

# Hiram's Lighthouse

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

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*Never enter into a dispute with a cowan. Like the deaf adder, he will stop his ears, and refuse to hear the voice of the charmer, charm he ever so wisely. No matter how clear are your facts, or how convincing your arguments, still he will turn an incredulous ear to your reasoning. Though you anxiously cry out, Oh, Baal, hear us, and even cut yourself with knives and lancets to bespeak his attention, there will be neither voice nor any answer,*

*nor any that regardeth. You may as well endeavour to extinguish the sun by pelting it with snowballs, or to cut rocks in pieces with a razor, as to make any genial impression on the mind of a professed cowan.*

*- Bro. George Oliver (1782-1867), The Book of the Lodge-1864*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,



I truly hope that everyone has enjoyed a safe and restful summer and is eagerly awaiting a return to lodge as we resume our Labours, commensurate with Labour Day. The lodges of Toronto East District have many activities planned for this month, so I encourage you to polish off your working tools and prepare yourselves for a busy and fulfilling month of Masonry to come.

Firstly, we congratulate the members of our Senior Wardens Group, The Guardians, led by their President, Bro. Mark Ingram and assisted by members of The Chapters Junior Wardens Group, for organizing a very successful District Corn Roast at Wind Reach Farm. This event was well planned, well executed and well attended by our brethren and their families. Thanks to their hard work, leadership and generosity, it allowed us to come together in a relaxed and fun setting and enjoy many of the things we as Masons value: family, fraternity, charity, labour and refreshment.



The Guardians have proven themselves a strong and united group and I'm excited they will begin progressing to the East this month, as four of our lodges hold their Installations. Please check the new District Trestle Board, posted at [www.torontoeastdistrict.com](http://www.torontoeastdistrict.com) and endeavour to attend as many of these meetings as you can. Let's come together and show our support for those brethren who have stepped up to the challenges and rewards of leadership in the Craft.

Also in recognition of leadership and service, West Hill Lodge will be welcoming the Grand Master home to his District on September 3, when R.W. Bro. Robert Johnston will be presented with the very prestigious Grand Master's Meritorious Service Medal. Please join us in celebrating this tremendous honour that will draw visitors from throughout our jurisdiction.

This month two of our lodge will host receptions, including one planned by Scarborough Lodge, to honour V.W. Bro. Steve Jackman, Grand Superintendent of Works and one at Birch Cliff Lodge for yours truly. This presents a wonderful opportunity to reunite in a social setting and I hope you will consider attending.

On a sad note, this summer we lost two of our brethren from Riverdale-John Ross Robertson Lodge in the persons of W. Bro. Fred Mears, Sr. and Bro. Nick Marangos. Both of these brethren served the Craft with distinction and had sons and even a grandson follow in their footsteps in joining the lodge. They were an inspiration to young Masons and their memories we will cherish.

I'm pleased to announce that the 2014-2015 Toronto East District Charity project is the Masonic Foundation of Ontario's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project, supporting local prostate cancer research initiatives. As this project coincides with the Grand Master's charity and marks 50 years of structured Masonic Charity in Ontario, it is incumbent upon us as Toronto East District Masons to take a leadership role within our Grand Jurisdiction, in raising awareness and assisting in finding a cure for this disease that afflicts many men our age.

In preparing for our upcoming labours, we are very fortunate to have been selected this year to host the Lodge of Instruction team from Grand Lodge, on Thursday, September 25 at Doric Pickering Masonic Hall. This team, assembled under the direction of The Custodian of the Work, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, is a highly skilled group of Masons that travels the Province and instructs the brethren in the proper conduct of the Work. I strongly encourage each of us to plan on attending this special night of Masonic learning and seize this unique opportunity to refine your understanding of the Work. I am particularly hopeful that all brethren assuming an office in lodge this year will make every effort to attend. You will not regret this very valuable learning opportunity.



Finally, brethren, as we commence our Labours in September, let us once again unite as lodges and as a District. While the plans for the coming year will be discussed in greater detail at our upcoming District meeting on September 20, for now I want to encourage each of us to focus on making lodge an enjoyable experience for all. Our younger members should feel encouraged and welcomed to step forward and offer up their unique skill sets and perspectives in taking on new responsibilities in lodge. I encourage our more experienced members to once again take on leadership and mentorship roles in offering themselves as mentors and leaders within our lodges. Together let's foster a supportive and welcoming atmosphere of learning, accomplishment and fraternity. Let's plan events that encourage us to get to know one another and also involve our families, friends and the community wherever possible. Lastly, let's travel, visit and participate with one another, so as to rekindle the fraternal spirit that made lodge a



fun place to go when we first joined the Craft and will continue to perpetuate our Masonic ideals and the future of our lodges for years to come.

Brethren, it's time to get back to work. I look forward to working together with you throughout the coming year.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

***R.W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis***  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Toronto East District

