

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003
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. . . his (Bro. Tom Jackson) comments about the requirements for passing and raising in (I think) Brazil where candidates are required to write three papers on Freemasonry before being passed. They then have to write another three before raising. He (Bro. Tom Jackson) commented that as a result, a Mason in Brazil (?) knew much more about

Freemasonry than most of the audience sitting in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario Convention (2011).

- Gord Smith, CanadaMasons Email Forum

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

October is one of the most beautiful months of the year, as the leaves start to turn and although mornings turn a bit cooler, children grow excited with anticipation of designing and masquerading in their Hallowe'en costumes and grabbing up a bag full of candy with great enthusiasm and joy.

Personally, I enjoy the upswing of football season, baseball playoffs and particularly the many upcoming opportunities for Masonic fellowship and learning. This is the month when Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving and there is no wonder why we as Masons have many reasons to give thanks.

Firstly, we congratulate our four newest Worshipful Masters installed in September, W. Bros. Dr. Sumit Sachdeo of Alpha-Tuscan Lodge, Cleo Balsomo of Coronati Lodge, Isaias Franco of Acacia Lodge and Greg McKinnon of Riverdale-John Ross Robertson Lodge. We wish you all the best in the coming year. I know your plans are well-laid and your lodges will benefit by your proven skill and enthusiastic leadership. Thank you also to your respective successors, for your service to the Craft. Remember that your District brethren are always here to support you and your officers as you engage in your new duties, so please don't ever hesitate to reach out in time of need.



We were also thankful to celebrate at receptions held in honour of R.W. Bro. Robert Johnston, awarded the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award and V.W. Bro. Steven Jackman on his appointment as the Grand Superintendent of Works.

In September, Wexford Lodge was so gracious to host the Grand Lodge of Instruction Team, led by our Custodian of the Work, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, who instructed in all manner of the work and protocols. Our District should be so proud of this event, which was so well attended by our own brethren and an opportunity to welcome brethren from at least 7 other Districts.

October marks the first two Official Visits in our District this year. With great enthusiasm, I look forward to reuniting with our brethren at Friendship and Doric Lodges on what I am sure will be memorable nights filled with brotherhood and excellent work. In addition, we will be supporting the brethren of Brougham Union, Mimosa, Canada, Universe and Caledonia Lodges as they install their new Worshipful Masters and investing officers.

We are also excited as this month there will be receptions held in honour of our own R.W. Bro. Allan C. Dvorak, the new President of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario and Honourary Member of the Board and V.W. Bro. Malcolm J. Parrish, for his well-deserved appointment as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Thank you to the brethren of Markham Union Lodge for organizing a Masonic ChIP event at the Markville Mall last month and our brethren who organized a Blood Donor Clinic at St. Aidan's Church in The Beaches. Your efforts are greatly appreciated as you represent to our community the true spirit of Freemasonry.

As our work continues into October, I strongly urge you to consider our District Trestleboard and note key upcoming events. For example, the wonderful and educational Mechanics of the Work sessions continue this month on Saturday mornings at East Toronto Masonic Temple under the guidance of W. Bros. Dennis Rankin and Robert Steenson. R.W. Bro. Keith Jones still has some tickets to the Reception in honour of our own M.W. Bro. Donald Campbell, but they are selling quickly. W. Bros. Greig King and Craig McOuat and their committee are already working diligently in the planning of our 4th annual District Gala for June. Mark your calendars!! Great work brethren all. Thank you.

On a personal note, I wish to thank the many brethren who took time out of their busy schedules to plan and attend the reception hosted by Birch Cliff Lodge on Friday, September 26, 2014 in my honour. I am humbled and sincere in saying that I will never forget this evening as long as I live. It was such a heart-warming and moving experience to be surrounded by so many great friends I've met in Masonry, joined by wives and family; with whom I was proud to share my beloved Carol, my family and loved ones. I've never felt so close to that stone in the S.E. Angle than you made me feel on that evening brethren. Without each of you, none of this would be possible. I will be eternally grateful to each of you for what you have added to my life and my Masonic travels. What my family has instilled in me during my upbringing, you my brethren have helped to amplify outwardly, in striving to be a better father, son, friend and brother and I am truly thankful to you all for that.

May each of you enjoy peace and thanksgiving as we continue our labours in October and may He who is all keep you safe within His graces and bounty, until we reunite.

