Original Members – P. Cullen \*- Acacia 430, H. Coghill - Brougham Union 269, R. Nash - Canada 532, P. Nuttall - Coronati 520, B. Bond \*- Dentonia 651, R. Lundy - East Gate 693 M. Watts\*- The Imperial 543, B. Grimbleby - John Ross Robertson 545, C. Greer\*- Markham Union 87, T. Norris - Mimosa 576, N. Zabaneh - Progress 711, D. O'Carroll - Queen City 552, R. Lippert - Riverdale 494, D. Campbell - Scarboro 653, F. Collins - Todmorden 647, G. Stockley\* - Universe 705 R. Moyes - West Hill 670 G. Mlynek - Wexford 683

Affiliated Members – R.W. Bro. J. C. Mateer\*, V. W. Bro. R. Scott, R.W. Bro. W. Reiach\*, V.W. Bro. J. Doble\*, R.W. Bro. G. E. W. Maclaren\*, V.W. Bro. D. Gibson, V.W. Bro. P. W. McGowan, R.W. Bro. L. Lombardi, W. Bro. R. Gatt, W. Bro. P. McMurdo, R.W. Bro. D. Surovy, V. W. Bro. G. Newall

# DECEMBER 2015

Editor: R. W. Bro. David J. Neave

thebuilders86@bell.net

cell: 905 391 5900

#### **INSTALLATIONS**

**West Hill** 

Scarboro

Birch Cliff

<u>Doric</u>

Wednesday, December 2
Banquet @ 6 pm
Visitors @ 7:30 pm
13 Chisholm Ave Toronto

Monday, December 14 Visitors @ 7:30 pm \*13 Chisholm Ave Toronto\* Friday, December 11 Visitors @ 7:30 pm 13 Chisholm Ave Toronto Thursday, December 17 Visitors @ 7:30 pm 457 Kingston Rd. W Ajax

# FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District

First of all, I would like to thank the Brethren of Toronto East District who took the time to come out in support of our Remembrance Day Ceremonies held in Markham on Saturday November 7th, and Claremont and Scarborough on Sunday November 8th. In total, 117 Masonic Brethren took an active part. Brethren, it was an honour to march in unison with you at the Remembrance Day Parade and the Civic Ceremonies held to remember our veterans past and present, and to those who made the supreme sacrifice that enables us to have the freedom and life we know today.

I would like to recognize R.W. Bros. Bruce Grimbleby, Lou Lombardi and W. Bro. Frank MacKay, and thank them for their continued support as District Chairman of our Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

It was a pleasure to attend the numerous district events held in November, one of which was West Hill's Ladies night, held at the Scarborough Golf and Country Club. A great evening of fine dining, music, dancing and time spent in a relaxed atmosphere with friends and brethren. Thank you Brethren of West Hill Lodge for inviting Evelyn and I to your Ladies Night.

The Beaches Lodge No. 473 G.R.C. at their regular meeting on November 5th performed the "Empty Chair Ceremony" in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and in keeping with their Military theme of the evening, Bro. Alex Chan was raised by a "Military Degree Team", to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

On Monday November 9th, the brethren of Acacia Lodge No. 430, family and friends, attended a reception in honour of V.W. Bro. John W. Barnes for his Grand Lodge Appointment as "Assistant Grand Chaplain." A great evening was had by all.

It was an honour to participate with the Brethren of Riverdale John Ross Robertson Lodge No. 494 in the presentation of a 50 year Pin and Veteran Jubilee Medal to W. Bro. James W. Cookson. Family and friends shared in this special event with him. It was also an honour along with the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Alpha-Tuscan Lodge No. 384 to assist in the presentation of 50 and 60 year Pins and Certificates to V.W. Bro. Tom Perry and R.W. Bro. Donald Perry. V.W. Bro. Tom Perry was the District Secretary for his brother, R.W. Bro. Donald Perry, D.D.G.M. 1981-82.

Three District Installations were held in November. Congratulations to W. Bro. Lloyd Guilfoyle, Markham Union 87, W. Bro. Gordon McHallam, Wexford 683, and W. Bro. Lee C. Paterson, Todmorden 647 on being installed as the newest Worshipful Masters of Toronto East District. May your year, with the support of your P.M.s and the Brethren of your respective lodges, be a rewarding and memorable one.

In spite of all the glitter of Christmas lights, decorations, social and family get togethers, and Holiday music, the Festive Season can be an especially difficult and unhappy time of the year for many individuals and families alike. Charity and kindness can come in many forms, and not all needs are the same. Toy box drops, food hampers, the Salvation Army globes, or support your local blood banks if possible. These are just a few of many ways we can help those in need during the Holiday Season and throughout the year. Brethren, however you celebrate the Holiday Season, may you and your loved ones have safe travels and enjoy your times together.

