

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003
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. . . Freemasonry has much to learn in engaging wider civil society as it did so well in the age of Enlightenment; drawing in and advancing ideas concerning print culture and the free and open flow of information.

- Roosevelt Center for the Study of Civil Society and Freemasonry,

The Future of Freemasonry-2012

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

By the time you are reading this message for our November newsletter, Halloween and all the parties and trick and treats will be history. Every year it's the same problem, how much to buy. I can't seem to throw out all the extra treats left over and you can easily guess who ends up eating all of them. With my tour of the Banquet tables on going for the year, that's an extra calorie add on I don't need.



Daylight Saving Time ends in November, the clocks roll back an hour and by the time its 5 pm, it's getting dark out, makes for a short day.

November is also the start to growing a moustache for the month, (for those who can) to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as depression, prostate cancer and other male cancers and associated charities. The goal of November is to "Change the Face of Men's Health."

District events for November, three Lodge Installations, a reception and three Ladies Nights. Our District Web Site Events Page and newsletters also have dates and times of these events. Please support them as much as possible.

Congratulations to R.W. Bro. Keith Jones, Member of the Board of General



Purposes and Chairman of the Youth Initiative Committee on his being awarded “The Honorary Legion of Honour”, the highest honour that DeMolay International confers. A testament to his commitment and that of the committee members in working to support the promotion of Youth Initiatives

October was a very active month, with six Installations. Congratulations to our newly Installed Worshipful Masters and their Officers. At the 1,000th meeting of Canada Lodge, Tuesday, October 6, Bro. Bill McKeown had the Honour and Distinction to be Installed as the 100th Worshipful Master of Canada Lodge No. 532 G.R.C. Truly, an evening for him to always remember.

The Official Visit to Doric Lodge 424 G.R.C. Thursday October 15 went very well and was well supported by the District Brethren. Doric Lodge has a tradition of presenting to the D.D.G.M. a bushel of apples at the banquet hour, in front of him, at the banquet table. In my entire life, they are the most apples that I have ever possessed at one time. They were delicious and good use was made of them. Thank you Brethren of Doric Lodge.

It was a pleasure to attend a reception for V.W. Bro. Charles Frankland, held by the Brethren of Birch Cliff Lodge No. 612 G.R.C., in honour of his Grand Lodge appointment as Grand Stewart, for his service and duty as past District Secretary for T.E.D.

The Mechanics of the work held their final class for 2015 on Saturday October 24th. I enjoyed sharing the morning with the Brethren and being part of the work of the morning. Classes to resume starting January 2016. Why not make a New Year’s Resolution to start attending these very informative learning sessions. Remember, “Knowledge = Confidence”.

On Saturday October 24th, Doric Lodge held their annual Honoured Ladies luncheon with a meet and greet at 11 am and lunch at 12. Our District Secretary and I had a very enjoyable visit with the Ladies and lodge Brethren and thank them for inviting us to share this time with them.

Each year in November, hundreds of Commemorative Ceremonies and events take place across the country to Commemorate Veterans Week and Remembrance Day. These are opportunities for all Canadians to recognize the contributions our Veterans have made and to Honour those who made the Ultimate Sacrifice on behalf of us all. Remember and Honour our Veterans, wear a Poppy. Attend our Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

- Markham Remembrance Ceremony Sat. Nov. 7 Gather 9:30 am.
- Claremont Remembrance Ceremony Sun. Nov. 8 Gather 1:30 pm.
- Scarborough Remembrance Ceremony Sun. Nov. 8 Gather 1:15 pm.

Brethren, as always, I look forward to greeting you.

May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over us all.

Knowledge = Confidence; Never Stop Learning.

