

Hiram's Lighthouse

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

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Masonry is useful to all men:

- *to the learned, because it affords them the opportunity of exercising their talents upon subjects eminently worthy of their attention;*
- *to the illiterate, because it offers them important instruction;*
- *to the young, because it presents them with salutary precepts and good examples, and accustoms them to reflect on the proper mode of living;*
- *to the man of the world, whom it furnishes with noble and useful recreation;*
- *to the traveller, whom it enables to find friends and brothers in countries where else he would be isolated and solitary;*
- *to the worthy man in misfortune, to whom it gives assistance;*
- *to the afflicted, on whom it lavishes consolation;*
- *to the charitable man, whom it enables to do more good, by uniting with those who are charitable like himself;*
- *and to all who have souls capable of appreciating its importance, and of enjoying the charms of a friendship founded on the same principles of religion, morality, and philanthropy.*

A Freemason, therefore, should be a man of honour and of conscience, preferring his duty to everything beside, even to his life; independent in his opinions, and of good morals; submissive to the laws, devoted to humanity, to his country, to his family; kind and indulgent to his brethren, friend of all virtuous men, and ready to assist his fellows by all means in his power.

- Bro. Albert Pike (1809-1891), Morals and Dogma-1871

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

Brethren,

No message at time of publication.



Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

May

Saturday May 2, 2009
Doric Lodge – **Yard Sale and BBQ**
See notice below
Ajax Masonic Temple

Saturday May 2, 2009
Caledonia and St. Aidan's Lodges – **Ladies Night**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday May 7, 2009
The Beaches Lodge – **Installation**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 9, 2009
The Beaches Lodge – **Ladies Night**
See notice below
The School Restaurant

Sunday May 10, 2009
Mothers' Day
Don't forget Momma. When Mommy is Happy – Everybody is Happy! When Mommy is Not Happy – Everybody is (insert your own words.)



Thursday May 14, 2009
North Gate Lodge – **Extinguishing the Lights**
Come celebrate their life!
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Ajax Masonic Temple

Monday May 18, 2009
Victoria Day
Or Simcoe Day or Civic Holiday or 2-4 Weekend or – whatever they are calling it this year. Walleye season opened last Saturday in southern Ontario.



Tuesday May 19, 2009
St. Aidan's Lodge – **Installation**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

June

Wednesday June 3, 2009
Brougham Union Lodge – **Annual Steak Night**
See notice below
Claremont Masonic Temple

Saturday June 6, 2009
Friendship Lodge – **15th Annual Golf Tournament**
See notice below
Four Season's Golf and Country Club

Sunday June 14, 2009
Father's Day
Probably the most important job any of us will ever have. May we all look on the job we have done and be satisfied!



Sunday June 14, 2009
East Toronto Masonic Community Day
See notice below
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Thursday June 18, 2009
Toronto East District – **Lodge Resource Committee**
– **4 of 4**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday June 19, 2009 thru
Sunday June 21, 2009
Birch Cliff Lodge – **17th Annual Owl's Head Visitation**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday June 20, 2009
The Beaches Lodge – **3rd Annual Sandcastle Competition**
See notice below
The Beaches of Ashbridges Bay

Sunday June 21, 2009
First Full Day of Summer
Summer Solstice (when the sun reaches its farthest point north of the equator). *Enjoy our wonderful Canadian summer!*



Thursday May 21, 2009

Doric Lodge – **Right Worshipful Degree Team**
See more gold braid than you've ever seen before
perform a FC degree
Ajax Masonic Temple

Wednesday June 24, 2009

St. John the Baptist Day – **Patron Saint of
Freemasonry**

Thursday May 21, 2009

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

Friday May 22, 2009

Toronto East District – **Blood Donor Clinic**
See notice below
St. Aidan's Church

Friday May 22, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge - **Table Lodge**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 23, 2009

The Beaches, Birch Cliff and Caledonia Lodges –
MasoniChIP, Open House and Community BBQ
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday May 28, 2009

Scarborough Masonic Temple Corporation - **Annual
General Meeting**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 30, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – **MasoniChIP and BBQ
Day**
See notice below
Claremont Masonic Temple

Saturday May 30, 2009

Canada Lodge – **hosting Heritage Lodge #730**
See notice below
Ajax Masonic Temple

Saturday May 30, 2009

Wexford Lodge – **Oldies Reggae Night**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

Honouring Our Own

The Widows and Senior Members of our fraternity who are unable to participate in our District activities.

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

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

- Bro. Albert Pike (1809-1891)

Blood Donor Clinics



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

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

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

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

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Brougham Union Lodge - Mosaic Pavement Raffle



A raffle was held with the proceeds to fund temple refurbishing. The chances were 1 in 100 of winning. Tickets for 7 of the \$50 prizes have been drawn. There are 3 remaining \$50 prizes and 1 remaining \$500 prize to be drawn.

