

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003
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You are the one.

When I come to the end of a busy Thursday and remember that this is that Thursday on which I am obliged to leave my usual pursuits and gather with my friends and brothers. There are always special faces I really hope to see. Although all my brothers

are special, some really lift my spirits and inspire me just by their presence, and when they are missing, my evening at lodge is a little less meaningful.

You are the one who can make this all meaningful: more meaningful for that brother who came especially hoping to see you, and for that brother who looks out at you from your mirror.

- Bro. Austin Harris

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,



What a great month our District enjoyed in April! Clearly the busiest month in our calendar, our brethren were both active and engaged in many events. Coming off a very successful Grand Master's Banquet, we enjoyed brotherhood at no less than six official visits this past month. I'm pleased to see throughout the year, our Official Visits have been very well attended and supported by our brethren and the Wardens' groups in particular. Our lodges are to be commended for their practice and preparation of the work and banquet hours and to date, our efforts in executing the mechanics of the work and observation of the protocol and etiquette have been exemplary. This reverence for Freemasonry is reassuring and such efforts ensure the lodge meeting experience is both enjoyable and rewarding for all members.

I would remind our brethren that Friendship Lodge has amended their by-laws, so that their Installation, traditionally scheduled for May, has been moved to the fall. However, I encourage



our brethren to attend The Beaches Lodge, who are conducting the final Installation of this Masonic Year on May 7 at York Temple.

Again, I express my sincere and deepest gratitude to our brethren and their families who attended the District Divine Service at St. Margaret's-in-the-Pines Anglican Church in Scarborough this month. Truly it was a proud day for us, as we celebrated together, our faith in the Great Architect of the Universe, within our community and with our brethren and their families. I acknowledge and thank V.W. Bro. Joe Das, District Chaplain for his tremendous efforts in organizing this successful event.

On the social side, we were blessed to have The Beaches Lodge Ladies Night, the Doric Lodge Spring Dance and a great charity fundraiser Scotch Tasting, organized by R.W. Bro. David Neave, in support of the ongoing Mikey Network, by which he equips lodge buildings across the province with Mikey defibrillator devices. This enjoyable side of Masonry should be supported by our brethren, as the social aspect of Masonry, involving our friends and family, is truly what makes our lodges strong. On this note, I wish to also commend the brethren of Markham Union on a successful Ladies Luncheon, celebrating the lodge wives, partners and widows; a most important source of strength and support in the lives of our brethren.

On a sad note, we will commemorate the passing of W. Bro. Harry Baker, P.M. of Wexford Lodge and father of W. Bro. Royce Baker. W. Bro. Baker was a Charter Member of Wexford Lodge. His memorial service will be conducted by the brethren of Wexford lodge Saturday, May 2, 2015, who are travelling with me to Kingston for this service. If you are unable to travel with us to Kingston, I encourage you to attend Wexford Lodge's Official visit this Friday, May 1, 2015 to offer your condolences to our brethren on their loss and support them in their labours.

On a happy note, please join me in extending congratulations to V.W. Bro. M. Douglas Coulter, Grand Steward and Past Master of Mimosa Lodge, who this coming month, will mark 50 years a Mason. Thank you V.W. Sir for your ongoing leadership, contribution to our Craft and our District.

Brethren, the slate of candidates for Grand Lodge Office in 2015-2016 has now been published and I encourage you to meet those brethren and thank them for allowing their names to stand in service of our Grand Jurisdiction. I am so proud to say that many members of Toronto East District are among those who have offered their skills and efforts in this worthy endeavour.



This summer the Pan-Am Games will be held in Toronto at the same time as Grand Lodge Communication, so please plan now and allow sufficient travel time as the city will be very busy during this International event.

I will shortly be forwarding ticket information for the Grand Master's Banquet at a Grand Lodge. Whole tables may be ordered from Grand Lodge, but individual tickets are to be purchased through the District and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so please do not delay if you wish to enjoy preferred seating.

Also, our Spring District Meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2015 at Doric Pickering Masonic Temple. Please attend and participate in our deliberations. Hear from our active District Chairmen and meet those brethren who aspire to the office of District Deputy Grand Master.

As spring finally starts to spring into action, and brings rebirth to our community, may the Great Architect of the Universe grant us renewed hope and energy and support us in our labours.



