

Hiram's Lighthouse

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Every man who comes into Freemasonry claims he's duly and truly prepared. But he is not. He lies. And it isn't his fault. In many lodges, we spend a woefully inadequate time discussing what Freemasonry is, why a man should join, what will be required of him when he does, and what he can expect from being a Freemason. There are any

number of men who say they want "to improve themselves in Masonry," but then don't invest any significant time in their life to effect this process. That is one reason we have such a high non-participation rate. Personal and spiritual development requires commitment. It's not for the casual observer.

- Bro. Robert Davis, Philalethes Email Forum

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

"I am a Canadian, free to speak without fear, free to worship in my own way, free to stand for what I think right, free to oppose what I believe wrong, or free to choose those who shall govern my country."

- Bro. John George Diefenbaker (1895-1979),

13th Canadian Prime Minister-1957-63

57 years a Mason, 33° Scottish Rite, Knights Templar and

Shriner

Brethren of Toronto East District, this month marks the 95th anniversary of the end of WW I on November 11, 1918. The War to end all Wars. If only that were true. How little we learned from The Great War. Since then, we have sent our soldiers to numerous conflicts throughout the world, and our Canadian men and woman have served our country with pride and honour, and fought that we may have the freedoms referred to by Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

Over the last several years, there has been a resurgence of outward support for



our returning soldiers. We treat them as the heroes they in fact are. This time of year, as Canadians, we turn our attention to those brave men and women who did not return home. Who made the ultimate sacrifice that you and I can meet as Masons and live free.

Many Brethren of this District have sacrificed for us over the years. Some have returned home, and some have not. To the brethren of The Craft in general and of This District in particular, I thank you with all my being for your sacrifice. You may not have sacrificed your life, but you sacrificed something almost as precious; time with your family and friends. You risked your lives that we may live ours in peace and harmony. You are heroes and may you hold your head high for you have earned our respect and undying gratitude.

As Masons we participate in various services to pay our respects to our fallen. I believe as citizens of this country it is our **DUTY** to attend these services. I urge you all to attend one of the three services that Toronto East District supports in Scarborough, Markham or Claremont.

While we do well to honour the memory of our fallen, we often forget those that served years ago and returned home. Many veterans live a life of solitude, and some in conditions we would shudder at. Spend time to remember them. Get to know them, spend time with them or write to them. There are many programs out there designed to match Canadians with veterans. We all can find time to have a coffee or write a letter reminding them that they matter and what they did for us matters.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

May the Great Architect of the Universe guard you and them as they continue to guard our walls of freedom. I pray to him that no more will have to make that sacrifice.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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



EVENTS CALENDAR:

November 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			<p>November! - If you can't grow one - support someone who will.</p> 	<p><u>1</u> * Wexford - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>2</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 6/6 see below East Toronto * West Hill - Ladies Night CANCELLED</p>	<p><u>3</u> Daylight Savings Ends Time to fall back  Turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday. Diwali</p>
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<p><u>8</u> Feast Day of the Four Crowned Martyrs * TED - Markham Remembrance Service see below Markham Veterans Hall</p>	<p><u>9</u> London Masonic Conference see below London, ON</p>	<p><u>10</u> London Masonic Conference see below London, ON</p>
<p><u>11</u> Remembrance Day</p> 	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<p><u>14</u> * Todmorden - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto * Coronati - Journey of Remembrance See below Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>15</u> * Birch Cliff - Ladies Night see below Scarborough Golf Club</p>	<p><u>16</u> * TED - Claremont Remembrance Service see below Claremont Legion</p>	<p><u>17</u> * TED - Scarborough Remembrance Service see below Scarborough Town Centre</p>
<p><u>18</u> * Rainbow Girls - FUNdraiser see below Ajax Chapters</p>	<p><u>19</u> * Riverdale-John Ross Robertson - Reception for V.W. Bro. James Fowles - Assistant Grand Chaplain Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>20</u> * Markham Union - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont</p>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<p><u>23</u> * Doric - Ladies Night see below Four Seasons Golf and Country Club</p>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<p><u>27</u> Start of Hanukkah 8 Day Festival of Lights</p> 	<p><u>28</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work see below Doric Pickering</p>	<u>29</u>	<p>*<u>30</u> The Heritage Lodge - Installation see below Peterborough Masonic Centre</p>	



December 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						<u>1</u>
<u>2</u> * Mimosa - Reception for V.W. Bro. Tod Owens - Assistant Grand DoC Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * West Hill - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto * Rainbow Girls - Family Christmas Dinner see below Doric Pickering	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Bodhi Day
<u>9</u> * Scarborough - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> * Birch Cliff - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> * Doric - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> First Day of Winter 	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Christmas Eve You can still get the shopping done! 	<u>25</u> Christmas Day 	<u>26</u> Boxing Day Get back into those stores. Buy! Buy! First Day of Kwanzaa	<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



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

Our goal this year is twofold:

- First, to inform, educate and dispel some of the myths surrounding portable defibrillation units, from here on in they will be called Mikeys. Give you a better understanding of how they work and how much can be gained by having them available in your community. We are currently formalizing plans for education and information sessions throughout the district, of which everyone will have due notice.
- Second to place eight (8) MIKEY units within the geographical boundaries of our District. We are looking at our own Masonic facilities as well as any location that would benefit from having a Mikey. This could be a community pool, sports centre, retirement home, anywhere where people gather or go to attend. This is where our own brethren come in. We need input to find suitable locations to place Mikeys. There are no wrong places to suggest, we will look at everything and find the most suitable place that can benefit from having this life saving device.

