

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003

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Is it not an incomprehensible phenomenon that an organization of the likes of Freemasonry with the avowed purpose of improving the man and in stimulating a desire for him to seek to acquire knowledge should lack any major system for substantial education like we do?

- Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, speech to GL of Canada in the Province of Ontario-2011

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,
I do not know about you, but I am certainly ready for some warm days.
Hopefully not too long now.

As the calendar turns to May, we start to come to the stark realization that our Masonic year is rounding the final turn into the last straight away. I seems like only yesterday we celebrated our Fraternity at our annual Communication. Not sure where the time has gone. While we may start thinking and planning for the third week of July, we have to slow down as there are still plenty of events going on in the District.

The Master's elect of both The Beaches and Friendship Lodge would, I am sure enjoy your support at their upcoming night. And of course, we do have one Official Visit left in June.

Throughout this year, I have not made a habit of promoting events in this message. I'm going to deviate from that now, as the events I'm going to talk about are very important.

First of all, the District Meeting scheduled for May 30 is cancelled. My mother will still be here and I want to spend as much time with her as possible. Watch for a rescheduled date. I ask brother secretaries to pass this important message on to your members.



On May 25, we have the Toronto East District Annual Divine Service. This year is very special for the annual event as it is being held at The Grand Master's own church in Markham. I am sure he would really enjoy seeing many of you out to support our craft. The annual service is one of a few times we wear our Regalia in public. Let us show the congregation of St. Andrews our strength and support.

A few weeks following will be our 3rd Annual Black and White Gala. W. Bro. Bill Willis and W. Bro. Greig King, along with their committee have been working very hard to ensure another wonderful night. Our guest speaker this year will actually be a tandem. Mr. Hugh Heron, the founder of The Mikey Network will be speaking. He will be accompanied by Mr. Andrew Rosbrook. During the Toronto Marathon last year, Andrew collapsed from a sudden cardiac arrest and was resuscitated by a Mikey defibrillator. As you all know, I have chosen The Mikey Network for this year's charity and these men will tell you, and show you by their presence, the difference Mikeys can and do make.

Finally, on Wednesday, July 16, at The Royal York we will celebrate the annual Grand Master's banquet. As The Grand Master is from Toronto East District, it would be great to fill the room. We already have 5 tables sold. Brethren, if you can make the banquet, please do. Tickets are \$60 and can be ordered from R. W. Bro. Keith Jones at lbj@telizon.ca.

Brethren, we are still looking for locations to place the Mikey units. We have already placed three and have two more in the works. Please have a look around at the places you frequent. Could they use a defibrillator? Bring them forward to either V. W. Bro. Gerry Newall or myself.

On a personal note, May is a very important month in my life. The biggest change in my life is happening later this month. Many of you have offered congratulations and words of encouragement. Marina and I are truly grateful for your kind wishes. As I embark on this new phase, I know that I am prepared to be the husband she deserves. Masonry has guided and moulded me into the man I am today and prepared me for this challenge. The combination of our Craft and Marina have certainly taken this man and made him better. To quote a famous brother, "Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let each New Year find you a better man."

I want to leave you brethren with a question. Have you put into practice your Masonic principles today? Gandhi taught us "You may never know what results come of your action, but if you do nothing, there will be no result." I challenge you to get results. The smallest act can sometimes lead to the greatest benefit.

I wish you all the very best, and may the Great Architect of the Universe look over you and yours.

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



EVENTS CALENDAR:

May 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			<u>1</u> * The Beaches - Installation Visitors-7:30 pm York	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> * Doric - E-Waste Collection Day 10:00 am to 2:00 pm see below Doric Pickering	<u>4</u> * Scarborough - 2014 MS Walk see below Willow Park Junior Public School
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> * West Hill - Grand Junior Warden's Degree Team led by R.W. Bro. Walter J. Drane G.J.W. Visitors - 7:45 pm East Toronto	<u>8</u> * Brougham Union - Talk re Ontario Geology see below Claremont	<u>9</u> The Winding Staircase see below University of Toronto Faculty Club	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> Mothers' Day Be nice to your Mom!
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * Friendship - Instalation Banq-6:30 pm ← Cost \$10 Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> * Doric - E-Waste Collection Day 10:00 am to 2:00 pm see below Doric Pickering
<u>19</u> Victoria Day The 2-4 weekend is here! ☺ Open up the cottage.	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> * Brougham Union - Friend to Friend Got someone interested in Freemasonry - bring them along Claremont	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * Wexford - Elvis Priestly see below Armenian Centre	<u>24</u> * Ontario Chapter O.E.S. - Best Ball Golf Day see below Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club	<u>25</u> * TED - Divine Service see below St. Andrew's United Church
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> * Scottish Rite - Master Masons Night see below York	<u>30</u> * TED - Spring Business Meeting 7:30 pm East Toronto CANCELLED	<u>31</u> * Doric - E-Waste Collection Day 10:00 am to 2:00 pm see below Doric Pickering	



June 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> * Coronati - Ladies Night see below Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall	<u>7</u> * TED - 3 rd Annual Black and White Gala see below Ajax Convention Centre	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * The Imperial East Gate - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * Wexford - 3 rd Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament see below Bushwood Golf Club	<u>15</u> Fathers' Day Who? Oh, yeah. That guy!
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> * Oakwood Chapter - Master Mason Night see below Doric Pickering	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 1st Day of Summer Summer officially starts at 5:51 am. Don't waste a second!	<u>22</u>  IT'S SUMMER!
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> * Markham Union - Senior Wardens (Guardians) Assoc. Degree Team and Strawberry Night see below Claremont	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Start of Ramadan	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u>						



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

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



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

If you don't have integrity, you have nothing. You can't buy it. You can have all the money in the world, but if you are not a moral and ethical person, you really have nothing.
- Henry R. Kravis

Remember the North East Corner

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



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

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

www.communitycaredurham.on.ca/contact.html



FYI

All four Presidents of the Republic of Texas, David Burnett, Sam Houston, Mirabeau Lamar, and Anson Jones, were Masons.

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

Toronto East Masonic Centre



(April message)

It has been a busy month for Board Members. We have been dealing with an HST audit from Canada Revenue Agency where we have had to assemble information from various sources including former Board Members and prior vendors. In addition, we had a successful public information session. We continue our search for a project partner(s) and hope to have an announcement in next month's message.

Between the writing of my last message and this submission to **Hiram's Lighthouse**, I did receive a great question at our e-mail address of ProjectCo@outlook.com.

“I am curious as to why we are no longer on the top floors of the taller tower. It strikes me that we had a visionary plan for our lodge rooms and that this new plan is less so. I have difficult time imagining any situation where it would not be possible from an engineering perspective to achieve the more grand plans. I would like a more detailed explanation.”

(Submitted by Jonathan Miles - received February 24)

Jonathan, thanks for submitting the public's first question on our project. It is an excellent question.

It was a visionary plan to situate the Temple on the top floors of the East Tower. In fact, I believe I was one of the first Brethren to suggest it. And you are absolutely correct that it could have come to be given today's engineering accomplishments.

The Board struggled with this issue for some time, and continued to request input from our suppliers, city planners and consultants, and in the end, after reviewing all the pros and cons reports provided, made a decision to move the Temple location to the central podium.

With the new location, it provides better space usage for the Lodge Rooms, which must be self-contained without windows;

- it enables a direct elevator from the parking garage and lobby exclusively for Masons to get to their meetings and to Masonic multipurpose rooms;
- it increases potential income from three penthouse floors (30 additional housing units) of the tower;
- it permits separate roof top mechanical systems for each segment which freed up another floor for 10 more apartments or condo sales.

