

Hiram's Lighthouse

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

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If we focus our thoughts on the ideals of our order, we will gain vision. If we let this vision govern our actions, we will gain wisdom. With vision and wisdom, we can once again infuse our order with the courage and the desire to apply change where it is needed.

- Anonymous Bro.

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

Brethren,

There will be a number of Installations in November starting with **Wexford on November 5th, Imperial-East Gate on November 10th, Todmorden on November 11th, and Markham Union on November 17th**. Markham Union is now in Toronto East and I would like our brethren to support them by welcoming them in the district in large numbers.

On **Tuesday November 2nd** the Grand Master will be visiting Canada Lodge to honour Bro. Allan Freedman for coordinating the Tim Horton's cards for the troops in Afghanistan. It would be very nice to have a large turnout of Masons from our district.

I attended two Official Visits in October and there were many visitors in attendance. Obviously this is very encouraging for our district as this is the first part of my theme this year. I hope **visitation** will be exercised by all lodges as the members will be able to see things from different eyes; to see the good and the not so good.

Various District Chairmen have started to pull things together and have either started their programs, in touch with Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen or attending Grand Lodge Workshops to implement their programs. I expect to see the programs shortly in the lodges. One hurdle to cross is finding the appropriate time in lodges as there are so many masons awaiting degrees. District Chairmen have to work with the Masters to agree on timing.

We have been very fortunate to have so many of our District Chairmen on Grand Lodge Committees. For example:



- V.W. Bro. Doug Gray, Chairman Masonic Education and W. Bro. Bruce Palanik, Chairman Mentor Program are on the Committee for Masonic Education
- W. Bro. Keith Jones, Chairman F2F is on the Friend2Friend Committee
- Bro. Stephen Brash, Chairman TE Website is on the Long Range Planning Committee
- Bro. Graeme Boyce, Chairman MFO is a member of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario

The Grand Master's reception for the Toronto and York Districts will be held on **Tuesday March 29th 2011** at the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall 60 McDowell Gate Markham. The cost is \$55 and our coordinator is V.W. Bro. Ed Russell. He will be sending emails out shortly to promote the reception. The Masters of 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 will have their photographs taken with the Grand Master. I hope that we can have a larger attendance than we had at the last GM's reception 2 years ago.

Our website is now in the process of been updated. A website committee has been formed and it is their responsibility to add information as they receive it. The committee comprises Stephen Brash, Mike Morris, Romy Thomas and Elroy MacKinnon. Please check the site and if there is any information that is inaccurate, needs to be posted or needs updating, please forward the information in the first instance to Mike Morris email mkmorris@gmail.com. The committee will be developing a protocol to ensure it is relevant to all visitors, both masons and non-masons and avoid commercial content. The updating is a work in progress and the committee members who all volunteered will be doing this job in their off hours so please bear with us if you do not see immediate results. However, I can assure you that what they have already done to bring the site to its current state is above and beyond the call of duty.

Looking forward to seeing you at the various functions this month.

VISITATION + EDUCATION = RETENTION

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Leyland A. Muss
 District Deputy Grand Master
 Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

The District Events Coordinator is **Gary Rhodes**. Before you get cast in cement on any date for a lodge event, please contact Gary and avoid conflicting district events.

gary@rhodes.ca

416.751.7783

November 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<u>1</u> DDGM Orientation Workshop See below Oshawa Masonic Temple	<u>2</u> * Canada – Afghanistan Appreciation GM in attendance Visitors-7:30 pm ← Doric Pickering Masonic Hall	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Diwali * Wexford – Installation DDGM's Lodge Visitors - 7:00 pm ← Doric Pickering Masonic Hall	<u>6</u> * West Hill – Ladies Night See below Scarborough Golf and Country Club * Birch Cliff – Ladies Night See below St. Dunstan	<u>7</u> Ajax Remembrance Service See below St Paul's United Church Claremont Remembrance Service
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * The Imperial East Gate – Installation Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple	<u>11</u> Remembrance Day * Todmorden – Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm ← East Toronto Masonic Temple * Coronati –	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> DDGM Orientation Workshop See below Renforth Masonic Temple	<u>14</u> Claremont Remembrance Service See below Claremont Legion
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> * Markham Union – Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 8:00 pm Claremont Masonic Temple	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * The Heritage Lodge – Installation See below Doric Pickering Masonic Hall Family of Freemasonry Day see below	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> * TED – Blood Donor Clinic See below St. Aidan's Anglican Church	<u>27</u> * Doric – Ladies Night See below 4 Seasons Golf and Country Club	<u>28</u>
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December 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<u>1</u> Hanukkah * West Hill - Installation Visitors – 8:00 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple * Rainbow Girls – Christmas Dinner and Family	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
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<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> First Day of Winter  BBRRRrrrr!	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Christmas Eve	<u>25</u> Christmas Day  Cheers!	<u>26</u> Boxing Day
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> New Year's Eve 		



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

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

Medically equipped Van for the paralyzed infant grandson of W. Bro. Theo Doughty. Make cheques payable to The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, include Project 2404 and your lodge on the cheque and mail to the Masonic Foundation - 361 King St W., Hamilton ON L8P 1B4.



Contact: Todd Owens @ 678@yrp.ca or 416.722.0843, or
David Neave @ davidneave@rogers.com or 905.725.8032

For the salvation of his soul, some Muslims dig a well. It would be a fine thing if each of us were to leave behind a school, or a well, or something of the sort, so that life would not pass by and retreat into eternity without a trace.

- Anton Pavlovich Chekhov (1860-1904)

Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are officially Partners For Life with the Canadian Blood Services. **Volunteers to assist are always needed.** Any brother in Toronto East District that wishes to assist at the clinics at St. Aidan's Anglican Church, thus getting their Lodge 'credits' for the amount of donation's made at the clinic may contact the brethren shown below.