With warmest fraternal greetings,

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



EVENTS CALENDAR:

May 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<u>1</u> * Wexford - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> * Scarboro - Scarborough Walk for MS see below
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> * RJRR and Todmorden - Darts Night see below Legion - Brigadier O M Martin	<u>7</u> * The Beaches - Installation Visitors-7:30 pm York	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Mothers' Day Do something nice for Mom!
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> * Friendship - Installation Canceled due to by-law change	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u> Victoria Day The 2-4 Weekend! The 2 nd long weekend of the year and the traditional start of summer	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> * Scottish Rite - Master Mason Night see below York	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * Ontario Chapter OES - 3rd Annual Best Ball Golf Day see below Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club	<u>24</u> * Doric - Yard Sale see below Doric Pickering * Doric - Progressive Euchre Night see below Doric Pickering
<u>25</u> * All Toronto and York Districts - Meet the Grand Lodge Candidates see below York	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Death of James Anderson-1739	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> * TED-Spring Business Meeting 8:30 am Doric Pickering * GLCPO - Masonic Education Conference see below Barrie	<u>31</u> * TEMC - Annual General Meeting All welcome 12:00 noon East Toronto



June 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<u>1</u> 	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> * RJRR and Todmorden - Darts Night see below Legion - Brigadier O M Martin	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Doric - Wellington 18th Century Degree Team see below Doric Pickering	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * The Imperial East Gate - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> * T.E.D. - 4th Annual Black and White Gala see below Ajax Convention Centre	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * Wexford - 4th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament see below Sunnybrae Golf Club	<u>21</u> First Day of Summer And we thought it would never come! Fathers' Day Rest - you deserve it
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> St. John the Baptist Day An original patron saint of Freemasonry	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> * Wexford - 60th Brthday Celebration see below Radisson Toronto East	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>					



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

Masonic Foundation of Ontario 50th Anniversary Project Supporting Prostate Cancer Research The Mikey Network

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

Our character is an omen of our destiny, and the more integrity we have and keep, the simpler and nobler that destiny is likely to be.

- George Santayana (1863-1952)

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

On June 7, 1921, Mystic Lodge #21 of Red Bank, New Jersey had conferred half of the Master Mason degree on brother Lyman C. Van when the power went out. He didn't receive the rest of the degree for several weeks, making him for a time, a 'two and half degree' Mason.

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

Toronto East Masonic Centre



Last month I expressed my opinion that spring is just around the corner. While we have had some very nice weather, we have also seen more snow. However, as I let the dogs out in the back yard, the first daffodils are peeking out of the ground.

The Director's work this past month has mirrored the above. We have had both good and mediocre meetings as we continue to meet with potential partners. We have had extensive discussions on the written proposals, we have received to date, and even on those that are still pending. We have also been exploring other partnership opportunities that reflect the Craft's Masonic values.

As of today, the Board has not formally endorsed any proposals. We have high hopes for a particular development that has yet to formalize its proposal. More specific details will be available next month if this development concept becomes a reality.

Sunday May 31 has been the date set for the Annual General Meeting for East Toronto Masonic Centre (Chisholm Temple), Toronto East Masonic Centre, our shareholder, and 2316543 Ontario Ltd (ProjectCo). The AGM's will be held at Chisholm Temple starting at noon. A brunch will be provided to attendees prior to the meetings. Official notices should be issued shortly from the respective Board Secretaries.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our President, Jim McKinnon, whose father has been hovering at the gates of the GLA this past month.

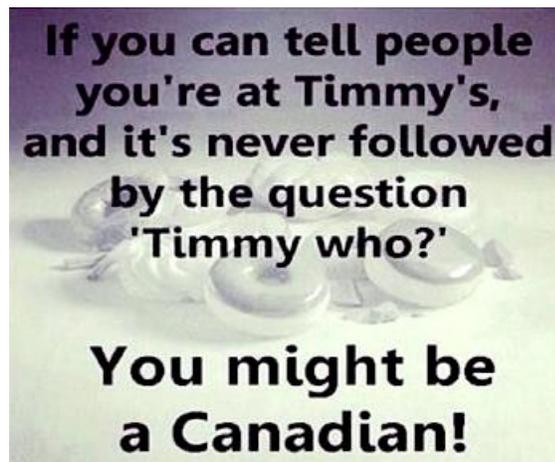
As always, we will answer your questions, just drop us a note.

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- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373



Smile !



Planning to Attend Grand Lodge Communications This Summer ?

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

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

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



Book your rooms as soon as possible.

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



I Did Not Know That !

Bro. George Forster, of Scottish parentage accompanied Capt. James Cook on his 2nd voyage around the world in 1772. He was later appointed a Professor of Natural History in Kassel in 1778 and in 1784 at the Polish University at Wilna as well as in 1788 at the University of Mainz. In 1777 while in Paris, he was initiated into Les Neuf Soeurs (The Nine Sisters) Lodge. In 1778, he joined Lodge Zumgekroenten Loewen (To the Crowned Lion). In 1780, he became a member of the Order of Gold - the Rosicrucians. In 1993, German Masonic Lodges extensively celebrated the 200th anniversary of his death.

- thanks to Bro. Nelson King

On May 1

May Day is an ancient northern hemisphere spring festival and usually a public holiday; it is also a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Dances (Maypole), singing, and cake are usually part of the celebrations that the day includes.

