

# Hiram's Lighthouse

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

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September 1, 2009

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*Every man has to seek in his own way to make his own self more noble and to realize his own true worth. You must give some time to your fellowman. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have a need of a man's help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here, too.*  
*- Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965),  
Nobel Peace Prize-1952*

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

Brethren,

First I would like to thank Toronto East for their vote of confidence; I have a fine group of Past Grand Lodge Officers to follow and to provide guidance during my journey.

I would also like to congratulate those officers elected or appointed from Toronto East District.

#### The Board of General Purposes

- R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell
- R.W. Bro. David R. Dainard
- R.W. Bro. Barry J. Hutton
- R.W. Bro. George E. Hinds
- V.W. Bro. Robert K. H. Kliaman

#### Grand Stewards

- V.W. Bro. Richard G. Carveth
- V.W. Bro. Eugene F. De Beaupre
- V.W. Bro. Bernard F. Gibbs
- V.W. Bro. Ron Scott
- V.W. Bro. Donald Shipley

I wish all these brethren a fine Masonic year and the support of Toronto East District.



The Zephyr's Sr. Wardens Group held a very fine BBQ and corn roast at WindReach Farms with excellent support from their group and the district, a fun day was enjoyed by all and has resulted in the group presenting a cheque to WindReach Farms, our District Charity in support of their fine work.

Several receptions are being held for our new Grand Stewards; please support them by attending and likewise the Installations of Masters and investing of their officers this month within the District.

Remember our District meeting takes place on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Scarborough Masonic Temple.

Read the District Trestle Board and support your lodges by visiting your brethren.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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

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## TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

### September

Thursday September 3, 2009

Alpha-Tuscan – **Reception for V.W. Bro. Douglas Gray**

Lodge opens at 7:00 pm  
Ladies welcome  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Monday September 7, 2009

**Labour Day**

Last long weekend of the summer  
- that never was! Enjoy it while  
you got it!



Wednesday September 9, 2009

The Imperial East Gate – **Reception for V.W. Bro. Ron Scott**

Lodge opens at 7:30 pm  
Ladies welcome  
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday September 10, 2009

Coronati - **Installation**

Banquet - 6:00 pm ←  
Visitors by 7:35 pm  
See notice below.  
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Tuesday September 15, 2009

Riverdale-J.R. Robertson - **Installation**

Visitors by 8 pm  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Wednesday September 16, 2009

Canada – **Reception For R.W. Bro. Tom Norris and V.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman**

Visitors by 7:45 pm  
Ladies welcome  
Ajax Masonic Temple

Saturday September 19, 2009

Toronto East District - **Mechanics of The Work – 1 of 6**

9:00 am to Noon  
Les Armitage - 416.598.4794  
Dennis Rankin - 416.691.1704  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Monday September 21, 2009

Acacia - **Installation**

Visitors by 8 pm  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

### October

Thursday October 1, 2009

Alpha-Tuscan - **Installation**

Visitors by 8:00 pm  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday October 3, 2009

Toronto East District - **Mechanics of The Work – 3 of 6**

9:00 am to Noon  
Les Armitage - 416.598.4794  
Dennis Rankin - 416.691.1704  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday October 3, 2009

Riverdale-J.R. Robertson – **100 Year Anniversary**

Lodge opens at 4:30 pm ←  
Banquet at 6:30 pm  
See notice below  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Monday October 5, 2009

Mimosa - **Installation**

Visitors by 8:00 pm  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Tuesday October 6, 2009

Canada - **Installation**

Lodge opens at 7:00 pm  
D.D.G.M.'s Lodge  
Ajax Masonic Temple

Wednesday October 7, 2009

Brougham Union - **Installation**

Visitors by 8:00 pm  
Claremont Masonic Temple

Monday October 12, 2009

**Thanksgiving Day**

Despite the summer, we still  
have a lot to be thankful for.



Tuesday October 13, 2009

Universe - **Installation**

Visitors by 8:00 pm  
Scarborough Masonic Temple



Tuesday September 22, 2009  
**First Day of Fall**  
It's all easy sledding from here.



