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Masonry is one of the most sublime and perfect institutions that ever was formed for the advancement of happiness, and the general good of mankind, creating in all its varieties, universal benevolence and brotherly love.

*- Bro. Prince Augustus Frederick,
Duke of Sussex (1773-1843)*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

What a busy month!! The eight Official Visits were well-supported and I thank everyone who attended, especially our last one at Markham Union. Imagine, some 90 Masons meeting in Claremont for a 6:00 pm Banquet with more attending the Lodge meeting creating an overflow. What a great deal of support for the Worshipful Master and his Lodge!

We had another stellar turnout of Masons and their families at the District Divine Service where we occupied half of the church! I extend my sincere thanks to our District Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Joe Das, for organizing this service. Thank you also to our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, for driving in from London to be with your brethren of Toronto East District. This service underlined a Mason's belief in a Supreme Being and allowed us to share that belief and time of fellowship with the community. I thank all who attended.

Lodge meetings, a DeMolay chicken supper, a Rainbow Girls PJ Meeting/ Party and the Grand Master's Reception for the five Toronto and York Districts rounded out some of the other activities we had. I thank all who continue to keep the spirit and support of Masonry alive and well in this District.

Please continue to support as many Masonic events as you can, as you would want your own events supported. Details of our many May happenings are available elsewhere, but of note I remind you of the following:

- Installations at The Beaches (May 2nd) and Friendship (May 8th) Lodges
- Rusty Mason's Breakfast (May 4th) at Markham Union Lodge in Claremont (for all Masons!!)
- Habitat for Humanity build (May 4th) and Annual Walk for MS (May 5th)



- Toronto Doors Open and MasoniChIP events at Chisholm (May 25th and 26th)
- District Spring Business Meeting (May 31st) at Doric Masonic Hall
- Toronto East District Gala and Ladies' Night with special Guest Speaker (June 1st) . . .

This month we celebrate Mother's Day and say "thank you" to that special person in our lives who provided love, guidance and support for us in our early and, perhaps, not-so-early years. Let us also remember the ladies in our lives who provide that loving care for our children and who also help us on our Masonic paths as well. May health and happiness be granted to them all!!

Donations can still be made to the District Charity-the SickKids Foundation- either to the District Secretary or directly to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario (Project 2515 [not the number I gave in error last month]).

Finally, let me leave you with a reminder provided by M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels in Newmarket this week. He explained to the candidate that we Masons are obligated in three ways:

- Ritually** - when we take our Obligation at the altar;
- Legally** - when we sign our name on the Lodge Register; and
- Philosophically** - for the rest of our lives as we live and act according to the precepts and principles we vowed to obey in our Obligation.

In this light, how many of us remember our sacred obligation, given of our own free will and accord, to abide by the precepts and principles of our Order? I don't believe "Freemasonry" is something that we can "turn on and turn off" as we put on our aprons; it is something that defines who we are and how we act. Consider that again as you listen next time you attend your Lodge. As a Mason, you've made some solemn vows . . . *how are you doing?*

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

Freemasonry in action . . . deeds speak!!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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



EVENTS CALENDAR:

May 2013						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> * The Beaches- Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Cost - \$20 pp York	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * Markham Union- Rusty Mason Breakfast see below Claremont * TED-Habitat for Humanity Build Day see below	<u>5</u> * Scarborough- Walk for MS see below
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> * Friendship- Installation Banq - 6:00 pm ← Cost - \$10 pp Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * THVD-1 st Annual Black Tie Gala see below Rizzo's Banquet Hall →	<u>11</u> * Mimosa- MasoniChIP Day Edithvale Community Centre * Doric-Yard Sale see below Doric Pickering	<u>12</u> Mother's Day if mom isn't happy - no one is happy!
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> * Canada- Friend to Friend Evening Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> * TED-CPR and Defibrillator Seminar Donations to the District Charity see District Charity Claremont	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> Victoria Day first long weekend of the summer!	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> * Alpha-Tuscan and Riverdale/John Ross Robertson- Doors Open Toronto and- MasoniChIP Day East Toronto →	<u>26</u> GLCPO-Masonic Education Conference see below Ottawa
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> * TED-CPR and Defibrillator Seminar Donations to the District Charity see District Charity Doric Pickering	<u>29</u> * Toronto and York Districts- Masters Dinner School of Fine Dining	<u>30</u> * TED-CPR and Defibrillator Seminar Donations to the District Charity see District Charity East Toronto ←	<u>31</u> * TED-Spring Business Meeting 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	* Scottish Rite- Master Mason's Night see below Rameses Masonic Centre	



June 2013						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					<u>1</u> * TED-2 nd Annual Black Tie Gala see below Ajax Convention Centre	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * TED-Free Golf Lessons Donations to the District Charity see District Charity 4 Seasons Golf Club	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
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<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> * Royal Arch Masons- Master Mason's Night see below Doric Pickering	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 1st Day of Summer! Summer begins at 1:04 am. Don't waste a second!	<u>22</u> 	<u>23</u> * The Beaches-7 th Annual Sandcastle Competition see below Ashbridges Bay
<u>24</u> St. John the Baptist Day One of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> * Caledonia and Friendship-Joint Golf Tournament see below Bushwood Golf Club	<u>30</u>



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity



We have been accepted as a Community Partner under the umbrella of the Child Life Program of the Sick Kids Foundation. We hope to raise enough money to buy at least one Multi-Sensory Cart for the children who unfortunately have to stay in Sick Kids. These carts can turn waiting rooms, corridors or hospital rooms into a reactive and enjoyable time for the Children as well as enticing positive reactions from the more seriously ill. When making donations to the project through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, please use **Project Number 2415** on your cheque.

