

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003
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As with lots of other things in our great Fraternity, we still have many Brothers so excited about our Craft that they are trying to bring in everyone they know, and good judgement and research tend to take the sideline.

- Bro. David H. Luebke

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,



Temperatures are dropping, daylight is diminishing and most of the leaves have fallen from the trees. What we see outside reminds us of the changing seasons and that we are fast approaching that time of year when we pay tribute to all of those brave men and women who have given much for our way of life. While our days get darker, they are not nearly as dreary as some of those days seen by our veterans.

Many of those veterans have been, and are, Masons. All of them deserve to be remembered by those of us who have benefitted from their great deeds; all of them deserve to have some time set aside to honour their commitment to their country. All of them deserve our presence to honour their sacrifices.

Toronto East District will participate in three ceremonies of Remembrance:

- Scarborough Civic Remembrance Ceremony - Sunday, November 4 (form up at 1:15pm)
- Claremont Remembrance Ceremony - Sunday, November 4 (form up at 1:30pm)
- Markham Remembrance Ceremony - Sunday, November 10 (form up at 9:30am)

Unfortunately, two of the ceremonies coincide. However, every member of our District can still join with fellow Masons to show our veterans and our community that we are thankful for what our veterans have done for us; that we appreciate what our currently-serving soldiers, sailors and aircrew are doing for us wherever they serve. It would be wonderful, I believe, if we could “field” two honour guards of 50 members each for the Scarborough ceremony. Dispensation for wearing Regalia has been received and specific details can be found elsewhere. I would be honoured to be “on parade” with you.



On another note, I want to remind every Entered Apprentice in our District of the Quarry Talk being held specifically for them on Friday, November 30th at 7:30 pm at Doric Pickering. This is a new event in the District based on feedback from newer Masons. This will be an opportunity for our newest Masons to consider some of the lessons learned in the first degree and also to share some fellowship with their counterparts from other Lodges. It should be an educational and fun evening for all Entered Apprentices in Toronto East.

Although all of our District Receptions have taken place, there are three Installations this month. Attendance has been good at this year's Installations and I hope this pattern continues. I urge all Masons from the District to come out to support the new Worshipful Masters and their new Officer teams at Wexford, Todmorden and Markham Union Lodges this month. Specific details are in the Trestle Board.

The 2nd Annual Black & White Gala and Ladies' Night is receiving some tremendous support as 10 tables have been spoken for already, with five fully paid. Last year's event was an exciting occasion and this year's is looking to be just as outstanding. Please consider joining the many brethren and their ladies of this District and the many from outside Toronto East who are marking Saturday, June 1st on their calendars as a "must attend" event. More will be heard from the Co-Chairs of the Gala shortly.

Finally, let me leave you with this thought, passed along from the Masonic Service Association. Let's all try to remember that Masonry is not about "perfection" . . . it's about perfecting. As is often said, ours is a journey from the Rough Ashlar to the Perfect Ashlar . . . a continual journey of improvement, not a destination!

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

Freemasonry in action . . . deeds speak!!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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



EVENTS CALENDAR:

November 2012						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Remembrance Ceremonies see below Claremont	Remembrance Ceremonies see below Scarborough	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> * Wexford- Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>3</u> TED - Officer Progression Workshop - 1A <i>Cancelled</i> * West Hill - Ladies Night see below Scarborough Golf & Country Club	<u>4</u> Daylight Saving Ends ☺ Time to fall back  Turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday
t			<u>8</u> * Todmorden- Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto * Coronati- Journey of Remembrance Visitors - 7:45 pm Doric Pickering	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Remembrance Ceremonies see below Markham \ Birch Cliff - Ladies Night see below School of Fine Dining	<u>11</u> Remembrance Day Give thanks 
	<u>13</u> Diwali	<u>14</u> * The Imperial East Gate- Installation <i>Cancelled</i> East Toronto	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * Rainbow Girls - FUNdraiser see below Chapters Ajax	<u>21</u> * Markham Union- Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> TED - Blood Donor Clinic see below St. Aidan's Church	<u>24</u> TED - Officer Progression Workshop - 1B <i>Cancelled</i> * Doric - Ladies Night see below Four Seasons Golf and Country Club
	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> TED - Quarry Talks For The Entered Apprentice see below Doric Pickering	



December 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> * West Hill - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Start of Hanukkah 8 Day Festival of Lights 	<u>9</u> * Raymond C. Purslow Council - A.M.D. Information Session see below Doric Pickering
<u>10</u> * Scarboro- Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric-Pickering	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * Birch Cliff- Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric-Pickering	<u>15</u> TED - Officer Progression Workshop - 1C <i>Cancelled</i>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * Doric - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric-Pickering	<u>21</u> Winter begins 	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> Christmas Eve 	<u>25</u> Christmas Day 	<u>26</u> Boxing Day 	<u>27</u> St. John the Evangelist Day An original Patron Saint of Freemasonry	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> New Year's Eve 						



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity



It gives me an extreme amount of pride and pleasure to announce that due to the diligent work of our DDGM, we have been accepted as a Community Partner under the umbrella of the Child Life Program of the Sick Kids Foundation. We will be organizing several fundraising events, such as a Comedy Night at Yuk-Yuks in Ajax, CPR and de-fibrillation overviews and Golf lessons, along with sales of Christmas cakes. Please keep, "an eye out" for our endeavours. We hope to raise enough money to buy at least one Multi-Sensory Cart for the children who unfortunately have to stay in Sick Kids. These carts can turn waiting rooms, corridors or hospital rooms into a reactive and enjoyable time for the Children as well as enticing positive reactions from the more seriously ill. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

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

The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.
- Lucille Ball (1911-1989)

Blood Donor Clinics



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

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

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

Upcoming Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday November 23, 2012

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

Friday January 25, 2013

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



FYI

The letters of the English word GOD are the first three letters of Hebrew words for beauty, strength, and wisdom. G in Gomez, O in Oz, D in Dabar.

