

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT
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WHY FREEMASONRY SURVIVES

Institutions do not survive through the ages by accident; they live only through the possession and operation of everlasting principles. When an organization runs back beyond historic records, and relies upon tradition for the story of its origin, its career during a known period either justifies or falsifies the tradition.

An ancestry of virtue and good works is a liberal education. The power of the accumulated wisdom of the past is a resistless, impelling force upon the present. The architects, the decorators, the draftsmen, the woodcarvers, the workers in precious metals and the Masons who were building the famous Temple of King Solomon came from every nation in the then-known world. Their union of mutual help, protection, society and improvement was the marvel of an age when all navies were pirates and all nations' enemies.

Masonry, marching under the leadership of God and the banner that bears the motto, 'Love thy neighbour as thyself,' with the peasant and the prince, the mechanic and the merchant, the learned and the unlearned following in equal rank and common step, knows neither race nor nationality, neither caste nor condition, as it proudly and beneficially moves down the centuries.

- Bro. Chauncey M. Depew (1834-1928)

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

Brethren,

As I write this on Easter Sunday morn, the chilly air is filled with fragrance of Easter lilies. Easter is all about hope, love and a new beginning. On behalf of Joan and myself, I wish all of you a happy Passover and a joyous Easter.



Grand Master's Reception:

The five Toronto Districts celebrated our Grand Master's tenure of office with a reception on Tuesday March 29th. Over 550 masons and friends attended in what has been described as the best reception for the Grand Master so far in this jurisdiction.

Toronto East sold 106 tickets for the event. 19 Masters and Immediate Past Masters registered for the event. A total of 35 Masters and 14 IPM from the 5 districts were in attendance. W. Bro. Prince Selvaraj gave the Toast to the Queen and the Craft and I gave the Toast to the Visitors.

The committee to organize the next Grand Master's reception in 2 years was selected and is:

- Chairman: R.W. Bro. Michael Litvak , DDGM, Toronto Don Valley
- Vice Chairman: R.W. Bro. Leyland A. Muss, DDGM, Toronto East
- Secretary: R.W. Bro. Eugene Palacol, DDGM, Toronto Humber Valley
- Treasurer: R.W. Bro. Mark Stoiko, DDGM, Toronto West
- Sales & Marketing: R.W. Bro. Bill Boyle, DDGM, York

I would like to thank all our brethren and their guests for their attendance and V.W. Bro. Ed Russell, our Ticket Coordinator for taking on this task.

The 5 Toronto Districts presented a cheque for \$4,000 to the Grand Master for his project.

Official Visits:

We had 4 Official Visits in April. I continued my talks on the symbols of the Entered Apprentice Degree. At Markham Union I started my series on the Fellowcraft Degree symbols which I will continue this month.

Long Range Planning:

The District Long Range Planning Committee held its inaugural meeting and it was free flowing with many ideas. At the following meetings the Committee will be using some of these ideas to start making a plan, determine mission and vision statements, goals etc. and agree on a general approach for implementing a District Long Range Plan.

District Workshops:

The workshops on **Improving your Proficiency in the Mechanics of the Work and Officer Progression Workshop** were a huge success with 60 masons in attendance and were beyond all my expectations. The G.L. Chairman, LoI (Lodge of Instruction) indicated that this was the largest attendance his team has ever had for this workshop. "Toronto East far exceeded our expectations in attracting an unusually high number of Worshipful Masters, current Lodge Officers, and Master Masons to this event. (75% of the attendees fell into this category.) If only this would happen at every District Workshop!" My only regret was that only 5 Masters attended. Was it because the other 14 knew it all?

The District Mentor Chairman will be following up with a workshop on **Officer Progression** to help those line officers through their journey to the Master's chair. It will be held on Saturday May 7th from 8:30 am - 12 noon at the Doric Temple.

A **Computer Resources and Secretaries' Seminar** will be held on Saturday June 11th at the Doric Temple from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. This seminar is for Masters, Secretaries, Treasurers and other interested masons. The seminar will be conducted by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Terence Shand and V.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman. More information will be forthcoming.



District Meeting:

Our **Spring District Business Meeting** was held on Saturday April 30 at the East Toronto Masonic Temple, Chisholm Ave. Reports were given by District Chairmen and me on our various portfolios for the year under review.

In my June's message, I'll give you some of the highlights of the meeting.

District Divine Service:

Our **Divine Service** will be held at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 776 Brimley Rd. (south of Lawrence Ave.) Scarborough on **Sunday May 15th** commencing at 10:30 am. The Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Ron Smeaton will deliver the homily. Masons are asked to assemble with their families and friends at 10:00 am. Regalia and Masters' collars are to be worn.

Looking forward to seeing you at the remaining five (5) Official Visits and The Beaches and Friendship Installations and Investitures this month.