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

Friday September 25 2009  
Toronto East District – **Blood Donor Clinic**  
See notice below  
St. Aidan's Anglican Church

Thursday October 15, 2009  
Doric – **Official Visit**  
Visitors by 8:00 pm  
Ajax Masonic Temple

Friday September 25 2009  
Birch Cliff – **Reception For V.W. Bro. Eugene De Beaupre**  
Visitors by 8 pm  
Ladies welcome  
Scarborough Masonic Temple

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

Saturday September 26, 2009  
Toronto East District - **Mechanics of The Work – 2 of 6**  
9:00 am to Noon  
Les Armitage - 416.598.4794  
Dennis Rankin - 416.691.1704  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

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

Wednesday September 30, 2009  
Toronto East District – **Fall Business Meeting**  
Opens at 7:00 pm  
Scarborough Masonic Temple

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

Wednesday October 21, 2009  
Cathedral - **Installation**  
Visitors by 8:00 pm  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

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

Saturday October 31, 2009  
**Halloween**  
I know it's you under that stupid mask. Stop stealing the kid's candies!



Saturday October 31, 2009  
Toronto East District - **Mechanics of The Work – 6 of 6**  
9:00 am to Noon  
Les Armitage - 416.598.4794  
Dennis Rankin - 416.691.1704  
East Toronto Masonic Temple



## AROUND AND ABOUT:

### Toronto East District Charity

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

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



Contact: Todd Owens @ [678@yrp.ca](mailto:678@yrp.ca) or 416.722.0843  
Bill Utton @ 905.831.6256

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*I believe in the fundamental truth of all great religions of the world. I believe that they are all God-given and I believe that they were necessary for the people to whom these religions were revealed. And I believe that if only we could all of us read the scriptures of the different faiths from the standpoint of the followers of these faiths, we should find that they were at the bottom all one and were all helpful to one another.*

*- Mohandas Karamchand 'Mahatma' Gandhi (1869-1948), The Words of Gandhi, Newmarket Press-1996*

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### Blood Donor Clinics



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

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

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

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday September 25, 2009  
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours  
St. Aidan's Anglican Church  
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)  
416.691.2222



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

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

[www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu](http://www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu)

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

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### **Notice!**

A new District Masonic year commences. All subscribers to **Hiram's Lighthouse** will soon receive a message asking them to renew their subscription. When you get that message, and EVERYONE on the list will be sent one, just follow the instructions to renew.

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### **Historic Masonic Gavel Missing**

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

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

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

Paul Skazin @ [skazin@sympatico.ca](mailto:skazin@sympatico.ca) or  
Charlie Reid @ [charlie.reid@sympatico.ca](mailto:charlie.reid@sympatico.ca)

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### **Possibly Not In Your Copy Of The VOSL**

Genesis 1

32. And on the eighth day, God created plastic, and He saw that it was good, and He made little teeny-tiny blocks out of it to give geeks something very cool to play with.

33. And bare of foot, man did step upon teeny-tiny blocks of plastic, and he did blaspheme.

- Revd. Bro. Mark J. Worley

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### **The Internet Lodge 9659 Short Papers Competition**

The Internet Lodge 9659 Short Papers Competition deadline for submission is December 31, 2009 with the prizes being awarded Friday, March 12, 2010 at Manchester UK. The competition is for original papers on any Masonic subject of 500 words length, or one page. Papers should be written in a style that is conducive to delivery in a lodge.

There are three categories: -

- Northampton Award for best paper overall;
- World Award for papers written by a non-UGLE Mason;



- Nova Award for newer Masons of 5 years or less membership (the Nova award papers may be up to 1500 words).

Details for the competition can be found on the Internet Lodge 9659 website at -  
<http://internet.lodge.org.uk>

Papers from last year's competition can also be found on the website. The winner of the World Award was actually a lady Mason from the USA, Karen Kidd!

Both experienced and new authors are encouraged to submit papers.

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## Scarborough Masonic Temple Construction Delays



Many are aware that the Scarborough Temple are having to undertake some fairly substantial remodelling work to our storage lockers and fire exits in order to comply with the orders of Toronto Fire Department.

We had hoped to complete the work during the summer recess however the recent work stoppage by City employees has delayed the issuance of a building permit.

We do not expect to commence work until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September and the work will progress for approximately five weeks to mid October.

During this time there will be a considerable amount of disruption in the anteroom at the top of the main stair and we would beg your indulgence, understanding and patience during this time.