1. March 9/09 - Ticket #29 - Stan Rowe - \$50 winner
2. March 18/09 - Ticket #25 - James Tomkinson - \$50 winner
3. April 1/09 - Ticket #29 - Stan Rowe - \$50 winner
4. April 8/09 - Ticket #55 - Nick Chiai - Brougham Union Lodge - \$50 winner
5. April 21/09 - Ticket #100 - Rob Diamond - Brougham Union Lodge - \$50 winner
6. April 21/09 - Ticket #39 - Don Vale - Brougham Union Lodge - \$50 winner
7. April 29/09 - Ticket #76 - Rik Kubiak - Shriner - \$50 winner

The accompanying picture shows the new Mosaic Pavement.

Diameter of the Earth

From Delanceyplace.com -

We Think We Just Figured It All Out NOW!

The ancient Greeks determined the Earth was a sphere and calculated its diameter over 1,700 years before Columbus sailed to America:

“The Greeks had noticed that on occasion, Earth blocks the sunlight from hitting the Moon, causing what is called a lunar eclipse. By observing the shadow of Earth cast upon the Moon during a lunar eclipse, they could see that Earth was also a round body, a sphere, just like the Moon and the Sun.

“Eratosthenes, a Greek scholar and the chief of the famous ancient library of Alexandria, Egypt, around 240 BCE, knew that in a town far to the south, Syene, there was a deep water well. On the summer



solstice, the longest day of the year - June 21 - the full image of the Sun could be seen reflecting, for a brief moment, in the water of the deep well in Syene precisely at noon. Therefore, the Sun at noon must be passing exactly overhead in Syene. He noticed, however, that on this same day, the Sun did not pass directly overhead in his hometown of Alexandria, which was 800 km (500 mi) due north of Syene. Instead, it missed the zenith, the point directly overhead in the sky, by about seven degrees. Eratosthenes concluded that the zenith direction was different by seven degrees in Alexandria from that in Syene. Using some elementary geometry, he could determine the diameter of Earth and found it to be 12,800 km (8,000 mi).

“Earth’s true diameter, as we know it today, depends slightly upon where you measure it, since Earth is oblate, that is, wider through the equator than through the poles, and it also has mountains, tides, and so on, that require us to quote only an ‘average value.’ The average diameter of Earth through the equator is about 12,760 km (7,929 mi), and through the polar axis, about 12,720 km (7,904 mi). This means that Eratosthenes derived the correct result for Earth’s diameter to an astounding precision of better than 1 percent, assuming Earth was a sphere.”

- Leon M. Lederman and Christopher T. Hill,
Symmetry and the Beautiful Universe, Prometheus, Copyright 2004

Re: April’s ... by the Lighthouse Beam - Time for a Masonic Reality Check

Katrina A. Goggins - April 9, 2009

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/m/meltdown_shriners_hospitals?site=ftam§ion=us

According to an AP news article, the Shriner’s Hospitals for Children is considering closing 6 of 22 hospitals currently in operation due to stagnating donations, cost increases, and a shrinkage in the organization’s endowment (from \$8 billion to \$5 billion in less than a year). Decision to be made this summer.

The organization is tapping the endowment at the rate of ~ \$1 million per day to cover shortfalls in budgets for the 22 hospitals. Ralph Semb, CEO, states that within 5 to 7 years the organization may be “out of the hospital business and not have any hospitals.”

Historic Masonic Gavel Missing

We are searching for a missing Masonic Gavel that was used at the dedication of the Masonic Temple at 888 Yonge Street in 1918.

This gavel was last seen in the possession of the manager of 888 Yonge Street in 1992. He had found it in the temple building. Its current whereabouts are unknown. We request your assistance in locating it and having it placed in the Grand Lodge Museum.

If you have any information to assist in our search please advise –

Paul Skazin @ skazin@sympatico.ca or
Charlie Reid @ charlie.reid@sympatico.ca



News In The Making

Here is a photo of the son of a good friend and Past Master of Lodge (Wayzata #205). He has taken over as the Captain of the Maersk Alabama after the recent act of piracy resulted in the kidnapping of the former Captain. He is pictured in the lifeboat that was used in the kidnapping. Please remember him and his crew in your prayers.

- Cinosam, May 2009



Political Freedom, Religious Tolerance, Personal Integrity. Freemasonry - it's not for everyone.
- Bro. Ed Halpaus

Saturday May 2, 2009

Doric Lodge – Yard Sale and BBQ



Get some new 'items of interest' for spring! If you'd like to donate, bring it around early. Bargains! Bargains! Bargains! And you can stop and have a burger in between talking them down on the price! The final fundraiser for the 2009 visit of the Jamaican brethren. Traditionally, a portion of the funds raised will be donated to a community charity after the visit. We'll be glad to see you out on the lawn! Bring your cash!

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Ajax Masonic Temple
Contact: Bruce Palanik @ thepalanikgroup@rogers.com or

905.839.7342

Saturday May 2, 2009

Caledonia and St. Aidan's Lodges – Ladies Night

On behalf of the Worshipful Masters of Caledonia and St. Aidan's Lodges, you are all cordially invited - brethren, family and friends to participate in our yearly Ladies Night. Come out for a great meal catered by Triple G, prizes and dancing to music by DJ Jimmy Mack. Bring out your significant other for an enjoyable evening of social bantering, treating the palate and dancing off the extra carbs. There will be Spot Dances and Door Prizes, as well as gifts for the ladies.

Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$45 each
Contact: Alex Wilson @ awilsonpmcaledonia@rogers.com or 905.823.8638 or
Bob Thompson @ bob.thompson@cra.gc.ca or 416.491.3230



Saturday May 9, 2009



Rainbow Girls – Garage Sale

An opportunity to donate to a worth cause AND get that really, really necessary thing that you always wanted and needed. If you'd like to donate, bring it around early. Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!

Time: 9:00 am –12:00 noon
Location: The McGregor's Home
48 Hillbeck Crescent, Scarborough

Contact: Jane Ball @ baljan@rogers.com or 416.267.0364 or
Barb McGregor @ 416.282.4254

Saturday May 9, 2009

The Beaches Lodge – Ladies Night

Once again, The Beaches Lodge is hosting our annual Ladies Night Gala. This year it will be held on Mothers' Day weekend, so bring your Mother. We will be at a new venue - our very own Nick Zarafontis' 5 Star restaurant, The School of Fine Dining. The menu will be –

- Hors d'ouvres
- Butternut Squash Chowder
plus
- Poached Wild Salmon Medallion with Dill Sauce and Organic Greens
or
- Roast Prime Rib Of Beef Au Jus
- Yorkshire Pudding
- Country Style Mashed Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
and
- Dessert, Coffee or Tea
and
- 2 bottles of Wine per table



A lovely meal and evening at such an exquisite establishment at a bargain price of \$50.00 per person. You cannot get a better deal. A whole night of fine dining, dancing, door prizes, and other entertainment. Your special Ladies will be very impressed. Tickets are limited, so buy early. **NOTE:** No tickets will be available at the door.

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



Tuesday May 19, 2009

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

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

Topic: Sacred Geometry - Part 2
Speaker: Prof. Tim Richardson
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione @ pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 905.846.3586

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

Thursday May 21, 2009

Toronto East District - Lodge Resource Committee – 3 of 4

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

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

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

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

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

The Templars Done It!

Richard Owen in Rome – April 6, 2009

www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/faith/article6040521.ece

Medieval knights hid and secretly venerated The Holy Shroud of Turin for more than 100 years after the Crusades, the Vatican said yesterday in an announcement that appeared to solve the mystery of the relic's missing years.

The Knights Templar, an order that was suppressed and disbanded for alleged heresy, took care of the linen cloth, which bears the image of a man with a beard, long hair and the wounds of crucifixion, according to Vatican researchers.



The Shroud, which is kept in the royal chapel of Turin Cathedral, has long been revered as the shroud in which Jesus was buried, although the image only appeared clearly in 1898 when a photographer developed a negative.

Barbara Frale, a researcher in the Vatican Secret Archives, said the Shroud had disappeared in the sack of Constantinople in 1204 during the Fourth Crusade, and did not surface again until the middle of the fourteenth century. Writing in *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, Dr Frale said its fate in those years had always puzzled historians.

However her study of the trial of the Knights Templar had brought to light a document in which Arnaut Sabbatier, a young Frenchman who entered the order in 1287, testified that as part of his initiation he was taken to “a secret place to which only the brothers of the Temple had access”. There he was shown “a long linen cloth on which was impressed the figure of a man” and instructed to venerate the image by kissing its feet three times.

Dr Frale said that among other alleged offences such as sodomy, the Knights Templar had been accused of worshipping idols, in particular a “bearded figure”. In reality however the object they had secretly venerated was the Shroud.

They had rescued it to ensure that it did not fall into the hands of heretical groups such as the Cathars, who claimed that Christ did not have a true human body, only the appearance of a man, and could therefore not have died on the Cross and been resurrected. She said her discovery vindicated a theory first put forward by the British historian Ian Wilson in 1978.

Radiocarbon dating tests on the Turin Shroud in 1988 indicated that it was a medieval fake. However this had been challenged on the grounds that the dated sample was taken from an area of the shroud mended after a fire in the Middle Ages and not a part of the original cloth.

Friday May 22, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge – Table Lodge

Birch Cliff Lodge will be honouring several people, not necessarily Masons, for community service. A Table Lodge is a ‘formal’ 5-course dinner, plus wine, with ritualised toasts at set points during the meal. If you have not seen the ritual of Masonic Fire, the ritual of the toasts will be interesting. This evening is open to all Masons and non-Masons alike, anyone over the age of 19, and promises to be a truly fun-filled night. Get your tickets early as this popular event sells out quickly. Regalia not required. (See ... **by the Lighthouse Beam**)

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$35/ea
Contact: Peter Sialtsis @ psialtsis@hotmail.com or 647.344.7072

Saturday May 23, 2009

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

The Beaches, Birch Cliff and Caledonia Lodges are hosting a special event at the Scarborough Masonic Temple and are providing parents with a free Identification kit for their children.