With warmest fraternal greetings,

R.W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis





EVENTS CALENDAR:

October 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<u>1</u> * Brougham Union - Installation GM attending Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont	<u>2</u> * The Beaches - Reception for R.W. Bro. Allan C. Dvorak-B. of G.P. Visitors - 7:30 pm York	<u>3</u> Start of Yom Kippur * Doric - Youth Groups Presentations Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>4</u> Start of Eid al-Adha * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 4/6 see below East Toronto	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> * Mimosa - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Aurora	<u>7</u> * Canada - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Cost - \$10 Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>8</u> * Friendship - Official Visit Banq - 6:30 pm ← Cost - \$10 Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Grand Lodge of Canada formed - 1855	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> Thanksgiving Day - say Thanks - last long weekend before Christmas 	<u>14</u> * Universe - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Cost - \$10 Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>15</u> * Brougham Union - Reception for V.W. Bro. Malcolm J. Parish-Assistant Grand Secretary Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont	<u>16</u> Ashmole Anniversary * Doric - Official Visit 2 nd Degree Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>17</u> * Alpha-Tuscan - Rainbow Girls Presentations Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>18</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 5/6 see below East Toronto	<u>19</u> * The Heritage Lodge - Speaker - Michael MacDonald Topic - Trials of Alfred Hal Visitors - 1:00 pm York
<u>20</u> * Caledonia - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm York	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Diwali	<u>24</u> * Birch Cliff - Reception for V.W. Bro. James O. Pickett-Assistant Grand Chaplain Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>25</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 6/6 see below East Toronto	<u>26</u> * The Imperial East Gate - 1st Annual Chili Cookoff and Trivia Night see below East Toronto
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Hallowe'en Stop that! You're scaring the cat.	* Ontario Chapter OES - Annual Craft / Bake / Book Sale see below Doric Pickering	



November 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<p>November! - If you can't grow one - support someone who can.</p> 	<p><u>1</u> * West Hill - Ladies Night see below Scarboro Golf and Country Club</p>	<p><u>2</u> Daylight Savings Ends Time to fall back Turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday.</p> 
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<p><u>6</u> * Doric - Reception for R.W. Bro. William Utton-Grand Director of Ceremonies Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>7</u> * Wexford - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>8</u> Feast of the Four Crowned Martyrs * TED - Markham Remembrance Service see below Markham Veterans Hall</p>	<p><u>9</u> * TED - Scarborough Remembrance Service see below Scarborough Town Centre</p>
<u>10</u>	<p><u>11</u> Remembrance Day</p> 	<p><u>12</u> * Markham Union - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont</p>	<p><u>13</u> * Todmorden - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<p><u>16</u> Start of Hanukkah 8 Day Festival of Lights</p> 
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<p><u>20</u> * Alpha-Tuscan - The Chapters - S.W. Assoc. 2015 Degree Team 1st Degree Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<u>21</u>	<p><u>22</u> * Doric - Ladies Night see below 4 Seasons Golf and Country Club</p>	<u>23</u>
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AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

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

The Masonic Foundation directors explored opportunities for the Foundation to provide meaningful funding for prostate Cancer research in Ontario. The conclusion was to make funding of prostate cancer the primary activity to celebrate the 50th anniversary. To further highlight the pressing need to make significant advances M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. John C. Green, Deputy Grand Master pledged their full support behind this initiative. One component of this unique fund raising partnership will involve the charitable donations made to the Grand Master during his tenure being used to support the selected prostate cancer research projects. The target is to provide funding to the researchers for ten years.

Integrity is one of several paths; it distinguishes itself from the others because it is the right path, and the only one upon which you will never get lost.

- M. H. McKee (1859-????)

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 eight 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

Lodge St. George in Bermuda has rented an old state house since 1816 from the Governor for the sum of "one peppercorn per year."

(Ed: There is a large parade composed of as many Masons as possible on the day on which rent becomes due. The most prominent Mason carries the 'rent' on a cushion, if I remember correctly, for presentation to the governor or his representative.)



Toronto East Masonic Centre

The new Masonic year has begun and the Board has been working on shortening the list of prospective partners for the development of the project. At our meeting on September 20, we short listed to three and have asked each to provide their proposal in writing so we can evaluate and compare their respective options and choose the best solution for the Masons of East Toronto.



The Board has set a date for a long Board meeting to review those options in mid-October and will share those findings with our sole Shareholder, Toronto East Masonic Centre at the AGM planned for Thursday October 30 at 7:00 pm at Chisholm Temple.

The Level II Environmental Assessment results are very positive. All bore holes except one show no contamination of any kind. One bore hole showed contamination just over the Ministry of Environment limits for no contamination. No asbestos was found on the property. Geotechnically, the ground is good for foundation work.

The Board continues to feel good about the ability to bring this project to reality and the progress we make in the next two months should affirm that.

As always, we will answer your questions, just drop us a note.

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- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373

I Did Not Know That !

Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and stage lighting by burning a cylinder of lime that produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, performers on stage 'in the limelight' were seen by the audience to be the centre of attention.