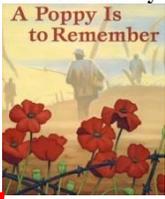
Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Dean M. Bergerson
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



EVENTS CALENDAR:

November 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<p>November! If you can't grow one - support someone who can.</p> 		<p>1 Daylight Savings Ends Time to fall back Turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday</p> 
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<p><u>4</u> * Markham Union - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont</p>	<p><u>5</u> * The Beaches - Military Degree Team see below York</p>	<p><u>6</u> * Wexford - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>7</u> * TED - Markham Remembrance Service see below Markham Veterans Hall</p>	<p><u>8</u> Feast of the Four Crowned Martyrs * TED - Claremont Remembrance Service see below Claremont Legion</p>
<p><u>9</u> * Acacia - Reception - V.W. Bro. John W. Barnes-Assistant Grand Chaplain Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>10</u> Diwali</p>	<p><u>11</u> Remembrance Day </p>	<p><u>12</u> * Todmorden - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto * Coronati - Journey of Remembrance Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>13</u> * Ontario Chapter - OES - Annual Charity Bazaar see below Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>14</u> * West Hill - Ladies Night see below Scarboro Golf & Country Club</p>	<p><u>15</u> * TED - Scarborough Remembrance Service see below Scarborough Civic Centre</p>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<p><u>19</u> * Alpha-Tuscan - 50 and 60 Years a Mason Anniversaries Tom & Don Perry Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto</p>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<p><u>28</u> * Doric - Ladies Night see below 4 Seasons Golf & Country Club</p>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u>						



December 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> * West Hill - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto * Rainbow Girls - Family Christmas Dinner see below Doric Pickering	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Hanukah 
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Bodhi Day	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * Georgina - Reception - M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew-Past Grand Master see below Etobicoke	<u>11</u> * Birch Cliff - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
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<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> First Day of Winter 	<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 Anniversary - Grand Lodge of England Formed in 1813
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> New Year's Eve 			



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

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

Our Grand Master is continuing the project started by M. W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, to support three prostate cancer research projects. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers). It is the 3rd leading cause of death from cancer in men in Canada.



According to The Canadian Cancer Society, it is estimated that in 2015: -

- 24,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. This represents 24% of all new cancer cases in men in 2015.
- 4,100 men will die from prostate cancer. This represents 10% of all cancer deaths in men in 2015.
- On average, 66 Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer every day.
- On average, 11 Canadian men will die from prostate cancer every day.

For more information, or to contribute to this cause that has affected so many, please contact
Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or 416.723.5507 or
Eric Lakien: eric@lakien.com

Have the courage to say, "No." Have the courage to face the truth. Do the right thing because it is right. These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity.
- Bro. W. (William) Clement Stone (1902-2002)

Toronto East Masonic Centre

Patience is not about doing nothing. Patience is about constantly doing everything you can. But being patient about results.
- Anonymous

The Board is pleased to announce we have signed a Letter of Intent for a joint venture with 1435501 Ontario Inc. to develop the project we have all been patiently waiting for. It is our hope by December 31st we will have a final agreement for the development.



While the Chrysler lease has expired, we have not accepted the keys, on recommend of our lawyer, until we have an agreement on the end of lease costs. Both parties are awaiting a third party report on the small area that the second level environmental report indicates has minor contamination. We can report both sides are close to an agreement. Until it is resolved, Chrysler is still occupying the site and responsible for the associated costs.

The Financial Statements for Year ending October 31, 2014 have not been received by the Board from our Auditors. They requested additional information on the mortgage and because of change our lawyers, when the Board composition changed, the information was late coming from our previous lawyer despite multiple requests. The Auditors received this information in October and expect to have the Statements to us for our next Board meeting. Our Treasurer has been working hard to resolve this issue. He has also advised us that the audit documentation for the Year ending October 31, 2015 will be provided to the auditors shortly after the year-end as the majority of the bookkeeping is already done.



If you have questions, we will gladly answer them at projectco@outlook.com.

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- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373

FYI

Richard E. Byrd and his pilot Bernt Balchen, both brothers, dropped Masonic flags over the north and south poles. Brother Balchen also tossed his Shrine Fez on the South Pole.

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

Smile !



I Did Not Know That !

We think of ourselves as being somewhere on a spectrum between being 'liberal' or 'conservative'; between a 'left' and a 'right.' These terms come from the French Legislative Assembly of 1791, where monarchists sat on the right and anti-monarchists sat on the left.