Our DDGM R.W. Bro. David J. Neave has made it clear that education and information is the focus this year. To attain our goal of placing these units, we must also address the financial side. Each Mikey costs over \$2,000.00. This includes the cost of the unit itself and training for the location it is going to. The money has to come from somewhere, but where? We currently have in place two forms of funding for these units but we are going to rely on the support of the District this year to assist us in raising the total amount of funds required. We will not be standing at every Installation or Official Visit and asking for a financial contribution to the charity. Donations will be thankfully received and faithfully applied from all sources. We realize that most Lodges in the District have their own charity of choice; all we ask is that you make an extra effort to contribute a little bit extra to help us attain our goal.

To that end, the first form of funding will be from the Black & White Gala; the second form is that we have two pairs of prime seat tickets to the Toronto Maple Leafs. The first pair are for Friday December 27/13 against Buffalo and the second pair are for Sunday January 12/13 against New Jersey. Value of these tickets is \$490.00 for the pair. The tickets have been donated to us from one of our own Brethren who asked to remain nameless. Tickets are available now. To obtain your donation ticket for only \$20.00 each contact

the DDGM @ ddgm@torontoeastdistrict.com or 905.725.8032, or
myself @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.391.9044.

All the proceeds will go to the charity.

Thank you.

V.W. Bro. Gerry Newall
District Chairman



A single lie destroys a whole reputation of integrity.
- Baltasar Gracian (1601-1658)

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 these 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

When Mussolini gained control of Italy, Masonic lodges were declared illegal and the Grand Master was arrested, tried, and imprisoned. He subsequently died in prison.

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

Toronto East Masonic Centre

Over the past few months, the TEMC project team headed by Basil Dias have been diligently assigning and overseeing numerous professional groups in order to achieve our short-term goal of obtaining the city's approval, while also working closely with our architects, Kirkor, to obtain reports required to complete our development phase and move efficiently toward construction. Shortly, therefore, we also will be hiring a top marketing firm and will then begin to explore our revenue and financing options, based on space available that we anticipate will be sold in advance by our sales team, once our project has been properly branded. I have been working closely with our law firm, McCarthy Tetrault, to define our



corporate structure, as well as with our accounting and auditing firm, Yale & Partners, with respect to much-needed tax advice, given the project's profit at ribbon cutting and thereafter, due to long-term leases for ground floor retailing operations and underground parking income, and other opportunities to be explored, such as media sales or sponsorships. In the mid-term, having hired an interior designer, we will begin to thrash out the optimal use of our three floors of temple space and our lobby, and finalize colour and adornments working hand-in-hand with Doug Gray's lodge room committee, who recently conducted an inventory of the Scarborough Masonic Temple Corporation locker to determine what is appropriate for consideration in our various rooms and throughout our hallways to make a great first and everlasting impression on all our visitors.

W. Bro. Graeme Boyce
President, TEMC & SMTC

Another Way of Learning What Is Going On

Brethren who don't like or know how to use the electronic (email / internet) means, can call into the new This Week in Toronto East (TWiTE) telephone hotline and hear upcoming events within our District for the current week. The phone number is **289.482.1294**. The phone number is an Ajax exchange so it is local for all within our District.

The information will be updated every Sunday night when W. Bro. Earle Goodwin posts the electronic TWiTE. My hope is that all members of the District will make use of the number at some point.

Thank you Earle, for taking on this task with the enthusiasm you did.

- R.W. Bro. David J. Neave

The Ancient Charges

We frequently hear reference to the Old or Ancient Charges both in the ritual and in our reading to make our daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. Few of us have a library that contains these ancient manuscripts. In fact, few of us live anywhere close to a library that contains any of them.

Once access is gained to one of these documents, it is found to be difficult to read due to changes in language usage and occasionally the actual language of the writer.

“What is possible to accept, because it is relatively easy to determine, is that medieval times, so conducive to the construction of great religious and seigniorial buildings, saw the birth and development of various and numerous companies, guilds, associations or brotherhoods, motivated by social or corporate obligations, which brought together lords, contractors, journeymen and apprentices on whom they imposed the principles of virtue, integrity, ethical behaviour, both secular and religious.

...

“This is the reason that led us to conduct a thorough reading of the available texts still existing on the medieval societies, the building and corporative fraternities. We deliver in this book (*web site*), the most significant part of them, in the evident incapacity to reproduce all in their entirety.

...



“In our translations and transcriptions, many of them unpublished to this day, we have tried to be faithful to the original text, while making use, with as much simplicity as possible of a contemporary language allowing the reader to determine freely and according to his own (or her) own conclusions, on the real origins of Freemasonry, as we know and practice it today.”

- Guy Chassagnard, Editor.

www.theoldcharges.com/crbst_2.html

The texts which are presented here have been reviewed, corrected and transcribed by a brotherhood of Freemasons, living in Australia as well in Britain and France.

Thursday September 26 2013

Members of West Hill accompanied by other brethren of the district took the time to go to Ottawa to join W. Bro. James Fitzpatrick, Master of West Hill Lodge in 1965, for lunch and present him with his 60 Years a Mason pin and certificate. W. Bro. James Fitzpatrick is now 97 years young and still remembers lots of West hill members.

This was a great day for all and a great surprise to him. His daughter, Marilyn Jones, says he is still showing off his certificate and pin in his retirement home.