In 1328, the Wars of Scottish Independence ended: with the Treaty of Edinburgh-Northampton - the Kingdom of England recognised the Kingdom of Scotland as an independent state;

In 1486, Christopher Columbus convinced Queen Isabella to fund an expedition to the West Indies;

In 1704, the Boston Newsletter published the 1st newspaper advertisement;

In 1707, the Act of Union joined England and Scotland to form Great Britain;

In 1776, Adam Weishaupt founded the secret society of Illuminati;

In 1785, Kamehameha, the king of Hawaii defeated Kalanikupule and established the Kingdom of Hawaii;

In 1869, the Follies Bergère opened in Paris;

In 1883, 'Buffalo Bill' Cody put on his 1st Wild West Show;

In 1885, Maria 'Goeie Mie' Swanenburg, in the Netherlands, was sentenced to life for killing 27 (16 of whom were her relatives), and was suspected of killing more than 90 people;

In 1889, May Day was chosen as the date for International Workers' Day by the Socialists and Communists of the Second International to commemorate the Haymarket affair in Chicago. In those countries that celebrate International Workers' Day, the day may also be referred to as 'May Day' but it is a different celebration from the traditional May Day.

In 1889, Bayer introduced aspirin in powder form (Germany);

In 1919, Mount Kelud in Indonesia erupted, boiling a crater lake that broke through the crater wall and killed 5,000 people in 104 small villages;

In 1927, Imperial Airways was the 1st British airliner to serve cooked meals;

In 1931, the Empire State Building opened;

In 1941, Citizen Kane, directed and starring Orson Welles, premiered in New York City;

In 1941, General Mills introduced Cheerios;

In 1945, about 1,000 citizens of Demmin in Germany, committed suicide provoked by the occupation by Soviet Red Army;

In 1947, radar for commercial and private planes was 1st demonstrated;

In 1948, Glenn Taylor, Idaho Senator, was arrested in Birmingham, Alabama, for trying to enter a meeting through a door marked 'for Negroes';

In 1952, Mr. Potato Head was introduced;

In 1952, Trans World Airlines (TWA) introduced tourist class seating;

In 1959, West Germany introduced the 5-day workweek (*do you remember when your dad had to work Saturday mornings?*);

In 1965, the USSR launched Luna 5; it later impacted on the moon;

In 1966, the last British concert by the Beatles occurred at Empire Pool in Wembley;



The Month of May

May was named for Maia Majestas, the grandmother goddess of spring, mother of the Roman god, Mercury (Greek - Hermes), and chief goddess of the Seven Sisters (Pleiades).

The deities that figure prominently are Bast, Flora, Maia, the Horned God, and all Gods and Goddesses who preside over fertility. Other goddesses are honoured in May: Maya, mother source of the Buddha; the Greek goddess Rhea, mother of Zeus and other Olympians; and Cybele, oracular priestess and Anatolian Mountain Mother.

May is traditionally the month of fertility and procreation in all nature religions. With new beginnings, new growth and the optimism of the coming summer, is it any wonder that the nature spirits, faeries and elves figure prominently in the lore of the month.

May 1st marks the hand fasting, between the Mother Goddess and God; the mystical union between the Divine Feminine and the Divine Masculine, which results in the offspring, consciousness, and the fruitfulness of the growing season. The Angles and Saxons seemed to have called this month of May “Tri-milchi”, meaning that, owing to the fresh grass of spring, they were able to milk their cows three times a day.

May’s colour is green, for abundance, growth, fertility and prosperity. Other colours are brown and pink.

Green was worn during this month to honour the Earth Mother. So how can we not think of the “green man”, an enigmatic figure to be found in thousands of images carved in stone in the medieval churches of Europe? It appears normally as just a face, usually male, sprouting foliage, becoming foliage, or growing from foliage. It has been suggested that this figure, now known as the Green Man, was a special sign for the stonemasons but there are probably just as many in wood as in stone. He is, though, almost confined to the building trades being uncommon in painting, manuscript, or stained glass. Furthermore, and mysteriously, no known medieval account explains the reason for the Green Man. In the Islamic tradition, “Khidr”, the Green Ancient seems to hold a similar position.



Beltane, the Celtic start of the summer season, begins at sunset on April 30th. The patron of Beltane is Diana, goddess of the hunt, of wealth, wisdom and tender affection. Beltane means “bright fire,” and is the fire festival that begins the yearly spiritual cycle. Nine, the sacred number of endings was the basis of this festival in 19th century Scotland. Nine teams of nine married men gathered logs from the nine sacred trees of the Celts. At sunset, all fires were extinguished, and at sunrise, a new fire was kindled without the use of metal. All the people danced around the bonfire in a sun wise direction, and jumped over the flames and through the smoke, which purified and transformed their spirits. After the flames had died down, farm animals were driven over a path cleared through the smoking coals, to ensure their fertility. The people then danced around a Maypole that pierced the Earth as a phallic symbol of co-joining and fertilization. Dew was collected, and the people drank of it and washed their faces with it. The people then took coals home to re-kindle their hearth fires. They had all partaken of all four elements, and the alchemical process was complete. The community was again whole and blessed by their divinities.



The gemstone of May is the green emerald, said to improve psychic powers, sharpen intellect, intuition and memory. It is also reported to improve learning ability and communication, and to heal the nervous system. The emerald is associated with the planet Mercury and the sense of smell.