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

Remember the North East Corner

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

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

www.beadonor.ca



Toronto East Masonic Centre

Our first site visit to the Birchmount and Lawrence location after closing the deal on Friday, October 12, 2012, was held on Wednesday, October 17, during which members looked around the former Craig Hinds dealership and its grounds before George Papas, who has been officially retained to take *Temple Towers* from dream to reality, explained to the brethren present our next steps. These include hiring in the short-term the proposed Urban Planner, Environmental Consultant and Architect in order to deliver a professionally prepared Site Plan to our City Officials for their approval.



The Brethren Who Are Getting It Done

All three boards (ETMT, SMTC & TEMC), their respective executive teams and committee members all have worked extremely hard to achieve this major goal of not only purchasing a property that meets our geographic needs within a clearly defined and specific boundary, but, further, a purchase that has also enabled a sustainable temple across the long-term.



Project Sustainability, and ensuring the long-term viability of our new home for Freemasonry in the district, has been a major hurdle. One of the factors in determining our current course was the unreliability of tenants. Thus, if TEMC had no tenants, we needed to know the project would still deliver an annual return, and it does. However, be assured over the past 4 years while addressing either a single-purpose or multi-purpose building, not too many options have been presented. Tackling the daunting task of providing an appropriate financing vehicle for our venture that would deliver enough asset strength to attract a backer, either as a lender or equity partner, and one that would also enable us to move forward profitably has certainly required tenacity and expertise.

With the acquisition of the property and Chrysler lease, the TEMC board effectively moved from being an operator to a developer and as we grow, most critically, we will be required to switch gears. A forward-thinking committee, led by TEMC VP Jim McKinnon, is currently talking to numerous parties in the business of managing high-rise condos, targeted to the retirement community, as well as with professional organizations who can pre-sell our relevant and available commercial space. Based on our ability to plan and, in essence, manage a worksheet, we'll display lightning fast reflexes to achieve success - yet forthcoming daily decisions will truly stretch the patience of men normally used to meeting only once a month.

Once built, TEMC will obtain revenue from ground floor retail and parking rental income, in addition to its temple tenants. With respect to determining our own floor space requirements - from its lodge rooms and adjacent convenient rooms to the kitchen and banqueting facilities, another committee (Bob Steenson - chair) is providing its recommendations as well.

Throughout *Temple Towers'* halls along its walls, there will be plenty of public space that will require artwork or a display. We have struck a committee (John Holmes) to address these spaces, and to also prioritize what we have in storage of general interest and make recommendations going forward.

Additionally, we have another committee (Doug Gray) addressing the finite wall space available within our temple and to allocate specific items in storage, whether held in a local warehouse or basement. We are busy, and can use a few extra hands. Let us know if you would like to help.



Paul Hatsisavvas presenting a Personal Donation to Graeme Boyce
For the *Temple Towers* Adornment Fund



“The donation was given as a token of respect and consideration for our future home, in the hopes that all Brethren will provide their support to help ensure the success of this very important project. We are fortunate to be a part of such an historic endeavour and I am personally grateful to have had the opportunity to support the Toronto East Masonic Centre,” Paul ‘Hats’ Hatsisavvas said as he presented the cheque.

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

Women and Freemasonry

(This extract is a ruling from the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) and does not reflect the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario)

“There exist in England and Wales at least two Grand Lodges solely for women. Except that these bodies admit women, they are, so far as can be ascertained, otherwise regular in their practice. There is also one which admits both men and women to membership. They are not recognised by this Grand Lodge and inter-visitation may not take place. There are, however, informal discussions from time to time with the women’s Grand Lodges on matters of mutual concern. Brethren are therefore free to explain to non-Masons, if asked, that Freemasonry is not confined to men (even though this Grand Lodge does not itself admit women). Further information about these bodies may be obtained by writing to the Grand Secretary.

The Board is also aware that there exist other bodies not directly imitative of pure antient Masonry, but which by implication introduce Freemasonry, such as the Order of the Eastern Star. Membership of such bodies, attendance at their meetings or participation in their ceremonies is incompatible with membership of this Grand Lodge.”

United Grand Lodge of England, Report of Board of General Purposes, March 1999

Topic on an Email Forum

Describe Freemasonry in six words or less.

Freemasonry is -

- Journey to the mature masculine soul
- Science of self-mastery and development
- A great fraternity: rewarding and challenging
- A journey to self-discovery
- Family, brotherhood, fellowship, fun, and education
- Deeds not Words; ma’asim (Hebrew - works)
- A harmless eccentricity
- Want to become a Man? Become a Freemason.
- Initiatic path to knowledge and wisdom
- Personal integrity. Political freedom. Religious tolerance.

