

# Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003

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*The future of Masonry does not rest on the shoulders of the Masons initiated in the last 5 or 10 years. It rests on the shoulders of we who have been around for 20 or 30 years or longer, who have an obligation to mentor, and train our younger Brethren in what they need to know and should be capable of doing to enjoy Masonry and to lead our Craft. When I see Lodges fail I see the results of*

*older Masons not doing what their predecessors did for them.*

*- Bro. Ed R. Halpaus, TFS (Three, Five, Seven)-2008*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

This incredible summer just keeps on going. I hope that you and your families have been able to enjoy this warm weather with family and friends. And, as we celebrate Labour Day this month, I hope that you are getting ready to resume "your work in the quarry."

Our lodges are preparing to continue with their labours and three Masters-Elect are eagerly awaiting their Installations in September. I wish them and their teams a wonderful Masonic journey this year and extend my thanks to all those who have worked so hard this past year on behalf of their brethren. I would especially like to thank the Senior Wardens' Group, The Stonecutters, led by Bro. Michael Morris, for the wonderful time on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Senior Wardens' Corn Roast and BBQ held at WindReach Farm. Food, fun and friendship were the order of the day . . . well done!! A healthy donation to the Farm was well-received. It was good to see a few of The Ancients, our new Senior Warden Group, taking notes!!



In addition to our Masonic "work" let's also remember to make time for fun. There are three Receptions planned for this month and two in October. These will honour the brethren of Toronto East District who have been elected or appointed as Grand Lodge Officers. Please try to attend as many as you can to



show your support for your brethren in your District. While you're at it you will be expanding your Masonic network and enjoying some "social mirth" at the same time.

The Fall District Meeting is scheduled to be held at the East Toronto Masonic Temple (Chisholm Avenue) on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am to noon. All members of the District are invited. While the District's Trestle Board contains many dates and activities, space limitations don't allow for details. Come out on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to learn more about our District Charity and many of the planned District events and programs - both old and new. And, volunteers to enhance success are always welcome!!

Another date of interest is the District Lodge of Instruction at the Doric Pickering Masonic Hall in Ajax on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30pm. I extend my sincere thanks to the WM and Members of Birch Cliff Lodge for hosting this educational evening. The topics will include Mentoring, Protocol & Etiquette and the Cornerstone Project. Time to socialize and renew acquaintances will also be part of the night's agenda.

Elsewhere you will find listings of all of these dates and more. I urge you to keep your planners current throughout the coming Masonic year to avoid disappointment from missing an interesting event.

For prospective D.D.G.M.'s, the required correspondence course has been revised. With the same content, the number of modules has changed from 3 to 11, perhaps requiring more time for the submission/response cycle. Please register early to avoid the need to rush through it.

Finally, let's remember that it takes a good number of Masons and their families to make, and keep, our Lodges strong and vibrant. While good planning is paramount for success, so, too, is good execution by a dedicated team of competent and willing members. How's the team in your Lodge doing? Are you actively participating in your Lodge; in your District? How can you help to make things even better? Be an active Mason . . . like many things in life, the more you put in the more you get out!

May the G.A.O.T.U. keep you safe and help us all to remain true to our obligations.

*Freemasonry in action . . . deeds speak!!*

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

**R.W. Bro. Bruce N. Palanik**  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Toronto East District

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**TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:**

September 2012						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u> <b>Labour Day</b> - Last summer long weekend - pack up the cottage ☹- kids are back in school tomorrow ☺	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> * West Hill - <b>60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>6</u> * Doric - <b>Reception for R.W. Bro. Bruce Palanik - D.D.G.M.</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> * Coronati - <b>Installation</b> see below Doric Pickering	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> Happy New Year! * Acacia - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>18</u> * Riverdale-John Ross Robertson - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>19</u> * Markham Union - <b>Reception for V.W. Bro. James Crawford - Grand Steward</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont	<u>20</u> * Doric - <b>A Little History</b> see below Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> <b>First Day of Fall</b> * TED - <b>Fall Business Meeting</b> 9:00 am East Toronto	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> <b>Yom Kippur</b> - starts at dusk	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> * Todmorden - <b>Reception for V.W. Bro. Thomas S. Fulton - Grand Steward</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>28</u> * TED - <b>Blood Donor Clinic</b> see below St. Aidan's Church * TED - <b>Lodge of Instruction</b> 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>



