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Remembrance



It is a simple enough gesture and of very little financial cost to you to wear a Poppy. This, to show all around that you remember and are grateful for your freedoms. To remember those who gave their lives to create a better world for all of us is a forever task. However, during this time of year we can show our feelings by attending remembrance parades, services or masonic ceremonies. Brethren, please try to attend a parade or lodge ceremony. We need to show our veterans that they are still thought of and respected. As time goes by we need to not only remember those who paid the ultimate price but everyone who has served their country in all of the conflicts that have secured our liberties. We must not only honour those that served but also the families who suffered through the long separations and uncertainty these conflicts created. Let us this Remembrance Day take the time to reflect on the suffering of all the families of those who served, as well as all those that served. It is not a political act, racist act, or disrespectful to wear a poppy, it is pure and loving remembrance.

May the Great Architect keep you from the fates of those Remembered.

Fraternally

R W Bro Malcolm J Parish,
DDGM,
Toronto East Distict.

Events Calendar

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ALPHA TUSCAN DORIC THE BEACHES	2 WEXFORD	3
4	5 MIMOSA	6 CANADA	7 BROUGHAM UNION WEST HILL	8 CORONATI TODMORDEN Claremont BBQ	9 BIRCHCLIFF	10
11	12 SCARBOROUGH	13 UNIVERSE	14 FRIENDSHIP IMPERIAL EAST GATE MARKHAM UNOIN	15 DORIC ALPHA TUSCAN	16 WEXFORD	17
18	19 ACACIA CALEDONIA	20 RIVERDALE JR ROBERSON	21	22	23 BIRCHCLIFF	24
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**1495 W 8th AVE
Vancouver BC**



Around and About
(News & Notices)

Military & First Responders Degree Team

Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 7:30 pm
The Officers of The Beaches will also perform the Empty Chair Ceremony
Festive Board to follow. RSVP to joseph.curry1@gmail.com

West Hill Ladies Night

Saturday, November 3, 2018

White Shield Banquet Halls
(below Flippers Fish House)

2300 Lawrence Ave E, Scarborough

Dinner, Dancing, Prizes

\$60/person

For information or tickets, contact:

Earle Goodwin (egoodwin@rogers.com/416-431-7557) or

Barry Villiers (barryvilliers@sympatico.ca/416-438-2168).



Toronto East District

Remembrance Day Parade

100 Masons is the target.

Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

Greetings Brethren:

By order of our District Deputy Grand Master, RWBro. Malcolm Parish, Toronto East District will again be participating in the Municipal Remembrance Service and Parade conducted at the Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive, on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Form-up for a short parade will be at 1:30, followed by a service indoors at 2:00 in the rotunda of the Civic Center. The DDGM has stated that **all lodges in the district will be required to provide a minimum of five men** to this event. Attendance figures will be taken and inability to honour this obligation will be noted.

As all Masons should be aware, Freemasonry owes its very existence to the sacrifices of our veterans both young and old. If we cannot spare an hour and a half on a Sunday afternoon to acknowledge their gift of freedom...then it speaks volumes on how much we really value that gift. Your attendance at this event will serve as a visual declaration of the support and gratitude of all Freemasons and our stance as proud Canadians and vibrant and vital members of the community.

Additionally, it has always been an amazement at how poorly we grasp the invaluable public relations significance of this event. This is the only official parade that Masons are invited to participate in all year. If we could get 100 Masons in full regalia, marching proudly behind our own colours in this high profile parade—the benefits to public awareness of Freemasonry would be incalculable. The public would have visual confirmation that Freemasonry is alive and growing in Toronto East and furthermore, that we are fiercely proud of who we are as Canadians and Masons. They will see us at our best. Merely by attending, you will benefit the image of Freemasonry immeasurably. This is a unique opportunity which will have lasting benefits for our district. On behalf of the DDGM, I hope you will do your duty and join us at this important event if it is at all possible for you.

Last year we were the second largest unit in this parade, with 72 members(second only to the Royal Canadian Air Cadets). It would be a disgrace if we cannot at least equal, if not surpass last year's magnificent effort!