On October 1

In 1653, Russian parliament accepted the annexation of Ukraine (how things change);

In 1661, yachting began in England; King Charles II beat his brother James;

In 1688, Prince Willem III accepted the invitation of the English nobility to take the English crown;

In 1746, Bonnie Prince Charlie fled to France and ended the Stuart chances of re-occupying the English throne;

In 1781, birth of James Lawrence, War of 1812 naval hero renowned for saying, "Don't give up the ship!");



In 1867, Karl Marx' "Das Kapital," was published;
In 1890, Congress created the Weather Bureau (as with all government agencies, it hasn't gotten anything right yet);
In 1903, the 1st baseball World Series was held, Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Boston Pilgrims (Red Sox);
In 1908, Henry Ford introduced the Model T car at a price of \$825 (any colour you want - so long as it is black);
In 1912, the Yanks lost game #100 en route to a 50-102 season;
In 1919, the World Series began as a best of 9 affair; the White Sox intentionally threw the series to satisfy gamblers (Black Sox Scandal);
In 1938, Germany annexed Sudetenland (1/3 of Czechoslovakia) and precipitated World War II;
In 1962, Johnny Carson hosted his 1st Tonight Show and had Joan Crawford as a guest.

Canada Lodge U.D. Update

It has been almost a year since I provided an update on Canada Lodge U.D., and I thought it might be timely to give you a short update. V.W. Bro. Rick Fulford is in his last few months at Kandahar Air Field, and the exact date of the closure of the military presence in Kandahar, while not known exactly, is also coming to a conclusion shortly. With the fantastic support of Grand Lodge, the members of Canada Lodge have been very active since the first meeting on March 4th, 2010.

To date, a total of 73 degrees have been conferred (44 - First Degrees, 17 - Second Degrees, and 12 - Third Degrees)!! The most recent Canada Lodge meetings on August 11th and August 12th conferred the Master Mason degree on 2 candidates that have had all 3 degrees conferred with Canada Lodge, and the photos of these are attached. There is no doubt that the presence of Canada Lodge in Kandahar has been a very welcome relief for many serving military members, both from Canada and also from many of our Allies.

As for the immediate future for Canada Lodge, most of the shops and businesses that had been erected at Kandahar Air Field have been closed down, and many of the compounds are empty and the wooden structures have been demolished. Canada Lodge is meeting at a restaurant that is owned by the Dutch; however, it could be the next to be demolished. If and when that happens, this will exhaust the options for a venue for meetings. When and if that happens, V.W. Bro. Fulford, always the optimist, has promised the continuation of Canada Lodge, albeit only for coffee and fellowship.

As always, if there are any questions, please do not hesitate. Thank you again for your fantastic support.



- Philalethes Society Email Forum - September 2 2014



The Month of October

October was named for the eighth month of the old Roman calendar.

October is associated with the altruistic Athena, Greek wisdom goddess, and guardian of heroes.

October is also sacred to the Roman goddess Astraea. Daughter of Zeus and Themis, Astraea is honoured as the goddess of purity, justice and discipline. Astraea brought patience and hope to the world of mortals, as they progressed into ever more violent times. May we now invoke her benevolent energies?

October is also sacred to the great goddess, Hathor, whose joyful religion lasted for over 3,000 years, embodies all the feminine possibilities. Goddess of sensual pleasures, and the special guardian spirit of all women and all female animals, Hathor is also identified with the Greek Aphrodite, the spirit of guile and sexuality, and the Roman Venus, the spirit of charm and beauty, who governs the sign Libra.

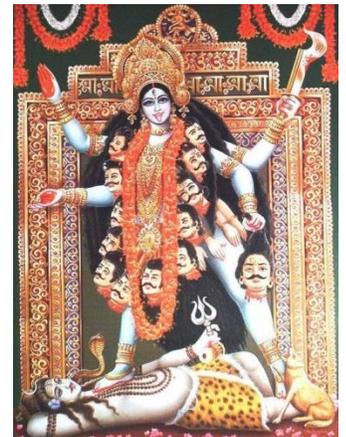
The gemstones linked with October are the opal and the tourmaline. The fire opal, October's most spectacular gemstone, may be worn as a talisman of hope for it embodies the colours of all precious stones. The opal is said to avert painful times and misfortune when worn by those born under the Sun sign of Libra (September 23 to October 23).

For the Scorpio part of October, the tourmaline balances the polarity of its wearer and deflects negativity, especially when worn on the forehead at the third eye or at the throat chakra. Tourmaline wands are used in massage and in healing rituals.