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

***WE DO NOT ADVISE LEAVING ANYTHING IN THE BUILDING AS THERE  
WILL BE NO SECURE STORAGE UNTIL THE WORK IS COMPLETED.  
ONCE AGAIN, WE APOLOGIES FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.***

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### ***Ten Points of Living:***

- 1. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.***
- 2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.***
- 3. Never spend money before you have it.***



4. *Never buy what you do not want just because it is cheap; it will be dear to you.*
  5. *Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, or cold.*
  6. *We never repent of having eaten too little.*
  7. *Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.*
  8. *How much pain has the evils that have never happened cost us.*
  9. *Take things always by their smooth handle.*
  10. *When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.*  
- Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. President-1801-09
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### **Saturday August 15, 2009**

#### **Toronto East District - First Annual Senior Wardens' Corn Roast and Day at the Farm**

The 2009 Toronto East District Senior Wardens' Group, The Zephyrs, would like to thank everyone who supported the First Annual Senior Wardens' Corn Roast & Day at the Farm on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Some 200 people purchased tickets in advance or at the gate, with approximately 175 on hand throughout the day. We had wonderful, warm weather with sunny skies for this gathering of so many Masons, family and friends from many lodges across our District. Representatives from each of our four temples were on hand to enjoy the Farm's treasures, children's games, wagon rides, great hamburgers and hot dogs and FANTASTIC roast corn dipped in melted butter. Yum...can't wait for next year!!

Through your participation, The Zephyrs were able to present a cheque in the amount of \$1,500 to WindReach Farm on behalf of the District. Prior to supper, our new DDGM, R.W. Bro. Tom E. Norris, announced that WindReach Farm would be the District's charity for the coming year.

We would also like to thank our suppliers, Twinkleberry Farm Market, Chicago-58, Hain-Celestial Canada, Smucker Foods of Canada Co., Whole Foods Market-Oakville and Inotek Signs and Graphics for their generous contributions. The children appreciated their prizes that were kindly donated to us by the Shriners, who we heartily thank. Finally, we appreciate all the help provided to us by the management, staff and volunteers at WindReach Farm who so cheerfully assisted us before, during and after this event.

The Zephyrs enjoyed the opportunity to plan this project on behalf of the District and to work together to make it such a success. We all had a lot of fun during the day and look forward to future Corn Roasts to see how things can be improved.

Bro. Bruce Palanik  
For The Zephyrs

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*Freemasonry does not instruct its members in what their religious beliefs should be, nor does it offer sacraments. Freemasonry deals in relations between men; religion deals in a man's relationship with his God.*

*- United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE)*

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### **Sunday September 6, 2009**

#### **The Hermetic Code – Occult Symbolism of the Manitoba Legislative Building**

**WooOooo!** This event is more of an anti-Masonic event, linking our signs and symbols to occult architecture (sponsor's interpretation). In any case, it might be interesting to Masons.





It began as a curious glance at two sphinxes on the Manitoba Legislature and resulted in the remarkable discovery of one of the greatest cover-ups in Canadian history. After years of painstaking research, specialist of ancient religions and secret societies, Frank Albo, uncovered a spine-tingling trail of occult clues (sponsor's interpretation) concealed in the building's architecture, including hidden hieroglyphic inscriptions, numerical codes, and Freemasonic symbols so intelligently masked it had escaped historians and visitors for nearly one hundred years!

As Albo pieced together the complex jigsaw puzzle, an astonishing pattern emerged - a web of concealment in the original blueprints and in the building's iconography pointed to a secret plot (sponsor's interpretation). He revealed the building to be a library of coded messages and secret teachings inscribed in a Masonic language. The Manitoba Legislative Building is the Rosetta Stone of occult architecture! (sponsor's interpretation)

You'll definitely want to join us for this riveting 90-minute presentation as Frank Albo peels back conventional history and brings to life an extraordinary occult temple in the heart of North America disguised as a house of government.

A one-night only, exclusive event brought to you by Conspiracy Culture. Frank will be coming all the way from Winnipeg for this event and will be signing copies of his amazing book, 'The Hermetic Code' (reviewed in **Hiram's Lighthouse** – August 2007) after the presentation. This promises to be a fantastic evening filled with incredible information.

Tickets are now on sale and can be secured in two ways: -

1. In-shop at Conspiracy Culture
2. Over the phone using MasterCard or Visa

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

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Location: Conspiracy Culture Books  
1696 Queen St. W.  
Cost: \$10 (limited spaces, in-shop event)  
Contact: Conspiracy Culture @ 416.916.1696

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### **Thursday September 10, 2009**

#### **Coronati Lodge - Installation**

Our Installation is a very special night for Coronati Lodge. V.W. Bro. Gary Rhodes will be installing Bro. Kenneth Black. It is important that we have an accurate number of dinner attendees. Please **RVSP** with Gary Rhodes. Your ladies are invited.

The Head Table will be piped for dinner at 6:00 pm sharp.