VISITATION + EDUCATION = RETENTION

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Leyland A. Muss
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

May 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<u>2</u> * Mimosa– Official Visit Guests-7:30 pm ← Banq- post meeting FC Degree East Toronto	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * Brougham Union – Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm ← Guests-7:30 pm ← Mmmm – Pies! Claremont	<u>5</u> * The Beaches – Installation Guests-7:30 pm ← Banq.-post meeting-informal York	<u>6</u> * Wexford – Official Visit <i>DDGM's Lodge</i> Guests-7:30 pm ← Doric Pickering	<u>7</u> * TED- Officer Progression Workshop See below Doric Pickering *-Canada – Ladies Night See below Ajax Convention	<u>8</u> Mothers' Day Don't forget Momma. When Mom is Happy - everybody is Happy! When Mom is Not Happy – the other thing!
<u>9</u> * Brougham Union – Friend to Friend Speaker- Graeme Boyce-Timely Evolution of Freemasonry Bring a friend Guests-7:00 pm Claremont	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * Friendship – Installation Banq-6:30 pm ← Guests-7:30 pm ← Doric Pickering	<u>12</u> * Todmorden – Official Visit Guests-8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> * TED – Divine Service 10:30 am See below St. Peter's Anglican * Pledge Group – Rainbow Girls See below Doric Pickering
<u>16</u> * Acacia – Official Visit Guests-8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> * West Hill – Youth Night See below East Toronto	<u>19</u> * Scottish Rite – Master Masons' Night See below Rameses Masonic Centre	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Historical Old Town Toronto Walking Tour With A Masonic Connection 10:00 am Doug Grey @ douggray@rogers.com or 416-266-0702	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> Victoria Day Now you can plant your garden. The 2-4 weekend is here!	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> * TED – Blood Donor Clinic See below St. Aidan's Anglican	<u>28</u> * Alpha-Tuscan – MasoniChIP and BBQ Day See below East Toronto * Brougham Union – Journey of Hope See below	<u>29</u> * Alpha-Tuscan – Open Doors Toronto East Toronto
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>					



June 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * Rainbow Girls - Car Wash and BBQ See below CNIB Bayview	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * TED- Computer Resources and Secretaries' Workshop See below Doric Pickering	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> Birch Cliff – Owl's Head Excursion See below	<u>19</u> * Fathers' Day – now get off the couch and mow that lawn! * Pledge Group – Rainbow Girls See below Doric Pickering
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> * First Day of Summer – get out the sun tan lotion! * Royal Arch – Master Masons' Night See below Doric Pickering	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> * TED – Senior Wardens' Annual Corn Roast, BBQ and District Awards Information not available WindReach Farm	<u>26</u> The Beaches – 5th Annual Sandcastle Competition See below The Beaches of Ashbridges Bay
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>			



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

WindReach Farm strives to enrich the lives of persons of all ages with disabilities and/or special needs by providing opportunities to enjoy experiences in farming, nature, outdoor recreation and other activities and to share those experiences with family and friends. Project 2441.

Make cheques payable to The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, include the Project number and your lodge on the cheque and mail to the Masonic Foundation - 361 King St W., Hamilton ON, L8P 1B4.



Contact: Todd Owens @ 678@yrp.ca or 416.722.0843, or
David Neave @ davidneave@rogers.com or 905.725.8032

Freemasonry is a science of symbols, in which, by their proper study, a search is instituted after truth - that truth consisting in the knowledge of the divine and human nature, of God and the human soul.
- Bro. Albert G. Mackey (1807-1881)

Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are officially Partners For Life with the Canadian Blood Services. **Volunteers to assist are always needed.** Any brother in Toronto East District that wishes to assist at the clinics at St. Aidan's Anglican Church, thus getting their Lodge 'credits' for the amount of donation's made at the clinic may contact the brethren shown below.

If you wish to be a donor and can't make it to any of the indicated Blood Donor Clinics, find yourself a 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. The Toronto East District 'Partners For Life' number is **TOR0009781** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

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

Contact: John Katz @ johnkatz@sympatico.ca or 416.264.7399
Doug Gray @ douggray@rogers.com or 416.266.0783

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday May 27 2011
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222



Congratulations!

R.W. Bro. Allan C. Dvorak (also Illustrious Companion) has been appointed a Grand Steward by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada and now holds the rank of a V. Ex. Companion.

R.W. Bro. Dushan Surovy (also R. Excellent Companion as Past Grand Scribe Nehemiah, 2005-06 - similar to the Grand Junior Warden) was elected to the Grand Executive Committee, (similar to the Board of General Purpose) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada for years 2011-12 and 2012-13



V.W. Bro. Milton Ganpatsingh of Wexford Lodge celebrated his 98th birthday in March and in April he celebrated his 72nd wedding anniversary to his wife Lena. Congratulations to Lena and Milton.

Have You Taken The Survey?

Grand Lodge wants to make sure it is on the right track. It asks that EVERY Brother take the survey at – www.surveymonkey.com/s/PKXWWSF

Canada Lodge U.D. - Kandahar

As we are all aware, Tim Horton's has a major presence in Kandahar Afghanistan. Tims provides uniforms for its staff there as they do here, but being a military installation in a forward area, the uniforms have been modified to reflect the situation by being desert camouflage. There is a underground market for the caps.



Bro. John A. Cosgrove has been a major supporter of Canada Lodge U.D. and its ongoing Boxes of Hope campaign to supply needed supplies to schools in the Kandahar area. On March 31, 2011 Bro. Cosgrove was recognized for his efforts with a plaque, a Canada Lodge U.D. Kandahar golf shirt and a slightly modified Tim Horton's cap.



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

Over the past month I've continued to meet and speak with many people in the district and across the jurisdiction with respect to building the new temple for Toronto East District to ensure our growth and success. This is a critical juncture in the district's history, as we act now for all brothers past, present and future. I do not believe we are simply in the process of buying a piece of land, but in fact building our next home for Freemasonry, and a facility that will welcome the community proudly and with intent, locally and from around the world.



