

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003
Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter - 2008

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If Freemasonry was not at one time patronized by the learned, it was because the depths of its symbolic science and philosophy had not been sounded. If it is now becoming elevated and popular in the estimation of scholars, it owes that elevation and that popularity to the labours of those who have studied its intellectual system and given the result of their

studies to the world.

*- Bro. Albert G. Mackey (1807-1881), Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry-1892,
Preface*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

October has arrived, bringing with it, cooler weather and the start of autumn's spectacular fall foliage along with country craft shows, fall fairs, and those great autumn driving tours just to the north of us. This month will be an active and busy one Masonically, with six Installations, one Official Visit, and one reception. Brethren, support your District and these lodges whenever possible with your presence. Remember, Visitors, are the icing on the cake.

Congratulations to Canada Lodge No. 532 G.R.C. (the D.D.G.M.'s Lodge) as they start their 100 Year Anniversary in October. In January, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. John C. Green will be in attendance as we celebrate, and go from Silver to Gold Regalia. Should be an exciting evening.

For those Brethren aspiring to the Office of D.D.G.M., the Orientation Session for District Deputy & District Secretary of Toronto East District is to be held at Oshawa Masonic Hall, 91 Centre St. Oshawa, on Saturday November 21st (date to be confirmed) with 8 am. sign-in and refreshments,



8:30 am. start, and finish 12:30 pm. For those Brethren with intentions of attending, please confirm with our Toronto East District Secretary.

September Events

Congratulations to our newest Worshipful Masters of Toronto East District.

- W. Bro. Yolando Andrada, Coronati Lodge No. 520 G.R.C.,
- W. Bro. Gilbert Carreiro, Riverdale - John Ross Robertson Lodge No. 494 G.R.C.,
- W. Bro. Kelly S. Dadzie, Alpha-Tuscan Lodge No. 384 G.R.C. and
- W. Bro. Dennis A. Rankin, Acacia Lodge No. 430 G.R.C.

They had wonderful support. Doric Masonic Hall required extra chairs for the visiting Brethren, and Toronto East Masonic Temple, capacity and near capacity for their three Installations. It was inspirational to see so many of our Brethren out in support of our newest district Worshipful Masters. Enjoy your year.

It was also my pleasure on Saturday September 19th to attend the reception of V.W. Bro. Brian Pyper held in his honour by Caledonia Lodge No. 637. Congratulations V.W. Sir. It was a wonderful evening.

Hard copies of our Toronto East District Trestle Board were distributed at our fall T.E.D. business meeting. 25 members, representing 15 of the lodges within our district were present. Committee chairmen were introduced and presented a brief forecast of their plans for our 2015-2016 year.

At the conclusion of the District Meeting, I was able to spend some time at the “Mechanics of The Work” session instructed by W. Bro. Dennis Rankin, assisted by W. Bro.’s Bob Steenson and Scott McDonald. These classes are truly educational and you can’t help but benefit from the instruction and knowledge that they provide.

When my year as the Grand Master’s representative comes full circle, one of my personal highlights will be the reception held for me by my lodge, Canada Lodge No. 532 G.R.C. It was a truly enjoyable evening, shared with my wife Evelyn, lodge and visiting Brethren with their ladies in the banquet room. I experienced one of those unforgettable moments. A large decorated cake was placed on a small table and as we attempted to reposition the table, the legs at one end of the table gave way and before you can react, in the blink of an eye and this one quick “Oh No!” the cake and other desserts were on the floor. I know what you’re thinking, “DISASTER” but believe it or not, the cake showed no damage of any kind, mint shape, like it never happened. I won’t go into an explanation of how or why, just that we were tremendously relieved. Hopefully, if I have one of those moments, I will recover as well as the cake did.



On a Fraternal visit to West Hill Lodge No. 670 G.R.C. on the occasion their Past Masters Night, I had the great honour along with the Worshipful Master and Bro. Secretary to take part in the presenting of the Veteran’s Jubilee Medal in conjunction with the presentation of the 50 year Mason Pin, to W. Bro.’s Auldon S. Rosborough, and Bob Thompson, both Past Masters of West Hill Lodge. This is truly a great achievement and one to be certainly proud of.