**October 2012**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<u>1</u> * Mimosa - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>2</u> * Canada - <b>Installation</b> Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>3</u> * Brougham Union - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont	<u>4</u> * Alpha-Tuscan - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> - I'm so stuffed! 	<u>9</u> * Universe - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>10</u> * Friendship - <b>Official Visit</b> Banq - 6:30 pm ← Banq Cost - \$10 Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> * Caledonia- <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm York	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> * Canada - <b>Reception for</b> <b>R.W. Bro. Robert</b> <b>Kliaman - M.O.B.</b> Visitors-7:00 pm ← Doric Pickering	<u>18</u> * Doric - <b>Official</b> <b>Visit</b> <b>DDGM's Lodge</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> * Birch Cliff - <b>Reception for</b> <b>V.W. Bro. Peter J.</b> <b>Sialtsis - Grand</b> <b>Steward</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> <b>Halloween</b>  <i>WooOOooo!</i>				



## AROUND AND ABOUT:

### Toronto East District Charity

To Be Announced

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*One of the truest tests of integrity is its blunt refusal to be compromised.*  
*- (Albert Chinualumogu) Chinua Achebe*

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### Blood Donor Clinics



Below you will find the district scheduled Blood Donor Clinics, but if you cannot attend them find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. It is necessary to book an appointment by calling 1.88.todonate (1.888.636.6283). Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge. The Toronto East District 'Partners for Life' number is **MASN011058** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics, go to

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

Contact: John Katz @ [johnkatz@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnkatz@sympatico.ca) or 416.264.7399

Upcoming Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday September 28, 2012

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 23, 2012

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

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### FYI

Frederick A Bartholdi, a Freemason, designed the statue of Liberty which stands in New York harbour. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the corner stone on August 5, 1885.

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

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### Remember the North East Corner

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

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



**Even Though You Don't Want To Talk About It - Christmas Is Coming**

A present for yourself. A present for a good brother.

We have a disabled Mason in Nova Scotia who designs, manufactures, sells and ships all sorts of Masonic stuff - lapel pins, coins, etc. He has recently come up with a car emblem for that office for which no one ever runs - Past Master. There are two versions, one with and one without the square. I'm not sure of the cost, but based on experience, it will be very reasonable. A sample is shown. Order now before the Christmas rush begins.



Contact: Richard T. James @ [rtj@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:rtj@ns.sympatico.ca)

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**Toronto East Masonic Centre - *Breaking News***



This past month the TEMC secured the location of our new temple. It will be located at Birchmount and Lawrence, the former home of Craig Hinds' Chrysler dealership. (In fact, Chrysler is now a tenant of ours.) In the next few months, and years, there is a lot of work to be done. We, alongside numerous professionals, are planning to erect two towers, potentially called Temple Towers, which will be conjoined by a 5 storey commercial building. In these, we will offer residences and offices, as well as retail space on the ground floor. There will be plenty of parking to meet our needs, as well as an adjacent and appropriately named public parkette required by the city.

On the uppermost floors of one of the 15-storey towers we will place our temple, to consist two lodge and various meeting rooms, hospitality facilities and common areas. At completion, the project is projected to cost \$90 million, which will involve pre-selling those aforementioned floors in order to raise the requisite financing. The board will continue to meet regularly, but is beginning to assign specific tasks to members and forming working committees. Additionally, with proper permits and approvals in hand, it is important to launch our Adornment Campaign to position Freemasonry in the best light possible when we open the doors in 2015.

To complete our mission, the TEMC is certain we will enjoy the support of Masons not only in our district but across the jurisdiction in this endeavour. But the board will require dedicated individuals for these and other tasks to be accomplished on time and under budget. If you have an hour each week available to talk, research or investigate, please let us know. Some of the work foreseen includes outfitting the traditional lodge rooms, which responsibility is in the hands of V. W. Bro. Doug Gray, and the adorning of adjacent rooms and hallways, now in the hands of Bro. John Holmes. At our next meeting, and those in the near future, I expect many other volunteers to step forward.



In conjunction with our many new and planned activities, this new temple will enable the growth and success of Freemasonry in Toronto. It will be attractive and will attract visitors. Some will be brothers from other districts and some will be curious about our gentle craft. With the presence of numerous medical professionals below, our lodges will likely see an increase in applications from this demographic and, given the quality of work offered within our tiled recesses, the new temple and its amenities will enable retention of these men for decades. The time to think creatively is really upon us and I, and the board, seek and welcome your involvement in this process.