60 Years a Mason at West Hill, 97 years young and still a proud member of West Hill.



L. to R. W. Bro. John Galloway, Bro. Dennis Wilson, R.W. Bro. Walter Drane, W. Bro. Bob Thompson, V.W. Bro. J. Gerry Ouellette, W. Bro. Earle Goodwin, Bro. Barry Villiers, V.W. Bro. Garry Fitzpatrick, P.M. of Brougham Union Lodge and son of the recipient.

In the middle sits the star W. Bro. James Fitzpatrick.

Also accompanying but not in the picture was V.W. Bro. Wayne Nicholson, Grand Pursuivant.

Honoured Ladies

Every year, Doric Lodge has a luncheon for the widows of lodge members. All the honoured ladies the lodge can contact are invited. Members of the lodge provide transportation to and from the event. A light lunch is provided followed by some entertainment. It is a day looked forward to by the ladies able to attend.





L to R: Scott and Alison McDonald, Katherine Baldson, Dorothy Houghton, Joan Wilkinson, Pat Ingram, Lil Janacek, Suzanne Telfer, Gale and Wayne Nicholson
Also attending (and actually responsible for the event) but not in the picture were Shirley and R.W. Bro. Glenn Cousins, PGJW.

I Was Wondering

At which door does the Tyler remain after the candidate is admitted?

The Tyler must be ready to respond to knocks at either door'

If more than one candidate is to be examined, must they be examined separately?

There is no such requirement. They may be examined collectively.

Where are the lesser lights situated? At the altar or over the Wardens' chairs?

The lesser lights are around the altar. (See the Mechanics of the Work, Pg. 7, No. 6.

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 7, No. 6-Following the obligation, attention is directed to the lesser lights around the altar. If the lodge room has lights over the Warden's chairs, these lights are not referred to until the words "meant to represent."

When the Worshipful Master is instructing the examining committee, does he state the three questions only, or does he also state what the Past Master is to say to the candidate?

The Worshipful Master states the three questions. (See the Book of the Work) The rubrics indicate the Past Master is to inform the candidate. The statement is ritual, and as such, should be memorized by the Past Master.

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 40-The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the candidate having been previously balloted for and accepted and being in attendance, the Worshipful Master requests a Past Master (or a well skilled Master Mason), the Secretary and the Junior Steward to approach the altar. He directs the Past Master to put three questions to the candidate, the Secretary to collect the proper fee, the Junior Steward, on instructions from the Past Master and Secretary, to prepare the candidate and to remain with him until relieved by the Junior Deacon. The questions, which shall be recited to the Past Master as part of his instructions, are: - . . .



When the Junior Deacon is at the Wardens, can he allow the wand to touch the floor?

See the Mechanics of the Work, Pg. 12, No. 19, for the instructions for the Junior Deacon: “. . . lower the bottom end of the wand to the floor while supporting it in the crook of your arm.”
Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 12, No. 19-*During the questions at the Wardens, lower the bottom end of the wand to the floor while supporting it in the crook of your arm or place it in the holder if one is available.*

In which direction should the letter “G” face?

In the lecture in the West, the Senior Warden directs the attention of the candidate to the letter “G” from his station in the West. (See the Mechanics of the Work, Pg. 16, No. 3).
Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 16, No. 3-(Senior Warden) *In the lecture, identify the two pillars; that on the left facing out is Boaz. Point to the Hebrew characters for the letters J.H.V.H. on the chart before directing the attention of the candidate to the letter “G.”*

In the Senior Warden’s lecture in the Fellow Craft degree, which pillar is on the left?

The lecture being given from the inside of the temple, we are standing on the inside looking out. (See the Mechanics of the Work, Pg. 16, No. 3 and Beyond the Pillars, Pg. 116.)

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 16, No. 3-(Senior Warden) *In the lecture, identify the two pillars; that on the left facing out is Boaz. Point to the Hebrew characters for the letters J.H.V.H. on the chart before directing the attention of the candidate to the letter “G.”*

Beyond the Pillars-1973, Pg. 116-*These pillars were given names. That on the left was called Boaz, meaning “in him is strength”, that is, “in God is strength”, the source of might and power. On the right was the pillar Jachin, meaning “firmness”, or “he (God) will establish”. The two names together denote “stability”. Here the French Ritual gives added meaning by saying that the two words together signify, “In strength shall this my house be established”. Such a conviction makes a true beginning for the Mason: through faith in God he shall be strong to build his life.*

Does the Senior Deacon salute when passing the Worshipful Master?

The Senior Deacon does not salute when he is on the right of the candidate. The Senior Deacon and the candidate both salute when the Senior Deacon is on the left of the candidate. (See Book of the Work and the Mechanics of the Work, Pg. 18, No. 18).

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 119, Second Degree-*Senior Deacon instructs the candidate how to salute with the penal sign of an Entered Apprentice and then, still on the right of the candidate, conducts him round the lodge, passing the Worshipful Master under the penal sign of an Entered Apprentice; and, having 0 second time so passed the Worshipful Master, they halt in the south and face the Junior Warden with the candidate standing directly in front of the Junior Warden.*

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 149, Second Degree-*Senior Deacon instructs the candidate how to salute with the three-fold sign of a Fellow Craft when passing the Worshipful Master. Senior Deacon then conducts the candidate up the north side of the lodge. Both salute with the three-fold sign of a Fellow Craft when passing the Worshipful Master. Senior Deacon places the candidate at the south-east angle, facing the Worshipful Master.*

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 18, No. 18-(Senior Deacon) *As you salute along with the candidate when passing the Master bring the wand to a vertical position. The reason for the salute by the Senior Deacon is presumably because the salute of the candidate is going through the Senior Deacon.*



When a candidate is asked to step to the East for the examination before passing should he first approach the altar to salute the Worshipful Master?

