

# 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, 2010

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*Through Freemasonry, however, I have had opportunity to break bread with good men of other than my own Christian faith. Freemasonry does not promote any one religious creed. All Masons believe in the Deity without reservation. However, Masonry makes no demands as to how a member thinks of the Great Architect of the Universe. Freemasonry is, for all its members, a supplement to good living that has enhanced the lives of millions who have entered its*

*doors. Though it is not a religion, as such, it supplements faith in God the Creator. It is supporting of morality and virtue.*

*- Bro. Norman Vincent Peale (1898-1993)*

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

Brethren,

Now that the summer is almost over, and the fall begins with its cooler weather and beautiful colours, our district is moving into top gear with Installations and Investitures, education programs, blood donor giving etc.

I've had individual meetings with some District Chairmen to discuss their plans for the year. They are all enthused with their portfolios and have some interesting plans which they will be enunciating at the District Business meeting. I will be meeting over the next few weeks with other District Chairmen to discuss their plans also.

I have had discussions with Grand Lodge Team Leaders for Brother2Brother and Mentor, Friend2Friend, Officer Progression and Long Range Planning for them to bring their programs to the District. One of the problems I have encountered is that Grand Lodge has earmarked certain districts for these programs. Consequently, the Team Leaders have to find an available weekend and time to visit us. On our part, we have to find a temple that is available to meet their schedule and so far this has been one of our challenges as we had to change dates.



I have been advised that only four-4-lodges who have moved from the Scarborough Temple have sent letters to the Grand Secretary requesting dispensation for the move. Will the secretaries of those lodges who have not requested dispensation, please do so at the earliest opportunity.

This year, the **Lodges of Instruction** will hold their workshop on **Wednesday October 27 at the Thornhill Masonic Temple, 30 Elgin St., Thornhill commencing at 6:59 p.m.** Registration will be from 6:30 p.m. This year the instruction will focus upon the three degrees, the Ceremony of Installation and Protocol and Etiquette. Sessions have been designed specifically for Lodge Officers and those who aspire to Office. Therefore, I would encourage, but not limited to, all Lodge Officers and lodge members who are Master Masons.

I would like to remind Past Masters who are interested in being a DDGM aspirant that they must enrol in the DDGM correspondence course and must completed it successfully before the end of April next year if they are considering being a DDGM in 2011. Both secretaries for the DDGM Orientation and Masonic Education have requested that aspirants' names be forwarded to me for onward transmission on the prescribed form. The **DDGM Orientation** for Toronto East will be held at the Oshawa Masonic Temple, Centre St., Oshawa on **Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

Looking forward to seeing you during our travels in October.

**VISITATION + EDUCATION = RETENTION**

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Leyland A. Muss  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Toronto East District

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## TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

The District Events Coordinator is **Gary Rhodes**. Before you get cast in cement on any date for a lodge event, please contact Gary and avoid conflicting district events.

[gary@rhodes.ca](mailto:gary@rhodes.ca)

416.751.7783

October 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> <b>Mechanics of the Work 3 of 6</b> see below East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u> * Mimosa - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>5</u> * Canada – <b>Installation and V.W. Bro. Edward H. Russell Reception</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Masonic Hall	<u>6</u> * Brougham Union - <b>Installation</b> Banquet - 6:30 pm Visitors - 7:30 pm Wear your kiltie! Famous pies after! Claremont Masonic Temple * TEMC Meeting	<u>7</u> * Alpha-Tuscan - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>11</u> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> – Turkey comas coming on 	<u>12</u> * Universe - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>13</u> * Friendship – <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Masonic Hall	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> <b>Mechanics of the Work 4 of 6</b> see below East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u> * Caledonia - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm York Temple	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * Cathedral - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>21</u> * Doric – <b>Official Visit</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Masonic Hall	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> <b>Mechanics of the Work 5 of 6</b> see below East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <b>Lodge of Instruction</b> See below Thornhill Masonic Temple	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <b>Mechanics of the Work 6 of 6</b> see below East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>31</u> <b>Halloween</b> <i>WooOOooo!</i> 