One of these was provided by a female mason. Guess which one.

This could be a good exercise for a short lodge education session.



Doric Lodge - Honoured Ladies

Every year, Doric Lodge recognises and remembers the widows of its members and honours them with some entertainment and a small luncheon. Members of the lodge contact the ladies and drive them to the lodge and take them home afterwards. It is interesting hearing about lodge doings and functions from another side.



Doric Lodge Honoured Ladies - October 20, 2012
along with members of the lodge and their particular ladies.

The Three Lesser Lights

Three Lesser Lights as we know them today are among the oldest details of Craft ritual. They made their first appearance in 1696-1700, when they are said to denote the Master, Warden and Fellow Craft. There is a record that in 1739, Old Dundee Lodge, London, purchased a set of three candlesticks of elaborate design in Doric, Ionic and Corinthian styles. (They are still in use today). The connection is perhaps not immediately obvious, but these were the architectural styles associated with the attributes of the three pillars belonging to the Master and Wardens, "Wisdom, Strength and Beauty." The Masonic symbolism of the three pillars had been explained by Prichard in 1730, and it is almost certain that the Old Dundee Lodge was putting the words into practical shape when it ordered its set of candlesticks to be made up in these three styles. The Dundee candlesticks may serve as a pointer to what was happening, but it was by no means general practice. Hutchinson, in 1769, in his description of the furnishings of the lodge, spoke at some length of the three lights or candles.

For more details see this link -

http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/aqc/pillars/pillars_globes.html

A Belated 2012 Senior Warden's Corn Roast Report

On August 25th, the 2012 Senior Wardens Group - The Stonecutters - held the annual Corn Roast and BBQ at WindReach Farms.

A special thanks to Bro. Patrick Hillis of Todmorden Lodge for his major contribution of food and catering to the event as well as Hy-Hope Farm for their contribution of corn, the Toronto Professional Firefighters Assoc. for their contribution of a farm theme bouncy castle, and the other brethren of the



Stonecutters for the donation of materials and time. Overall the event was a success and a donation on behalf of the Toronto East District Freemasons was made in the amount of \$1,215.55.

On behalf of the members of the Stonecutters, I would like to thank everyone for coming out this year and supporting our district. Please keep your eyes out for next year's Senior Wardens group for their announcement of the same!



Michael K. Morris, FCF
President, The Stonecutters

From The October D.D.G.M. Communiqué

. . . In our Grand Jurisdiction, we recently conducted a province wide survey asking a number of questions. We asked our membership why they joined Masonry. The top three responses were; Brotherhood; Self Improvement; and Knowledge. The results do, however, indicated that charity was low on the totem pole as a reason for joining. Most brethren seem to feel satisfied with their lodge level of charitable activity and community involvement.

From a Masonic Email Forum

“[T]he Book of Constitution (of whatever jurisdiction) . . . can often be interpreted in more than one way. It occurs to me that perhaps too often there are those who would, by default, interpret their Book of Constitution by looking for ways to prevent things rather than looking for ways to make them happen.”

How To Say It

Relative	<u>rell</u> -a-tivv
Rendering	<u>ren</u> -der-ing
Repository	ree- <u>poz</u> -it- <u>or</u> -ee
Reprehend	<u>rep</u> -ree- <u>hend</u>
Represent	<u>rep</u> -ree- <u>zent</u>
Representation	<u>rep</u> -ree-zen- <u>tay</u> -shun
Retinue	<u>ret</u> -in-yoo
Retrospect	<u>ret</u> -roh-spect
Reveal	ree- <u>veel</u>



Revered	ree- <u>veerd</u>
Reverence	<u>revv</u> -er-ense
Revile	ree- <u>vile</u>
Reviler	re- <u>vile</u> -ur
Rhetoric	<u>ret</u> -o-rick
Rigorous	<u>rig</u> -ur-uss
Sanctity	<u>sank</u> -ti-tee
Sere	seer
Serene	ser- <u>reen</u>
Signification	<u>sig</u> -niff-ick- <u>kay</u> -shun
Severally	<u>sevv</u> -ur-al-ee

- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work

What's That All About?

What is the origin and significance of the broken column?

In biblical times the column was used metaphorically to signify princes or nobles, as if they were pillars of the state. The “Broken” Column is a universal emblem of mourning, adopted by the Masonic Fraternity as an emblem of the fall of one of the chief supporters of the Lodge. It has become an emblem of remembrance and benevolence. (Reprinted from the Widow’s Brooch brochure.)

On a Step-up night, who returns the salutes?

Only the Worshipful Master or an Installed Master who has taken the gavel, returns salutes.

Why do we square the lodge?