Masons have funded MasoniChIP across North America in order to supply parents and guardians the tools necessary to provide law enforcement with complete details of a missing child. The five-point child recovery and identification kits are comprised of digital photographs; digital video, including audio; digital fingerprints; vital child information; and a dental bite impression. Since the first few hours of search are critical ones, the CD we generate will provide police with transmittable and accurate information within minutes of its receipt. All Child's Information is kept on this CD that the parent keeps and no information is stored on our computers.



We are opening our Lodge room to the general public, and we are on the Roster for the **City of Toronto Doors Open Program** and will have special guest speakers and other information on Freemasonry. We will have a community BBQ with fire trucks, Emergency vehicles, Clowns and other activities for the kids. Please plan to attend this special community based event. Open House is open till 5:00 pm.

We will have booths set up with Order of the Eastern Star, Whitby and Scarborough Chapters, Rainbow Girls, Toronto East District Masons, and hopefully other concurrent Masonic bodies. If any of your family is interested in any of these bodies of Masonry please invite them to this event.

Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Contact: Ed Crosier @ newfser@hotmail.com or 289.240.4913 or
Charles Frankland @ cfrankland@rogers.com or 416.493.9022

Monday May 25, 2009
King Solomon's Memorial Service
Honour our dead.

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Mount Pleasant Cemetery – King Solomon's Plot

King Solomon's Plot

The Guild and Bureau has the custody and control of a burial plot in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, known as the 'King Solomon Plot'. It was presented to the Craft by the late M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson in 1883, in order to provide for "the burial of indigent Masons, who at the time of death were members of a duly constituted lodge, chapter R.A.M., Knight Templar, Scottish Rite, etc." A tall marble column surmounted by a sphere bearing the Masonic emblem marks the plot.

It is still available for the purpose stated above. As our government has various programs in place to assist with burials, we have not buried anyone in about 15 years. We were asked to look into burying someone about 4 years but the Brother's Lodge never followed it up. There is a parchment showing who is buried in what plot. The names of those buried within the plot are not currently published.



Thursday May 28, 2009

Scarborough Masonic Temple Corporation - Annual General Meeting

The meeting is to –

- Receive and approve the financial records of the Corporation for 2008,
- Receive nominations for and elect the officers for 2009/10
- Vote upon any resolutions that may come before the meeting at that time.

There will be a special presentation made regarding the future direction of the Temple including plans for the redevelopment and or relocation of the Temple.

All Mason's of the Toronto East District are encouraged to attend.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Contact: Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or cell 416.697.0822

Thursday May 28, 2009

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



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

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

Saturday May 30, 2009

Peterborough District – 22nd Annual Picton Breakfast Run

All motorcyclists are more than welcome. The run departs from the Tim Horton's, Lansdowne St. W. (Sobey's parking lot) in Peterborough promptly at 7:30 a.m.

The Route will be –

Peterborough to Hastings via County Road 2
Hastings to Warkworth
Warkworth to Brighton via Highway 30
Rest stop in Brighton at Highway 2 and Highway 30
Brighton to Murray Canal to Carrying Place
To Picton Legion for the best \$10.00 breakfast anywhere

Followed by a ride around the County with stops at the Black River Cheese Factory, a local winery and wherever . . .

Rain Date is Sunday May 31st

Time: 7:30 am

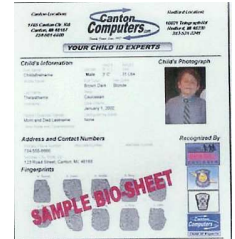


Location: Tim Horton's, Lansdowne St. W. in Peterborough
(Sobey's parking lot)
Cost: \$20 per bike going to charity
Contact: Brian @ 705.742.2249 or
Bob @ 705.745.5012 or
Walter @ 705.741.4116

Saturday May 30, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – Masonic ChIP Day and BBQ

Another great opportunity to ensure the grandchildren are all identified in case the unthinkable should happen. The five-point child recovery and identification kits are comprised of digital photographs; digital video, including audio; digital fingerprints; vital child information; and a dental bite impression. Have everything the police may need in one place. When you are done with all of that, step up to the BBQ grill and get something for lunch. It will be a great day in beautiful downtown Claremont. Come on out! All are invited. Bring your friends.



Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Claremont Masonic Temple
Contact: David Neave @ davidneave@rogers.com or 905.391.5900

Saturday May 30, 2009

Canada Lodge – hosting The Heritage Lodge #730

The Heritage Lodge was established to preserve the heritage and history of Masonry in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (GLCPO). There will be a speaker at the meeting. All Masons are welcome. Regalia are required.