The plant sacred to May is the Hawthorne, also known as the May Tree or Whitethorn, which blooms in May. Herbs of the month are Dittany of Crete, elder, mint, rose and mugwort. Its flowers are lily, foxglove, rose and broom. The scents are rose and sandalwood.

Astrological signs are Taurus and Gemini.

The animals are the felines, cats, lynx, leopards, etc. The birds are the goose, dove, and swan.

May 1, 1881 was the birthday of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, holographic thinker and presenter of the concept of the unity of natural and human consciousness.

On May 5th in some parts of China, the Feast of the Dragon is held annually. As part of the celebration, in ancient days, dolls were made from mugwort leaves that were considered sacred. The dolls were hung above gates and doors to repel negative influences and entities.

The second Sunday in May (May 10 this year) is Mother's Day, originally a festival to honour the ancient Grecian Rhea, mother of the gods, and Cybele, Roman mother goddess. In 17th century England, the fourth Sunday in Lent was known as Mothering Sunday. In the US, a day to honour mothers was first issued by the governor of West Virginia in 1910, a result of a letter-writing campaign started by Anna M. Jarvis. A congressional joint resolution was passed on May 8, 1914 making it a national holiday. An International Mother's Day Association was incorporated on December 12, 1912. A red carnation means that mother is still living; a white carnation stands for a mother who has passed on.

May 14th is the Festival of Isis in Egypt and was widely celebrated in the Roman world. In Greece, this day was the Festival of Apollo, or Apollo's Birthday. Apollo was called by the same name in Rome where they dedicated a temple to him. Apollo was the son of Jove (Jupiter) and Latona, the brother of Diana, and was the god of archery, music, poetry, and healing. He was also called Phoebus Apollo. On his birth at Delos, Apollo was acclaimed by all the gods and the island was covered with golden flowers and encircled with swans. As soon as he tasted the ambrosia of his nurse Themis, he suddenly grew to full youth and demanded a lyre and a bow. He announced that his father's will would be presented to the world through his oracular lyric poetry. Apollo then began to play and to "step high and featly" as became his style of dance. Apollo's temple was at Crisa below Mount Parnassus in Phocis.

May 15th is sacred to the goddess Maia and to Vesta, goddess of the hearth. (The Ides of March, May, July and October fall on the 15th - Ides of all other months fall on the 13th) On this day, Vestal Virgins, Vesta's temple priestesses performed a ritual that addressed the regulation of the coming summer's water supply, the basis of support for all life. In ancient days, the temple handmaidens and oracle-priestesses managed resources, such as calculating festival calendars, as well as acting as intermediary between divinities and the populace.

The May 4th full moon is called the Buddhic Moon. This marks the celebration of Buddha's enlightenment under the Bodhi tree, and the yearly return of the Buddha to bless our world. All people are invited to join the gathering of souls to affirm the Divine plan for our planet and all humanity. Many groups conduct ritual celebrations at the time of the full moon to awaken higher consciousness toward blending all Earth beings into a united whole. They ask for wisdom, love, knowledge and the spiritual vitalization of humanity during the coming year.



On May 24th, the celebration of the Three Mothers was observed annually on or around this date each year in Celtic countries, which honoured the Triple Goddess, who brought prosperity and a good harvest. The Three Mothers, or Triple Goddess, are known world round in many cultures, and represent the three stages of life. This triad also symbolizes the three phases of the moon: Crescent, Full and Dark. The Goddesses are most often known by the titles of Maid, Mother and Crone. This is also the feast day of Hermes Trismegistus, patron of alchemy.

May 30th is Memorial Day in the United States. Memorial Day was first celebrated on May 30, 1868 to remember and honour men who died in the Civil War by decorating their graves. It was known then as "Decoration Day." Since then, the holiday is kept to memorialize all servicemen who fought and died in defence of the country.

May seems to be a month of remembrance, but it does not have to be full of sadness, but of honour and esteem; it is an excellent time to recognize and appreciate the attributes of honour and bravery in our living associates as well.

Have a great month of May.

District Awards

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

The six awards are: -

- M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew Award
to the lodge that exemplifies Masonic principles within the craft
presented to Wexford Lodge #683 in 2014
- M.W. Bro. Terence Shand Award
to the lodge that best exemplifies Masonic principles in the Community
presented to Brougham Union Lodge #269 in 2014
- M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw Award
to the Toronto East District Mason of the Year
presented to Bro. Steve Hudson in 2014
- R.W. Bro. William Reiach Award
to the lodge best supporting Remembrance Services
presented to Markham Union Lodge #87 in 2014
- Blood Donor Award
to the lodge best supporting the Blood Donation Services
presented to Coronati Lodge #520 in 2014
- Travelling Gavel Award
to the lodge best supporting visitation within the District
presented to Wexford Lodge #683 in 2014

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



I Was Wondering

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

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

Do the Tassels have to have lights in them, and why?

Sorry, I have never heard of lights in Tassels.