Upon completion, men and women will be attracted to our welcoming museum, library, gallery and interactive displays, as well as our day-time meeting spaces and our professional suites on the second floor (doctors, dentists, accountants, lawyers, etc) before moving through the private “members only” third floor and onto the rooftop patio to enjoy the solarium and observatory.

We all know and appreciate there is a limited budget to achieve our self-sustaining vision, yet we’re creatively trying to think outside the box, while ensuring our bases are covered financially. Be assured, I am also looking at various financing vehicles as well. In this respect, there are options to consider for the sale of East Toronto Temple, in order to maximize that asset, while also acquiring other possible strategic partners that are appropriate going forward, in addition to suppliers. There is the element to consider of financing the new structure through a bond issue, in addition to an array of non-debt fundraising activities. These conversations need to begin somewhere and I am happy to report they are happening now.

With this in mind, at the next meeting on April 28, at 7:30, I have invited a special guest to address our board: Bro Matt Popow. He is employed at a firm called Devoncore NKF, which is a large corporation that assists head offices create and ultimately execute a real estate strategy. Similarly to seeking objective opinions in the realm of legal and accounting, I think it would be prudent for the board to understand their options related to this forthcoming real estate transaction and development project, notwithstanding the eventual management of the on-going operation.

At the moment, given the recently unveiled Strategic Plan, the leaders of our Craft acknowledge a tremendous resurgence of interest in our lodges, especially within urban centres, in particular Toronto, and look forward to new lodges forming to accommodate an influx of new members. The new temple will feature on its third floor two lodge rooms, as well as adjacent facilities, and a post-lodge festive board room. We must guard the West Gate well, but we must also attract the best possible candidates, and with the new temple we have that opportunity.

I have prepared an agenda for the next meeting, which is being circulated to the members, and under Other Business hope to leave the board pondering the possibilities after showing them an array of pen and ink sketches of the front entranceway, meeting rooms, professional suites and glass-encased solarium and maybe the billiards room in the basement. I’ve heard a lot of great ideas, and welcome them all.

Soon, however, decisions will be made by the board to provide direction to the executive officers to act and, prior to that, each Primary will receive a copy of the business plan, which will outline how we will spend our money and how we will recoup it over time, while providing a permanent home for Freemasonry in Toronto East, and one that will help ensure the growth and success of the Craft in our district and across the world, as a beacon of hope.

- Graeme Boyce, Board President

Sankey Lecture Series

At the latest Sankey lecture, held on March 20 2011 featured speaker Dr. Jessica Hartland-Jacobs talking on Fraternalism and the Effects of Freemasonry on Society as it Spread Through the British Empire, several items of interest were announced.

- M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels made it very clear that Freemasonry is an Educational Institution. Our recent affiliation with Brock University is an example of how natural this association is. The Associate Dean of the University, Carol Merriam, confirmed the great association that now exists between the University and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. In academic



circles, Brock University now houses the most extensive North American wide public library on Freemasonry.

- The Grand Lodge Committee for Library, Museum and Archives now has the entire series of Grand Lodge Communications (Proceedings) from 1855 to 2010 available on line.

www.archive.org/details/grandlodge

This is probably the greatest resource available for anyone who wishes to learn more about the history of Freemasonry in the Province of Ontario.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above

It is with great sadness that I must report that at the age of 114 Years and 205 Days, our Brother Walter Breuning was called to the Grand Lodge Above at 3 pm Thursday, April 14, 2011.

Brother Walter had been a Master Mason for 85 Years and 333 Days. He was also a proud member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Brother Walter was Initiated on March 7, 1925, Passed on April 4, 1925 and Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 16, 1925 in Great Falls Lodge #118, Great Falls, Montana. He served as Secretary of Great Falls Lodge #118 from January 1, 1946 through December 31, 1968. He affiliated with Cascade Lodge #34, Great Falls, Montana on January 1, 1992. Bro. Breuning received the Meritorious Service Medal on June 24, 1993.

On September 21, 2010, the plainspoken Breuning turned 114 years old, remaining the oldest man in the world, according to the Gerontology Research Group. Brother Breuning was also verified as the fourth oldest person in the world. Brother Breuning was also the world's oldest Freemason.

Because I Am A Freemason

- I believe that freedom of religion is an inalienable right and tolerance an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with Brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine, and I will demonstrate the spirit of brotherhood in all aspects of my life.
- I know that education, and the rational use of the mind, are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions, and my ideas, to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside my brothers.
- I know that the rich tradition of freemasonry and its framework of Ritual are important platforms for growth and learning; therefore, I vow to stand upon these platforms, to improve myself as a human being, and I vow to help in the mission of the Craft to provide tools, atmosphere, challenges and motivation to help each brother do the same.
- I know that Charity is the distinguishing human virtue, and that personal community service is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to promote charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love.



- I know that my obligation to community extends beyond my local sphere and is partly fulfilled in the love of my country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities it symbolizes.
- I know that leadership is best demonstrated by commitment to serving others; I will therefore participate in, and help work at improving individual leadership skills, and serve the Brothers of my Lodge to the best of my ability.
- I know that friendship, fidelity and family are the foundations of a well lived life; I therefore vow to be a faithful friend to my Brothers, as I expect my Lodge to respect my personal obligations, and to treat my family as though my family were their own.
- I know that the last great lesson in Freemasonry - the value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word - is a lesson for all people in all times; therefore I vow to be a man of my word.
- I know that Masonry's power is best exercised when its light is shared with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the World as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect Temple.
- Because I am a Freemason these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life!