In addition to the above, all the input we receive indicated difficulty marketing the project with the Temple on the top. In moving it down to the podium, we are giving up commercial rental space, which according to our consultants is very difficult to rent in the current and foreseeable future. It was hoped that one of the Concurrent Bodies would consider renting it, but due to the timing, have acquired long-term space elsewhere.



The Board's objective is to build a New Masonic Temple for the Masons of East Toronto that is financially sustainable for future generations of Masons.

The Board extends their sincere thanks to those who attended our open house on March 8 at Chisholm Temple. The Board was pleased with the praise and constructive comments that we received.

Here is a summary of the questions from that information session and the ProjectCo Board current position:

Parking: Will there be enough, at what costs to Masons, and where will the entrance be? Currently there are 496 parking spots planned for the project and 310 bicycle spots. It is expected that there will be a designated parking at no cost for Masons use during Lodge Meetings. The parking will have its entrance at the west tower base off the side street.

Storage Lockers: There will be more than enough storage lockers, as the Board recognises this is important issue for Lodges over time. Those concordant bodies that require larger lockers will be provided with them, in addition to space for costuming and make-up application.

Lodge Fees: At this juncture in time, we cannot specifically state there will be no fees for using the Lodge Rooms. This is a question that can be better estimated after we have all cost estimates in hand. We believe it will be equal to or less than currently paid across our district.

Washrooms: There were a number of questions about location and number of toilets/urinals, gender and disability requirements. There are building code requirements that we must meet and the Board will exceed the building code requirements while fulfilling our Brethren and concordant bodies needs.

A Toronto East Masonic District Office: This suggestion has merit as the Office of the DDGM and District Secretary is only one year in length and currently a lot of storage material passes between the current and incoming officers. Great suggestions were made and the Board will make every effort to include an office for these worthy Brethren.

Allocating a condo unit for Visiting Masonic Brethren: The current and past Board both have a desire to allocate one or two units for traveling Brethren if they can be financially supported without financial difficulty. It is the Board's intention that a space should be available so brethren can prepare for lodge even if all they require is a shower first.

Bar as part of Recreation Space: As the project progresses, a permanent bar space will be created, probably close to, but separate from, the Kitchen space.

A Mason's Club: One of the more interesting suggestions was the creation of a separate space for a Mason's Social Club (where non-Masons could purchase memberships) for drinking and social intercourse. The Board, with the help of the Masons of East Toronto will look for solutions to this suggestion. There was agreement that this club would have to be economically self-sufficient. There are many of these specific social clubs located all over the GTA.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for the end of April.



(May message)

Let me start by apologizing to **Hiram Lighthouse** readers for April and May updates being in this month's issue. The April report got lost in my email drafts when it should have been sent to the Editor for inclusion on March 30th. Above or below, depending on the editor's own choice, is the April update.

The Board members welcomes our newest appointed Board member, Mr. Neil Friedman. Neil is an experienced Chartered Accountant and long-time Mason from our neighbouring district. When we reached out for new board members, Neil was one of a very few who contacted us. He expressed his desire to be involved with the development of a new temple, attended a Board meeting where we learned more of his extensive skills, and considered that skill bank of importance to the corporation.

The Board continues to deal with a variety of issues including a continuing Canada Revenue Agency HST audit specifically relating to Input Tax Credits from our vendors. We are awaiting a decision from the CRA auditors to our submissions.

The Board is now aware we will not be able to get the Site Plan Approval at the June City of Toronto meeting. The delay is a result of issues related to drilling the boreholes necessary for the Environmental Phase 2 study, and gaining access to the Chrysler building on our property, to drill through the dealership concrete floors. The Board is negotiating and expects access to be granted shortly. On a separate note, the parties have agreed not to renew the Chrysler lease when it expires.

As of April 30, 2014, our relationship with the Project Manager, George Papas, has come to an end and the Board wishes him well in all his future endeavours.

Over the last two months, the Board has received initial verbal inquiries from over a dozen potential partners including a number of Canadian Banks. We have even had initial meetings with many of them. Between now and June 15th we will be seeking written expressions of interest to enable the Board to create a short list. The Board intends to choose an actual partner by the end of June to move this project to the next stage this fall.

The Board has approval of job descriptions for its Officers and Directors. It continues to work on bylaw amendments to ensure long-term transparency, full disclosure, visibility and respect for the corporation.

The Board expresses its hope that our sole shareholder, the Toronto East Masonic Centre, will hold its annual general meeting during the latter two weeks of June so we can present our Audited Financial Report for approval, explain our actions to date and deal with any other appropriate matters necessary by our respective bylaws.

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

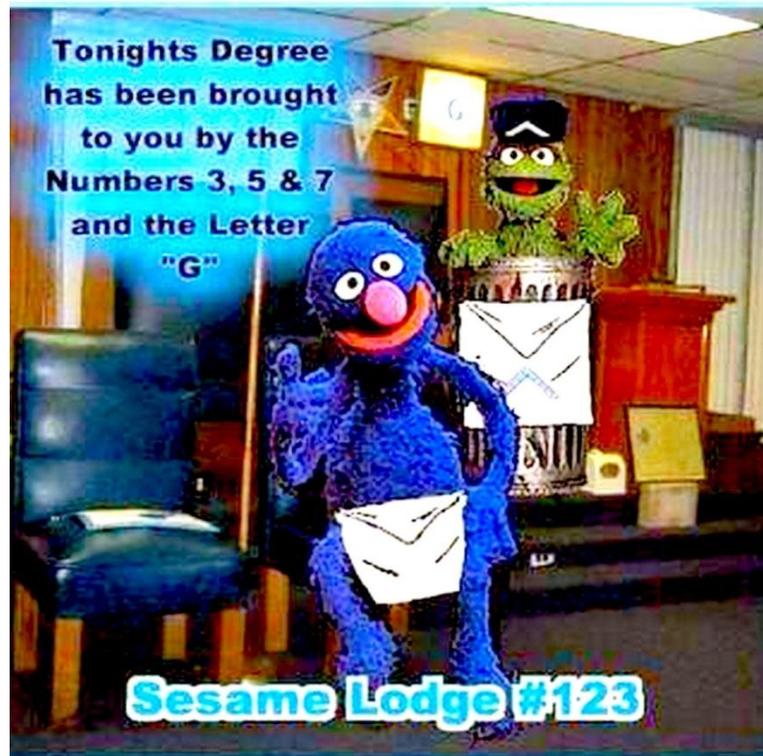
- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373



Are You Aware ?

Richard Cardinal Cushing has set a precedent by being the guest speaker of a Masonic Lodge dinner in Boston - the first Roman Catholic Priest to do so in the 232-year history of the Masonic Order in Massachusetts. He was the guest of the Masonic Brotherhood Lodge, the membership of which is principally Jewish. About 500 persons attended, including the State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus.
- Vancouver Sun, Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 28 1965

Mistakenly Left Out of the Last Summons



Thinking Outside the Box - or Case in this instance

The Lodge of Concord No. 632 proudly presents to the Province of Wiltshire (U.K.) for your entertainment, the 1st Masonic Beer Festival in aid of local charity on June 6th and 7th 2014
www.MasonicBeerFestival.co.uk



A local police force had been 'tipped off' that the local Freemasons were leaving the lodge with a possible, if not likely, excess of spirit. This obligated the local police to make an appropriate response: which they did.