- thanks to Bro. Anon Y. Mous

Doric 125th Anniversary Official Visit

One hundred and twenty-five years ago, Doric Lodge #424 was established in the bustling crossroads of what was called Duffin's Creek, because Duffin owned the mill in the area. It was a very rural area as indicated by the name of the community where the most important thing was a mill. However, as things would have it, the community was one day's ride by horse and buggy or wagon from the growing metropolis of Toronto. Several small hotels sprang up to service the tired travellers, and that business



increased because more than four separate railways made the community a hub for their activities. Several of these hotels became the location for Doric`s meetings in those early years.

The Official Visit for Doric Lodge was established as the Thursday of the full moon in October. In today`s measurement of time, which has abandoned phases of the moon, that works out to approximately the third Thursday in October. That is also the time of our Thanksgiving. Serendipitous!

What could be more appropriate for such a lodge than to present to the D.D.G.M. a portion of the bounty produced in the farming community?

Thus, for approximately 125 years, it has been the tradition to present the visiting D.D.G.M. with a bushel of their best apples.



R.W. Bro. Dean M. Bergerson wondering what he`s going to do with a full bushel of apples. Beside him is the Worshipful Master of Doric #424, W. Bro. Terry Spalding-Martin, wondering what the chances are of him getting a homemade apple pie out of this. Slim, I think!

Ajax Spending \$1 Million to Upgrade Masonic Hall

The Town [of Ajax] will be spending almost \$1 million to restore the Doric Pickering Masonic Hall.

Ajax recently purchased the hall, at the corner of Highway 2 [Kingston Rd.] and Mill St. in Pickering Village from the Masons.

Restoration work [will] cost about \$1.4 million, with the Town contributing \$972,000, while the federal government is paying \$434,800.



The original hall was built by the Society of Friends (Quaker) Congregation in 1867. It was heavily damaged by a fire caused by a lightning strike in 1908 and was rebuilt. It was bought by Doric Lodge in 1943.

The restoration work won`t start until November of next year and will take about one year to complete.



Work includes a new foundation, . . . structural upgrades making the building fully Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act accessible, masonry repairs, [and] upgrades to the electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems.

- News Advertiser, October 22 2015

Mechanics of the Work Classes

The fall session of classes has ended. Those who have been attending the classes feel a lot better about their performance in the lodge. Those who haven't - well, same old - same old. There will be another opportunity to take advantage of the classes starting in January. Take a shot and come out; you'll enjoy it.

You will note that in the notice for the classes it mentions lousy coffee and day-old sticky buns.



Here is our ubiquitous DDGM wondering how he can get rid of this without someone noticing.

Come out for the classes in the spring. If you find a stale old mouldy bun with a bite out of it, you'll know where (and when) it came from. ☺

I Was Wondering

In the Masonic Year of 1976 - 1977, with M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew as D.D.G.M., the Education Committee of Toronto Masonic District No. 3 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario under the direction of R.W. Bro. Frank J. Bruce, P.D.D.G.M. complied 47 questions that were sent to the late W. Bro. Harry Carr P.J.G.D., Past Secretary and Editor of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 United Grand Lodge of England. These are his answers. It is to be noted that the answers refer to the Ritual and customs of the Grand Lodge of England in 1976.

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

What does the “Broken Column” signify?

It is an emblem of mortality and it has no place in our English ritual. In many of our Lodges, it is used as a collecting-box for Alms, but it has no status as a Masonic symbol. In the USA it



appears with other symbols in many of the monitorial workings, associated, I believe, with the Master Mason Degree.

What does the “Hoodwink” symbolize?

The purpose of this term is to ensure that in case a Candidate refuses to undergo the ceremony, he may be led out of the Lodge without discovering its form. (First Lecture, Section II). The symbolism of the Hoodwink is the darkness of ignorance until the light of Masonry is made known to the Candidate.

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Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Masonic Building - New York 1964 World Fair
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.