November 2010						
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<u>1</u> <b>DDGM Orientation Workshop</b> See below Oshawa Masonic Temple	<u>2</u> * Canada – <b>Afghanistan Appreciation</b> GM in attendance Visitors – 8:00 pm Doric Masonic Hall	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> <b>Diwali</b> * Wexford – <b>Installation</b> DDGM's Lodge Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Masonic Hall	<u>6</u> * West Hill – <b>Ladies Night</b> See below Scarborough Golf and Country Club * Birch Cliff – <b>Ladies Night</b> See below St. Dunstan	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * The Imperial East Gate – <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>11</u> <b>Remembrance Day</b> * Todmorden – <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple * Coronati – <b>Journey of</b>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <b>DDGM Orientation Workshop</b> See below Renforth Masonic Temple	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> * Markham Union – <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 8:00 pm Claremont Masonic Temple	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * The Heritage Lodge – <b>Installation</b> See below Doric Masonic Hall	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> * TED – <b>Blood Donor Clinic</b> See below St. Aidan's Anglican Church	<u>27</u> * Doric – <b>Ladies Night</b> See below 4 Seasons Golf and Country Club	<u>28</u>
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## 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.



Contact: Todd Owens @ [678@yrp.ca](mailto:678@yrp.ca) or 416.722.0843, or  
David Neave @ [davidneave@rogers.com](mailto:davidneave@rogers.com)  
or 905.725.8032

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*You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.*

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

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### Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are officially Partners For Life with the Canadian Blood Services. **Volunteers to assist are always needed.** Any brother in Toronto East District that wishes to assist at the clinics at St. Aidan's Anglican Church, thus getting their Lodge 'credits' for the amount of donation's made at the clinic may contact the brethren shown below.

If you wish to be a donor and can't make it to any of the indicated Blood Donor Clinics, find yourself a 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. The Toronto East District 'Partners For Life' number is **TOR0009781** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

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

Contact: John Katz @ [johnkatz@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnkatz@sympatico.ca) or 416.264.7399  
Doug Gray @ [douggray@rogers.com](mailto:douggray@rogers.com) or 416.266.0783

#### Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday November 26, 2010  
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 28, 2011  
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours  
St. Aidan's Anglican Church  
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)



416.691.2222

Friday March 25, 2011

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

Friday May 27, 2011

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

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### **Toronto East Masonic Centre {T.E.M.C.}**

Toronto East Masonic Centre is offering debentures to Masonic Lodges and individual brethren who wish to assist in the construction of this

**“Superb Edifice,  
Perfect in All Its Parts”**

The Toronto East Masonic Centre process is still, “Under Construction”

The directors and alternates of the SMTC should remember that there will be a meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at East Toronto Masonic Hall for the purpose of conducting regular business and reviewing the 2010 financial statement and auditor's report.

See what's going on at our website -

[www.torontoeastdistrict.com/temc.html](http://www.torontoeastdistrict.com/temc.html)

Bob Steenson

Toronto East Masonic Centre, President

[bob.steenson@ontarioair.com](mailto:bob.steenson@ontarioair.com) or 416.697.0822

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### **And You Thought the Days of the Medieval Travelling Journeyman Were Long Gone**



Tapping thick walking sticks, their handful of worldly possessions and tools bundled up in cloth satchels, two carpenters arrive in Cologne in search of work.

Torsten Staudt, 22, and Marco Walleser, 20, are four months into a journey their forefathers pioneered in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

Uninspired by the employment offers in their native Freiburg, southern Germany, following their apprenticeships, the pair decided to become itinerant craftsmen. To comply with the centuries-old rules of their guild, they must be single and aged under 30, and are obliged to wander for at least three years and a day, never staying in one place for longer than three months.

Then they are entitled to honorary life membership of their guild and can enjoy the benefits of the support network that it provides.



Schoolgirls snigger as they stroll through Cologne's main shopping precinct, wearing wide-brimmed felt hats, bell-bottom trousers, waistcoats and jackets in black Manchester corduroy - modelled on the uniforms of 19<sup>th</sup> century shipwrights.

The number of wandergesellen or journeying craftsmen - from joiners to stonecutters - has been growing steadily as Germany's unemployment has risen to a level not seen since 1933. Two weeks ago, it officially passed five million.

"When there's an economic downturn there's a rise in the number of journeymen," said Dirk Schulze, chairman of the Society of Honest Itinerant Bricklayers and Stonemasons in Hamburg.

"Some people would rather satisfy their wanderlust and gain professional experience than sit at home watching TV, stuffing themselves with crisps and waiting for the employment office to call."

In the 1970s, a time of high employment, the number of wandergesellen dropped to "just two or three," said Mr. Schulze. But there are now about 600 - 10% of them women - representing more than 30 crafts.