The candidate should be seated in the North, and there is no requirement to go to the altar in the Book of the Work.

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 107, Examination Before Passing-*I shall, therefore, proceed to ask him the necessary questions. Brother _____, you will step to the east.*

When does the Senior Deacon change sides with the Candidate in the Fellow Craft degree?

The Senior Deacon is on the right of the candidate until he has proven himself as an Entered Apprentice Mason in the west. (See the Book of the Work). He then moves to the left of the Candidate until the floor work is completed, only moving back to the right side when directed by the Worshipful Master to conduct the Candidate to the Wardens. After the Candidate has completed the examination as a Fellow Craft in the west, the Senior Deacon moves to the left of the Candidate once more.

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 126, Passing-*Senior Deacon then moves to the left of the candidate.*

- Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers-2004

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



St Paul's #107, Lambeth ON
with thanks to Joe Parker - Temple Lodge #597

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

Go the extra mile. It's never crowded.

- Anonymous, Executive Speedwriter Newsletter-2010



Movember



Hey! Junior! What happened? The cat die?

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



According to the oncologists, if you live long enough, you will get Prostate Cancer. Prostate Cancer, diagnosed or not diagnosed, is discovered in a majority of autopsies of men past a certain age. It is not if but more likely when.

On November 1st, guys register at Movember.com with a clean-shaven face. For the rest of the month, these selfless, courageous 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 2 2013

Mechanics of the Work Class

This will be the second last of the fall session of classes. These classes are open to all Masons, from the newest Entered Apprentice to the rustiest young timer. We are informal in the normal lodge meeting sense and welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills or reacquaint themselves in many aspects of our ceremonies and rituals. Attendance for the full three hour class or at every class is not compulsory.



The work is from the **2013 black Book of the Work.**

At this particular class, we cover openings and closings for all three degrees and cover the 3rd degree in depth with the F. P. of F. and the movements of the deacons.

There will be the last class on November 28th. See below.

There will be another set of classes commencing in January. Dates to be announced.

Hope to see you come visit to partake in and enjoy the sessions that many others have gotten a charge out of over the many years this program has been offered.



Time: 8:30 am - Coffee (*coffee!*) and day-old sticky buns ☺
9:00 am - noon - Class
Location: East Toronto
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704
Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or 905.831.5054

Sunday November 3 2013

Daylight Savings Ends

We now descend into the dark days of winter. You can take your sunglasses off.

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 lighting and 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 3 2013

Diwali

This is the start of the 'Light' festivals that originally descended from the pagan winter solstice celebrations. Diwali is a significant 5-day festival in Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism. It is also popularly known as the *Festival of Lights*.



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

Friday November 8 2013

Feast of the Four Crowned Martyrs

Four Crowned Martyrs (in Latin, Sancti Quatuor Coronati)

They were called the “Four Crowned Martyrs” because their names were unknown (“crown” referring to the crown of martyrdom). According to the Catholic Encyclopaedia, “the Acts of these martyrs, written probably in the fourth century, relates of the five sculptors that, although they raised no objections to executing such profane images as Victoria, Cupid, and the Chariot of the Sun, they refused to make a statue of Aesculapius for a heathen temple. For this they were condemned to death as Christians. They were put into leaden caskets and drowned in the River Save. This happened towards the end of 305.”



According to the Catholic Encyclopaedia, “this report has no historic foundation. It is merely a tentative explanation of the name Quatuor Coronati, a name given to a group of really authenticated martyrs who were buried and venerated in the catacomb of Sts. Peter and Marcellinus, the real origin of which, however, is not known.”

The rather confusing story of the four crowned martyrs was well known in Renaissance Florence, principally as told in the thirteenth-century Golden Legend by Jacopo da Voragine. It appears that the original four martyrs were beaten to death by order of the emperor Diocletian. Their story became conflated¹ with that of a group of five stone carvers, also martyred by Diocletian, in this case because they refused to carve an image of a pagan idol.

Because of their profession, the five early Christian martyrs were an obvious choice for the guild of stonemasons, but their number seems often to have been understood to be four, as in this case.

¹ Verb: Combine (two or more texts, ideas, etc.) into one: the result is usually to bring a modicum of confusion or untruth to both ideas.



Saturday November 9 2013

London Masonic Conference

Come out and enjoy a variety of distinguished and accomplished speakers including our Keynote Speaker:

Bro. 2nd Lieut. Joseph F. Curry
Member of Beaches Lodge #473, Toronto and
Canada Lodge U. D., Kandahar, Afghanistan
Author of The Rifle and the Apron
and
The Craft at Work in Kandahar

There is no ladies program but the opportunity to shop till you drop and a variety of restaurants is near by. For those who wish to stay the night: call 1-800-HILTONS (1.800.445.8667) and provide the date and the code 'LON' in order to access the rate of \$109. (300 King St. London, ON)

Tickets to the event, including lunch, are available to Masons and male guests and must be purchased in advance. Please make cheques payable to: London West Masonic Event

Time: 8:30 am - Registration
9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Lectures
Location: Dufferin Masonic Hall
453 Dufferin Ave, London, ON
Cost: \$25 ea - including lunch
Contact: to register
Randy Hearn
66 Stephen Moore Dr.
R.R. #5 Komoka ON
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Saturday November 9 2013

Markham Remembrance Service

Service starts at 10:00 am followed by the Parade to Cenotaph and a wreath laying ceremony at approximately 11:00 am

You should arrive between 9:30 and 9:50 am as the hall fills up quickly.

