

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003

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Be ye therefore discreet, prudent, and temperate; remember that at this pedestal you have solemnly and voluntarily vowed to relieve and befriend with unhesitating cordiality, every Brother who might need your assistance; that you have promised to remind him in the most gentle manner of his failings and to aid and vindicate his character whenever wrongfully traduced; to suggest the most candid, the most palliating, and the most favourable circumstances, even when his conduct is justly liable to reprehension and blame. Thus shall the world see how dearly Freemasons love each other.

- Masonic Ritual (English Taylor, Universal, West End Long Closing, Royal Arch Valedictory Address, Tennessee Valedictory Address)

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

I must begin by thanking all those who attended on September 19, the reception held by Brougham Union for me. Having so many of my brethren there to celebrate the night with my family was wonderful.

September was a fantastic month in Toronto East District. We celebrated with our new Grand Lodge Officers, Installed new Worshipful Masters and renewed friendships after the summer hiatus. I had the privilege of witnessing first hand one of the joys of Freemasonry on two separate occasions, when brethren from other jurisdictions celebrated with Toronto East Brethren. As I sat in Wexford Lodge on Friday September 20, I counted 10 different Lodges represented covering two separate jurisdictions. Congratulations members of Wexford Lodge for continuing for over 35 years the annual visitation with Brethren from Kedron Lodge in Pennsylvania.



On September 12, the members of Coronati Lodge conducted their installation ceremony with not 1 jurisdiction present, but three. How often will you witness and be part of that. Thank you for inviting me to a wonderful night.

Have you ever read something so many times that all the words kind of melt into one? Well I did last month. Despite several edits, I missed some errors on the District Trestleboard. My sincere apologies to R.W. Bro. Bruce Palanik for not only cutting his year down to what appears to be one day, but also for omitting him from the chairman list. R.W. Bro. Palanik has graciously agreed to be The District Piper for our District. As I hail from Scotland, I would very much enjoy pipes accompanying me at any and all possible events. If you wish to have our piper at any of your events, please contact R.W. Bro. Bruce at brucepalanik@rogers.com.

Congratulations to The District MasoniCHiP team on a successful event held in conjunction with the Scarborough Town Centre Old Navy store. 64 families received identification kits. Well done all. Brethren, keep your ears open for possible events that we could attend and put on a CHiP clinic. Think of any school event, carnival or community celebration that we could attend and contact either W. Bro. Mike Luegger or W. Bro. Rod Rego to set up the event.

I also must congratulate V.W. Bro. Ed Arlitt and his organizing committee for a wonderful evening celebrating our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell. All in attendance enjoyed the evening, and as Kyle Campbell stated in his comments, where else but in Toronto would you have a pipe and drum band accompanying bollywood music.

During his address, The Grand Master reminded us to look after our family and professional responsibilities, but work hard for your Lodge. Have you contacted your Worshipful Master to see what you can do for your Lodge? Brethren I urge you to get involved in your Lodge and their events. Not just for The Lodge, but for your own personal development and growth. There are many wonderfully fascinating men that can help you on your path of growth in our craft, but unless you are involved, you won't meet them and benefit from their breadth of experience.

While you can benefit greatly from active Lodge participation, please ensure you have a good balance in your life. Don't ever put yourself in a position where you are saying "I wish I did with...." Life is too short. I recently attended a funeral of a 27 year old work colleague who passed from leukemia. As I sat listening to the priest, I couldn't help but think of Jessica's father, and how he would love to hold his little girl again. It broke my heart. Brethren, hold your nearest and dearest close. Don't just tell them you love them; show them by your actions and attitudes. Don't short change your time with your family. You wouldn't be who you are, or have what you have without them. The Great Architect Of The Universe's gift to us is our families. Don't ever take them for granted.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you all at this months events. If The District Secretary or I can help your Lodge move toward The Lodge you want, just ask.