The purpose of the peregrination, known as a "waltz," is about "widening people's perspective and picking up new skills on the way," said Mr Schulze, a "graduate" wandergeselle. As a bricklayer he travelled around Europe in the 1990s. In Britain, he was often laughed off building sites due to his unusual get-up - "until they saw the quality of my work."

Others travel as far as Australia. For German employers, one of the journeymen's main assets - alongside their high level of craftsmanship - is their flexibility. Germany's rigid labour laws are widely regarded as a drag on the flagging economy. The wandergesellen are seen by many employers, therefore, as a breath of fresh air.

"We'll work for whatever the local rate is," said Mr Walleser. "Sometimes just for a bed, some food and a bit of pocket money to get us to the next place. The point is to keep on moving."

In Cologne, they will help to renovate a building for bed, board and a bit of cash. Mr Staudt's friends laughed when he announced he was to become a nomadic carpenter. "They said I couldn't spend three years going round the world in a funny hat and begging for food, and how would I survive without a mobile phone?" (The rules prohibit many modern objects, including power tools, which reduce independence.)

But a month into his journeying he called home from a telephone box in Switzerland and reeled off the list of places he had been. "They were clearly jealous," he said. "And when I told them about the girls we'd met along the way, I could hear the hiss of the steam rising from their ears."

- Kate Connolly

<http://www.rechtschaffene-maurer.de/presse1.htm>

<http://www.rechtschaffene-maurer.de/presse15.htm>

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### **Have YOU Replied?**

September was the month in which **Hiram's Lighthouse** cleaned up its subscription list. Those addresses that have not replied have been sent three requests to reply and stay on the list. If you have not replied, this will be the last issue of **Hiram's Lighthouse** you will receive. We are sorry to see you go.



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**Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .**



Oshawa Masonic Temple, Ontario

Do you have a picture of a Masonic building in downtown Some-Place-Else? Send it in. Let everybody see.

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**David Stevenson:**



In the last 25 years, no scholar's research on Freemasonry has been as important as that of Prof. David Stevenson of the University of St. Andrews. In **The Origins of Freemasonry: Scotland's Century, 1590-1710** (Cambridge University Press, 1988), Prof. Stevenson documents dozens of ties between early speculative Masonry and the philosophical traditions of the late Renaissance. He is also the author of **The First Freemasons: Scotland's Early Lodges and their Members** (1988; Second Edition, Grand Lodge of Scotland, 2001).

- Masonic Authors, Bro. Shawn Eyer  
[http://academialodge.org/library\\_authors.php](http://academialodge.org/library_authors.php)

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*Obey the voice within - it commands us to give of ourselves and help others. As long as we have the capacity to give, we are alive.*

*- Kirk Douglas*

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**Saturday October 2, 2010**

**Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work – Class 3 of 6**

Open to all Masons, whether Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft or Master Mason. The sponsors of these brethren are encouraged to come with their candidate. All will have a chance to get comfortable with their ritual work and as well Lodge Officers will be able to practice the work of their chairs. We work from the newest black 'Book of the Work'. **You can attend even if you have not attended previous classes.**

For example, if one is a Senior Deacon now, we'll put you in the Junior Warden's chair to get a feel for what you'll be up to in your next office, or if new in the Senior Deacon chair leave you there for practice and comfort in your role.

There is a \$2.00 fee for those wanting to partake in the other ritual work outside of the lodge room; that of drinking cups of strong coffee, eating stale doughnuts and guffawing at even staler jokes!





This class is Head-Mastered by V.W. Bro Les Armitage and assisted by W. Bro. Dennis Rankin and is sponsored by Todmorden Lodge #647 with the blessing of the East Toronto Temple Board.

Time: 9:00 am sharp to approx. 12:00 noon  
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple  
Cost: \$2.00  
Contact: Les Armitage @ 416.598.4794  
Dennis Rankin @ [kdrankin@pathcom.com](mailto:kdrankin@pathcom.com) or 416.691.1704

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### **Wednesday October 6, 2010**

#### **Scarborough Masonic Temple Corporation – Business Meeting**

The Directors and alternates of the old Scarborough Masonic Temple Corporation are requested to attend a meeting for the purpose of conducting regular business and reviewing the 2010 financial statement and auditor's report.

