

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT
(Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter - 2008)

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October 1, 2009

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Every Freemason, when he is initiated into the craft, is taught to consider human life as a journey. He would faint with fatigue, lose himself in unknown roads, or fall over a high precipice if he was not supported, faithfully conducted, and frequently warned. By these means he arrives in safety at the end of his journey, and is permitted to receive light himself, that he may be able to support, lead, and warn others when traveling on the same road.

*- Bro. Albert G. Mackey (1807-1881),
Masonry Defined*

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

Brethren,

I welcome you all back to your lodges as our Masonic sessions begin.

I have already attended several receptions for our Very Worshipful Grand Stewards as well as Installations both in our Toronto East District and Ontario District. Remember to get out to lodges in your district and support them. Visitations make for an interesting evening and a wonderful opportunity to meet new brethren. Even if you are not an Installed Master you will find it knowledgeable to see officers invested as all that ceremony takes place in the first degree.

Please consult your trestle board for several upcoming installations as well as the 100th Year celebrations at Riverdale John Ross Robertson Lodge on Saturday October 3rd.

Our Blood Donor Clinics are in full swing and your contributions are seriously needed at all times of the year. Please support our wonderful committee in their endeavours to increase donations. They are also looking for non-donor assistance if you can spare some time.

We have made arrangements with the assistance of V.W. Bro. Ervin S. Aspiras and V.W. Bro. Leyland Muss to obtain several education presentations from Grand Lodge. I ask you to appoint a Past Master in your lodge as contact for these brethren to be able to arrange to get education information to you for presentation on a regular basis. Supply those contact names to our District Secretary, now.



All Installing Masters, be aware that we are planning a Lodge of Instruction in executing this important ceremony for your benefit. Consult the trestle board for contact information. Please be certain you are working from the latest Book of Installation dated 2007.

Grand Lodge has also aided in expediting this ceremony by now allowing the collection of all collars by the Director of Ceremonies at the opening of lodge, prior to the investiture of officers.

Remember those brothers who do not regularly attend lodge, invite them and your widows to attend your Installations.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Thomas E. Norris
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

October

Thursday October 1, 2009

Alpha-Tuscan - **Installation**
Visitors by 8:00 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday October 3, 2009

Toronto East District - **Mechanics of The Work - 3 of 6**
9:00 am to Noon
Les Armitage - 416.598.4794
Dennis Rankin - 416.691.1704
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday October 3, 2009

Riverdale-J.R. Robertson - **100 Year Anniversary**
Lodge opens at 4:30 pm ←
Banquet at 6:30 pm
See notice below
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Monday October 5, 2009

Mimosa – **Installation and Regalia Presentation for V.W. Bro. Bernard Gibbs, Grand Steward**
Visitors by 8:00 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Tuesday October 6, 2009

Canada - **Installation**
Lodge opens at 7:00 pm
Visitors by 7:30 pm ←
D.D.G.M.'s Lodge
Ajax Masonic Temple

Wednesday October 7, 2009

Brougham Union - **Installation**
Lodge opens at 5:30 pm
Banquet at 6:00 pm ←
Visitors by 7:30 pm
Claremont Masonic Temple

Monday October 12, 2009

Thanksgiving Day
Despite the summer, we still have a lot to be thankful for. I'm thankful for Pepto Bismal!



November

Sunday November 1, 2009

Daylight Savings Ends!
This is to make sure we all know summer (*What Summer ?!*) is over. Set your clocks back the night before.



Thursday November 5, 2009

The Beaches - **Reception for V.W. Bro. Donald Shipley**
Banquet at 6:00 pm ←
Visitors by 8:00 pm
Ladies and friends welcome
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday November 6, 2009

Wexford - **Installation**
Visitors by 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday November 7, 2009

Toronto East District – **Markham Remembrance Day Service and Parade**
See notice below
Markham Cenotaph

Saturday November 7, 2009

West Hill - **Ladies Night**
See notice below
Sisters' Banquet Hall

Sunday November 8, 2009

Toronto East District – **Scarborough Remembrance Day Parade and Service**
See notice below
Scarborough Civic Centre

Wednesday November 11, 2008

Remembrance Day
The only day of the year when we are asked to remember those who voluntarily fought, bled and died, and are still doing so, in order that we can live in luxury with the rights and privileges we have. They gave ALL they had. Take a moment.



Tuesday October 13, 2009
Universe - **Installation**
Visitors by 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Wednesday October 14, 2009
Friendship - **Official Visit**
Visitors by 8:00 pm
Ajax Masonic Temple

Thursday October 15, 2009
Doric - **Official Visit**
Visitors by 7:30 pm ←
Ajax Masonic Temple

Saturday October 17, 2009
Toronto East District - **Mechanics of The Work - 4 of 6**
9:00 am to Noon
Les Armitage - 416.598.4794
Dennis Rankin - 416.691.1704
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday October 17, 2009
Toronto East District - **Grand Lodge of Instruction**
Opens 9:00 am Sharp!
Etobicoke Masonic Temple (596 Renforth)

Monday October 19, 2009
Caledonia - **Installation**
See notice below
Visitors by 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Wednesday October 21, 2009
Cathedral - **Installation**
Lodge opens at 5:30 pm
Banquet at 6:30 pm ←
Visitors by 7:30 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Friday October 23, 2009
Zetland-Wilson - **Reception for V.W. Bro. Richard Carveth**
Visitors by 8:00 pm
Ladies and friends welcome
York Masonic Temple