*Each morning we are born again. What we do today is what matters most.
- The Buddha [Prince Gautama Siddharta] (563-483 BC)*

Sunday November 1 2015

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, only 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

Thursday November 5 2015

The Beaches - Military Degree Team

The Work of the evening will be the Raising of Bro. (Cpl.) Alex Chan.

The theme of the evening will be a tribute to the military and Remembrance Day, including a tribute to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice with "The Empty Chair Ceremony".

All brethren are invited to join us for this solemn evening and show their appreciation for the military, and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice protecting our liberties and freedoms.

Late banquet to follow.

Time: 7:30 pm - Visitors
Location: York Temple
Contact: Joe Curry @ joseph.curry1@gmail.com or 647.893.6298 or
Russ Richardson @ russ-driver@hotmail.com or 647.222.5855

Saturday November 7 2015

Markham Remembrance Service



Service starts at 10:00 am followed by the Parade to the Cenotaph and a wreath laying ceremony at approximately 11:00 am. You should arrive between 9:30 and 9:50 am to get a seat 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. N. (Washington and Hwy #7), Markham, ON
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ grimblebybm@ymail.com or 905.472.8124



Saturday November 7 2015

Ontario Chapter OES - Annual Charity Bazaar

This year our chapter is supporting the *Music and Memory iPod Project* in Durham Region which aims to provide the means and opportunity for a person living with dementia to experience the benefits of listening to well loved, meaningful music, to help reduce unpleasant emotions.



There will be a waffle and sausage breakfast, a selection of homemade soup for lunch, crafts, books, baking and a white elephant table.

All are welcome. The more, the merrier.

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Melanie Stoughton

The Plumblin

Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumblin, with a plumblin in his hand.

And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, a plumblin.

Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumblin in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more.¹

On this topic, Most Wor. Bro. Claudy writes,²

“This passage from the Great Light is as much a part of the ritual of the Fellowcraft’s Degree as the 133rd Psalm is of the Entered Apprentice’s Degree, and has the same intimate connection with the teachings of this ceremony.

“The vital and important part is this: the Lord set a plumb line in the midst of his people Israel. He did not propose to judge them by a plumb line afar off in another land, in high heaven, but here - here in the midst of them.

“This is of intense interest to the Fellowcraft Mason, since it teaches him how he should judge his own work - and, more important, how he should judge the work of others.

“Presumably plumb lines hang alike. Presumably all plumbs, like all squares and all levels, are equally accurate. Yet a man may use a tool thinking it accurate which to another is not true. If the tool of building and the tool of judging be not alike, either the judgment must be inaccurate or the judge must take into consideration the tool by which the work was done.

“By the touch system, a blind man may learn to write upon a typewriter. If a loosened type drops from the type bar when the blind man strikes the letter “e” he will make but a little black smudge upon the paper. It is perfectly legible; in this sentence every “e” but one has been smudged. Would you criticize the blind man for imperfect work? He has no means of knowing that his tool is faulty. If you found the smudges which stand for the letter “e” in the right places, showing that he had used his imperfect

¹ Amos 7-8

² Carl H. Claudy (1879-1957), Introduction to Freemasonry-1944



machine perfectly, would you not consider that he had done perfect work? Aye, because you would judge by a plumb line “in the midst” of the man and his work. If, however, the paper with the smudged letters “e” were judged by one who knew nothing of the workman’s blindness, nothing of his typewriter, one who saw only a poor piece of typing, doubtless he would judge it as imperfect.

“The builders of the Washington monument and the Eiffel Tower in Paris both used plumb lines accurate to the level of the latitude and longitude of these structures. Both are at right angles with sea level. Yet to some observer on the moon equipped with a strong telescope these towers would not appear parallel. As they are in different latitudes they rise from the surface of the earth at an angle to each other.

“Doubtless he who engineered the monument would protest that the monument to Washington was right and the French engineer’s tower wrong. The Frenchman, knowing his plumb was accurate, would believe the monument crooked. But the Great Architect, we may hope, would think both right knowing each was perfect by the plumb by which it was erected.