Developed by the Grand Lodge of New York and presented by M.W. Bro. Neal Bidnick PGM.

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Nassau Bahamas

Submitted by Josh Hotles, Markham Union

I stood out front of the Bahamian “RIU” Hotel waiting for Bro. Reiaich to drive up in his self described light blue Honda. Standing there waiting, I was tapped on the shoulder by another guest of the hotel asking, “Are you a Freemason?”

I proudly replied, “Yes I am” as I can only come to the conclusion it was either my ring or the Markham Union Lodge #87 boldly laid out across my golf shirt that gave him that idea..

He then began to tell me how he was excited that he had been asked to drop by Maple Lodge in Toronto for dinner and that he would be petitioning shortly after for membership, so he figured.



I replied that there is no bigger reward and all the typical answers that you get out what you put in etc., etc. and that I was on my way to the Nassau Masonic Hall for a visit and that this is what Freemasonry was all about, getting out and meeting others etc., etc. He smiled and alerted me to the fact that he “Could not wait and would someday be standing beside me as a Brother”; definitely setting the tone for the morning as new membership when deserved is always music to my ears.

Just then the blue Honda came into view and I hopped in. Brother Reiach is one of the nicest guys you will ever meet and extremely enlightened on the ways of the Craft so it was a drive I was truly looking forward to. As we chatted, the Masonic Hall came squarely into view - a 3 story yellow building with a great big white S&C positioned proudly in the centre. Norman pulled up to the Temple which I noticed has roughly 5 thriving successful businesses with one named “Solomon’s Mine Jewellery” as he explained that by the fortune of the Great Architect of the Universe and some crafty planning, this Temple was in great shape financially and a very unique position. You see, unlike most others, their success doesn’t necessarily depend on X number of new members each year as most of our typical Craft Lodges rely on that cycle of membership to merely exist. This building has a constant flow of cash, happy tenants and a strong historical heritage with ties all over the island.

As we came under the front awning and started to enter the building from the back entrance, he explained “easier Fire Escape.” I looked down and noticed that the sidewalk had a design on it that was made into the “Square and Compasses” layout, the only place in the city for this peculiar design to take place. ☺

Still examining the sidewalk, I heard the metal clash of two large gates opening with authority and then a proud mention “These are only temporary gates; we will replace them with our renovations shortly.” The renovation Brother Reiach was referring to is corresponds to the 175th year celebration that the members of this wonderful Royal Victoria Lodge #443 had decided to put on to provide some of their elder brethren the opportunity to celebrate making it that far and meeting in the same building where that Lodge had been consecrated 174 years prior. Under the United Grand Lodge of England, 200 years is the next celebration point and thus an “official” benchmark in a Lodges existence, but in my humble opinion, any Lodge that has met in the exact same building and the exact same spot for the last 175 years is worthy of as much celebration as they see fit. Quite an amazing feat indeed and something to envy and work towards in our own Mother Lodges.

As they realized that some of the elder brethren whom have contributed substantially may naturally run the risk of being in the Grand Celestial Lodge by the 200 year mark, 175 will also be a celebration in honour of all, and rightly so. What is fantastic about this is that by sheer fluke, the same week the District Grand Masters Conference for the Caribbean is taking place, which will see the DGMs from Bermuda, Bahamas, Jamaica, Barbados and Guyana in town and just to cap it all off the Pro. Grand Master and his Grand Secretary plan on attending, which will all take place in this Historical Nassau Temple. This is why the renovations were decided to be timed with this Grand Celebration and District Conference. What a perfect reason to upgrade.

Entering the Hall from the rear fire exit, you walk into a room with about 30 storage lockers just like in high school. This is for the senior brethren to use as storage for all of their regalia so they aren’t lugging it all back and forth as every Order in Nassau meet out of this Building. After this, you enter into an “L” run that has everything from display cases of older aprons and other regalia to pictures of every single Master since 1837!!!! As part of the renovations, they will be matching all of the picture frames to make a uniform layout. So much work to be done but I can’t wait to see it upon completion. Up on the right was the door to the Lodge which I entered and the lights were thrown on. At first, I could not believe what I was seeing but I can say it was a very unique and fitting room for this area of the world.



Spectacular is an under statement. As this was an “English” lodge room, a few things were immediately different, such as the IPM sits to the left of the Master and the altar was directly in front of the East and not in the middle of the floor. Oh yeah, where was the “Blazing Star” in the Mosaic Pavement? How come the only Officers on the “Level” were the Wardens? All of these questioned entered into my head. I decided not to ask as I used this as an excuse to do some more homework on the differences between what I was used to and the UGLE Lodge setup. As I sat in the Masters Chair and Bro. Reiach quickly offering to take a photo, it dawned on me, “I am sitting in the same chair which His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor sat in when he was vacationing in the Bahamas to get out of the spotlight back in the Kingdom.