October is also the gateway to the darker part of the year, and many cultures celebrated the end of October in honour of those who have died. The ancient Persians celebrated Mordad, dedicated to appeasing the Angel of Death. The Hindus celebrate a festival of the dead called Durga. The ancient Egyptians celebrated the Day of the Dead in November, and the Mexicans and Peruvians commune with deceased relatives during the "Days of the Dead" that span the end of October and the first day of November.

Hallowe'en (Holy Evening, or All Hallows Eve), called the Day of the Dead in Latin cultures, in the Americas, and All Souls Day in western Christian cultures is when prayers for those loved ones who have left this plane of existence are evoked. Their accomplishments and/or their misdeeds are acknowledged, and their souls are remembered in prayer. On October 31, Kali, the terrible goddess is invoked to slay the demons within.

This sets the stage for All Saints Day, November first, when Christian heroes and heroines are recognized and petitioned to assist us mortals in their quest for a more blessed existence for our souls after death.



October 31 is also the Eve of Sambaing (pronounced Sow-wan), the Celtic New Year's Eve, which celebrates the peak of the cycle of rebirth. It is a magical time of shape shifting, when the veil between the seen and the unseen is very thin, and mysteries are revealed to the faithful. It is similar to its yearly opposite, Beltane, with its occurrences elemental mischief and uncanny phenomena.

This is also the season of the Scandinavian goddess, Skuld, the third and last of the Fates, who ruled the processes of life. Skuld honours the Crone, or the final wisdom path of the goddess, also known as



Cailleach. Cailleach is the Crone Aspect of the Great Goddess, Creator of Storms, and Goddess of Sovereignty. The Cailleach Beara is one of the oldest living mythological beings associated with Ireland, and is born old at Sambaing (Nov 1st) but grows ever younger over time until she is a beautiful maiden at Beltane. Z. Budapest describes Skuld as the Fate that allows transit to the other side of life.

Excerpt from St. Francis' Canticle of the Sun: ". . . Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness. Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens you have made them, precious and beautiful. Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather, through which you give your creatures sustenance. Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Water; she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure. Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten the night. He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong. Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs . . ."

October 2nd, 1869, is Mahatma Ghandi's birthday. Born in Western India, he developed a creed of passive resistance against injustice: Satyagraha, meaning truth force.

On October 4th, we celebrate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. St. Francis had an affinity for animals and for all the elements of creation. He was a patron of natural conservation, and he understood the natural cycles of Earth, as you will have seen in the preceding selection.

On October 6th, 1922, the world's first talking picture "The Jazz Singer" opened, starring Al Jolson, a Freemason.

On October 13th, 1307, King Philip IV of France arrested thousands of Knights Templar. And on the same day, in 1792, the cornerstone of the White House was laid, purportedly by Freemasons. It is said that no one knows exactly where this stone is today.

On October 16th, 1854, Oscar Wilde, a Freemason, was born in Dublin.

On October 19th, 1838, Reuben A. Steere, a Freemason, was born. He was termed the second Tom Thumb. At age 31, he weighed 43 lbs. and was 44" tall.

On October 20th, 1632, Christopher Wren, the great architect of many famous buildings in London, and a Freemason, was born.

October 23rd is nominated as the date of the completion of the Temple of Solomon. It is the feast day of St. James of Jerusalem, who was executed for blasphemy at the gates of Herod's Temple after having argued with the congregation of Roman freedmen-proselytes known as the "Libertines".

On October 25th, 1760, King George II succeeds his grandfather to the throne of England. He was not a Freemason, but his father was. His younger brother William was a member. Six of his seven sons, one nephew and a son-in-law were Masons.

On October 27th, 1858, Theodore Roosevelt, a Freemason, was born.

On October 28th, 1726, Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels" went on sale in England. Swift was a Freemason.



On October 29th, 1787, Mozart, a Freemason, premiered his “Don Giovanni” at Prague.

Concerning the Tyler

First, the words Tiler/Tyler and their origin have been lost.

The Tiler was more a symbol rather than an officer. The word ‘Tiler’ was used in the Operative days of the Cathedral builders, who erected roofs as being a member of the Old Guilds. However the following may sound tenuous, a roof conceals the interior of a building so therefore the Tiler is compared to the secrecy of a building. He was employed after the structure had been erected.

The word ‘Tyler’, which was originally derived from ‘Tiler’, is purely Masonic in its use.

In 1721 the word ‘Tyler’ was apparently used by Dr. Desaguliers (Eminent Freemason of that period) and imported by Dr. Anderson (Eminent also) 1723 approx.

The Tyler is first mentioned officially in the minutes of the Grand Lodge of England for June 8th 1732.