100 Masons is the target.

Please address any further inquiries to:

W Bro. Frank MacKay, Scarboro Lodge #653

Toronto East District Parade Coordinator
frank_mackay@hotmail.com
(416) 283-3472



Joining Instructions

Where: Southwest corner of Scarborough Civic Centre parking lot. (Enter north off Ellesmere onto Brian Harrison Way. Ample free parking available). We usually assemble on the ramp of an underground parking garage just north of the parking lot. It allows for a quick advance into line, as we are the last unit in the parade. Look for the big blue Masonic flag.

When: Sunday, November 4, 2018. Gather no later than 1330 hrs. **Note that Daylight Savings Time ends on this date.** A short parade will be followed by a Service of Remembrance in the

rotunda of the Civic Centre at 2 pm. (Route marked in red at left.)

Dress:Business suit. Aprons and regalia will be worn; Masters and GL officers will wear collars. Veterans requested to wear blazers with medals and/or unit headdress. As service is indoors, coats and hats are not recommended except in case of rain. All Brethren are requested to wear poppies on the left lapel.

Reports:All Toronto East District lodges are required to submit a written nominal roll containing the names of those in attendance at this parade. Masons only, friends and family do not count. If any Brother is physically incapable of marching in the parade, he is to be seated in the rotunda prior to the parade and his name recorded. **Unless a written report is submitted to the District Parade Coordinator, your lodge will *not* be considered for the Grand Lodge award for participation in this event, nor will your lodge's participation even be recorded. Please delegate a Brother to record this information before the parade and turn it in to WBro. MacKay.**

Notes:The parade will be under physical command of personnel from the Royal Canadian Legion and the City of Toronto Protocol Office. 'Organizational difficulties' have been exhibited in the past, please be prepared to cope with them in a flexible and cooperative manner. Refreshments served in the rotunda after the service. Seating is limited. **All Secretaries are requested to include this information in their October/November summons and to read this notice as correspondence at all meetings. Please make copies of this sheet with map available to all members.**

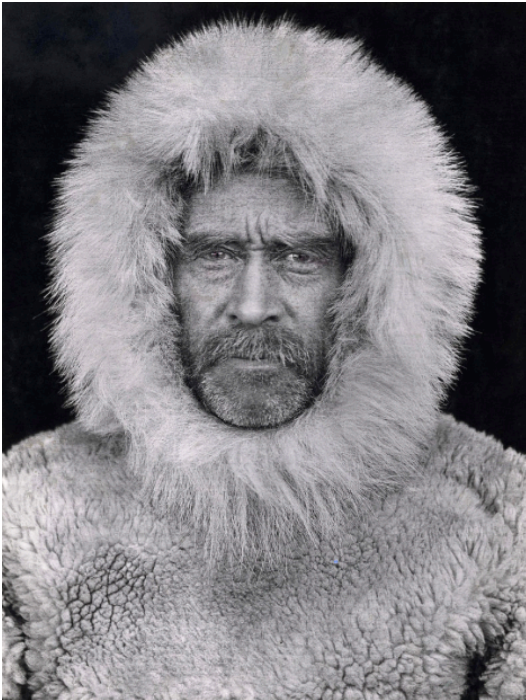
Please address all inquiries to:

W Bro. Frank MacKay,
Toronto East District Remembrance Day Parade Coordinator
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Doric Lodge #424 Annual Ladies Night
Saturday, November 24, 2018
Cocktails at 6; Dinner at 7:15
Brougham Union Mason Hall
Claremont, Ontario

\$60 per person, cash bar
Contact Bro. Bill Houston for tickets
email: yukon_born@yahoo.ca, mobile: 416 992-8306
e-transfer password: doric424

This Month in History



Donald Baxter MacMillan was an American explorer, born on November 10th, 1874. When he passed away at the age of 95, he was the last surviving member of Peary's expedition to the North Pole. MacMillan was a member of Freeport Lodge No. 23 in Freeport, Maine.

November 1, 1993 - The European Union came into existence as a result of the Maastricht Treaty.