May the Great Architect Of The Universe look over you and yours.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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



EVENTS CALENDAR:

October 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<u>1</u> * Canada - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Banq - ^s 10 ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>2</u> * Brougham Union - Installation Banq - 6:00 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Afterwards - Pies! DDGMs Lodge ← Claremont	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 3/6 see below East Toronto	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> * Mimosa - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>8</u> * Universe - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm GM attending ← East Toronto	<u>9</u> * Friendship - Official Visit Banq - 6:30 pm ← Banq - ^s 10 ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> Thanksgiving Day - say Thanks - last long weekend before Christmas 	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> Ashmole Anniversary	<u>17</u> * Doric - Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 4/6 see below East Toronto	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> * Caledonia - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm York	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 5/6 Deacon Day see below East Toronto	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Halloween Take off that stupid mask and stop scaring the children! Oh, that's not a mask? 			



November 2013

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



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

The Mikey Network. The Mikey Network is an agency that works to outfit public places with Automated External Defibrillator's (AED). As many of you know, the District Deputy Grand Master works closely with AED's both in an operational way and in an instructional way. The approach to the project will be two fold. There will obviously some fundraising aspects, but the District Deputy Grand Master will also include a fair amount of education on AED's / CPR and cardiovascular disease emergencies. The District Deputy Grand Master believes that the education we get in Lodge should not just be of a Masonic nature, but anything that "makes good men better." Watch for several initiatives over the coming weeks and months.



Integrity is what we do, what we say, and what we say we do.

- Don Galer

Remember the North East Corner



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

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

www.beadonor.ca

We've have Masons in the Toronto Area on the list awaiting transplant donations. We've had Masons in the Toronto Area die before a transplant donation became available. Imagine the heartbreak of dying or losing a loved one when an alternative is readily available - ***but no one got around to it.***

In Ontario, only 22% of residents are registered as donors at the end of 2012. During that year, 95 people, our family, friends and neighbours, died waiting for organs. In Durham Region the level of registration is ranked in the lower 2/3s of the communities listed at www.beadonor.ca.

As an organization that is demographically the most likely to be at both ends of this issue, both needing and providing organs for lifesaving transplant, you'd think we would get behind this issue more.

What does it take?

FYI

July 2, 1751, Ferdinand VI of Spain issued an edict against Freemasonry. Father Jose Torrubia secured a special dispensation from the Pope, joined a lodge, secured the names of its members, and proceeded to have them arrested. Hundreds were arrested, persecuted, and imprisoned.

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



Toronto East Masonic Centre



This project is really starting to roll. For those of you who haven't seen what the new building will look like, here is the architects' building concept.



No small ideas here! It is necessary to begin cataloguing the inventory of Masonically relevant and historically interesting artefacts, such as swords, gavels, awards, pictures, diagrams, etc, from our district. Anything that can be put up on the walls of the new temple, accompanied by a small explanatory plaque. The item unto itself might be visually appealing but otherwise redundant without explanatory, or provenance, backup.

We need to determine how many Most Worshipful paintings (and their dimensions) from our district we have in our possession in order to adorn our new walls, whether in the lodge rooms or along connective hallways - bearing in mind these are few - including an opening for the new Grand Master.

The new temple committee has asked for a 3D walk-through from the architect. In this way, notwithstanding "the finish", they need to know how much wall space we have to work with.

So as you can see, help and information on what can be put in the new building is becoming an important issue. Please identify what artefacts each lodge has that can go to the new building and let the chairman know.

Contact: Doug Gray @ douggray@rogers.com or 416.456.7360

I Did Not Know That

In October 1910, the Masons of Portugal finally succeeded in implementing a Masonic government by means of revolution. On the night of October 3rd, an organized group of Masons broke into one of the barracks of the infantry regiments. The revolutionaries within the armed forces assisted the civilians, while the majority of the military remained neutral. The loyalists were disarmed, and on October 5th, Portugal's constitutional monarchy was defeated in Lisbon and the Masonic Republic was proclaimed. A provisional government made up of all the leading Freemasons was established that had the support of the governments of France and England.