Topic: R.W. Bro. Charles Sankey - His Masonic Career and His Views on Masonry
Speaker: Richard Simpson
Time: 12:00 Noon - Informal Banquet
1:30 pm - Meeting
Location: Ajax Masonic Temple
Contact: Robert Kliaman @ rkliaman@cpa-ca.com or 905.707.6886

Saturday May 30, 2009

Wexford Lodge – Oldies Dance with a Reggae Theme



We gon' have a Jump Up! Put on yo flash clothes, mon! Join the brudahs dancin' and feelin' Erie! And some of that good old time rock and roll as well. Good people, a good dance and a great buffet dinner. Come on out! All are invited. Bring your friends.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$25/ea
Contact: Shariff Bacchus @ ksj.bacchus@rogers.com or 905.509.6950 or



Royce Baker @ royce.baker@rogers.com or 905.420.0081 or
Robin Singh @ yahrobs@yahoo.com or 905.434.6475

*When the character of a man is not clear to you, look at his friends.
- Japanese Proverb*

Wednesday June 3, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – Annual Steak Night

Come to beautiful downtown Claremont and enjoy a lovely summer's evening accompanied by a 7 oz. steak, baked potato, salad, bun, dessert and one glass of wine. Food is served on china plates with linen tablecloths, etc. If you've never been to one of these, you don't know what you are missing. There are two sittings: - 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. For those who wish to stay longer, tables are available under a marquee behind the Lodge Hall. Please note that only 150 tickets are available and they **MUST BE PREPAID**. **Tickets will not be available at the door.**



Time: 6:00 pm – Sitting #1
7:00 pm – Sitting #2
Location: Claremont Masonic Temple
Cost: \$15/ea
Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@sympatico.ca or 416.518.2242 or 905.649.3003

Saturday June 6, 2009

Friendship Lodge – 15th Annual Golf Tournament



A great day full of golf, sunshine, fraternity, food and laughter. D'ya think he made the putt? What do ya think the laughter is all about?

Time: 9:30 am
Location: 4 Seasons Golf and Country Club
Cost: \$100/ea
Contact: Ken Rayner @ ken.rayner@siemens.com or 905.579.7106

A husband and wife are on the 9th green when suddenly she collapses from a heart attack! “Help me dear,” she groans to her husband.

The husband quickly calls 911 on his cell phone, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter, and lines up his putt.

His wife raises her head off the green and stares at him. “I’m dying here and you’re putting?”

“Don’t worry dear,” says the husband calmly, “they found a doctor on the second hole and he’s coming to help you.”

“Well, how long will it take for him to get here,” she asks feebly?



“No time at all,” says her husband. “Everybody’s already agreed to let him play through.”

Sunday June 14, 2009

East Toronto Masonic Community Day

A day just packed with activity. The ChIP program will take place in the Banquet room and a committee of Brethren from the various Lodges from the East Toronto Masonic Temple will be there to put together the kits for the parents so as to have this valuable data available to them in case of any emergency!



We will also be hosting an Open House, a BBQ, a Yard Sale, Face Painting, a Raffle, a Food Drive and possibly Live Entertainment in the evening. The intention is to raise enough funds though the Yard Sale to repay the District / DDGM for all of the materials provided the District Blood Donors Committee this Masonic year as well as making “donations” to the Canadian Cancer Society, the East Toronto Temple Board and the District Project of Honouring Our Own. We would like any donations of goods for the Yard Sale to be brought to the East Toronto Temple. Please bring an item and show that you CARE to make this a Huge success!!!

This will be an OPEN event for the Freemasons and Families and especially the Community at Large in and about the East Toronto Masonic Temple. We may also provide a venue in the evening for entertainment such as a live band

A ‘special mention’ to the East Toronto Masonic Temple Board who have given this committee the day gratis which is greatly appreciated.

Time: 10:00 am
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: Doug Gray @ douggray@rogers.com or 416-266-0783

Tuesday June 16, 2009

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

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

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

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



Thursday June 18, 2009

Toronto East District - Lodge Resource Committee – 4 of 4

The Toronto East District Lodge Resource Committee is holding some informal training and information night at the Scarborough Masonic Temple. The meeting will commence at 7:30 pm sharp and will be followed by a short festive board.

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

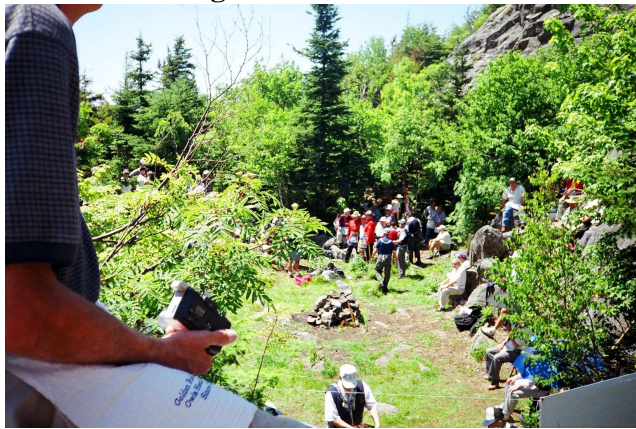
A full copy of the various sections of the manual is available on line at the Toronto East District website at www.torontoeastdistrict.com/resources/resources.html. I would encourage the Brethren to visit the site and download sections that are relevant to them.

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

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

Friday, June 19, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge - Owl's Head Visitation



2005 – RCMP (Ottawa) Degree Team enters the 'lodge' from the 'West' end. The 'altar' is in the middle of the open area.