(a) Are there any Lodges that use the Tracing Boards?

(b) Did they have one in the olden days of Masonry, say 1700 - 1800?

(a) Yes. About 7,500 in England alone and in most Lodges in overseas jurisdictions that follow English usage.

(b) Yes, with ample evidence from 1735 onwards. The earliest reference I have been able to find is in the minutes of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, London. On Dec. 1, 1735, the Lodge resolved that the Foot Cloth made use of at the initiation of new members should be defaced. The Lodge was ten years old in 1735, and the Foot Cloth must have been worn out. The Tracing Board, or "Floor Cloth" evolved from the early custom of drawing on the floor of the Lodge, a collection of symbols relevant to particular degrees. Originally, it was the Tyler's duty to draw the designs in Chalk and Charcoal, and the Candidates duty at the end of the ceremony to wash out the design with "mop and pail." Later the designs were drawn or painted on "Floor Cloths" for more permanent use, and the collected symbols became the basis for the speculative interpretation of the ceremonies, which were eventually standardized as the Lectures on the Tracing Boards. As to the significance of the Tracing Board's; in the course of time, the "Lodge Board" became "the Lodge" and acquired a quality of sanctity. "The Lodge stands on Holy Ground" and none were allowed to stand or walk on it. Finally, when the Consecration ceremony came into use, the essential elements of consecration, Corn, Wine, Oil and Salt were poured on "the Lodge", i.e. on the Tracing Board. But we only use them in the speculative sense, to explain the symbols of Masonry.

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Time Capsule Discovered

April 2, 2015 - Asheville, NC: City workers Tuesday morning recovered a time capsule from Vance Monument that has been concealed there since 1897 when the monument was constructed and dedicated.



It was wedged beneath a Masonic cornerstone block at the base of the obelisk. During the removal, which took more than an hour, bystanders could see a stack of papers and what appeared to be a Bible.

The other contents remain a mystery, but an article in the Asheville Daily Citizen from Dec. 22, 1897, lists the items supposedly inside, including silver coins, an honour roll from local schools, a muster roll from the Confederate company of Gov. Zebulon Vance, to whom the monument is dedicated, Masonic documents, and several newspapers, including what was presumably the African American newspaper of the day, the Colored Enterprise.

Heather South, lead archivist for the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, said the contents of the time capsule will probably take weeks to explore. She hopes to reveal the details at the rededication of the monument, which is set for May 16 but could be delayed if the repairs take longer. “My guess is there’s going to be a lot of conservation work needed,” she said. “It’s obviously been subjected to huge fluctuations in climate over the past 100-plus years.”

South didn’t expect to open the box Tuesday, but because the monument had shifted on its foundation over time, the capsule had to be removed in pieces. Workers pried off the front of the copper box, and South showed the crowd of about two dozen bystanders a leather-bound Bible. Inside the box, a stack of papers about six inches high appeared intact.

The Freemasons curated the contents of the capsule in 1897.
- thanks to Joe Das

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Twillingate NFLD (iceberg capital of the world)
with thanks to Murray Ford - Temple Lodge #597

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

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little.
- Sydney Smith (1771-1845)



Sunday May 3 2015

Scarboro - Scarborough Walk to End MS

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



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

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

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

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

Contact: Frank Mackey @ frank_mackay@hotmail.com or 416.283.3472

Wednesday May 6 2015

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Brigadier O M Martin Branch 345
81 Peard Rd., Toronto, ON

Closest major intersection is Victoria Park and O'Connor. The Legion is just a touch north of St. Clair on the west side of Victoria Park

Contact: Tom Fulton @ tfulton@rogers.com or 416.694.3891 or
Greg McKinnon @ gregmckinnonmm@gmail.com or 416.686.0107

Thursday May 21 2015

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

Another special evening open to all Master Masons who wish to learn more about Freemasonry. The night consists of a dramatic presentation of our colourful and impressive 16th degree followed by a reception and dinner. All Master Masons who are not members of Scottish Rite who request it will receive an invitation and free admission to the evening's activities.



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



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

Saturday May 23 2015

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



We invite you to join us for a day of fun, exercise, fresh air and good company at the Ontario Chapter Order of the Eastern Star 3rd Annual Best Ball Golf Fun Day in support of Community Care Durham. Spring out and have fun whacking those little white balls - into the ruff, into the sand bunker, into the goose pond, into the trees and behind that great big maple tree. Great fun! Enjoy a wonderful day in the outdoors with enjoyable people.

Bring your friends and make this a truly memorable event. We are also encouraging businesses or individuals to help sponsor this event in turn for great exposure and to support a great cause. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please share this information with them.