- CHIPS, newsletter of The Heritage Lodge #730



Huh! With this, the revolution in the U.S., and several countries in Latin America all closely connected to Freemasonry, is it any wonder that some tightly wound governments look at us with less than love in their hearts?

I Was Wondering

In the examination before passing, in which direction does the candidate face?

In the Book of the Work, the Worshipful Master directs the candidate to approach the East where he faces the Worshipful Master for the questions. After the customary questions, the candidate remains in the East facing the Worshipful Master to answer any further questions. (See the Book of the Work).

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 111, Examination Before Passing-*The candidate, in answering any further questions, remains stationed in the East facing the Worshipful Master. No further questions being asked, the Worshipful Master requests the candidate to retire. The lodge is opened in the second degree.*

Must the Senior Warden invest the candidate or may some other brother perform this duty?

In the ritual, the Worshipful Master delegates the authority of investing the candidate to the Senior Warden. The Senior Warden reports to the Worshipful Master when that duty is performed. Either the Senior Warden or a brother who is acting in that capacity invests the candidate.

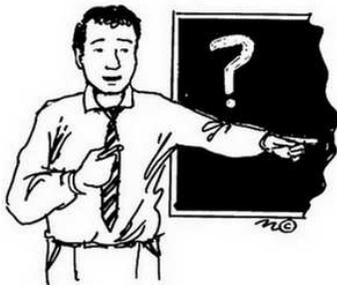
Must the obligation be given by the Worshipful Master or may any Past Master administer it?

See Section 242 of the Book of Constitution.

Book of Constitution-2011, Sec. 242-*The Master is responsible for the Work and may permit any brother to assist him in conferring any portion of the degrees, except the obligation, which must be administered by an Installed Master.*

Where and when should Jacob's ladder be placed?

Jacob's ladder is placed on the Volume of the Sacred Law (See the Mechanics of the Work, Pg. 9, No. 3(e) and, Pg. 14, No. 4).



Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 9, No. 3-(Junior Warden) *If the lodge is adequately furnished and the lecture is given from the floor of the lodge, please observe the following details:*

- (a) *take your place on the floor of the lodge beside the candidate before commencing the lecture.*
- (b) *point to the Lesser Lights only when referring to them as "Ionic, Doric and Corinthian."*
- (c) *during floor movements, endeavour to keep the candidate next to the Altar at all times.*
- (d) *when pointing to the tassels do not name them.*
- (e) *have an understanding with the Senior Steward about the placing and removing of Jacob's Ladder.*

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 14, No. 4-(Senior Steward) *Arrange with the Junior Warden for placing of Jacob's Ladder if the lecture is to be given on the floor of the lodge. It may be set in place while the candidate is signing the by-laws and removed at or about the time the Junior Warden says "seven stars."*



What is meant by “prefigures”?

A dictionary definition: 1. To serve as an indication or suggestion of; to foreshadow. 2. To imagine or to picture oneself beforehand.

When giving the lecture in the South when should the Junior Warden come to the level?

The Junior Warden should take his place beside the candidate before commencing the lecture. (See the Mechanics of the Work, Pg. 9, No. 3(a)).

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(d) when pointing to the tassels do not name them.

(e) have an understanding with the Senior Steward about the placing and removing of Jacob’s Ladder.

What is meant by “slipshod”?

Neither barefoot nor shod.

What does the orientation of the Lesser Lights represent: the Junior Warden the Senior Warden and the Worshipful Master, or the Sun, the Moon and the Master of the Lodge?

They are situated in the South, the West and the East (See the Book of the Work)

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 61, First Degree-*You are now enabled to discern the three lesser lights of Masonry. They are situated in the South, West and East, and are meant to represent the Sun, the Moon and the Master of the lodge; the Sun to rule the Day, the Moon to rule the Night, and the Master to rule and direct his lodge.*

Does the Inner Guard report the alarm from his station, or does he move to the preparation room door where the alarm was sounded and through which the candidate will enter?

