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IN MEMORIUM

R W Bro Brian E. Bond

Past District Deputy Grand Master Toronto District 4

Founding Member of The Builders '86 Senior Warden Group

Passed to The Grand Lodge Above March 25, 2009

We cherish his memory in our hearts forever

Official Visits

Brougham Union

Wednesday, April 1
 Dinner 630 pm
 4953 Old Brock Rd. Claremont

Wexford

Friday, April 3
 Visitors by 8 pm
 2201 Ellesmere Rd.

Mimosa

Monday, April 6
 Visitors by 8 pm
 13 Chisholm Ave

Coronati

Thursday, April 9
 Visitors by 8 pm
 2201 Ellesmere Rd.

Caledonia

Monday, April 20
 Visitors by 8 pm
 2201 Ellesmere Rd.

Riverdale J. R. Robertson

Tuesday, April 21
 Visitors by 8 pm
 13 Chisholm Ave.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

March was without a doubt one of the busiest months of this Masonic year. Most of our Official Visits are now behind us. However, nothing could have surprised us more, totally unexpected, than the Passing of R.W. Bro. Brian Bond to the Grand Lodge Above. Just a few short weeks ago, we took part with him in a Master Mason Night Presentation, totally oblivious as to the health problems he may have had.

R.W. Bro. Brian Bond was a tireless worker, not just in the Lodges that he was a member of, not just in his own District, but Province wide, in the Craft and concordant bodies alike. He was a Past Master of Dentonia Lodge, his Mother Lodge, a Past Master of Brougham Union Lodge, serving in both as a Worshipful Master more than once or twice, an Honorary and well-respected member of Canada Lodge, and currently serving as a Worshipful Master of Heritage Lodge. He was a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the old Toronto District 4, 1990-1991. He was a Past First Principal of Oakwood Chapter, and served as a Grand Superintendent of Toronto District 8 of Royal Arch Masonry. He was also a member in numerous concordant bodies.

I had a privilege of being his District Secretary, or Secretary to the Grand Superintendent, being the proper term. At the time, Toronto District 8A and 8 were combined into one huge District of 17 Chapters, spanning Streetsville, Port Credit, Brampton, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, Uxbridge, all of Toronto, and Pickering. Due to variety of problems, we ended up serving for two and a half years in our Offices. It took a lot of driving to cover the District, as we did some 43 Official Visits, and midway through our third year a new Grand Superintendent was appointed by Grand Chapter. Through out all this time Brian also served as a Member of the Board of General Purpose of the Grand Lodge, being a Chairman of the Computer Resources Committee.

He was instrumental in the implementation and use of electronic summonses, both in the Craft and Royal Arch. He travelled the Province with Computer Resources Workshops for Lodge Secretaries and I don't think there is one Lodge Secretary in all of Ontario that did not engage in some correspondence with him. He was also instrumental in mailing out the Masonic Calendars and a host of other projects that we are not even aware of.

Every Wednesday, he travelled from his estate in Campbellcroft, near Port Hope, all the way to both, the Grand Lodge and Scottish Rite Offices in Hamilton, to assist with his technical knowledge. His computer knowledge was a highly sought after commodity, especially in the earlier days of the computer age, and many brethren owe their start to Brian in some form or another, myself included. He has built and repaired computers, as well as supplied the parts for so many of us, regardless of the districts. Not a day has passed that he wasn't helping someone with their crashed computer or some upgrades, and I ran into him unexpectedly in many brother's homes while doing my own errands. He has touched many of you, on a very personal level, always cheerful, always accommodating. I am sure, that many of you have your own personal stories to tell, your own touching experiences that will remain with you for the rest of your life. I only wish, that one day, each of us will get to tell our own story, a testament to the Legend that he was. He leaves a huge void, and it will be a great challenge to replace him, if at all possible. In our own District, he was the founding force behind The Builder Newsletter, presented by The Builders, the Senior Warden's Group of '86, and he was the first editor for probably a decade.

He spent countless hours with his Group and the newsletter, and that will certainly be his Legacy in our District He is dearly missed by everyone he came in contact with. The Masonic Service we held for him on Sunday was a definite testament to what a Great Mason He Was. Well over 300 Brethren came to pay our last Respects for a departed Brother, from all corners of Ontario, and more would have been there if it wasn't for other Grand Lodge Functions out of town. The service, officiated by Reverend R.W. Bro. Ken Bice was excellent and touching, and fitting for a man of Brian's stature. It was a fine tribute.

Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Bev, his daughter Coleen and family. We have lost a Great Mason and he will be sadly missed.

Brethren, I would also like to report to you, that our Grand Master's Banquet of Toronto and York Districts on the 31st of March is promising to be a great success. We have about 134 members of our District (including spouses) planning to be present and I thank you all for your support. It is a great accomplishment for Toronto East District. Our Ticket Chairman W. Bro. Bob Thompson worked very hard with the ticket sales, and he has certainly earned our respect as the most effective Ticket Chairman that I have come across. Thank you, Bob.

Brethren, we are into our last month of Official Visits. Thus far we had a reasonable turn out at every Official Visit, anywhere from 47 to well over 100, with at least 4 W. Masters and as many as 11 W. Masters in attendance. I thank you for your continued support and may it continue throughout this month. I hope to see many of you on April 1st at the Brougham Union Official Visit.

Dushan Surovy
DDGM, Toronto East District

DISTRICT EVENTS

Mimosa Lodge Texas Hold'Em Tournament Charity Fund Raiser

Sunday April 5, 2009 11:00 am
East Toronto Masonic Temple
Come and enjoy a great afternoon of friendship and cards.
First Prize is \$800 !! Door Prizes !! Cash Bar !!
Proceeds to benefit the Toronto East District Charity
"Honouring Our Own"

Cost: \$50 ea
First Prize based on Sold Out Event
\$25 Entry Fee, \$15 Charity Donation, \$5 Food Voucher, \$5 Door Prize
Todd Owens: 678@yrp.ca / 416.722.0843

West Hill Lodge Annual Rainbow Girls Visit

Wednesday April 15, 2009
Scarborough Masonic Temple
6:00 pm - Supper 7:30 pm - Meeting
Come and enjoy Pancake Supper, cooked and served by the
Rainbow Girls, followed by a display of their craft
RSVP for numbers before April 6.
Cost: \$5.00 - Supper
Jane Ball: baljan@rogers.com / 416.267.0364

Toronto East District Lodge Resource Committee

Thursday April 16, 2009 7:30 pm sharp
The purpose of the meetings is to explore the Grand Lodge,
Lodge Resource Manual available for download on the
Toronto East District website at
www.torontoeastdistrict.com/resources/resources.html.
We will practice opening and closing the Lodge in the three
Degrees of Masonry, answer questions regarding the correct
procedures and protocol after each opening and closing and
explain some of the reasons 'Why?' we do certain things.
Following this there will be a presentation of a section of the
Lodge Resource Manual,
concluding with a short festive board

Brougham Union Friend to Friend Night

Thursday April 16 7:30 pm
Visitors: 8:00 pm
Claremont Masonic Temple

Doric and The Beaches Lodges Annual Family Curling Night

Friday April 17, 2009
6:30 pm until you go home (about 9:30 to 10:00 pm)
Annandale Golf and Country Club
Church St just north of Bayly St.
Come and show us how you toss your rocks.
Kids are very welcome.
Dinner will be roast beef on a bun with gravy and fries.
Cash Bar
\$20 ea for curling and dinner \$12.50 ea for just the meal.
Mark Sale: marksale@sympatico.ca / 905.619.9773
Prince Selvaraj: prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca / 416.269.9909

Scarboro Lodge - 2009 SuperCities Walk for MS

Sunday April 19, 2009
Cedarbrae Collegiate
Markham Rd. south of Lawrence Ave.
8:00 am to 10:00 am - Registration - breakfast provided
10:00 am to 12 noon - Walk
Scarboro Lodge Challenges ALL lodges in the Toronto East
District to join us!
Frank MacKay: frank_mackay@hotmail.com

The Imperial East Gate - Casino Rama Bus Trip

Saturday April 25, 2009
9:15 am - Assembly 9:45 am - Bus Departs for Rama
5:30 pm - Assembly 6:00 pm - Bus Departs for home
Come and show us how to win big bucks!
Free bus ride from Scarborough Temple to Rama and back.
Free Lunch included. Must be over 19 years of age.
RSVP as soon as possible as a certain number of people are
needed to get the free ride and free lunch.
Cost: \$5 to go to charity
Richard Lundy: richard.lundy@sympatico.ca / 416.266.8107

Toronto East District - Divine Service

Sunday April 26, 2009
10:00 am - Assembly 10:30 am - Service
St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church
56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough.
All family and friends are very welcome.
Regalia is to be worn, and Masters are to wear their collars.
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