The historical background is explained by Bro. Harry Carr in *The Freemason at Work*, pp. 35-36. I particularly like his final comment: *“The practice of squaring the lodge is wholly admirable, because it adds much to the dignity of the ceremonies, so long as it is not carried to extremes.”* To answer the question, we square the lodge as required in the ritual, and, if we are doing work, we should make every effort to locate at or near the place at which we are required do it. (The Freemason at Work-1978-*It is almost certain that the practice arose unintentionally. In the early 1730s, the ‘lodge’, i.e. the Tracing Board, was drawn on the floor, usually within a border, or else the ‘floor-cloth’ (then just coming into use) was rolled out in the middle of the floor. In the small tavern rooms which were the principal places of meeting there cannot have been much space left for traversing the lodge and, if the ‘drawing’ or ‘floor-cloth’ was to be protected, a certain amount of squaring was inevitable. Of course, it was not the ‘heel-clicking’ type of precise squaring, but simply a natural caution to avoid disturbing or spoiling the design. There is a minute, dated 1734, of the Old King’s Arms Lodge, now No. 28, which mentions ‘the Foot Cloth made use of at the Initiation of new members’, but the earliest pictures of ‘floor-cloths’ in use, are dated 1744, and they show fairly large designs laid out to cover most of the floor of a small lodge room, with all the Brethren grouped around. Looking at those engravings, one can see that squaring was almost obligatory. (See illustration on p. ii.)*





Detail from a Firsirot engraving, 1745.

The earliest record I can find describing perambulations round the 'floor-cloth' is in Réception d'un Frey-Maçon, 1737, which says that the Candidate was

. . . made to take three tours in the Chamber, around a space marked on the Floor, where . . . at the two sides of this space they have also drawn in crayon a great J. & a great B. . . .

(E.F.E., p. 6.)

Most workings nowadays square the Lodge, clockwise, during the ceremonies, but the exaggerated squaring, which requires all movements to be made clockwise round the floor of the Lodge and forbids crossing diagonally even during ordinary business, probably arose in the mid-1800s. The word exaggerated is used deliberately here, because the practice is often carried to extremes, which are a waste of valuable time. I cite only one example; there are many more:

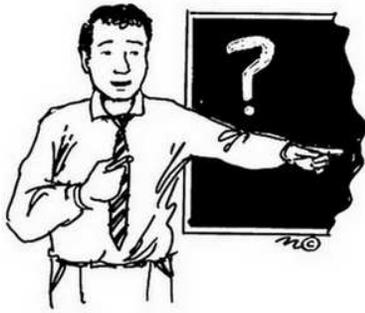
In English Lodges the Secretary sits on the N. side of the Lodge, facing the J.W. in the S. The S.D. sits in the N.E. corner and, after the minutes have been read and confirmed, it is his duty to collect the Minute-book from the Secretary's desk, some ten feet away (anti-clockwise), and take it to the W.M. for signature. Then, to take the book back to the Secretary and return to his own place. All perfectly neat and simple; but in lodges that worship the clockwise procedure, this would not be permitted. The S.D. must cross the lodge from N.E. to S.E., then down to the J.W. in the South, then cross again, South to North, to take the book from the Secretary's table and lastly, with the book, to the W.M. After the W.M' has signed the Minutes, the S.D. it still only ten or twelve feet away from the Secretary's table, but he is not allowed to walk there anti-clockwise; he must do the whole tour again! The S.D. may look like a demi-god and march like a guardsman, but the whole business is still tedious and a waste of time.

The practice of squaring is wholly admirable, because it adds much to the dignity of the ceremonies, so long as it is not carried to extremes.

What is the background to the penalties of the obligations?

The traditional penalties have come down to us from a bygone age. To research their historical origin, read *Beyond the Pillars*, p. 88.





Beyond the Pillars-1973-*The traditional penalties are part of our Masonic secrets. It must be remembered that they come from a bygone age when treatment of malefactors was very different from that of today. In the early years of the premier Grand Lodge physical characteristics of three penalties not unlike those used today were included, in various combinations, and sometimes likewise united with other penalties, in the OBs. used in Masonic ceremony. This fact is amply documented in British and French monitors and exposures of the period 1725-1750 (see Knoop-Jones-Hamer, Early Masonic Catechisms, pages 100, 126, 156, 178, 198; Carr, Early French Exposures, pages 20'21, 69, 111, 213, 268-269, 300, 432). It provides additional proof that our present system evolved from a single original degree. The detail of the traditional penalties must not be thought of as a hodge-podge designed to frighten the candidate. The particulars have their origin in ancient methods of punishing traitors and other criminals so vile as to have no survival value in human society, nor even in human memory.*

Can a candidate have a degree conferred in another lodge?

The E.A. degree must be conferred in the lodge where the application has been accepted. (See the Book of Constitution Sec. 370 for the exception). For the F.C. and M.M. degree, prior approval by resolution of the lodge is required. (See the Book of Constitution Sec. 246). If the candidate has moved outside the jurisdiction of the lodge, it is the Master's duty to arrange, when requested. (See the Book of Constitution Sec. 247).

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 370-*A candidate must receive his first degree in the lodge in which his application has been accepted, unless in the case of urgent necessity, of which the Grand Master shall be the sole judge.*

Sec. 246-*The Master shall not, without the prior approval by resolution of the lodge, request another lodge to confer a degree or degrees upon a member of the lodge.*

Sec. 247- *It shall be the duty of the Master to endeavour to arrange, if so requested, for the advancement of a candidate who has moved out of the district in which the lodge is located. If outside the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, arrangements shall be made through the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.*

If the I.P.M. holds another office, is he still listed on the summons as the P.M.?

No member shall hold two offices, without dispensation from the Grand Master. (See Sec. 221 of the Book of Constitution)

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 221-*No member shall hold two offices in the same lodge at the same time, nor shall he hold office in more than one lodge at the same time without prior written permission of the Grand Master.*

Why is the ritual different in other provinces and in the United States?