I would like to offer a brief explanation of this award.

The **Veteran Jubilee Medal** is presented in recognition of long service to a Mason who has completed 50 years of continuous membership in good standing in a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. The word ‘**Veteran**’ is used in the broad sense: a person of age and experience. A ‘**Jubilee**’ is the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of an important event. Presented as a reward for a half century of faithful



service to the Craft, it is properly called a ‘**Medal**’ and is not, strictly speaking, a Masonic ‘Jewel.’ The medal was authorized in 1935. It was withdrawn in 1963 and temporarily revived in 1971. M.W. Bro. Terence Shand, Grand Master 2001-2002, authorized the restoration of the Veteran Jubilee Medal in 2003. As a medal specially designed and authorized by Grand Lodge, it may be worn in a lodge.¹

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

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

Knowledge = Confidence; Never Stop Learning.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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

¹ Grand Lodge Paper



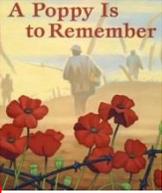
EVENTS CALENDAR:

October 2015

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			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> * TED - Mechanics of The Work - 4 of 6 see below East Toronto	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> * Mimosa - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>6</u> * Canada - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>7</u> * Brougham Union - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Pies! Pies! Pies! Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Anniversary - Grand Lodge of Canada formed 1855	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> Thanksgiving Day - say Thanks - the last long weekend before Christmas 	<u>13</u> * Universe - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> * Doric - Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>16</u> Anniversary - Elias Ashmole Initiated 1646	<u>17</u> * TED - Mechanics of The Work - 5 of 6 <i>Deacons' Day</i> see below East Toronto	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> * Caledonia - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm York	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * Birch Cliff - Reception - V.W. Bro. Charles Franklin-Grand Steward Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>24</u> * TED - Mechanics of The Work - 6 of 6 see below East Toronto	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Halloween <i>Stop that! You're scaring the cat.</i> 	



November 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<p> Movember! If you can't grow one - support someone who can.</p> 		<p><u>1</u> * West Hill - Ladies Night see below Scarboro Golf & Country Club</p>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<p><u>4</u> * Markham Union - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont</p>	<u>5</u>	<p><u>6</u> * Wexford - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>7</u> * TED - Markham Remembrance Service see below Markham Veterans Hall</p>	<p><u>8</u> Feast of the Four Crowned Martyrs * TED - Claremont Remembrance Service see below Claremont Legion</p>
<p><u>9</u> * Acacia - Reception - V.W. Bro. John W. Barnes-Assistant Grand Chaplain Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>10</u> Diwali</p>	<p><u>11</u> Remembrance Day </p>	<p><u>12</u> * Todmorden - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<u>13</u>	<p><u>14</u> Daylight Savings Ends Time to fall back  Turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday.</p>	<p><u>15</u> * Ontario Chapter - OES - Annual Charity Bazaar see below Doric Pickering</p>
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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.

If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters.
- Alan K. (Kooi) Simpson

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

On his famous solo flight across the Atlantic, Charles Lindbergh wore a square and compasses on his jacket as a good luck piece. He was a Mason.

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



Toronto East Masonic Centre



What a busy month September has been for the Directors! We are moving forward with the project and a number of milestones have been reached.

On September 10th, the Boards of Directors of The Wexford Residences; Better Living at Thompson House; and Nisbet Lodge, had a joint information session followed by separate Board meetings. The LTC (Long Term Care) Charity Boards independently

agreed to:

1. Work in partnership to develop a new joint Long Term Care home to replace their current facilities.
2. To work with the Mason's ProjectCo in the development of the new home as part of the development project at Lawrence and Birchmount using their current Long Term Care Ministry of Health licenses.
3. To contribute their assets to their involvement in the project providing it is economically feasible to proceed.
4. That each Long Term Care Board will commit up to \$25,000 to fund the initial feasibility phase.