Saturday October 24, 2009
Toronto East District - **Mechanics of The Work - 5 of 6**
9:00 am to Noon
Les Armitage - 416.598.4794
Dennis Rankin - 416.691.1704
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Wednesday November 11, 2009
The Imperial East Gate - **Installation**
Visitors by 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday November 12, 2009
Todmorden - **Installation**
Visitors by 8:00 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday November 14, 2009
Birch Cliff - **Ladies Night**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday November 27, 2009
Toronto East District - **Blood Donor Clinic**
See notice below
St. Aidan's Anglican Church

Saturday November 28, 2009
Doric - **Ladies Night**
See notice below
Four Seasons Golf and Country Club



Thursday October 29, 2009

Scarborough Masonic Temple Corp. - **Special
General Meeting**

7:00 pm

See notice below

Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday October 31, 2009

Toronto East District - **Mechanics of The Work - 6
of 6**

9:00 am to Noon

Les Armitage - 416.598.4794

Dennis Rankin - 416.691.1704

East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday October 31, 2009

Halloween

I know it's you under that
stupid mask. Stop stealing
the kid's candies!



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

WindReach Farm strives to enrich the lives of persons of all ages with disabilities and/or special needs by providing opportunities to enjoy experiences in farming, nature, outdoor recreation and other activities and to share those experiences with family and friends.

WindReach Farm receives very little funding from the government and relies on private donations. A person only has to visit the farm once to see what a great place it is for disabled people.



Contact: Todd Owens @ 678@yrp.ca or 416.722.0843
Bill Utton @ 905.831.6256

Bless you, prison, for having been in my life. The meaning of earthly existence lies, not as we have grown used to thinking, in prospering, but in the development of the soul.

- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1918-2008), Nobel Literature Prize-1970

Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are officially a Partners For Life entity with the Canadian Blood Services. We have established some dates for future clinics at St. Aidan's Anglican Church. Any brother in Toronto East District that may wish to assist at these clinics, thus getting their Lodge 'credits' for the amount of donation's made at the clinic may contact the brethren shown below.

Don't be concerned if you are unable to give blood at any of the indicated Blood Donor Clinics. If you wish to be a donor, find yourself a Blood Donor Clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge.

Do your part and "Be an everyday hero today" by attending the clinics when they are announced.

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday November 27, 2009
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Friday January 26, 2010 - tentative
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222



Book your appointment time in advance 1-888-2-DONATE and your visit will be quicker. For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics, go to

www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu

Contact: Fred Bryant @ etd.blooddonors@gmail.com or 416.421.6762
Doug Gray @ dagmortgages@rogers.com or 416.266.0783
Jim McKinnon Jr. @ jmckinnonjr@gmail.com or 905.250.0190

Notice!

A new District Masonic year commences. All subscribers to **Hiram's Lighthouse** have received a message asking them to renew their subscription. Just follow the simple instructions to renew. Neglecting this simple request means being cut from the subscription list.

Historic Masonic Gavel Missing

We are searching for a missing Masonic Gavel that was used at the dedication of the Masonic Temple at 888 Yonge Street in 1918.

This gavel was last seen in the possession of the manager of 888 Yonge Street in 1992. He had found it in the temple building. Its current whereabouts are unknown. We request your assistance in locating it and having it placed in the Grand Lodge Museum.

If you have any information to assist in our search please advise –

Paul Skazin @ skazin@sympatico.ca or

Charlie Reid @ charlie.reid@sympatico.ca

Scarborough Masonic Temple Construction Delays



Many are aware that the Scarborough Temple has to undertake some fairly substantial remodelling work to our storage lockers and fire exits in order to comply with the orders of Toronto Fire Department. We had hoped to complete the work during the summer recess, however the summer work stoppage by city employees has delayed the issuance of a building permit.

After numerous delays, starting with the strike, the building permit was received on Friday September 11, 2009.

The contractor, Macron Construction, has been instructed to organize his forces and we hope to see the actual work commence on or about September 21st.



If the project does not encounter any further hitches we should be finished on or about October 18th.

There will be a considerable amount of disruption in the anteroom at the top of the main stair and we beg your indulgence, understanding and patience.

To the Masters and Secretaries - please note that we tried to secure a set of used regalia, collars, wands, working tools etc. that could be left in the Lodge for the use of all during the construction period but alas, we have been unsuccessful in our endeavours. Each Lodge will therefore have to ensure they bring their regalia with them for their meetings.

WE DO NOT ADVISE LEAVING ANYTHING IN THE BUILDING AS THERE WILL BE NO SECURE STORAGE UNTIL THE WORK IS COMPLETED.
WE APOLOGISE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

Tiler's Sword M.I.A.

Possibly associated with the above notice - Scarboro Lodge is in the embarrassing situation of having mislaid their Tiler's sword. It was likely left in the bracket at Scarborough Temple and hopefully recovered by another lodge. It is four feet long, rapier blade, blackened bronze finish with cruciform guard and inscription on the blade dating to 1938. The scabbard was not lost. Fame, acclaim and many drinks await anyone knowing of its whereabouts.

If you have any information to assist in our search please advise –

Frank MacKay @ frank_mackay@hotmail.com

Masonic Relief for Cuba

Masonic Relief for Cuba has been sending prescription and non-prescription drugs to Cuba for the last ten or so years. We now have 4 lodges we work with closely, plus the Grand Lodge of Cuba and the Masonic Home for the aged. These lodges are composed of many good and dedicated Brethren. Many walk several kilometres to get to lodge. Whatever assistance goes to Havana stays in Havana.

see <http://nelsonking.ca>.