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**EVENTS CALENDAR:**

September 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p><u>1</u> <b>Labour Day</b> Close up the cottage</p> 	<p><u>2</u></p>	<p><u>3</u> * West Hill - <b>Reception for R.W. Robert A. Johnston-Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award</b> see below Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>4</u> * Alpha-Tuscan - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto * The Beaches - <b>Military Degree Team</b> see below York</p>	<p><u>5</u></p>	<p><u>6</u></p>	<p><u>7</u></p>
<p><u>8</u> * Scarboro - <b>Reception for V.W. Bro. Steve Jackman-Grand Superintendent of Works</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>9</u></p>	<p><u>10</u></p>	<p><u>11</u> * Coronati - <b>Installation</b> Banq - 6:00 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>12</u></p>	<p><u>13</u> * TED - <b>Mechanics of the Work - Week 1/6</b> see below East Toronto</p>	<p><u>14</u></p>
<p><u>15</u> * Acacia - <b>Installation</b> Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>16</u> * Riverdale-John Ross Robertson - <b>Installation</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>17</u></p>	<p><u>18</u></p>	<p><u>19</u></p>	<p><u>20</u> TED - <b>Fall Business Meeting</b> 9:00 am East Toronto * TED - <b>Mechanics of the Work - Week 2/6</b> see below East Toronto</p>	<p><u>21</u> * Rainbow Girls - <b>Family Corn Roast &amp; BBQ</b> see below Doric Pickering</p>
<p><u>22</u> <b>First Day of Fall!</b></p> 	<p><u>23</u></p>	<p><u>24</u> <b>Start of Rosh Hashana</b> Happy New Year!</p>	<p><u>25</u> TED - <b>Lodge of Instruction</b> 6:30 pm ← Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>26</u> * Birch Cliff - <b>Reception for R.W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis-DDGM</b> Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>27</u> * TED - <b>Mechanics of the Work - Week 3/6</b> see below East Toronto ← * East Toronto - <b>Friend to Friend</b> 10 am to 2 pm East Toronto ←</p>	<p><u>28</u> * Ontario <b>Masonic Education Conference</b> see below Humber College - North Campus</p>
<p><u>29</u></p>	<p><u>30</u> * Mississauga - <b>100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> see below Port Credit</p>					<p>* Ontario Chapter OES - <b>Open Installation</b> All Welcome 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>



**October 2014**

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



## AROUND AND ABOUT:

### Toronto East District Charity

Masonic Foundation of Ontario 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Supporting Prostate Cancer Research  
The Mikey Network  
. . . more to come

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*Integrity: A name is the blueprint of the thing we call character. You ask, "What's in a name?" I answer, "Just about everything you do."*

*- Morris Mandel (1911-2009)*

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### Remember the North East Corner

**Community Care Durham (CCD)**, established in 1977, is a multi-service registered charitable organization committed to providing access to a range of services needed to maintain well-being, independence and quality of life. Services are provided free of charge or for a minimal fee and are administered through various service locations across Durham Region.



- **Meals on Wheels:** Nutritious hot or frozen meals are delivered by volunteers to clients in their homes. Online ordering is now available in Ajax-Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington, Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock Township.
- **Transportation:** Volunteers provide transportation to clients for medical appointments, shopping, etc.
- **Friendly Visiting:** Volunteers visit on a regular basis to share in activities and companionship with clients.
- **Luncheon Out:** Group outings for clients to enjoy a nutritious meal and entertainment in a social setting.
- **Telephone Reassurance:** Volunteers provide regular contact to check on the well-being of clients.
- **Home Help:** Brokered helpers provide assistance with light housekeeping, etc.
- **Home Maintenance:** Brokered helpers provide assistance with yard work, snow shovelling, etc.
- **Foot Care Clinics:** Services are provided by registered foot care nurses.

Many of us have already had need for their services, and if not, will do in the future. *There is a great need for volunteers as drivers* to provide Friendly Visiting, Transportation and Meals on Wheels. Volunteers find the experience very satisfying as the clients are usually very grateful to receive contact and assistance that otherwise would not be available. Please help, providing charity in the form of personal time and assistance rather than a cheque.

[www.communitycaredurham.on.ca/contact.html](http://www.communitycaredurham.on.ca/contact.html)

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### **FYI**

**In 1799, Barton Lodge (#6?) in Upper Canada accepted "good merchantable wheat" in payment of lodge dues.**

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

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## **Toronto East Masonic Centre**

It is amazing how we always seem to be waiting forever for the summer to arrive and it goes by so fast. While the 2014 summer has not been a hot simmering summer, your Directors have been busy as bees. However, many of the prospective Partners have been enjoying their summer holidays.



The Financial Audited Statements are now completed and have been approved by the Directors and await the calling of an A.G.M. which will be concurrent with the A.G.M. for Toronto East Masonic Centre (who's Financial Audited Statements are also completed). It is hoped the meeting will be called for before the end of September. When it is called, the Audited Statements will be circulated to the Board Members of T.E.M.C.

The Environmental Assessment site work is completed. We did encounter access difficulties in drilling bore holes inside the Chrysler building, but it is now all complete. We are awaiting the results from the vendor, which has been delayed slightly due the necessity of re-analyzing one drill hole's result. While we wait the final written results, the verbal discussions indicate a very positive result.

The Board has short-listed potential partners from those with whom we have had discussions. There are still a few more prospective ones to meet with who have been referred to us by various individuals. While the Directors truly had hoped to announce our partner(s) at this time, individuals' summer vacations have interfered with that timetable. My next update should have the finalist(s) in the race.

We have always been working toward the Site Plan Approval from the city. We are now exploring if an application through the Committee of Adjustment for our minor variances as it is a less expensive methodology of getting the City's approval and generally speeds up the overall process.

Director Roy Gomes has submitted his resignation from the Board due to the pressures of his work that is keeping him on the road more often than he would like. The Directors reluctantly accept his resignation and wish him well in his travels. If you have interest in serving on our Board please let us know.

The Directors are looking forward to the new Masonic year and welcome your questions as we travel the District and Province.

*2316543 Ontario Limited, a for-profit corporation is also known as ProjectCo. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Toronto East Masonic Centre (TEMC). TEMC is a non-profit organization created by the Masons of Lodges in Toronto East District whose purpose is to build and maintain a new Masonic temple. The members of its Board of Directors are: Gerry Campbell (Chair), Jim McKinnon (President), Bob Steenson (Treasurer), Michael Morris (Secretary), Neil Friedman, Joe Lefevre and Roy Gomes. This report is prepared by the Chair with the valued input of the Board.*

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## **I Did Not Know That !**

Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would then just touch or clink the host's glass with his own.



On August 22 565, St. Columba reported seeing a monster in Loch Ness. (Had scotch been invented by then?)