You will get -

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

The proceeds from this event will help Community Care Durham. Established in 1977, CCD is a multi-service registered charitable organization. They provide Home Support, Respite (Caregiver Relief) and COPE Mental Health services for more than 8,000 adults and their caregivers who have needs related to aging, physical and/or mental health. These services assist clients in remaining in their own homes and communities, and to function as independently as possible. Their services are provided free of charge or for a minimal fee and are administered through various service locations across Durham Region. Community Care Durham is committed to providing access to a range of services needed to maintain their client's well-being, independence and quality of life. Supporting People, Strengthening Community More information can be found at their website,

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

Time: 11:00 am - Registration
Location: Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club
6400 Steeles Ave. E., Markham, ON
Cost: \$135.00 ea "early bird" prior to April 15, 2015
\$160.00 ea after April 15, 2015
\$35.00 ea - buffet dinner only (by May 1 2015)
Contact: Jack @ 905.683.2970
Melynda Norman-Lee @ melyndanormanlee@gmail.com or 416.992.4258



Saturday May 23 2015

Doric - Yard Sale

The Great Doric Junk Redistribution Sale (euphemistically termed a Yard Sale) is returning.

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 the better half wants it out of the house NOW, bring it in. If you can't bring it in, contact Ed and it will be picked up. If the better half seeks some valuable heirlooms to grace the abode or furnish the cottage, come and pick whatever she wants.

Be prepared to spend even less than you thought. There will also be burnt burgers, overdone hotdogs and comparable libations available for insignificant amounts. Bring BIG buck\$ anyway.

Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Ed Lang @ olelangsignsca@yahoo.ca or 905.839.5213



"Three bucks, and that's my final offer. Three bucks to keep my mouth shut."

Saturday May 23 2015

Doric - A Night of Progressive Euchre



A fun night of cards and chitchat. Light refreshments will be provided.

- Euchre Score Prizes!
- Door Prizes!
- 50/50 draw!

Just a fun evening of cards. Slapping the cards down, yelling, "Got you Saki Moto!" Lying through your teeth. Hearing that person you thought was so friendly shouting, "Reneg! Reneg!" in your face. Ah, what fun!

You don't even need to know how to play. Someone will gladly help you out.

Time: 7:30 pm
Cost: \$15.00 ea
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Bill Houston @ yukon_born@yahoo.ca or 905.426.7135

Monday May 25 2015

All Toronto and York Districts - Meet the Grand Lodge Candidates

Each year a number of brethren have placed their names forward as Candidates for office in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. This annual meeting presented by the Grand Lodge Officers Association of the Toronto and York Districts affords the brethren to meet and greet, and get to know these candidates so they can make their decision as they vote at Grand Lodge. Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available.



All brethren of the five Toronto and York Districts are welcome, especially the brethren eligible to vote at Grand Lodge.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Meeting
Location: York Masonic Temple
Speaker: Gordon Crutcher
Contact: Alan Donovan @ alan.donovan@sympatico.ca or 416.233.0728, or
Allan C. (Al) Dvorak @ acdvorak@sympatico.ca

Thursday May 28 2015

Anniversary of the Death of James Anderson (c. 1679/1680-1739)

Dr. James Anderson, compiler of the famous Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 and 1738 that are recognized as being the first printed volumes dealing officially with Freemasonry. The records of the United Grand Lodge of England show that Bro. James Anderson was ordered to "digest the old Gothic Constitution in a new and better method," on Sept. 29, 1721. Only three months later, Dr. Anderson presented his finished production to the Grand Lodge (Dec. 27, 1721), which has come down to us as the basis for all Freemasonry.

The historical part, however, which traces the history from the Garden of Eden to 1721, is quite fanciful, unreliable and pretentious. No one today would quote that part as an authority.

It was not until the following March (1722) that a committee was appointed to examine the character of the revision, and it was not until 1723 that the volume came from the printer. The first edition was followed by a second in 1738, the latter being more valuable because it contains some history about the Grand Lodge covering the period 1717-1738

Little can be learned of Anderson's Masonic connections prior to 1721. He was not at the revival of Freemasonry in 1717, but he assumed the station of Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, January 17, 1723, and was Master of Lodge No. 17 in 1723 (Masonic students have not been able to identify this lodge.) He was, however, shown as a member of Lodge of the Horn in 1723, and later of other lodges meeting in London. He attended Grand Lodge fifteen times between 1723 and 1728, acting as Grand Warden on four occasions.

His death was May 28, 1739, shortly after he had issued the second edition of the Constitutions. He was buried in Bunhill Fields with Masonic services, and accounted for the earliest known account of a Masonic funeral which appeared in the London Daily Post of June 2, 1739: -

"Last night (June 1) was interred the corpse of Dr. Anderson, a Dissenting Teacher, in a very remarkable deep Grave. His pall was supported by five Dissenting Teachers, and the Rev. Dr. Desaguliers; it was followed by a dozen of Freemasons who encircled the Grave; and after Dr. Earle had harangued on the Uncertainty of Life etc., without one word of the Deceased, the Brethren, in the most solemn dismal Posture, lifted up their Hands, sighed, and struck their aprons three times in Honour to the Deceased."

