

# Hiram's Lighthouse



PROVIDING MASONIC *LIGHT* FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT

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Hiram's Lighthouse - Aug. 1, 2016  
Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter 2008



Brethren,

I would first like to thank you, the members of the district, for the honour of electing me as the Grand Master's representative for Toronto East District. It is an office to which many outstanding Masons have been elected. I will endeavour to exceed the very high standards set by these fine men.

I have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of congratulatory phone calls and emails from within and

without our district. It makes me very proud to be a member of a district that has so many friends across this Grand Jurisdiction.

At the 161<sup>st</sup> communications of Grand Lodge, Hiram's Lighthouse received the Gold award for district newsletters in our Grand Jurisdiction. On behalf of the Brethren of Toronto East District, I congratulate W. Bro. Terry Spalding Martin for his dedication and commitment to this newsletter. We in the district knew it was an outstanding publication, now everyone knows it! Well done Terry we are all very proud of your accomplishment.

I have been supported through the past year by my friend W. Bro. Gordon McHallam, who has graciously accepted the position of The District Secretary. He is a man of integrity, charm, skill and knowledge. I am looking forward to working with him this year.

To R.W. Bro. Dean M. Bergerson, I thank you for your dedication to the craft within the district during your year. You led us with firm yet humble strength and brought an elegance to the position of D.D.G.M. I will keep fond memories of traveling with you this year.

To V.W. Bro. Greig King, The District Secretary and the hardest working Mason in our district, you showed us that, even with a tough job, it can be done with skill, grace and humour. I hope your year as Grand Steward is deeply rewarding and I personally look forward to traveling with you this year. It will be my honour.

My congratulations to the following brethren of our district who were elected or appointed at the 161<sup>st</sup> communication of Grand Lodge:

R.W. Bro. Maher Eid, elected as The Grand Senior Warden.

R.W. Bro. Leyland A. Muss, appointed to The Board of General Purposes.

V.W. Bro. Alex Wilson, appointed as The Grand Senior Deacon.

V.W. Bro. Greig J. King, appointed as The Grand Steward.

V.W. Bro. Martin Skulnick, appointed as The Grand Steward.

Please make sure you congratulate these fine Masons on their progress in the science. I am certain they will have a memorable year.

My first official duty as the D.D.G.M, was to attend the funeral of Dale Davies on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dale was a big part of The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and was on the Advisory Board, an Adult Grand Committee member and Mother Advisor of Toronto Assembly # No. 2. There is to be a golf tournament in the next few months in honour of Dale and the work that she did. As more information is made available, I will make sure it gets out to everyone. Let's support our youth through this golf tournament and show the Rainbow for Girls that the Masons of Toronto East District are here for them.

Although it is still July as I write this message, and August when you read it, please remember we still have the T.E.D. Senior Wardens Corn Roast & B.B.Q. on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at WindReach Farm in Whitby. Please come out and support your Senior Wardens. Please contact your Senior Warden in order to purchase tickets.

Brethren, enjoy the rest of your summer we have earned the warm weather. Recharge your batteries. I am looking forward to greeting everyone in September.