The Lodges that we work with on a one-to-one basis are: -

1- R.L. Aurelio Miranda Alvarez,

2- R.L. Redencion

These are Lodges what we call campo (farm). They seldom get anything.

3- R.L. Humanidad c/o Luciano De Moya,

4- R.L. Logia Modestia Libertad

These two are what we would call country Lodges.

If any Lodge or District is interested in helping our Cuban Brethren or if any Worshipful Master wishes to have a special night to help our Cuban Brother, please contact me and I hopefully will be able to help you do so. My thanks

Nelson King @ nelson.king@rogers.com



It's a Far Cry From His Day Job

Toronto police officer Bill McKee is one of the top town criers in the world

September 15, 2009

MEGAN OGILVIE

STAFF REPORTER

Bill McKee has two uniforms. Both are blue. When he wears his navy shirt and pants, paired with black boots and bronze badge, Const. McKee is charged with keeping the peace in Scarborough's 41 Division.

In his royal blue coat with tails, trimmed with gold and topped with a fluffy lace collar, McKee is a town crier, whose job is to loudly proclaim the news in Oshawa, Uxbridge and the township of Scugog.

Some might call it an odd, old-fashioned hobby. But for the 55-year-old McKee, town crying is a serious business - he is the North American and provincial champion and is considered the No. 6 town crier in the world.



Swapping his police cap for a feathered, tripoint hat also offers a welcome relief from the stress he faces on the force.

"I've spent 35 years seeing the worst in people," says McKee. "This allows me to see the good in people. I just like making folks laugh."

Town crying stretches back hundreds of years, to when town leaders relied on a trusted person with a loud, clear voice to convey proclamations and news, from taxation notices to upcoming executions, to illiterate townsfolk. By the industrial revolution, most towns in England had their own crier and the practice had spread to other countries and British colonies, says McKee.

Today, clusters of criers around the world carry on the tradition at municipal gatherings, parades, fall fairs and town ceremonies. In Ontario, the 54 members of the provincial guild of town criers say their mission is to "uphold the honourable values of Town Crying, (by) loudly crying news, announcements and proclamations to the citizens of our communities and our great nation, Canada."

McKee got hooked on town crying 10 years ago. His older brother, David, was nabbing trophies and accolades across Ontario.

"After watching him at a competition I thought: 'I could do that,'" McKee says. And so he practised and picked up tips and looked for a town near his home in Uxbridge that had an opening for a crier.

McKee became official town crier for Uxbridge in 1999. Soon, he was crying for Scugog and Oshawa. Any doubts about his new pursuit were erased at his first competition.

"I won that very first time. My brother came second," he says with a smile. "I didn't beat him again for two years."

At a recent demonstration of his skill, McKee stands a proud 6-foot-3 on steps leading to Toronto Police Headquarters. His shoulders are thrown back. His barrel chest strains his gold brocade vest. A broad grin creases his face. He is a cheerier, more follicly challenged version of George Washington.



This busy stretch of downtown street - College St., just west of Yonge St. - is bustling. But when McKee rings his three-kilogram bell and cries "Oyez," pedestrians, from bankers to tourists to worn-looking police officers, stop to see who has caught their attention.

McKee is known for his loud, sustained call of "Oyez" - the traditional opening call for criers - which averages an astonishing 37 seconds. It is his signature.

Although McKee claims to have no formal voice training - stints in youth choirs, a year with the Canadian Opera Company in the mid-1970s - any ear can hear this crier has champion chops. His crying voice is deep and buttery and carries just a hint of old-world lilt.

When McKee finishes his demonstration cry with a deep bow, a flourish of his hat and a melodic "God Save the Queen," the pedestrians who are watching the performance offer enthusiastic applause.

In competition, criers are judged on deportment, authenticity of their outfit, the sustained volume of the cry and the cry itself, which can be composed ahead of time or made up on the spot. Judges must dock points from the overall score when a crier goes over or under the required word limit, leaves a prop onstage, or his or her voice breaks.

McKee attributes his winning history to his amicability, his booming voice and the words he pieces together for his call. "I try to write humour in all of my cries," he says. "You practise your art, you develop your art, but you have to be entertaining. Because, who's going to listen to someone who is boring?"

Even though his career with the police force will be over when he retires in five months, McKee has no plans to hang up his feathered, tripoint hat. At 55, he is one of the younger criers in Ontario.

"God willing, I'll be doing this as long as I am able to," he says, letting out a crackling laugh.

"Because this is just too much fun."

- The Toronto Star

photo by Randy Risling / Toronto Star

www.thestar.com

Niagara Falls? – Take the GO

For those of you who have missed it, there are still a few opportunities. **GO Transit** has been running seasonal weekend and holiday train service to Niagara Region, all this summer. This excursion service offers four train trips daily in each direction on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from Saturday, June 27 through to Thanksgiving weekend, Monday, October 12, 2009. This is a 2-hour train ride through some of the prettiest country in southern Ontario with Niagara Falls as the destination.