### On September 1

In 69, Jerusalem was destroyed;

In 1535, French navigator Jacques Cartier reached Hochelaga (Montreal);

In 1666, the Great London Fire began in Pudding Lane. 80% of London was destroyed;

In 1689, Russia began taxing men's beards (and we think our taxes are ridiculous);

In 1878, Emma Nutt, the 1<sup>st</sup> female telephone operator started work in Boston (Have I reached the person to whom I am speaking?);

In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan became the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Canadian provinces;

In 1923, an earthquake of 7.9 on the Richter scale struck Tokyo and Yokohama, killing 142,000;

In 1945, Japan surrendered ending WW II (U.S. date - September 2 in Japan);

In 1985, a U.S.-French expedition located the wreckage of the Titanic off Newfoundland.

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### Youth of the Year Awards

On August 7, 8 and 9 2014, The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls 49<sup>th</sup> Grand Assembly of Canada was held. The new chairman of the Youth Initiative Committee of Grand Lodge, R.W. Bro. Keith Jones, and our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell attended. On hand were many Masons from Toronto East District including; R.W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis D.D.G.M. Toronto East District, R. W. Bro. David J. Neave, P.D.D.G.M. Toronto East District, V.W. Bro. Malcolm Parish, Assistant Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Yoney Refik and V.W. Bro. J. Gerry Ouellette along with many Masons from other districts. V. W. Bro. J. Gerry Ouellette had the pleasure of presenting the award for the Youth of the Year to Miss Janine Magilson of Primrose No. 8, of Brampton Assembly.



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### The Month of September

September was originally named for the seventh month of the old Roman calendar.

One of September's gemstones is the sapphire, which means 'beloved of Saturn'. Sapphires come in all colours, (the red sapphire is called a ruby) the favourite being blue. Ancients believed that the Earth rested upon a giant sapphire, which gave a blue colour to the sky. Sapphires bound on the forehead were said to cure diseases of the mind, and dipped in cool water and placed on the eyes were said to cure vision disorders.



September is sacred to the ancient Greek goddess Carpo, the Hora of Autumn (Thallo was the Hora of spring). The Horae, daughters of Zeus and Themis, were goddesses of time and order in nature. Carpo was venerated and invoked for the successful timing of the harvest, that the Earth be clothed in appropriate raiment. In the Hawaiian Zodiac, Mahoe Mua and Mahoe Hope encompasses the month of September.

People born in this time are an enigma. The saying is that their first conscious act dictates how they will conduct their life. A mischievous act will create a life filled with mischief, and a beneficent act will create a life of goodness. In Greek mythology, Mercury's first act was one of mischief.

The astrological year is divided according to the travel of the Sun through the ecliptical signs of the zodiac, which are offset from the modern calendar months. During the first two-thirds of September, the Sun moves through the last two decants of Virgo, one of the signs associated with Mercury.

September 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Not unknown to other religions, the Israelites called her the divine Sophia, manifesting in the scrolls of the law, called the bride of the faithful. Celebrated as the festival of Sukkoth (Tabernacles), Alexander Susskind of Grodno (1780) observed, "When a man sits in this dwelling, the shadow of faith, the Shekinah spreads out Her wings over him from above." Known as Fatima or Mary in Islamic tradition, the Divine Feminine is honoured: "Woman is a beam of the divine Light. She is not the being whom sensual desire takes as its object. She is Creator, it should be said, She is not a Creature." Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi (1207-1273), Masnavi (or Mathnavi) Book 1-1258-73.

September 14<sup>th</sup> is the Egyptian Feast of Lights, honouring the gods who protect the tombs of the dead.

September 19<sup>th</sup> is a daylong fast to propitiate Thoth (the Logos), the Egyptian god of wisdom and magic, and their name for Mercury.

So we come back to Mercury. Mercury was known in Greece as Hermes. Hermes had a reputation as "The Trickster," which is still evident in modern times. There was once an asteroid that was named Hermes, but it disappeared two weeks after it was discovered, never to be observed again. The trickster is a shape shifter who takes the form of the coyote, and several birds, such as the crow.

The crow, a remarkably clever bird has a propensity for thievery, and has been known to outwit humans. They are the most sociable of all bird species, bonding not only with their own families, but with humans as well. Crows have been known to mimic human words, and are one of the loudest and most raucous of all birds. It is said that Cicero was forewarned of his death by the presence of a raven (cousin to the crow.) Odin, another form of Mercury (where have we heard that name before?), carried a raven on each shoulder. During the First World War, ravens and crows followed the troops and feasted on the battlefield carnage, to the dismay of the surviving soldiers. When the angry soldiers shot at them, the birds deftly stayed out of range of their artillery.

The term "eating crow" came from the humiliation and insult suffered from watching casualties being devoured by the birds.

Groups of other birds are referred to as a flock of geese, a charm of finches, or convocation of eagles, but a group of crows are referred to as a "murder of crows."

A crowbar is a tool that provides a lever arm enabling entry into a difficult place without a key.



Although the traditional name for the September pleniluna (full Moon) is the Harvest Moon, the Wiccan ritual refers to it as the Wine Moon, or the Barley Moon, in thanksgiving for all that the revered nature spirits have allowed during the growing season.

September provides a home to the autumnal equinox, when, at the equator, sunrise is due east, and sunset is due west and daytime and nighttime hours are equal. This will occur on September 22<sup>nd</sup> or September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The equinox is celebrated in all ancient religions honouring the hunting and fishing deities, after adult animals have reproduced and the entrapment of young animals was forbidden. It is the festival that marks the point of transition between light and dark halves of the year, and the second harvest (that of fruits). The autumnal equinox is the second station of the year. It is sacred to the mother and daughter Greek goddesses Demeter and Persephone, who embody the growing and resting seasons; the Irish goddess Carman, patroness of poetry; and the Norse fertility god Frey, and Freya, goddess of love and beauty. It is the transition time between the mother and the crone, the second and third faces of the triple goddess.