Masonic Regalia and Service Medals may be worn - Masters will wear collars.

Time: 9:30 am - Assembly
10:00 am - Service
Location: Markham Veterans Hall
7 Washington St. (Washington and Hwy #7), Markham, ON
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ grimblebybm@gmail.com or 905.472.8124



Saturday November 9 2013

Birch Cliff - Ladies Night



A great evening is planned. Fine dining followed by dancing.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Scarborough Golf Club
321 Scarborough Golf Club Rd., Toronto ON M1J3H2
Cost: \$60 ea
Contact: Errol Chin @ 416.778.0369, or
Peter Sialtsis @ psialtsis@hotmail.com or 416.931.7072

Sunday November 10 2013

Scarborough Remembrance Service

Form-up will be at 12:30 pm for a short parade at 1:00 pm, followed by an indoor service at 2:00 pm. Last year Freemasons were the second largest unit in this parade.

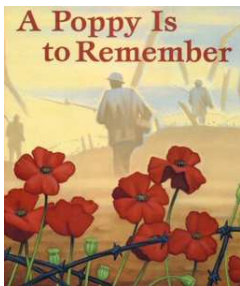
Masonic Regalia and Service Medals may be worn - Masters will wear collars.

Time: 12:30 pm - Assembly
2:00 pm - Service
Location: Scarborough Town Centre
150 Borough Dr, Scarborough, ON
Contact: Frank Mackay @ frank_mackay@hotmail.com or 416.283.3472



Sunday November 10 2013

Claremont Remembrance Service



Freemasons will join the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Claremont Legion.

Masonic Regalia and Service Medals may be worn - Masters will wear collars.

Time: 12:30 pm - Assembly
2:00 pm - Service
Location: Claremont Legion Branch 483
Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@xplornet.ca or 905.649.3003



Monday November 11 2013

Remembrance Day

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, take a moment to remember and give thanks to those who have given all they had to give to provide us with the society in which we live.



Thursday November 14 2013

Coronati - Journey of Remembrance

Yes, we must remember because if we don't, the sacrifice of those one hundred thousand Canadian lives will be meaningless. They died for us, for their homes, families and friends, for a collection of traditions they cherished and a future they believed in; they died for Canada. The meaning of their sacrifice rests with our collective national consciousness; our future is their monument. Please come and join us in commemorating. All are welcome.

Time: 8:00 pm
Speaker: Lieutenant Joseph Curry
The Beaches Lodge No 473 & Canada Lodge, UD GRC Kandahar
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Ronald Cada @ ranniecada2002@yahoo.com or 289.275.8501

Quality is a term that should be indistinguishable from every Mason. Just as two twins can be indistinguishable one from the other so should Masonry and Quality. When we think of a Mason we should simultaneously be thinking 'Quality.' Quality is "a distinguishing characteristic [character], property, or attribute"¹. Arguably attributes are ascribed while properties are possessed². Character is the "combination of qualities or features that distinguishes one person, group, or thing from another. Moral or ethical strength"³. The latter depicts "conformity of one's life and conduct to moral and ethical principles" which is a definition of virtue⁴.

Character that reflects the features of Moral Conduct, Ethical Principles, Virtuous Living = Quality, and Quality should be the necessary key to gain access to enter through the West Gate of any lodge. Masons = Quality.

Masonry teaches us that to gain admission through the west gate that the man should already be of good character. Freemasonry is not a place to rehabilitate men but a place for Quality men to further improve

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² Cargile, J. (1995). Qualities in Honderich, T. (Ed.) (2005). The Oxford Companion to Philosophy (2nd ed.). Oxford

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⁴ <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/virtue>



themselves. Quality men come from all walks and stations in life. Whether the man is a farmer, a military man, a postman, or a politician, each man is capable of being identified with Quality if his life conforms to and reflects the aforementioned attributes and properties. These attributes and properties associated with Quality are not prescribed to a belief in one religion, one philosophy, or one political system but as the ancients pointed out these are the things that are found in men's hearts and minds around the world, a nation without walls.

These men dress differently one from the other, they go to different houses of worship, they belong to different political parties, they come from greatly varying socio-economic conditions, they have differing food preferences, and their outward appearances might vary dramatically; however, it is the qualification of Quality that allows them to become a citizen of this great nation without walls.

Not all men are capable of understanding this concept, as the ancients pointed out, thus even some men who might be identified with Quality may not be suited to understanding our teachings and the nature of our Society and this subsequent nation without physical boundaries. For Freemasonry to live up to its purpose and intent we must not only remember these concepts but take action to insure their continued promulgation. Let us not ever divert our resources to building walls but instead focus on feeding the hearts and minds of those men that have a hunger for knowledge, the truth, and who subsequently make the world a better place due to being a member of this nation without walls which is commonly known as Freemasonry. Freemasonry ~ Quality.

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Tuesday November 19 2013

Rainbow Girls - FUNdraiser

Chapters Ajax and the International Order of Rainbow cordially invite you to an evening out. With every purchase of in-store, regularly priced product¹ made at Chapters Ajax on this special evening, a percentage of the purchase will be donated directly back to the Order.

Choose from a wide selection of books, gifts, holiday décor, toys and much more! Get a start on your Christmas shopping. Find something for that person who is impossible to buy for. 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. Be sure to fill out a ballot for the door prize!

Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Ajax Chapters
90 Kingston Rd. E., Ajax, 905.426.4431
Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254

¹ Please note that Gift Card purchases are not included for the FUNdraiser. In order to ensure the most successful and profitable fundraiser possible, all discount programs including the iRewards program, will not be in effect during the event.