If you wish to be a donor and can't make it to any of the indicated Blood Donor Clinics, find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge. The Toronto East District 'Partners For Life' number is **TOR0009781** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics, go to
www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu

Contact: John Katz @ johnkatz@sympatico.ca or 416.264.7399
Doug Gray @ douggray@rogers.com or 416.266.0783

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday November 26, 2010
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222



Friday January 28, 2011
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Friday March 25, 2011
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Friday May 27, 2011
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

S.R.I.A. or S.R.I.C.

If there are any members of S.R.I.A. or S.R.I.C. on the list, could they please contact me.

Terry Spalding-Martin – tsmartin@rogers.com

Toronto East Masonic Centre {T.E.M.C.}

Toronto East Masonic Centre is offering debentures to Masonic Lodges and individual brethren who wish to assist in the construction of this

**“Superb Edifice,
Perfect in All Its Parts”**

The past month has been a satisfying one for the TEMC due to the activities of the Scarborough Masonic Temple Board finally being able to put the financial statement for fiscal 2009 to sleep.

The Board voted to endorse the report of our auditor, Robert Kliaman, which will now be brought before the Members at a special general meeting which has been called for Thursday January 27th 2011, 7:30 pm at Chisholm Temple. Master / Principal Officers of the Members are asked to note the date and time in the diaries.

I would also at this time like to remind the Member Lodges and Concordant bodies of both the SMTC and ETMT of their obligation to select a representative and alternative to serve as a Director of the new TEMC. This duty must be completed on or before the 28th day of February 2011 if the Member wishes to have a seat on the new Board and be in a position to influence and contribute to the planning and development of our new Masonic Home.

In my travels I am hearing that many Members are struggling with the choice of delegate.

On behalf of the interim Board of the TEMC, I would ask the choices be considered wisely and that the person chosen be asked if he be willing and able to contribute the time and resources to ensure the project's success and to do so for a period of from 2 to 5 years.

Sometime during the next month we will be circulating a package to each of the eligible members. This package is designed to outline the roles and responsibilities of those who offer themselves as Directors of



the Non Profit Temple Corporation. It should be read by the Master and Principal Officer of each Member and provided to the new Director for his most serious perusal and contemplation.

The Board of the TEMC recently signed a mandate to use C. B. Richard Ellis Real Estate as our primary source for locating a property suitable for our planned use(s). Robert Stuart and his team have been working diligently behind the scenes in researching possible fits for our needs.

Over the past month, we have held meeting with several entities who are actively seeking partners in developments in and around the Lawrence Ave. corridor between Victoria Park and Midland Ave. This and several similar corridors have been re-designated as areas that Toronto Council would like to see revitalized through mixed use developments which would typically include up to six storeys of residential development with commercial / retail on the lower floors.

Doug Gray and I recently joined to tour a facility in the Warden / Eglinton area which is not yet listed but the owners are considering selling since it serves their future plans. The property is less than 20 years old, in remarkable condition and as a result of our visit we have requested Bob Stuart solicit the owners for more details regarding the property, including the possible asking price.

Early in November we will be making a presentation to the Shrine Divan, to see if they have any interest in assisting in our future development. We also have a delegation visiting the Guelph Masonic Centre in November to find out how the Brethren overcame the many obstacles to build such a fine beacon to Freemasonry in Guelph.

One last note Brethren - we have copies of the unedited version of the video that was recorded on the evening of the closing ceremony at the Scarborough Masonic Temple. The draft quality in the banquet hall is excellent and we hope to see this edited and available for the Brethren in the very near future . . . keep watching the web site where we hope to post a preview soon.

See what's going on at our website -

www.torontoeastdistrict.com/temc.html

Bob Steenson

Toronto East Masonic Centre, President

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Masonic Board Game

By Masons For Masons!



The Masonic Board Game is a trivia game built to be an additional educational tool for Freemasons. This is not a software game... it is in the same product category as Trivia Pursuit, Monopoly, etc.

Containing over 1,000 game questions, the Masonic Board Game will keep you and our fellow Brothers busy for hours. Built for enjoyment and ease of play the Trivia game will let our Brothers learn more about Freemasonry while having a fun time!

If you want to encourage learning in a group setting, THIS IS THE TOOL.

We believe strongly in Masonic education and strive to produce products to help Brothers learn more about Freemasonry.

<http://masonicboardgame.com/>



Masonic Education on Your Computer

Ed Halpaus, Grand Lodge of Minnesota Education Officer produces a variety of Masonic Education and though newsletters that go out via email to anyone who subscribes. You may have noticed some of his papers in **Hiram's Lighthouse** in the past.

Several of his talks, Qualifications to be a Freemason, Symbolism in Masonic Degree Work, Refreshment to Labour in Freemasonry, The Story Behind 40 and 2,000 and Backgrounds of Architecture in Freemasonry are now on YouTube, and new talks are being added regularly. The talks are in the 4-5 minute range. Take a look –

www.youtube.com/glmned#p/u

Also, for an excellent interview on Freemasonry that can be downloaded to just about any device, have a listen to –

www.theflypod.com/asp/newpage.asp?RN=46238

KGB Archives Reveal Secret Masonic History

New revelations about the secret history of Freemasonry will be revealed at an international academic conference due to take place in London at the end of October. However, unlike the fictional account proffered by Dan Brown in his latest best-selling novel, *The Lost Symbol*, the history being revealed will be firmly rooted in fact and is set to cause a stir both within and without this enigmatic association.

The conference, which is being organised by the North-London based educational charity, the Canonbury Masonic Research Centre (CMRC), will include at least two speakers who will cast light on their recent forays into the former KGB archives in Moscow, archives that still contain millions of Masonic documents originally stolen by the Nazis during the Second World War.