The Inner Guard gives the report from the door where the alarm was given.

Does the Inner Guard remain at the preparation room door after the candidate is admitted?

The Inner Guard remains at the preparation room door until the Candidate is allowed to retire in order to resume his personal comforts. See the Book of the Work, where he is required to give 3 knocks after the candidate has retired, then returns to the main door.

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 86, First Degree-*(Junior Deacon conducts the candidate to the altar. The Inner Guard give 3 knocks which are answered by the Tyler. Junior Deacon directs the candidate to salute the Worshipful Master with the Step and Penal Sign of an Entered Apprentice. They then turn left (or right) so as to retire by the most convenient direction to the anteroom. When ready the alarm is given and answered. They re-enter in the usual manner and after saluting at the altar, the Junior Deacon takes candidate directly to the South, where Junior Warden delivers the lecture on the Tracing Board.)*



Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



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

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

Good fellowship and friendship are lasting, rational and manly pleasures.
- William Wycherley (1640-1716)

Saturday October 5, 19 and 26 2013

Saturday November 2 2013

Mechanics of the Work Classes

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

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

We cover openings and closings, coming to order, the F.P. of F., the Grand Honours, entering and leaving a lodge while at work as well as when and how to address the Worshipful Master.

The 26th of October will be the Deacons Day, highlighting the Deacons' work of the 2nd and 3rd degrees. These are very popular and informative and aimed primarily at the Deacons but also those who interact with them. Here we will cover the work of the degree, collecting the pass grip and pass word, receiving Grand Lodge officers under the wands and collection of a ballot.



There will also likely be one session in the evening at the Doric Pickering Masonic Hall. An announcement will be made in plenty of time. There will be another set of classes commencing in January. Dates to be announced.

Hope to see you come visit to partake in and enjoy the sessions that many others have gotten a charge out of over the many years this program has been offered. Our D.D.G.M. has promised to pop in and give us his support and input too.

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

Monday October 14 2013 **Thanksgiving Day**



While enjoying this last long weekend of this wonderful year, partaking of love and laughter with food, friends and family, remember the very many in our community, maybe even in our lodge, that have no opportunity for any of these things. They are thankful for the littlest of things. For the rest of us there is so very much to be thankful for. Take a quiet moment and say your thanks to the Great Architect.

Tuesday October 16

On this day in 1646, renown scholar, antiquarian and public official Elias Ashmole (1617-1692) was reportedly initiated into Freemasonry. According to his diary:

Oct. 16, 1646 at 4:30 p.m.

“I was made a Free Mason at Warrington in Lancashire, with Coll: Henry Mainwaring of Karincham in Cheshire. The names of those that were then of the Lodge: Mr. Rich Penket, Warden, Mr. James Collier, Mr. Rich. Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, Rich. Ellam & Hugh Brewer.”

Ashmole’s notes are one of the earliest references to Speculative Freemasonry known in England.

Masonic Study - is life changing, and it lasts a lifetime!
- Bro. Ed R. Halpaus

November



Hey! Junior! What happened? The cat die?

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



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

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



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

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

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

Saturday November 2 2013

West Hill - Ladies Night

A Night to Honour Our Ladies.

A fantastic night! Honour your special lady. Bring your family and friends. It will be a really great night for one and all. Please book the date, phone for your tickets, and be sure to join us for a gourmet meal, great music, and loads of fun. And you can stay out later this evening because this is the night we set our clocks back an hour.



Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: St. Dunstan of Canterbury Church
56 Lawson Rd. (opposite the Legion)
Cost: \$50 ea
Contact: Barry Villiers @ barryvilliers@sympatico.ca or 416.438.2168

There exists a pervasive notion in the public perception, fuelled by subversive conspiracy theorists and malicious mischief makers that Freemasonry is a 'secret society' that performs bizarre rites behind closed doors. Nothing excites the imagination of the lunatic fringe more than something that is 'secret.' It cannot be denied that at certain times in the past and under certain circumstances, for example during the Second World War in Hitler's Nazi Germany, it was necessary for Freemasons to go underground. There are still areas where it is necessary to conceal one's membership in a Masonic lodge. However, in North America and the free world, members openly display the Square and Compasses indicating their pride in being a member of the fraternity by wearing a ring, lapel pin, or placing an emblem on their vehicle. In Ontario we have an authorized license plate available with the Square and Compasses superimposed on the red Maple Leaf. Meeting places are identified by signs and listed in local telephone directories. Open houses are held when the public is invited to visit our meeting rooms. If all that makes us a 'secret society' we are not very good at keeping secrets!



To dispel this widespread notion, it has been suggested by some apologists that, while not a 'secret society,' Freemasonry is a 'society with secrets.' This subtle semantic subterfuge does little to persuade or convince anyone. Yes, we must readily admit that in Freemasonry there are certain matters that are shared with the members only, just as there are certain matters that are kept private and confidential in any family, organization, or government agency. It would be better to say that we are a 'private society' - a fraternity open to all sincere men seeking to become better men.

So why all the fuss and bother about 'secret handshakes?' We have retained the traditional modes of recognition used by our ancient operative brethren to identify themselves and their level of training, skill and ability in the days before trade school diplomas, union cards, or professional licenses. These are among those 'private' matters that are shared only among members because they can only be understood and appreciated by fellow members.

When a man joins our fraternity he is admitted to 'the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry.' He is told that "it posses great and invaluable privileges." Membership in the oldest and largest fraternity in the world is rightly considered a privilege. But what are the mysteries we promise?

These are best understood as the allegories and symbols used to convey the ideas and ideals embodied in the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry. As they are freely shared with all initiates, they cannot be considered secrets as such. We read in the Sacred Writings, "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given . . . because they seeing, see not; and hearing, they hear not, neither do they understand."¹

During the transition from operative to speculative, we adopted and adapted many of the forms and characteristics of the medieval stonemasons' guilds. The form of our degrees evolved from the morality plays that were a feature of the period. Taking the word from the Biblical phrase, "Behold, I tell you a mystery" these plays were known as mysteries, and are the origin of modern theatrical drama.

Bro. Albert Pike provides us with this definitive insight: "The mysteries, of which Masonry is the legitimate successor - from the earliest times the custodian and repository of the great philosophical and religious truths, unknown to the world at large, and handed down from age to age by an unbroken current of tradition, embodied in symbols, emblems, and allegories."² Simply stated, it lays the world of human knowledge and the accumulated wisdom of the ages open at one's feet.

There is, however, a genuine secret in Freemasonry. It is a real secret because it can never be expressed in words but must be experienced to be comprehended, understood and appreciated. It is the sincere bond of fraternal affection that exists between Freemasons around the world. It is known as 'the Mystic Tie' that binds us in the oldest and largest fraternity of the great Universal Brotherhood of Man.

The Ancient Charges of a Freemason declare: "Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

That is the great secret we share, first among our ancient privileges and mysteries.

Author: Raymond S. J. Daniels
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¹ Matthew 11: vv. 11, 13.

² Morals and Dogma pg. 210, Albert Pike (1809-1891)



Saturday November 9 2013

London Masonic Conference

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

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

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

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

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

Markham Remembrance Service

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

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

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

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



Sunday November 10 2013

Scarborough Remembrance Service



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

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

Time: 12:30 pm - Assembly
2:00 pm - Service

Location: Scarborough Town Centre
150 Borough Dr, Scarborough, ON

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

Sunday November 10 2013

Claremont Remembrance Service

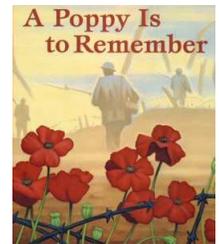
Freemasons will join the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Claremont Legion.