Time: 7:30 pm  
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple  
Contact: Bob Steenson @ [bob.steenson@ontarioair.com](mailto:bob.steenson@ontarioair.com) or 416 697 0822

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### **Friday October 8, 2010**

#### **The Cornerstone Club - Expand Your Horizons**



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Usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, the Cornerstone Club brings together a diverse set of both Masonic and non-Masonic speakers presenting interesting topics that range from the classic Liberal Arts and Sciences to modern academics, history, esoteric studies, and world affairs followed by a Question and Answer period. A free exchange of thoughts and ideas. This is the way in which Freemasonry originated - minus the

*Seating is limited* so please **RSVP** and purchase your ticket on-line for the luncheon event in advance through the Cornerstone Club website at: [www.cornerstoneclub.org](http://www.cornerstoneclub.org). The Cornerstone Club is a supporter of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

Topic: 'The Templar Trilogy', 'Dream of Eagles' and his latest novel 'The Forest Laird'  
Speaker: Jack Whyte  
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm  
Location: University of Toronto Faculty Club  
41 Willcocks St., Toronto, east of Spadina, west of Huron (Spadina subway station)  
From the corner of Bloor & Spadina travel south 0.63 kms to Willcocks by either TTC streetcar or walking (Approximately 15-20 minutes when walking.)  
Cost: \$25 (buffet - salad, pasta, chicken, rolls, light desserts, coffee/tea)  
Contact: The Cornerstone Club @ [contact@cornerstoneclub.org](mailto:contact@cornerstoneclub.org) or 416.978.6325  
Pat Piccione @ [pat\\_piccione@hotmail.com](mailto:pat_piccione@hotmail.com) or 905.877.3535

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

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## **Monday October 11, 2010**

### **Thanksgiving Day**

Thanksgiving Day is a harvest festival celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada. Traditionally, it is a time to give thanks for the harvest and express gratitude in general. While perhaps religious in origin, Thanksgiving is now primarily identified as a secular holiday.



The date and location of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of modest contention. The traditional “first Thanksgiving” is the celebration that occurred at the site of Plymouth Plantation, in 1621. The Plymouth celebration occurred early in the history of what would become one of the original thirteen colonies that became the United States. This Thanksgiving, modeled after celebrations that were commonplace in contemporary Europe, is generally regarded as America’s first. Author and teacher Robyn Gioia and Michael Gannon of the University of Florida have argued that the earliest attested “thanksgiving” celebration in what is now the United States was celebrated by the Spanish on September 8, 1565 in what is now Saint Augustine, Florida. Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October. Thanksgiving dinner is held on this day, usually as a gathering of family members and friends.

- Wikipedia

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## **Saturday October 16, 2010**

### **Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work – Class 4 of 6**

Open to all Masons, whether Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and or Master Mason. It’s never too late.

Time: 9:00 am sharp to approx. 12:00 noon  
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple  
Cost: \$2.00  
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Dennis Rankin @ [kdrankin@pathcom.com](mailto:kdrankin@pathcom.com) or 416.691.1704

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I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart are wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my altars is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God. My sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans’ cry, the widows’ tears, the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbour and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sands within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life.

**I am Freemasonry.**



Author: Ravinder Singh Channey  
Publisher: Dictionary of Masonic Terminology  
[www.lewismasonic.com/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=402](http://www.lewismasonic.com/product_info.php?products_id=402)

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**Saturday October 23, 2010**

**Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work – Class 5 of 6**

Open to all Masons, whether Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and or Master Mason. It's never too late.

Time: 9:00 am sharp to approx. 12:00 noon  
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple  
Cost: \$2.00  
Contact: Les Armitage @ 416.598.4794  
Dennis Rankin @ [kdrankin@pathcom.com](mailto:kdrankin@pathcom.com) or 416.691.1704

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**Wednesday October 27, 2010**

**Toronto East District – Lodge of Instruction**

Light refreshments will be available at 6:00 pm. Dress is casual. This promises to be a great evening with some of the finest presenters in our Grand Jurisdiction. I hope you can make an effort to attend.

This year the instruction will again focus upon the three degrees, the Ceremony of Installation and Protocol and Etiquette. Sessions have also been designed specifically for those who have not as yet become Masters of a Lodge. The instruction is geared primarily to Lodge Officers and those who aspire to Office. Hence we encourage attendance and participation by all Lodge Officers and all Lodge members who are Master Masons. Please do not think these are limited to Masters, Past Masters or past or present Grand Lodge Officers.

We all know that the Ritual, properly portrayed, can make a lasting impression upon those who receive it. We trust you know the spoken word. We hope to complement this by showing you know to properly perform the floor work so that a memorable ceremony will be the ultimate result.