Thus, the local police were there on lodge night, at the car park exit, at the anticipated time of the Tyler's toast and the brethren's departure.



The first car out was pounced upon with due regard and the driver breathalysed. It proved to be totally clear. The police officer was somewhat bemused and perplexed. Being young and unaware of the wonder of Freemasonry the police officer enquired about the nature of this strange coagulation known as Freemasonry. With the departure of the next vehicle it was explained that it was being driven by the 'old man' the Provincial Grand Master and as each car left, it was explained to the policeman the rank, title and nature of the office, such as Provincial Grand Warden, Deacon, Chaplain Steward, etc. After some time the car park was cleared and the policeman asked the office of the Freemason with whom he was speaking.

The reply was, "I'm the Provincial Grand Decoy."
- UKMason Email Forum

Doric - 60-Day E-Waste Challenge

Our goal is to divert 40,000 lb. of electronic waste from landfills. Less than 12% of electronics are recycled, yet they count for 70% of toxins in landfills. Over the next 60 days (ending May 31), we will be collecting all donations of **electronic waste, batteries, scrap metal, plus pop cans, beer bottles or cans and liquor bottles.**



This is a perfect time to clean out your garage or basement of those broken or unwanted electronic parts.

Where do I bring my e-waste?

- Items can be brought to any lodge meeting at the Doric Pickering Masonic Hall and placed in the bin just inside the front door. Items will be removed twice a week until the end of the challenge
- Items can be brought to the Doric Pickering Masonic Hall on one of the collection days: May 3, 24, 31 between 10 am and 2 pm.
- If your pile is too big, call us and we'll make arrangements for a pick up.

Where can I find more e-waste?

- Check your home
- Ask family, friends, & neighbours
- Talk to people at work (your company as well as others you deal with)
- Watch near garbage day for roadside piles

Charities that are going to benefit:

Scouts Canada, Owasco Area Durham Child Nutrition Project
ALS Canada Cancer

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Doric Lodge Jamaica Visitation Project.

Contact: Corey Rick @ biggest_smile@hotmail.com or 905.622.6561

I Did Not Know That !

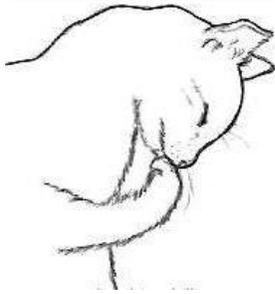
Did you ever wonder why dimes, quarters and half dollars have notches, while pennies and nickels do not?

The U.S. Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals. Dimes, quarters and



half dollars are notched because they used to contain silver. Pennies and nickels aren't notched because the metals they contain are not valuable enough to shave.

The Trestle Board Cat



When Hiram Abif spent time in the evenings working on the designs for the trestle board of the next day, a cat that wandered around the building often made such a noise that it distracted him. He ordered that the cat be tied up in the evening.

After his death, the cat continued to be tied up during the evening planning. When the cat eventually died, another cat was brought to the work site and tied up in the evenings.

Centuries later, learned and experienced Past Masters wrote scholarly treatises about the significance of tying up a cat before planning the work of the next day.

- UKMason Email Forum

Coronati Celebrates 100th Year Anniversary by Donating Blood

The group donated blood last April 5, 2014 at the Canadian Blood Services Clinic located at the Hillcrest Mall in Richmond Hill. This was the second group donation by Coronati Lodge #520 for the year. It is the only lodge in Greater Toronto that has been accredited as “Partner for Life” with ID #CORNO13800 by the Canadian Blood Services.



Coronati members together with their families led by the WM Ron Cada (3rd from right) and the Blood Donor Chairman, Algene Etac (4th from right)

I Was Wondering

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



What is meant by the “Perfect Points of Entrance?”

They were first mentioned in ritual text dated 1696, when they clearly referred to secrets of the Entered Apprentice ceremony. In a series of questions asking how a mason could prove himself the first answer was; “by signes (sic) tokens and other points of my entrie (sic).”

In those days, the first Point was “heill (sic) and conceall (sic)” and the second point was the penal sign of an Entered Apprentice. In effect, the “Points of Entrance” were a brief summary of essential elements in the initiation ceremony, but they developed eventually, into a series of “trap-questions,” with very cautious answers.

In the late 1700’s, Preston in this “*First Lecture of Freemasonry*” defined the “Points” as comprising the ceremonies of “preparation, admission and obligation.” In another version of the same Lecture, he gave the Points of Entrance as a set of code words, “Of, At, and On,” and the question ran:

Question: Of what?
Answer: In relation to apparel.

Question: At what?
Answer: The door of the Lodge.

Question: On what?
Answer: On the left knee bare.

The “Of, At and On” became firmly established in our English Lectures in the next 20 - 30 years, until they eventually settled into the form in use to this day.

What are the Points of Entrance?

Of, At and On.

Question: Of what?
Answer: Of my own free will and accord.

Question: At what?
Answer: At the door of the Lodge.

Question: On what?
Answer: On the point of a sharp instrument presented to my
N. L. B.



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Book! Did You Say, “Books?”

A significant amount of Masonic material has recently become available through the Internet Archive - <https://archive.org>

By using the keyword ‘freemasonry’, and ‘Texts’ and doing a search, you will get a list of available books. You can then rank the results by choosing from the headings under ‘Advanced Search’ on the right side of the page.

Given a little time, you may find many of the texts advertised as “rare and expensive books” available on CD or DVD for the nominal price of only . . . plus shipping and handling.

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Evening Star Lodge, Lee MA
with thanks to with thanks to Lucio Bertulli - Mimosa #576

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

To forgive our brother is to forgive ourselves.

- Le Ly Hayslip [Phung Thị Le Ly]

Sunday May 4 2014

Scarboro - Annual Walk for MS

You won't need any fancy hiking boots, your worn down runners will do. Join us for the 2014 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 ground-breaking 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, donate to the Scarboro Masonic Lodge team and help us in our fundraising.

http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR?team_id=34608&pg=team&fr_id=2873&fl=en_CA&et=LdLmt13rTV6Np9gsDuupCO&s_tafId=36514

Scarboro Lodge has raised over \$28,000 for this great cause; help us reach this year's goal of going beyond \$30,000. 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

Wednesday May 7 2014

Brougham Union - Ontario Geology

The Claremont Masons Present: Professor Nick Eyles, Department of Geology, University of Toronto on

The title of his talk:

ONTARIO ROCKS;
3 BILLION YEARS
OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

(This will be an audio/visual presentation)

Prof. Eyles was the host of "Geologic Journey World" which aired on CBC's "The Nature of Things"

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Claremont Masonic Hall
Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@xplornet.ca or 905.649.3003



Friday May 9 2014

The Winding Staircase - Women in Freemasonry

The Winding Staircase is pleased to announce the next event in its Luncheon Speaker Series. Join us at the University of Toronto Faculty Club for food, fellowship and the opportunity to hear V.W. Bro. Karen Caldwell, the Grand Inspector of Canada of the Order of Women Freemasons.



Karen Caldwell taught for 35 years in the Scarborough Board of Education. She was initiated into the Order of Women Freemasons in 1988. She served as Worshipful Master three times in her own Craft Lodge, in the Lodge of Installed Masters and most recently in the newly re-instated Mark Lodge. She is very involved with all aspects of Women's Freemasonry and was appointed Grand Inspector of Canada in 2010. This year is very special for her as it marks the 60th Anniversary of Women's Freemasonry in Canada.