One speaker, Dr. Patricia Kennedy Grimsted of Harvard University, an expert of international renown in this highly specialised field, will deliver a keynote lecture entitled, 'War on the Freemasons: the fate of Nazi and Soviet seized books and archives', which will provide an overview of how these vast archives were stolen by the Gestapo and other branches of the Third Reich's security and intelligence apparatus during the 1930s and 40s, to how they were subsequently shepherded back to the Soviet Union by the NKVD, the forerunner of the KGB. While another speaker, Dr. José Ferrer Benimeli, a recently retired Professor of modern history at the University of Zaragoza, will cast light on General Franco's hatred and brutal suppression of Freemasonry in Spain.

Other revelations due to be unveiled for the first time will include recently deciphered diplomatic correspondence from the close of the eighteenth century which provides a fresh insight to mindset of British Prime Minister Pitt the Younger and his attempts to thwart the activities of Freemasonry and various kindred societies one year after the United Irishmen's rebellion of 1798.

One keynote lecturer will expound upon the infamous Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a notorious forgery which tragically helped to pave the way for the Holocaust. And several speakers will also explore the phenomenon of anti-masonry during the era of the European Fascist regimes, as well as in Turkey and the contemporary Arab world.



Further information, including a downloadable programme of this unique conference and full details of how to register, can be found on the CMRC's website at: <http://www.canonbury.ac.uk/>. Student reductions are available on request.

- Philalethes Society Email Forum

Thursday October 7, 2010

Canada Lodge, Kandahar – First Initiation

Canada Lodge held our first Ceremonies of Initiation on the evening of October 7, 2010 here at Kandahar Air Field. Initiated were Major Robert Kelly and Corporal Satraj Toor. As you can see from the photos, our lodge is now beautifully furnished thanks to the generosity of the brethren from back home. Due to operational requirements we did not (all who had parts) have the chance (though try we did) to do a complete run through before the big night. If I may say so myself, the ceremony was done as well as any I have seen back home (in my limited Masonic experience, mind you). All of the parts came together seamlessly and it was quite evident that all of the brethren had put their heart and soul into the perfection of their work. I am truly honoured to have been a part of this historic Masonic event. Our evening ended with a truly Afghan flavour as we were posing for photographs we came under rocket attack and had to hit the floor (pictured).



Canada Lodge, Kandahar



Canada Lodge Kandahar – Under Rocket Attack
(Seem kinda happy, don't they?)



L to R) Cpl Satraj Toor, WM Rick Fulford,
JW Joe Curry (list member), Maj. Robert Kelly

- Joe Curry

I Was a Mason Before I Was Made a Mason

An interview of Jack Whyte, author of the Templar Trilogy - Knights of the Black and White-2006, Standard of Honor-2007, and Order in Chaos-2009 (also Uther, The Skystone, The Singing Sword, The Eagles' Brood, The Saxon Shore, The Sorcerer Part 1: The Fort at River's Bend and The Sorcerer Part 2: Metamorphosis). The interview was done by Graeme Boyce of The Beaches Lodge.



Friday October 22, 2010

Towards a New Mixed Obedience

The Feminine Grand Lodge of Belgium (GLFB) and the Grand Lodge of Belgium (GLB) have decided to support the creation of a new mixed obedience. The process was launched on February 27, 2010 at the time of the Assembly of the Grand Lodge of the GLB. It is understood that this new obedience will accommodate sisters of the GLFB and brothers of the GLB.

There is a kinship to French projects. Ten years ago, Alain Bauer, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France (GODF) cherished the idea of creating a federation of three obediences, female, mixed and male. Pierre Lambicchi seemed to dream of gathering into the same federation the Feminine Grand Lodge of France (GLFF), the Droit Humain (DH) and the GODF. Two aborted projects. Finally, in its Convent of September 2010, the GODF granted to its lodges the freedom to initiate women . . . after tough debates.

In my opinion, a sign of future direction in the evolution of Freemasonry.

Toronto East District – Habitat for Humanity Projects Update

A special presentation on the status of the projects was presented at Doric Lodge's Official Visit on Thursday October 21st, 2010.



To recap for those not in attendance: Habitat for Humanity is a charitable organization that encourages volunteers to assist with building houses alongside and for low income families. Volunteers need not be tradesmen, they only need to know how to swing a hammer and any additional abilities can be utilized as well (hanging drywall, framing, etc). The payback is knowing that you are giving with your hands and your hearts in helping to provide a roof over someone's head; you also get a pizza lunch and a t-shirt! In past years we have had good attendance. Starting this year and moving forward, we would like to see great attendance. On this notion, we will be communicating with the lodge secretaries, via email, in the early part of November with copies of the Project Report along with a Lodge Liaison Form which we ask be read and completed and then emailed or snail-mailed back to the chairman.

This liaison of your choosing will co-ordinate lodge volunteers and assist in educating his brethren to pledge their time, and if not time, a couple dollars to their own pledge forms. Event co-ordination will be communicated with this liaison, and participation will be communicated back to the committee using this effective structure.

We do not have a date yet as we cannot book for the Kingston Road / Morningside project until November 22nd. These dates will likely be mid spring and based on feedback, will likely be one or two weekend days and a weekday date (pending participation, for those who cannot participate on weekends). Pledge forms, online pledging and all the details will be setup once we have the dates available to us. Once we have this further information, it will be published in the district newsletters as well.

Additionally, in helping to bring Freemasonry into a new light in the community, if we have enough participation we will involve the Scarborough Mirror and get a short community events piece written up about our labours. Let's get this year's participation up! Let's get some good local press for the benefit of the district!