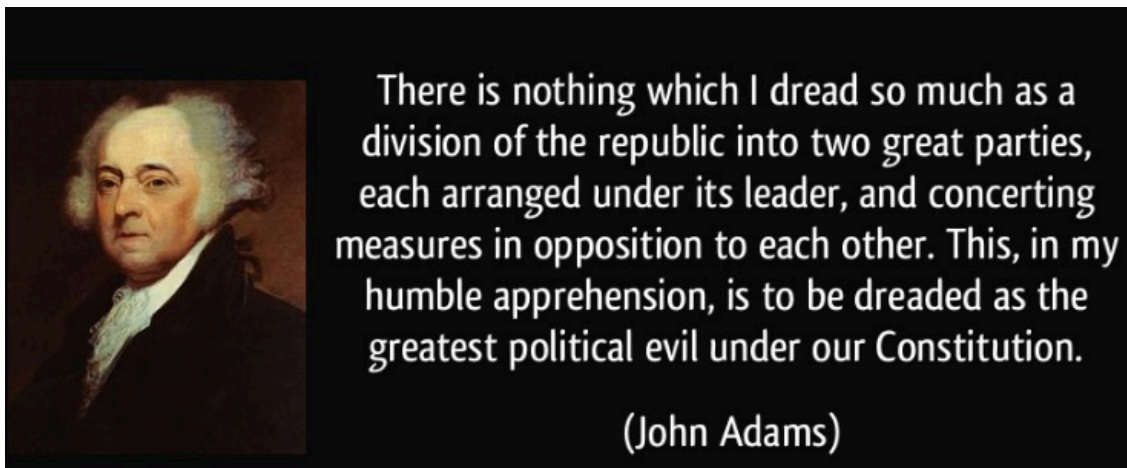
November 5th - Remembered as Guy Fawkes Day in Britain, for the anniversary of the failed "Gunpowder Plot" to blow up the Houses of Parliament and King James I in 1605.



Please take the time to log in and review the new Grand Lodge website.

www.grandlodge.on.ca

Nature & Science



Divisive political rhetoric a danger to the world, Amnesty says

Politicians who have used a divisive and dehumanised rhetoric are creating a more divided and dangerous world, says rights group Amnesty International.

The report, which covers 159 countries, cited a rise in hate speech across the US and Europe targeting refugees and said the reverberations would see more attacks on people on the basis of race, gender, nationality and religion.

"Instead of fighting for people's rights, too many leaders have adopted a dehumanizing agenda for political expediency," Salil Shetty, secretary general of Amnesty International, said in a statement.

"The limits of what is acceptable have shifted. Politicians are shamelessly and actively legitimizing all sorts of hateful rhetoric and policies based on people's identity: misogyny, racism and homophobia."

"2016 was the year when the cynical use of 'us vs them' narratives of blame, hate and fear took on a global prominence to a level not seen since the 1930s," Mr Shetty added.



Divisive Politics and Accountability

European Journal of Political Economy

Abstract

The paper analyzes a political accountability game with an electorate of 'partisan' and 'independent' voters. It is shown that politicians have a strategic incentive to engage in 'divisive politics', that is, to force some independent voters to take sides, even if the direct electoral benefits are higher for their opponents than for themselves. By polarizing the electorate, the incumbent politician weakens the ability of independent voters to make him accountable for his policies in the common interest. Moreover, the interests of the incumbent and the opposition are aligned: the opposition also benefits from divisive politics because, in equilibrium, its election probability increases.

