness that affects vision, balance, memory and mobility. We don't know what causes MS and there is no cure, but we've formed a team to help change lives beginning right where we live.



Help Scarboro Lodge #653 and join us in the fight to end MS!

Your support means families in our community who are impacted by this often-devastating disease do not have to face MS alone.

Become a member of our team and spend the day with friends and family knowing that you are helping to create a more hopeful future for the 100,000 Canadians living with MS.

If you aren't able to participate, pledge our team today to help us reach our goal. When you make a donation, your funds are invested into ground-breaking MS research and valuable services for families affected by MS.

More information, enlistment forms, and online sponsorship donation are available on the team webpage: [http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR/Walk/OntarioDivision?team\\_id=62322&pg=team&fr\\_id=4101](http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR/Walk/OntarioDivision?team_id=62322&pg=team&fr_id=4101)



Time: 9:00 am - Check in  
10:30 am - Start  
Location: Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute  
New Route! 3 km and 5 km  
Contact: Frank Mackey @ [frank\\_mackay@hotmail.com](mailto:frank_mackay@hotmail.com) or 416.283.3472

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### **Thursday May 21 2015**

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



Another special evening open to all Master Masons who wish to learn more about Freemasonry. The night consists of a dramatic presentation of our colourful and impressive 16<sup>th</sup> degree 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's activities.

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 ea for members  
\$0.00 ea for guests  
Contact: Elroy J. MacKinnon @ [elroy@sympatico.ca](mailto:elroy@sympatico.ca) or 416.669.2777

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### **Saturday May 23 2015**

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

We invite you to join us for a day of fun, exercise, fresh air and good company at the Ontario Chapter Order of the Eastern Star 3rd Annual Best Ball Golf Fun Day in support of Community Care Durham. 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. We are also encouraging businesses or individuals to help sponsor this event in turn for great exposure and to support a great cause. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please share this information with them.

You will get -

- 18 holes of golf with use of power cart
- a box lunch
- contest prizes for
  - closest to the pin,
  - most accurate drive,
  - 2 for 1 or 4 for 2 golf voucher at Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club
  - scrumptious buffet dinner
  - longest drive,
  - and more

The proceeds from this event will help Community Care Durham. Established in 1977, CCD is a multi-service registered charitable organization. They provide Home Support, Respite (Caregiver Relief) and COPE Mental Health services for more than 8,000 adults and their caregivers who have needs related to aging, physical and/or mental health. These services assist clients in remaining in their own homes and



communities, and to function as independently as possible. Their services are provided free of charge or for a minimal fee and are administered through various service locations across Durham Region. Community Care Durham is committed to providing access to a range of services needed to maintain their client's well being, independence and quality of life. Supporting People, Strengthening Community More information can be found at their website,

Please register early to avoid disappointment. All payments and registrations are due before May 1 2015. Registration forms and sponsorship information are available from Jack or Melynda.

Time: 11:00 am - Registration  
Location: Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club  
6400 Steeles Ave. E., Markham, ON  
Cost: \$160.00 ea after March 31, 2014  
\$135.00 ea "early bird" prior to March 31, 2015  
\$35.00 ea - buffet dinner only (by May 1 2015)  
Contact: Jack @ 905.683.2970  
Contact: Melynda Norman-Lee @ [melyndanormanlee@gmail.com](mailto:melyndanormanlee@gmail.com) or 416.992.4258

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*Let every man be respected as an individual and no man idolized.*  
*- Albert Einstein (1879-1955), Nobel Prize-Physics-1921*

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### **Saturday June 6 2015** **Doric - Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team**

For those who would like to experience what a Masonic Lodge meeting was like back in the 'good old days', even before you joined, Doric Lodge #424 is sponsoring the Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team. This two-hour theatrical presentation by the Team has been performed to lodges in Ontario, Quebec and the northern United States for about 35 years. Those who have seen the enactment were definitely not disappointed.



To enhance the production, the costumes are duplicated from the 1770s and the production and ritual is based upon actual minutes taken from a lodge at that time. The choreography and scripting is well designed and will leave nothing to the imagination. You will enjoy the re-enactment of the initiation ceremony of an Entered Apprentice that will be filled with many humorous moments and frequently leaves audiences rolling in laughter.

Through this presentation, you can reflect upon the ease in which our current lodge meetings are conducted because of advancements in technology and travel. The Wellington 18<sup>th</sup> Century Degree Team will bring the past to life.

Grand Lodge has given permission to do the presentation with non-Masons present. The Lodge does not have to be tyled or opened and the audience members can dress in a more relaxed manner.



With a more open presentation, the wording at certain points is changed slightly but the rest is exactly the same. By bringing non-Masonic friends to see the production, there has been an increased interest in the Craft and inquiries as to how to join the Lodge.

The production lasts about 2 hours and will be followed by a light lunch. Admission, including the lunch, is by ticket. There will be no sales at the door. This is an event not to be missed. Tickets for this very singular event are limited.

This event is open to ALL, male, female, Mason or non-Mason of any lodge, from any district.