“The Fellowcraft learns to judge his work by his own plumb line, not by another’s; if he erects that which is good work, true work, square work by his own working tools - in other words, by his own standards - he does well. Only when a Fellowcraft is false to his own conscience is he building other than fair and straight.”

Author: Carl H. Claudy
Introduction to Freemasonry
5944

Saturday November 7 2015

West Hill - Ladies Night

A Night to Honour Our Ladies and a night to kick off the festive season!

A fantastic night! Honour your special lady. Bring your family and friends. It will be a really great night for one and all. Please book the date, phone for your tickets, and be sure to join us for a gourmet meal, great music by our own Jimmy Mack, and loads of fun.



Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Scarborough Golf and Country Club
Cost: \$60 ea
Contact: Gerry Ouellette @ gerry.ouellette@rogers.com or 416.412.1572

Sunday November 8 2015

Diwali

Diwali is a significant 5-day festival in the East Indian communities of 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

Sunday November 8 2015

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.

Sunday November 8 2015

Claremont Remembrance Service



Form-up will be at 1:30 pm for a wreath laying ceremony at the legion at 2:00 pm.

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

Time: 2:00 pm - Wreath Laying Ceremony

Location: Claremont Legion

4947 Old Brock Rd. Claremont, ON

Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@xplornet.ca or 416.518.2242

Sunday November 8 2015

Scarborough Remembrance Service

It has always been 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 who we are as Canadians and Masons. They will see us at our best.



This is a unique opportunity that will have lasting benefits for our district. On behalf of the DDGM, I hope you will join us at this important event.

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

Time: 1:00 pm - Assembly
1:30 pm - Parade
2:00 pm - Wreath Laying Ceremony

Location: Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Dr., Scarborough ON

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

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 28 2015

Doric - Ladies Night

Enjoy a lovely evening in a setting decorated in a great Christmas fashion. 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: \$60 ea
Contact: Wayne Nicholson @ nicholson8326@gmail.com or 289.387.1145



*When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.
- Paulo Coelho, character The King of Salem, The Alchemist-1993*

Wednesday December 2 2015

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.

You know there is a chance you won't get enough turkey this Christmas! No ticket sales at the door. Please **RSVP** ASAP.

Time: 7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$18 ea
Contact: Dale Davies @ dale_davies63@yahoo.ca or 416.438.0011



Saturday December 5 2015

The Millennium - Christmas Dinner Theatre

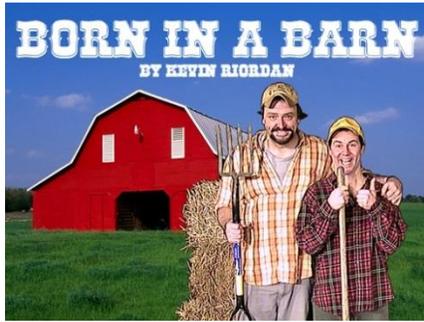
The Millennium is the association of former Toronto District 3, who became the Masters of their respective lodges for the year 2000, hence The Millennium.

In the winter, shortly before Christmas, it has been their practice to get together for dinner and a play at the Live Act, formerly Class Act, Dinner Theatre in Whitby.

This year, Live Act is presenting a comedy, Born in a Barn.

“All about Christmas in the Canadian countryside. Local boy Gary Gosnell runs a Funny Farm/Eco Tourism Attraction with his new friend and former city slicker Gerry Swartz. Together the two men educate school kids and entertain seniors’ bus tours with their menagerie of misfit livestock. . . .”





The purpose of this event is to bring people together and have a laugh. There is no fund raising element. Prices are for the dinner and the play. It is a buffet, consisting of salads, several entrees, including roast beef, pasta, potatoes, and plenty of desserts. You will not go hungry. All alcohol is extra.

All are welcome. This is an evening for family and friends.

The price requires a group of 16 or more. To ensure that number has been reached, an **RSVP** is required before October 15 2015.