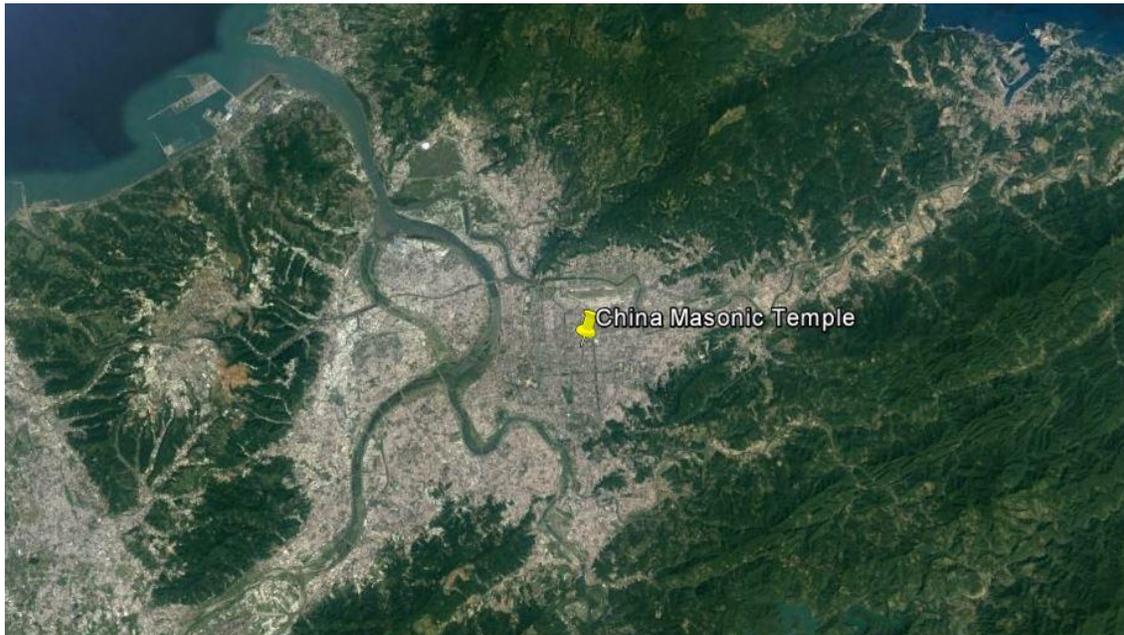
May the Great Architect of the Universe look over us all and protect us in all of our endeavours.

Fraternally,  
 R.W. Bro. Gerald J. Newall  
 District Deputy Grand Master  
 Toronto East District

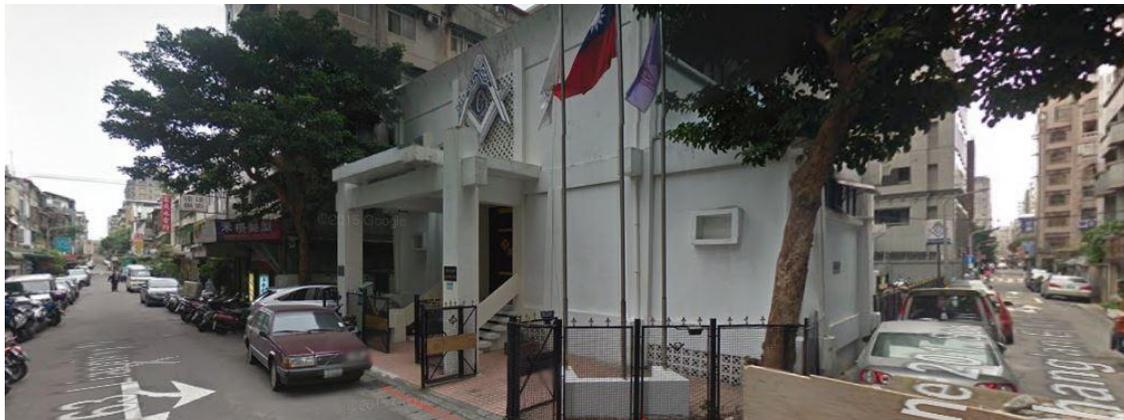
### Events Calendar

August 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Toronto East District Wardens BBQ WindReach Farm Contact: Lodge SW or WBro. Kelly Dadzie kellydadzie@gmail.com Tickets \$10 ea, \$25 Family
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

...Now here's a Lodge in



Lane 201, Section 2, Chang'an E Rd, Zhongshan District  
Taipei City, Taiwan





**Toronto East District Senior Wardens Fundraising BBQ**

WindReach Farm  
Contact: Lodge SW or  
W Bro. Kelly Dadzie [kellydadzie@gmail.com](mailto:kellydadzie@gmail.com)  
Tickets \$10 ea, \$25 Family

Vision

WindReach Farm inspires, empowers and changes lives.