Time: 7:30 pm sharp – Lodge Opens  
8:00 pm (or earlier) – D.D.G.M. and Installing Board received  
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple  
Cost: \$15 - Banquet  
Contact: Gary Rhodes at [gary@rhodes.ca](mailto:gary@rhodes.ca) or 416.751.7783



## Monday September 14, 2009

### **The Magic Flute - Mozart's Masonic Opera**

For the past seven years, Bro. Franz Olberg, Temple Lodge No. 665, Ottawa 1 District (recipient of the Mercer Wilson Medal in 2005) has organized an opera tour in support of the Starlight Children's Foundation. This year, Bro. Olberg has chosen a performance of 'The Magic Flute' Mozart's Masonic Opera by Opera Lyra at the National Arts Centre, Ottawa. The conductor will be the world renowned Pinchas Zukerman.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels has been designated Honorary Patron and will be in attendance, as will the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, M.W. Bro. Donald Ross.

This will be a unique opportunity to enjoy the musical genius of our Bro. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and promote Freemasonry in the artistic community.

Location: Southam Hall, Natural Arts Centre  
Ottawa

Cost:

<b><u>ORCHESTRA:</u></b>	Rows A to P - \$99	<b><u>AMPHITHEATRE:</u></b>	Rows A to F - \$78
	Rows Q to T - \$88	<b><u>BALCONY:</u></b>	Rows: A to B - \$65
	Rows U to Y - \$78		Rear Rows - \$40
<b><u>MEZZANINE:</u></b>	Rows A to C - \$115	<b><u>BOXES:</u></b>	Level 1 - \$159
	Rows D to F - \$99		Level 2 - \$115
	Children under 11 - \$5		Level 3 - \$65

Contact: Bob Conrad @ [masonic.opera.tour@gmail.com](mailto:masonic.opera.tour@gmail.com) or 613.757.7461, or  
Paul Todd @ [fireplug@sympatico.ca](mailto:fireplug@sympatico.ca)

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## Tuesday September 15, 2009

### **Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry**

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

Topic: The Sacred and the Profane

As humanity matured in its interaction with the rest of nature, two concepts emerged: the ordinary, run-of-the-mill reality and something else. Eventually these became concepts that were encapsulated as one being "profane" and the other "sacred." This triggered the search for knowledge, "once you begin . . . there is no obvious place to stop . . ." becoming the quest for truth, Man's Search For Meaning. In today's humanity there is much fuzziness obfuscating that "the sacred and the profane are rigorously defined only in relation to each other . . . mutually exclusive and contradictory." We Masons handle this by means of ALLEGORY, which literally means "other speech." "Allegory" signifies an open declamatory speech which contains another layer of meaning."

Manning: "A funeral is your gift of love . . ." and that is why our Masonic Service to a departed brother is sacred!

Speaker: Jörg Fischer

Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm

Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute  
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)

Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)

Contact: Pat Piccione @ [pat\\_piccione@hotmail.com](mailto:pat_piccione@hotmail.com) or 905.846.3586

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



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### **Wednesday September 16, 2009**

#### **The Heritage Lodge – Regular Meeting**

For the purpose of conducting and transacting such business which may be brought before the Lodge, including Ballot for Membership by Affiliation and the Annual Election of Officers.

Topic: Historical Aspects of an Incident at Waterford  
Speaker: Robert Hamilton  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Location: Cambridge Masonic Temple  
1 Grohn Ave., Cambridge, Ont.  
Contact: Ken Campbell @ [heritagelod730@xplornet.com](mailto:heritagelod730@xplornet.com)

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### **Contributing**

We all have our own bit of Light to share –

- Some of us share it through in-depth research and study;
- Others through actions;
- Others through compassion;
- Some rattle cages of complacency;
- Others build bridges.

The ways are endless, and all are valuable. We each contribute according to our gifts and our strengths.

Freemasonry is also that Temple Built Without Hands. In each building, there are portions, large and small; each section being a part of the whole, without which the building would not be complete.

Author: Bro. Kiara S. Rodemaker  
Publisher: Masonic Light E-Mail Forum

People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road, doesn't mean they've gotten lost.

- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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### **Saturday September 19, 2009**

#### **Alpha-Tuscan U.S. Fraternal Visit**

Alpha-Tuscan has been invited to make a fraternal visit to their sister Lodges in upstate New York. This year, they will be rekindling a relationship with the Mystic Arts Lodge that merged several years ago to form Amherst Lodge. Fortune Lodge will be joining them at Amherst. This is great as Alpha-Tuscan will be able to keep their relationships with both Lodges alive in one visit. Our American friends have planned a wonderful day for them.