We will be holding **Free CPR and Defibrillator Seminars** at

- Claremont Masonic Hall, Saturday May 18th at 12:30 pm.
- Doric Masonic Hall, Tuesday , May 28th at 7:30 pm and
- East Toronto Masonic Temple, Thursday May 30th at 7:30 pm.

W. Bro David Neave will be facilitating the events which are Free. 905.213.9858 for further details.

V W Bro Gary Fitzpatrick, who is a member of the Canadian Golf Teachers Federation, will be holding **Free Golf lessons** on

- Tuesday June 4th and
- Tuesday, June 11th between 4:00 and 8:00 pm.

at the Four Seasons Golf Course , north of Hwy 7, off Brock Rd in Pickering. Please call V W Bro Garry Fitzpatrick at 905.649.8087 to arrange your time slot. I know of a least three District Golf tournaments in the month of June. What a wonderful way to correct your swing before taking part in a Tournament.

These events are free, but we will be expecting a donation to the District Charity.

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

One of the most important ways to manifest integrity is to be loyal to those who are not present. In doing so, we build the trust of those who are present.

- Stephen R. Covey, 7 Habits of Highly Effective People-1989

Blood Donor Clinics



Below you will find the district scheduled Blood Donor Clinics, but if you cannot attend them find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. It is necessary to book an appointment by calling 1.88.todona (1.888.636.6283). Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge. The Toronto East District 'Partners for Life' number is **MASN011058** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.



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

Contact: John Katz @ johnkatz@sympatico.ca or 416.264.7399

Upcoming Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinics -
To Be Announced To Be Announced

FYI

Operative Lodge #150 in Aberdeen, Scotland is unusual in that it is only open to operative stonemasons.
- Alphonse Cerza, The Truth is Stranger than Fiction, MSA

The Coronati Blood Donor Event

Several Coronati brethren went to the Canadian Blood Services - Toronto Hillcrest Branch to donate blood last April 6, 2013. This is in line with the program promoted by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario encouraging all lodges to fully support.



Coronati Lodge under the Chairmanship of Bro. Algene Etac, one of the youngest Masons of Coronati Lodge rallied the brethren to heed to the call of Grand Lodge to donate blood en mass. He leads by example as this is his 12th donation in Canada. Even before coming to Canada, he donated blood 7 times while still in the Philippines.

Remember the North East Corner

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

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

www.beadonor.ca



We've had Masons in the Toronto Area on the list awaiting transplant donations. We've had Masons in the Toronto Area die before a transplant donation became available. Imagine the heartbreak of dying or losing a loved one when an alternative is readily available - **but no one got around to it.**

In Ontario, only 22% of residents are registered as donors at the end of 2012. During that year, 95 people, our family, friends and neighbours, died waiting for organs. In Durham Region the level of registration is ranked in the lower 2/3s of the communities listed at www.beadonor.ca.

Pickering

Eligible donors 77,108
Registered Donors 12,460 (16%)
Ranking out of 179 168

Whitby

Eligible donors 12,696
Registered Donors 3,630 (31%)
Ranking out of 179 56

West Durham Region

Eligible donors 9,132
Registered Donors 2,089 (23%)
Ranking out of 179 148

Uxbridge

Eligible donors 12,310
Registered Donors 3,802 (31%)
Ranking out of 179 55

Vaughan

Eligible donors 60,144
Registered Donors 5,778 (10%)
Ranking out of 179 177

Toronto

Eligible donors 2,410,813
Registered Donors 343,950 (14%)
Ranking out of 179 171

Ajax

Eligible donors 89,632
Registered Donors 14,152 (16%)
Ranking out of 179 166

Oshawa

Eligible donors 208,578
Registered Donors 54,911 (26%)
Ranking out of 179 104

East Durham Region

Eligible donors 14,596
Registered Donors 3,287 (23%)
Ranking out of 179 142

Port Perry

Eligible donors 12,263
Registered Donors 3,081 (25%)
Ranking out of 179 118

Richmond Hill

Eligible donors 168,423
Registered Donors 19,868 (12%)
Ranking out of 179 174

Statistics for Scarborough were not broken out. Toronto was as close as I could come.

As an organization that is demographically the most likely to be at both ends of this; both needing and providing organs for lifesaving transplant, you'd think we would get behind this issue more. What does it take?

A Penny For Your Thoughts



103,000 people are diagnosed with Alzheimer's each year. Many more suffer other mental health afflictions that the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation targets with research funding.

All Scottish Rite Masons and others are asked to save and donate their pennies to support the research funded by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation into Alzheimer's disease and other "puzzles of the mind" afflicting both young and old.

Give your pennies to the Scottish Rite representative in your lodge, Valley, Valley office, or to any designated person(s).



The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation funds cutting edge research projects into neurodegenerative disorders each year in hospitals and university research facilities across Canada. It is a virtual certainty that anyone reading this knows of a close family member or friend who has been afflicted with a mental health issue.