S&F,  
W. Bro. Graeme Boyce  
President SMTC & TEMC

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### **Masonic Relief For Cuba**

Shipments have resumed to our brethren in Cuba. We had stopped for a period while we re-assessed the needs there. We wrote to as many lodges there as we had addresses and asked them to let us know what precisely they needed. The replies were slow in coming but we have heard from five lodges and have supplied their needs. We have sent analgesics, anti inflammatories, arthritic ointments, vitamin B-12 and multi vitamins. We have also sent glucometers and test strips, blood pressure meters and stethoscopes. We have had requests for prescription meds but for legal reasons we haven't gotten into those.



We have had a few unusual requests such as for white cotton socks. A check revealed that this was from a 83 year-old diabetic. Since I suffer from peripheral neuropathy brought on by diabetes myself, I knew exactly why these were needed and was able to supply 6 pairs from other funds.

I just wanted [the brethren] to know that Bro. Nelson King's legacy is alive and well.

Masonry, as any brother who has visited there can attest, is very strong in Cuba. Due to geopolitics, Cuban currency has next to no value on the world market. Even if they could afford supplies, the U.S. embargo makes getting them very difficult. Can you assist our brethren in a very impoverished part of the world? Can you personally donate vitamins, over-the-counter medicine, medical equipment (glucometers (blood sugar meters), blood pressure monitors, stethoscopes, etc.) or funds? Is your hospital scraping equipment? We can gladly handle anything we can get.

Contact: Larry Moss @ [drlarrymoss@yahoo.ca](mailto:drlarrymoss@yahoo.ca)

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### **An Inventory of Toronto East District Masonic Artefacts Underway**

Many of you will know by now the new TEMC Corporation has purchased suitable land for the development of the new Toronto East Masonic Centre. This is great news that means all is going well; we will have a new home available before you know it!

I am pleased to advise that the Chairman of the Board, W. Bro. Graeme Boyce has asked me to head a subcommittee responsible for the Temple Interior Ornamentation. This committee is formed to account for and allocate the wall space to be used exclusively for Masonic purposes inside our lodge rooms, adjacent rooms, banquet facilities and other common areas.



A tremendous inventory of special art currently exists throughout our District in various forms; paintings, photographs, scrolls, awards, jewels and historic pieces, including swords and others regalia items. This committee is charged with finding and itemizing these items along with anything that may be held privately by someone wishing to make a contribution.

It is possible that this committee may be morphed upon completion of the new facility and ultimately become the Library and Achieve Committee responsible for the display and rotation of artefacts.

Needless to say, I consider it an honour to Chair this Committee, I seek your assistance; I will spread the word throughout Toronto East and beyond as even Masons from afar may wish to contribute. If you would like to be on this committee, let me know. Also, if you have anything you may wish to donate, let me know.

Contact: Douglas A. Gray @ [douggray@rogers.com](mailto:douggray@rogers.com) or 416.456.7360

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### **International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Grand Session on August 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Just as we hold convocation for Grand Lodge in July, so do the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls hold a Grand Session in August of each year. At this convocation, all the things that anyone who has experience with Grand Lodge would recognise occur. People get elected. Speeches are given. And some deserving people win awards.

This year, a certain **Miss Christina C. Ouellette** from Toronto Assembly No. 2 was presented with the **Youth of the Year Award**. Congratulations Christina!



L to R: R. W. Bro. Bruce N. Palanik, D.D.G.M. Toronto East District,  
M. W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario,  
V. W. Bro. Gerald Ouellette,  
Miss Christina C. Ouellette (how fortunate her looks come from her mother's side!)  
R. W. Bro. William J. Atkinson the Youth Initiation Committee chairman

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## I'll Just Put The Computer Out By The Curb

### **Take Precautions Before Disposing, Recycling or Donating Your Old Computer**



Whether you send your used and outdated computers and laptops to the trash, to a recycling depot, or to a school or charitable organization, it is critical that you do not leave any private information for scavengers to steal and use for profit at your expense.

The first and most important thing to know is that “deleting” does not remove all traces of personal data. For example, deleting files and emptying “trash” is likened to be about as effective as tearing out the table of contents page from a book: it does not remove the information - it only makes it a bit harder to locate.

If there is the possibility of your old computer getting into the hands of anyone else, you'll need to safely remove all folders, emails, passwords and internet activity. This can take hours, but there are software programs you can buy or download (many are free) that can walk you through the proper steps.