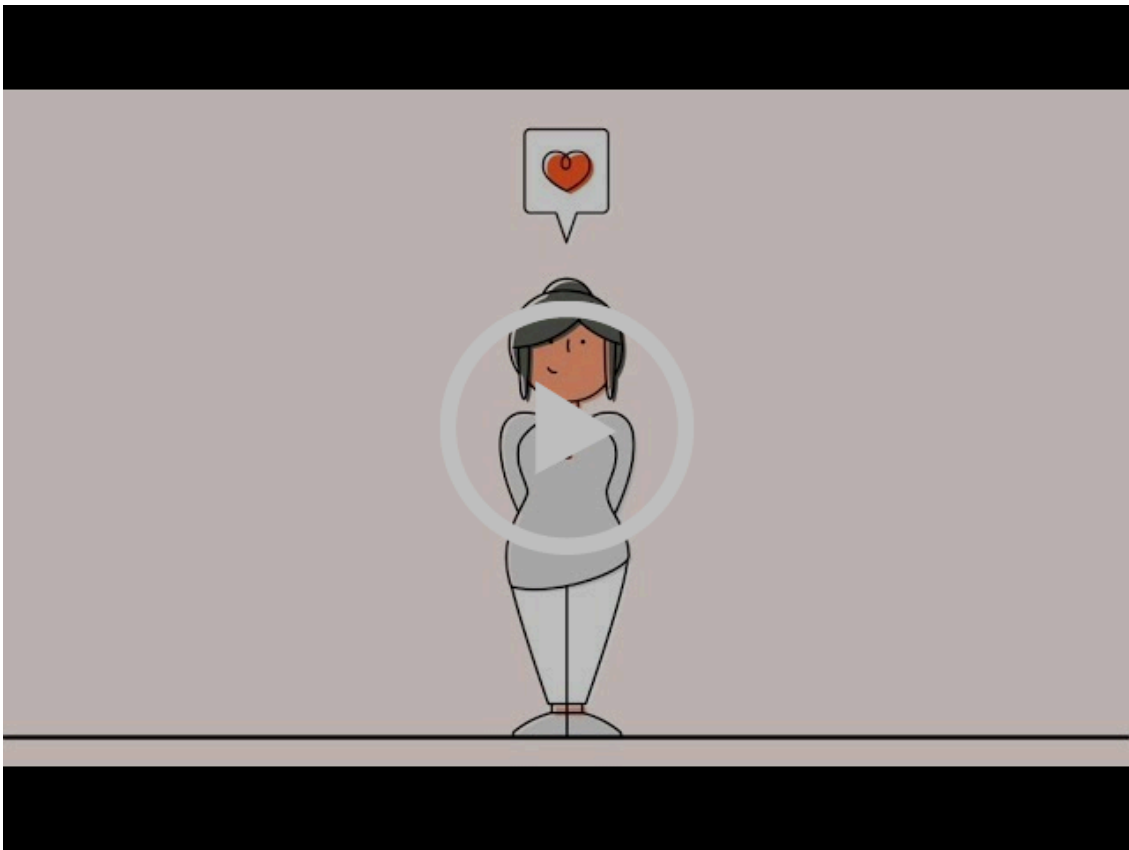
DIVISIVE POLITICS AND THE BRAIN: PRIMORDIAL DETERMINISM VS. RESPONSIBLE EGALITARIANISM

We may be hardwired to distinguish between us and others, but the actual definition of the other is not internally hardwired; it is something we are socialized into throughout our lives. That is why divisive leaders can be held accountable for contributing to the current atmosphere of divisiveness. They conveniently build upon basic human features, upon our emotionality, and the need for belonging.

For centuries, many philosophers have portrayed emotions as stumbling blocks to rational thinking. Now, neuroscience offers some evidence of their physical and neurochemical representation in the brain, demonstrating that they are fundamental to our most rational decision-making and critical to our survival.

Furthermore, the urgency to barricade oneself against 'others' – immigrants, ethnic and religious minorities, etc. – stems from ancestral predispositions that associate belonging to one's tribe or group as critical to survival. Using non-invasive methods, neuroscientists have identified that the neurocircuitry of tribal behavior that separates "us" from "them" occurs in the prefrontal cortex. Without much reflexivity, and within 170 thousandths of a second from the moment we first see them, we already distinguish between members of the in-group and those of the out-group. Our brains have inherited this hardwiring from our ancestors, but there is another interesting fact.

While this basic bias is subconsciously formed, our exact definition of what constitutes "us" and "them" is learned. We may be hardwired to distinguish between us and others, but the actual definition of the other is not internally hardwired; it is something we are socialized into throughout our lives. That is why divisive leaders can be held accountable for contributing to the current atmosphere of divisiveness. They conveniently build upon basic human features, upon our emotionality, and the need for belonging.



Did you know there are scientifically proven benefits of being kind?



The Science of How Small Acts of Kindness End Up Having a Big Impact

A small sprinkle of kindness pays off big time.

To prove this happy truth a team of psychologists recruited workers from a Coca Cola plant in Madrid, Spain into what they thought was a happiness study. The volunteers were told to note down their moods

and any acts of generosity they performed daily.