The “A Penny For Your Thoughts” project is designed to support, with many hands and many pennies, research that protects our thoughts. By contributing to this project -

THE THOUGHTS YOU PROTECT MAY BE YOUR OWN!

Please give this some thought and then give generously as this project will continue until there are no pennies left in circulation.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada
4 Queen St. S., Hamilton, ON L8P 3R3
Phone: 905-522-0033 Fax: 905-522-3716

Toronto East Masonic Centre

The TEMC today finds itself between two interesting and critical phases of our development. The very first phase was our initialization of the project and obtaining the requisite approvals from numerous stakeholders to provide a new temple (and not merely from potential tenants) in order to move forward and actually confirming the project’s milestones toward much-anticipated completion.



We have invested the necessary time, indeed it has taken a few years, but we have placed effective parameters upon the structure we are about to erect and have appropriately defined the scope of the project (that all parties can know their fit) to efficiently move beyond the planning domain and into execution when called upon.

We expect to meet in a very nice building, with traditional lodge rooms. So, in the meantime, there is big brain work to be done and we need to have a long hard look at the physical nature of our new temple: round or square, pink or blue, wood or glass, marble or carpet, etc.

Over the past few months, in order to obtain the Approval of the City to build, our board has retained numerous professionals to provide the requisite amount of information to the planning departments and the people in them, to ensure we are meeting the city’s own height, zoning and density requirements, among others.

The board has also retained a top-ranked law firm, McCarthy Tetrault, for advice on many different areas of the property acquisition and development, and they continue to work on other pertinent legal areas: our corporate structure and tax advice, as well as reviewing our several contracts with Chrysler, finance partners and commercial agents.

I believe in June the board will hold another Annual General Meeting for the benefit of its members to assure them our mandate is being met after, most importantly, presenting the audited financial statements. At the next meeting of the board on May 27, I will ask the Directors to make several creative decisions related to the design of our new temple and how we see ourselves within the community down the road.



Once we enter the new phase, executing the project, the project will take on a whole new life, as the corner begins its transformation rather quickly. At the moment, we need to be focused on the temple - its look and feel in the future. If we want to see statues in the lobby and busts along the winding staircase wall, the board needs to weigh options and make some decisions, and we will.

These traditional lodge rooms we speak of, will they be Egyptian in their traditional design or maybe a Greco-Roman style, or maybe traditional in the sense of what we might expect to see when traveling within our own jurisdiction? I hope these discussions at the board level will be fun and productive, as we are truly walking on fresh ground with plenty of opportunities to consider, if we are enabled to be creative.

Your input, as always, my brethren is welcomed and I look forward to hearing many great ideas in the next few weeks.

S&F,
W. Bro. Graeme Boyce
President, TEMC & SMTC

In History

In 1649, a mere 68 years before the formation of the first Grand Lodge, James, Duke of Hamilton, was captured during the failed attempt by the Scots to rescue King Charles II from the English. Cromwell gave the Duke, who just happened to be second in line for the Scottish throne if the Stuarts were deposed, the choice of giving up the names of those Englishmen who had assisted him and returning to Scotland unharmed, or stay silent and meet the axe-man. The Duke chose to die rather than give up the names.

History tells us that although there is no firm evidence that James Hamilton was a Freemason, many of his family were. Many of the Englishmen who helped the Scots were also Freemasons, including Alias Ashmole's brother-in-law, Henry Mainwaring, who besides becoming a Freemason with Ashmole, was also a Roundhead hero in the war.

Could James Hamilton's act be the hidden, real source for the Hiramic Legend? Allegory, metaphors, symbols - hidden stuff - saying one thing and meaning another. Makes you wonder, eh?

Toronto East District Email Lists

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

Toronto East District has two email lists,

news@torontoeastdistrict.com

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

events@torontoeastdistrict.com

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



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

You control your participation in the lists by subscribing or unsubscribing. Click on the links on the Communications Committee page of the website,
www.torontoeastdistrict.com/resources/committees/communication.html

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

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

Coming or Going?

We all have had times when we wondered about coming or going.

Masonry exists because it has something for everyone . . . and that means the good guys and the bad guys, the boozers and those that use it for self ego boosts.

So the trick is to recognize who is here for what, and act accordingly. But it is a wee bit hard to explain this to a newbie who recognizes some are taking advantage of things.

Freemasonry has its faults but we are still the best thing going for a man wanting to do better for himself and his fellow men.

- Fiat Lux Email Forum

International Gathering of Masonic Lodges Named for St. Alban

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

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



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

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

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



Food For Thought

Ten to fifteen years ago, some of the 'hot topics' which could be debated in a Masonic forum might have been the following: -

- women and Freemasonry
- the internet challenges to Freemasonry
- the purpose or usefulness of a grand lodge in modern times
- quality versus quantity
- should a lodge / grand lodge advertise in the public
- Prince Hall recognition / membership / visitation

Not that these issues have been 'solved', but they have been debated and / or discussed in any number of in-person, print and electronic venues.

What topics might you suggest today?

In the pursuit of 'harmony' and / or brotherhood, do we suppress dissent?

Could we consider being active in the political and religious communities? Not proselytizing, of course, but promoting tolerant, civil discourse across traditionally contentious lines?