Time: 6:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Live Act Dinner Theatre
104 Consumers Dr., Whitby, ON, L1N 1C4
Cost: \$61.00 ea for a group of 16 or more
Contact: Mike Ikonomidis @ gayandmike@sympatico.ca or 905.668.9930

Friday December 11 2015

Georgina - Reception in Honour of M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew Past Grand Master 1993 - 1995

Celebrating his 60 years a Mason and 20 years a Past Grand Master. The Grand Master will be in attendance.

Masons Only. Finger foods to follow. Please **RSVP**.

Time: 7:00 pm - Lodge opens
7:30 pm - Visitors received
Location: Etobicoke Temple
596 Renforth Dr.
Contact: George McCowan @ georgina343secretary@yahoo.ca



... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Cathedral Builders

Tonight we look at the Cathedral Builders, those men who not only laid the foundations of the most magnificent buildings of the world, but built the foundations for modern day freemasonry.

What the earliest Freemasons did was truly mystical. They went into rock quarries and carved huge stones. They transported gigantic blocks weighing thousands of pounds and raised them high in the air to construct soaring cathedral walls that defied gravity. They could peer at a small drawing on a tracing board and through the mysterious art of geometry, build monuments to God that have stood for nearly a thousand years.

Freemasons jealously guarded their trade secrets - secrets not even divulged to the bishops, priests, or kings who employed the masons. The oldest surviving document recording rules for Freemasons is the Regius Manuscript dated 1390 and is now found in the British Museum in London England. It describes the standards of morality and conduct that Masons were expected to abide by. It covers the workmanship, a moral code, rules for membership, and an especially strong desire for friendship among the members. Although the rules have changed just a bit through the centuries, the essential structure of government of our own modern lodges can be found in this document.

Guilds were developed to train men in the skills needed to construct these magnificent buildings, to enforce a standard of workmanship, and to hold their members to these high standards - as well as to protect their valuable trade secrets.

Master Masons were in possession of the Master's word and grip, the secret method they used to recognize each other. It was a simple way to quickly identify themselves as a trained member of the guild. Apprentices began as young as twelve, and were indentured to a Master mason for seven years and going through an initiation ceremony after three years. They too were given signs of recognition to identify themselves as a Mason's apprentice and were granted permission to have their own mark or symbol to be carved into stone that was their own. After the seven years training, they became a Fellow of the Craft and in time an experienced Master Mason.

Freemasons today use the term operative and speculative to describe the difference between the two types of Freemasonry. Operative masonry refers to the time before 1700 and describes the period when



Freemasons were really working with stones, chisels and hammers. After the operative masons began to be replaced by "admitted" or "gentleman" masons, the order changed into a philosophical, fraternal, and charitable organization, and became known as speculative Freemasonry. As an identifying symbol, speculative Masons adopted the working tools of the operative Masons: the compass and the square.

The architect of a medieval cathedral project was a true intellectual. He possessed specialized knowledge that few others had. He had to know about mathematics, geometry, physics, art and



even literature. He had to communicate well, because he verbally passed along plans to his workmen, who could not read anyway. He had to be well versed in the Bible, because much of the decoration that was carved in the stone and designed in the stain-glass windows of these cathedrals was meant to tell biblical stories without words. The architects and cathedral builders of the Middle Ages really were liberal arts and science majors.

All Masons believe in a Supreme Being - the Great Architect of the Universe. It is not surprising that metaphors drawn from architecture feature prominently in our Masonic symbolism. Such metaphors serve to teach basic moral rules. A Perfect Ashlar, for instance, is a stone that has been hewn, smoothed and polished so as to be fit for use in building. In Masonic ritual, it is a symbol of the state of perfection that can be attained by means of education. In contrast, a Rough Ashlar, an unworked stone, is a symbol of man's natural state of ignorance.

In conclusion, for masons, architecture means to construct according to design and purpose and to organize in proportion and symmetry. It continues to be architecture, regardless of whether it is a building that is being constructed, as in Operative Masonry, or a human life that is being planned, as in speculative Masonry. According to our Masonic beliefs, the science of how an actual building is constructed provides wisdom as to how to build a spiritual temple within one's own soul and collectively for the whole of mankind.

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