Agenda

6:30 – 6:55	Registration	25 min.
7:00 – 7:10	Welcome, Introduction of G.L. Officers & Team	10 min.
7:10 – 7:35	Protocol and Etiquette	25 min.
7:35 – 8:00	Entered Apprentice Degree	25 min.
8:00 – 8:25	Fellowcraft Degree	25 min.
8:25 – 8:40	BREAK	15 min.
8:40 – 9:05	Installation Ceremony (Installed Masters Only)	25 min.



8:40 – 9:05	Break Out Session (Master Masons Only)	25 min.
9:05 – 9:30	Master Mason Degree	25 min.
9:30 – 9:55	Question Period	25 min
9:55 – 10:00	Appreciation	5 min
10:00	Adjournment	

Time: 6:00 – 10:00 pm  
 Location: Thornhill Masonic Hall  
 30 Elgin St.  
 Contact: Robin Singh @ [yahrobs@yahoo.com](mailto:yahrobs@yahoo.com) or 905.434.6475

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**Saturday October 30, 2010**

**Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work – Class 6 of 6**

Open to all Masons, whether Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and or Master Mason. It’s never too late.

Time: 9:00 am sharp to approx. 12:00 noon  
 Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple  
 Cost: \$2.00  
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 Dennis Rankin @ [kdrankin@pathcom.com](mailto:kdrankin@pathcom.com) or 416.691.1704

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**Sunday October 31, 2010**

**Hallowe’en – All Saints’ Day**



Hallowe’en has roots in the Celtic festival of Samhain and the Christian holiday All Saints’ Day, but is today largely a secular celebration.

Common Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, wearing costumes and attending costume parties, carving jack-o’-lanterns, ghost tours, bonfires, apple bobbing, visiting haunted attractions, committing pranks, telling ghost stories or other frightening tales, and watching horror films.

Historian Nicholas Rogers, exploring the origins of Halloween, notes that while “some folklorists have detected its origins in the Roman feast of Pomona, the goddess of fruits and seeds, or in the festival of the dead called Parentalia, it is more typically linked to the Celtic festival of Samhain, whose original spelling was Samuin (pronounced *sow-an* or *sow-in*).” The name is derived from Old Irish and means roughly “summer’s end.” A similar festival was held by the ancient Britons and is known as Calan Gaeaf (pronounced *Kálan Gái av*).

The festival of Samhain celebrates the end of the “lighter half” of the year and beginning of the “darker half,” and is sometimes regarded as the “Celtic New Year.”



The ancient Celts believed that the border between this world and the Otherworld became thin on Samhain, allowing spirits (both harmless and harmful) to pass through. The family's ancestors were honoured and invited home while harmful spirits were warded off. It is believed that the need to ward off harmful spirits led to the wearing of costumes and masks. Their purpose was to disguise oneself as a harmful spirit and thus avoid harm. In Scotland the spirits were impersonated by young men dressed in white with masked, veiled or blackened faces. Samhain was also a time to take stock of food supplies and slaughter livestock for winter stores. Bonfires played a large part in the festivities. All other fires were doused and each home lit their hearth from the bonfire. The bones of slaughtered livestock were cast into its flames. Sometimes two bonfires would be built side-by-side, and people and their livestock would walk between them as a cleansing ritual.

The name 'Halloween' and many of its present-day traditions derive from the Old English era.

- Wikipedia



Oh, boy! Is that ever a scary mask! What? You're not wearing a mask? Oh, sorry!

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*Courage is being scared to death - but saddling up anyway.*  
*- John Wayne [Bro. Marion Robert Morrison] (1907-1979)*

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### **Monday November 1 and Saturday November 13, 2010**

#### **DDGM Orientation Workshops**

As you may be aware at the July 2010 Grand Lodge Communications, an amendment was made to the Constitution which mandates all future candidates for the office of DDGM must be in possession of a Certificate of Completion of the course for prospective DDGMs as offered by the College of Freemasonry.

I have been asked by the Chairman of the DDGM Orientation Committee to canvas brethren seeking the offices of DDGM and District Secretary to attend the workshops to be held on **November 1 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oshawa Masonic Temple**. If you cannot attend this workshop another will be held at the **Renforth Temple on Saturday November 13 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**

All aspirants are requested to forward their names to me by September 15 as the Secretary of the DDGM Orientation Workshop has sent me enrolment forms to be completed for both DDGMs and District Secretaries. The committee is planning to provide Certificates of Completion, if approved, to the workshop participants.