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

Time: 12:30 pm - Assembly
2:00 pm - Service

Location: Claremont Legion Branch 483

Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@xplornet.ca or 905.649.3003



Monday November 11 2013

Remembrance Day

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, take a moment to remember and give thanks to those who have given all they had to give.



Saturday November 23 2013

Doric - Ladies Night



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

Time: 6:00 pm - Social

7:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Four Seasons Golf and Country Club
1900 RR #5 Concession 8, Claremont ON
Cost: \$55.00 ea
Contact: Keith Larocque @ tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com or 905.721.8701

Saturday November 30 2013

The Heritage Lodge - Installation

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



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

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



... by the Lighthouse Beam

What if Masonic Education Broke Out In Your Lodge?

This article may be a harsh analogy and offend some, even though it is written somewhat as a satire. The message rings true, and for that no apology is given.

How long has it been since any form of Masonic education actually broke out within the confines of your lodge rooms? Luckily, it doesn't happen often. For if so, it probably it would scare or disturb those of us who are still awake. So let's be extremely cautious and not permit it to occur often and surely not without much planning, contemplation and defiantly not before forming several committees to study its long term effects on the Lodge. Then a report must be made and returned to the brothers so that it may be discussed in great detail over the course of several meetings, or until a consensus is made that it probably would take up so much time as to surely shorten our business meetings, and the thought would be quickly dropped or tabled for future consideration by the Lodge.

The concept of actually having Masonic discussions or an education program during open lodge, though radical as this concept may seem, was accomplished in lodges that are near and dear to our hearts, but that was a long time ago in our past when men still read, studied and cared about such matters. Programs were planned for regular meeting with articles brought in; papers were being written and presented by Brothers on subjects as varied as history, music, morality, philosophy, symbolism of the working tools and other elements within the degrees. These subjects were then discussed in great detail. Questions were asked and learning happened. This had a tendency to expand one's mind and knowledge not only of the lodge, but society in general. If I am not correct, that is one of the main tenants of the lodge - to improve our self in Masonry.

Too many brothers are so unaware of what the Lodge is really trying to accomplish in its teaching by symbols and allegories. We have nearly stopped educating ourselves about the meanings of the symbolism and allegories presented in the degrees. Brother Oliver Day Street was quoted in The Builder Magazine, August 1919. "In our Masonic studies, the moment we forget that whole and ever part of Freemasonry is symbolic and allegoric, is the same instant we begin to grope in the dark. Its ceremonies, signs, tokens, words and lectures at once become meaningless or trivial. The study of no other aspect of Freemasonry is more important, yet I believe the study of no aspect of it has been so much neglected." We all know the old standard "To make good men better." In reality it means so much more, as it charges you to explore your senses and acquire a working knowledge of the seven liberal arts and sciences to make you a more rounded person by improving yourself in Masonry.

As stated earlier, this would have a definite effect upon our business meetings. It might even encourage men to attend meetings and participate in the free exchange of knowledge and actually learn about Masonry. A man freely gives up his time to attend our meetings; sitting through a meeting that was very much like the last one and without much difference except when a degree is worked. We may have conditioned ourselves to these types of meetings but if we are to attract and



keep new members we are going to have to give them something with more substance for the time they spend away from their families and to make their attendance feel worthwhile.

Be prepared to raise the ire of more than a few brethren if you are so bold as to make a recommendation of injecting a little Masonic education into their meetings.