An American Masonic book by William Preston entitled Illustrations of Masonry, 1804, under the heading Masonic Funeral Procession, states- “The Tyler with his sword” . . . In this period stated, the procession would be headed by the Tyler, Secretary and Treasurer with the Past Master and Master to the rear.

From Hone`s everyday book printed 1827 it refers back to 1742 that, “Two Tylers or Guarders are to guard the Lodge with a drawn sword.”

It should be noted that there is no official Masonic Sword, this will explain why Lodges have various types from Knights Templar, Naval and even King Arthur`s Excalibur!

- Graham Marek, UKMason Email Forum

I Was Wondering

In the Masonic Year of 1976-77, the Education Committee of Toronto Masonic District No. 3 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (many of the lodges of which were realigned into the current Toronto East District), under the direction of R.W. Bro. Frank J. Bruce P.D.D.G.M. compiled 47 questions that were sent to the late W. Bro. Harry Carr P.J.G.D., Past Secretary and Editor of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 United Grand Lodge of England. These are his answers. It is to be noted that the answers refer to the Ritual and customs of the Grand Lodge of England in 1976.

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

What is the origin of the Tyler and what were his duties?

Originally “tiler”, one who lay Tile. The spelling “Tyler” is said to be obsolete, except in Masonic usage. The duties of the Tyler have been many and various, but some of them have disappeared since that Office first came into practice in the early 1700’s. They are listed here, roughly in the order in which they appeared:

1. To guard the door of the Lodge, or Grand Lodge.
2. To deliver the Lodge Summonses.



3. To “draw the Lodge” i.e. the Tracing Board.
4. To prepare the Candidates for each Degree, and announce them.
5. To take care of the Clothing, Jewels, and equipment.
6. To take charge of the Signature Book to ensure that all signed it.
7. To give the Tyler’s Toast at the end of the after proceedings.

The year on an Application Form is shown as A.L. Why?

The A.L. - Anno Lucis (the year of light) appears on many Craft Documents. Our system of Masonic chronology is based on a pre-Christian tradition that the Messiah (Christ) would be born 4000 years after the Creation of the Universe, so that the calendar, in early Christian times, counted the Creation (Anno Lucis) as 4000 B.C.

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Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Mt. Moria, Fanshawe Pioneer Village
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.

To spiritually regulate oneself is another form of higher education that fits man for a nobler place in life.

- Marcus Garvey (1887-1940)



Friday October 3 2014

Yom Kippur Starts At Dusk

Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year for religious Jews. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jews traditionally observe this holy day with a 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services. Yom Kippur completes the annual period known in Judaism as the High Holy Days.



According to Jewish tradition, God inscribes each person's fate for the coming year into a "book" on Rosh Hashanah and waits until Yom Kippur to "seal" the verdict. During the Days of Awe, a Jew tries to amend his or her behaviour and seek forgiveness for wrongs done against God and against other human beings. The evening and day of Yom Kippur are set aside for public and private petitions and confessions of guilt.

At the end of Yom Kippur, one considers one's self absolved by God.
- Wikipedia.com

Saturday October 4 2014

Eid-al-Adha Starts At Dusk

Eid al-Adha, "feast of sacrifice" or "Festival of Sacrifice" or "Greater Eid" is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide, approximately 20% of the world population, to commemorate the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to Allah, before Allah intervened to provide him with a ram to sacrifice instead. The sacrificial meat is divided into three parts. The family retains one third of the share; another third is given to relatives, friends and neighbours; and the other third is given to the poor and needy.

Eid al-Adha is celebrated annually on the 10th day of the 12th and last month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Eid al-Adha celebrations start after the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia by Muslims worldwide. The date is approximately 70 days (2 months and 10 days) after the end of the month of Ramadan. Ritual observance of the holiday lasts until sunset of the 3rd day.



When Ishmael was about 13 (Abraham being 99), Allah decided to test their faith in public. Abraham had a recurring dream, in which Allah was commanding him to offer his son as a sacrifice - an unimaginable act - sacrificing the son that Allah had granted him after many years of deep prayer. Abraham knew that the dreams of the prophets were divinely inspired, and one of the ways in which Allah communicated with his prophets. When the intent of the dreams became clear to him, Abraham decided to fulfill Allah's command and offer Ishmael for sacrifice.

Although Abraham was ready to sacrifice his dearest for Allah's sake, he could not just go and drag his son to the place of sacrifice without his consent. Ishmael had to be consulted as to whether he was willing to give up his life as fulfillment to Allah's command. This consultation would be a major test of Ishmael's



maturity in faith, love and commitment for Allah, willingness to obey his father and sacrifice his own life for the sake of Allah.