Anyone who has an opportunity to initiate or maintain a relationship such as this in another jurisdiction should definitely do so. They are fun AND educational.

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**Saturday September 19, 2009**

**Mechanics of The Work Instruction**

What do I do now? Where am I supposed to be standing? Why is he switching sides? What am I supposed to say then? Would you like to get some answers in a comfortable atmosphere?

Les Armitage and Dennis Rankin will be leading instruction in the Mechanics of The Work at 9:00 am for the next 6 Saturdays with the exception of the Thanksgiving weekend. Drop in and learn something.

Dates:           September 19           September 26  
                  October 3            October 17  
                  October 24           October 31  
Time:           9:00 am to noon  
Location:       East Toronto Masonic Temple  
Contact:        Les Armitage @ 416.598.4794  
                  Dennis Rankin @ [kdrankin@pathcom.com](mailto:kdrankin@pathcom.com) or 416.691.1704

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*Great accomplishments are often attempted but only occasionally reached. Those who reach them are usually those who missed many times before. Failures are only temporary tests to prepare us for permanent triumphs.*

*- Charles R. Swindoll, Martin H. Manser's The Westminster Collection of Christian Quotations -2001*

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**Saturday October 3, 2009**

**Riverdale John Ross Robertson Lodge #494 - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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



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

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**Saturday October 3, 2009**

**Hamilton Masonic District 'C' – Detroit Masonic Temple Tour**



A limited number of seats are available for this tour. Reserve your bus seat by forwarding a photocopy of your current passport and a cheque payable to -  
Hamilton Masonic District 'C'

Mail to –

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

Include your email address and phone number so a confirmation and other



information can be returned.

Time: 4:30 pm - ????  
Location: ?????  
Cost: \$50 ea  
Contact: ?????

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### **Tuesday October 20, 2009**

#### **Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry**

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

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

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

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### **Wednesday October 21, 2009**

#### **The Heritage Lodge – Committee of General Purposes**

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

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

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*It may well be that our numbers will continue to lessen until we are a hard core of earnest, sincere, devoted men committed to the principle that brotherly love, more than any other single human experience, is the greatness of mankind.*

*- Bro. Harold D. Ross*

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### **Saturday November 14, 2009**

#### **Birch Cliff Lodge – Ladies Night**

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

Time: 6:30 pm – Social  
7:31 pm – Dinner  
8:37 pm – Dancing  
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple  
Cost: \$50 ea  
Contact: Errol Chin @ 416.778.0369



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**Sunday November 15, 2009**

**Canada Lodge – Brian E. Bond Memorial Scholarship Comedy Afternoon**



There are few of us who can deny we owe something to the memory of Brian Bond for what he did for the good of Masonry across the province. His teaching of Computer Resources topics throughout the Grand Lodge jurisdiction must be remembered. The proceeds of all of the monies raised by comedians Russell Roy, Ed Russell and all of the Canada Lodge members will go to some high school graduate who chooses to go into the Computer Resources field at either a College or University. (See [www.comedynight.ca](http://www.comedynight.ca).)

There are only 500 tickets for sale and Canada Lodge and Toronto East District hope to raise a gross of at least \$15,000.00, so that the a bursary in the range of \$500 - \$1,000 can be achieved for a deserving student. We hope that all will come out to help leave a legacy in the name of Brian E. Bond. Tickets are available online at [www.brianbond.eventbrite.com](http://www.brianbond.eventbrite.com) or from Ed Russell. Thank you for all your support.

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Time: 2:00 pm – Doors open  
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Location: J. Clarke Richardson High School  
1355 Harwood Ave. N., Ajax  
Cost: \$30 ea  
Contact: Ed Russell @ [ajaxruss@yahoo.ca](mailto:ajaxruss@yahoo.ca) or 905.619.3167

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**Not One of Aesop's or Uncle Remus' Fables**

A Mason was hunting in a forest when a big storm arose. He looked for shelter but there was none so he crawled into a hollow log.

The rain lashed for hours, and it soaked through the wood, and the wood of the log began to expand, narrowing the hollow. When the storm abated, the man tried to get out, but he could not. He strained and strained but to no avail; the log held him tightly. He knew he would die of starvation unless he could free himself and his whole life flashed before him - especially his mistakes.

Sadly, he remembered that he had not paid his Lodge dues. This made him feel so very, very small that he was able to crawl out of the log.