Please don't be foolish enough as to make the suggestion that once a year they have a special meeting in which to put on a degree with all its related lectures. This will be received as though you are a leper, heretic, iconoclast, or at least one who goes around kicking the sacred cow, even though this would be a perfect opportunity for the newer brothers to gain knowledge and experience about the Craft. It would also afford them a chance to learn and participate in actual degree work. True, it would take longer to confer the degree but not nearly as long as we have endured while sitting through two degrees in one meeting. By virtue of being a special, it could happen on a Saturday which would afford us the time to do it right and not take time away from more important deliberations like what brand of toilet paper to stock or which is the better of the two light bulbs to use. This is by no means the only thing that could be injected into our lodges. Some jurisdictions have instated informal study groups open to all Masons on various subjects about the Craft.

We must be ever mindful that the new members of today will have the stewardship of the Lodge in the future. The better their knowledge of Masonry today, the better they may teach its principles to the future generations of Masons.

We have stopped educating newly made Masons about the degree and their symbolism, and how they pertain to the betterment of his life. In doing so there has been a decline in Masonic knowledge. If this trend continues and we don't start some sort of education program, our future leaders will know how to open, close, and conduct a business meeting, put on a degree and little else. Will they have the knowledge to impart to a newly raised brother on how a Mason is to be made into a better man? Fewer men read today compared to our brothers in the first part of the 20th century. So where will they gain this knowledge? In Europe they take the time in which to teach these lessons in their lodges. The process of becoming a Mason may take longer, but their memberships are growing and flourishing, but we don't teach candidates much in our Lodges and we are in a huge decline. We have blamed every conceivable reason for our loss in membership, but the root of the problem, which we will not acknowledge, is APATHY. I will close with this with a quote from an 1875 article by Dr. Oliver Mackey. "The ultimate success of Masonry depends on the intelligence of her disciples."

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TORONTO EAST DISTRICT LODGES:

Toronto East District is comprised of the lodges residing in the Claremont, Doric-Pickering, and East Toronto (Chisholm) Masonic Temples.

<u>Lodge and No</u>	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Emg</u>	<u>Inst</u>	<u>Off Vst</u>
Acacia #430	East Tor	3 rd Mon	2 nd Mon	Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384 www.alphatuscanlodge384.org	East Tor	1 st Thu	3 rd Thu	Sep	Feb
Birch Cliff #612 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> www.birchcliffodge.com	East Tor	2 nd Fri	4 th Fri	Dec	Mar
Brougham Union #269	Clar	1 st Wed		Oct	Apr
Caledonia #637 www.caledonialodge637.com	York *	3 rd Mon	1 st Mon	Oct	Apr
Canada #532	Doric	1 st Tue	3 rd Wed	Oct	Feb
Coronati #520 www.coronatilodge520.ca	Doric	2 nd Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> www.doric424.com	Doric	3 rd Thu	1 st Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Doric	2 nd Wed		May	Oct
Markham Union #87 www.markhamunion87.org	Clar	3 rd Wed		Nov	Apr
Mimosa #576 www.mimosalodge.com	East Tor	1 st Mon	3 rd Mon	Oct	Apr
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> www.rjr494.com	East Tor	3 rd Tue	1 st Tue	Sep	Apr
Scarboro #653	Doric	2 nd Mon	4 th Mon	Dec	Mar
The Beaches #473 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> www.beacheslodge.ca	York *	1 st Thu		May	Mar
The Imperial East Gate #543	East Tor	2 nd Wed		Feb	Jun
Todmorden #647 www.todmordenlodge.com	East Tor	2 nd Thu	4 th Thu	Nov	Mar
Universe #705 www.ul705.com	East Tor	2 nd Tue	4 th Tue	Oct	Feb
West Hill #670	East Tor	1 st Wed	3 rd Wed	Dec	Mar
Wexford #683	Doric	1 st Fri	3 rd Fri	Nov	Apr
Total Lodges:	19				

* With the sale of the Scarborough Masonic Temple, the inhabiting lodges of that building have relocated to the other buildings. Caledonia Lodge #637 and The Beaches Lodge #473 have relocated to the York Temple which geographically is customarily outside Toronto East District.



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