Fares	Union Station to Niagara Falls
Adult single ride	\$ 15.90
Adult two ride, day pass, or period day pass	\$ 31.80*
Senior / Child single ride	\$ 7.95



Senior / Child two ride, day pass, \$ 15.90*
or period day pass

Group pass or period group pass \$ 63.60*

* Niagara region group and day period passes are available, allowing for overnight stays. These passes are sold at all GO stations, ticket agencies, and on board GO buses, and are only valid for weekend and holiday trips to/from Niagara Falls and St. Catharines VIA Rail stations. Group passes are for a maximum of five people travelling together. At least one, but not more than two members of the group must be aged 18 or over. Large groups should [contact us](#) for more information.

Installations - Organising of Collars and Jewels

After the collars of Lodge Officers have been collected, the Director(s) of Ceremony always have a challenge to quickly and **quietly** organize them in the order in which the Officers will be invested.

The ONLY Officer who MUST wear his collar in Lodge is the W.M.

So, on the night of an Installation and Investiture, simply don't distribute the collars to the other Officers. Sort them in the proper order and place them on the regalia rack before Lodge is even opened.

That way the collars don't have to be collected during the Installation ceremony and - most importantly - they are ready to be handed out once the Investitures begin.

- M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby, The Custodian, Lodge of Instruction Team

Reminder to All Secretaries

The D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Tom Norris has requested several things that need to be cleared up as far as ritual and etiquette.

- (1) A formal invitation MUST BE sent to the D.D.G.M. in good time requesting his attendance at your Installation and or other lodge functions. Sometimes other Masonic activities are conflicting with the schedule, this way if you INVITE him, there is a better chance of getting him for the activity.
- (2) The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels and the PGM Donald Mumby are insisting that the most recent BOOK OF INSTALLATION - 2007 be used in the ceremony. Recently at one Installation a book dating from 1972 was used and confusion ensued.
- (3) After the INSTALLATION, a copy of the List of Officers must be delivered to the D.D.G.M. or the District Secretary as well as mailing one to Grand Lodge. Often the Grand Lodge will want to know which officer is sitting in some chair in the various lodges. One of two Installation ceremonies have passed and we have yet to receive the documents that are required.
- (4) As the ritual is coming under scrutiny by the Grand Master and the PGM, no black books are to be seen during the course of the Ceremony, except the official prompter.
- (5) And finally, THE SUMMONS, please remember that we need three (3) hard copies of your monthly summons, aside from any email documents that are sent. One copy goes to the District Historian; (1) goes to the D.D.G.M.; and (1) goes to the District Secretary.



Thank you all very much for the hard work you have put in. You brethren are the heart and soul of the lodge and I look forward to seeing and working with you all this year.

Ed Russell
District Secretary
Toronto East District

Let's Not Forget Our Youth Groups

Horace Monday Chapter - 93002 (DeMolay)

Meet Every:

2nd and 4th Sunday at 2:00 pm

Whitby Masonic Building,

205 Cochrane St.

Whitby, ON.

Rainbow Girls Toronto Assembly No. 2

Meet Every:

1st Monday and 3rd Wednesday at 7.30 pm

Scarborough Masonic Hall

2201 Ellesmere Rd.

Scarborough, ON.

Brethren can and should wear their regalia to these meetings. For more information, see or call -W. Bro. Gerry Ouellette @ 416-412-1572 or gerry.ouellette@sympatico.ca.
Y.I.C. (Youth Initiatives Committee)

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



Perhaps the quintessential German philosopher, Goethe became a Mason in 1780 at 31 years of age, and remained dedicated to the Order for the rest of his life. Bro. Goethe wrote several poems that reflected his profound sensitivity for the lessons of Freemasonry.

- Masonic Authors, Bro. Shawn Eyer

http://academialodge.org/library_authors.php

*A Toast to all our differences
A Toast to common ground
A Toast to what we're seeking
A Toast to what we've found
To what brings us together
To what sets us apart
A Toast to many different souls
United with one heart.
- Anonymous*



Saturday October 3, 2009

Riverdale John Ross Robertson Lodge #494 - 100th Anniversary

The Officers and Brethren of Riverdale John Ross Robertson Lodge are more than pleased to invite you to come and help them celebrate their 100 Year Anniversary. The presence of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels is anticipated. See the donning of the Gold.



Time: 4:30 pm - Lodge Opens ←
6:30 pm - Banquet
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$20 - Banquet
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ bgrimbleby@yahoo.ca or 905.472.8124

Saturday October 3, 2009

Hamilton Masonic District 'C' - Detroit Masonic Temple Tour

Some facts about this Temple: -



- Largest Masonic Temple in the World
- 1,037 Rooms
- 14 stories
- 7 Craft Lodge rooms decorated by Italian artists
- 1,600 capacity Cathedral
- 17,500 sq. ft. Commandery Drill Hall
- 4,400 capacity Masonic Theatre
- 2nd largest stage in U.S.A.

A limited number of seats are available for this tour. Lunch and dinner (not included) will be available in Windsor. Reserve your bus seat by forwarding a photocopy of your current passport and a cheque payable to -

Hamilton Masonic District 'C'

Mail to -

John Johnson
44 Glen Valley Dr.
Hamilton, ON
L8K 5W5

Include your email address and phone number so a confirmation and other information can be returned.

A valid passport is a *MUST* !

Time: 7:00 am Sharp - Depart ←
11:00 pm - Return
Location: Toys R Us Plaza - Upper Wentworth - Hamilton
exit from the Linc across from Limeridge Mall
Cost: \$50 ea
Contact: John Johnson @ jjohnston@mountaincable.net or 905.573.1056
William MacPherson @ ddgm654@gmail.com



Monday October 19, 2009

Caledonia Lodge - Installation

On this evening, R. W. Bro. Robert (Bob) Young will be Installed in the Chair of King Solomon. This will be his first time as W.M. of Caledonia Lodge, however, he has been W.M. of (then) Stevenson Lodge. He is a PDDGM (Toronto District 3), Past Grand Superintendent (R.A.M.) and an officer of many other Concordant Bodies, etc. He is currently the Treasurer of the Rameses Shriners and is a Past Potentate.