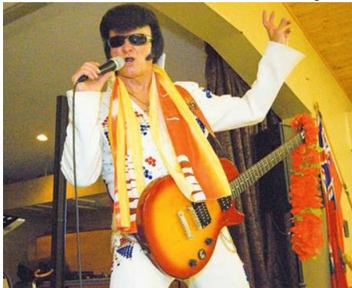
As always, following the lunch event there will be an opportunity to meet, mingle, and exchange ideas.

Please purchase tickets via the PayPal button at our website www.thewindingstaircase.com.

Time: 12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm
Speaker: V.W. Bro. Karen Caldwell
Topic: Women in Freemasonry
Cost: \$35.00
Location: University of Toronto Faculty Club
41 Willcocks St. (just off Spadina Ave., south of Bloor St.)
Contact: thewindingstaircase@gmail.com or 416.978.6325 or
the website www.thewindingstaircase.com

Friday May 23 2014

Wexford - Elvis Priestly in Concert



Look! I KNEW he was alive!

Rock on to the tunes of the guy who started it all, with his band, The Elvi's and the Vanrosi Band, Peter Marino, the Engelbert Humperdinck Impersonator and Al Hach, the Johnny Cash Impersonator! Bar and Light Refreshments will be available.

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

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



Saturday May 24 2014

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

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



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

Sponsorships and additional donations are most welcome.

You will get -

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

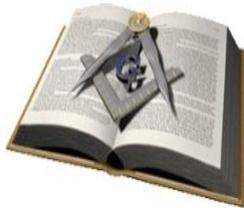
Proceeds to support Grandview Kids. Each year 5,000 children and youth with special needs receive critical therapy services to help them achieve their personal best. As the demand for service increases, and space to provide service is limited, support from our community matters now more than ever. Grandview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

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



Sunday May 25 2014

Toronto East District - Annual Divine Service



All are encouraged to attend, Masons, non-Masons, their families and friends. Regalia are to be worn and Masters to wear their collars.

Time: 9:30 am - Assemble
10:00 am - Service Begins

Location: St. Andrew's United Church
32 Main St., Markham
Contact: Joe Das @ joedas683@gmail.com or 416.291.6444

Thursday May 29 2014

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

Another special evening open to all master masons who wish to learn more about Freemasonry. The night consists of a dramatic presentation of one of our degrees followed by a reception and dinner. All Master Masons who are not members of Scottish Rite who request it will receive an invitation and free admission to the evening's activities.



Invite a brother from your own Masonic lodge as a guest of the Valley of Toronto for the evening.

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

For those who expend in alms, in prosperity and adversity, for those who repress their rage, and those who pardon men; God loves the kind.

- The Qur'an, Surah 3:134 The Family of Imran

Friday June 6 2014

Coronati - Ladies Night



In conjunction with the Cabletow Service Club, a night of fraternity, dining and dancing. All are very welcome. Cash bar.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall
60 McDowell Gate, Markham
Cost: \$50 pp
Contact: Ervin Aspiras @ ervin_ign@yahoo.com or 647.797.8852 or

Cleo Balsomo @ c_balsomo@yahoo.com or 416.293.9606



Saturday June 7 2014

Toronto East District - 3rd Annual Black and White Gala

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



Brethren, we want to be sure and thank our ladies in a very



special way for a year of patience and support and this will be a night for them to remember. We also want to have an award ceremony that truly reflects the stature of the District award winners.

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

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

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

Saturday June 14 2014

Wexford - Third Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament

Open to all Masons, family and friends. Enjoy a fun day on the greens. Shotgun start, 18 holes of Golf with a cart, Free Driving Range, Putting Contest, Lunch, and a Steak Dinner. Fantastic Prizes. Lots of Fun.

The proceeds of this tournament will be split evenly between Charity, Epilepsy Durham and the Lodge. Sponsors wanted.

Time: 11:30 am - Registration
1:00 pm - T-Off (shotgun)
7:00 pm - Steak dinner
Location: Bushwood Golf Club
10905 Reesor Rd., Markham - 905.640.1233
Cost: \$150 pp
Contact: Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or 416.723.5507 or
Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.391.9044 or
Gordon McHallam @ gsmchallam@gmail.com or 905.410.7590



Tuesday June 17 2014

Oakwood Chapter R.A.M. - Master Mason Night

What has attracted so many Brethren to seek further light in Royal Arch Masonry??



The Royal Arch Degrees was considered most important in the early years of Freemasonry and so dogmatic was the Mother Grand Lodge - from which all Speculative Masonry derives - that in 1813, when the two grand lodges in England united, a firm and solemn landmark was adopted and placed in the Articles of Union to guide Masons throughout the world forever on this matter: "Pure Ancient Freemasonry consists of but three degrees, viz., that of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch." The landmark has never been changed and to this day, no other degree has been officially recognized by the Mother Grand Lodge and every rite, system or additional degree in Freemasonry cannot confer its degree on a Master Mason until he has received the Royal Arch Degree.

Naturally, this is as it should be, because a man is not a Master Mason until he receives the Master's Word and he can only receive it in the Royal Arch.

Oakwood Chapter No 233 Royal Arch Masons will be having an Information Master Mason's Night and we invite all Master Masons to this special night. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Doric Masonic Hall
Contact: Keith Larocque @ tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com or 905.721.8701

Saturday June 21 2014

1st Day of Summer ☺



The common name for this event is the Summer Solstice. This is when the sun is as far North as it can go.

Farthest North - Tropic of Cancer - 23.5 degrees North (summer)
Farthest South - Tropic of Capricorn - 23.5 degrees South (winter)

Between these two tropics there really are no seasons. It is warm and humid all the time. And we live here - why?

Saturday June 21 2014

Coronati - Centennial Year Gala Dinner and Dance

A special night, acknowledging a major milestone and a birthday not achieved by many. Come out for a wonderful night of celebration with a full sit-down meal and dancing. All are very welcome. Cash bar.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Rembrandt Banquet Hall
930 Progress Ave., Scarborough



Cost: \$60 pp
Contact: Peter Nuttall @ pnuttall@idirect.com or 416.283.8056 or
Cleo Balsomo @ c_balsomo@yahoo.com or 416.293.9606

Wednesday June 25 2014

Markham Union - Guardians Senior Wardens Assoc. Degree Team and Strawberry Night



Markham Union has received dispensation from Grand Lodge to hold their Regular meeting on Wednesday June 25th instead of the 14th.

On that night, The Guardians - the Senior Wardens of Toronto East District will be conducting a Second Degree. As a reward for you suffering through this punishment, Markham Union will be holding their Annual Strawberry Night.

Come on out, dine and celebrate the coming summer.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Claremont Masonic Hall
Contact: Bruce Grumbleby @ grumblebybm@ymail.com or 905.472.8124

Laws control the lesser man. Right conduct controls the greater one.
- Chinese Proverb

Friday July 11 2014

Birch Cliff - Annual Charity Golf Tournament



A shotgun start followed by 18 holes of golf with a cart. The tournament is in support of Prostate Cancer research under the guidance of Dr. Alan Toguri. Fantastic Prizes. Lots of Fun. There will also be a Free Driving Range, a Putting Contest, Lunch, and a Steak Dinner to round out what should be a wonderful day.

All brethren, ladies and guests are most welcome for a day of fun and camaraderie.