Mission

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

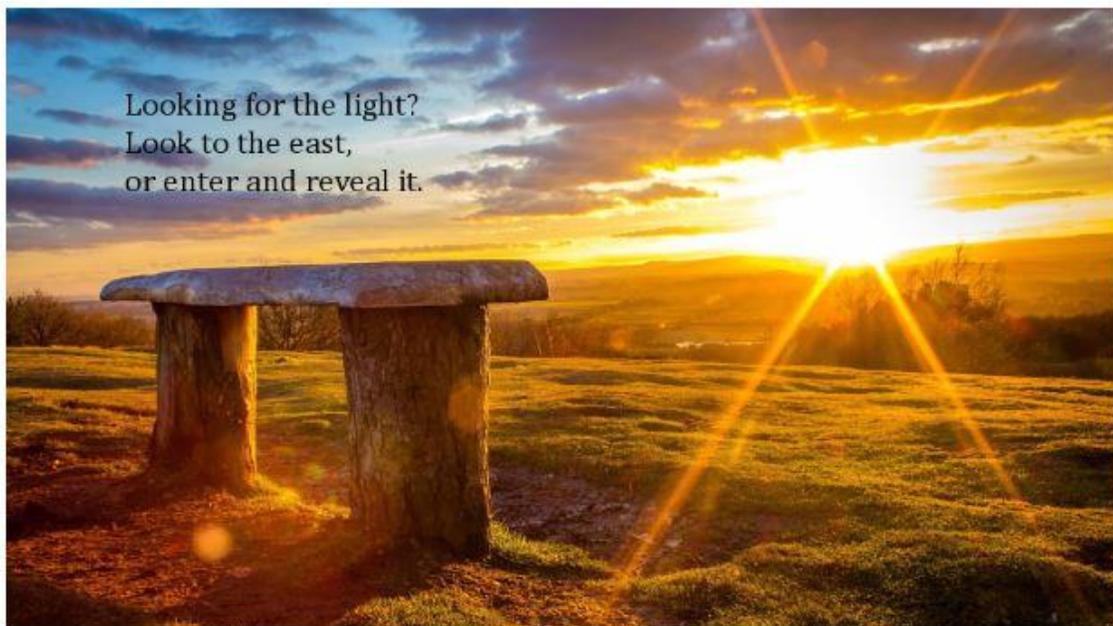
..."WindReach Farm will continue to offer its five main programs including the Day Visitor, Learning-4-Life, Community Participation, Therapeutic Riding and Overnight Visitor Programs, while further developing our agency partnerships to more effectively serve our community..."

...Our new Beyond the Farm Gate Program is a perfect example where we have responded to our users' needs by taking the Farm out into the community when such elements as weather and mobility would otherwise be a barrier."...

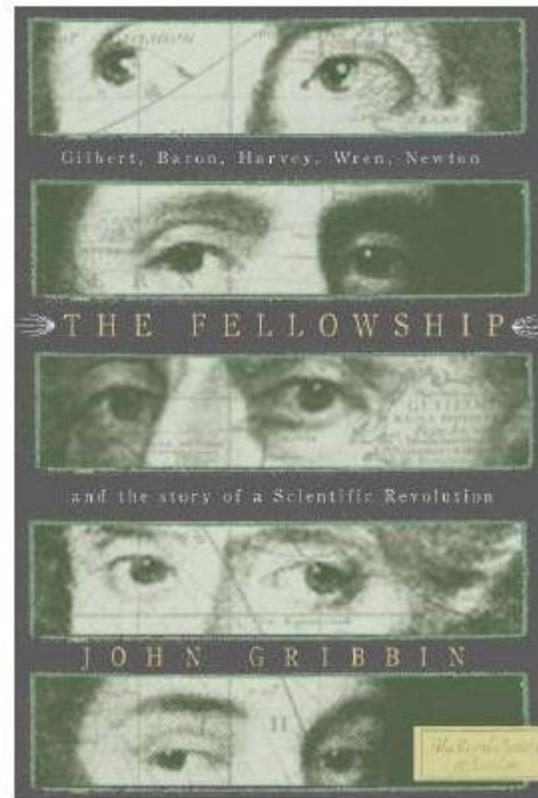
*Kelly Jewer, Executive Director*  
*WindReach Farm*



**Birthday** - *Star-Spangled Banner* author Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) was born in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the [poem](#) originally entitled *Defense of Fort McHenry* which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.