Sincerely,
Michael Morris
Chairman, TED Habitat for Humanity Project

A Master Mason's Basic Masonic Library

A Master Mason's Basic Masonic Library should consist of: -

- The Constitution (2010)
- The Masonic Manual (2007)
- Towards the Square
- Guidelines for Lodge Officers in the Mechanics of the Work (2004)
- Meeting the Challenge (2007)
- Beyond the Pillars (1999)
- The Book of the Work (2009)

I would add Whence Come We.

This and some other very pertinent information is distributed by the P & E Essentials newsletter. You can read previous issues at www.torontowestmasons.com/publications.htm or contact Gordon Crutcher @ gordon@crutcher.ca to be added to their email address list and receive your own copy of the newsletter 'hot off the presses.' Tell them **Hiram's Lighthouse** sent you and get a discount. ☺

Wednesday October 27, 2010

Lodge of Instruction – Thornhill Temple

We didn't anticipate Thornhill would attract a larger attendance than Etobicoke but what a welcome surprise to have 84 brethren join us for our "closing night." The parking lot was jammed and the fairly large lodge room at Thornhill Masonic Hall was filled to capacity.



This was the first Grand Lodge of Instruction to be held in Thornhill in 155 years, so it was long overdue. We are most grateful to Mosaic Lodge #559 for relinquishing their regular meeting night to us.

Our presentations were later described as "awesome," "impressive," and "thorough." Once again, it was such a thrill to (hear) the brethren applaud after every speaker was finished.

York, Toronto East, and Toronto Don Valley Districts are to be congratulated for encouraging 14 Worshipful Masters and 33 Lodge Officers to attend this Lodge of Instruction.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Present G.L. Officers	3	3.6
Past G.L. Officers	9	10.7
Present W. Masters	14	16.7
Past W. Masters	10	11.9
Line Officers	33	39.3
Brethren	15	17.9
Total:	84	

- Lodge of Instruction Team, Gordon Crutcher-Secretary



Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Sydney Masonic Centre, Sydney, Australia
(the guy getting in the way of the shot is Joe Curry)

Do you have a picture of a Masonic building in downtown Some-Place-Else? Send it in. Let everybody see.

James T Tresner III

From Sacrifice to Symbol: The Story of Cornerstones and Stability Rites (2003), is an excellent history of a subject that is touched upon only briefly in the well-known Masonic ritual of the laying of a cornerstone. This contains a transcript of the Masonic cornerstone ritual performed on Sept. 21, 1793 for the Capitol building in Washington, D.C.



Vested in Glory (2000). A lavishly illustrated book featuring full-color plates of Robert White's paintings of the Scottish Rite regalia of every degree from 1° to 33°, along with short but enlightening commentary by W. Bro. Tresner. For those just getting started in esoteric studies, the back of the book contains a handy 37-page dictionary of symbols used in the Scottish Rite.

In **Albert Pike: The Man Behind the Monument** (1995), he presents an excellent and sympathetic biography of Albert Pike, the great Masonic leader and ritualist. If you've read some Pike and find yourself hitting a wall, it might be useful to read about his life.

Further Light (2008), **The Craft and Its Noyse** (2000) and **A Shared Spirit** (2001, co-edited with Robert G. Davis) are shorter works, in booklet form, and available only from The Masonic Service Association of North America.

- Masonic Authors, Bro. Shawn Eyer

http://academialodge.org/library_authors.php

To work with the hands or brain, according to our requirements and our capacities, to do that which lies before us to do, is more honourable than rank and title.



Monday November 1 and Saturday November 13, 2010

DDGM Orientation Workshops

As you may be aware at the July 2010 Grand Lodge Communications, an amendment was made to the Constitution which mandates all future candidates for the office of DDGM must be in possession of a Certificate of Completion of the course for prospective DDGMs as offered by the College of Freemasonry.

I have been asked by the Chairman of the DDGM Orientation Committee to canvas brethren seeking the offices of DDGM and District Secretary to attend the workshops to be held on **November 1 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oshawa Masonic Temple**. If you cannot attend this workshop another will be held at the **Renforth Temple on Saturday November 13 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**

All aspirants are requested to forward their names to me by September 15 as the Secretary of the DDGM Orientation Workshop has sent me enrolment forms to be completed for both DDGMs and District Secretaries. The committee is planning to provide Certificates of Completion, if approved, to the workshop participants.

This workshop is not only for aspirants for 2011/2012 but beyond.

Time: 6:00 pm – Oshawa (Nov. 1)
9:00 am – Renforth (Nov. 13)
Location: Oshawa Masonic Temple (Nov. 1)
Renforth Masonic Temple (Nov. 13)
Contact: Gerry Newall @ geraldnewall@yahoo.com or 905.728.7388

Friday November 5, 2010

Diwali

Diwali is a significant 5-day festival in Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism. It is also popularly known as the *Festival of Lights*.



The word Diwali literally translates as *a row of lamps* in Sanskrit. It is traditional for adherents of Diwali-celebrating faiths to light small clay lamps (or *Deep* in Sanskrit) filled with oil to signify victory over the evil within an individual. During Diwali, many wear new clothes and share sweets/snacks with each other. Some Indian business communities start their financial year by opening new account books on the first day of Diwali.

In Hinduism, Diwali marks the return of Lord Rama to his kingdom, Ayodhya, after defeating Ravana - in the epic story of Ramayana. It also celebrates the slaying of the demon king Narakasura by Lord Krishna. Both signify the victory of good over evil.

In Jainism, Diwali marks the attainment of liberation from the cycle of death and rebirth or reincarnation and all of the suffering and limitation of worldly existence after realization of God by Mahavira in 527 BC.



In Sikhism, Diwali commemorates the return of Guru Har Gobind Ji to Amritsar after freeing 52 other Hindu kings imprisoned in Fort Gwalior by Emperor Jahangir. He was welcomed by the people who lit candles to celebrate his return. This is why Sikhs also refer to Diwali as “the day of release of detainees.”