Abraham presented the matter to his son and asked for his opinion about the dreams of slaughtering him. Ishmael did not show any hesitation or reservation even for a moment. He said, "Father, do what you have been commanded. You will find me, Insha'Allah (God willing), to be very patient." His mature response, his deep insight into the nature of dad's dreams, his commitment to Allah, and ultimately his willingness to sacrifice his own life for the sake of Allah were all unprecedented.

When both father and son had shown their perfect obedience to Allah and they had practically demonstrated their willingness to sacrifice their most precious possessions for His sake - Abraham by laying down his son for sacrifice and Ishmael by lying patiently under the knife - Allah called out to them stating that their sincere intentions had been accepted, and that Abraham need not carry out the killing of Ishmael. Instead, Abraham was told to replace his son with a ram to sacrifice instead. Allah also told them that they had passed the test imposed upon them by their willingness to carry out God's command.

During this celebration, men, women, and children are expected to dress in their finest clothing to perform Eid prayer in a large congregation such as an open field or mosque. Those Muslims who can afford, sacrifice their best domestic animals (usually a cow, but can also be a camel, goat, sheep or ram depending on the region) as a symbol of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son. The sacrificed animals have to meet certain age and quality standards or else the animal is considered an unacceptable sacrifice. This tradition accounts for more than 100 million slaughtered animals in only 2 days. In Pakistan alone nearly 10 million animals are slaughtered at a cost of over \$3 billion US.

The regular charitable practices of the Muslim community are demonstrated by a concerted effort to see that no impoverished person is left without an opportunity to partake in the sacrificial meal during these days. During Eid al-Adha, distributing meat among the people is considered an essential part of this important Islamic festival. In some countries, families that do not own livestock can make a contribution to a charity that will provide meat to those who are in need.

During the festivals, Muslims generally prepare the finest meals derived from their respective cuisines.

In many Muslim cultures the graves of the deceased are also visited during the day of Eid al-Adha.

As-alamu-alaiku.
- Wikipedia

Tonight begins Eid-al-Adha, the religious observance in which 20% of the world commemorates the sacrifice of Abraham, wherein is contained the lesson that service to Humanity is of greater import and value than the sacrificing of human life in the Name of G-d, and that G-d does not require the blood of the innocent to slake any thirst or as bribe or extorted tribute. For those who have observed Yom Kippur, may the Most High receive your prayerful aspirations, and ours, for attaining to higher consciousness, more abundant service, and a greater and straighter walk.

While in Masonry we find that many more religious beliefs are represented amongst our membership than the Abrahamic ones, a feature common to all the Abrahamic faiths is Love, the highest religion, and it is likewise found in many lands and climes, under many Names and on many Paths - may we learn to recognize Love irrespective of the language in which it is spoken; may we become more proficient in the



practice of Love than of persecution; may we offer acceptance more readily and skilfully than condemnation. May we acknowledge the right of each human creature to find Light in accord with his or her own capacities and understanding.

May the conclusion of your year close the chapter on any unhappiness that you may have endured. May your accounts be favourably settled. May you find forgiveness for any of the trespasses of the inevitabilities of human nature that you may have committed. May you forgive others likewise. May the Deity, under whatever appellation by which you may know It, strengthen you with resolve for the trials of life that may lie before you, yet undiscovered.

May the ensuing year find you increased in every good respect, and may you be made better with each passing day. May you find always at your disposal the means to expand your knowledge, deepen your wisdom, and further your understanding. May you always be possessed of the means to come to the help, aid, and assistance of a worthy Mason, and of any member of the human family that you may find in like destitute situation. May your love and kindness be returned to you in kind, and in multiple. May this in-coming year find you under the wing of a favourably disposed Providence, that you might be granted the means to reconcile any accounts that may yet be the burden of your soul and spirit. May each day this year advance your estate, and draw you nearer to your worthy goals.

So mote it be . . .

Your Brother,
- Rashied Sharrieff-Al-Bey, Fiat Lux Email Forum

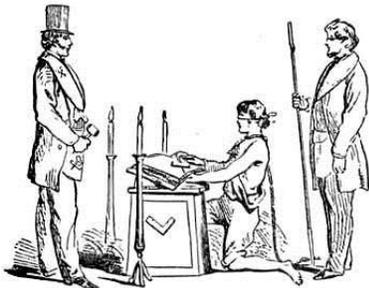
Saturday October 4, 18 and 25 2014

Mechanics of the Work Classes

These classes are open to all Masons, from the newest Entered Apprentice to the rustiest young timer. The classes are of enormous worth to newer members and especially to those who have aspirations to be lodge line officers. Classes are informal in the normal lodge meeting sense, no regalia is required, and welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills or re-acquaint 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.



Special Deacons' Days will occur on October 18th. 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 PG and PW, receiving GL officers under the wands and collection of a ballot.