This workshop is not only for aspirants for 2011/2012 but beyond.

Time: 6:00 pm – Oshawa (Nov. 1)  
9:00 am – Renforth (Nov. 13)  
Location: Oshawa Masonic Temple (Nov. 1)  
Renforth Masonic Temple (Nov. 13)  
Contact: Gerry Newall @ [geraldnewall@yahoo.com](mailto:geraldnewall@yahoo.com) or 905.728.7388

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**Saturday November 6, 2010**

**West Hill – Ladies Night**



Tickets will be available from any of the senior officers. Please book the date, phone for your tickets, and be sure to join us for a gourmet meal, great Jimmy Mac music, and loads of fun.

Time: 6:30 pm – Social  
7:30 pm – Dinner  
Location: Scarborough Golf and Country Club  
321 Scarborough Golf Club Rd.  
Cost: \$50 per person

Contact: Basil Dias @ [diasb@aol.com](mailto:diasb@aol.com) or 905.479.2099

**A Toast to the Visitors**

A tired old Mason who’s hair was so grey  
Came to the Gates of Heaven one day.  
When asked what on earth he had done the most  
He said he had replied to the Visitor’s Toast.  
St. Peter said gravely, as he tolled the bell,  
“Come inside my Brother – you’ve had enough Hell.”  
- Humber #305 Summons

**Saturday November 6, 2010**

**Birch Cliff – 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Night**

A great evening of fun, dancing and formal dining for you and your Lady. All friends and non-Masonic guests are welcome.

Time: 6:30 pm – Social  
7:30 pm – Dinner  
Location: St. Dunstan of Canterbury Church  
55 Lawson Rd.  
Cost: \$45 per person  
Contact: Peter Sialtsis @ 416.931.7072 or  
Michael Morris @ 416.431.1626 or  
Stanley Collin @ [stan.collin@sympatico.ca](mailto:stan.collin@sympatico.ca) or 416.824.9425



**Thursday November 11, 2010**

**Remembrance Day**



Take a moment to remember those who gave all they had to give to provide us with the lives and society we are now privileged to have.



## Thursday November 11, 2010

### **Coronati – Annual Journey of Remembrance**

Remember those who fought, bled and died for us. Listen to some inspirational talks.



Time: 7:45 pm – Visitors welcomed  
7:50 pm – D.D.G.M. admitted  
Location: Doric Masonic Hall  
Contact: Peter Nuttall @ [pnuttall@idirect.com](mailto:pnuttall@idirect.com) or 416.283.8056

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## Wednesday November 17, 2010

### **The Cornerstone Club - Expand Your Horizons**

Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, the Cornerstone Club brings together a diverse set of both Masonic and non-Masonic speakers presenting interesting topics that range from the classic Liberal Arts and Sciences to modern academics, history, esoteric studies, and world affairs followed by a Question and Answer period. A free exchange of thoughts and ideas. This is the way in which Freemasonry originated - minus the ritual.



*Seating is limited* so please **RSVP** and purchase your ticket in advance on-line for the luncheon event through the Cornerstone Club website at: [www.cornerstoneclub.org](http://www.cornerstoneclub.org). The Cornerstone Club is a supporter of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

Topic: tba  
Speaker: tba  
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm  
Location: University of Toronto Faculty Club  
41 Willcocks St., Toronto, east of Spadina, west of Huron (Spadina subway station)  
From the corner of Bloor & Spadina travel south 0.63 kms to Willcocks by either TTC streetcar or walking (Approximately 15-20 minutes when walking.)  
Cost: \$25 (buffet - salad, pasta, chicken, rolls, light desserts, coffee/tea)  
Contact: The Cornerstone Club @ [contact@cornerstoneclub.org](mailto:contact@cornerstoneclub.org) or 416.978.6325  
Pat Piccione @ [pat\\_piccione@hotmail.com](mailto:pat_piccione@hotmail.com) or 905.877.3535

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

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## Saturday November 20, 2010

### **The Heritage Lodge – Installation**

#### The Heritage Lodge Objectives

1. To preserve, maintain and uphold those historical events that formed the foundation of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry.
2. To Promote the study of Masonry in general, and to provide a service by responding to requests for Masonic information.
3. To produce Lodge Proceedings, Research Papers, and Historical Reviews: and to arrange special lectures and visual presentations
4. To organize and maintain a Central Inventory of items of historical interest in the possession of Lodges.
5. To encourage participation by Regular Lodges and their members in the activities of this Lodge.
6. To endeavour to establish a Masonic Museum.