The work authorized by our Grand Lodge used in our jurisdiction is defined in Sec. 5 of the Book of Constitution. Those who are interested in the history and causes of ritual divergence, are directed to an excellent treatise on the subject by R.W. Bro. Wallace Mcleod in The Grand Design, and alluded to by our Grand Historian in the 1996 Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 5-*The authorized Work is the English ritual with slight modifications adopted by the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1859, as amended from time to time, except where a constituent lodge was permitted to continue the Work in any other form on condition of having submitted to the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.*



When do we vote and when do we ballot?

All voting in the lodge is by a show of hands, except where the Constitution or the by-laws require a ballot. (See the Book of Constitution, Sec.291 and Sec.223).

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 291-All voting in a lodge shall be by show of hands, except in the cases where the Constitution or the by-laws of the lodge require a ballot; or where the lodge shall, by show of hands taken without debate, decide that a ballot be taken.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 223-Every lodge shall elect annually by a majority vote of the members present the Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, by separate written ballots, and by open vote the Tyler, two Auditors and an Examining Board composed of three Installed Masters, of which the Master may be one. (1983)

If a candidate in not able to kneel, is he permitted to stand and hold the V.O.T.S.L?

If a candidate is unable to comply with the physical requirements of the degrees, dispensation must be obtained from the Grand Master, *(with the prior endorsement of the District Deputy)* before the degree may proceed.

If the lodge has two candidates for initiation, can the Sec. and P.M. ask the questions and collect the fee at the same time?

The questions must be asked individually of each candidate.

- Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers-2004

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Everglades City, FL
thanks to Bill Lewis

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

When small men begin to cast big shadows, it means that the sun is about to set.

- Lin Yutang (1895-1976)



November



Hey! Junior! What happened? The cat die?

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces, in Canada and around the world. With their 'Mo's,' these men raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically Prostate Cancer.



On November 1st, guys register at Movember.com with a clean-shaven face. For the rest of the month, these selfless and generous men, known as Mo Bros, groom, trim and wax their way into the annals of fine moustachery. Supported by the women in their lives, Movember Mo Bros raise funds by seeking out sponsorship for their Mo-growing efforts.



Mo Bros effectively become walking, talking billboards for the 30 days of November. Through their actions and words, they raise awareness by prompting private and public conversation around the often ignored issue of men's health.

At the end of the month, Mo Bros and their female supporters celebrate their gallantry and valour by either throwing their own Movember party or attending one of the infamous Gala Partés held around the world by Movember, for Movember.

<http://ca.movember.com/?home>

Saturday November 3, 24 and December 15 2012

Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session I

The Session I Workshops in November and December have been cancelled due to lack of registration.

Saturday November 3 2012

West Hill - Ladies Night

Ladies Night "A Sweetheart's Serenade - A Night to Honour Our Ladies"

Great news, in honour of our 60th anniversary and to honour our ladies, West Hill Lodge will pay for your lady at West Hill's Ladies' night dance, so the tickets are \$60.00 ea and you would only pay for yourself - your lady is free.



A fantastic night! Bring your family and friends. It will be a really great night for one and all. Tickets will be available from any of the senior officers. Please book the date, phone for your tickets, and be sure to join us for a gourmet meal, great Jimmy Mac music, and loads of fun. And you can stay out later this evening because this is the night we set our clocks back an hour. Remember - tickets are limited. Get them *fast*.

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

Location: Scarborough Golf and Country Club
321 Scarborough Golf Club Rd.

Cost: \$60 per male

Contact: Gerry Ouellette at gerry.ouellette@sympatico.ca or 416-412-1572 or

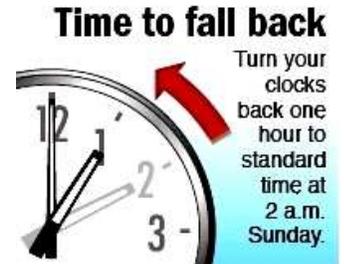


Sunday November 4 2012

Daylight Saving Ends

We now descend into the dark days of winter.

Daylight Saving Time - also summer time in several countries, in British English, and European official terminology - is the practice of advancing clocks so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less. Typically clocks are adjusted forward one hour near the start of spring and are adjusted backward in autumn. In Canada, Saskatchewan does not follow the practice.



Though mentioned by Benjamin Franklin in 1784, the modern idea of daylight saving was first proposed in 1895 by George Vernon Hudson and it was first implemented during the First World War. Many countries have used it at various times since then.

The practice has been both praised and criticized. Adding daylight to evenings benefits retailing, sports, and other activities that exploit sunlight after working hours, but can cause problems for evening entertainment and other occupations tied to the sun. Although an early goal of Daylight Saving Time was to reduce evening usage of incandescent lighting, formerly a primary use of electricity, modern heating and cooling usage patterns differ greatly, and research about how Daylight Saving Time currently affects energy use is limited or contradictory.

- Wikipedia

Sunday November 4 2012

Remembrance Day Ceremonies - Claremont



Attendance will be noted to go towards the year end District award. Regalia and Service Medals to be worn - Masters will wear collars.