Witness the 153rd Annual 3rd Degree (US Constitution) held on the summit of Owl's Head Mountain, overlooking beautiful Lake Memphramagog, 3,000 feet above sea level. It is held in a natural rock amphitheatre, formed in the shape of a Lodge room.

Birch Cliff Lodge has been making this Annual Visitation for the past 17 years. It is a unique Masonic experience.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 5, GRQ of Stanstead, QB, (about 100 km east of Montreal), has been holding this event for the past 153 years, always on or about the 3rd Saturday in June. As a lodge, Golden Rule Lodge #5 predates both the GLCPO, and the Grand Lodge of



Quebec.

Each year, several hundred Masons from every jurisdiction attend this famous event. The GMs in attendance two years ago were from the Grand Lodges of Quebec, New Brunswick, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, and Ohio. Over the years, we have met Masons from as far away as Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, South Africa, Scotland, Ireland, England and Sweden, as well as from every part of Canada and the U.S.A.

Birch Cliff Lodge plans to depart on Friday, June 19th at 8:00 AM and return on Sunday, June 21st around 5:00 PM. They stay overnight in the Newport City Motel in Newport, VT. **Rooms need to be booked as soon as possible so please contact Jim Pickett as soon as possible.** Valid documentation (passport?) is mandatory for USA entry.

If any other Lodge wants to organize their own transportation, Birch Cliff would be happy to provide all directions, or they can travel with our car.

➔ As this is an out of province visit, Lodges attending as a group require dispensation from Grand Lodge. Birch Cliff already has its dispensation.

➔ It is open to Master Masons only, (no EAs or FCs).



Going There:

Departure: Friday June 19, 2009
8:00 AM

Location: tbd

Cost: share mini-van rental,
insurance, gas, etc. as required (usually
\$200-\$250 for the w/e)

Overnight: Newport City Motel in
Newport, VT.

Lodge Meeting:

Time: Saturday June 20, 2009
12:00 Noon

Dress: casual, even shorts if the
weather is hot. Regalia are required.

You ascend on the ski-lift to the 2,500 ft. level, then it's a rough trail climb up to the summit. Good heavy footwear, like boots or hiking shoes is strongly recommended.

Coming Back:

Location: Golden Rule Lodge Hall

Departure: Sunday June 21, 2009 - after breakfast

Toronto Arrival:

Time: approximately 5:00 PM

Contact: Jim Pickett @ j_o_pickett@yahoo.ca or 416.282.9373
(Jim is an honorary member of Golden Rule Lodge.)



Saturday June 20, 2009

The Beaches Lodge – 3rd Annual Sandcastle Competition

The theme for this daylong event is to build a *Sandcastle*. We expect teams to be digging by sunrise. They will realistically need to begin sculpting their walls by 10:00 am because the competition will end sharply at 3:00 pm. With any luck, sun block will be advised. A fun day for all!

Anyone with a spade and bucket can compete, but having some idea of what a sandcastle looks like will certainly help. Although each team can have as many members as they want, to be fair, only 4 team members should be working on their structure at any one time.

The first year there were 3 entries, and last year there were 8. There is a rumour that some teams from other districts are considering the trip to Hogtown. So, hopefully, we'll get a lot more lodges to participate and more civilian castles too!

The prize will be a trophy of *unprecedented* value. So far, the winners have been Doric Lodge in 2007 and The Beaches Lodge in 2008. Go figure, eh? Come and dethrone the current chumps, er, uh, champs! Get your Lodge's name permanently placed on the cup, written in indelible ink on some masking tape! Wow! ☺



Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: Beaches of Ashbridge's Bay
Contact: Graeme Boyce @ rawgraeme@gmail.com or 416.402.8591

The value of life lies, not in the length of days, but in the use we make of them: a man may live long, yet live very little. Satisfaction in life depends not on the number of your years, but on your will.
- Michel Eyquem de Montaigne (1533-1592)

Friday, July 10, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge – Annual Birch Cliff Open



The price includes 18 holes of Golf, a Power Cart, BBQ Steak Dinner and the pleasure of the many who have already committed to tickets. Prizes Galore. Best Ball Format. Double Tee-off at the 1st and 10th hole. All are welcome - ladies and non-Masonic friends. Proceeds in support of Prostate Cancer Research. For those wishing to attend, please contact any Officer of Birch Cliff Lodge **ASAP** as tickets usually become hard to get toward the event date.

Time: 10:30 am – T-off
Location: Bushwoods Golf Club
10905 Reesor Road, Markham
Cost: \$98/ea
Contact: Theo Doughty @ 905.649.8394

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 5-iron standing over a lifeless man. The detective asks, “Ma’am, is that your husband?”

“Yes” says the woman.



“Did you hit him with that golf club?”

“Yes, yes, I did.” The woman begins to sob, drops the club and put her hands on her face.

“How many times did you hit him?”