Time: 12:00 am - Registration
1:00 pm - T-Off

7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Bushwood Golf Club
10905 Reesor Road, Markham, ON. L6B 1A8 - Phone: 905-640-1233
Cost: \$115 pp
Contact: Roy Morris @ roy.morris123@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7390

Monday July 14 2014

159th Annual Grand Lodge Communication

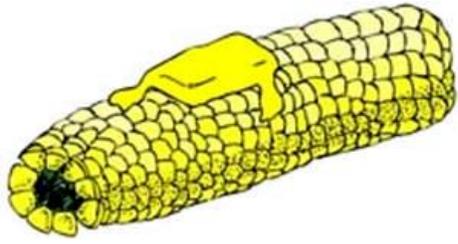
See the Grand Lodge section below.

No one's gonna drag you up to get into the light where you belong.
- Anonymous



Saturday August 23 2014

Toronto East District - Annual BBQ and Corn Roast



The Annual BBQ and Corn Roast held by The Guardians (Senior Wardens Group 2013/14), Toronto East District.

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

Contact: Your Senior Warden



The 159th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Monday, July 14 through Thursday July 17 2014

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

(Ed: Transcription of the Amendment section from the supplied documentation was difficult. All errors or omissions can be assumed to be mine.)

Your committee has received THREE (3) proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

The 1st proposal deals with:

PART 1 - Certificates and Medals

Delete the current Section 172. (a), and insert a new Section 172. (a) to read as follows:

The William Mercer Wilson Medal shall consist of a collar and medal. The collar shall be 38 mm in width throughout, of sky blue corded moiré ribbon, consisting of two pieces, each 425 mm in length. The top of each piece of ribbon shall have a piece of Velcro attached to ensure secure closure. A small tuck shall be sewed in the ribbon 130 mm from the top end to provide a bend in the collar to enable fitting around the wearer's neck. The bottom ends shall be sewed together to form a triangle and shall have a pewter-finished metal fastener at the point to which the medal shall be attached. This triangular point shall have sewed on the backside a piece of firm material such as leather to provide sufficient stiffness to the lower end of the collar. The medal shall be metal, pewter-finished and consist of a round two-sided medal with a connector eye incorporated in the casting at the top. The outside diameter of the circle shall be 38 mm and the inside diameter on either side shall be 29 mm. The circumference between the two circles shall be engraved or embossed with the following words: on the obverse side **WILLIAM MERCER WILSON MEDAL** and on the reverse side **GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**. The inner circle shall be engraved or embossed as follows: on the obverse side with a front bust image of M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, extending down into the lower portion of the circumference; on the upper half of the reverse side with the Coat of Arms of Grand Lodge; in the top portion of the lower half, a plain horizontal bar 25 mm in width at the top and 23 mm at the bottom, and 3 mm in height suitable for engraving the name of the recipient and beneath said bar, a plain quarter arc 11 mm in length at the top and 9 mm at the bottom, 3 mm in width, suitable for engraving the year of receipt and placed above three maple leaves the centre one 5 mm and the other two 3 mm in height on either side, under the bottom corner edge of the arc. A metal pewter-finished ring shall link the connector eye on the medal to the metal fastener on the collar.

Insert a new Section 172. (b). to read as follows:

(b) The Veteran Jubilee Medal shall be metal, gold-finished and consist of a round, two-sided medal, with a connector eye incorporated on the casting at the top. The outside diameter of the circle shall be 34 mm and the inside diameter shall be 26 mm. The circumference between the two circles shall be engraved or embossed with the following words: on the obverse side **GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. OF CANADA IN ONTARIO**; the letters shall be separated at the base by a "dot". The inner circle shall be engraved or embossed with the Square and Compasses, having an overall width of 22 mm and height of 20 mm; on the reverse side, arced around the top portion of the circumference **50 YEARS A MASON**. Between the first and last letters of the preceding shall be a plain horizontal bar 16 mm in width and 3 mm in height suitable for engraving the year of receipt. The following words shall be engraved or embossed across the middle of the reverse side of the medal: **PRESENTED TO** and beneath



such wording, a second horizontal bar, 26 mm in width at the top and 22 mm at the bottom, 3 mm in height, suitable for engraving the name of the recipient. Beginning at the base of the reverse side with crossed stems, four maple leaves shall be engraved or embossed running up either side of the circumference, the first two of 4 mm in length, the third of 2 mm disappearing behind the base of the lower bar and the fourth of 3 mm emerging from behind the top edge of the lower-bar. The top of the medal shall be a metal gold-finished rectangle having a mounting pin with security clasp and a horizontal bar mounted across the bottom on the reverse 44 mm in width and 8 mm in height, with the centre of the bar raised to incorporate on the obverse the Ontario Shield of Arms, 9 mm in height and 7 mm in width, the Shield shall be surrounded by three maple leaves forming a triangle. On either side of the Shield of Arms shall be engraved or embossed a series of four columns of horizontal Acacia leaves, three clustered in each column. The top bar and medal shall be connected by a sky blue corded moiré ribbon 38 mm wide and 110 mm in length, folded over to support a metal gold-finished ring through which a second metal gold-finished ring shall pass to link to the connector eye on the medal. The medal shall not be more than 108 mm in length.

PART III - REGALIA AND INSIGNIA

Revise Section 384 (a), to read as follows:

384 (a) The Grand Lodge recognizes and adopts the usage of the Lewis Jewel in our jurisdiction, which can be worn by a “Lewis”, defined Masonically as a member whose father/stepfather is a Mason in good standing or was in good standing at the time of his demise. The Lewis Jewel shall be metal and gold-finished. The overall length of the jewel shall not be more than 82 mm, consisting of two bars 11 mm in height by 38 mm in width, connected by chain, with a tapering, truncated rectangular piece representing the “Lewis”, having a rectangular base of 12 mm by 4 mm, a rectangular top of 7 mm by 2 mm and a height of 17 mm, suspended below the lower bar, and connected by two chains through an oval ring affixed to the top of the “Lewis”. Engraved on the upper bar shall be the Masonic rank, name and date of initiation of the father/stepfather, with similar information on the son engraved on the lower bar. The reverse side of the upper bar shall have a mounting pin with security clasp.

Insert a new Section 384 (b) to read as follows:

(b) The Grand Master’s Award for Distinguished Service shall consist of a collar and medal. The collar shall be 38 mm in width throughout, of garter blue corded moiré ribbon, consisting of two pieces, each 425 mm in length. The top of each piece of ribbon shall have a piece of Velcro attached to ensure secure closure. A small tuck shall be sewed in the ribbon 130 mm from the top end to provide a bend in the collar to enable fitting around the wearer’s neck. The bottom ends shall be sewed together to form a triangle and shall have a gold-finished metal fastener at the point to which the medal shall be attached. This triangular point shall have sewed on the backside a piece of firm material such as leather to provide sufficient stiffness to the lower end of the collar. The medal shall be metal, gold-finished and consist of a round, two-sided medal, with a connector eye incorporated in the casting at the top. The outside diameter of the circle shall be 38 mm and the inside diameter on the obverse side shall be 29 mm. The circumference between the two circles on the obverse side shall be engraved or embossed with the following words: **GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA**; the letters shall be separated at the base by a “star”. The circumference of the inner circle shall consist of a series of dashes, each 4 mm in length, separated by a space of 2 mm. The inner circle shall be engraved or embossed with the Coat of Arms of Grand Lodge. The reverse side shall be engraved or embossed as follows: the following words arced around the top portion of the circumference: **GRAND MASTER’S AWARD** and beneath on three horizontal lines **FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**. On the lower half, two plain bars, one under the other, the top of the upper bar 33 mm in width and the bottom of upper bar 27 mm, 5 mm in height, suitable for engraving the name of the recipient; the top of the lower bar 27 mm in width and the bottom of lower bar 22 mm, 5 mm in height,



suitable for engraving the year of receipt, with the end of each bar having the shape of a scroll curling upwards. A metal gold-finished ring shall link the connector eye on the jewel to the metal fastener on the collar.