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

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



Time: 8:30 pm - Coffee (*coffee!*) and day-old (if you're lucky) sticky buns
9:00 pm - noon - Classes
Location: East Toronto
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704

Friday October 10 2014

Anniversary of the Formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada

On this day in 1855, a resolution was presented and passed that, "the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, be, and is hereby formed upon the ancient charges and constitution of Masonry."

Well! Happy Birthday to us! I hope someone is giving us a cake and a present.

Thursday October 16 2014

Anniversary of Elias Ashmole's Initiation

On this day in 1646, renowned 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.

Thursday October 23 2014

Diwali

Diwali is a significant 5-day festival in Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism. It is also popularly known as the *Festival of Lights*.



The word Diwali literally translates as *a row of lamps* in Sanskrit. It is traditional for adherents of Diwali-celebrating faiths to light small clay lamps (or *Deep* in Sanskrit) filled with oil to signify victory over the evil within an individual. During Diwali, many wear new clothes and share sweets/snacks with each other. Some Indian business communities start their financial year by opening new account books on the first day of Diwali.

In Hinduism, Diwali marks the return of Lord Rama to his kingdom, Ayodhya, after defeating Ravana - in the epic story of Ramayana. It also celebrates the slaying of the demon king Narakasura by Lord Krishna. Both signify the victory of good over evil.

In Jainism, Diwali marks the attainment of liberation from the cycle of death and rebirth or reincarnation and all of the suffering and limitation of worldly existence after realization of God by Mahavira in 527 BCE.



In Sikhism, Diwali commemorates the return of Guru Har Gobind Ji to Amritsar after freeing 52 other Hindu kings imprisoned in Fort Gwalior by Emperor Jahangir. He was welcomed by the people who lit candles to celebrate his return. This is why Sikhs also refer to Diwali as “the day of release of detainees”.

Diwali is considered to be a national festival in India and Nepal. The aesthetic aspect of the festival is enjoyed around the world regardless of faith.

- Wikipedia.com

Saturday October 25 2014

Ontario Chapter OES - Annual Craft / Bake / Book Sale

Get those small gifts for Christmas. Books for cheap! And baked goods. Muffins. Butter tarts. Fruit pies. Yummm! Fresh waffles will be served for breakfast and homemade soup for lunch, if shopping isn't your thing. Come and stick around for both.



Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Melynda Norman-Lee @ melyndanormanlee@gmail.com

Saturday October 25 2014

The Imperial East Gate - 1st Annual Chili Cookoff and Trivia Night



An evening of tasteful delights followed by an ‘I didn't know that!’ Trivia contest.

If you want to participate in the Chili competition, please contact John Grouios and let him know you are bringing a chili. There is an entry limit of 10 chilis. If you don't want to participate in the chili competition, that's OK.

The trivia competition is table against table (~8 people per table). If you don't have eight or would like to join a table, that's encouraged! This event is for Masons and non-Masons alike and is an excellent friend-to-friend function for your Lodge! Cash bar.

Prizes for the Best Chili and the Trivia Winners.

The proceeds from this event will benefit the charity of the new DDGM.

Time: 5:30 pm - Chili ‘Evaluation’
6:30 pm - Dinner of excellent chili
7:30 pm - Trivia
Location: Brigadier O.M. Martin Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion
81 Peard Rd, Toronto
Cost: \$15 - with a chili
\$20 - without a chili
Contact: John Grouios @ macedonn@gmail.com or 416.438.2794 or
Richard Lundy @ richard.lundy@sympatico.ca or 416.266.8107 or
Peter Snetivy @ petersnetivy@gmail.com or 905.621.3984



Friday October 31, 2014

Hallowe'en

Uhhmm! Candy! The only day of the year when you can justify wearing that ridiculous stuff you wear. See **The Month of October** and other articles throughout this issue for some background.



Seven characteristics distinguish the wise: He does not speak in the presence of one wiser than himself, does not interrupt, is not hasty to answer, asks and answers the point, talks about first things first and about last things last, admits when he does not know, and acknowledges the truth.

- The Talmud

Saturday November 8 2014

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.

Note: Hwy 48 (or Markham Rd.) from the 407 to Hwy 7 is closed as they are widening the road.

Alternate routes:

- McCowan to Hwy 7, east to Markham Rd. (Washington St. N. is 1 light east of Markham Rd.)
- North on Markham Rd. to 14 Ave. go east to Box Grove By-Pass then north to Hwy 7 then west to Washington St. N.