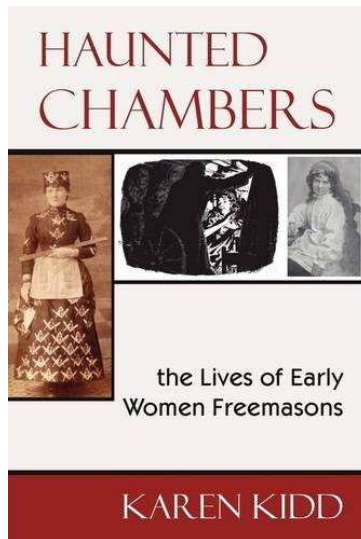
“I don’t know, five, six, maybe seven times . . . just put me down for a five.”



BOOK REVIEW:

Haunted Chambers: the Lives of Early Women Freemasons

Author: Karen Kidd M.M.
ISBN: 1934935557
Publisher: Cornerstone Book Publishers
Published: March 2009



The book's author, Karen Kidd, is a Co-Mason and member of a Seattle, WA-based Lodge that works under the Honourable Order of American Co-Masonry, American Federation of Human Rights, headquartered in Larkspur, CO. "Haunted Chambers" is Kidd's first book.

Kidd touches only briefly on what many will find as the real challenge in this book: that these women existed at all. Instead, "Haunted Chambers" provides the best evidence available that these women did exist and as many details about their lives as is still available. The women in Haunted Chambers include an American writer of women's rights, an early New Brunswick settler, an Irish immigrant girl, a war hero, a countess and the sculptress who created the statue of Abraham Lincoln that stands today in the US Capitol Rotunda.

The book's title comes from an observation by noted 19th Century Masonic Historian W. Fred Vernon: "I have no doubt other ancient Lodges have their lady members just as ancient buildings have their haunted chambers."

Though "Haunted Chambers" is Kidd's first book, she is not a new writer. She started writing when she was a young girl and sold early works of short fiction while she was in college. She earned a degree in Journalism from Marshall University in Huntington, WV, and was a reporter for about eight years at several small southern newspapers. She then changed careers and entered the information technology field, writing occasional articles for technical journals.

She was initiated into Freemasonry in August 2006, into a Seattle, WA-based Lodge that works under the Honourable Order of American Co-Masonry, American Federation of Human Rights. The Honourable Order is based in Larkspur, CO, and was founded in the US in the early 20th Century. Kidd is a member of the Honourable Order's Lodge of Research, for which she's written several architectures/research papers and more are in the works.

In 2007, she won the World Award in Internet Lodge No 9659's Short Paper's competition. Internet Lodge is a Lodge in Manchester England that works under the United Grand Lodge of England. It's biannual short papers competition attracts entrants the world over. Kidd was the first Co-Mason and the first woman Freemason to win such an award in a contest sponsored by a Lodge under the UGLE. <http://internet.lodge.org.uk/shortpaperscompetition/library/SPC200750.pdf>

When first you read this book, it is really full on and in your face - and first you react to that. Then you think that she is representing just how Co-Masons and lady Masons can feel - in what is often a very male centric world. And then you read it again but this time from her point of view not your own. That is what makes it a clever bit of writing.



In the world of Masonic book publishing, the few nuts who try and write Masonic books are used to eating lots of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. The reason is that Masonic books just do not sell well - actually hardly at all. The Masonic publishers who are left are used to very low sales. Places like Amazon list books from just about everyone. The large and small publishers have their books there as well as many of the self-published books. Of course, the large guys get the top sales positions because they sell the most. As far as sales ranks go, a Masonic publisher is delighted when one of their books breaks the 100,000 sales rank positions.

“Haunted Chambers - the Lives of Early Women Freemasons” has just been listed on Amazon and it was hoped that the book would show a couple of sales. New books that sell often start with a sales rank in the one or two million (that’s right) if they sell at all. To get any sort of sales rank, someone has to buy the book. This afternoon my eyes almost popped out my head as Bro. Karen’s book showed a sales rank of about 120,000. I could not believe it, but because I wanted to be sure that it was real, I waited. When I checked again, it had moved to the 58,000 position. Later that day, the book was at 25,000. In other words, on the first day, Bro. Karen’s book has done better than many, many Masonic books ever do.

Amazon lists this book at \$30.72 CAD but by looking around you should be able to get it for well under \$20.00.

Review by: Cornerstone Publishing and several others
<http://cornerstonepublishers.com/chambers.html>



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Masonic Fire

Masonic 'fire' is an old custom that may have been derived from that of firing guns or cannon after toasts. The original practice was modified by our Masonic ancestors to suit their needs. The custom of gunfire salutes after toasts already existed in the 17th century. In February 1694 Captain Thomas Phillips, in his account of the voyage of the ship 'Hannibal', referred to the practice thus:

In this garden [of Cape Coast Castle on the West Coast of Africa] captain Shurley and I entertain'd the agents, factors, and other officers of the castle at dinner before our departure ... where we enjoy'd ourselves plentifully, having each of us six of our quarter-deck guns brought ashore, with powder, &c., and our gunners to ply them; which they did to purpose, and made them roar merrily, firing eleven at every health.¹