Do we prepare our candidates for Initiation FOR Initiation?

Is the role of Freemasonry still to work one member at a time and not as an institution open in the world (outside of community service projects)?

Should Freemasonry take stands on certain issues institutionally?

Is it important for Freemasonry to become a partner with the academic world, along with professionals in the fields of social trends and psychology?

Is there a need to be a national voice for men's issues and men's studies that has a following along the lines of Men's Health, but oriented toward the growth and maturity of the masculine mind and soul? We have few champions promoting our own gender.

Is Freemasonry better fitted than any other organization to embrace the male heart and mind? Is this a vast strategic opportunity that we are wholly overlooking as an institution?

Our ritual says all Freemasons are seeking 'light'. Possibly our forefathers understood what the true meaning of the word meant and that only those who were interested enough to want to know would go and find 'light' - and that 'light' could not really be taught - that only those interested could or would search, learn and find. Are we are expecting too much now?

What think you?

I Was Wondering

Why is the lodge not closed completely in the third or second degrees?

In our jurisdiction the lodge must always be opened and closed in the first degree. (See Sec. 288 of the Book of Constitution).



Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 288-*In all cases and under all circumstances, the lodge must be opened in the first degree and, in this degree, all the ordinary business of the lodge is to be transacted.*

What is the significance of the Warden's columns being raised and lowered?

The position of the Warden's column indicates whether the lodge is at labour or refreshment. At one time, both Wardens were positioned in the West, with the Senior Warden responsible for the North column and the Junior Warden responsible for the South column. In the days of table lodges, when meals were served in the lodge room, the position of the columns indicated whether the lodge was at labour or refreshment.



What is a "Cowan"?

From operative times, a cowan was one who was not qualified as a Mason, an eavesdropper or an intruder, who attempts to do the work of a Mason. (See *The Freemason at Work*, pp. 86-87, for a more complete explanation.)

The Freemason at Work-1977-Pg. 86-87-The Oxford English Dictionary definition is: 'One who builds dry stone walls (i.e., without mortar); a dry-stone-diker; applied derogatorily to one who does the work of a mason, but who has not been regularly apprenticed or bred to the trade.

Cowan is an essentially Scottish trade term, and it belongs to the time when lodges, as trade-controlling bodies, put restrictions against the employment of cowans, in order to protect the fully-trained men of the Craft from competition by unskilled labour. The earliest official ban against cowans appeared in the Schaw Statutes in 1598: -

Item, that no master or fellow of craft receive any cowans to work in his society or company nor send any of his servants to work with cowans, under the penalty of twenty pounds so often any person offends hereunder.

The first record of a breach of this rule is the oldest surviving minute of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) dated 31 July 1599; [word for word, in modern spelling]: -

George Patoun, mason, granted and confessed that he had offended against the Deacon and Masters for placing of a cowan to work at a chimney-head for two days and a half . . .

He made 'humble submission' offering to pay whatever fine might be imposed. Having regard to 'his estait' the offence was pardoned, but with a strict warning to all future offenders. The minutes suggest that the Edinburgh masons were very well behaved in this respect, perhaps because of the limited and clearly-defined area under the control of the Lodge. At Kilwinning, where the Lodge had jurisdiction over a very wide territory, with consequent difficulties of proper supervision, a large number of breaches were recorded and substantial fines were paid in each case. Cowans also appear regularly in the minutes of several other old Scottish Lodges.

*Nevertheless, there are several records for Edinburgh Castle, in 1616 and 1626, where cowans were permitted to work, apparently on certain special duties and when no masons were employed in the same weeks. Some of these unspecified jobs must have been exceptional, because 'One cowan received 16s. 8d. a day, one 13s., one 12s., one 10s., and two 6s., as compared with a mason's normal rate of 12s. a day on the same building operations.' (Knoop and Jones, *The Scottish Mason and the Mason Word*, pg. 28-9. Manchester Univ. Press, 1939.)*



In the Burgh of the Canongate, adjoining Edinburgh, cowans were able to attain to a higher status and the minutes of the Incorporation of Wrights, Coopers and Masons &c. show how readily the ban against cowans could be lifted when trade conditions (or local circumstances) permitted. On 27 May 1636, John McCoull was admitted to the Freedom 'during his lyfytyme to work as a cowan any work with stone and clay only and without lime'. For this privilege, he was to pay £4 a year to the Craft or the boxmaster (i.e. treasurer) in four instalments, with a doubled fine if he failed to pay. On 30 May 1649 Williame Reull was admitted



. . . during his lifetime to work as a cowan any work with stone and clay only without lime except only to cast with lime timber doors cheeks and timber windows and clay chimney heads . . . within the Canongate and whole Regality of Broughton . . .

Reull was to pay £6 a year, again in four instalments and with doubled penalties for any failure. There are altogether some fifteen records of 'cowaners' admitted to work in the Canongate, including several men from neighbouring areas, and several records of penalties levied for infringement of the rules when they dared to undertake work that was not permitted to them. (A. A. Murray, 'Freeman and Cowan with Special Reference to the Records of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning'. AQC, Vol. 21, pp. 198-9.)