Now that there is written commitment from the Long Term Care Charities, ProjectCo and the Long Term Care Boards are preparing to engage an architect for preliminary design consultation as a redesign is required due to regulatory construction requirements for Long Term Care buildings. Broad stroke details of the project should be available before Christmas. The Masonic module will still occupy 20,000 square feet of the project, as will the retail/commercial space and parking component previously envisioned. All will remain as an integral part of the project. The number of senior rental/condo units is still in flux pending the density the City of Toronto will permit.

Concurrently, ProjectCo is in discussion with a number of Joint Venture Partners to fund the construction phase of the project. These discussions appear to be moving forward and the Board of ProjectCo feels they too will soon be in place.

ProjectCo did receive an offer to purchase the property at a substantial profit, but the Board has not agreed to sell it until we understand the outcome of the feasibility of the development with the Long Term Care Charities.

Our end of lease negotiations with Chrysler are moving along in a positive manner, and fortunately, with no issues to stumble over yet.

At time of writing this report, we are awaiting the Auditor's Audited Financial Statements for distribution to the Board Members of TEMC. The information was sent over a month ago to the Auditors and they have indicated they should be finished shortly.

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

2316543 Ontario Limited, a for-profit corporation is also known as ProjectCo. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Toronto East Masonic Center (TEMC). TEMC is a non-profit organization created by the Masons of Lodges in Toronto East District whose mission is to build and maintain a new masonic temple. The members of its Board of Directors are Gerry Campbell (Chair), Jim McKinnon (President), Neil Friedman (Treasurer), Michael Morris (Secretary), Maher Eid, Joe Lefevre and Bob Steenson.

- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373



I Did Not Know That !

Weightlessness makes astronauts lose taste and smell in space. In the absence of gravity, molecules cannot be volatile, so few of them get into our noses deeply enough to register as odours. This is a problem for nutritionists designing space food. Much of the taste of food depends on its smell; some chemists have gone so far as to claim that wine is simply a tasteless liquid that is deeply fragrant. Drink wine with a head cold, and you'll taste water, they say. Before something can be tasted, it has to be dissolved in liquid (for example hard candy has to melt in saliva); and before something can be smelled, it has to be airborne. We taste only four flavours: sweet, sour, salt, and bitter. That means that everything else we call 'flavour' is really 'odour.' And many of the foods we think we can smell we can only taste. Sugar isn't volatile, so we don't smell it, even though we taste it intensely. If we have a mouthful of something delicious, which we want to savour and contemplate, we exhale; this drives the air in our mouths across our olfactory receptors, so we can smell it better.

- thanks to Bro. Anon Y. Mous

Smile !



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

If the penalties are not intended to be carried out, what is their purpose?

They are traditional, based on 15th century Admiralty penalties for treason. Nobody has ever suffered those penalties and their contents have been a source of worry to Masons and Grand Lodges in many parts of the world.



In 1964, The English Grand Lodge resolved to approve “permissive changes” in the Obligations (plural) and in the relevant passages in the ritual relating to the Obligations by which the Candidate undertakes now to “bear in mind” the “traditional penalty, that of having the”.

Note: The Candidate does not undertake to suffer the penalty, or to inflict it, he only promises to bear it in mind. The permissive changes were “permissive” in so far that no Lodges were ordered to adopt them; they could only adopt them by a majority vote in the Lodge. A large number of Lodges adopted the changes; many still adhere to the earlier forms. (See Carr’s, “*The Freemason at Work*”, pages 38-45)

Why does the Entered Apprentice Apron not contain one rosette?

It is not necessary. The Entered Apprentice Apron is always described as “a plain white lambskin” and every English Mason would know that it designates Entered Apprentice status. In the USA especially (but probably elsewhere too), only the Lodge Officers wear ornamented Aprons and all visitors and members wear a plain white - as emblems of equality - and in many jurisdictions, the grade of the wearer, Entered Apprentice Fellow Craft, or Master Mason is indicated by turning up the corners of the Apron or some similarly recognizable practice.

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Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Arkona #307, Arkona 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.