**Moral:** Don't let your Lodge dues accumulate until you are in a tight pinch.  
- Anonymous

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**Saturday November 28, 2009**

**Doric Lodge – Ladies Night**



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

Time: 6:30 pm – Social

7:30 pm – Dinner

Location: Four Seasons Golf and Country Club

Cost: tba

Contact: Mark Sale @ [marksale@sympatico.ca](mailto:marksale@sympatico.ca) or

905.619.9773

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**BOOK REVIEW:**

**Fiat Lux – Volume 1**

**Author:** Various  
**ISBN:** 0853183139  
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**Published:** 2009

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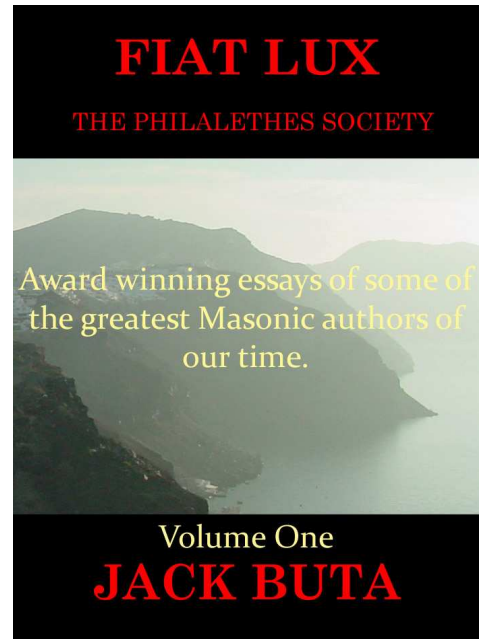
Several months ago, I presented this book prior to it going to print. What follows is the first review I can find of the book.

*Fiat Lux is a must buy* for every Masonic library, large or small, rich or poor, wherever English is spoken. Why? Because it showcases some of the best articles from The Philalethes Magazine over the past sixty years; it provides an introduction to authors and ideas that otherwise might have remained at a perpetual distance from the average Masonic reader; and because - at \$14.95 for a hardcover presentation of the work of 26 award-winning authors - there will never be a better bargain.

Is it also a must buy for the individual Masonic student? I think so. I have a stack of Philalethes Magazines going back to 1992, and a 'The Philalethes 50 years' CD covering the years 1946-1996, and consult both sources when necessary. If I had not been provided with a pre-publication review copy of *Fiat Lux*, I might never have opened the book - and it would have been my loss!

In it I found old friends such as –

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| Wallace Mcleod  | - | Why St Alban?                                     | Allen Roberts               | - | Masonry Under Two<br>Flags   |
| Ross Hepburn    | - | Freemasonry in New<br>Zealand                     | Roscoe Pound                | - | What Is Law?                 |
| Alphonse Cerza  | - | Recommended<br>Masonic Reading                    | Harold van<br>Buren Voorhis | - | Two Theories to<br>Look Into |
| Dwight L Smith  | - | Of Landmarks and<br>Cuspidors                     | Alex Horne                  | - | Prince Edwin, 926<br>AD      |
| Charles Guthrie | - | Rob Morris and The<br>Conservators in<br>Kentucky |                             |   |                              |





And I found authors whose work was new to me, such as -

Mervin B Hogan	-	The Confrontation of GM Abraham Jonas and John Cook Bennett at Nauvoo	Richard H Sands	-	Physicists, The Royal Society and Freemasonry
Keith Arrington	-	Iowa's Masonic Magazines: The Battling Editors			

But the absolute gem of the collection, for me, is John Mauk Hilliard's 'The Lodge as Primary Community' (1980).

Bro Hilliard's name was not completely unknown to me, but I had no idea of the import - or even the existence - of this essay, and ordinarily the title would not have attracted me, had it not been included in the book under review. Nearly 30 years ago, he expressed ideas that have only occurred to some of us in the current decade. What are these ideas? I'm not going to tell you. If you want to find out, access the CD, or pick up this book.

Review by: Tony Pope

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## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### Warrant Anniversary of African Lodge No. 459

September 20, 2009 will be the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary since African Lodge No. 459 was warranted by the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) on September 20, 1784.



African Lodge #459 Charter

The official story of the gentleman known as Prince Hall has many discrepancies with what has been discovered in official papers. The official story is as follows: -

Prince Hall was born at Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies, about September 12, 1748. He was freeborn. His father, Thomas Prince Hall was an Englishman and his mother a free coloured woman of French extraction. In 1765, at the age of 17, he worked his passage on a ship to Boston where he worked as a leather-worker, a trade learned from his father. Eight years later he had acquired real estate and was qualified to vote.