On the other hand, if you plan to dispose of or recycle your computer, the simple solution may be to first physically remove and destroy your hard drive. Crushing it well in a vise is a good option.

In either case, check your manual or manufacturer's website for recommended procedures to ensure your privacy is protected.

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### How To Say It

Piety	<u>pie</u> -et-ee
Pious	<u>pie</u> -uss
Pique	peek
Pomegranates	<u>pom</u> -gran-its
Posture	<u>poss</u> -tyoor or <u>poss</u> -chur
Precepts	<u>pree</u> -septs
Precincts	<u>pree</u> -sinkts
Preconceived	<u>pree</u> -con- <u>seevd</u>
Precipitation	<u>pree</u> - <u>sip</u> -i- <u>tay</u> -shun ('i' as in 'it')
Predominant	<u>pree</u> - <u>dom</u> -in-ant
Preferment	<u>pree</u> - <u>fur</u> -ment
Prefigures	<u>pree</u> - <u>fig</u> -yurz
Prejudice	<u>prej</u> -u-diss ('u' as in the alphabet)
Premise (noun)	<u>prem</u> -iss
Premise (verb)	prim-ize
Presentation	<u>pres</u> -en- <u>tay</u> -shun
Presumptuous	<u>pree</u> - <u>zump</u> -tyoo-uss
Pretensions	<u>pree</u> - <u>ten</u> -shun
Prevaricated	<u>pree</u> - <u>var</u> -ick-ate-ed
Privations	pry- <u>vay</u> -shun
Privileges	<u>privv</u> -i-lij-ez ('i' as in 'it')

- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work



## What's That All About?

### **Why is the ballot box placed on the V.O.T.S.L. for inspection by any brother?**

We do not place the ballot box on the V.O.T.S.L. Other than the Great Lights, the candidate's Book of Faith, the candidate's hands and Jacob's ladder, nothing is placed on the V.O.T.S.L. The Worshipful Master directs that the ballot box be placed on the Altar. He may also require that a ballot be taken at the Altar.

(BOC-2005, Sec. 343. *Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 342, the Master may require the members to ballot at the altar.*)

### **Does the Worshipful Master return all salutes?**

The Worshipful Master returns all salutes, even when seated.

(Meeting the Challenge-1976-*The Worshipful Master returns all salutes, even when seated* and Masonic Manual-2000-*Even when seated, the Worshipful Master returns all salutes.*)

### **To what point in each degree must a candidate be conducted separately?**

BOC-2005, Sec. 374. *Candidates must be taken separately inclusive of:*

- 1) *the charge in the North East angle in the Entered Apprentice degree;*
- 2) *the obligation and explanation of the altered position of the Lights in the Fellowcraft degree;*
- 3) *the Bright Morning Star in the Master Mason degree.*

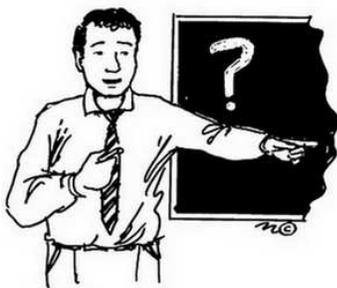
### **What is the proper wording for the toast to Grand Lodge?**

The toast is always: "The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario."

(Meeting the Challenge-1976-*The toast to Grand Lodge is always in the form, "The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario." These words are used whether or not the Grand Master is present. The toast should never be proposed by a Grand Lodge officer, because he would then be proposing a toast to himself. It need not even be proposed by a Past Master.*)

### **When is it proper to use the Sign of Fidelity?**

The Sign of Fidelity is given -



1. during prayers and obligations;
2. when the V.O.T.S.L. is being attended;
3. 'Fidelity, Fidelity, Fidelity' in the closing of the lodge;
4. by the Senior Warden when presenting a candidate;
5. when receiving Grand Honours or accompanying a brother who is receiving them;
6. as directed during the Installation Ceremony.

(Meeting the Challenge-1976-*The S. of F. is used in the following circumstances: prayers, obligations, closing the V.O.T.S.L., F.F.F. in closing the lodge, and (by the S.W. only) in presenting the candidate.*)



**Which is correct Worshipful Master or Worshipful Sir?**

Worshipful Master, except as called for in the ritual.

(Meeting the Challenge-1976-*The presiding officer is addressed as "Worshipful Master," or in the ritual of The Work as "Worshipful Sir."*)

**If the Worshipful Master and the wardens are present, but no Past Master, can a degree be conferred?**

There is no constitutional requirement for a Past Master to be present.