7. To encourage Masonic scholars and Lodge Historians to become more interested in the history of their own Lodges and their artefacts.

Come and see the installation of the officers of this lodge. R.W. Bro. D. Campbell Installing Master.

Time: 11:30 am – Banquet  
1:30 pm – Lodge opens  
Location: Doric Masonic Hall  
Contact: Ken Campbell @ [heritagelod730@xplornet.com](mailto:heritagelod730@xplornet.com)

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### **Saturday November 27, 2010**

#### **Doric – Ladies Night**



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

Time: 6:30 pm – Social  
7:30 pm – Dinner  
Location: Four Seasons Golf and Country Club  
Cost: tba  
Contact: Brian Sale @ [bsale@look.ca](mailto:bsale@look.ca) or 905.686.7241

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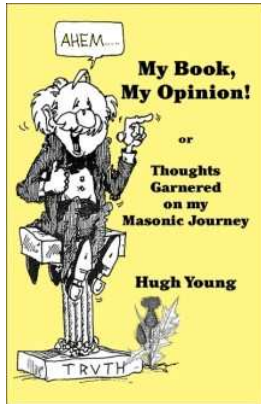




## **BOOK REVIEW:**

### **My Book! My Opinion! or Thoughts Garnered on my Masonic Journey**

Author: Hugh Young  
Publisher: Linshaw (self published)  
Published: 2009



There's a certain kind of fellow one encounters all too often who's very fond of striking a thoughtful pose, wagging his finger in the air, and saying with a good deal more authority than he actually possesses, "You know what's wrong with (your favourite topic is inserted here)? Well, I'll tell ya!" And he proceeds to do just that until you beg off with a quick look at your watch and a muttered "Phew look at the time."

Unfortunately, this type of fellow has been doing this very thing on the subject of Freemasonry for decades. People have been identifying the problems that face the fraternity and making long faces over it for a long time. Tearing down is easy. All it takes is a wrecking ball. Building is hard.

Comes now Most Worshipful Brother Hugh Young, the author of this volume. Hugh has seen a lot in his years as a Mason and a Past Grand Master. And while he's seen problems, he's also seen solutions. It's easy to sit on the sidelines and complain, but it's a whole lot tougher to come up with good, solid, simple advice to fix it, and follow it through to completion.

I met Hugh in Scotland in 2007 at the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry where he was presenting a paper about, of all things, a game he'd created for Masons to teach the history and practices of the Craft. He'd traveled halfway around the world to spread the word that learning about Freemasonry could actually be enjoyable, which seemed to surprise most of the academics in the room.

We'd never met before, but he treated me like we were old friends who had known each other for years. Certainly part of that is the mystic tie of Freemasonry, but it was also Hugh's personality, and he very quickly impressed me with his positive attitude and love of the fraternity.

The book you hold is not a collection of grumpy "in my day" rants from some bellyaching back-bencher on Buzzard's Row. It is a gold mine filled with nuggets of wisdom from many years of working hard to make Freemasonry better. Hugh treats the subjects of Masonic education, Lodge programming and management with common sense, humour and a practical understanding. He knows that leading and motivating a Lodge full of volunteers who don't have to come back to Lodge next Tuesday can be as challenging as herding cats, so his observations are practical.

As he states right up front, this book represents his opinion. But that opinion has lots of experience behind it, along with an enthusiasm for Masons and Masonry that's hard to beat. There's no one, single, magic bullet that will bring long lost members back to Lodge, fill up Lodge treasuries and turn all members into eager Masonic geniuses. Every Lodge is different, with its own challenges to be faced. But you are bound to find ideas here to make you think, to send you in the right direction, and to make your Lodge the very best it can be.



This book can be purchased on-line from Linshaw Estore for a cost of \$19.95 CAD plus \$4.00 CAD shipping and handling, for a total cost of \$23.95.