Time: 9:30 am - Assembly
10:00 am - Service

Location: Markham Veterans Hall
7 Washington St. N. (Washington and Hwy #7), Markham, ON

Contact: Bruce Grumbleby @ grumblebybm@ymail.com or 905.472.8124

Sunday November 9 2014

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



Saturday November 22 2014

Doric - Ladies Night



Enjoy a great evening in a great Christmas decorated setting. A fine roast beef dinner followed by dancing into the wee hours. All are welcome. Bring your family and friends.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:15 pm - Dinner

Location: 4 Seasons Golf and Country Club
1900 Concession 8, Claremont

Cost: \$65 pp

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



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Sounds Like Freemasonry To Me

Gilman High School in Maryland has a highly successful football team. And its coaches have a few unusual rules - such as an ironclad rule that no Gilman football player should ever let another Gilman boy - teammate or not - eat lunch by himself. And the requirement that players constantly base their thoughts and actions on one simple question:

What can I do for others?

What happened that first day at Gilman [High School] was entirely unlike anything normally associated with high school football. It started with the signature exchange of the Gilman football program - this time between [head coach] Biff [Poggi] and the gathered throng of eighty boys, freshmen through seniors, who would spend the next week practicing together before being split into varsity and junior varsity teams.

“What is our job?” Biff asked on behalf of himself, Joe, and the eight other assistant coaches.

“To love us,” most of the boys yelled back. The older boys had already been through this routine more than enough times to know the proper answer. The younger boys, new to Gilman football, would soon catch on.

“And what is your job?” Biff shot back.

“To love each other,” the boys responded.

I would quickly come to realize that this standard exchange - always initiated by Biff or [defensive coach] Joe [Ehrmann] - was just as much a part of Gilman football as running or tackling.

“I don’t care if you’re big or small, huge muscles or no muscles, never even played football or star of the team - I don’t care about any of that stuff,” Biff went on to tell the boys, who sat in the grass while he spoke. “If you’re here, then you’re one of us, and we love you. Simple as that.” . . .

”I expect greatness out of you,” Biff once told the boys. “And the way we measure greatness is the impact you make on other people’s lives.”

How would the boys make the most impact? Almost anything Biff ever talked about could be fashioned into at least a partial answer to that question.

For one thing, they would make an impact by being inclusive rather than exclusive.

“The rest of the world will always try to separate you,” Biff said. “That’s almost a law of nature - gonna happen no matter what, right? The rest of the world will want to separate you by race, by socioeconomic status, by education levels, by



religion, by neighbourhood, by what kind of car you drive, by the clothes you wear, by athletic ability. You name it - always gonna be people who want to separate by that stuff. Well, if you let that happen now, then you'll let it happen later. Don't let it happen. If you're one of us, then you won't walk around putting people in boxes. Not now. Not ever. Because every single one of them has something to offer. Every single one of them is special. Look at me, boys."

They were looking.

"We are a program of inclusion," Biff said. "We do not believe in separation."

The boys would also make an impact by breaking down cliques and stereotypes, by developing empathy and kindness for all.

"What's empathy?" Biff asked them. "Feeling what?"

"Feeling what the other person feels," said senior Napoleon Sykes, one of the team captains, a small but solid wide receiver and hard-hitting defensive back who had already accepted a scholarship to play college football at Wake Forest.

"Exactly right," Biff said. "Not feeling for someone, but with someone. If you can put yourself in another man's shoes, that's a great gift to have for a lifetime."

That was the whole idea behind Biff and Joe's ironclad rule that no Gilman football player should ever let another Gilman boy - teammate or not - eat lunch by himself.

"You happen to see another boy off by himself, go sit with him or bring him over to sit with you and your friends," Biff said. "I don't care if you know him or not. I don't care if he's the best athlete in the school or the so-called nerd with his head always down in the books. You go get him and you make him feel wanted, you make him feel special. Simple, right? Well, that's being a man built for others."

How else would the boys make an impact?

By living with integrity . . . and not only when it is convenient to do so. Always.

By seeking justice . . . because it is often hidden.

By encouraging the oppressed . . . because they are always discouraged.

Ultimately, Biff said, the boys would make the greatest overall impact on the world - would bring the most love and grace and healing to people - by constantly basing their thoughts and actions on one simple question: What can I do for you?

"Not, what can I do to get a bigger bank account or a bigger house?" Biff said. "Not, what can I do to get the prettiest girl? Not, what can I do to get the most power or authority or a better job title? Not, what can I do for me? The only question that really matters is this: How can I help you today?"

Biff and Joe would constantly elaborate on all of this as the season progressed.



“Because in case you haven’t noticed yet, were training you to be different,” Biff said. “If we lose every game of the year, go oh-and-ten on the football field, as long as we try hard, I don’t care. You learn these lessons, and were ten-and-oh in the game of life.”

Author: Jeffrey Marx
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