If you are available to attend this auspicious occasion, it would be our pleasure to have you do so. Please **RSVP** your intentions so we can plan seating, banquet hour, etc.

The banquet will follow the ceremony of Installation and Investiture.

Time: 7:30 pm - Lodge Opens
8:00 pm - Visitors Received
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Contact: Barry L. Jones @ ve3dtj@aim.com or 416.221.7828

Discovery Channel - The Secret History of Freemasons (2007)

YouTube has this complete program, commercials and all, in 9 parts. The program lays out the myths and truths of Freemasonry, typically getting whole sections wrong. Overall a reasonable presentation though largely American centric. Part 1 –

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pa-mdPb77K0&feature=related

Tuesday October 20, 2009

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals. Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie**.

Topic: A Little-Known Body Of Masonry
Speaker: Lawrence Halliday, Sovereign Grand Master - Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione @ pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 905.846.3586

NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

Germania Lodge #46, New Orleans, LA

Germania Lodge #46 works in the craft degrees (1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees) of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. (The Scottish Rite works these 3 degrees in very few North American jurisdictions.) Scottish Rite Craft Masonry has continually been worked in New Orleans since 1807 when a Sovereign Grand Inspector General brought it to the city from the Supreme Council of Kingston, Jamaica (de Grasse's second Supreme Council). The New Orleans' Scottish Rite lodges work the oldest form of the Scottish Rite craft ritual in the world.



There will also soon be some announcements concerning some exciting new discoveries made in the archives of Etoile Polaire Lodge #1 in New Orleans. This lodge has existed since its 1790's creation.

Actually, the interesting aspect of this lodge is that it was one of the first bodies created by the Grand Orient of France after its creation. The brother who carried the request for a charter from Etoile Polaire carried a request made out in the name of the Grand Lodge of France. It seems that it was a bit too late as the Grand Lodge of France had already broken up and the lodge to which this brother belonged took part in the creation of the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana worked in the York, Scottish and French Rites through what was known as the "Chamber of Rites." While the chamber no longer exists, Germania Lodge still works the rituals. They have an amazing collection of actual Patents and Charters coming from France.

- Michael Poll
Masonic Light Elist

Wednesday October 21, 2009

The Heritage Lodge - Committee of General Purposes

For the purpose of conducting and transacting such business which may be brought before the Lodge.

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Rameses Masonic Temple (Keele St.)
Contact: Ken Campbell @ heritagelod730@explornet.com

Thursday October 29, 2009

Scarborough Masonic Temple Corporation - Special General Meeting

- To receive a special presentation on behalf of the Long Range Planning Committee;
- To adopt a resolution from the Membership regarding which of the choices presented best represent the future direction of the Scarborough Masonic Temple;
- To vote to accept or reject the "Terms of Engagement" proposed by our newly appointed auditor, Robert Kliaman CA;
- To receive and act upon any other business that may reasonably be brought before the General Meeting.

Stephen Brash has kindly agreed to act as the presenter and moderator for the evening.

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Contact: Jim Pickett @ j_o_pickett@yahoo.ca

It would be well for us all, old and young, to remember that our words and actions, ay, and our thoughts also, are set upon never-stopping wheels, rolling on and on unto the pathway of eternity.

- Margaret Maria Brewster (1823-1857)



Saturday November 7, 2009

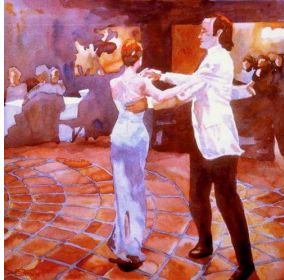
Toronto East District – Markham Remembrance Day Service and Parade
Parade and wreath laying ceremony. Regalia are to be worn, including Military Decorations.



Time: 10:00 am - Service
11:00 am - Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony
Location: Veterans Hall - Assembly
7 Washington St., Markham
Markham Cenotaph - Ceremony
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ bgrimbleby@yahoo.ca or 905.472.8124

Saturday November 7, 2009

West Hill Lodge - Ladies Night



Come and enjoy a great night of socializing, dining and dancing.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
8:30 pm - Dancing
Location: Sisters' Banquet Hall
4 Old Kingston Rd. and Kingston Rd. West Hill
Cost: \$50 ea
Contact: Walter Drane @ 416.755.3734 or
Horst Benoit @ 416.284.0482 or
Gerry Ouellette @ gerry.ouellette@sympatico.ca or 416.412.1572

Sunday November 8, 2009

Toronto East District – Scarborough Remembrance Day Parade and Service
Parade and wreath laying ceremony. Regalia are to be worn, including Military Decorations. The parade precedes the service. Parking is available at 140 Borough Dr. on the west side of the Civic Centre.