Saturday November 23 2013

Doric - Ladies Night



Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season and take your special lady out for an evening of enjoyable company, fine dining and dancing in a beautifully decorated Christmas setting. All are more than welcome. Dress is jacket and tie or tux. Cash bar.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner

Location: Four Seasons Golf and Country Club
1900 RR #5 Concession 8, Claremont ON

Cost: \$55.00 ea

Contact: Keith Larocque @ tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com or 905.721.8701

Wednesday November 27 2013

Hanukah

This is another of the 'Light' festivals that originally descended from the pagan winter solstice celebrations.

It is also spelled Chanukah, also known as the *Festival of Lights*, is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt of 164 BC. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, and may occur from late November to late December on the Gregorian calendar.

The festival is observed by the kindling of the lights of a special candelabrum, the nine-branched *Menorah* or *Hanukiah*, one light on each night of the holiday, progressing to eight on the final night. An extra light called a *shamash* (Hebrew: "guard" or "servant") is also lit each night for the purpose of lighting the others, and is given a distinct location, usually above or below the rest.



According to tradition, when the Maccabees entered the Holy Temple, they discovered that the Greco-Syrians had defiled the oil that was used to Temple's menorah. Only one vat of purified oil remained - enough for only one day. It would take the Jews a week to process more purified oil. Then a miracle occurred. The Maccabees lit the menorah and it burned for not one, but eight days, by which time the new, purified oil was ready. This is why the Hanukkah Menorah has eight candles (not including the shamash candle used to light the others) and one reason why Jews celebrate Hanukkah for eight days.

Hanukkah is a fun festival, especially for children. After lighting the Hanukkah candles together, families (and often invited guests) will eat and play games. Traditional Hanukkah food is oil-rich in commemoration of the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. Potato pancakes (Latkas in Yiddish, Livivot in Hebrew) are a Hanukkah favourite. Israelis eat Hanukkah doughnuts called soofganiot. Dreidel is a traditional Hanukkah game, with game rules so simple that the whole family, from toddlers to grandparents can play together. The custom of giving Hanukkah gelt (money) to children has evolved into a gift-giving tradition in many Jewish families today.

- Wikipedia.com
 - About.com
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Thursday November 28 2013

Mechanics of the Work Class

By popular demand, the Mechanics of the Work training program which is usually conducted on Saturday mornings at East Toronto Temple is moving east for a one night session at Doric Pickering Masonic Hall.

For those unfamiliar with the format of the sessions, we do not wear regalia and the program is intended to be casual and informative while teaching the basics of our ritual, especially the mechanics of what we do and how we do it.

This is a must do for new Masons, Masons beginning their progress through the chairs especially the Deacons, and more experienced Masons who simply want to refresh their skills in the craft.

The evening's program will include:

- 7:00 pm - A pre lodge social session allowing an opportunity to meet others.
- 7:29 pm - Open Lodge in the 1st Degree.
- Explanation of the timing of adjusting the VOSL, lights and columns. (Or is that columns and lights?)
- Receiving the DDGM (R.W. Bro. David J. Neave will attend) and other GL Officers under the wands,
- Giving The Grand Honours.
- Deacons floor work in the 1st Degree.
- Open in the 2nd Degree, collecting the PG and PW from all present, Deacons floor work in the 2nd Degree.
- Open in the 3rd Degree, explanation and practice the F.P. of F., Deacons escorting the SW to the East.
- Closing in all three Degrees, explanation of the order of events for attending to the working tools, K's, and L.L. and the VOSL.

We plan on having a light meal after Lodge closes and will use the time to demystify the banquet hour by explaining the head table selection and introduction, order and content of speeches and some other lesser known details of etiquette. There will be a nominal charge for catering.

Please, if you plan on attending, please **RSVP** by sending an email to bob.steenson@ontarioair.com indicating your -

- name,
- phone number,
- lodge and no.
- indicate your current rank and chair of office (if any).
- advise if you plan on attending the banquet hour so we can ensure we have numbers for catering.

As in previous years, the evening will be sponsored by Friendship Lodge.

Time: 7:00 pm - Assembly and sign in
7:30 pm - Class

Location: Doric Pickering

Cost: tba

Contact: Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or 905.831.5054, or
Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704



Saturday November 30 2013

The Heritage Lodge - Installation



The Heritage Lodge No. 730 is the historical research Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Peterborough's own R.W. Bro. David R. Mackey, Past Grand Junior Warden, will be installed as Worshipful Master.

Time: 11:00 am - Lodge opens
11:30 am - Break for lunch
1:00 pm - Lodge reconvenes
Location: Peterborough Masonic Centre
Cost: \$15 ea - Lunch
Contact: John Scott @ wj-scott@hotmail.com or 705-745-2840

The difference between a smart man and a wise man is that a smart man knows what to say, a wise man knows whether or not to say it.

- Frank M. Garafola

Wednesday December 4 2013

Rainbow Girls - Family Christmas Dinner

Come join the Rainbow Girls for an evening of food, friends, laughter and Christmas Joy! There will be entertainment and draws. Come sing Christmas Carols. Please **RSVP** by November 30.

Time: 7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$18 ea
Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254



Brave is the lion tamer, brave is the world subduer, but braver is the one who has subdued himself.

- Johann Gottfried Von Herder (1744-1803)

Thursday January 9 2014

Coronati - 100th Anniversary Celebration and Regalia Dedication Ceremony

The officers and members of Coronati Lodge #520 would be more than pleased if you would all come and help celebrate this very important milestone. See the presentation of the gold.