Please take the time to log in and review the new Grand Lodge website.  
<https://grandlodge.on.ca>



**Recommended Summer Read**

**The Fellowship: Gilbert, Bacon, Harvey, Wren, Newton, and the Story of a Scientific Revolution**

by John Gribbin

Seventeenth-century England was racked by civil war, plague, and fire, a world ruled by superstition and ignorance. But then a series of meetings of "natural philosophers" in Oxford and London saw the beginning of a new method of thinking based on proof and experiment. At the heart of this renaissance were the founding fathers of modern western science: The Royal Society. John Gribbin's gripping, colorful account of this unparalleled time of discovery explores the birth of the Society and brings its prime movers to life. Gribbin shows how the triumph of the scientific revolution changed the world--and still continues to change it 350 years later. *The Fellowship* reveals that all that ensued was ultimately not the work of any single isolated genius, but of a Fellowship of brave and inquisitive men in search of the truth.



The College of Freemasonry, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario offers a modular course of study in this Grand Jurisdiction. The modules cover studies in:

- **Masonic Arts and Sciences for Masons.** (FCF – Fellow of the College of Freemasonry)
  - Provides an overview of many aspects of our craft – Benevolence, Justice, Religion, Philosophy & Symbolism, Protocol & Etiquette, History, and Leadership skills for the Lodge, District, and Grand Lodge levels of our jurisdiction
  - Contains 18 modules
  - Estimated completion time – 4-12 months
  - Cost - \$135
- **An Aspiring Worshipful Masters Course.**
  - Provides the brother with a path of being better prepared to be the Worshipful Master of his lodge. This course of study is open to all Master Masons who may be seeking election as Worshipful Master of his lodge in the coming years.
  - Contains 11 modules
  - Estimated completion time – 2-6 months
  - Cost - \$50
- **A Past Masters Course.** (Satisfies the requirements of the Book of Constitution (2016) sec. 38 (b) and 50(b))
  - For Installed Masters only
  - Provides the necessary training for those seeking to serve our craft by way of a higher office such as D.D.G.M., Grand Registrar, or a Member of the Board of General Purposes.
  - Contains 6 modules
  - Estimated completion time – 2-6 months
  - Cost - \$50
- **Esoteric Studies**

- An introduction to the Esoteric side of Masonry
- One module
- Cost - \$10

If you are interested in only certain modules, you may select any single module you wish for \$10 each.

The charge to the newly initiated candidate instructs the candidate and all Masons alike on the need for studying the “liberal arts and sciences .....and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, to consider yourself called upon to make a daily advancement in Masonic Knowledge”. These courses of study offer you another avenue of expanding your Masonic Education.

If you have any questions about the College and its offerings, or wish to register, please contact the College of Freemasonry at [masonic.college@gmail.com](mailto:masonic.college@gmail.com). You may also download the registration form from the Grand Lodge Website at [www.grandlodge.on.ca](http://www.grandlodge.on.ca) (log in, click on “Education”, then “College of Freemasonry” and then download the registration form).

## ... by the Lighthouse Beam



### Good Luck or Bad Luck

Once upon the time there was an old farmer who had worked his crops for many years. One day his horse ran away. Upon hearing the news, his neighbors came to visit. "Such bad luck," they said sympathetically.

"Perhaps," the farmer replied.

The next morning the horse returned, bringing with it three other wild horses. "What great luck!" the neighbors exclaimed.

"Perhaps," replied the old man.

The following day, his son tried to ride one of the untamed horses, was thrown, and broke his leg. The neighbors again came to offer their sympathy on his misfortune.

"Perhaps," answered the farmer.

The day after, military officials came to the village to draft young men into the army. Seeing that the son's leg was broken, they passed him by. The neighbors congratulated the farmer on how well things had turned out.

"Perhaps," said the farmer...

One take-away I have from this parable is that, while we should certainly celebrate when things go well, we should not get carried away. Simultaneously, when bad things happen we should not lose our cool. Life is not only a series of ups and downs but also, some "bad luck" may turn out to be "good luck."

So I have learned it pays to have a sense of equanimity throughout both life's good and bad times. I also realized that life is not a collection of discrete occurrences or events but that everything we do is linked together; our lives are a series of interconnected days.

Mark McNeilly @ Fast Company

## Administration

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We also ask all Secretaries and Worshipful Masters to inform their lodge members of the existence of the newsletter and how to subscribe to it.

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To get a notice into the newsletter at least one month before the event, send a message to [hramslighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:hramslighthouse@gmail.com) with all the information and we'll run it every month until the function is past.

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