In ancient Britain, both the solstices and equinoxes ‘were the highly sophisticated preoccupation of the mysterious Megalithic peoples who pre-dated Celt, Roman and Saxon on Europe’s Atlantic fringe by thousands of years.’ Stonehenge and other stone structures were aligned so that the solstices and equinoxes could be determined.

In ancient Ireland, the spring and fall equinox were also celebrated. A cluster of megalithic cairns are scattered through the hills at Loughcrew, about 55 miles northwest of Dublin. Loughcrew Carin T is a passage tomb that is designed so that the light from the rising sun on the spring and summer equinoxes penetrates a long corridor and illuminates a back-stone, which is decorated with astronomical symbols.

In Celtic tradition, it is the festival of Mabon (Welsh for ‘son’). The Druids, the ancient Celts, conducted a mock sacrifice of a large wickerwork figure that represented the vegetation spirit. This might have been the origin of Julius Caesar’s comment in his Gallic Wars that the Druids performed human sacrifices. Although he never witnessed a human sacrifice and never met anyone who had, this story has been accepted and repeated often enough to be accepted as truth. The Celtic mock sacrifice has been reborn in the Burning Man Project, a yearly fall festival celebrated for one week in Black Rock Desert in Nevada.

With Native America, there are countless stone structures created by natives in the past and still standing in North America. One was called Calendar One by its modern-day finder. It is in a natural amphitheatre of about 20 acres in size in Vermont. From a stone enclosure in the centre of the bowl, one can see a number of vertical rocks and other markers around the edge of the bowl. At the winter solstice, the sun rose at the southern peak of the east ridge and set at a notch at the southern end of the west ridge. The summer solstice and both equinoxes were similarly marked. ‘America’s Stonehenge’ is a 4,000-year-old megalithic site located on Mystery Hill in Salem New Hampshire. Carbon dating has estimated the age of some charcoal remnants at 3,000 and 4,000 years ago. Researchers have concluded that the site was erected by either Native Americans or an unknown migrant European population. The site contains five standing stones and one fallen stone in a linear alignment that point to both the sunrise and sunset at the spring and fall equinoxes. The Chumash are a Native American tribe from Southern California. They celebrate their fall equinox sun ceremony during their month of Hutash (September). It takes place ‘after the harvest is picked, processed and stored.’ Kakunupmawa is a ritual name for the Sun. According to traditional Chumash lore, all humans were known as children of the Sun, or ‘sons of Kakunupmawa.’ The spiritual thoughts of the tribe would become focused on the importance of unity in the face of winter confinement, death and rebirth.



In Japan, the spring and fall equinox is observed as the six-day celebration the Higan-e. It is celebrated for three days before and after the equinox. Six days was chosen because it is based on the six perfections, giving, observance of the precepts, perseverance, effort, meditation and wisdom - needed before one goes from this shore of samsára to the further shore or nirvana. The literal meaning of Higan is 'other shore.' The ritual includes repentance of past sins and prayers for enlightenment in the next life. It also includes remembrance of the dead and visits to the family graves. It is thought that the spring and fall equinoxes, being the most temperate times of the year, are ideal moments to reflect on the meaning of life.

The Christian Church replaced earlier Pagan solstices and equinox celebrations during medieval times, with Christianized observances. Replacing the fall equinox is Michaelmas, the feast of the Archangel Michael, on September 29<sup>th</sup>. His feast was celebrated with a traditional well-fattened goose that had fed well on the stubble of the fields after the harvest. In many places, there was also a tradition of special large loaves of bread made only for that day. By Michaelmas, the harvest had to be completed and the new cycle of farming would begin. It was a time for beginning new leases, rendering accounts and paying the annual dues.

There is a rumour that surfaces twice a year at the time of the spring and fall equinoxes. Many people believe that since the equinox is a time of balance where the daylight hours and nighttime hours are equal, that - by some mystical force - one can balance eggs on their end on these days. Some believe that one can only balance an egg within a few hours before or after the exact time of the equinox.

When we choose to move into a new framework, it must be done from within, as perception paints our consciousness.

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### **Senior Wardens Association - 1986 - The Builders**



Front Row from right to left:

V.W. Bro. Nick Zabaneh (Progress Lodge 576), R.W. Bro. Bruce Grimbly (John Ross Robertson Lodge 545), W. Bro. Ross Nash (Canada Lodge 532), R.W. Bro. John Mateer (Canada Lodge DDGM 1985-86 Honorary Member), R.W. Bro. Ed McLaren (East Gate 693 DDGM 1986-87 Honorary Member), V.W. Bro. Bob Scott (Canada Lodge Honorary Member), R.W. Bro. Brian Bond (Dentonia Lodge 651), Hugh Coghill (Brougham Union Lodge 269), R.W. Bro. Fred Collins (Todmorden Lodge 647)



Back Row from right to left:

M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (Scarboro Lodge 653), Gil Stockley (Universe Lodge 705), George Mlynek (Wexford Lodge 683), Clarence Greer (Markham Union Lodge 87), V.W. Bro. Peter Nuttall (Coronati Lodge 520), V.W. Bro. Richard Lundy (East Gate Lodge 693), W. Bro. Maurice Watts (The Imperial Lodge 543), W. Bro. Roger Lippert (Riverdale Lodge 494 Past Potentate Rameses Shrine), R.W. Bro. Tom Norris (Mimosa Lodge 576)

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W. Bro. Rod Moyes (West Hill Lodge 670), W. Bro. Doug O'Carroll (Queen City Lodge 552), R.W. Bro. William M. Reiach (Todmorden Lodge 647 DDGM 1984-85 Honorary Member), V.W. Bro. James Doble (Todmorden Lodge 647 Honorary Member)

### **The Builders - Worshipful Masters 1987**

The Senior Wardens of 1986 formed their group and have been known as The Builders for 28 years. They have weathered the test of time, enjoyed fraternal and social gatherings and have advanced in the fraternity. Although over the years they have lost a few of the original members, they have carried on and periodically invited others to become members.