Proceeds will go to Community Care Durham and the Doric Lodge #424 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

Time: 1:00 pm  
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall  
457 Kingston Rd. W., Ajax, ON L1S 6M1  
Cost: tbd  
Dress: Casual  
Contact: Stephen Hudson @ [steve@stevehudson.ca](mailto:steve@stevehudson.ca) or 905.995.4824, or  
Keith Larocque @ [tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com](mailto:tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com) or 905.721.8701, or  
Terry Spalding-Martin @ [tsmartin@rogers.com](mailto:tsmartin@rogers.com) or 905.420.0776

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### **Saturday June 13 2015**

#### **Toronto East District - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 three-course dinner with two bottles of complimentary wine per table. Favours are planned for the ladies. After a sumptuous meal, there will be dancing to the 21-piece George Lake Big Band orchestra. There will be a photo booth and a late night buffet table available



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.

Your committee has also managed to arrange an event pricing from the Hilton Garden Hotel next door. If you book your

room before May 13<sup>th</sup>, the room rate will be \$129, after that date the price will be \$179. Rooms can be booked directly with the hotel, 905.686.9400. The rooms are held under The Toronto East District Black and White Gala.

Various levels of sponsorship are offered and can be obtained by contacting those identified below.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social  
7:00 pm - Dinner  
9:00 pm - Dancing

Location: Ajax Convention Centre  
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (401 and Salem)

Dress: Formal  
Black Tie or dark business suit

Speaker: Bro. Joseph Curry

Cost: \$100 ea

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*It is well to remember that the entire population of the universe, with one trifling exception, is composed of others.*

*- John Andrew Holmes*

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### **Thursday September 17 through Sunday September 20 2015**

#### **Bedford Lodge (U.S.) Masonic Navy - 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Voyage**

We have done this trip several times over the years and it has always been enjoyable. We are accepting up to 32 participants, so get your reservation/deposit in soon. Please get back to one of us as soon as possible so we can accurately plan the upcoming trip.



We are planning on two 10-person larger boats and two 6-person smaller boats. See [www.houseboatholidays.ca/](http://www.houseboatholidays.ca/)

We can board the boats around noon on Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> and would like to leave the marina by 4:00 pm. to travel to one of the islands for Thursday night, if everybody can get there in time. If not, we will sleep at the marina and depart in the morning. It only takes about 45 minutes to get to a decent island from the marina.

We will enjoy the beauty of the 1000 Islands between Gananoque and Hill Island. House boating along the St. Lawrence Seaway is fun and relaxing. The islands we will be stopping at are all part of the St. Lawrence Islands National Park (Canada). We will travel to a different island for each night. Most of the islands we will be stopping at have walking/hiking trails, some have picnic shelters (pavilion type structures) and fire pits where we can just enjoy the fellowship and brotherly love. We plan to have a campfire each night on the islands. There is tent camping available on each island if anyone is interested at about \$10 per night, payable on the island. Bring your own tent and equipment.

We will get back to the marina by noon or so on Sunday.



It is the committee's intention to get the boat assignments done early and distributed to all participants so each boat can coordinate snacks and drinks if they choose to. Each year we all bring too much snacks, etc., so we think a little coordination would help everybody.

The boats only have 12v power as far as I know. We should plan to have people bring an inverter for each boat or a small generator for any breathing machines.

The boats have kitchen stoves with ovens.

The boat rentals include sheets, pillows, and blankets. If you are planning on sleeping on the floor, in a tent or outside, you will need to bring a sleeping bag, etc.

We need to collect money early because we have to pay the boat company for the deposit for this trip. As always, all deposits and payments are **non-refundable**.

\*\*\* I have participated in this annual trip on 11 of the 16 years it has been happening. It is limited to Master Masons (very occasionally EA and FC). The price includes everything except your booze. There is an excellent mix of Canadian and American Masons on this trip. While the info suggests payment by the end of January, what is needed is email commitment and payment by end of March. I would be happy to answer any questions about this Masonic Navy. - Gerry Campbell @ [gerry\\_campbell@msn.com](mailto:gerry_campbell@msn.com) or 416.606.1373 (*secretary - RJRR*)

Time: 12:00 pm - September 17 - Board  
12:00 pm - September 20 - Disembark  
Unless you plan to be on the highway early, you should consider driving on the Wednesday and staying overnight at a motel.

Location: St. Lawrence National Park, Gananoque, ON

Cost: \$400 ea - \$100 ea deposit **ASAP**

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## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### **Masonic Education: Its Hidden (or Forgotten) Treasures**

I would like to suggest ways to support our brethren who wish to probe more deeply and pursue further education based on their own personal study, or by enrolling in the College of Freemasonry and completing the courses necessary to obtain the designation “Fellow of the College of Freemasonry.”

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

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

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

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

#### The Manual for Masonic Instructors and Students

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

This comprehensive manual of instruction was published in 1948. It was actually a compilation of two



earlier manuals on the first and second degree, first published in 1933 and 1934 respectively. Apparently, a manual for the third degree was never printed separately, but was included with the former two in this book.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> P. 74 Manual for Masonic Instructors and Students, Pg 74, 1962 edition



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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