- Prince Hall's death as reported in the Boston Gazette for Monday, 7 December 1807 infers that Prince Hall was born in 1735. A letter written by Dr Jeremy Belknap, a founder of the Massachusetts Historical Society, with regard to a survey he had undertaken on the history of slavery in Massachusetts refers to Prince Hall as 'one of my informants... a very intelligent black man, aged 57'. If this statement were accurate then Prince Hall would have been born about the year 1738.
- A statement repeated ad nauseam by many writers, says that Prince Hall was freeborn. The fact is there exists in the Boston Athenaeum Library, among the notarial papers of one Ezekiel Price, a Certificate of Manumission, dated 9 April 1770, and signed by William Hall, together with three other members of the Hall family, giving



Prince Hall his freedom. This document states that he (Prince Hall) had worked with the Hall family for twenty-one years, i.e. since 1749.

- The fact that Prince Hall was a slave rules out the statement that he was the offspring of a union between a free African-American woman of French extraction and an Englishman. Prince Hall seems to have always referred to himself as an 'African'. He was an African, having been seized in some part of West Africa as a lad of between eleven and fourteen and brought to New England by a slave-trader and sold as a slave. It is not impossible that he was actually sold to William Hall and it is also likely that he took the 'Hall' from the family that he served so faithfully for twenty-one years. This is impossible to prove but is a likely inference.

On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and fourteen other free Negroes of Boston were made Master Masons in a Lodge No. 441, Irish Constitution, attached to the 38<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, British Army garrisoned at Castle William (now Fort Independence) Boston Harbour.

When the British Army left Boston in 1776, this Lodge, No. 441, granted Prince Hall and his brethren authority to meet as African Lodge No. 1 under a permit, to go in procession on St. John's Day, and as a Lodge to bury their dead; but they could not confer degrees nor perform any other Masonic 'work'.

For nine years these brethren, together with others who had received the degrees elsewhere, assembled and enjoyed limited privileges as Masons. Thirty-three masons were listed on the rolls of African Lodge No. 1 on January 14, 1779. Finally, in March 1784, Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, through a Worshipful Master of a subordinate lodge in London for a warrant or charter. On September 20, 1784, the warrant was issued. It was not delivered, however, until three years later, owing to the fact that the brother to whom the matter was entrusted failed to call for it. It was delivered on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1787, by Captain James Scott, a sea-faring man and, incidentally, a brother-in-law of John Hancock, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. On May 6, 1787, by virtue of the authority of this Charter, African Lodge No. 459 was established and began work as a regular Masonic body.

In accordance with Masonic usage of that time, a General Assembly of coloured Masons met in Masons' Hall, Water Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on June 24, 1791, and formed African Grand Lodge with Prince Hall as its first Grand Master; an office he held until his death in December 1807. On June 24, 1808, following a call from Nero Prince, the Deputy Grand Master, representatives of the three then existing lodges met in Boston and changed the name to the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F & A M of Massachusetts, in memory of Prince Hall.

The exact date at which African Lodge assumed the powers of a Grand Lodge is impossible to pinpoint. That it functioned as a normal lodge for some years and made returns to the Grand Lodge of England with fees to the Charity Fund is beyond dispute. It was finally struck off the Register of the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) at the Union in 1813 because 'no returns or fees had been made for years.' In that respect Prince Hall's Letter Book shows a certain laxity on the part of the secretariat of the Grand Lodge, for his letters to Grand Secretary contain numerous complaints that his correspondence is not being answered. Doubtless there were transmission difficulties but one cannot think that all his letters to Grand Secretary were never received. (Similar laxity on the part of the Grand Lodge of England was one of the major factors that drove Canadian Masons to form the Grand Lodge of Canada. (*see Whence Come We*)) Also from 1802 onward, the Napoleonic Wars made transportation and communication with the colonies a very haphazard enterprise.

In 1797 Prince Hall received a letter from a Peter Mantone who lived in Philadelphia. The letter recited that Peter Mantone and ten other brethren were desirous of having a warrant for a lodge. They had made



application to the white Masons and had been refused a warrant on the grounds, Mantone said, that the white Masons were afraid that 'black men living in Virginia would get to be Masons too'. Mantone did not say to which Grand Lodge he had applied. The Grand Lodge of Virginia was formed in 1778 and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1786. In reply to Mantone, under the authority of the charter of African Lodge No. 459, Prince Hall established African Lodge No. 459 of Philadelphia on March 22, 1797 and later, Hiram Lodge No. 3 in Providence, RI on June 25, 1797. African Lodge of Boston became the 'Mother Lodge' of the Prince Hall Family. It was typical for new lodges to be established in this manner in those days. In doing so, Prince Hall was doing no more and no less than what Lodge Fredericksburg, Virginia, had done in 1757.