There will be a Fraternal Banquet by pre-purchased ticket. Make cheques payable to *Coronati Lodge #520*. Please **RSVP** before November 30 2013.

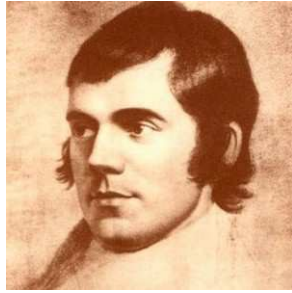
Time: 6:00 pm - Banquet
7:45 pm - Lodge Opens
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall



Cost: \$20 ea for the Banquet
Contact: Gary Rhodes @ gary@rhodes.ca or 416.751.7783
169 Birkdale Rd., Scarborough, ON M1P 3R9

Saturday January 18 2014

Todmorden - 6th Annual Robbie Burns Night



Come and join us for 'The Selkirk Prayer' led by Tom Fulton. See the piping in of the haggis, as our brethren carry in the Laden Trencher for its presentation, and then watch, listen, and enjoy the address to the Haggis.

Dinner will be served followed by a 15 minute speech on the 'Immortal Memory' of Robert Burns, Scotland's most influential and beloved poet. There will be raffles, door prizes and dancing followed by a late night, light finger food buffet, tea and coffee. Cash bar. We look forward to seeing lots of new faces, and familiar smiles. All are welcome.

Tickets are available through any member of Todmorden Lodge, the Brigadier O. M. Martin Branch 345 of the Royal Canadian Legion, at the door or from our Senior Stewart.

Proceeds raised are being donated to Masonic Charities as decided by the District Deputy Grand Master for the Toronto East.

Menu for the evening:

Cock-a-Leekie Soup

A Golden fortified Broth of Chicken and Leeks with pearl Barley, fresh Herbs and a touch of Sherry

Tossed Green Salad

Crisp Romaine Greens with Julienne Peppers, Red Onion, Celery, Carrots, Sliced Cucumber and Radishes, with a choice of Maple Cider, Thousand Islands, or Vinaigrette Dressings

Succulent Oven Roasted Chicken Breast

Oven Roasted Chicken Breast stuffed with Spinach, Sun Dried Tomato, and Ricotta Cheese, served with served with Neeps 'n Tatties and Mushy Peas

** A Vegetarian Wild Mushroom and Saffron Risotto main course is available in lieu the standard fare.

** If there are other dietary restrictions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Cranachan

A Parfait of Toasted Oats, Fresh Raspberries and whipped sweet cream served with a Crisp Chocolate Cookie

Coffee ~ Tea ~ Dainties ~ Mints

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:15 pm - Dinner

Location: Royal Canadian Legion Brigadier O. M. Martin Branch #345
81 Peard Rd., Toronto, ON M4B 1T7 (Victoria Park and Peard)

Cost: \$45 ea (if purchased through www.eventbrite.ca/event/8446925983 cost is \$48.69 ea)

Contact: Senior Stewart @ todmorden647@gmail.com



No man has ever risen to the real stature of spiritual manhood until he has found that it is finer to serve somebody else than it is to serve himself.

*- (Thomas) Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924), 28th U.S. President-1913-21,
Nobel Peace Prize-1919*

Saturday February 1 2014

Markham Union - Annual Robbie Burns Night

Thrill to the skirl of the Pipes and Drums by York Region Police Pipe Band.
Wonder at the dancing of the York Region Police Highland Dancers.

There will be a stirring rendition of *Immortal Memory to Robert Burns* and the *Address and Toast to The Haggis*. There will also be a Silent Auction and Spot Prizes.

The fare for the evening will include a Full Scottish Buffet of Haggis, Steak Pie and Gravy, Peas, Tatties and Neeps followed by 'Drambuie Trifle' and 'Shortbread', Tea and Coffee. Cash bar.



Time: 5:30 pm - Social

7:00 pm - Dinner

Location: Cedarbrae Golf and Country Club

55 Mac Frost Way, Scarborough ON M1X 1N6 (1st lights east of Markham Rd, south of Steeles Ave.)

Cost: \$40 ea

Contact: Jim Crawford @ jcra4d@rogers.com or 905.294.3698, or

Bruce Grumbleby @ grumblebybm@ymail.com or 905.472.8124



... by the Lighthouse Beam

In Search of The Masonic Lost Word

To name a thing is to destroy it.¹

After completing the third degree, we are told that we have reached, as Master Masons, the highest degree in Freemasonry and that all other side or additional degrees are exactly that: side degrees, which expound on the lessons of the first three degrees or introduce new allegorical dramas but that aren't any 'higher' to that one of a Master Mason.

However, during the third degree ceremony we are informed that the genuine secrets of a master mason have been lost. If the third degree in Freemasonry is the highest degree attainable, it follows that these lost secrets cannot be restored in any of the additional degrees, otherwise these additional degrees would necessarily be higher since they would be providing superior knowledge by unveiling the Master Mason's secrets.

What are these secrets? Is the lost word a repository of ancient knowledge? According to Albert Mackey:

The mythical history of Freemasonry informs us that there once existed a WORD of surpassing value, and claiming a profound generation; that this Word was known to but few; that it was at length lost; and that a temporary substitute for it was adopted. But as the very philosophy of Masonry teaches us that there can be no death without a resurrection, - no decay without a subsequent restoration, - on the same principle it follows that the loss of the Word must suppose its eventual recovery.²

What is the meaning of this lost word within the allegorical and symbolic system of Freemasonry? In Freemasonry, nothing is what it seems at first glance and the lost word, therefore, potentially must stand for something else.

