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INSTALLATIONS

West Hill

Wednesday, December 7
Visitors by 730 pm
13 Chisholm Ave Toronto

Birch Cliff

Friday, December 9
Visitors by 8 pm
457 Kingston Rd. W Ajax

Scarboro

Monday, December 12
Banquet at 7 pm Visitors by 8 pm
457 Kingston Rd. W Ajax

Doric

Thursday, December 15
Visitors @ 730 pm
457 Kingston Rd. W Ajax

Markham Union

Wednesday, December 21
Banquet @ 6:30 pm Visitors @ 7:45 pm
4953 Old Brock Rd Claremont

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Greetings, Brethren of Toronto East District.

December is the month of peace and miracles. Among the world's great faiths, two will be holding major celebrations this month, that being Christmas and Hanukkah. These holidays provide an excellent opportunity for all men, particularly Masons to evaluate themselves as individuals and reflect upon the world around them. It would seem that we rush through our lives for eleven months of the year, taking little or no notice of those around us. But this glorious month presents to us a unique opportunity to reflect upon the needs of others.

The words "peace on earth and good will to men everywhere" take on a significant meaning in December and despite the commercialization of this time of year, I for one find it a wonderful time to be out among people who seem happier, kinder and most of all charitable. Brethren, we gave thanks in October for what we have, we gave thanks in November for our freedom. Let us this December give thanks for our own good fortune by being charitable to those less fortunate.

Remember that time when you were asked, "...would you give if it were in your power." Check within your Lodge to see if there are any brethren in need of assistance this holiday season. Support our Temples as they continue the tradition of putting a collection box in the lobbies to collect toys and food products to give to those in need. You may know a neighbor, friend or relative in need. Sometimes, when someone is down on their luck, their pride may prevent them from asking for a handout. In those situations, I never choose to look at it that way; but rather, as offering a hand up. As Masons, who profess to espouse the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, it would be ideal if we could live every month as if it were December.

I thank all Brethren who were able to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Markham, Scarborough, and Claremont. There certainly seem to be a resurgence of patriotism in our country to honor those Armed Forces personnel who sacrificed for our freedoms. At the Scarborough Ceremonies, I was honored to have Canadian Army Second Lieutenant Bro. Joe Curry, a member of The Beaches Lodge who recently returned from Afghanistan, join me as we laid the wreath of Remembrance on behalf of the Toronto East District Masons.

The reception hosted by Wexford Lodge this past month in honor of V.W. Bro Gerald J. Newall, to celebrate his appointment as Grand Steward was very well attended. V.W. Bro. Newall was suitably honoured by his Brethren, family and friends for his dedication to the Craft and Masonic service; a truly worthy recipient indeed.

I would also like to thank the Brethren who attended the reception in my honour held by Mimosa Lodge this past month. My family and I enjoyed the speakers and presentations made that evening, and I am both humbled and grateful for the best wishes and support given to me.

There will be five Installations held in December: West Hill on December 7th, Birch Cliff on December 9th, Scarboro on December 12th, Doric on December 15th and Markham Union, which had to be rescheduled to December the 21st. I am thankful for the wonderful support that you have been giving to our lodges with your attendance at these important events and look forward to seeing you at as many Installations as you are able to attend this holiday season.

As always, please keep up to date on the events in our District by reading your Trestle Board and visit our District web site www.torontoeastdistrict.com and check the calendar.

So my Brethren, as we enter this special holiday time, Diane and I wish you all the joy, happiness and contentment that comes from celebrating the season, by spending time with your family and friends.

May the G.A.O.T.U. watch over you and yours and may we all strive to live up to our obligations.

Fraternally

R.W.Bro. Keith Jones

District Deputy Grand Master

Toronto East District

DISTRICT EVENTS

Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinic

Tuesday December 6 10 am - 2 pm
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
457 Kingston Rd. W. (at Mill St.)

Rainbow Girls Toronto Assembly #2 Annual Christmas Dinner

Wednesday December 7 7:00 pm - Dinner
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Come join the Rainbow Girls for an evening of food, friends, laughter and Christmas Joy! Maybe you will be lucky and win a basket in their Christmas Basket draw.

Please **RSVP**.

\$18 per person, children under 6 free

Barb McGregor: barb.mcgregor@rogers.com / 416.282.4254

Officer Progression Workshop

Saturday December 10 9 am - 12 pm
Part 2 of 1st session
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

- 1st Session: Nov. 12 & Dec. 10, 2011
Registration full for first session
- 2nd Session: Jan. 21 & Mar. 3, 2012
Registration deadline: Jan. 16, 2012

Each session will consist of two, three-hour Saturday morning workshops and registrants will be expected to attend both workshops for the session in which they enroll. There will be a maximum of 24 participants for each session.

Please complete the registration form and submit it with the materials fee to W. Bro. Bruce Palanik no later than the registration date for the session you choose.

\$25 per person

Bruce Palanik: thepalanikgroup@rogers.com / 905 839 7342

Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinic

Friday, January 27 3 pm - 730 pm
St. Aidan's Church
70 Silver Birch Ave (south of Queen)

The Heritage Lodge - Annual Black Tie Banquet

Saturday February 4
Reception 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Rameses Shrine Temple
3100 Keele St.

\$30.00 per person (Ladies Welcome)
Dress: Black Tie or Business Suit
Speaker: Prof. Nick Eyles Ph.D. D.Sc.Geo.

Ken Campbell: heritagelod730@explornet.com

Claremont Winter Carnival Parade

Saturday February 4
9 am - Coffee / Hot Chocolate 11 am - Parade

At the end of the parade we will all assemble at the Masonic Temple for a bowl of hot chilli and hot drinks, with ice cream and cookies for the children.

Toronto East District DDGM has applied for dispensation for all Masons to wear regalia (blue lodge or concordant body) for the occasion.

Lou Lombardi: loulombardi@explornet.ca / 905 649 3003

Wayne Lord: lord.wayne@hotmail.com

Markham Union Annual Burns Supper

Saturday February 4
Social - 530 pm Banquet - 630 pm
Cedarbrae Golf and Country Club
Steeles Ave. to the first lights east of Markham Rd. turn south, then 1st left

\$40 ea payable in advance - Cash Bar

Bruce Grimbleby: bgrimbleby@yahoo.ca / 905 472 8124

CPR Classes

Help support the District Charity and learn some life saving skills. W. Bro. David Neave will be holding CPR classes in each of the District Temples through the months of January and February. Cost will be on a donation basis, however if you require a certification, a fee will apply.

If as a Lodge you are interested in hosting one of these information nights please contact W. Bro. Neave.

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Upcoming Official Visits

Alpha - Tuscan	February 2
Canada	February 7
Imperial East Gate	February 8
Birch Cliff	February 10
Universe	February 14

Editor's Note

On behalf of my wife and family, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderfully Happy New Year