Diwali is considered to be a national festival in India and Nepal. The aesthetic aspect of the festival is enjoyed around the world regardless of faith.

- Wikipedia.com

Saturday November 6, 2010

Doric – Entered Apprentice Workshop

All recent Entered Apprentices are welcome to attend. Discuss the ceremony and its symbolism. Please **RSVP**.

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Bruce Palanik @ thepalanikgroup@rogers.com or 905.839.7342

Saturday November 6, 2010

Markham Remembrance Day Observances

All brethren are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the observances. Regalia and service medals are to be worn. If you were unable to greet any of the fallen heroes on the bridges over the Highway of Heroes over the last decade, let your attendance at this parade be your final declaration of respect and support for our troops. Remember those regular guys who are our heroes.



Grand Lodge has instituted an award for best attendance at this annual parade. It will be presented to the winning lodge at Grand Lodge next summer. All lodges are requested to submit a roll of names of those in attendance to the District Parade Coordinator, W. Bro. Frank MacKay of Scarboro Lodge - frank_mackay@hotmail.com.

Time: 9:30 am – Form up – Veterans Hall
10:00 am – Service – followed by parade to the Cenotaph at Markham Library
Location: Veterans Hall
Highway #7 and Washington St. (1st street east of Markham Rd.)
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ bgrimbleby@yahoo.ca or 905.472.8124

Saturday November 6, 2010

West Hill – Ladies Night



Tickets will be available from any of the senior officers. Please book the date, phone for your tickets, and be sure to join us for a gourmet meal, great Jimmy Mac music, and loads of fun.

Time: 6:30 pm – Social
7:30 pm – Dinner
Location: Scarborough Golf and Country Club
321 Scarborough Golf Club Rd.



Cost: \$50 per person
Contact: Basil Dias @ diasb@aol.com or 905.479.2099

Saturday November 6, 2010

Birch Cliff – 74th Annual Ladies Night

A great evening of fun, dancing and formal dining for you and your Lady. All friends and non-Masonic guests are welcome.

Time: 6:30 pm – Social
7:30 pm – Dinner
Location: St. Dunstan of Canterbury Church
55 Lawson Rd.
Cost: \$45 per person
Contact: Peter Sialtsis @ 416.931.7072 or
Michael Morris @ 416.431.1626 or
Stanley Collin @ stan.collin@sympatico.ca or 416.824.9425



Sunday November 7, 2010

Daylight Savings Time Ends

This is just to remind us that summer is really, really over. Set your clock back (fall – back) one hour the night before. Welcome to the *Dark Side!*



Sunday November 7 and Thursday November 11, 2010

Ajax Remembrance Day Observances

Ajax will be running two services. One at St. Paul's United Church on November 7 and the other at the Ajax Canadian Legion on November 11. All brethren are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the observances. Regalia and service medals are to be worn. Masters will wear their collars. If you were unable to greet any of the fallen heroes on the bridges over the Highway of Heroes over the last decade, let your attendance at this parade be your final declaration of respect and support for our troops. Remember those regular guys who are our heroes.

Grand Lodge has instituted an award for best attendance at this annual parade. It will be presented to the winning lodge at Grand Lodge next summer. All lodges are requested to submit a roll of names of those in attendance to the District Parade Coordinator, W. Bro. Frank MacKay of Scarboro Lodge - frank_mackay@hotmail.com.

Time: 1:00 pm – Form up – Ajax Legion – Nov. 7
2:00 pm – Service
10:45 am – Service – Ajax Legion – Nov. 11
Location: St. Paul's United Church
Contact: Glenn Cousins @ shirley.glenn@sympatico.ca or 905.576.5967

Sunday November 7, 2010

Claremont Remembrance Day Observances

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Time: 1:00 pm –Service
Location: Claremont Canadian Legion
Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@xplornet.ca or 416.518.2242

Sunday November 7, 2010

Scarborough Remembrance Day Observances

All brethren are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the observances. Regalia and service medals are to be worn. Masters will wear their collars. If you were unable to greet any of the fallen heroes on the bridges over the Highway of Heroes over the last decade, let your attendance at this parade be your final declaration of respect and support for our troops. Remember those regular guys who are our heroes.

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Time: 1:00 pm – Form Up
Parking lot on the east side of the Civic Centre
1:30 pm – Parade
2:00 pm – Service
Location: Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Dr., Scarborough
Contact: Frank McKay @ frank_mackay@hotmail.com or 416.283.3472

Function of a Lodge

It is not the primary function of masonry to initiate candidates, or to enlarge its membership. Were it so, there would be no basis for our laws against proselytizing. The ordinary function of a Masonic Lodge indeed, the primary function of our Craft, is to train its members to an understanding of the truths which its ritual and its ceremonies are calculated to inculcate, to develop its members as benevolent men, to cultivate the social virtues among men, and to propagate the knowledge of the art.

The chief concern of the Lodge is with its welfare, the happiness, and the Masonic development of its members, not with the admission of those who seek entrance to its doors. Its success as a Masonic Lodge cannot be gauged by the length of its membership roll or by the size of its accumulated funds.

The beauty of our ritual, and the good fellowship among the members of our Lodges cannot be conserved when the chief aim is to make Masons and money- "For a mans life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth"- and a Lodges life does not consist in its acquisitions, but in the



contributions which it makes to civilization and society through the influence to those whom it has helped to train to what we call Masonic character. Therefore, it should be the duty of every Masonic Lodge to put in action a plan for the education of its members in Masonic history, symbolism and philosophy, devoting more of its meetings to this much-neglected function.

Author: Anonymous

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Thursday November 11, 2010 **Remembrance Day**

Take a moment to remember those who gave all they had to give to provide us with the lives and society we are now privileged to enjoy.