Renumber Section 384 (b) as Section 384 (c), and revise the wording therein by deleting “Meritorious award” and substituting “Award for Distinguished Service”, so the Section reads as follows:
384(c) No jewels shall be worn in a lodge other than those specified for the officers, except the jewel of a Past Master, a representative of another Grand Lodge, a Royal Arch Mason, a Lewis Jewel, the Veteran Jubilee Medal, the Maple Leaf pin with the square and compasses, the Grand Master’s Award for Distinguished Service, and any other jewel, button, or medal specifically designed and/or authorized by Grand Lodge, and any lodge insignia approved by the Grand Master.

Renumber Section 384 (c) as Section 384 (d).

The proposer is R.W. Bro. Ronald Campbell *Your committee finds this proposal regular*

The 2nd proposal deals with amendments to the duties of; the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the composition of the Management Committee, and amendments to the powers and duties of the Audit and Finance Committee and the Management Committee as follows:

Part 1 - Powers and Duties of Other Grand Lodge Officers.

112. Grand Treasurer **Current Version**

The Grand Treasurer shall keep such books and accounts and in such a manner as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of General Purposes.

112. Grand Treasurer **Proposed Version**

The Grand Treasurer shall:

- (a) keep such books and accounts and in such a manner as may prescribed by the Board of General Purposes;
- (b) serve as an exofficio member of the Management Committee of the Board of General Purposes.

113. Grand Secretary **Current Version**

The Grand Secretary shall:

- (p) perform all other duties pertaining to his office and as directed by the Board of General Purposes.

113. Grand Secretary **Proposed Version**

The Grand Secretary shall:

- (p) serve as an ex officio member of the Management Committee of the Board of General Purposes; and
- (q) perform all other duties pertaining to his office and directed by the Board of General Purposes.

Part 1 - Board of General Purposes:

Section 134 (k) **Current Version**

134. (k) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 134(j), the composition of the Management Committee of the Board of General Purposes shall be as follows:

- (i) the Grand Master (ex officio);
- (ii) the Deputy Grand Master (ex officio) who shall preside as Chairman of the Committee,
- (iii) the Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance (ex officio);



- (iv) five (5) members from among the Honorary, Elected and Appointed members of the Board of General Purposes, consisting of 3 elected by the above noted members of the Board of General Purposes and 2 appointed by the Grand Master. (2011)
- (v) the term of those individuals elected to the Management Committee shall be three years. One person shall be elected each year to serve a term of three years. (2011)
- (vi) the terms of those individuals appointed by the Grand Master shall be for 2 years each, coinciding with the term of the Grand Master that appointed them. There is no limit to the number of times an individual can be appointed by successive Grand Masters. (2011)
- (vii) vacancies occurring in the ranks of appointed members of the Management Committee will be filled through appointment(s) by the Grand Master. Vacancies occurring in the ranks of elected members of the Management Committee will remain vacant until the following Annual Communication when voting for Management Committee takes place. Any year that a vacancy has arisen and two (2) people are to be elected, the member with the highest number of votes shall be elected for a 3-year term. The member with the second highest number of votes shall fulfil the remaining term of the vacant position.

134. (l) (deleted 2006)

Section 134 (k) Proposed Version

134. (k) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 134(j), the composition of the Management Committee of the Board of General Purposes shall be as follows:

- (i) the Grand Master (ex officio);
- (ii) the Deputy Grand Master (ex officio) who shall preside as Chairman of the Committee;
- (iii) the Grand Treasurer (ex officio);
- (iv) the Grand Secretary (ex officio);
- (v) the Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance (ex officio);
- (vi) five (5) members from among the Honorary, Elected and Appointed members of the Board of General Purposes; consisting of 3 elected by the above noted members of the Board of General Purposes and 2 appointed by the Grand Master; (2011)
- (vii) the term of those individuals elected to the Management Committee shall be three years. One person shall be elected each year to serve a term of three years; (2011)
- (viii) the terms of those individuals appointed by the Grand Master shall be for 2 years each, coinciding with the term of the Grand Master that appointed them. There is no limit to the number of times an individual can be appointed by successive Grand Masters; (2011)
- (ix) vacancies occurring in the ranks of appointed members of the Management Committee will be filled through appointment(s) by the Grand Master. Vacancies occurring in the ranks of elected members of the Management Committee will remain vacant until the next meeting of the Board of General Purposes when voting for Management Committee takes place. Any year that a vacancy has arisen and two (2) people are to be elected, the member with the highest number of votes shall be elected for a 3-year term. The member with the second highest number of votes shall fulfill the remaining term of the vacant position.

Part 1 - Powers and Duties of Standing Committees (1996)

136. (a) Audit and Finance Current Version

To review the monthly statements of the Grand Secretary;

To review the annual reports of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and the Auditor;

To consider the investments of the Funds of Grand Lodge as recommended by the Grand Treasurer;



To recommend the amounts to be transferred annually from the General Account for benevolent purposes or appropriations to any foundation or trust which may be established by Grand Lodge for charitable purposes;

To recommend the approval of the charitable donations made on behalf of Grand Lodge by the Grand Master;

To review with the Grand Secretary the number of staff required for the Grand Lodge office including a Supervisor of Benevolence and the salaries to be paid;

To arrange for the reimbursement of the approved expenses of the members of the Board of General Purposes attending Grand Lodge; (2004)

To prepare an estimate of the receipts and expenditures on account of the General Fund for the ensuing year, with a view to ensuring that the expenditures are essential and that the receipts are sufficient to cover them;

To recommend any changes in financial commitments of the lodges to Grand Lodge; and

To make a periodic survey of the insurance coverage of Grand Lodge.

136. (a) Audit and Finance Proposed Version

To review the monthly statements of the Grand Secretary;

To review the annual reports of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and the Auditor;

To consider the investments of the Funds of Grand Lodge as recommended by the Grand Treasurer;

To recommend the amounts to be transferred annually from the General Account for benevolent purposes or appropriations to any foundation or trust which may be established by Grand Lodge for charitable purposes;

To recommend the approval of the charitable donations made on behalf of Grand Lodge by the Grand Master;

To arrange for the reimbursement of the approved expenses of the members of the Board of General Purposes attending Grand Lodge; (2004)

To prepare an estimate of the receipts and expenditures on account of the General Fund for the ensuing year, with a view to ensuring that the expenditures are essential and that the receipts are sufficient to cover them;

To recommend any changes in financial commitments of the lodges to Grand Lodge; and

To make a periodic survey of the insurance coverage of Grand Lodge.

(l) Management Committee Current Version

To advance the work of the Board of General Purposes and the welfare of the Craft generally, by providing more intensive, informed and timely advice for the decision making and policy formulation functions of the Board;



To take under review and report on from time to time, either on its own initiative or on reference from the Grand Master or the Board of General Purposes, single issues that require disposition in the interest of the welfare and due administration of the Craft;

To receive from the Committee on the Condition of Masonry the annual review of reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and report thereon to the Board with recommendations for whatever remedial action may be prompted by these reports;

To conduct a continuing review of recommendations made by the other Standing and Special Committees of the Board and report to the Board for approval of remedial action;

To consider and report to the Board on any specific proposals for constitutional amendment referred to it from the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge;

To make recommendations to the Board concerning any changes, constitutional or otherwise, deemed to be desirable for the better and more orderly administration of the Craft by Grand Lodge;

To consider and report to the Board on any matters referred to it by the Board;

To report to the Board annually and on such further occasions as the Board may stipulate or as the Committee may deem desirable; and

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to act in an advisory capacity to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in all matters deemed to be in the best interests of and for the better administration of the Craft.