Time: 1:00 pm - Parade
2:00 pm - Wreath Laying Ceremony
Location: Scarborough Civic Centre
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ bgrimbleby@yahoo.ca or 905.472.8124

Saturday November 14, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge - Ladies Night



Come and enjoy a great night of socializing, dining and dancing.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
8:30 pm - Dancing
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$50 ea
Contact: Errol Chin @ 416.778.0369



Tuesday November 17, 2009

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals.
Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie.**

Topic: tba
Speaker: tba
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione @ pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 905.846.3586

NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

Saturday November 21, 2009

The Heritage Lodge - Installation

For the purpose of Installing and Investing the officers of the Lodge. Please **RSVP** to provide a count for lunch.

Time: 11:00 am - Lunch ←
1:30 pm - Lodge opens
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$15 ea - Lunch
Contact: Ken Campbell @ heritagelod730@xplornet.com

Saturday November 28, 2009

Doric Lodge - Ladies Night



Treat your girl to an evening of great people, fine food and dancing in a beautiful Christmas setting.

Time: 6:30 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
8:30 pm - Dancing
Location: Four Seasons Golf and Country Club
Cost: \$50 ea
Contact: Mark Sale @ marksale@sympatico.ca or 905.619.9773

Lodge Resources Program

To receive the Lodge Resources Program Reviews, send an email to V.W. Bro. Iain D. Wates, Board of General Purposes, B2B Team Leader 2007 – 2010, Lodge Resources Committee @ idwates@sympatico.ca.



The Officer Progression Program has been designed to provide valuable resource material to assist Lodge Officers move forward in a planned manner as they prepare themselves for “the highest honour the lodge can bestow upon one of its members.”

The Art and Science of Communication

In the Officer Progression workshop “Masonic Leadership” we cover several topics such as defining Leading vs. Managing, Authority - Accountability – Responsibility - the Leadership Process - the Importance of Self Development and the Qualities of Effective and Efficient Leaders. We discuss several important qualities that leaders must have in order to get others to follow them. One of the most important skills is -

COMMUNICATION! Your skill and ability to communicate will in a large measure determine success or failure in this role.

Communication is a two-step process.

FIRST STEP: - Decide.

We must decide what we want to accomplish or what impact do we wish to see as result.

SECOND STEP: - Planning.

We must make several planning decisions to accomplish our goal:

WHO: Who is the best person to communicate the message.

AUDIENCE: To whom will it be communicated?

WHEN: What is the best time to do it.

WHAT: Plan the actual words to be used, and consider their impact on the audience.

WHERE: Consider the location of the communication.

Taking the time to walk through these 2 simple steps will not only improve your communication effectiveness but will increase your personal power and your ability to motivate and lead others.

Should you have any questions or wish assistance, please contact: Officer Progression Team Leader:
V.W. Bro. Bill Brimer @ wbrimer@cogeco.ca.

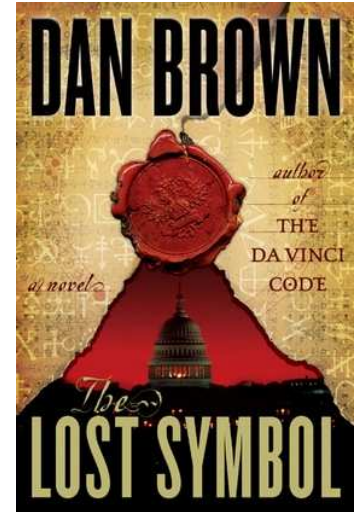


BOOK REVIEW:

The Lost Symbol

Author: Dan Brown
ISBN: 0385504225
Publisher: Doubleday
Published: 2009

Good Grief! The release of this book has resulted in a TON of activity on the internet! After six years of waiting with the pressure building like a snow overhang on an avalanche prone slope, on September 15, 2009, the waiting came to an end with a tremendous rumble. The third of the series (Angels and Demons-2000, The Da Vinci Code-2003) featuring symbologist Michael Langdon hit the shelves with outstanding media coverage. Anyone unaware of the book watches no TV, doesn't listen to the radio, uses no email, has no friends and doesn't have any contact with living humans. Reviews of the book predominate on radio, TV, newspapers and the internet. They are impossible to avoid. Even Twitter has pages.¹ The Masonic Society, the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Masonic Memorial have collaborated on a new website that will address the references to Freemasonry found in Dan Brown's new novel, "The Lost Symbol."²



Contrary to the fears of most Freemasons, the book is very favourable and is considered to be a positive factor for the fraternity. This time, the treasure is the Lost Word . . . it turns out it is real. And all Scottish Rite Masons will know what it is. ☺ Even the release date of the novel, 9/15/09, adds up to 33. Who says symbolism is dead today? On the other hand, as one critic put it, "Dan Brown is the fast-food outlet of book sales. 80 million served. Lots of carbohydrates, lots of trans fats, lots of sugar, very little usable protein." A beach book. Right on the cover, it says, "A novel." The book is displayed in the fiction section. Too bad too many will ignore that, once again.

A commentary: -

Get Ready For the Dan Brown Effect

It's official. The Dan Brown Effect is rushing headlong at the Masonic fraternity like an angry goat and will be upon us on September 15th. That's the day 6.5 million copies of Brown's sequel to *The Da Vinci Code*, now titled *The Lost Symbol*, will hit stores worldwide.

That 6.5 million copies is just a dribble in the bucket. *Da Vinci Code* eventually sold 81 million and was the sixth most popular book in the English language. Let's say *The Lost Symbol* stinks on ice. Let's say just half as many folks snap up this one - a paltry 40 million readers, not counting the Scroogy skinflints who go borrow their roommate's copy or steal it from the library instead of actually buying it. So let's be charitable and say another 10 million. That's a minimum of 50 million pairs of eyeballs reading what pours forth from Mr. Brown's brain about the Freemasons. Plus all of the tie-in books and TV shows that will add further confusion and misinformation in an attempt to cash in.