If the lost word is at the core of the Masonic secret it is quite clear that the only 'literal' secrets that we encounter in Freemasonry, which we have sworn to never reveal, are the passwords associated to the



secret signs of the degrees. These signs and tokens have a twofold purpose: recognition amongst the brethren on the one hand and as building blocks of the ritual itself on the other. These are the only 'secrets' of Freemasonry, at least in a literal sense and are the only words and descriptions omitted from our ritual books, which anyone can buy over the counter or online. Even our passwords and tokens can be found on anti-Masonic web sites.

Of course, these passwords and signs mean absolutely nothing outside of the context of

¹ A. Nataf, The Occult

² A. Mackey, The Symbolism of Freemasonry



Freemasonry.

For Albert Mackey, the lost word is a symbol that stands for 'Divine truth' and that can only be attained in the afterlife. Perhaps this is why the Royal Arch is defined as the continuation of the third degree as it is often said that Craft Freemasonry concerns itself with the relationship of man with himself and others, whereas the Royal Arch focuses on man's relationship with God and the Divine.

The newly raised Master Mason has re-enacted the death of Hiram and thus confronted the idea of his own mortality. Could it be that the Hiramic legend itself is a 'substituted secret'? To the profane or uninitiated, the Hiramic legend is, quite literally, a secret since finding out about it "from the outside" is an esoteric quest in spite of the fact that there is plenty of material about this legend both online and in the bookshops. This wouldn't suffice anyway, since Freemasonry must be experienced to convey its meaning.

Taken literally, the Hiramic legend doesn't seem to have direct relevance for the newly raised Master and appears to be solely the catalyst for the theme of mortality and resurrection dealt in the degree. Hiram refuses to reveal the secrets of the temple and it is because of this that he is killed. This moral lesson fits in with the Masonic obligation of secrecy, which is mentioned several times in the ritual but has a deeper significance:

The sacrifice of Hiram has been likened to that of Christ; the glaring difference, however, is that Hiram does not die to take away man's sins but in order to 'open up the way' and encourage mankind to pursue the work he had begun in his own lifetime.¹

There are Masonic writers who see the Masonic secret in terms of scientific knowledge. One of these authors is Kevin L. Gest, who in his book, "The secrets of Solomon's Temple" defends the theory that early Freemasonry and the Mystery schools before it, communicated to the initiate scientific knowledge of great value. This makes perfect sense and doesn't exclude the subsequent reinventions of Freemasonry from being operative to speculative and, dare I say, a system of spirituality.

Classic Masonic writer Manly Palmer Hall returns to the main idea of what the lost word might be:

Isis is said to have conjured the invincible God of Eternity, Rd, to tell her his secret and sacred name, which he did. This name is equivalent to the Lost Word of Masonry. According to Christian mysticism, when the Lost Word is found it is discovered in a stable, surrounded by beasts and marked by a star.²

This notion of a lost word related to the secret name of God probably stemmed from the Jews during their stay in Egypt and has been imported by Western mystics and adepts of Alchemy, Numerology and the Cabbala throughout the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. At some moment in time, this notion may have crossed over into Freemasonry.

If the secret equalled scientific knowledge or had mystical and religious connotations, it would appear that these no longer have currency and that the lost word is a metaphor for another secret.

Scientific knowledge is now in the hands of huge corporations and governments and in a world in which religion and spirituality have almost become commodities mystical quests are down to each individual.

¹ A. Nataf, The Occult

² Manly P. Hall, The Secret Teachings of All Ages.



'Finding' the name of God is one of the parts that constitute the ritual of the Royal Arch; the discovered name used to be a composite and fictional name that attracted criticism from the Church, because of which a new word is currently used in the ritual.

I am not yet a Companion but I know what these words are since they can be found with a little research. I will not disgrace myself by writing them down in this essay but the fact of the matter is that all these Masonic passwords, signs and tokens can be accessed by the uninitiated. This ultimately signifies that these passwords are substituted secrets anyway, i.e. in spite of the fact that as Freemasons we should never disclose them, the real secret is something else that is hidden beyond them.

Julian Rees, in his excellent book "Making Light," provides us with the most eloquent insight I have encountered to date on what the nature of the secret could be. Referring to the allusion made by the Senior Warden at the closure in the third degree, Julian Rees has this to say:

This seems perplexing, even perverse. Taken at face value, it seems to say that although you have progressed through this degree, and although you have been raised as a Master Mason, yet the genuine secrets are not there; you must be content with substituted secrets. This is clearly not so: through the ceremony of raising, you have symbolically achieved a state of oneness with Divinity. You have indeed embraced the genuine secret, namely knowledge of God and the Self. Once you have achieved that state, nothing can ever take it away. This is a puzzle for which, once again, allegories are there to help us. The lesson of this exchange with the Wardens is that through the restorative and transformative power of God, you have achieved a state of Divine grace, but this is your alone. You cannot communicate it to another, not even a fellow Master Mason. A substituted secret is a verbal symbol, since the true secret is beyond the ability of language to communicate.¹

Perhaps the Masonic secret is none other than the personal experience of each initiated candidate, of each Freemason. A secret that is personal, individual and impossible to communicate through conventional language. A secret that may only be unveiled in the afterlife and that is bound to be incomplete because God and our own existence are the eternal mysteries by which our own condition as humans is defined.

Author: Darren Lorente

¹ J. Rees, Making Light: a Handbook for Freemasons



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