Through the years the Builders have been fortunate to have their members receive higher ranks in Masonry as you can see by the description attached with the photos. We are very fortunate and incredibly proud to have one of the Builders, M. W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, elected as our present Grand Master.

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### **We Did It!**

#### **Rebel Leader Blames Ukrainian War on Masons**

The Moscow Times

Aug. 15 2014 19:16

Last edited 19:17



Sergei Karpukhin / Reuters Vladimir Antyufeyev, deputy prime minister of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic, listens during an interview with a Reuters journalist in Donetsk.

Adding a new actor to the Ukrainian civil war, the chief of the pro-Russian separatists' internal security blamed the ongoing conflict on U.S. and European masons.

"Nobody's to blame that our banks, shops, the airport [in rebel-held Donetsk] are closed - except for the Ukrainian fascists and the masons of the U.S. and Europe," Vladimir Antyufeyev told the Novaya Gazeta newspaper.



When asked whether he was serious, he queried back: “Aren’t we aware of the influence that masonic lodges wield in the West?”

Antyufeyev gave no answer to his own question, but said he “personally studied the matter as a political scientist.”

He also advised the reporter not to argue with him “because I am a scientist” and said the world should be rid of the U.S., which he said was a “demonic construct.”

Antyufeyev, 63, is a deputy prime minister in the self-proclaimed People’s Republic of Donetsk, which has been fighting since March for secession and a union with Russia.

In 2003, he defended a doctoral thesis on “Russia’s Geostrategy in the Southwest” at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration in Moscow. The academy’s alumni include the Kremlin’s current propaganda tsar Vyacheslav Volodin, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and ultraconservative lawmaker Irina Yarovaya.

A former policeman, Antyufeyev has been implicated in a failed attempt to put down the Latvian separatist movement in 1991. He also spent two decades as the security chief in the pro-Russian state of Transdnestr, a job that landed him on an EU blacklist in 2004.

He was sacked from his job in Transdnestr in 2012 and fled to Russia amid abuse of office charges but soon surfaced as an actor in the Ukrainian insurgency, where he supervises internal security - a job that earned him the “grey cardinal” nickname, Novaya Gazeta reported.

Freemasonry, a quasi-religious fraternity that can be traced back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, was a frequent target of Russia’s pre-revolutionary conspiracy theorists, despite the fact that many prominent historical figures in Russia, including the poet Alexander Pushkin and Napoleon’s defeater Mikhail Kutuzov, were masons  
[www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/rebel-leader-blames-ukrainian-war-on-masons/505193.html](http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/rebel-leader-blames-ukrainian-war-on-masons/505193.html)

- thanks to Andy Pollock

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### **I Was Wondering**

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

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

### **Where does the Penal Sign of the First degree originate?**

It appears in several of our oldest ritual documents from 1696 onwards. In England, this (and several other similar penalties) appears to have been in use as Naval punishments, authorized by the Admiralty from 1451 onwards.



## What is the symbolism of the Rough Ashlar and the Perfect Ashlar?

The more or less official symbolism of the Ashlars (as given in the first, Lecture Section 5) says that the Rough Ashlar is for the Entered Apprentice to work on, and the Perfect Ashlar is for the use of experienced Craftsmen when they test or adjust their tools. But symbolism in Freemasonry is a very personal matter, and I believe that we enter the Craft to build spiritual Temples within ourselves. For me the Ashlars are our symbolic foundation stones. In English practice, the Candidate is placed in the North East part of the Lodge (where the Rough Ashlar rested in former times) and he stands at his own spiritual foundation stone, to hear the Charity Lecture, one of the great lessons of Freemasonry. In the Second Degree, he stands in the South East corner, for a similar exhortation. Broadly, I equate the two stones with the Candidate, upon his entry and progress in the Craft. He comes, in rough, unpolished condition, unaware of what the Craft holds for him, and ignorant of its teachings. Later, the polished stone marks his progress in the Craft and his greater understanding of its objects, duties and responsibilities. I should add that the Ashlars belong to an era when there were only two Degrees (Entered Apprentice and Master or Fellow Craft), and this may explain why the Perfect Ashlar, representing the peak of Masonic experience, comes in the second Degree. Finally, there are my own personal views and I do not speak with the voice of authority. A few moments of speculation may lead you to other ideas, so much the better!

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### **Books! Did You Say, "Books?"**

A significant amount of Masonic material has recently become available through the Internet Archive - <https://archive.org>

By using the keyword 'freemasonry', and 'Texts' and doing a search, you will get a list of available books. You can then rank the results by choosing from the headings under 'Advanced Search' on the right side of the page.

Given a little time, you may find many of the texts advertised as "rare and expensive books" available on CD or DVD for the nominal price of only . . . plus shipping and handling.

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### **Looking for Something To Read?**

I am usually content to sit on the sidelines here and learn from my more adept and talented brethren, always remembering the old adage about opening one's mouth and removing any doubt about one's foolishness. Nor do I normally make any judgments about a book until after I've had a chance to finish and digest it.

I'm violating both principles to pass along my still-forming but positive impressions of- THE GOAT, THE DEVIL, AND THE FREEMASONS by Dr. David West, ISBN: 978-0-9550352-8-9, Hamilton House Publishing LTD., distributed by Lewis Masonic. While yet only a third of the way through, I have already found it to be a delightful book.