It is unknown exactly when Masonic 'fire' started. Anderson recorded in his *New Book of Constitutions* (1738) that Desaguliers, the newly installed Grand Master, 'reviv'd the old regular and peculiar Toasts or Healths of the Free Masons' on June 24, 1719. We do not know what those 'old regular and peculiar Toasts' were like and whether or not the 'firing' was practised then. It is in French exposures published in the late 1730s and the early 1740s that we find the earliest reference to the practice of Masonic 'fire'. For example, here is an extract from the *Reception d'un Frey-Maçon* (1737):

... this ceremony [initiation] ended, and this explanation given, the Candidate is called Brother, and they seat themselves at Table, where they drink, with the permission of the Worshipful Grand Master [the W.M.], to the health of the new Brother. Each has his Bottle before him; when they want to drink, they say, give the Powder, everyone rises, the Grand Master says, charge; the Powder, which is the Wine, is poured into the glass; the Grand Master says, lay your hands to your firelocks [armes], and they drink to the health of the Brother, carrying the glass to the mouth in three movements; after which, and before replacing the glass on the Table, it is carried to the left breast, then to the right, and then forwards, all in three movements, and in three other movements it is set down perpendicularly on the Table, they clap their hands three times and each of them cries three times Vivat.²

On the other hand, the earliest reference to such a practice in England is contained in *Three Distinct Knocks* (1760), from which the following description is taken:

Every Man has a Glass set him, and a large Bowl of Punch, or what they like, is set in the Center of the Table; and the senior Deacon charges (as they call it) in the North and East, and the junior Deacon in the South and West; for it is their duty to do so, i.e., to fill all the Glasses. Then the Master takes up his Glass, and gives a Toast to the King and the Craft, with Three Times Three in the Prentice's; and



1 *Miscellanea Latomorum*, vol. 3 no. 1 (August 1915), p. 8.

2 Carr, Harry: *French Exposures* (1971), p. 8.



they all say Ditto, and drink all together, minding the Master's Motion: They do the same with the empty Glass that he doth; that is, he draws it a-cross his Throat Three Times ..., and then makes Three Offers to put it down; At the third, they all set their Glasses down together, which they call 'firing': Then they hold the Left-hand Breast-high, and clap Nine Times with the Right, their Foot going at the same Time: When this is done, they all sit down.¹

The same source notes that the reason for their drinking three times three is:

... because there were antiently but Three Words, Three Signs and Three Gripes; but there have been Three added, viz. The Grand Sign of a Master, the Pass-Gripe of a Fellow-Craft, and Pass-Word, which is Twelve in all for you to remember, viz. The Word, Sign and Gripe of an enter'd Apprentice is Three: The Word, Sign, Gripe, Pass-Gripe and Pass-Word of a Fellow-Craft is Five; And the Master hath Four, viz. The Sign, the Grand Sign, the Gripe and Word, which is Twelve.²



³Masonic 'fire' with Brethren crashing down thick-based drinking glasses on the table was once a common practice. The use of such firing glasses is now much less common, however, and the 'fire' is more usually accompanied by the Brethren clapping their hands instead. There is no official form of giving 'fire'. Basically, it is a variation of 'point-left-right' (PLR) followed by the 'three times three' hand clapping - a typical 'fire' procedure being PLR, PLR, PLR, one (point to the left), two (point to the right), one clap, short pause and three short claps followed by another set of three short claps.

Various theories have been suggested about the origin of the PLR. Listing several different theories, e.g., the Sign of the Cross made by a clergyman in benediction over food or drink, the 'Hammer of Thor' sign used in Scandinavia in olden times to appease the great God, the motions made by a bricklayer when lifting cement with his trowel and a royal salute of 21 guns, Carr concluded none of them can be considered its origin and that such movements rather originate from one of the early modes of recognition.⁴ Some doubt there is any significance or symbolical meaning in Masonic 'fire' itself and believe it is a survival of a convivial custom originally carried out as a cheerful, boisterous routine.⁵

So there are many variations of Masonic 'fire'. It cannot be said that a certain way of 'firing' is the only correct way and that any other way is incorrect. It is a matter of local custom and the particular lodge.

Masonic 'fire' is the completion of the toast and it is part of the honours accorded to whoever is the subject of the toast. Thus there is no reason for its omission after the toast. However, needless to say, not all lodges practise Masonic 'fire'.

- Yoshio Washizu

Transactions Of The Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 London

1 Jackson, A. C. F.: English Exposures (1986), p. 61.

2 Ibid., p. 113.

3 This Swedish made firing glass or cannon bears the familiar symbolism of Blue Lodge Masonry. The Seal of Solomon or Star of David is present on the front as well as the cable-tow folded in a figure eight pattern. It stands 9 inches tall on a heavy cut-glass base. www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/swedish_firing_glass.htm

4 Carr, Harry: 'Masonic Fire', AQC vol. 79 (1966), pp. 278-279.

5 Haunch, Terrence: The Loyal Toast&Masonic Fire (Q.C.C.C. Recorded Talks 4).



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