Thursday November 11, 2010 **Coronati – Annual Journey of Remembrance**

Remember those who fought, bled and died for us. Listen to some inspirational talks.



Time: 7:45 pm – Visitors welcomed
7:50 pm – D.D.G.M. admitted
Location: Doric Masonic Hall
Contact: Peter Nuttall @ pnuttall@idirect.com or 416.283.8056

Wednesday November 17, 2010 **The Cornerstone Club - Expand Your Horizons**

Held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, the Cornerstone Club brings together a diverse set of both Masonic and non-Masonic speakers presenting interesting topics that range from the classic Liberal Arts and Sciences to modern academics, history, esoteric studies, and world affairs followed by a Question and Answer period. A free exchange of thoughts and ideas. This is the way in which Freemasonry originated - minus the ritual.



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Topic: tba
Speaker: tba
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: University of Toronto Faculty Club
41 Willcocks St., Toronto, east of Spadina, west of Huron (Spadina subway station)
From the corner of Bloor & Spadina travel south 0.63 kms to Willcocks by either TTC streetcar or walking (Approximately 15-20 minutes when walking.)



Cost: \$25 (buffet - salad, pasta, chicken, rolls, light desserts, coffee/tea)
Contact: The Cornerstone Club @ contact@cornerstoneclub.org or 416.978.6325
Pat Piccione @ pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 905.877.3535

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

Saturday November 20, 2010

The Heritage Lodge – Installation

The Heritage Lodge Objectives

1. To preserve, maintain and uphold those historical events that formed the foundation of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry.
2. To promote the study of Masonry in general, and to provide a service by responding to requests for Masonic information.
3. To produce Lodge Proceedings, Research Papers, and Historical Reviews: and to arrange special lectures and visual presentations
4. To organize and maintain a Central Inventory of items of historical interest in the possession of Lodges.
5. To encourage participation by Regular Lodges and their members in the activities of this Lodge.
6. To endeavour to establish a Masonic Museum.
7. To encourage Masonic scholars and Lodge Historians to become more interested in the history of their own Lodges and their artefacts.



Come and see the installation of the officers of this lodge. R.W. Bro. D. Campbell Installing Master.

Time: 11:30 am – Banquet
1:30 pm – Lodge opens
Location: Doric Masonic Hall
Contact: Ken Campbell @ heritagelod730@xplornet.com

Saturday November 20, 2010

Family of Freemasonry Day

A day to explore the various aspects of Masonry with 11 organizations (male, women and youth groups) invited to set up an information booth. All interested people; male/female, young/old, mason/non mason are invited to investigate the avenues open to them.

Bring your friends and interested people for a short visit or stay for the Banquet and hear the keynote speaker, M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada Province of Ontario.

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm
5:30 pm – Banquet
Location: Rameses Masonic Centre (Keele St.)
Cost: \$20 for the Banquet
Contact: Rameses Office @ 416.633.6317



Saturday November 27, 2010

Doric – Ladies Night



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

Time: 6:30 pm – Social
7:30 pm – Dinner
Location: Four Seasons Golf and Country Club
Cost: tba
Contact: Brian Sale @ bsale@look.ca or 905.686.7241

*Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anyone else expects of you.
- Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)*

Wednesday December 1, 2010

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls - Annual Christmas Dinner and Family Festive Night

There will be a luscious Christmas dinner followed by a raffle, a 50/50 draw, Carolling and Entertainment. Come and celebrate the season and support one of our Masonic youth groups. Please **RSVP**. NOTE – there will be NO TICKETS available at the door.



Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$12 – Adults
\$8 – Ages 6 to 12
\$0 – under 6
Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254
Jane Ball @ baljan@rogers.com or 416.267.0364

Wednesday December 15, 2010

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Some Thoughts on What We Do and Why

It's my observation from watching a wide range of institutions over the past number of years that they grow and the "in crowd" adds rules beyond what they experienced in order to better handle increasing numbers and retain a degree of institutional "control" over the basic tenets they established.

A second "generation," if successful, tends to add yet another layer of "rules" for the same reason. Perhaps then a third, and fourth . . .

After a point, the "reason" is long forgotten. Rules and requirements not only remain, but the habit of adding to them also remains.

Then entropy intrudes. The initial reasons to set "rules and requirements" are long gone, but they remain as a set of sand traps add to the process of entropy. Creativity is no longer a virtue as in the first several generations. The institution is pigeonholed.

Principles are back burned and the "forms" are filled with recycled and increasingly weary "experts" who will accept nothing but how they had been trained as the 3rd or 10th generation of adepts who went through increasing hoops unimagined by the first and second generations. Even the old heads forget the real reasons they added "rules."

Soon the few new adepts meet the forms and enjoy the trappings of institutional leadership but may or may not even comprehend the founding principles. If the institution survives, it is as a broken balloon once glorious - but now in remnants never to rise again.

I've seen this in all sorts of institutions from martial arts to community service - and more especially perhaps, our own?

I wonder how many of the 18th century founders of the Craft would wish to join, and remain in very many Anglophone Lodges today. Our Francophones have a different tradition - but do Anglophones wish to follow a more intellectual structure?

(Those who have a significant fear of speaking don't take part in the degrees - and maybe don't come back after the ordeal of the proficiency examinations. Those who have a controllable degree of fear suffer long enough to become a PM and then disappear to the back row (or home). *ED: a comment by another Philalethes Society Elist member*)

Yup . . . and an overview calls this "Entropy." Soon those remaining are those who like memory work and after a couple of centuries there is a self-fulfilling prophecy of leadership from among those who extol it.



Again, I can't see in either the "American" ritual or Emulation ritual a darned thing about memory work as a priority for the Craft.