- William R. Denslow, 10,000 Famous Freemasons-1957



Saturday May 30 2015

GLCPO - Masonic Education Conference

Topics to be covered include -

Leadership Development

Ken Jones

Prostate Cancer Research

Joseph Chin

The Five Steps to Application

Leyland Muss

Condition of Masonry

Richard Kaufman

Tomorrow Is Now - 100 Year Perspective on Masonry

Lindsay Reiach

College of Freemasonry Course Offerings

Rick Cadote

Military Masons - Their Impact on Present Day Freemasonry

Michael Jenkyns

Registration deadline is May 23 2015. Email for a registration form. There are no ticket sales at the door. There will be a catered hot lunch at noon.

Time: 8:00 am - Registration
9:00 am - Start
4:00 pm - Wrap Up
Location: Barrie Masonic Temple (Red Room)
99 Morrow Rd., Barrie
Cost: \$25 ea including lunch
Contact: Charles Woods @ charleswoods@sympatico.ca

*The only correct actions are those that demand no explanation and no apology.
- Arnold Jacob 'Red' Auerbach (1917-2006)*

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Saturday June 6 2015

Doric - Wellington 18th Century Degree Team

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



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

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

Grand Lodge has given dispensation for the presentation to be given to Masons only. The event is open to all Masons of any lodge, from any district.

The production lasts about 2 hours and will be followed by a light lunch. Admission, including the lunch, is by ticket. This is an event not to be missed. Tickets for this very singular event are limited.

Online tickets can be obtained at: -

<https://eventbrite.ca/event/15395819310/>

Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
457 Kingston Rd. W., Ajax, ON L1S 6M1
Cost: \$10
Dress: Business casual
Contact: Stephen Hudson @ steve@stevehudson.ca or 905.995.4824, or
Keith Larocque @ tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com or 905.721.8701, or
Terry Spalding-Martin @ tsmartin@rogers.com or 905.420.0776

Saturday June 13 2015

Toronto East District - 4th Annual Black and White Gala

You, your lady and guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres to the sounds of a jazz trio, followed by a three-course dinner with two bottles of complimentary wine per table. Favours are planned for the ladies. After a sumptuous meal, there will be dancing to the 21-piece George Lake Big Band orchestra. There will be a photo booth and a late night buffet table available





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



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

Your committee has also managed to arrange an event pricing from the Hilton Garden Hotel next door. If you book your room before May 13th, the room rate will be \$129, after that date the price will be \$179. Rooms can be booked directly with the hotel, 905.686.9400. The rooms are held under The Toronto East District Black and White Gala.

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

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

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

Dress: Formal
 Black Tie or dark business suit

Speaker: Bro. Joseph Curry

Cost: \$100 ea

Contact: Craig McOuat @ craig@partnership.ca or 905.471.6555, or
 Greig King @ kiltedmapleleaf@gmail.com or 647.860.6834, or
 Patrick Hillis @ pshillis@rogers.com or 416.457.3652

Saturday June 20 2015

Wexford - 4th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament

A great day of golf includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and a steak dinner.

Time: 11:30 am - Registration
 1:00 pm - T-Off - Shotgun Start
 7:00 pm - Steak Dinner



Location: Sunnybrae Golf Club
1430 King St., Port Perry, ON. Phone: 905.985.2234
Cost: \$130 ea
Contact: Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or 416.723.5507, or
Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.391.9044, or
Andrew Douris @ andrewlp11@yahoo.ca or 416.320.6424

Saturday June 27 2015
Wexford - 60th Birthday Celebration

The Celebrations consist of a buffet dinner featuring roast beef and chicken with roasted potatoes, salads, and bread, dessert and coffee, followed by dancing to Van Rossi - live!

Come join in the fun - ladies welcome

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Radisson Toronto East
55 Hallcrown Place, Toronto, ON, M2J 4R1
Cost: \$45 ea
Contact: Greg Seale @ jgregoryseale@yahoo.ca or 905.477.3502



We are generally the better persuaded by the reasons we discover ourselves than by those given to us by others.

- Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

Friday July 10 2015
Birch Cliff - 31st Annual "Scramble" Golf Tournament.

A fundraiser for the Scarborough Hospital Foundation, Prostate Cancer Program.

We invite all brethren, their ladies, guest, as well as Scarborough Hospital Foundation Golfers to join us for a day of fun and camaraderie.

The day will include 18 holes of Golf with cart followed by a Plated certified "Angus" Prime Rib Au Jus dinner with roasted potatoes, garden salad, seasonal vegetables, rolls on the table, with dessert, coffee and tea to follow, all under the tent.

There will be a putting contest with every player who enters the putting contest receiving a sleeve of Titleist Dt SoLo golf balls. There will also be contest holes with prizes for both men and women.

"Double Your Chances" - hole #18, par 3: if a player purchases raffle tickets during registration or at the 18th tee and lands his or her tee shot on the green, they will receive double the number of raffle tickets purchased.

Raffle Tickets (White) - \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Mulligan Tickets (Red) - \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Passport Package - \$20.00 - You get 2 extra Mulligan and 2 extra Raffle Tickets. Five Raffle Tickets (White) and Five Mulligan Tickets (red).