Lodge Fredericksburg was self-formed in 1752 and did not get a warrant of its own (from the Grand Lodge of Scotland) until 1758. In 1757 it issued a Dispensation to Lodge Botetourt to meet at Gloucester, Virginia, and that lodge subsequently obtained a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) as No. 458 in 1773. We have here a lapse of sixteen years between the granting of a Dispensation, by an unwarranted lodge, before the obtaining of a warrant. Lodge Fredericksburg is now No. 4 under the Grand of Virginia and was George Washington's lodge. Lodge Fredericksburg was not content with the issue of one Dispensation but, in 1768 (by which time it had been warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland), it issued a further Dispensation to Falmouth Lodge in Stafford County, Virginia. Of these activities of Lodge Fredericksburg Hugo Tatsch (Freemasonry in the Thirteen Colonies) states: "It chartered lodges at Falmouth, Virginia (no longer in existence), and Botetourt Lodge, Gloucester County, Virginia. The right of Fredericksburg Lodge to issue these charters was recognized by the Craft during that period." If Fredericksburg Lodge possesses, and had exercised, the right to issue charters then that same right cannot be denied to African Lodge No. 459.

If the criterion for being a Grand Lodge is the exercising of the right of issuing warrants for the erection of a lodge, the African Lodge can be said to have acted as a Grand Lodge from the year 1797.

If the criterion be that of a declaration of independence and surrender of allegiance the African Lodge did not assume the function of a Grand Lodge until 1827 when the Boston Advertiser of 26 June carried a notice that the Grand Lodge officially declared itself to be 'free and independent of any lodge from this day' over the signature of John Hilton, then Grand Master. They followed the same process as the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had done 45 years earlier.

As an individual, Prince Hall took great interest in the welfare of the African-American people in Boston and in Massachusetts. He continually badgered the city fathers of Boston and also the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in respect of the proper provision of schools for the education of the children of the African-American population.

Author: Prince Hall Freemasonry Website  
[http://members.tripod.com/fosterglenn/prince\\_hall\\_freemasonry.htm](http://members.tripod.com/fosterglenn/prince_hall_freemasonry.htm)  
Numerous other sources including the Masonic Light Elist

Note: The numerous Prince Hall websites are inconsistent re historical events and dates. Diligent research (not done for this paper) would be required to ascertain a completely factual history.

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## TORONTO EAST DISTRICT LODGES:

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<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 <sup>rd</sup> Mon		Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384	East Tor	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Oct	Jan
Birch Cliff #612 <a href="http://www.birchcliffodge.com">www.birchcliffodge.com</a>	Scar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Dec	Feb
Brougham Union #269	Clar	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed		Oct	Apr
Caledonia #637 <a href="http://www.caledonialodge637.com">www.caledonialodge637.com</a>	Scar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon		Oct	Apr
Canada #532	Ajax	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Oct	Feb
Cathedral #643 <a href="http://www.cathedralodge643.com">www.cathedralodge643.com</a>	East Tor	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed		Oct	Mar
Coronati #520 <a href="http://www.coronatilodge520.ca">www.coronatilodge520.ca</a>	Scar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424	Ajax	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Ajax	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed		Jan	Oct
Mimosa #576 <a href="http://www.mimosalodge.com">www.mimosalodge.com</a>	East Tor	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	Oct	Apr
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 <a href="http://www.rjrr494.com">www.rjrr494.com</a>	East Tor	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Sep	Apr
Scarboro #653	Scar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Dec	Mar
St. Aidan's #567	Scar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue		May	Mar
The Beaches #473 <a href="http://www.beacheslodge.ca">www.beacheslodge.ca</a>	Scar	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu		May	Mar
The Imperial East Gate #543	Scar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed		Nov	Feb
Todmorden #647 <a href="http://www.todmordenlodge.com">www.todmordenlodge.com</a>	East Tor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	4 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Nov	Mar
Universe #705 <a href="http://home.eol.ca/~freemason/lodge/universe.htm">http://home.eol.ca/~freemason/lodge/universe.htm</a>	Scar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Oct	Apr
West Hill #670	Scar	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Dec	Mar
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