**Can a member be excused from (a) voting or (b) balloting in the lodge?**

a) a member may be excused from voting by the Worshipful Master.

b) all members present when the ballot is taken must ballot.

(BOC-2005, Sec. 292. *Voting in a lodge is not optional. Every member present in the lodge room must vote unless excused by the Master of the lodge.*

Sec 344. *All members of the lodge present when the ballot is taken must ballot.*)

**If a candidate has another book of faith, how is it placed?**

It is permissible to interpose the Holy Book of Faith of the candidate on the V.O.T.S.L. and under the Square and Compasses.

(The Work-*rubrics*)

**Can the ritual be modified to allow for the disability of a candidate?**

Any deviation from the requirements of the ritual, for reasons of physical disability, needs a written dispensation from the Grand Master.

- Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers-2004

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



Yukon Lodge #45  
Dawson City, YK



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

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*Character is deciding beforehand that you are going to do the right thing.  
- Anonymous*

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**Wednesday September 5 2012**

**West Hill - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



The Worshipful Master, Officers and members of West Hill Lodge No. 670 G.R.C. cordially invite all to attend our regular meeting for a very special evening to celebrate a milestone of 60 year for West Hill Lodge.

Time: 7:30 pm - Visitors Received  
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple  
Contact: Gerry Ouellette @ [gerry.ouellette@sympatico.ca](mailto:gerry.ouellette@sympatico.ca) or 416.412.1572

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**Wednesday September 12 through Saturday September 15 2012**

**Supreme Council of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree and its Subordinate Bodies for the Republic of Cuba - International Symposium**

The Supreme Council of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree and its Subordinate Bodies for the Republic of Cuba, in collaboration with the Grand Lodge of Cuba of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will convene a symposium on strategic topics to foster the validity of Masonry in contemporary society, summoning all the Regular Freemasons of the World and scholars on cultural, social, scientific and environmental topics related to the tenets and principles of Masonry.

Themes

- I. Current and future perspectives of Masonry in the context of culture.
  - a. Mission and vision in the cultural debate.
  - b. Role of Freemasonry as an expression of cultural identity.
  - c. Position in defence of diversity and cultural influence.
  - d. New challenges for the enrichment of the Traditions.
  
- II. Guidelines and priorities in relation to the challenges of scientific and technological development.
  - a. Computer and internet.
  - b. Biology and biotechnology.
  - c. others
  
- III. Freemasonry and Society.
  - a. Global socio-economic problems.
  - b. Financial crisis. Its impact.
  - c. Imbalance between developed and developing countries.
  
- IV. Masonry in relation to the deterioration of the environment.
  - a. Urgent measures to global population growth.
  - b. Global warming and its consequences.
  - c. Preservation of flora and fauna.



Papers for the Symposium

- 1 - Topic: no more than 15 (fifteen) and not less than 6 (six) pages A4 type, 12 point Arial, single spaced and one-half (1 1/2), margins: 2 cm (left) and 1, 5 cm (top, right and bottom). The paper should express the theme or sub theme, title and author (or authors). The structure must conform to the following academic format: introduction, development, conclusions and recommendations, as well as the literature consulted (in standard form: author last name and initial-name, title, publisher and year, chapters, headings and pages). Must be sent in digital format (Word), in the author's original language and in Spanish.
- 2 - Summary: No more than 250 words, written in Arial 12 point, 1.5 spacing (1 1/2 lines.) The abstract should include the objective of the work and keywords. Be sent in digital format (Word), in the author's original language and Spanish.
- 3 - Presentation time: 15 (fifteen) minutes of presentation and 10 (ten) of debate.
- 4 - Format of work: plenary.
- 5 - Original papers that have been published may be presented.

Additionally include as an attachment the following:

- A. Name of author(s).
- B. Nation, Masonic Obedience and highest degree reached.
- C. If not a Mason: Personal data, synthesis of the academic curriculum and country.
- D. Logistical or technical requirements for presentation.
- E. Language to be used in the presentation.

Deadline for paper submissions is July 10, 2012 at 24:00 hours.

All submissions or requests for further information should be sent to the event's official address:

[simposio.supremo33.cuba@gmail.com](mailto:simposio.supremo33.cuba@gmail.com)

The working languages of the event will be Spanish and English. Depending on the participation of large delegations, other working languages may be incorporated.

Papers will not be returned to the authors and the Organizing Committee reserves the right to publication. The Scientific Committee is not responsible for the opinions of the authors and will not consider papers reflecting partisan positions on political or religious matters.