(l) Management Committee Proposed Version

To advance the work of the Board of General Purposes and the welfare of the Craft generally, by providing more intensive, informed and timely advice for the decision making and policy formulation functions of the Board;

To take under review and report on from time to time, on its own initiative or on reference either from the Grand Master or the Board of General Purposes, single issues that require disposition in the interest of the welfare and due administration of the Craft;

To receive from the Committee on the Condition of Masonry the annual review of reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and report thereon to the Board with recommendations for whatever remedial action may be prompted by these reports;

To conduct a continuing review of recommendations made by the other Standing and Special Committees of the Board and report to the Board for approval of remedial action;

To consider and report to the Board on any specific proposals for constitutional amendment referred to it from the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge;

To make recommendations to the Board concerning any changes, constitutional or otherwise, deemed to be desirable for the better and more orderly administration of the Craft by Grand Lodge;

To consider and report to the Board on any matters referred to it by the Board;



To review with the Grand Secretary the number of staff required for the Grand Lodge office including a Supervisor of Benevolence and the salaries to be paid;

To manage the financial and administrative functions of Grand Lodge between the meetings of the Board of General Purposes and to annually report to the same through the Chairman of the Management Committee all decisions made on behalf of the Board outside of the regular budgeted spending and administrative duties;

To report to the Board annually and on such further occasions as the Board may stipulate or as the Committee may deem desirable; and

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to act in an advisory capacity to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in all matters deemed to be in the best interests of and for the better administration of the Craft.

The proposer is R.W. Bro. Thomas Hogeboom *“Tabled” until November 30, 2014*

The 3rd proposal deals with amendments to Part III - Regalia and Insignia:

Sections 384 and 394 of the Constitution as follows:

Currently sec 384 reads:

No jewels shall be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except the jewel of a Past Master, a representative of another Grand Lodge, a Royal Arch Mason and any other jewel, button or medal specially designed and/or authorised by Grand Lodge, and any lodge insignia approved by the Grand Master.

I intend to move or cause to be moved that Sec. 384 be amended to read, by addition of the *Italics*:

No jewels shall be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except the jewel of a Past Master, a representative of another Grand Lodge, a Royal Arch Mason and any other jewel, button or medal specially designed and/or authorised by Grand Lodge, and any lodge insignia approved by the Grand Master.

Currently section 394 reads: A lodge that has requested recognition of having attained 100 years of active service, after having received the written permission of the Grand Master, is entitled, as a special mark of distinction, to have the regalia and insignia of its members as follows:

- a. The sky blue ribbon etc. . . . ;
- b. chain tassels etc. . . . ;
- c. the emblem of office etc. . . . ;
- d. the chain tassels and levels of the installed master etc. . . . ;
- e. the jewels of the officers etc. . . . ;
- f. edging of etc. . . . ,
- g. the chain collar of the master etc. . . . ;

Furthermore, I intend to move or cause to be moved that Sec. 394 be amended to read the portions of Sub section “f” and “g” (change in subsection punctuation), and the addition of section “h”:



A lodge that has requested recognition of having attained 100 years of active service, after having received the written permission of the Grand Master, is entitled, as a special mark of distinction, to have the regalia and insignia of its members as follows:

- a. The sky blue ribbon etc. . . . ;
- b. chain tassels etc. . . . ;
- c. the emblem of office etc. . . . ;
- d. the chain tassels and levels of the installed master etc. . . . ;
- e. the jewels of the officers etc. . . . ;
- f. edging of etc. . . . ,
- g. the chain collar of the master etc. . . . ; and
- h. *The Commemorative Centenary Medal may be awarded and worn.*

I will also move or cause to be moved that the following be appended to the Constitution of Grand Lodge in the form of a section, appendix, regulation or whatever format the Grand Lodge sees fit:

(sec 394) Further to section 394 (h), A lodge that has requested recognition of having attained 100 years or any other centennial interval IE 200 or 300 years etc. of active service, after having received the written permission of the Grand Master, is entitled, as a special mark of distinction, to wear the Commemorative Centenary Medal.

The following is the criteria that must be met in order for a brother of said lodge to be entitled to wear the Commemorative Centenary Medal:

Be a member of said lodge in good standing per Grand Lodge definitions on the date of centenary, bicentenary date etc. of celebration in question of the institution of said lodge;

Be of the rank of at least Master Mason; or if the brother is not yet a Master Mason at the time of centenary celebration, should he be raised within 12 months of the anniversary, shall be awarded the Commemorative Centenary Medal at a convenient time set by the Ruling Master after the brother has achieved the rank of Master Mason.

The Commemorative Centenary Medal shall consist of:

a sky blue ribbon with a width no greater than 390 mm, there shall be a gold stripe no greater than 1/3 the width of the ribbon, centered on the ribbon; a gold circular medal no greater than 400 mm in diameter, suspended from the ribbon by a single clasp; the obverse shall consist of the Seal of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Canada in the Province of Ontario; The reverse shall be emblazoned with the Seal or symbol of the celebrating lodge. The reverse shall also include the name and number of the Lodge and date of institution;

May be inscribed with the rank and title of an individual brother anywhere on the medal or ribbon so long as it does not interfere with sub section I or ii of this section.

A gold bar attached to the ribbon mid length with the name of the lodge and number on the register of Grand Lodge;

It shall be worn on the left breast; subordinate to all other CRAFT lodge medals and jewels;

The colour of the ribbon may be amended to comply with lodge traditions with the written permission of the Grand Master.



The proposer is W. Bro. Derek McNulty

Your committee finds this proposal irregular

REGISTRATION

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Concert Hall on Tuesday evening July 16th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Wednesday July 17th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **NOTE:** Members will receive their ballot on registration in the Concert Hall, Convention Floor.

ENTRY TO CONCERT HALL WILL BE THROUGH SALON B.

All balloting, except district elections for the office of D.D.G.M. shall be done at the time of registration in the Concert Hall. The district elections for the D.D.G.M., and a second ballot, if required, for the office of Grand Secretary and / or Grand Treasurer shall commence at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 16th.

REGISTRATION OF VOTING DELEGATES CLOSSES

WEDNESDAY JULY 16th, at 3:00 pm SHARP!

PROXIES

The rules relating to the issue and use of proxies are defined in Sections 56 and 57 of the Book of Constitution. *Please read carefully.*

Regalia Room

The Ontario Room on the Convention Floor will be available to the general membership to change into regalia on Wednesday and Thursday but must be vacated by 3:00 pm Wednesday July 16th to be used for District Meetings. For safety's sake, hats and coats, regalia bags, etc. should be checked in the hotel checkroom as neither the Fairmont Royal York Hotel nor Grand Lodge will be responsible for loss or theft.

Meet the Nominees

Tuesday July 15th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Salon A, Convention Floor

District Meetings

The District Meetings for the election of District Deputy Grand Masters and for such other business as may properly be brought before them will be held at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 16th in the following rooms. *All ballots at District Meetings, regardless of colour, are **ONE VOTE** only.*

<u>District</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Floor</u>
Toronto Don Valley	5:00-5:50	Ballroom	Convention
Toronto East	4:00-4:50	Ontario	Convention
Toronto Humber Valley	4:00-4:50	Ballroom	Convention
Toronto West	5:00-5:50	Concert Hall	Convention
York	4:00-4:50	Concert Hall	Convention

Agenda

Monday July 14

The **Board of General Purposes** will meet in the Ballroom, on the Convention floor at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm. R.W. Bro. John C. Green, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, will preside.