This Lodge is truly fantastic and gushing history, character and elegance. The seating/chairs for the visitors and brethren were setup as though it was the galley of an old English frigate in the 1800’s. The two Great Pillars stand on either side of you upon your entrance into the room. The lights in the middle of the room/ceiling were inter-laid in the blue sky canvass and with the flip of a switch, day turned into night stars that actually flickered and thrilled. I could just imagine witnessing a 3rd Degree here or better yet, being that 3rd Degree. We walked down stairs to the second floor where the major renovations would be taking place. In its former life the 2nd floor was a law office which was to be transformed into a “Red Room.” Currently, the Red Room is in the Blue Room. They just move curtains, push walls and voila, RED ROOM! Bro. Reiach then flooded me with a few gifts that I will forever cherish, which are currently sitting in the forefront of my Masonic collection in my office.

In closing, if you are ever in a different part of this planet and have a few spare moments, reach out and ask. You never know - the rewards are infinite and awaiting.

The Celebration for Royal Victoria Lodge #443 of Nassau, Bahamas is on June 23 2012 - which will make it 175 years TO THE DAY!!! Truly remarkable.

- Josh Hotles, Markham Union

Do you have a picture of a Masonic building in downtown Some-Place-Else? Send it in. Let everybody see.

Christopher L. Hodapp



Christopher Hodapp is the author of *Freemasons For Dummies*, the best-selling introduction to the Masonic fraternity; *Solomon’s Builders: Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the Secrets of Washington D.C.*; and he is the co-author with Alice Von Kannon of *The Templar Code For Dummies* and *Conspiracy Theories And Secret Societies For Dummies*.

He is a Past Master of Broad Ripple Lodge #643 and of Lodge Vitruvian #767, Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana. He is a member of Delaware Lodge #46 in Muncie, Indiana, and an honorary member of Ancient Landmarks Lodge #319 and Logan Lodge #575, both in Indianapolis, and African Lodge #459, Prince Hall Affiliation, in Boston, Massachusetts.

He is a member of Indianapolis Chapter #5 Royal Arch Masons, Indianapolis Council #2 Cryptic Masons (Royal and Select Masters), and Raper Commandery #1 Knights Templar. Chris is a 32° Mason in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Indianapolis Valley, and a charter member of Allied Masonic Degrees Imhotep Council #434. He is also member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Murat Oasis in Indianapolis, and the Madison County Shrine Club in Anderson, Indiana.



He is a member of the Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research, the Philalethes Society, the Southern California Research Lodge, the Iowa Research Lodge No. 2, the Scottish Rite Research Society, the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America, and the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle.

Chris is the editor and a co-author of "[*Laudable Pursuit: A 21st Century Response to Dwight Smith*](#)", (previously distributed by **Hiram's Lighthouse**) and is a member of the Knights of the North, a Masonic leadership organization. He has written for *Masonic Magazine*, *Templar History*, and the *Indiana Freemason Magazine* on both Masonic history and current practices, and has reported on Masonic customs in the UK, France and elsewhere.

He is a moderator for Hiram's Forum, a Masonic internet project of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, an Indianapolis Masonic Temple Board representative, a member of the Grand Lodge Technology Committee, and chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education.

I've always followed my father's advice: he told me, first to always keep my word and, second, to never insult anybody unintentionally. If I insult you, you can be goddamn sure I intend to. And, third, he told me not to go around looking for trouble.

- John Wayne [Bro. Marion Robert Morrison] (1907-1979)

Saturday May 7 2011

Toronto East District – Officer Progression Workshop

This seminar is for all current and future Officers. The workshop is run by Grand Lodge Team Leaders from the Officer Progression and P&E Committees. The program will include: -

- Duties and Responsibilities
- Officer Learning Curve
- The Master's Chair
- Best Practices
- Managing and Leadership

A light lunch will follow.

Time: 8:30 am – Registration and *coffee*
9:00 am – Seminar
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Bruce Palanik @ thepalanikgroup@rogers.com or 905.839.7342

Saturday May 7 2011

Canada – Ladies Night

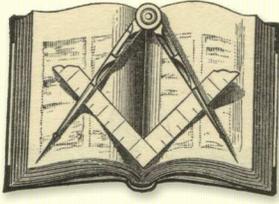
Canada Lodge is trying a new venue this year. Come and impress your favourite lady with your thoughtfulness - the day before Mother's Day. There will be a cash bar and of course a DJ and dancing.

Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm – Dinner
Location: Ajax Convention Centre
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (Salem and 401)
Cost: \$55.00 per person
Contact: Greig King @ kiltedmapleleaf@rogers.com or 905.683.6834



Sunday May 15 2011

Toronto East District - Annual Divine Service



R.W. Bro. Leyland Anthony Muss, District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto East District and V.W. Bro. Joseph A. Das, Toronto East District Chaplain cordially requests your presence at the Annual District Divine Service. All Masons, family and non-Masonic guests are welcome. Regalia including W.M. collars are to be worn.

Time: 10:00 am - Assembly
10:30 am - Service
Location: St. Peter's Anglican Church
776 Brimley Rd., Scarborough
Contact: Joe Das @ joedas683@rogers.com or 416.291.6444

Masonry's Only Fight

The work and hope of Masonry is to bring the spiritual nature of man and the spiritual nature of the universe into a harmonious balance. There is forever in Masonry the sound of marching men and the beat of drums. There are the determined faces of men who are fighting in a great cause.

But the enemy of Masonry is not sought for in rival camps. Masonry does not point out an enemy lurking in every dark corner. Nor does Masonry take up arms against this or that organization or institution which may differ in their interpretation of the meanings of life and of the universe. Rather does Masonry lay emphasis on the reasons that bring all men into the realm of Brotherhood.