General Program

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Companions</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Dress</u>
Sep. 11 - 12	Arrivals			Airport & Hotel	Foreign Delegates and Companions	Informal
Sep. 12	12:00 - 19:00	Delegates' accreditation	FREE	Meliá Cohiba Hotel	All Delegates Foreigners and Cubans	Street formal
	21:00	Welcoming Cocktail		Meliá Cohiba Swimming Pool	All	Street formal
Sep. 13	08:00		Country trip to Pinar del Río province. Visit to the Viñales Valley	Pinar del Río y Viñales	Foreigner Companions	Informal
	09:00	Symposium inauguration. Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council of 33 <sup>rd</sup> Degree		Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal



		for the Republic of Cuba, I.P.H. Lázaro Faustino Cuesta Valdés speech.	(lunch included).			
	10:00	Coffee Break				
	10:30 - 13:00	Work begins - Theme - "Present time and perspectives of Masonry in the context of Culture"		Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreigners and Cubans	Street formal
	13:30	Lunch		Meliá Cohiba Buffet Restaurant	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	
	15:00 - 18:00	Work continues - Theme - "Guidelines and priorities in relation to the challenges of scientific and technological development"		Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	19:30	<u>BY INVITATION ONLY</u> Foreign Delegates (Freemasons) will be greeted by Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council of 33 <sup>rd</sup> Degree for the Republic of Cuba, members of the Supreme Council and their Subordinate Bodies.		Scottish Cathedral - Centro Habana	Invited Freemasons	Formal with Regalia
Sep. 14	09:00	Work continues - Theme - "Masonry and Society"	FREE	Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	10:00	Coffee Break				
	11:00 - 13:00	Morning session continues	Shopping tour of Havana Handicraft Fairs. Lunch at city's restaurant.	Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	13:30	Lunch		Meliá Cohiba Buffet Restaurant	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	15:00 - 18:00	Work continues - Theme - "Masonry in relation to the deterioration of the environment"	FREE	Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street formal
	18:30	Symposium Closing		Meliá Cohiba Main Hall	Delegates Only Foreign and Cuban	Street forma
	20:00	Tourist activity - 9 o'clock Gunshot Ceremony and dinner.		La Cabaña Castle & Rancho Palco Restaurante	Foreign Delegates and Companions	Informal
Sep. 15	09:30	Tourist Activity - Havana City tour. Visit to the National Masonic Building "I. Bro. Carlos Manuel Piñeiro del Cueto." Greeting by Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Cuba of A.F. and A.M. and their Grand Officials. Cancellation of philatelic sheet and exhibition inauguration			Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates	Informal
	13:30	Fraternal Lunch		Santo Ángel Restaurante, Old Square	Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates	Informal
	18:00	Floral offering to Apostle's R. Bro. José Julián Martí Pérez statue.		Central Park of Havana	Foreign Delegates and	Street formal



				Companions, Cuban Delegates and Masonic people	Regalia for the heads of delegations
	19:00	Music concert and Art exposition with participation of members of the Fraternity and invited artists.	San Francisco de Asis Basilica	Foreign Delegates and Companions Invited Cuban Delegates	Street formal
	21:00	Farewell Dinner	"El Patio" Restaurant Cathedral Square		
Sep. 16 - 17		Foreign delegates and their companions depart for their respective countries			

**Additional Option (for foreign delegates and companions)**

Program extension with lodging in Varadero:

Sep. 16 - 09:00 Bus transfer to Varadero peninsula (Matanzas province). One night lodging in a 5 star resort hotel, All Inclusive. Enjoy the beach!

Sep. 17 - 13:00 Bus return to Havana.

NOTICE - Depending on each client's departure flight, it is possible to extend the stay in Varadero as many nights as desired and to make a direct transfer to Havana Airport for the return flight.

**What Is A Master Mason?**

What is a Master Mason or more literally "A Master of the Craft"?

When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizons with a profound sense of his own 'smallness' in the vast scheme of things; and yet have faith, hope and courage - which is the root of every virtue.

When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolical and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man.

When he knows how to sympathise with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins, knowing full well that each man fights a hard battle against many odds.

When he has learned how to make friends, and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself.

When he loves flowers, can hunt birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laughter of a little child.

When he can be happy and high minded amid the meaner sad drudgeries of life.

When star crowned trees and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters subdue him like the thoughts of one much loved and now passed away.