¹ <http://twitter.com/lostsymbolbook>

<http://twitter.com/lostsymbol>

² www.freemasonlostsymbol.com



So who cares about a stupid novel, anyway? Well, we Freemasons had better be caring, for one. That's where the next wave of new members will come from. And consider this: the Baby Boomers who didn't join in their 20s and 30s are now in their retirement years. The biggest (and richest) demographic wave of retirees in history does a lot of beach reading of books like Dan Brown's. And the Freemasonry of their fathers and grandfathers is a dim memory from their childhood. It's hard-wired into their collective conscience. "Didn't granddad have a Masonic ring?"

This is a truly once-in-a-lifetime chance for this fraternity. Not to go trawling in shallow waters for new members, but to educate the public and make sure men know who we are, where we are, and what we offer them. And how to knock on our doors. If we blow this, we deserve to vanish into obscurity. This is a gift that few are given, and it's being handed to us on at least 50 million platters. For free!



Freemasonry has to be giving the facts, setting the agenda, and most important, directing the media to the true experts. These tasks aren't just a good idea - they are vital. We have to be there with the truth: a world of others will be out there serving up the lies. This isn't some argument about whether Masonic billboards or NASCAR sponsorships are appropriate. This is a major development that will affect the public perception of Freemasonry for years. Don't forget that tens of millions of people think they understand what Opus Dei was after they read *Da Vinci Code*. This could have as much effect on the fraternity as the Morgan Affair or WWII. That is not hyperbole. Masons all over the world need to polish up their 'elevator explanations,' and Grand Lodges need to be prepared for greater interest, and lots of scrutiny.

Stonewalling is not the answer. When reporters come calling attempting to get an interview for the 6 o'clock news, we must not fall victim to what we've always done in the past: sending a good-intentioned Grand Master to stand out in front of the Grand Lodge building to tell the world we have no secrets except a few funny handshakes, that "all" the founding fathers were Freemasons, that we give 2 or 3 million dollars a day to charity, and that we're having a CHIPS event next week ("No, heh heh. We don't microchip the kids. Heh heh.") Don't forget to mention George Washington.

So that is really the next question - how do we get out in front of this juggernaut and make the pre-emptive strike? Our official spokesmen had better have read Brown's book and have the answers for the tough questions, because trust me, every Grand Lodge and an awful lot of local lodges will be getting these calls on September 16th, and long after that on slow news days. Our people need to know what they are talking about. ("No, heh heh, I haven't actually read Dan Brown's book, so I don't know what you're asking about, but my granddaughter said it was a real page turner.")

(Editor: The Masonic research group, The Philalethes Society, reported a more than 500% increase in requests for information on how to become a Freemason AFTER they had weeded out the conspiracy kooks, religious fundamentalists, loony-tunes and Satan worshipers, even before the first day of release had come to a close.)

The press isn't necessarily out to get us. They ARE out to get ratings and sell newspapers. But the reporters themselves don't know the first thing about who and what Freemasons are. We are an alien species. If they only do cursory internet 'research,' we can appear as a bunch of grumpy old white guys, possibly racists, who can't even get along with each other at the lodge picnic. Or we're a bunch of cloistered world takeover plotters.



The purportedly serious TV stations aren't kind to us either. I can think of precisely one documentary on History/Discovery/National Geographic/A&E/TLC in the last ten years that was factually correct, well shot, well edited, and not compelled to put raving madmen on as "counterpoint". It was made by a Canadian Mason, for Canadian TV, and when it ran in the U.S., a full hour was chopped out of it. Yet, if we don't go on these shows, and patiently answer their questions, that crucial job will be handled by the Ralph Eppersons, the Christopher Knights, and the David Ickes, declaring us evil, anti-religious reptilian aliens.

The Masonic Society¹ is creating an internet resource for reporters, curious Lost Symbol readers, and Freemasons alike, that will address the questions raised by Brown's book. (The site will go live next week.) (Ed: It is currently available.²) It will be in partnership with the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Obviously, we are all mostly in the dark until his book hits the streets on September 15th. But the Masonic Society's goal from the beginning has been to be a research society that educates and stands by the side of regular, recognized Masons, lodges and Grand Lodges. This is part of that mission.

The waves will be coming, whether we agree with why they're coming or not. Dan Brown's book will have the same kind of effect on men seeking membership that *Born In Blood* and *National Treasure* did, but a thousand fold. How we handle that at the Grand Lodge and local lodge level will literally determine where the entire fraternity goes. For those who wring their hands and make empty comments about "guarding the West Gate," there will be no shortage of candidates to investigate thoroughly. **This is not just a Grand Lodge issue - they'll be pounding on the doors of your Mother Lodge. How will you and your lodge present Freemasonry to them?**

Be ready. We fail to prepare at our own peril.

- Journal of The Masonic Society
Summer 2009

It is obvious that in order to get in front of this wave, we need knowledgeable spokesmen. Who are we going to get?

A hundred years ago, Freemasonry was the vital heart of America. We taught life lessons to our members and they took these lessons and began to apply them to their world. Every other fraternal organization in America, along with most of the American trade unions, and business organizations owe their beginnings to Freemasonry.

What happened?

Somewhere along the way, we stopped teaching and began to strip away the purpose in favour of the form. We became disconnected from mainstream America.