Masonry's one and only fight is for the supremacy of the nobler man over the baser. The victory of the good that is vouchsafed all who strive for such a victory is all the "spoils of war" that Masonry seeks. The triumph of Brotherhood is all the "rich territory" that Masonry hopes to gain.

Masonry has but one weapon. That weapon is the true and tried Mason who in the struggle to make himself more God-like becomes more man-like. As he progresses toward God he becomes more tolerant, more forgiving, more loving toward all mankind.

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Time: 3:00 pm



Location: Doric-Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Catherine Benoit @ benoithome@sympatico.ca

Wednesday May 18 2011

West Hill – Youth Night

Periodically in lodge you hear announcements about Rainbow Girls or DeMolay. You wonder what they are all about, but you just never seemed to get around to looking into them. Here is a painless way to expand your knowledge of the Masonic family and do some visiting at the same time. Bonus! **Toronto**



Assembly #2 of the **International Order of the Rainbow for Girls** and **Horace Mundy Chapter** of the **DeMolay International** have agreed to attend and make a presentation to all in attendance. They will be presenting a ritual of their choice in order to shed some light to our Masonic brethren, family and friends about two great organizations for the youth!



Brethren if you have never seen these young people do at ritual you must come and see it!! The lodge will be open tiled in order that friends and family may also attend. All members with children, grand children, nieces and nephews are strongly encouraged to attend, bringing their youth along, to share in this wonderful experience. After the meeting, the youth have been invited to set-up a table in the banquet room to talk about their organization to the visitors. Of course, there will be some refreshment and fellowship downstairs.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Hall
Contact: Gerry Ouellette @ gerry.ouellette@sympatico.ca or 416.412.1572

Thursday May 19 2011

Scottish Rite - Master Masons' Night



A special evening open to all Master Masons who wish to learn more about Freemasonry. Witness the portrayal of the Colourful and Impressive 16th Degree. We invite all Master Masons to be our guests. A ticket is required for admittance. Contact your Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada, Valley of Toronto Lodge Representative or District Chairman.

Time: 7:30 pm SHARP
Location: Rameses Masonic Centre
(3100 Keele St.)
Contact: Elroy MacKinnon @ elroy@sympatico.ca or 905.839.5789, or
Prince Selvaraj @ prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca or 416.269.9909



Saturday May 28 2011

Alpha-Tuscan – Doors Open-Toronto, MasoniChIP and BBQ Day

MasoniChIP (Masonic Child Identification Program) is a process that gives parents a complete means of identifying their child should they, God forbid, go missing. Through a series of questions, and using a specialised piece of computerized equipment, the parent is provided with –

- All ten fingerprints digitally scanned
- Digital still photographs of the child
- Video and audio digital recordings of the child
- A wax wafer dental impression or an intra oral DNA swab of the child

All this information (not including the impression or swab) plus the usual name, address, phone number, age and sex etc. of the child is burned onto a CD-ROM and given to the parent. No information can be retained on the computerized equipment. The provided CD contains all the information the police would need for an immediate Amber Alert. The process and CD are provided at no cost.

**Introducing The Complete
All-In-One Child ID System**



Plus while the children are there, they can enjoy an inflatable jumping palace, pony rides and face painting. Clowns!

A Culture Division Signature Event
Celebrating Toronto Architecture



Show up early and avoid the long lines, especially if you have young children. Come and enjoy a BBQ while you are there. The lodge room will be open for viewing and questions.

This event will be a part of the **City of Toronto: Doors Open Toronto - 150** buildings citywide . . . The building will also be open in this connection on the following day, Sunday May 29 2011.

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: Rod Rego @ rod_rego@hotmail.com or 416.566.1811

Saturday May 28 2011

Brougham Union - Journey of Hope Benefit

Willard Peddie was a retired Captain of the Pickering Fire Department and past Master of the Brougham Union Lodge when he suddenly suffered a massive heart attack while playing hockey in the senior men's league in Uxbridge in 2003.

With Will gone, his wife Marion has single-handedly cared for her son Jim who has suffered with MS for 12 years now. Jim lives in a support home in Beaverton where Marion has moved so that she can be close by to assist with Jim's care. Jim is now confined to a wheelchair and has loss much of his mobility and speech.



In the fall of 2010, Jim decided that he needed to have the ground-breaking surgical procedure known as CCSVI (Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous Insufficiency), with the knowledge that anything could happen but without it his future was bleak. The operation took place in Rhode Island, USA on Dec. 26, 2010. The results of the surgery have been encouraging - he has movement in his hands, can sit straight in his chair now, his speech is improved and his hands and feet have circulation and are warm for the first time in years. He still needs more surgery. Unfortunately, the cost to the family for the first surgery was in



excess of \$10,000.00. That expense along with the cost of ongoing care (very little of which is covered through OHIP and the MOH) has put strain on the family's finances.



There will be a benefit concert to help the family out with their on-going expenses. The band, an award winning Jimmy Buffett cover band, Northern Harbour will perform (www.northernharbour.com). (*Where is my lost tequila and salt?*) There will be a BBQ buffet, door prizes,



raffles, all sorts of dancing and loads of silent auction items. Kick Off the Summer in great style! Come on out and be a Parrot-Head in Margaritaville.

We are also hoping that we can get some participants for a Slow-pitch game that afternoon as both Will and Jim were huge participants in Claremont softball over many years.