In 1705, the minutes of Lodge Mother Kilwinning indicate that although there were still some restrictions, the employment of cowans was occasionally to be permitted in the territory under its jurisdiction, but always depending on the availability of labour. The Lodge resolved: -
. . . that no man shall employ a cowan, which is to say without the word [i.e., the Mason word] to work; if there be one mason to be found within fifteen miles he is not to employ a cowan under the penalty of forty shillings, Scots.
 (Author; all quotations word-for-word but in modern spelling.)

If no signs are to be given before the Volume of the Sacred Law is opened, what is the correct procedure to stand easy?

Bearing in mind the distinction between coming to order and the Penal Sign, when the brethren are given permission by the Worshipful Master to stand easy they would drop the right hand, until they resume the order with the Worshipful Master. (See the Book of the Work, pg. 2 and 6).
 Book of the Work-2009-Pg. 2-*The brethren take the step and give the first part of the penal sign of an Entered Apprentice Mason. Having come to order, the brethren may be given permission to stand easy.*
 Book of the Work-2009-Pg. 6-*The brethren resume the order when commanded to do so by the Worshipful Master.*

When the Worshipful Master gives the brethren the freedom of the lodge, may the brethren leave the lodge?

The "freedom of the lodge" gives the brethren the freedom to move about the lodge informally. The lodge remains tyled. To leave the lodge the brethren would need to be excused, or the lodge called from labour to refreshment. (See the Book of the Work, pg. 211, 212 and 213).
 Book of the Work-2009-Ed: *my copy of the Work makes no reference to "freedom of the lodge"*



Who should open the Volume of the Sacred Law - the Immediate Past Master or the Chaplain?

The rubrics of the Book of the Work on p. 7, call for a Past Master and if no Past Master is present, the Junior Warden. Usually the Immediate Past Master is given the responsibility of adjusting the Great Lights. If the Chaplain is a Past Master, he could be delegated.
Book of the Work-2009-Pg. 7- *Past Master opens the Volume of the Sacred Law at Ruth IV., 7, and without reading any of the verse(s) from the Volume of the Sacred Law, places the Square and Compasses with points of Compasses towards the West and under the Square, salutes with the Step and Penal Sign of an Entered Apprentice, and resumes his place. (If no Past Master be present the Junior Warden performs this duty.)*

When we open the Lodge the I. G. is directed to see that the Lodge is properly tyled, and when we close to prove the Lodge close tyled?

When we open, the direction is to (see or begin to) tyle the Lodge, while when we close, it is to prove the Lodge (is still) close tyled.

At what point should the Senior Warden and Junior Warden adjust their respective columns?

See the rubrics in the Book of the Work, pg. 7, 34, 212 and 213.
Book of the Work-2009-Pg. 7 (8)-(1st Degree Opening) *Worshipful Master gives 3 knocks which are repeated by the Senior Warden (who then raises his column), Junior Warden (who then lowers his column), Inner Guard and Tyler. The brethren drop the sign after the Tyler's knocks.*
Book of the Work-2009-Pg. 38-(1st Degree Closing) *Senior Warden- "Brethren, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe., and by command of the Worshipful Master, I close this lodge and it stands closed until the next regular meeting, except in case or cases of emergency, of which every brother shall have due notice." (3 knocks and lowers his column.)*
Book of the Work-2009-Pg. 39-(1st Degree Closing) *Junior Warden- "And it is closed accordingly. Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again." (3 knocks and raises his column.)*
(ED: I can find no further references concerning raising and lowering columns at the indicated pages.)

Is it acceptable for the Past Master who is opening the Volume of the Sacred Law to read a verse?

See Meeting the Challenge, p. 79, No. 2. and the Book of Constitution, Sec. 7. Innovations, changes or alterations to the Ritual are not acceptable, except as authorized by the Ritual Committee.
Meeting The Challenge-1976-Pg. 79, No. 2-*For the Past Master to read a verse from the Volume of the Sacred Law during openings would be an innovation in The Work.*
Book of Constitution-1976-Sec. 7- *No addition or alteration of the Ritual shall be made except that authorized by the Ritual Committee.*

In each degree, what is the significance of the verses in the Volume of the Sacred Law?

In our Grand Lodge specific verses are established where the Volume of the Sacred Law must be opened in each degree, however while their significance is not explained in the ritual specifically, each candidate is encouraged to begin his Masonic life by a serious contemplation of that Holy Book.



Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Buenos Aires, Argentina

thanks to Robert Massie, St. Andrew's perpetuating St. John

Our tour bus drove by this Masonic Temple in the older part of Buenos Aires, Argentina .Feb. - 2013

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

Brethren, it appears no one is travelling. My supply of buildings is getting VERY low.

Please!

What you build easily will fall quickly.

- Slovenian Proverb

Saturday May 4 2013

Habitat for Humanity Build Day



No doubt, long before we stood in the north east corner of the lodge, Charity has been an integral part of our personal fabric, and yet the pure virtue itself can become less tangible and even lost in the distraction of process, routine, tax receipts, etc. (we are asked - we pull out our chequebooks). Our roots are as Operatives, we are “doers” more than “sayers”, and yet very few of our charitable

endeavours grant us the opportunity to be truly charitable in deed (and not just in pocketbook) as Habitat for Humanity does. I am reminded of the parable in the Volume of the Sacred Law where the widow threw less than a penny's worth into the Temple collection - Jesus called her out and noted that she had given more than the rich had given: “For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.” (Mark 12:44). I know for myself, and for many of you, time is the most valuable asset we have. What then is more purely charitable - and Masonically charitable - than giving of our time to build a home for a deserving family in our community?