<http://www.linshaw.ca/estore/>

Review by: Christopher L Hodapp

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## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### Visit to a Traditional Observance Lodge

I was fortunate enough to have been invited by the Senior Warden of Saint Paul #3, Worshipful Brother Clay Landers, to attend a Special Communication of his Lodge dedicated to education on the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Saint Paul #3 is the oldest Lodge in Minnesota and is our Grand Lodge's only Traditional Observance Lodge. For anyone unfamiliar with what a Traditional Observance Lodge is, TO Lodges, as they are called, follow a set of guiding principles developed by the [Masonic Restoration Foundation](#). These Lodges believe in ritual work being done well, an Agape or a Festive Board being held after the meetings, a lecture, music piece or some other presentation being given at each meeting to expand the brethren's formal Masonic knowledge, formal attire being worn, and attendance being expected by all brothers of the Lodge. TO Lodges use a combination of English, North American and Continental European and South American traditions in the practice of Freemasonry. Traditional Observance Lodges do not use different ritual, but are able to take what we have and make it awe-inspiring.

I have never been to a TO Lodge and really didn't know what to expect. So I donned my newly purchased white shirt, black tie and black suit and went on my way with a brother from of my Lodge. I have never been to the Triune Masonic Temple on Iglehart and Howell but immediately, I was impressed. The building exudes the greatness and importance that our Fraternity brings to men. The building was built in 1911, a few years before the Farmington Masonic Temple was built. The building is quite impressive and has been especially built for the practice of Freemasonry. In fact, Triune Masonic Temple is one of the few Fellow Craft's lodges still in existence. This means that the Lodge Room is specifically designed to confer the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on candidates with all the Fellow Craft degree's symbolism built into the Lodge Room itself. It is truly a remarkable building to see as a Mason.

As I met the brothers of Saint Paul #3, Jon and I were asked to wait to be allowed into the Lodge Room. As Jon and I entered, I knew I was entering a very different Lodge environment by the dim lights and burning tapers around the Lodge Room as the other brothers entered wearing tuxedos and white gloves. It was at this moment that I knew I would be going through a very new and wonderful Masonic experience. I won't go into detail on how the brothers performed the ritual but I can say that the ritual was done extremely well with great proficiency.

I was truly amazed by how the ritual is treated by the brothers of Saint Paul #3. It is my opinion that it is our ritual that sets us apart from all other social clubs, men's groups, or fraternities. Our forefathers presented us with beautiful ritual built on a system of morality and thoughtful contemplation. What the brothers at Saint Paul Lodge #3 do is treat Masonry and her ritual as solemn and pensive. I wouldn't consider myself a perfect ritualist but I have been trying to become proficient in our ancient traditions and when I watch good ritual work performed, I feel a true affinity to my brothers and to Masonry. It wasn't just the ritual that made this Lodge experience special but also the presentations and musical performances.

As I sat in the dim, candle-lit Lodge room, I listened to two well-written papers on Masonic subjects, [presented by the authors,] and closed my eyes as I listened to two beautiful piano pieces, one by



Debussy and one by Bach [performed by members of the Lodge]. I wanted to get the full effect of this Lodge experience. I looked about myself and listened intently to the sounds of the ritual, the musical pieces and the periods of silence, searching and finding meaning within each pause, each word, each note and each movement about the Lodge. Although I have no problem with the way my Lodge does its ritual work, I really found this to be a new and refreshing Masonic experience that I will remember for the rest of my life.

We in Minnesota are truly fortunate to have a Traditional Observance Lodge within our jurisdiction. If you are a brother and you live in Minnesota or will be in Minnesota, I would suggest giving this Lodge a visit. If you will be planning to visit Saint Paul #3, please contact their secretary as they need to know how many will be at the Agape or Festive Board after the Lodge meeting. Also, if you are fortunate enough to live near a Traditional Observance Lodge in your state, you need to visit it so you too can be immersed in the Wisdom, the Strength and the Beauty of our Fraternity and to have the same transcendent experience that I enjoyed during my time with the brothers of Saint Paul #3. I was incredibly impressed and I want to thank Worshipful Brother Clay [Landers] for his invitation to attend a Lodge experience that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

Author: Nick Johnson

Publisher: The Millennial Freemason Blog

[www.millennialfreemason.com/2009/03/millennial-freemason-visits-saint-paul.html](http://www.millennialfreemason.com/2009/03/millennial-freemason-visits-saint-paul.html)  
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(Ed: - GLCPO has one TO lodge, Templum Fidelis Lodge in Bath, Ontario, frequently mentioned in this newsletter. In order to visit this Lodge, you must first contact the secretary.

[www.templumfidelis.com](http://www.templumfidelis.com)

Co-Masonry, which has been active in North America for AT LEAST 80 years, has ritual and practices that are surprisingly similar to what has been described in the above paper.

[www.co-masonry.org/Site/English/Government.aspx](http://www.co-masonry.org/Site/English/Government.aspx)

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