Raffle Draws:

1st Draw - Men's right hand, Regular Flex, Cobra Golf Driver with adjustable Loft, 8.5 - 11.5 degree.

2nd Draw - \$250.00 Gift Certificates from La-Z-Boy Furniture Gallery, Markham, ON.

Live Auction - Payne Stewart. Framed (22" x 26")



Grand Prize - Framed (16" x 20") picture of two Golf Legends. \$10.00 to play.



Time: 11:00 am - Registration
11:30 am - Putting Contest
1:00 pm - T-Off - Modified Shotgun - more than 72 players
6:30 pm - Dinner

Location: Bushwood Golf Club
10905 Resser Rd., Markham, ON. L6B 1A8

Cost: \$115.00

Contact: Roy Morris @ roy.morris123@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7390, or
Micky Godrej @ mgodrej@rogers.com or 647.885.1904

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)

Thursday September 17 through Sunday September 20 2015

Bedford Lodge (U.S.) Masonic Navy - 17th Annual Voyage

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



We are planning on two 10-person larger boats and two 6-person smaller boats. See www.houseboatholidays.ca/

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

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

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

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

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

The boats have kitchen stoves with ovens.

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

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

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

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

Location: St. Lawrence National Park, Gananoque, ON

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

Contact: Jerry Bergeron @ rwjerryb@gmail.com - cheques to
38 Nye Ave., Acushnet, MA 02743
Ed Gordon @ edgordon12@comcast.net



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Think

Supreme Architect of the Universe, so far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes, and I will need a lot more help after that. Amen

- Anonymous



Many years ago, some businesses had short motivational posters, such as “Think,” and “Plan Ahead;” sometimes the ‘plan ahead’ poster would be too short to get the “D” in on the last word, so it would be scrunched downward to illustrate how important planning is. That one always made me smile.

Those were good signs, but they might have been more effective if they both could have illustrated how important thinking and planning are.

“Think” can be an acronym for everyone to keep in mind. As a mnemonic, it can help anyone enjoy life more: The mnemonic is “T.H.I.N.K.” Before speaking think -

Is it TTrue?

Is it HHelpful?

Is it IInspiring?

Is it NNecessary?

Is it KKind?

T.H.I.N.K.

Thinking before speaking, especially in a heated, excited, or humorous situation, conversation, or in writing, think about T.H.I.N.K. Doing this can do wonders in the many relationships we all have with children, spouses, significant others, co-workers, extended family, and also our fellow Freemasons.

From the beginning of our degree work, we are glad to be in association with friends and Brothers, and they are happy to have us join with them in this great and good work. But there are times in the Masonic journey when rifts between Brothers will surface. And if left without of forgiveness, tolerance, and understanding rifts can become worse, and easily affect others too.

We are, after all, Masons; our tenets are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. We want to demonstrate Brotherly Love, not antagonism to each other; We give Relief to the distressed, and if we are at odds with one of our Brethren it's very likely we're both distressed - the best way to give relief to the distressed in this situation is to forgive; And possibly we might both benefit by looking for the Truth in each other's opinions, rather than fighting so hard for our own.

John Maxwell suggests; to improve relationships we could use the 101% principle. This principle simply means that if we don't agree 100% with someone, we can look for the 1% where we do agree and concentrate on that. Minimize the other things we don't agree with. This leads to a less stressful life.



We want to enjoy life and Freemasonry; this is more likely to happen when we don't experience stress in our Masonic journey.

There is a prized book in my library by don Miguel Ruiz called *The Four Agreements*. The four agreements are:

1. Be Impeccable With Your Word
2. Don't Take Anything Personally
3. Don't Make Assumptions
4. Always Do Your Best

The book goes into detail on each one of these.

I suggest that all four of these agreements - agreements with ourselves, individually, no one else, if we choose to do that - will add to happiness in life, and of course, happiness in Freemasonry.

Reverend and author Temple Hayes says we can all earn a personal PhD when we master Prayer, Humility, and Devotion. I will add that mastering this PhD will improve the Masonic experience for each of us individually and thus for all of us.

We can 'Pray' for our Brothers; after all Masons rejoice in each other's prosperity and promote each other's welfare; we can be 'Humble' in our own opinions, realizing that our Brother's opinions may have just as much validity as ours, and are offered to be helpful; As far as 'Devotion' is concerned, in addition to our devotion in our individual houses of worship, we can be devoted to our service to mankind - ever remembering the words of the 'charge at closing,' which says in part -

Be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet. Remember that around this altar you have promised to befriend and relieve every brother who shall need your assistance. Remember that you have promised to remind him, in the most tender manner, of his failings, and aid his reformation; to vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced; suggest, in his behalf, the most candid and favourable circumstances. Is he justly reprehended? Let the world observe how Masons love one another.

These generous principles are to extend further. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all. Recommend it more especially 'to the household of the faithful'.

Peace and Harmony can prevail in our lives and our Lodges.

Author: Ed R. Halpaus
Publisher: More Light
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