*I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.
I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.
When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.
When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me
To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today
Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.
One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.
Who stands with men of honour learns to hold his honour dear,
For right living speaks a language which to every one is clear.
Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,
- I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one, any day.
- Bro. Edgar A. (Albert) Guest (1881-1959)*

Saturday October 3, 17 and 24 2015

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 Five Points of Fellowship, the Grand Honours, entering and leaving a lodge while at work as well as when and how to address the Worshipful Master.

Calling Off and Calling On will be a practical part of the class for a 'Bio Break'. Yup, a genuine necessity sometime in midstream. Then we will finish at noonish to tidy up the lodge room and head back to the banquet room for more fellowship



and the other stuff.

Special Deacons' Days will occur on September 26th and October 17th. 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 am - muddy coffee (*coffee!*), day-old sticky buns (*if you are lucky*) and corny jokes
9:00 am - noon - Classes
Location: East Toronto
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704

Saturday October 10 2015

Anniversary - The Grand Lodge of Canada Was Formed On This Date 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."

Happy Birthday to us!

Then There Is Whisky



There is an excellent blended Scotch whisky available from Lombard Distilleries in the UK, called Old Masters Freemasons Whisky.

It has not been available in Ontario. Several Masons in southern Ontario agitated for more than a year to get the LCBO to bring the product into Ontario. Last fall at about this time, the LCBO brought in a limited quantity, sort of on a flier. Would anyone buy it?

Several of us snapped it up in more than case quantities, and surprise, surprise, within 45 - 60 days there was next to none on the shelves.

I distributed what I had to my line officers. One of them explained his dilemma in this way. "If the whiskey is no longer available in Ontario and I drink it, it's all gone. If I save it, I could die and then some S.O.B. I don't like will drink it for me!"

Frankly, I have the same dilemma.

But with your assistance, we may not in the future. This product is now available at the LCBO. The question is, for how long.

This whisky was judged a 94 out of 100 by Jim Murray's whisky bible. Get out there and buy it and possibly the LCBO will keep it on their shelves. You don't need to be a Past Master to buy it. No pass grip or password is required. Great Christmas present for a brother.



Click on the link to see which stores it is in.

www.lcbo.com/lcbo/product/lombard-old-masters-freemason-blended-scotch-whisky/383505#.Ve7bnp1VhBc

Friday October 16 2015

Anniversary - Elias Ashmole's Initiation Was On This Date in 1646

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.

Saturday October 31, 2015

Hallowe'en

Uhhmm! Candy! The only day of the year when you can justify wearing that ridiculous stuff you wear.

For those who may be interested, our good friend Wikipedia has a fascinating article on the subject. Seems there is good reason to blame the whole thing on the Irish. I did not know that!

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween>



It takes less time to do things right than to explain why you did it wrong.

- Bro. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

Saturday November 7 2015

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 to get a seat as the hall fills up quickly.

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

Time: 9:30 am - Assembly

10:00 am - Service

Location: Markham Veterans Hall

7 Washington St. N. (Washington and Hwy #7), Markham, ON

Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ grimblebybm@gmail.com or 905.472.8124



Saturday November 7 2015

Ontario Chapter OES - Annual Charity Bazaar

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



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

All are welcome. The more, the merrier.

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

Rough and Perfect Ashlars

“[S]hould encounter a Mason who is less than perfect, not to condemn the entire fraternity because of the behaviour of one Mason; Masonry should not be judged by a few failures, but by the average of its successes.” I like that and whenever I rehearse or deliver the 3rd section of the lecture of the 1st degree, I think of it.

The 3rd section of the 1st degree lecture talks about the Rough and Perfect Ashlars: “By the Rough Ashlar we are reminded of our rude and imperfect state by nature; by the Perfect Ashlar that state of perfection at which we hope to arrive by a virtuous education, our own endeavours, and the Blessing of God.” Occasionally I will meet a stranger who when I greet him by saying “hi, how are you today?” he will answer, “Blessed, truly blessed.” I always smile and extend the right hand of friendship, because I know exactly what he means.