Study of the liberal arts, recognition and holding of a degree of secrecy, a fraternal tie among Brothers, a basis of morality inside and outside the Lodge told both explicitly and in allegory . . . - yes. Memory work? Nope.

There seems to be more concern about memory work for an IPR (*Initiated – Passed – Raised*) than in the quality of the human being knocking at the West Gate.

I'll add that I've known more than a few classical musicians who have printed or nowadays computerized scores in front of them as they play - yet they already know the material exceptionally well. They're not overly subject to stage fright, they are skilled at interpretation, they are talented in presentation. They probably could do the piece by memory but seldom do.

How many good, solid and upright men might be better ritualists - and mentors and leaders and . . . men - were they given the same opportunity as an exceptional concert pianist?

Another factor I consider rather important.

Each of us is allotted different talents. Some of us are excellent leaders; some are exceptionally creative; some are very good at memory work; some are excellent accountants and others at building maintenance.

I find it interesting how emphasis on memorizing ritual trumps leadership and other learning in so many jurisdictions; and the Lodge leadership is good at . . . what?

So . . . if one demands ritual performance from a WM, need one expect also organizational leadership? And if so, what might be the consequences?

- Milo Dailey
Philalethes Society Email Forum

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

- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Tuesday February 8 through Tuesday February 15, 2011

Second Winter Vacation and Fraternal Visit to Holguín, Cuba

The Officers and Brethren of Quinte St. Alban's Lodge No. 620 G.R.C. extend an invitation to all Masons in Ontario to join them in this fraternal visit, and a week of sun and relaxation. The Cuban brethren of Holguín have been notified and are delighted to welcome us again. We will attend their regular meeting of February 11 (a 1st degree planned) and we will host a Dinner at the Holguín Temple with our Cuban brethren and their families on February 13, including a City Tour and cultural entertainment.



The space is limited to 50 people (Masons, their spouses, friends and children). As of November 1st, only 41 seats remain available. All rates and seats can only be held on payment of deposit for bookings made before **November 13, 2010** and are based on availability and subject to change.

Price (estimated) for Masonic activities and inland transportation: \$65.00 p.p. payable in cash to the group treasurer at the airport, before departure.

Resort: Sol Río de Luna y Mares All Inclusive
www.solmeliacuba.com/cuba-hotels/hotel-sol-riodelunaymares/

Operator: Sunwing Vacations
Departing from Toronto Pearson International Airport

Our Travel Agency: Gala Travels
ask for Enoch Solomon @ solli@rogers.com or 416.493.3114

Group Price: \$1,208.00 CAD p.p. (double occupancy)
Fees, surcharges and taxes included

Children: \$638.00 under 2
\$1,008.00 3 to 12

Deposit: \$150.00 at time of booking
Not refundable

Balance: Payable by December 33, 2010

Contact: Vincent Lombardo @ vince.lombardo.to@gmail.com or 905.731.0504



BOOK REVIEW:

Pillars of the Earth

Author: Ken Follet
ISBN: 0451166892
Publisher: Signet
Published: 1989 (reissue 2007)

I first read this book in that pre-historic time when it was first published. This is not a book about Freemasonry or even masonry by any means. It is the story of a young stonemason ultimately working on a cathedral, as he learns his trade. This is a fictional version of all the stories and myths we have surrounding the origins of the guilds that evolved into the fraternity to which we belong. It also conveys the history and social conditions that prevailed in 12th century Britain. If you aren't interested in reading some heavy tome on Masonry requiring concentration, this will be a whole lot of hours of entertainment, and you will learn quite a bit about the reasons our craft was held in such esteem. Much of the knowledge held close to the masons' aprons was considered close to magic by those who didn't understand the mathematics and science of building.

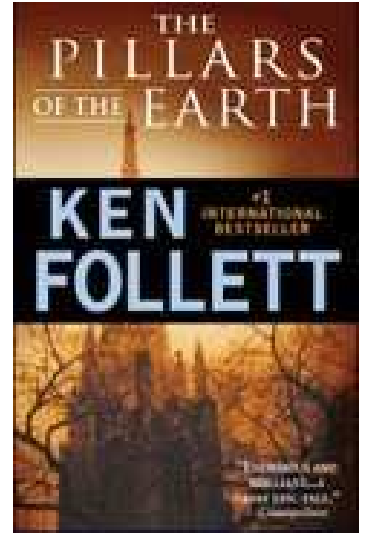
The Pillars of the Earth is a historical novel about the building of a cathedral in the fictional town of Kingsbridge, England. It is set in the middle of the 12th century. The book traces the development of Gothic architecture out of the preceding Romanesque architecture and the fortunes of the Kingsbridge priory against the backdrop of actual historical events of the time.

Tom Builder is a poor, honourable stonemason working on a new house for the young aristocrat William Hamleigh, whose parents hope to arrange his marriage to Lady Aliena, daughter of the Earl of Shiring. When Aliena spurns him, William angrily halts work on the house and fires Tom. By the time winter comes, Tom and his family are homeless and destitute. Tom's wife Agnes dies in the forest while giving birth to their third child. Tom cannot feed the baby boy, and in his grief he leaves the child on Agnes's grave, taking his remaining two children. After many hardships the family settles down in the village of Kingsbridge, where Prior Philip, the upright and godly head of the local monastery, hopes to build a cathedral and to make his religious establishment the centre of a thriving market town.

The story then moves ahead 4 years; Prior Philip is succeeding in his plan to turn Kingsbridge into a successful, respectable town. Under Tom's tutelage, Jack, a young boy he has met, has become a skilled stone carver and work on the cathedral is going well.

Many years pass. Kingsbridge cathedral is finally completed, in the "French Style," and becomes famous around England for its beauty: it is the first Gothic cathedral in England. Jack has solved a vexing problem - transverse stresses from wind, which causes hairline cracks in the building - by independently inventing the flying buttress.