But the clever researchers had a trick up their sleeve. Among the participants they sprinkled a group of 19 secret confederates who had been instructed by the scientists to perform extra little acts of kindness for half of the group. The other half of the workers, who acted as a control group, weren't showered with special thank you notes or unexpected drink runs by these pre-selected "givers."

After a month what differences appeared between the group that was dosed with a few extra acts of kindness and those who went about their day as usual?

"The acts of kindness don't go unnoticed. The receivers observed more prosocial behaviors in the office and by the end of the study, they were reporting ten times more prosocial behaviors than the controls. In addition, receivers' level of 'felt autonomy' - essentially how much they felt in control of their days at work - were higher than controls," [reports the British Psychological Society's Research Digest blog](#).



Building Empathy: How to hack empathy and get others to care more | Jamil Zaki | TEDxMarin



Kindness Contagion

Witnessing kindness inspires kindness, causing it to spread like a virus

In a set of new studies, my colleagues and I highlight a broader flavor of positive conformity. We find that people imitate not only the particulars of positive actions, but also the spirit underlying them. This implies is that kindness itself is contagious, and that that it can cascade across people, taking on new forms along the way. To be a potent social force, positive conformity requires such flexibility. Not everyone can afford to donate to charity or spend weeks on a service trip to Haiti. Witnessing largesse in others, then, could inhibit would-be do-gooders who feel that they can't measure up. Our work suggests that an individual's kindness can nonetheless trigger people to spread positivity in other ways.

Leadership Development

The Masonic Deception of its Leadership

We are all seekers; some seek knowledge, some spirituality and others fellowship. A mason undertakes a journey of self discovery and by discovering the self, it is hoped, that one will be enabled to achieve the gnosis we all aspire for which will make us better Men. To enable us to achieve this, we are told that we need to embrace a deep sense of humility which, in itself, opens the door to the secret mysteries.

Freemasonry has gone to great lengths in its laws, constitutions, bylaws and even in its rituals to ensure that its Leadership sets the pace for proper governance. A leadership position in Masonry applies to all

levels - from the Master Masons, to the Wardens, the Masters of Lodges, the Past Masters, and those in leadership positions in Districts, Provinces and the Grand Lodge.

However, Freemasonry purposely deceives its leadership. It makes humility a pre-requisite but bestows on them impressive titles, jewelry and ceremony that is done in a flurry of pomp and circumstance. We repeat their titles so many times that we often forget that the bearer was and still is just a Brother on the level with us. And He hears his title being said so many times that he himself forgets that they are also his brothers on the Level. This great deception is, in itself, another test for the Leader to recognize that while he has been given a great responsibility, he is also charged with a 'duty of care' to be a true example of the "perfect Freemason" to a susceptible audience.

There is an abundance of quotes in Freemasonry that start from charging a Master Mason to give assistance and instruction to the brethren in the inferior degrees. Other significant charges state that Masonic leadership is responsible for the preservation of the honor and reputation of masonry as well as the happiness of its members.

This is only a summary of some of the responsibilities the leadership must cover, the list of others is endless. However, one essential qualification for a Brother in a leadership position that is constantly repeated is Humility; 'that we must learn to be meek, humble and resigned.'

We are told that those ruling and governing are too well acquainted with the principles of Masonry, and the Laws of the Institution, to warrant any mistrust that they will be found wanting in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices, or that they will exceed the powers they are given.

I would like to share a personal experience here; when I took up my new leadership position, I heard masons struggling to address me with various fancy titles and my reply has always been, "Brother, if you want to truly honor me, address me as Brother" as the title, especially in Scottish Freemasonry, is for the position and not for the person you are conversing with.

May brotherly love and affection ever distinguish us as men and as Masons.

Let us remember to drop a tear of sympathy over the failings of a Brother and have but one aim in view, to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

Brother Rabih Jarmakani
District Grand Master of Lebanon
Grand Lodge of Scotland

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“These right vs left battles,
oftentimes what they are is simply
the battleground for the conflicts in
your own mind ”

– Joe Rogan

... by the Lighthouse Beam





Jordan Peterson on How to make your next 5 years more successful with Joe Rogan

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