The virtuous education spoken of in the lecture alludes to the education Masons can get by studying the lessons and allegories of Freemasonry, which will lead them to studying the lessons, allegories, and parables in the Great Light of Masonry, (the Volume of the Sacred Law); a Masonic student cannot avoid becoming a Volume of the Sacred Law student too. The words ‘virtuous education’ also allude to the learning available to us in our houses of worship: It has always been a truism that if you want to meet some of the best men in a community, and you can’t find them congregated in a Lodge all you need to do is attend a house of worship on a Sabbath; Masons tend to congregate there too.

It is a blessing of the Great Architect when we, through the lessons we learn in the Great Light of Masonry, our houses of worship, and in Freemasonry, improve ourselves. While it is a blessing to improve by striving toward perfection, our improvement requires our personal endeavours to acquire the virtuous education that will help us become the better men we wanted to become when we petitioned our Mother Lodge for the degrees of Masonry.

You and I know that it is well-nigh unto impossible to become perfect: Nevertheless, a good man applies the lessons he learns in every area of his life in his quest to become better than he was before his learning. Through our endeavours and applying what we learn we will subdue our discordant passions so that we can get closer to the perfection we seek; closer than we would be without the virtuous education and our endeavours.



Masons are the kind of men who want to improve: The beneficiaries of a Mason's improvement are many: he is a beneficiary, because of his endeavours, education, and the Great Architect's blessing, he lives a happier life; everyone he meets is a beneficiary, because he treats everyone with kindness and brotherly love; his loved ones, wife, or significant other, children, parents, siblings are all beneficiaries, because he is nicer and more loving toward those he loves; he appreciates them for who they are and the important people they are in his life. The list of beneficiaries can go on and on, because we meet so many people every day every year; they all benefit from a Mason striving for the perfection mentioned in the first degree when he hears briefly about "that state of perfection which we hope to arrive at by a virtuous education, our own endeavours, and the blessing of God."

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Saturday November 7 2015

West Hill - Ladies Night

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

A fantastic night! Honour your special lady. Bring your family and friends. It will be a really great night for one and all. Please book the date, phone for your tickets, and be sure to join us for a gourmet meal, great music, 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: Scarborough Golf and Country Club
Cost: \$60 ea
Contact: Gerry Ouellette @ gerry.ouellette@rogers.com or 416.412.1572

Sunday November 8 2015

Claremont Remembrance Service



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

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

Time: 2:00 pm - Wreath Laying Ceremony

Location: Claremont Legion

4947 Old Brock Rd. Claremont, ON

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



Saturday November 28 2015

Doric - Ladies Night

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

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:15 pm - Dinner
Location: 4 Seasons Golf and Country Club
1900 Concession 8, Claremont
Cost: \$65 ea
Contact: Steve Hudson @ stevehudson@rogers.com or 905.995.4824



Some ideas are so stupid, only intellectuals believe them.
- George Orwell [Eric Arthur Blair] (1903-1950)

Saturday December 5 2015

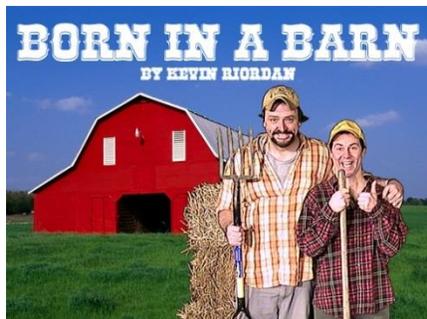
The Millennium - Christmas Dinner Theatre

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



Friday December 11 2015

Georgina - Reception in Honour of M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew

Past Grand Master 1993 - 1995

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

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

Time: 7:00 pm - Lodge opens
7:30 pm - Visitors received

Location: Etobicoke Temple
596 Renforth Dr.