The book was listed at number 33 on the BBC's Big Read, a 2003 survey with the goal of finding the "nation's best-loved book." The book was also selected for Oprah's Book Club in 2007.



The book has been made into a made-for-TV movie released in the summer of 2010, but I've heard nothing about it.

www.the-pillars-of-the-earth.tv/

The book may be purchased at any major bookseller but can be found at Amazon.ca, used, for \$8.99 CAD. A great idea for a Christmas present for a reader, whether Masonic or not.

Review By: Wikipedia (paraphrased)



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Private Clubs That Are Not Private Under The Law

Courts Might Deem Groups Public if They Have Broad Admissions Policies but Discriminate Based on Gender or Race

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor parted ways with her all-women's social club after facing criticism about belonging to an organization that has no male members.

While Judge Sotomayor's membership in the Belizean Grove caused a political flap ahead of her Senate confirmation hearings, a broader issue remains: What constitutes discrimination in organizations that consider themselves private?

Some golf courses, country clubs and social groups long have discriminated against certain types of people, usually women and minorities. Private organizations sometimes presume that they can exclude whomever they want, no questions asked.

And in one sense, they are right. Ironically, the more selective a club is, the more it is considered to be truly private and thus protected against antidiscrimination laws. (*Ed: Underline is mine.*) In other words, a small, all-male group of stamp collectors who meet in a private home aren't unlawfully discriminating by not accepting women.

But clubs that presume they are private frequently turn out not to be in the eyes of the law in some states.

"Over the last 20 years, societal pressures have led to a steady narrowing of what qualifies as a private organization, free from antidiscrimination laws," says Robert Duston, a Washington attorney who specializes in defending discrimination cases.

Organizations like Mill River Club in Oyster Bay, N.Y., have had their membership policies successfully challenged in court. Take the Mill River Club Inc., a country club in Oyster Bay, N.Y., that considers itself private. Marc Wenger, the club's attorney, says Mill River is selective in choosing members, picking them partially on the basis of religion with the stated goal of achieving a balance of Jews and Christians.

Club member Joseph Pezza filed a complaint against the club in 2002, claiming the religious-diversity



policy embarrassed him because "it puts unnecessary labels on people," according to court testimony.

Earlier this year, a New York court ruled that the club wasn't actually "private," and that its religious quota system violated state law. Mr. Wenger says the club is appealing the ruling, and declined to comment on the club's current membership policy.

The court based its decision on evidence that included the fact that non-members took tennis lessons and attended social events at the club. The court also noted that the club has more than 100



members - a factor that is relevant under New York state law in deciding whether a group is a “place of public accommodation.”

“When an association reaches a certain size and importance, the public has a legitimate interest in what goes on inside them,” says Andrew Koppelman, a constitutional-law professor at Northwestern University School of Law.

In deciding whether a club is private, courts often consider how selective it is in choosing its members. Courts often are loath to allow clubs to claim private status if they open their doors to virtually all comers but exclude people by race or gender, discrimination experts say.

Some clubs, such as the Augusta National Golf Club, are able to exclude certain groups.

Clubs that have restrictive membership policies have faced accusations of discrimination for decades. In the 1980s, the exclusive Burning Tree Golf Club in Maryland was sued by the state over whether it could exclude women and still claim certain tax benefits. The club lost the case; its general manager didn’t return a call seeking comment. In 2003, women’s rights groups protested the all-male membership policy of the Augusta National Golf Club, the famously exclusive organization where the Masters tournament is held. The club declined to comment.

The German Social Society Frohsinn Inc. in Mystic, Conn., was surprised last year to find itself on the wrong side of the public-private divide, says its lawyer, Richard Haviland.

A trial judge in an antidiscrimination case brought by a female plaintiff determined that the all-male, German cultural club was indeed a private club, according to Mr. Haviland. “This was a small, local drinking man’s club,” the lawyer said.

But a Connecticut state appellate court ruled that the club was public and could be sued for discrimination - for the very fact that it wasn’t discriminating enough. (*Ed: Underline is mine.*)

During a three-year period, the Connecticut court found, the German club had rejected only one male applicant, “because he was thought to be a pedophile,” the court noted in its ruling. The club eventually settled the case and admitted the female plaintiff.

So, could the Belizean Grove ever be considered a public entity - and thus open to discrimination lawsuits? The New York City organization, which is focused on providing mentoring and networking opportunities for women, has 115 members, large enough that it might be considered public under state law. On the other hand, it doesn’t operate a facility that is open to the public or take money from non-members, and it appears relatively selective in choosing members.

“You have to be a woman of substantial attainment, and you have to be recommended by two other members,” says Belizean Grove’s lawyer, Thomas Hemnes. “It’s not just about having an impressive resumé,” adds the group’s founder, Susan Stautberg. “Brains are good, charm is better, but kindness is best,” she says.

Even if the Grove were deemed public, it still might be able to fend off a discrimination claim, say civil-rights lawyers. It could assert its First Amendment rights to associate with like-minded people in order to express a particular viewpoint - a principle that enabled the Boy Scouts of America, though public, to deny an adult leadership position to a gay applicant, according to a 2000 U.S. Supreme Court ruling.



It might also fend off a claim by pointing out that the Belizean Grove, at least until recently, had never denied membership to a man, because one hadn't applied, according to Ms. Stautberg. But that fact wouldn't automatically prevent a lawsuit, lawyers say, as a male plaintiff might be able to claim he felt unwelcome from even applying.

In any event, the club now has many male admirers. Since the Sotomayor news broke, some 20 to 30 men have applied for membership, Ms. Stautberg says. "We had been a quiet group," she says. "Life has become more complicated."

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