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

Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: New Crescent (697 Danforth Rd.)
Cost: \$75 pp - minimum amount each team member must raise
Contact: Joseph Curry @ joseph.curry@gmail.com or 647-893-6298

Saturday May 4 2013

Markham Union - Rusty Mason Breakfast

Haven't been at lodge for awhile? Not sure of the steps, signs and protocol of the Three Degrees? This is an opportunity to enjoy a free pancake breakfast with the guys and to refresh your skills. Open to ALL Masons.

Work reviewed will include:

- Opening and closing Lodge in the 3 degrees
- Signs, steps, passwords and pass grips in each degree
- Entering and leaving Lodge
- Grand Honours
- General Business, Masonic Voting and Balloting

Please **RSVP** to ensure enough breakfast supplies.

Time: 8:00 am - Breakfast
9:00 am - Rusty Mason
Location: Claremont Masonic Hall
Cost: \$5.00
Contact: Bruce Grumbleby @ grumblebybm@ymail.com or 905.472.8124

Sunday May 5 2013

Scarboro - Annual Walk for MS

Lace up for the 2013 MS Walk and help change lives for the better - beginning right where you live. Your participation will help fund innovative programs and services in your community and support groundbreaking research dedicated to finding a cure.

Deeds! Not words!

Can you imagine waking up one morning and not being able to walk? Or see clearly? Or even speak without difficulty? The symptoms of multiple sclerosis are many and vary for everyone. The number of Canadians living with MS increases every day? And will continue to rise until we find a cure.

We've formed a team in the MS Walk because the MS Society is the only national voluntary organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services, and the MS Walk has been a critical part of the MS Society's fundraising efforts for over 20 years. Proceeds from this event and others like it provide support and services to help those living with this disease, their



families and caregivers. They also fund research with three primary goals: to find a cause and cure for MS, repair nervous system damage caused by MS and stop MS attacks.

Make a difference!

Join our team in the MS Walk and spend the day with friends and family knowing that you are helping to create a future free of multiple sclerosis. If you aren't able to participate in the walk yourself, make a team donation to the Scarboro Masonic Lodge team and help us in our fundraising.

http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR/Walk/OntarioDivision/492246333?px=1194015&pg=personal&fr_id=1907

Your support will make a difference - be part of a future without MS.

Time: 8:00 am - Check in
10:00 am - Start
Location: Willow Park Junior Public School
45 Windover Dr, Toronto
Contact: Frank MacKay @ frank_mackay@hotmail.com

Saturday May 11 2013

Doric - Yard Sale



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

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

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

After that, come around on Saturday and peruse the valuable items there are to bargain for. There will also be coffee, soft drinks and items on the BBQ just in case you are in need of a little something.

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Ed Lang @ olelangsignsca@yahoo.ca or 905.839.5213

Saturday May 11 2013

Toronto Humber Valley District - 1st Annual Black Tie Gala



Join Toronto Humber Valley District for an evening of elegance, entertainment and dancing. All proceeds will go to support the District Project C.A.R.D. (Community Association for Riding for the Disabled)

This event will indeed be a fun evening that you will not want to miss. All are welcome; invite your friends, family, and co-workers. Tickets are limited, please order now! Open Bar.



Dress Code for Men - Black Tie or Dress Tie - Tuxedo or Suit

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Rizzo's Banquet Hall
1941 Albion Rd
Cost: \$75.00 pp
Contact: Harry Somir @ hsomir234@rogers.com or 416.200.7464, or
Harold Clarke @ (416.457.6496, or
Darren Dunlop @ (416.464.2078, or
Dennis Blake @ (416.525 1896, or

Saturday May 25 2013

Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario - Masonic Education Conference

Symbolism, Spirituality and Philosophy of Freemasonry

There will be a keynote speaker, R.W. Bro. Winston Kinnard (an accomplished orator) and papers given by local speakers.

The presentations should be approximately 20 minutes in length leaving 25 minutes for questions and discussions. Later in the day there will be two concurrent seminar sessions, one exclusively for Installed Masters.

Four papers are required with presentations selected from those submitted. Call for abstracts! 100 words or less. They should be submitted to -

John Forster @ forster.john@icloud.com or 613.271.8610 or
Wayne Levere @ awlevere@yahoo.com or 613.836.2504

Tickets for the event are only \$15 and include lunch. Limited seating available (150) so book early! Contact your lodge secretary or visit your district website for a registration form. Please submit your application and conference fee of \$15 made out to "Ottawa Masonic Conference" to:

Wayne Keech
195 Barrow Cres.
Kanata ON
K2L 2K9

Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Ottawa Masonic Centre
Cost: \$15 pp



Thursday May 30 2013

Scottish Rite - Master Masons Night



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

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

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

If you've ever spent the night in a tent with a mosquito then you know that small things really do matter.

- Anita Roddick (1942-2007), founder of The Body Shop

Saturday June 1 2013

Toronto East District - 2nd Annual Black and White Gala



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

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

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

This year we will feature Cheryle Pounder, two-time Olympic Gold Medal Winner from the Canadian Women Hockey Team as our guest speaker.



Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
9:00 pm - Dancing
Location: Ajax Convention Centre
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (401 and Salem)
Speaker: Cheryle Pounder, two time Olympic Gold Medal Winner from the Canadian Women's Hockey Team



Cost: \$100 pp
Contact: the Senior Warden of your lodge, or
David Neave @ davidneave@bell.net or 905.725.8032, or
Bill Willis @ bill.willis@sympatico.ca or 416.578.1722, or

Tuesday June 18 2013

Royal Arch Masons - Master Masons Night

Oakwood Chapter R.A.M. invites you to this very informative evening for all, introducing another step in Freemasonry. A movie on Royal Arch Masonry will be shown followed by guest speakers from Grand Chapter to enlighten you on Royal Arch Masonry. We will explain the steps involved in progressing through each degree in the Royal Arch along with explanations of the Chapter and its furniture, its Officers and their duties.



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

Light refreshments (this is Oakwood Chapter's Strawberry Night) will be available after the presentation.

Time: 8:00 pm - Visitors
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7388, or
Peter Nuttall @ pnuttall@idirect.com or 416.283.8056, or
Alan Pendleton @ xscouse@rogers.com or 416.283.2713

Sunday June 23 2013

The Beaches - 7th Annual Sandcastle Competition



Members of the Craft, their families, friends and the community at large are once again invited to participate in the 7th Annual Sandcastle Competition and, as a team, build your best version of Krak castle on the warm white sands of Ashbridges Bay in Toronto. A fun day for all!

In previous years, impromptu teams young and old have assembled early in the day prepared to combat the impact of both sun (or rain) on sand and gravity to the delight of many thousands passers-by while attempting to claim The Beaches Cup, which will be awarded at 3:00 pm by The Beaches Lodge.

There is no pre-registration process for teams in the competition. A team might consist of a family (see picture - Doug Lauder's kids), 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!

Please feel free to contact Bro Doug Lauder if you need directions to the event or additional details related to your team possibly partnering with a doctor or nurse-fuelled team and contributing to the fundraising component in concert with Toronto East General Hospital foundation staff.



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 each other 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. Two years ago 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.



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 Ashbridges Bay
Contact: Doug Lauder @ douglauder@lifesuccessconsultants.com or 905.728.0534

Saturday June 29 2013 **Caledonia and Friendship - Joint Golf Tournament**



Come and enjoy an afternoon of golf with people you know will not cheat (much). Come out and have a great day! The usual prizes will be won (probably not by you, though). Proceeds will benefit the Sick Kids Hospital.

Prize Donations will be greatly appreciated

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Location: Bushwood Golf and Country Club
10905 Reesor Rd., Markham, ON
Cost: \$120.00 pp includes Cart and Dinner
Contact: Mike O'Sullivan @ dadosullivan@hotmail.com or

905.420.8483

Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or 416.697.0822

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.
- Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)

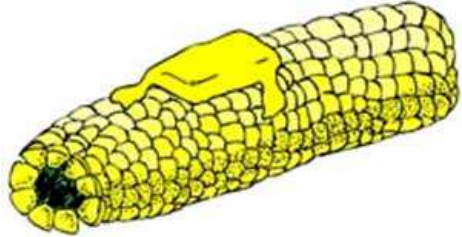
Monday July 15 2013
158th Annual Grand Lodge Communication
More news next month.



Books are masters who instruct us without rods or rules, without words or anger, without bread or money. If you approach them, they are not asleep; if you seek them, they do not hide; if you blunder, they do not scold; if you are ignorant, they do not laugh at you.
- Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)

Saturday August 24 2013

Toronto East District - Annual BBQ and Corn Roast



The Annual BBQ and Corn Roast held by The Ancients (Senior Wardens Group 2012/13), Toronto East District.

Time: 11:00 am
Location: WindReach Farm
Cost: \$10 pp - Adult
\$25 - Family

Contact: Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com



... by the Lighthouse Beam

What Is Masonry?

The question seems to always come up, what is Masonry, and what are those Masons up to? The Masonic institution is rather an enigma in the modern times. Masonry is misunderstood, not only by the authors selling thrillers, but by many Masons themselves. Many believe that Masonry is a social institution, designed to promote charity and civic duty in society, not unlike other civic organizations, such as the Elks Club, Rotary, and other honourable organizations. Yet, there is something different in the Masonic institution that has nothing to do with civic duty and promotion of moral behaviour - Masonry is about internal growth.



Masonry differs from all other “modern” institutions in that it is both Traditional and Initiatic. Tradition is not defined with our modern conception of doing things as they’ve always been done - which is often the easiest misunderstanding of this word. Tradition is not secular, and cannot be reduced to mere methods or household traditions, like specific foods at Thanksgiving dinner. Tradition comes from the Latin, and means “to hand down.” Tradition is the handing down of knowledge from the past.

This is also another place for confusion regarding the word Tradition - our forbearers were not, by nature of coming before us, wiser than we can be ourselves, but rather made their own mistakes as we make ours each day. There is often a cult of old that can likewise provide a barrier in truly understanding Tradition. Tradition does not mean worshipping how things were done in the past, because even the Book of Ecclesiastes states, “Do not say, “Why were the old days better than these?” For it is not wise to ask such questions.”¹

Tradition is not simply doing things as they have always been done, nor is idolizing a long lost past. However, Tradition is also associated with an unbroken lineage. This lineage is made of individuals who through their own effort and the teachings and grace of their predecessors, hand down the wisdom they themselves have discovered and experienced. Tradition consists of the lineage, but Tradition is not limited to the individuals of the lineage. Tradition is experienced through the handing down of wisdom. Wisdom can often be called sacred knowledge, for they are one and the same. How is it possible to give someone wisdom, one might ask? Well, this is exactly what separates Masonry from all other modern institutions and even religion.