Time: 1:30 pm - Assembly
2:00 pm - Service
Location: Claremont Legion Hall
Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@xplornet.ca or 905.649.3003

Not One Person

Not one person ever joined Masonry because George Washington was a Mason.

Not one person ever joined Masonry because John Diefenbaker was a Mason.

Not one person ever joined because of any of our great Masonic heroes.

Joining doesn't make you any of those people.

Not one person ever joined in order to give a million dollars a day to charity, or homes, or crippled children.

You don't have to be a member to give money.

Not one person ever joined because our ritual is outstanding, or our minutes are accurate, or a hundred other things we worry about

They don't know about our ritual.



They joined because someone they knew and admired was a Mason
It could have been a father, a friend, a man down the street, or someone a thousand miles away. Who, it didn't matter.

They admired him and wanted to do the things he did, and they did it by the millions.

Want to help our growth?

Be the kind of man someone admires.

Someone will notice.

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Sunday November 4 2012

Remembrance Day Ceremonies - Scarborough

It has always been a source of amazement at how poorly we grasp the public relations significance of this event. This is the only official parade that Masons are invited to participate in all year. If we could get 100 Masons in full regalia, marching proudly behind our own colours, in this high profile parade - the benefits to public awareness of Freemasonry would be incalculable. The public would have visual confirmation that Freemasonry is alive and growing in Toronto East and furthermore, that we are fiercely proud of whom we are as Canadians and Masons. The DDGM has stated that *all lodges in the district will be required to provide a minimum of five men* to this event.

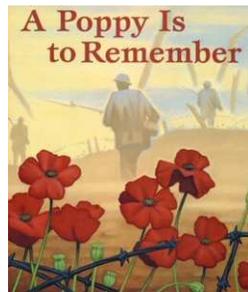


Attendance will be noted to go towards the year end District award. Regalia and Service Medals to be worn - Masters will wear collars.

Time: 1:15 pm - Assembly
northwest corner of Scarborough Town Centre parking lot (blue Masonic Flag)
2:00 pm - Wreath Laying Ceremony at the rotunda
Location: Scarborough Civic Centre
Contact: Frank MacKay @ frank_mackay@hotmail.com or 416.283.3472

Saturday November 10 2012

Remembrance Day Ceremonies - Markham



Attendance will be noted to go towards the year end District award. Regalia and Service Medals to be worn - Masters will wear collars.

Time: 9:30 am - Assembly
10:00 am - Service
11:00 am - Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph
Location: Veterans' Hall
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ bgrimbleby@gmail.com or 905.472.8124



Saturday November 10 2012

Birch Cliff - Ladies Night

All are welcome. Bring your family and friends. Tickets will be available from any of the senior officers.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social

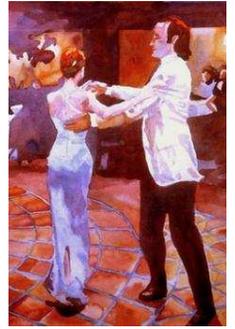
7:00 pm - Dinner

Location: School of Fine Dining

4121 14th Ave., Markham

Cost: tba

Contact: Minoo Daruwalla @ minoodaruwalla@hotmail.com or 905.576.4783
or Errol Chin @ erroll@bell.net / 416-778-0369



Sunday November 11 2012

Remembrance Day

Take a moment to remember and give thanks to those who gave all they had to give.



Tuesday November 13 2012

Diwali

Diwali is a significant 5-day festival in Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism. It is also popularly known as the *Festival of Lights*, one of many similar festivals celebrated by many religions at this time of year.



The word Diwali literally translates as *a row of lamps* in Sanskrit. It is traditional for adherents of Diwali-celebrating faiths to light small clay lamps (or *Deep* in Sanskrit) filled with oil to signify victory over the evil within an individual. During Diwali, many wear new clothes and share sweets/snacks with each other. Some Indian business communities start their financial year by opening new account books on the first day of Diwali.

In Hinduism, Diwali marks the return of Lord Rama to his kingdom, Ayodhya, after defeating Ravana - in the epic story of Ramayana. It also celebrates the slaying of the demon king Narakasura by Lord Krishna. Both signify the victory of good over evil.



In Jainism, Diwali marks the attainment of liberation from the cycle of death and rebirth or reincarnation and all of the suffering and limitation of worldly existence after realization of God by Mahavira in 527 BCE.

In Sikhism, Diwali commemorates the return of Guru Har Gobind Ji to Amritsar after freeing 52 other Hindu kings imprisoned in Fort Gwalior by Emperor Jahangir. He was welcomed by the people who lit candles to celebrate his return. This is why Sikhs also refer to Diwali as “the day of release of detainees.”

Diwali is considered to be a national festival in India and Nepal. The aesthetic aspect of the festival is enjoyed around the world regardless of faith.

- Wikipedia.com

Tuesday November 20 2012

Rainbow Girls - FUNdraiser at Chapters, Ajax



Get going with your Christmas shopping - or get that little something for the hard-to-get person. Chapters Ajax and the International Order of Rainbow cordially invite you to a fun evening out. With every purchase of in-store, regularly priced product* at Chapters Ajax on this special evening, a percentage of the purchase will be donated directly back to the Order. Bring a friend.



Choose from a wide selection of books, gifts, holiday décor, toys and much more!