Donations can also be made at the Claremont CIBC branch transit #01842 account #72-63031

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Claremont Community Centre
Cost: \$35.00 per person in advance
\$40.00 per person at the door
Contact: Sandy @ sandy-and-frank@hotmail.com or 905.649.2653, or
Dean Evans @ pinnear14@hotmail.com or 905.649.2438, or
Jim Closs @ jcloss@themotiongroup.com or 905.649.6962

When a man takes an oath, Meg, he's holding his own self in his own hands, like water: If he opens his fingers then he needn't hope to find himself again.
- Robert Bolt (1924-1995)

Saturday June 4 2011

Toronto Assembly #2 Rainbow Girls – Car Wash and BBQ

If it's raining, the event will be the following week on Saturday June 11. Come on out! Your wife has been telling you the car is a mess. Get it washed – and grab a hamburger or hotdog while the Girls do the work. See how glad the Girls will be to see you! Support our youth organizations. You can always tell the wife you did it all by yourself.



Time: 9:00 am
Location: CNIB
1929 Bayview Ave. (S of Lawrence just S of Blythwood)
Contact: Barbara McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416-282-4254



Saturday May 7 2011

Toronto East District – Computer Resources and Secretaries’ Workshop

This seminar is for Masters, Secretaries, Treasurers and other interested Masons. The seminar will be conducted by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Terence Shand and V.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman.

A light lunch will be provided.

Time: 8:30 am – Registration and *coffee*
9:00 am - 2:00 pm – Seminar
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Robert Kliaman @ rkliaman@cpa-ca.com or 905.707.6886

From The Grand Master

The Grand Secretary continues to receive far too many ‘complaints’ alleging ‘un-Masonic conduct’ by members to be placed before the Grand Master. These ‘complaints’ and ‘counter-complaints’ typically arise from differences that occur between Brethren that are best considered ‘private piques and quarrels.’ Ego has no place in a fraternity that claims Brotherly Love as its first principle. In most cases, these differences could and should be resolved amicably by men acting in accordance with Masonic principles. We all hear, and many recite the description of a lodge in the General Charge as “the temple of peace, harmony and brotherly love” where “nothing is allowed to enter that has the remotest tendency to disturb the quietude of its pursuits.” Yet, when some issue arises or misdemeanour occurs, Grand Lodge is expected to deal with and solve the problem. The only person or persons that can resolve the matter are the ones that created it. Rather than coming to the Grand Master to sit in judgement, it would be better for both parties to withdraw from Masonic activities until they can work out a solution between themselves, acting as reasonable men and honourable Masons should with honesty and integrity. If only we understood what it means to be a Mason, and acted in accordance with the principles of our obligations, these issues would never arise. To preserve the reputation of the fraternity unsullied must be the constant care of each and every one of us.

Freemasonry provides an open ticket to a life-long journey of discovery. Enjoy the journey. Celebrate Freemasonry - it is the greatest gift in the world.

- Raymond S. J. Daniels

Friday June 17 through Sunday June 19 2011

Birch Cliff – Owl’s Head Excursion

All Master Masons and their families are invited to join in. It’s going to be less formal this year, no buses or vans are available and we won’t be staying or crossing into the States so this will allow for more people to come.



- Leaving Friday June 17 at noon and staying in Magog, QC (5 hr drive, all highway)
- On Saturday June 18, travelling south towards the border to Owl’s Head Ski Area (Mansonville, QC) on the west side of the lake.
 - Degree at the outdoor lodge will be a 3rd, Master Masons only, and it’s got the three ruffians in full costume glory! Lodge opens and closes directly from the 3rd degree. Hiking boots and all those goodies highly recommended.
 - During the lodge meeting, family can do what they wish,



no excursions are planned.

- After the lodge meeting, come back and do dinner with the ladies and family.
 - On Sunday June 19, leave directly from Magog.
- Anyone wishing to see the Golden Rule Lodge in the border town of Stanstead QC on the east side of the lake is more than welcome to. It's a bit out of the way but the interior of the lodge is well worth seeing.

Hotels must be booked individually by each person, wherever they wish - The Motel Francesca is reasonably cheap. ☺ Carpooling is recommended to reduce costs.

Contact: Michael Morris @ mmorris@cavalluzzo.com or 416.964.5540 or
Jim Pickett @ j_o_pickett@yahoo.com or 416.282.9373

Sunday June 19 2011

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Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Doric-Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Catherine Benoit @ benoithome@sympatico.ca

Tuesday June 21 2011

Royal Arch Masons – Master Masons' Night

Oakwood Chapter No. 233 will be hosting a Master Masons' night in Doric Pickering Masonic Hall. The newly raised Master Mason is told the casual signs and words are a substitute until time and circumstances will restore the genuine secrets.



Royal Arch Masonry is a continuation of the three degrees of Free Masonry, the completion of the temple, an explanation of Royal Arch Masonry in general. We extend an invitation to all Master Masons wishing further light in Masonry to see the completion of the temple and what Royal Arch Masonry has to offer for their continuing researches into Freemasonry.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Allan Pendleton @ xscause@rogers.com or 416.283.2713, or
Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7388

Saturday June 25 2011

Toronto East District – Senior Wardens' Annual Corn Roast, BBQ and District Awards

No information available

Time: unknown
Location: WindReach Farm
Contact: Brian Sale @ bsale@look.ca or 905.686.7421



Sunday June 26, 2011

The Beaches – 5th Annual Sandcastle Competition

We expect teams to be digging by sunrise at the very least! ☺ 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!