So far, Dr. West has provided a detailed discussion of Èliphas Lèvi, aka Alphonse Louis Constant, from whom Albert Pike drew heavily for MORALS AND DOGMA. His life, works, and, in particular, his well-known Goat of Mendes image (called "Baphomet" by anti-Masons of every flavour) are ably



treated. In a chapter entitled, “The Scottish Rite and the Mountain Men,” he gives an engrossing overview of the American West and its fur trade, which drew a young Albert Pike into the mountains and deserts. Great stuff for one who has always been intrigued by that place and that era. Then he delves into what he calls Pike’s plagiarism of Èliphas Lèvi in MORALS AND DOGMA. It is here, perhaps, that Dr. West goes astray a bit, it being his contention that Pike’s purpose was to lay out a single religious perspective “for Freemasonry,” when I have never read him as so doing. He covers the infamous Leo Taxil and his hoax in a brief but compelling style, bringing me up to my present place in the book. Interspersed amongst the chapters are various ‘interludes:’ “The origins of Freemasonry,” “The Trouble with Belief” (a brief discourse on Wittgenstein’s philosophy of meaning, whose premises could be argued, in my view), and more to come.

As I said, I cannot give you a complete overview of the book at this juncture, and perhaps I should have waited; but the author’s style, depth, and choice of topics makes THE GOAT, THE DEVIL, AND THE FREEMASONS an excellent choice for your “to be read” pile.

- Larry W. Chavis, PM. Mississippi  
Masonic Light Email Forum

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### **The Guardians Annual Corn Roast and BBQ**

On August 23, a cloudy but quite pleasant day, The Guardians, the Senior Wardens Association for 2014, held the annual Toronto East District BBQ and Corn Roast. All those attending enjoyed a great day with all the animals. The kids got their faces painted if they wished. Some of the brethren did also, which was most unfortunate. Talk about scary! There were hamburgers, hotdogs and corn in abundance. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. At the end, the Guardians presented a cheque for \$1,000 to WindReach Farm.



Some guys taking a class on farm equipment



A P.M. discovering he’s been left holding the bag (as usual)



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### **Get Your Tickets Now - Grand Master's Reception - Toronto and York Districts**

Tickets have been distributed and are selling. To make sure Lodges and Members of TED have good seats, get tickets now. Ladies are invited and tables of 10 are the norm. Mark your calendars.

Date: March 31 2015  
 Time: 5:30 pm - Social  
 7:00 pm - Dinner  
 Location: Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall  
 60 McDowell Gate, Markham ON  
 Cost: \$60 ea  
 Contact: Keith Jones @ [kjones@nmdaviscorp.ca](mailto:kjones@nmdaviscorp.ca) or 416.659.1121

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



Tokyo Masonic Association Building, Tokyo  
 with thanks to George Baird - Ibrox Lodge #740

In 1950, the site of the Tokyo Masonic Association was purchased by what is now Tokyo Masonic Lodge #2 to be its meeting place, and the centre for Masonry in the Tokyo area. The Tokyo Scottish Rite bodies soon joined them and together they developed the property making it available to others of like persuasion. Soon it was determined that the principles of Masonry would be better served if the property were operated as a charitable foundation. The Zaidan Hojin Tokyo Masonic Association was formed as a non-profit foundation in 1955. The objective of the Tokyo Masonic Association is to promote charity, learning and the love of God. The site was completed in 1981. The commercial buildings, the Masonic building and the lovely park combine to make a very comfortable setting.

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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*We must all keep in mind that the word 'God' is a job description not a personal name.*  
*- Anonymous*

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**Wednesday September 3 2014**

**West Hill - Reception for R.W. Bro. Robert A. Johnston-Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award**

Start off the new Masonic year in Grand Style.



The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell has accepted an invitation to come and witness the passing of Bro. Jonathan Cabell to his Fellow Craft degree. Also, R.W. Bro. Robert A. Johnston, W.M. of West Hill Lodge and Past D.D.G.M., has been awarded the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award. The Grand Master will present this prestigious recognition.

As this is the first visitation at the first lodge meeting in the first month of the new Masonic year, it is expected that several Grand Lodge officers will accompany the Grand Master.

W.M. Robert A. Johnston and the officers and brethren of West Hill Lodge would be pleased to see as many members and visitors attend lodge that evening as possible.

Please mark your calendar for this very special evening.

Time: 8:00 pm - Visitors received  
Location: East Toronto Masonic Hall  
Contact: Gerry Ouellette @ [gerry.ouellette@rogers.com](mailto:gerry.ouellette@rogers.com) or 416.412.1572

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#### **Thursday September 4 2014**

##### **The Beaches - Military Degree Team**

The newly formed Military Degree Team will be conducting the ceremony of Initiation in full military dress, medals and decorations, and with military gusto for two currently serving soldiers.

The Military Degree Team is composed of current and former members of the Canadian Armed Forces as well as members of Canada Lodge UD, Kandahar Afghanistan.

In attendance will be veterans of World War II, the Korean and Afghan Wars, as well as a number of surprise VIPs.

Following the degree, there will be a Festive Board with an address by one or more of our surprise VIPs.

Visiting brethren are most welcome and current or retired members of the CAF are encouraged to wear their medals and decorations.

If you wish to participate in the Degree Team, please contact Bro Joseph Curry.

Time: 7:00 pm - Lodge opens  
7:30 pm - Visitors received  
Location: York Temple  
1100 Millwood Rd., Toronto  
Cost: \$10 - Banquet  
Contact: Joseph Curry @ [joseph.curry1@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.curry1@gmail.com) or 647.893.6298

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#### **Saturday September 13, 20 and 27 2014 and Saturday October 4, 18 and 25 2014**

##### **Mechanics of the Work Classes**

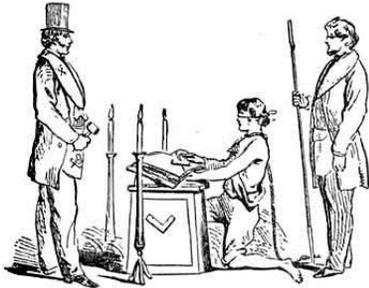
These classes are open to all Masons, from the newest Entered Apprentice to the rustiest young timer. The classes are of enormous worth to newer members and especially to those who have aspirations to be



lodge line officers. Classes are informal in the normal lodge meeting sense, no regalia is required, and welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills or re-acquaint themselves in many aspects of our ceremonies and rituals. Attendance for the full three-hour class or at every class is not compulsory.