Join us for a fun evening of culture and literacy and the chance to support and celebrate with The International Order of Rainbow.

When you arrive at the store, please ensure that you register at the registration desk, which will be located directly inside the main doors.

The Fine Print

* Please note, in order to ensure the most successful and profitable fundraiser possible for the organization, all discount programs including the iRewards program, will not be in effect during the event.

* Please note that Gift Card purchases are not included for the FUNdraiser.

Time: 6:30 pm - Close

Location: Chapters Ajax
90 Kingston Rd. East, Ajax, 905-426-4431

Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254



Saturday November 24 2012

Doric - Ladies Night

Enjoy a great evening in a great Christmas decorated setting. A fine roast beef dinner followed by dancing into the wee hours. All are welcome. Bring your family and friends.



Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:15 pm - Dinner
Location: 4 Seasons Golf and Country Club
1900 Concession 8, Claremont
Cost: \$55 pp
Contact: Terrence Doyle @ tmdoyle@rogers.com or 416.528.3823

Friday November 30 2012

TED - Quarry Talks for the Entered Apprentice

Come and discuss, ask questions and learn about the Entered Apprentice Degree. Open to all Entered Apprentice Masons in the district. An informal social time will follow.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Scott McDonald @ smcdonald60@rogers.com or 905.428.7756

Make sure that however good you may be, you have faults; that however dull you may be, you can find out what they are; and that however slight they may be, you had better make some patient effort to get quit of them. . . .

Therefore, see that no day passes in which you do not make yourself a somewhat better creature; and in order to do that find out first what you are now. . . . If you do not dare to do this, find out why you do not dare, and try to get strength of heart enough to look yourself fairly in the face, in mind as well as in body.

- John Ruskin (1819-1900), Sesame and Lilies-1899

Saturday December 8 2012

Raymond C. Purslow Council No. 170 - A.M.D. Information Session

The Officers and Members of Raymond C. Purslow Council No.170 wish to cordially invite all Royal Arch Masons to an A.M.D. (Allied Masonic Degrees) information session.



We are a Masonic organization that originated in England in the 1870's and since have spread to France, the United States, Spain, Australia and other countries worldwide.

We perpetuate several long since unpractised degrees. But more importantly, we encourage Masonic research, and it is customary to have a paper written and presented at each meeting by one of our members.



Raymond C. Purslow Council meets four times a year on the second Saturdays in March, May, September and December. Breakfast served at 8:30 AM. Council opens at 9:30 AM.

If you would wish to learn more about this young, growing order in Canada, please attend this Royal Arch Masons Information Morning. They say there is no such thing as a free lunch, but we will give you a free breakfast (Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Toast, Juice and Coffee) starting at 8:30 am. And we promise to have you home by noon.

Time: 8:30 am
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Richard Allgood @ rall@sympatico.ca or 416.284.8919

*The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be.
- Paul (Ambroise-Paul-Toussaint-Jules) Valery (1871-1945)*

Friday January 18 through Friday January 25 2013
Quinte St. Alban's - 5th Fraternal Visit to Holguín, Cuba
One week Vacation and Masonic Discovery.



Accommodation at the Blau Costa Verde at the Playa Pesquero
All Inclusive, Double Occupancy Price \$999.00 per Adult (tax incl.) (or less with a large enough group)

All are welcome - Masons, friends, ladies and children. For more information on activities of previous visits of 2009, 2011 and 2012 visits:

www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-january-2009.pdf
www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-february-2011.pdf
www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-february-2012.pdf

Contact: Vince Lombardo @ qsaweb@gmail.com or 905.731.0504

*Committing a great truth to memory is admirable; committing it to life is wisdom.
- William Arthur Ward (1921-1994)*



Saturday March 16, April 6 and 27 2013

Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session II

Registration by March 8 2013. This program introduces the attendees to many of the important issues regarding a Mason's journey through the chairs to that of the Worshipful Master.



The topics and materials for the program will again be a combination of those prepared by Grand Lodge's Lodge Resources Committee Officer Progression Team as well as those developed within T.E.D. specifically for this program.

As in the past, the maximum number of participants for each three-session program is 24. To date the maximum has never been reached so there is lots of room for you. To ensure sufficient participation, the minimum "course load" will be 8. Registrants will be expected to attend all three sessions and actively participate throughout.

Objectives

- To help Officers in Toronto East District plan their progression through the chairs
- To provide a discussion forum for considering best practices for Lodge Officers
- To assist attendees in developing action plans to be better prepared as WM in their Lodge
- To provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of Lodge Officers

Program Topics Will Include

- Responsibilities and Duties of Lodge Officers
- Preparing for Your Journey
- Best Practices - Food for Thought
- The Master's Chair and Your Journey Towards the East
- SWOT and Implications for Each Officer in the Lodge
- Developing Your Senior Wardens' Group
- Protocol and Etiquette
- Ritual Q's & A's
- Self-Development - Tips ' n Techniques

Workshop Dates

- SESSION II: March 16, April 6 and 27, 2013

Registration

Complete the registration form found in the district website www.torontoeastdistrict.com and submit it with the materials fee to Bruce Palanik **no later than** March 8 2013. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$35
Contact: Bruce Palanik @ brucepalanik@rogers.com or 905.839.7342



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Deontology

Ethics and equity and the principles of justice do not change with the calendar.
- D. H. (David Herbert) Lawrence (1885-1930)

Delving into ethics and philosophy and how they apply to Freemasonry is a very worthwhile thing to do. I like these subjects not because I am so well versed in it, but because I want to understand it better.¹

Virtue Ethics is a peculiar kind of ethics in that it tells you things like ‘be a good person’ or ‘maintain relationships and care for other people’ without providing a clear idea of how to do it.² This is a problem that philosophers refer to as ‘contextualism.’ Virtue ethics does not make universal claims. E.g.³ The ethics of the right thing to do varies from context to context.