There is no pre-registration process for teams in the competition. A team might consist of a family, a lodge a business, or just some people walking by - just a group of people working together to achieve a goal, while competing against other teams and, you're right, it's fun too!



Tie your totally rad handkerchief around your head, wear those really cool shorts and slip into your most beaten up flip flops. Borrow the neighbour kid's plastic shovels and pail. If you have an idea of what a sandcastle looks like, it 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. More people tend to fall over and wreck the real workers' construction. The rest can protect the cooler. One year when it rained in the morning, it made building castles in the afternoon really easy, because the sand was perfect to sculpt.

The prize will be a trophy of *unprecedented* value. Last year there were a dozen castles built and two trophies were awarded: one selected by the judges and one by popular vote – a “people's choice” award. The year it rained in the morning, a team of young ladies from East York whose castle was very intricate walked off the beach with the trophy, by winning The Beaches Cup. (*Young ladies?! Don't look like Masons to me! Hitch up them shorts! Suck in that gut!*)

Sunburns, blisters, heat stroke, sand in places we won't talk about and laughter – free of charge.

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



... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Trestle Board

In the French town of Caudebec, which stands on the Seine River, is the grave of one “Guillaume Letellier, master mason of the church, who had the conduct of the works for thirty years and more, and erected the choir and chapels.” On the gravestone of this long forgotten Masonic brother who was once a master builder is an inscribed drawing the plan of a building. It was the custom of builder in those days to have their tools engraved on their grave stones, just as knights and lords made use their heraldic devices. Brother Letellier chose to be remembered as one who made designs for buildings and therefore selected a building plan for his own during remembrances.



We do not need to be told how important in the work of Operative Masons was the making of a plan for a building. “What has the Master on his trestle board?” was a question often asked with keenest interest by the workman. And because of this importance, the trestle board, which represented the whole labour of making plans, came to be used as a symbol, just as we found Brother Letellier using it as a symbol his own life’s work. When Masons ceased to be Operative Masons, and turned their attention to the building of men in fraternal life, they retained the trestle board as a symbol.

The trestle board in Speculative Masonry is a symbol of that which we call an ideal. One should not be frightened by the use of this word. It does not refer to something visionary, or far away, or, as our slang expression has it, “highbrow.” Quite the contrary!

Before we go on a journey, we plan our travels, our plane or railway connections, our stopovers, and our destination. Before we undertake to erect a building, we are so careful to have a plan that often we pay an expert to make one for us. It would be equally wise if each of us were to have a plan similarly for his own life. A plan for one’s life is what we mean by an ideal. It is a plan for doing things.

Also, an ideal is a plan for improving actual conditions. If our lodge room were too small, or is badly ventilated, or inadequately lighted, or the members quarrel among themselves we might feel very unhappy because of such conditions: and some of us might put our heads together in an effort to better conditions. We would say, “Let us do this, and that, and the other thing, so that we can be happier in our lodge work.” Such a plan for bettering unsatisfactory conditions would be an ideal. It is something that we would draw, to speak figuratively, on the trestle board of our lodge. Such an effort to better actual conditions would not be “highbrow”; on the contrary, it would recommend itself to men of sense and sagacity.

We Masons believe that condition could be improved in our human world. We are too busy to dream impossible dreams about mankind: we are too practical to wish to waste time and energy on unattainable aims. We do not try the fantastical. But we know there are some things to be improved by plain common sense efforts, and we are leagued together and solemnly sworn to assist in such endeavours. This program for improving conditions among men is what we mean by the Masonic ideal; it is what the Fraternity has drawn upon its trestle board.



For instance, we Masons believe that much of the unhappiness in the world is due to ignorance, and we believe that if all men were well educated they would be happier than they are. We Masons, therefore, wish to do all we can to uphold and improve the whole public school system, and to try to make it possible for all the children of all the people to have all the enlightenment that is possible under the circumstances. Brethren, let us each one as individual Masons put that down on our own private trestle board.

Another example. Those of us who are acquainted with any community know that men and women very seldom live as happily with each other as well as might be. We are all bound up together. We are compelled to live in neighbourhoods. We must live together whether we choose it or not. Is it not wise, then, for us to learn how to live happily together? The effort to bring men and women into harmony with each other is the great aim of Brotherhood, and this practical, common sense, hard-headed effort to organize human neighbourhoods into human happiness, that is one of the great purposes of our Fraternity. It is on our trestle board.

A final example. Nations, like individuals and families, are also compelled to live together: there is no escape from that! But unfortunately, nations have not as yet learned how to live happily together. Ever so often they go to war, and then men and women suffer the most terrible unhappiness known to our race. How can we eliminate war and do away with national antagonisms is a difficult problem; the ways and means cannot be discussed here. But we men, we Masons, know that it can be done, and we are dedicated to the effort to do it. How to bring nations to live happily together; that also is on our trestle board.

None of these things are impossible dreams. The more experience and wisdom and common sense a man has, the more hard-headed he is, the more will he wish these things to be. They, and the other plans we have for improving conditions, will give us more prosperity, more money, more health, and more happiness. It is to such an ideal that Masonry is dedicated. Brethren, let us ourselves become dedicated also. Let us make such an ideal the symbol of our lives, just as did the good Master Mason, Brother Letellier, long ago!

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