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

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



Special Deacons' Days will occur on September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>. These are very popular and informative and aimed primarily at the Deacons but also those who interact with them. Here we will cover the work of the degree, collecting the PG and PW, receiving GL officers under the wands and collection of a ballot.

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

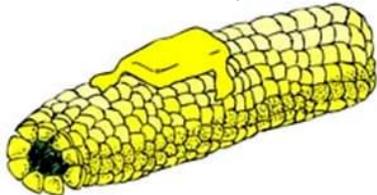
Hope to see you come visit to partake in and enjoy the sessions that many others have gotten a charge out of over the many years this program has been offered.

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

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### **Sunday September 21 2014**

#### **Toronto Assembly #2 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls - Family Corn Roast & BBQ**



Come join the young ladies for a fun afternoon and evening. Admission, paid at the door, includes one hamburger or hotdog, a cob of corn, a bag of chips, and a soft drink. If you have a young lady who might be interested in becoming a member, this would be an excellent opportunity to make introductions. Please **RSVP** to ensure adequate supplies.

Time: 4:30 pm - approximately  
Location: Doric Masonic Hall  
Cost: \$8 ea  
\$5 ea child under 12  
Contact: Dale Davies at [dale\\_davies63@yahoo.ca](mailto:dale_davies63@yahoo.ca) or 416.438.0011

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### **Monday September 22 2014**

#### **First Day of Autumn**

I don't know about you but I thought it just became summer!  
Remember? There was that warm day in there somewhere.  
That was summer! Time goes too, too fast!

The First Day of Fall starts at 10:29 pm so you can consider the whole of the day until then as summer. This day is also termed



the September Equinox. This is when the sun reaches the Equator and starts moving south. The furthest north the sun gets is the Tropic of Cancer, which is 23.5 degrees north (summer). The furthest south the sun gets is the Tropic of Capricorn, which is 23.5 degrees south (winter).

Between the two tropics, there really are no seasons. It is warm and humid all the time. And we live here - why? Oh! To rake the leaves and shovel the snow, right? Get slush in our shoes. Lose our gloves. Get plowed in by the snowplow. And look forward to summer. ☹ We gotta re-think this.

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### **Wednesday September 24 2014**

#### **Rosh Hashanah starts at Dusk**



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, 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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### **Saturday September 27 2014**

#### **Ontario Masonic Education Conference (O.M.E.C.)**

Ensuring the Timeless Vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario

Enjoy a variety of interesting and inspiring speakers in the midst of Masonic fellowship and learning!

Talks will include

#### *Leadership & Development*

Dr. Ken Jones, Dean Emeritus, Ryerson University, Rogers School of Business

#### *Prostate Cancer Research - Breakthroughs in Diagnosis and Treatment*

Dr. Glen Bauman, Chief Oncologist & Researcher, University of Western Ontario, London Health Sciences Center

#### *Aging and Memory Loss*

Dr. Steven Joordens, Professor of Psychology, University of Toronto

#### *The Ancient Landmarks*

R.W. Bro. Dale Graham

#### *Rudyard Kipling's Gavel*

R.W. Bro. David Cameron

#### *Tomorrow is NOW*

R.W. Bro. Lindsay Reiach



*Navigating the Grand Lodge Website*  
V.W. Bro. Michael Locke

This event will include free parking, catered lunch and refreshment breaks. All attendees must be preregistered with tickets picked up upon Conference arrival. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Register by September 7<sup>th</sup> for entry into a draw for a 32" Samsung Smart LED television. **Registration deadline is September 20, 2014.**

Visit the Grand Lodge website for the most up-to-date information and the Registration Form. Go to Events, then go to READ MORE. Then download the Registration Form and payment method. Or email David Lewis.

Registration and Payment can made using either snail mail or email.

Snail Mail

Mail the Conference Registration Form and a Cheque payable to "College of Freemasonry" - in memo section please note "Ontario Masonic Conference" to:

Rick Cadotte  
9 Braesyde Ave.,  
London, ON  
N5W 1V2

Email Mail

Email a scanned Conference Registration Form to:  
Rick Cadotte @ [rickcadotte@hotmail.com](mailto:rickcadotte@hotmail.com) -  
and

PayPal/Credit Card Payment to:  
[masonic.college@gmail.com](mailto:masonic.college@gmail.com)

Time: 8:00 am - Registration  
9:00 am - Start  
12:00 noon - Lunch  
4:00 pm - Wrap-up  
Location: Humber College - North Campus - Lecture Theatre E135  
203 Humber College Blvd., Toronto  
Cost: \$50 ea - before September 14<sup>th</sup>  
\$65 ea - after September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Contact: David Lewis at [cfme@cogeco.ca](mailto:cfme@cogeco.ca)

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**Tuesday September 30 2014**

**Mississauga - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

A truly auspicious occasion! Mississauga Lodge No. 524 G.R.C. will celebrate their **100 Year Anniversary**.

M. W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell will attend accompanied by other distinguished Grand Lodge Officers and all Masons are cordially invited to attend. The banquet will be served after the ceremonies. Banquet tickets will be required and may be obtained by e-mail only. Banquet tickets will be in limited supply and will be provided on a first come first served basis.



Time: 7:30 pm - sharp  
Location: Port Credit Temple  
45 Port St. W., Mississauga



(1 block S of Lake Shore Rd. and 1 block E of Mississauga Rd.)