Tuesday July 15

The **Board of General Purposes** will meet at 10:00 am in the Ballroom.

MEET THE NOMINEES - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Salon A - Convention Floor

Wednesday July 16

Grand Lodge will assemble in the Canadian Room at 8:45 am, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell presiding.

Note: Appropriate Dress for admission to Grand Lodge Communication (Canadian Room) will be Jacket, Dress Pants, Shirt and Tie.

Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in Grand Lodge before 8:30 am on Wednesday. Distinguished visitors, representing other Grand Jurisdictions, will be received and welcomed.

An Address of Welcome will be tendered and Grand Lodge will then proceed with business until 11:30 am.

The brethren are asked to reassemble after lunch in the same place at 1:30 pm.

Thursday July 17

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 am in the Canadian Room.

The **installation and investiture of Grand Lodge officers and the newly elected D.D.G.M.s** will take place in the Canadian Room, at such time as the Grand Master shall direct. It is essential that each one be present and that he bring his regalia with him. Every member of Grand Lodge is expected to be present sharp on time.

Instruction Class for D.D.G.M.s-Elect Only

The Custodian of the Work will instruct the new D.D.G.M.s on Thursday morning, July 18 at 7:59 am in the Alberta Room.

The D.D.G.M.s will see that their successors are in attendance and on time. They will also be present in Grand Lodge, with the regalia for the new D.D.G.M.s, and be prepared to invest at the proper time in the installation ceremonies.

The instruction class is for the new D.D.G.M.s only. Others cannot be admitted. The D.D.G.M.-elect will have with him his Past Master's apron so that he can go directly from the class to Grand Lodge. Our time for instruction is very limited - so it is essential that all assemble on time.

Seminars

Tuesday July 16

Discussion and participation seminars for all brethren. Pre-registration not required.

<u>Time</u>	<u>B.C. Room</u>	<u>Quebec Room</u>	<u>Alberta Room</u>	<u>Algonquin Room</u>
1:30 to	Officer Progression	Protocol and Etiquette	Library, Museum and Archives	Computer Resources
2:20 to	Mentorship	Blood Donors	Communication	Computer Resources
3:20 to	Brock University	Engaging The New Mason	Masonic Debate	Computer Resources
3:30 to				
4:20				



GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 16, 2014

6:30 pm

CANADIAN ROOM

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

M.W. Bro. Robert P. Conley

Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Michigan

Guest Speaker

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Doors open at 6:00 pm. Special Entertainment.

Tickets \$60 available from the D.D.G.M.s.

Cash sales only. Sales cease July 110, 2014.

Reserve tables of (8) direct from Grand Lodge



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Raised a Year Ago

The story goes back a year ago to the days when I was initiated and raised to a Master Mason. I have always been proud of my association with such a distinguished group of men who really, in the great part, demonstrate the true spirit of Freemasonry in its finest form. I have tried to educate myself in the affairs of Masonry ever since that day and traveled around to see how Masonry is practiced by other groups of Masons. I was rather disappointed because what I saw was a tremendous departure from what I considered the teachings of Freemasonry. This caused my mind to reflect deeply and sharpened my sense of observation.



After this short year of observation, experience and education, I have been able to formulate my own opinions. The more I pondered, the more my concern grew over our fraternity. The more I asked and enquired, the more I became convinced of the necessity of sounding the alarm. The more I read into the history and landmarks of Freemasonry, the more I saw the threat to its destiny because of the misinterpretation and practice of its teachings by many who believe themselves to be true and devoted Masons.

Did the picture in my mind before becoming a Mason correspond to the picture I have now about the practice of Masonry? The answer is, "No!" I had thought of Masonry as an association of outstanding people with strong ties of true friendship who are constantly endeavouring to develop themselves in a continuous effort through courses, workshops, lectures and meetings to obtain optimum perfection permissible to man through his limited resources, with the ultimate goal of imparting this wisdom and love they acquired from within to the world outside.

Indeed, after my initiation I read an official statement of what Masonic Teaching is. These are the words, "Masonry teaches man to practice charity and benevolence to protect chastity, to respect ties of blood and friendship, to adopt the principles and revere the ordinances of religion, to assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up the downtrodden, shelter the orphan, guard the altar, support the government, inculcate morality, promote learning, love man, fear God, implore His mercy and hope for happiness."

What happens when the picture the candidate has in his mind about Freemasonry gets shattered? Does he get disappointed? Of course he does. The degree of his disappointment depends on the degree of departure his findings will be from his preconceived idea of the fraternity. Does he withdraw from active participation in the activities of the fraternity? He sure does as statistics well show. I would have done the same thing except for a haunting feeling that the ills of modern Masonry are the outcome not of its teachings and principles but of the current practice and misinterpretation of these teachings. Nobody can ever question the noble teachings of Freemasonry. They are immortal and can fit into any society, can coincide with every creed, can be suitable for man of the jungle and man of the atom.



Then what has gone astray? In my opinion, it is the inability of Masonic teachings to draw a clear, well-defined plan to reach its objectives. To reach these objectives, Freemasonry should prepare its members to be exemplary in their respective societies. It should prepare them for the role of leadership by teaching them its philosophy and logic, effective communication and all the related sciences dealing with human relations. It should teach them how to carry the message of love, peace and understanding that prevails inside our small society to the greater society of mankind. It should instruct its members to carry with them to lodge meetings the ills and problems of the greater society so that solutions can be worked out. It is only when Masons become involved with the rest of society that we can bring to it our noble message. It is only through this involvement that we shall be able to keep up with the evolution in the greater society; that evolution which will make it necessary for us to take a hard look at ourselves, our procedures, our programs and our plans. This evolution is essential to us in our present day fight for survival. Our basic principles can always remain the same but it is doubtful that we shall be able to survive without keeping up with a changing world. Time changes, people's outlook changes, their need changes and consequently our methods that meet the demands of society should change.

Our history clearly indicates that we have always maintained faithfully our procedures, rituals and ceremonies. Have we with equal faithfulness maintained our objectives? Would the time spent in learning and memorizing the rituals and ceremonies be used more effectively in attacking the world's most insistent problems for which we have offered the answer in our noble teachings and objectives? If it is not possible for us because of other demands of modern life, to devote our time both to the learning of our rituals and ceremonies and also to the implementation of our noble objectives, which of the two should receive preference and more attention? And which of the two is actually receiving more attention?

Some will argue that our ancient landmarks and constitutions ban innovations in the landmarks. No doubt about that. But what kind of innovations? It stands to reason that what it means must be the innovations and changes dealing with the teachings of Masonry, changes dealing with the heart and essence of the movement but not its framework of ceremonies, rituals and procedures. Would it stand more to reason and logic that we should cling to the frame and lose the picture? What is the price? The price is our extinction. We can have the most beautiful, ceremonious and impressive rituals but unless more of us are going to put into practice their teaching, the day is not far away that the noble teachings of Freemasonry will only be a wonderful inscription on paper.

So one year after I was raised I continue to attend my lodge, the only one of my class that does. I attend because I feel impelled to sound the alarm and, in so doing, will have discharged my duties towards my noble and believed fraternity.

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