Contact: George McCowan @ georgina343secretary@yahoo.ca



... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Art of Memory

The individuals with the most prodigious memories, those that win the United States and World Memory Championships, use a technique called the “method of loci” or “memory palace.” Since the human brain is highly adept at remembering spaces and images, they simply visualize a house or palace, and visually place each item on a path through the house - using a highly unusual and memorable visual association for each item. Then, to remember, they simply take a mental “walk” through the house on that same path and “see” each item they need to remember. It turns out that this “memory palace” technique was used by the greats of antiquity during times when - because of the absence of the printing press and the internet - memory was a much more highly honoured ability:

“Virtually all the nitty-gritty details we have about classical memory training were first described in a short, anonymously authored Latin rhetoric textbook called the *Rhetorica ad Herennium*, written sometime between 86 and 82 B.C. . . . The techniques introduced in the *Ad Herennium* were widely practiced in the ancient world. In fact, in his own writings on the art of memory, Cicero says that the techniques are so well known that he felt he didn’t need to waste ink describing them in detail. Once upon a time, . . . memory training was considered a centerpiece of classical education in the language arts, on par with grammar, logic, and rhetoric. Students were taught not just what to remember, but how to remember it.

“In a world with few books, memory was sacrosanct. Just look at Pliny the Elder’s *Natural History*, the first-century encyclopaedia that chronicled . . . the most exceptional memories then known to history. ‘King Cyrus could give the names of all the soldiers in his army,’ Pliny reports. ‘Lucius Scipio knew the names of the whole Roman people. King Pyrrhus’s envoy Cineas knew those of the Senate and knighthood at Rome the day after his arrival . . . A person in Greece named Charmadas recited the contents of any volumes in libraries that anyone asked him to quote, just as if he were reading them.’ . . . Seneca the Elder could repeat two thousand names in the order they’d been given to him. St. Augustine tells of a friend, Simplicius, who could recite Virgil by heart - backward. A strong memory was seen as the greatest virtue since it represented the internalization of a universe of external knowledge.

“The [technique] is to create a space in the mind’s eye, a place that you know well and can easily visualize, and then populate that imagined place with images representing whatever you want to remember. Known as the ‘method of loci’ by the Romans, such a building would later come to be called a ‘memory palace.’ Memory palaces don’t necessarily have to be palatial - or even buildings. They can be routes through a town or station stops along a railway. . . . They can be big or small, indoors or outdoors, real or imaginary, so long as there’s some semblance of order that links one locus to the next, and so long as they are intimately familiar. The four-time U.S. memory champion Scott Hagwood uses luxury homes featured in *Architectural Digest* to store his memories. Dr. Yip Swee Chooi, the effervescent Malaysian memory champion, used his own body parts as loci to help him memorize the entire 56,000-word, 1,774-page Oxford Chinese-English dictionary. One might have



dozens, hundreds, perhaps even thousands of memory palaces, each built to hold a different set of memories. . . .

“ ‘The thing to understand is that humans are very, very good at learning spaces,’ [memory grand master] Ed Cooke remarked. ‘Just to give an example, if you are left alone for five minutes in someone else’s house you’ve never visited before, and you’re feeling energetic and nosy, think about how much of that house could be fixed in your memory in that brief period. You’d be able to learn not just where all the different rooms are and how they connect with each other, but their dimensions and decoration, the arrangement of their contents, and where the windows are. Without really noticing it, you’d remember the whereabouts of hundreds of objects and all sorts of dimensions that you wouldn’t even notice yourself noticing. If you actually add up all that information, it’s like the equivalent of a short novel. But we don’t ever register that as being a memory achievement. Humans just gobble up spatial information.’

“The principle of the memory palace is to use one’s exquisite spatial memory to structure and store information whose order comes less naturally. . . . The crucial thing was to choose a memory palace with which [you are] intimately familiar [such as] the house you grew up in. . . .

“ ‘It’s important that you deeply process that image, so you give it as much attention as possible,’ Ed continued. [So if, for example, you want to remember the cottage cheese on your shopping list,] try to imagine [Claudia Schiffer swimming in a tub of cottage cheese]. And make sure you [visually place this cottage cheese image in a specific room in your mental house] . . . The *Ad Herennium* advises readers at length about creating the images for one’s memory palace: the funnier, lewder, and more bizarre, the better. . . . The more vivid the image, the more likely it is to cleave to its locus. What distinguishes a great mnemonist is the ability to create these sorts of lavish images on the fly, to paint in the mind a scene so unlike any that has been seen before that it cannot be forgotten. And to do it quickly. Which is why [memory champion] Tony Buzan tells anyone who will listen that the World Memory Championship is less a test of memory than of creativity.”

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