Cost: \$40 ea - Banquet

Contact: Andres R. Penafior @ [rolfanepandy@gmail.com](mailto:rolfanepandy@gmail.com)

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*Real worth requires no interpreter: its everyday deeds form its emblem.  
- Bro. Nicolas Chamfort [Nicolas-Sébastien Roch] (1741-1794)*

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### **Saturday October 25 2014**

#### **Ontario Chapter OES - Annual Craft / Bake / Book Sale**

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



Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Contact: Melynda Norman-Lee @ [melyndanormanlee@gmail.com](mailto:melyndanormanlee@gmail.com)

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### **Saturday October 25 2014**

#### **The Imperial East Gate - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff and Trivia Night**



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

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

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

Prizes for the Best Chili and the Trivia Winners.

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

Time: 5:30 pm - Chili 'Evaluation'

6:30 pm - Dinner of excellent chili

7:30 pm - Trivia

Location: Brigadier O.M. Martin Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion

81 Peard Rd, Toronto

Cost: \$15 - with a chili

\$20 - without a chili

Contact: John Grouios @ [macedonn@gmail.com](mailto:macedonn@gmail.com) or 416.438.2794 or

Richard Lundy @ [richard.lundy@sympatico.ca](mailto:richard.lundy@sympatico.ca) or 416.266.8107 or

Peter Snetivy @ [petersnetivy@gmail.com](mailto:petersnetivy@gmail.com) or 905.621.3984



## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### Freemasonry Is Elitist

In our proud fraternity, its design is to redesign men into men of empathy and sympathy, men of purpose, and refinement. Men who understand that the best way to make things happen, is by respecting each other's value, and coming together as a team, or lodge, to its mutual benefit.

In that very light, we are to hold ourselves accountable to that aim. Piques and quarrels could easily become constructive conversations, if you so choose. We all have a choice to do what is right, over what is easy. We all have the option in building bridges, or erecting walls.



Masonry needs a few good men . . . men who have vision, and enthusiasm. Men who understand that there is a right way and a wrong way to affect change, motivate, and inspire others to action.

We all had a vision of what we expected the craft to be before we joined. For many the reality of Freemasonry isn't what they expected. But understand, the flip side is also true; they aren't what Freemasonry expected them to be.

Freemasonry, contrary to contemporary attitudes, is elitist. It is an organization that gives every man an opportunity to raise his game, so that no matter his situation, he may find his place in a society of men who live by higher ideals, so that he raises his own esteem that he may reside among the morally elite of our communities.

This was always Masonry's aim. The buildings we're proud to hold our assemblies in were built with the money, and labour of our predecessors. Our Lodges were created, grown, and maintained by those who had strength, perseverance, and fortitude. While not always just, while not always right, one can never question their desire and belief in holding the Craft in high regard.

Masonry isn't for everyone. So what? Masonry is elitist. So what? The solution starts the very first moment someone decides to inquire about our choice. Is it he who is interviewing us? Or should it be we who are interviewing him? We aren't for everyone. So what? Why are we selling ourselves short just so we can get him to join? For what purpose?

We should be proud of our history and legacy, and stand firm to protect it from stain. We should reassess our interview process, and instead of trying to sell Freemasonry to an applicant and his family, we should ensure that he and his family are right for us: They are joining our Masonic family. We are welcoming them into our world where our honour, respect, and reliability are important.

We should be perfectly clear to every man, exactly what is expected of him as a Freemason. Telling him it takes a little work, and he only needs to give a little time is wrong . . . flat out wrong. Telling a man that membership doesn't require any effort or commitment only tells that man that his membership has little worth. It doesn't instill that sense of value that Masonry IS.



Let us not allow fear to motivate us into making poor decisions in the direction of our course. Let us not be directed by those who refuse to attend, and participate, while failing to ignite the flame inside those who do. Let us not be afraid to contract and let's stop pretending it's a dirty word. Masonry is cyclical. It has been so since its inception hundreds of years ago, yet we're trying to perpetuate merely a moment of its history.

Time will show that this age of our Fraternity came with an important reawakening. Where we shed ourselves of this insecurity; where we acknowledge that it isn't our quantities that make us powerful and reverent, but the quality of the men who swear to our oath.

Let it be you that a brother admires, because you personify the ideal. Let it be you that agree to help when the lodge is in need. Let it be you that take the high road when it may be easier to walk away. Let it be you that takes Masonry forward, while the cable tow of others pull them under.

The Masonry you seek is within you to give. This voluntary organization won't voluntarily offer anything but an opportunity you have to be wise enough to take. Develop an attitude of gratitude, and let it permeate through your soul. Share that awareness so that the energy feeds us all.

Thomas Jefferson said: "Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

May by your hand the dream come true. Have the adventurous daring to accept oneself as a bundle of possibilities and undertake the most interesting challenge in life - making the most of one's chances.

Author:        Elliot Zovighian  
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## Lodges of Toronto East District:

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

<u>Lodge and No</u>	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Emg</u>	<u>Inst</u>	<u>Off Vst</u>
Acacia #430	East Tor	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384 <a href="http://www.alphatuscanlodge384.org">www.alphatuscanlodge384.org</a>	East Tor	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Sep	Feb
Birch Cliff #612 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> <a href="http://www.birchcliffodge.com">www.birchcliffodge.com</a>	East Tor	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 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> <a href="http://www.coronatilodge520.ca">www.coronatilodge520.ca</a>	Doric	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> <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 <a href="http://www.markhamunion87.org">www.markhamunion87.org</a>	Clar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Nov	Apr
Mimosa #576 <a href="http://www.mimosalodge.com">www.mimosalodge.com</a>	Aurora *	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	Oct	Apr
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> <a href="http://www.rjr494.com">www.rjr494.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 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> <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		Feb	Jun
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	May
<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. Mimosa Lodge #576 has moved to Aurora Masonic Temple, which geographically is also customarily outside Toronto East District.



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