When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response.



When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things, and sees majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be.

When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something beyond mud; and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin.

When he knows how to pray, how to love, and how to hope.

When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man and with his God. In his hand is a sword for evil, in his heart a verse from a song. Glad to live, but not afraid to die.

Then, my Brethren a man has found the only real secret of Freemasonry. As a Master Mason, as a Master of the Craft is trying to give it to the entire world.

- Raymond Hollins, UKMason Email Forum-2012  
from an idea by Joseph Fort Newton

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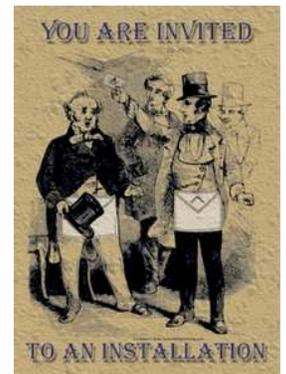
### **Thursday September 13 2012**

#### **Coronati - Installation**

The officers and members would appreciate your presence. Please **RSVP** if attending the Banquet.

Time: 5:30 pm - Lodge opens  
6:00 pm - Banquet (sharp)  
7:00 pm - Lodge reconvenes  
7:30 pm - Visitors Received (or earlier)

Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall  
Cost: \$15 for the Banquet  
Contact: Gary Rhodes @ [gary@rhodes.ca](mailto:gary@rhodes.ca) or 416.751.7783



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### **Monday September 17 2012**

#### **Rosh Hashanah**



Rosh Hashanah, literally “head of the year,” is a Jewish holiday commonly referred to as the “Jewish New Year.” It is observed on the first day of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar, starting at dusk as ordained in the Torah, in Leviticus 23:24.

Rosh Hashanah is the first of the High Holidays or Ten Days of Repentance which are days specifically set aside to focus on repentance that conclude with the holiday of Yom Kippur.

Rosh Hashanah is the start of the civil year in the Hebrew calendar (one of four “new year” observances that define various legal “years” for different purposes as explained in the Mishnah and Talmud). It is the new year for people, animals, and legal contracts. The Mishnah also sets this day aside as the new year for calculating calendar years and sabbatical and jubilee years.

Jews believe Rosh Hashanah represents either analogically or literally the creation of the World, or Universe. However, according to one view in the Talmud, that of R. Eleazar, Rosh Hashanah



commemorates the creation of man, which entails that five days earlier, the 25 of Elul, was the first day of creation of the Universe.

- Wikipedia.com

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### **Thursday September 20 2012**

#### **Doric - A Little History**

In pursuit of the liberal arts and sciences; immediately following the degree work on September 20<sup>th</sup> (Fellowcraft Degree and Past Masters' Night), the Board of Trustees for Pickering Public Library will be making a short presentation to our lodge. Topics are scheduled to include those of local history and literature with Masonic connections. Hopefully, this will introduce you to some of the resources available through that great institution.

Time: 7:30 pm - Lodge opens

Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Contact: John Houghton @ [houghton1@sympatico.ca](mailto:houghton1@sympatico.ca) or 905.668.1116

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### **Saturday September 22 2012**

#### **First Day of Fall**

Can you believe it's fall already? Wasn't it only yesterday we were waiting for spring?

The movement of the Sun is part of the hidden symbolism of Freemasonry. The September equinox occurs at 9:48 am Eastern Standard Time on September 22, 2012. It is also referred to as the autumnal or fall equinox in the northern hemisphere. The fall equinox occurs when the Sun reaches the equator on its way south to the Tropic of Capricorn at 23.5° south.



If we lived between the two tropics, Cancer and Capricorn, there would be no discernable seasons. It is warm all the time. And we live here - Why?

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### **Tuesday September 25 2012**

#### **Yom Kippur**



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 24-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

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## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### Where Are The Keys To Your Lodge

In the earliest Masonic ritual, the Edinburgh Register House Manuscript, we read the following exchanges in the Q&A lecture, adjusted for modern English.

- Q: Are you a Mason?  
A: Yes  
Q: Where shall I find the key of your lodge?  
A: Three foot and a half from the lodge door under a perpendicular ashlar and a green divot. But under the lap of my liver where all my secrets of my heart lie.  
Q: Which is the key of your lodge?  
A: A well held tongue.  
Q: Where lies the key?  
A: In the bone box.



A later version reads:

- Q: Have you any key to the secrets of a Mason?  
A: Yes.  
Q: Where do you keep it?  
A: In a bone box that neither opens nor shuts but with ivory keys.