Over the last half-century we have seen a 65% decrease in our membership. When you look around at what is working in Freemasonry today you see a commonality - education.

¹ www.themasonicsociety.com

² www.freemasonlostsymbol.com



Before we can build a new generation of Masons we must put in place teachers and leaders. To do this we must give them a solid foundation of education.

This is not rocket science. In Australia, two Grand Jurisdictions offer four-year programs. (Editor: The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario has the College of Freemasonry.) Unfortunately here in the U.S. during this same period of time, we have just talked about doing it - someday, maybe next week, or next month, or next year. Only Bob Davis has been able to develop such a program in the U.S.

Oh, there are lots of local sites, mostly research Lodges that offer a few short programs but nothing on the level of a college course.

- Jack Buta
The Philalethes Society Forum¹

To advance the study and understanding of Freemasonry and to encourage research into the significant impact fraternalism in general and Freemasonry in particular have made on society over the last three hundred years, the Grand Master's Project (2009-2011) will establish a fund to create a Centre for Masonic Studies in conjunction with a University in Ontario. In an age when Freemasonry has been fictionalized and trivialized in popular culture, to gain credibility in the academic community would restore the true historical perspective of the fraternity.

This proposed partnership between the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Brock University, St. Catharines, would honour the name of R.W. Bro. Charles A. Sankey (1905-2009). Dr. Sankey served as Chancellor of the University 1969-1974. A renowned Masonic scholar, he was active in all the concordant bodies of Masonry - Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (33°), Royal Order of Scotland, Royal Arch Masons. His extensive collection of rare Masonic books and papers is in the Special Collections of the James Gibson Library at Brock, providing a rich resource for research scholars and students. To initiate the project, a series of lectures is planned beginning in the spring of 2010.

- Raymond S. J. Daniels
Grand Master The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario²
August 4 2009

Chapters lists a paperback edition of The Lost Symbol for \$22.17 CDA. Amazon lists a hardbound edition for \$18.48 CDA. Wal-Mart probably has it cheaper.

¹ <http://freemasonry.org/>

² www.grandlodge.on.ca/index.htm



... by the Lighthouse Beam

From the Grand Master . . .

Although this monthly dispatch is headed 'D.D.G.M. COMMUNIQUÉ' the information contained herein is intended for distribution and dissemination throughout the district - in particular to your District Committee Chairmen, Worshipful Masters, Lodge Secretaries and all Brethren. It plays an important role in our communications network - a medium through which the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and on occasion, the Custodian can provide pertinent and relevant information efficiently and expediently. Read it, adapt it, use it, and share it.

During the next two years, the emphasis will be focused on enlightening the minds of our brethren by encouraging them to think more deeply about the profound meaning of Freemasonry, and to explore and exploit its potential in the lives of men in the twenty-first century. It is one thing to bring a man into the fraternity - that is the easy part - it is quite another to engage his life-long interest in Freemasonry through mentoring, discussion, reading, research, and reflection. The study of our history, symbolism, and philosophy can provide many years of enjoyable recreation.

Get KNOWLEDGE; get WISDOM; but with all thy getting, get **UNDERSTANDING**.

In both your Fraternal and Official visits to the lodges, continue to emphasize the importance of our Ritual as the vehicle through which we transmit the essence of Freemasonry to our initiates. We should never forget that we are an initiatory order in the business of transforming men's lives by building character. It has been well said "*every man who kneels at the Altar of Freemasonry, rises a different man.*" Our ancient degrees are beautifully crafted and ingeniously designed to provide a progressive five-stage course in self-discipline: self-examination, self-discovery, self-analysis, self-realization, and self-fulfillment. "**Know Thyself**" was inscribed over the portals of the ancient temples of initiation; self-knowledge always has been, still is, and ever will be the quest of every serious Freemason.

Know then thyself, presume not God to scan;

The proper study of mankind is man.

Bro. Alexander Pope (1688-1744)

I draw your attention to the provisions of the amended Section 104(b) of the Constitution adopted at the Annual Communication that now requires the District Deputy Grand Master to submit a copy of his



report within fourteen days of his official visit to the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry (R.W. Bro. John Hay). The quicker a problem is identified, the faster a solution may be found. All Grand Lodge Committees stand eager, ready and willing to assist.

*Masonry does not have to be defended -
but it must be explained.*

- M.W. Bro. Richard H. Fletcher

Following the immense success achieved in Hamilton District B last year, I ask you to seriously consider holding a District-wide



'Open House Day' when every lodge building in the district is open to welcome visitors. It takes some thorough planning and preparation, advertising and marketing in the community. The interpreters on hand during the day to answer questions must be knowledgeable, competent, and confident. Advice, guidance and support materials are available from the Friend-to-Friend Committee (R.W. Bro. Kim McGeagh) under Lodge Resources (R.W. Bro. David Dainard).

*When the experience of age and the enthusiasm of youth unite in a common cause,
success is assured.*

Continuing the precedent set by M.W. Bro. Petrisor, I have authorized the wearing of Masonic Regalia by the brethren attending any regular meetings and official functions of the Masonic related Youth Groups - DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls. I urge you to invest in our young people - our future. Take an interest in these groups and encourage them in their endeavour. You will be impressed by their sincerity of purpose, their competence in ritual, and their enjoyment of each other's company.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Leadership does not consist only in a strong man imposing his will upon others. The true task of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, since the greatness is already there.

- John Buchan

Author: Raymond S. J. Daniels



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