When I mention about understanding as it relates to virtue ethics and philosophy and Masonry I remember something Rabi Benjamin Blech says in one of his lectures about the people receiving the Torah from God. He says their response was “We will do and we will hear.” Meaning that they first committed to do first and then to begin to understand. Remembering that reminds me of the ritual of Freemasonry. The candidate in the degree is told that in order to join in the great and good work of Freemasonry, it is necessary for him to make a statement and promises of future actions, as all Masons before him have also done, before he begins to understand. Every Freemason has been willing to do that. Masonry is a fraternity of action. After the action of our promises we then begin our journey of understanding.

One of the topics mentioned in Virtue Ethics is Deontology, which is different than virtue ethics.



Deontology is the theory of moral obligation or commitment, which applies very well to the obligations of the degrees in Freemasonry. If you were to study deontology, much of what you will learn will have a special significance to you as a Freemason. The word ‘deontology’ comes from the Greek word ‘Deont,’ which means that which is binding or needful. The word is also influenced by the words ‘Dien,’ and ‘Logy;’ ‘Dien’ - bind; ‘Logy’ - discourse or expression.

Deontology is about duty. The term ‘deontological’ means ‘duty based.’ Any moral theory that is deontological is one that focuses

¹ Why study ethics and philosophy and apply them to what we can learn in Freemasonry? One book [a] says “instead of letting philosophers do all the thinking for us - speculating on what is good and right from their lofty ivory towers ~ we should be figuring it out for ourselves.” The second portion of the paragraph on this subject is very similar to what Masonry says about interpreting symbols: each of us is free to interpret the meaning of symbols for ourselves. This should sound familiar: “But our understanding will be rational only to the degree that our conversation is truly fair, and everyone has roughly the same opportunities, incentives, and capacities for informed, reasoned discussion.”

[a] The Complete Idiot’s guide to Understanding Ethics [0-02-864325-9]

² Ibid

³ I.e. short for Latin *id est* meaning ‘that is.’ E.g. short for Latin *exempli gratia* meaning ‘for example.’



on duty. It doesn't matter who or what that duty is to, so it applies very well to Masons being duty bound to fulfill their promises no matter whom they are made to, even to themselves. The philosopher Emmanuel Kant is one who was a proponent of deontological theories. According to Kant, deontology was all about following absolute rules - to do one's duty. A definition of duty is - something you are required to do whether you want to or not.¹

Following rules is an interesting subject in itself, which you may want to study. In the obligation of the Masonic degrees there are things a Mason promises to do, and not to do. Rabi Benjamin Blech² says in referring to the many Mitzvot in the Torah that the don'ts are more important than the do's. He explains that the 'don'ts' prevent us from making grievous errors, while the do's guide us down a proper path of conduct. The Masonic obligations also contain various do's and don'ts. For our own enjoyment, each of us might enjoy reviewing the obligations, and maybe the charges, of the three degrees, just to refresh our memories about the do's and don'ts of Freemasonry.

When we think of deontological theory, we might also want to learn about 'motivist' and 'consequence' theories. To explain briefly, the 'motivist ethical theory' says that the rightness or wrongness of an action depends, in its entirety, on the motive from which the action was done. E.g. Why was the action taken? The 'consequence ethical theory' says the rightness or wrongness of an action depends entirely on the effects that the action has. E.g. What are the results of the action?³

Philosophers who hold to the deontological ethical theory say that it differs from the motivist and the consequence theories in that "the rightness or wrongness of an act depends neither on the motive from which an act was done nor upon the consequences of the act - but solely upon what kind of act it was." Because of the stress on obligation and duty, deontological theories are also called 'Duty Ethics.'

Philosopher Emanuel Kant's ideas on deontological ethics and morality have been summed up to just a few simple items that include; always tell the truth, and always keep your promises. "Kant also believed that the only thing that is totally and completely good without exception is a good will." What Kant meant by 'good will' was that our desires, the things we wish and hope for, must be good.⁴ He believed that only the 'good will' is absolutely good, thus "just because a wrong or evil act might turn out good in the end [I'm sure you can think of examples of this kind of action] doesn't mean that the act becomes good." The moral of this is that you can't just look at behaviours or outcomes to see if an act is right or wrong. Deontology, according to Kant, "totally rejects outcomes as a way of judging acts, because things can turn out well even when we don't intend them to, and things can turn out terribly, even when we mean well!"⁵

A man without ethics is a wild beast loosed upon this world.

- Bro. Manly Palmer Hall (1901-1990)

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www.halpaus.net

¹ The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Ethics

² Understanding Judaism - the Basics of Deed and Creed

³ Philosophy Made Easy [ISBN0-385-42533-3]

⁴ The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Ethics

⁵ Ibid



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