Interestingly, later catechism (or Q&A's) refer to a bone-bone box.

In the catechisms, we need to read between the lines to uncover what is meant. Can you figure out the puzzle? I'll return to it later in this article in case you want to give it a try. In the meantime, if you're familiar with the Scottish Rite degrees, you'll notice that keys figure prominently in the degrees, they even have an ivory key in the fourth degree of secret master. Judging from the early rituals, so did blue lodge. They're very Masonic, aren't they? They hide and reveal, they're lost and found, and since they're dangerous if put into the wrong hands, you need to be careful to whom you give it.

All Masonic symbols are like this. They're riddles. When symbols are interpreted, you find an answer to the riddle. We need to be cautious, however, because not all interpretations are right. We often hear in Masonry "Every man must interpret Masonic symbols for himself," this is true, but his interpretations can also be flat out wrong. I often give the example of the man that returns to his car after work and sees a ticket under his windshield. On the front of it, he sees "Parking fine." He takes this to mean that his parking was fine. This interpretation is flat out wrong. Here the writer's intent and the reader's understanding aren't the same, but sometimes, with the example of a riddle, the interpretation can be none-the-less true. Often times, an answer to a riddle can be better than the intended one. The same is true with symbols. They're so great because they can illustrate things in many different ways, and their anchored in reality, so their truth tends to be universal.

Now back to the riddle in the catechisms above. What does this mean? "Three foot and a half from the lodge door under a perpendicular ashlar and a green divot. But under the lap of my liver where all my



secrets of my heart lie.” Keeping in mind that the question was “Where are the keys to your lodge,” not “the lodge,” this is a personal question. The three and a half feet show that the keys are outside the lodge. Where would you find the secrets of Masonry outside a Masonic lodge? Where would you find a perpendicular stone on top of loose green grass? Answer: The grave. The next part is puzzling, “Under the lap of my liver.” It’s been suggested that it’s a nod towards hermeticism. It was anciently believed that the principal organs of the body were the heart, brains and liver. It seems to me, however, that it’s referencing Prometheus, who revealed the secret of fire to humans. He was punished by having an eagle perpetually eat his liver. The liver was anciently seen at the seat of the passions. He later redeems himself by not revealing a secret that would have led to Zeus’ downfall. When he’s freed he eats the eagle (which also represented passion). Here we see passion being associated with secrecy, a possible reference to the entered apprentice degree and the ancient symbolic penalties.

In the second catechism mentioned above we see “A bone box that neither opens nor shuts but with ivory keys” we would think this “bone box” is a coffin. This bone box is a skull; the ivory keys are the teeth. The next few lines of the catechism makes this clear, Q: “Of what metal is it composed?” A: “Of none. It is a tongue obedient to reason, which knows only how to speak well of those of whom it speaks in their absence as in their presence”

It would seem that the symbol of the key now occupies the place where the instructive tongue and faithful breast now do.

Freemasonry is at its core an initiatory society. Of course I don’t mean that it exists only to bring in candidates. I mean to say all members are perpetual candidates to Masonry. A candidate is “someone who aspires,” and we all continue to aspire to many things in Masonry, further light being chief among them. The symbol of the key can represent being unable to understand Masonry and by having a deeper knowledge of the world, unlock it. Neither wisdom nor knowledge are on the surface of things. They take effort, experience and study. These are the keys to Masonry.

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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	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384	East Tor	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Oct	Feb
Birch Cliff #612 <a href="http://www.birchcliffodge.com">www.birchcliffodge.com</a>	Doric	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>	York *	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Oct	Apr
Canada #532	Doric	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Oct	Feb
Coronati #520 <a href="http://www.coronatilodge520.ca">www.coronatilodge520.ca</a>	Doric	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424 <a href="http://www.doric424.com">www.doric424.com</a>	Doric	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Doric	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed		May	Oct
Markham Union #87	Clar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed		Nov	Apr
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 Cornerstone Lodge <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	Doric	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Dec	Mar
The Beaches #473 <a href="http://www.beacheslodge.ca">www.beacheslodge.ca</a>	York *	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu		May	Mar
The Imperial East Gate #543	East Tor	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://www.ul705.com">www.ul705.com</a>	East Tor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Oct	Feb
West Hill #670	East Tor	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Dec	Mar
Wexford #683	Doric	1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	Nov	Apr
<b>Total Lodges:</b>	<b>19</b>				

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



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