When one decides to become a Mason, he petitions a Lodge for membership. This candidate for Masonry is then interviewed and voted on by the Lodge. If all is affirmative, which it is almost exclusively today, the candidate is then initiated with the First Degree of Masonry, also called the Entered Apprentice Degree. Through this initiation, the candidate experiences first hand the Masonic Ritual. It is this ritual that literally “hands down” an experience meant to elicit greater understand, or an experience of growing wisdom. This describes what initiation is - an expansion of understanding, both

¹ Ecclesiastes 7:10



of oneself and of the world around us. All Masons who have gone before the Entered Apprentice experienced the same (or similar) ritual, binding the individual to the group in a shared experience.

Often newly initiated Entered Apprentices may feel confused about what just happened, and may not have necessarily “felt” anything different. What makes Masonry rather unique is that the handing down of what is called the initiatic secret is extremely subtle. The initiation is just the beginning of growing wisdom. It is like the first step a baby makes, and while the baby may stumble immediately afterwards, slowly and with practice, walking and running is possible. Masons grow and progress through years of practice.

You may be wondering what I am referring to. Well, it is extremely difficult to communicate, because the greatest effect of initiation is primarily internal and cannot be measured or communicated in the standard way. Often the best moments of communicating this understanding may happen in a glance or slight smile with another brother - both Know - and to be honest, that is the best way to explain it.

The Masonic institution is, as I’ve said, not a standard secular institution. Masons hand down wisdom to their new members through initiation rituals. These rituals are often what are considered the secret parts of Masonry, when in fact, as is evidenced by what I was just trying to explain, the secrets of Masonry are the experience of growing wisdom, and cannot be explained with words.

The Masonic rituals are extremely interesting, because they cannot be traced to any individual creators, and are in a sense similar to plays or ceremonies, but yet they are different because the individual being “initiated,” who has never seen them before, is a participant and not a viewer. In fact, many parts of the rituals and symbols, when explored by historians, share bizarre relationships to ancient religions and mythologies that could not have directly influenced the first recorded Masonic Lodges in the 1500-1700s A.D. The philosophical underpinning ideas in Masonry are also bizarrely related to philosophies of Native Americans and East Asians, when Masonry, in its current form first came about in Europe when there was little if any communication between these cultures.

It is these underlying similarities that are found in all religions across the globe, and in all Traditional societies, that are a framework of understanding that is not limited by culture, religion, or even time. These underlying, or rather primordial “Truths,” are called the perennial philosophy, and Masonry is one outward form of the same universal truths found in all societies. This is exactly why Masonry is not considered a religion, but while it is still has spiritual or religious similarities. The philosophy underlying Masonry is universal to all religions and all cultures, and this is what separates Masonry from religion.

We have established that Masonry is a Tradition that hands down wisdom that is universal and perennial. In fact, Masonic lectures even say that Masonry is intended to make its votaries wiser, better, and consequently happier. Masonry is also considered a course of ancient hieroglyphic and moral instructions, taught according to ancient usages, by types, emblems and allegorical figures. The initiation itself introduces the candidate to the symbols and allegories of the Masonic ritual, but further study and effort by the candidate is what will expand his understanding. Many Masonic symbols have almost infinite symbolic qualities, and can mean one and ten different things, all at the same time, while also fitting perfectly together with other symbols or parts of the ritual like a beautifully completed jigsaw puzzle. For one interested in discovery, Masonry offers almost limitless potentials!

There are two other very important aspects of Masonry that deserve further explanation.



One is the mysterious experience in a Lodge meeting, which begins first with the initiation and then grows and grows through years of attendance. The other is the bonding that happens between Masonic brothers, often referred to as Fraternity.

The Mysteries of Masonry are the internal experiences of Masons practicing Masonry. What is truly the most fascinating is how the interaction in Masonic ritual changes the internal situation in the individuals participating. It seems that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, and this unity of action in the Masonic Lodge, when all the officers, or ritual enactors, are unified in their roles; the whole body of Masons present unites in a mysterious experience of oneness. Each individual may experience this differently, but there is often a consensus among attending brothers regarding this experience. There is something mysterious about all this, and the best way to describe it is that there is some form of divinity living within the Masonic institution. While Masonry is not a religion, the primordial truths it hands down to its initiates are still emanating from the Great Architect of the Universe, or however you might conceptualize this Divinity.

Finally, the bond among Masonic brothers is one of the most pleasant parts of Masonry. The deep friendship that surrounds brothers that have grown together in Masonry is also difficult to communicate. It is a type of male bond that would not have been created in any other situation than through Masonry. The brotherly love of Masons is both the goal and the effect of self-development and bonding that happens to men growing together.

So, when the layman wonders, what are those Masons up to? I hope these explanations help clarify why it is that Masons are often so dedicated to the Craft, and yet at the same time have difficulty explaining why.

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