Evelyn and I wish you a very "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year".

May the Great Architect of the Universe Watch over us all.

Sincerely and Fraternally

R.W. Bro. Dean M. Bergerson District Deputy Grand Master Toronto East District

# **DISTRICT EVENTS**

### Rainbow Girls Family Christmas Dinner

Wednesday December 2 7 pm - Dinner Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Come join the Rainbow Girls for an evening of food, friends, laughter and Christmas Joy! There will be entertainment and draws. Come sing Christmas Carols.

No ticket sales at the door. Please *RSVP* ASAP.

Cost: \$18 ea

Dale Davies: <a href="mailto:dale\_davies63@yahoo.ca">dale\_davies63@yahoo.ca</a> / 416 438 0011

### Reception for M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew Past Grand Master 1993 - 1995

Friday December 11
7 pm - Lodge opens 7:30 pm - Visitors received
Etobicoke Temple (596 Renforth Dr.)

Join us in a celebration of M. W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew 60 years a Mason and 20 years a Past Grand Master. The Grand Master will be in attendance. Due to limited seating, this event will be Masons Only. Finger foods to follow. Please *RSVP*.

George McCowan: georgina343secretary@yahoo.ca

### Canada Lodge 100th Anniversary Gold Ceremony

Tuesday January 5 7:30 pm - Visitors received Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

In recognition of their 100th Anniversary, Canada Lodge will be receiving their Gold regalia. This is a ceremony that does not come around too frequently. Come out and celebrate with them. M.W. Bro. John Green will be attending.

Ray Beverley: <a href="mailto:rbeverley@sympatico.ca">rbeverley@sympatico.ca</a> / 416 284 8610

#### Mechanics of The Work

January 23, 30, February 6, 20 & 27, March 5 9 am – 12 pm East Toronto Masonic Temple

These classes are open to all Masons, from the newest Entered Apprentice to the rustiest young timer. The classes are of enormous worth to newer members and especially to those who have aspirations to be lodge line officers. Classes are informal in the normal lodge meeting sense, no regalia is required, and welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills or re-acquaint themselves in many aspects of our ceremonies and rituals. Attendance for the full three-hour class or at every class is not compulsory.

The work is from the 2013 black Book of the Work.

Dennis Rankin: <a href="mailto:kdrankin@pathcom.com">kdrankin@pathcom.com</a> / 416 691 1704 Bob Steenson: <a href="mailto:bob.steenson@ontarioair.com">bob.steenson@ontarioair.com</a> / 416 697 0822

# The Heritage Lodge - Annual Black Tie Banquet

Saturday, January 30 Reception 5:30 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. School of Fine Dining (4121 14th Ave., Markham)

Join us to celebrate The Heritage Lodge and the recipient of The William J. Dunlop Award. Enjoy a wonderful meal with your ladies in this elegant setting. It is sure to be one of your ladies highlights of the year.

> Speaker: V. W. Bro. Terrance Sleightholm Topic: Charles Dickens

> > Cost: \$50.00 ea

Tickets deadline - **January 19 2015 - no sales at the door** (Please indicate choice of beef or salmon for dinner)

David Neave: <u>davidneave@bell.net</u> / 905 725 8032

### **Claremont Winter Carnival Parade**

Saturday February 7 9 am – Coffee / Hot Chocolate 11 am - Parade Claremont Masonic Hall

Lou Lombardi: <a href="mailto:loulombardi@xplornet.ca">loulombardi@xplornet.ca</a> / 905 649 3003 Wayne Lord: <a href="mailto:lord.wayne@hotmail.com">lord.wayne@hotmail.com</a>

## 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off & Trivia Challenge

Saturday, March 5 12 pm - 3 pm Toronto East Masonic Temple

This year, there will be up to 12 entrants, each securing a spot for the amount of \$20.00. All proceeds to be forwarded to Toronto East District charity project.

All Trivia Challenge contestants will register at time of event. Anyone wishing to enter the Chili Cook Off are asked to contact organizers.

Russ Richardson: <a href="mailto:russ-driver@hotmail.com">russ-driver@hotmail.com</a> / 647 222 5855 Mark Ingram: <a href="mailto:ingram75@gmail.com">ingram75@gmail.com</a> / 416 420 0291

#### **Upcoming Official Visits**

CanadaFebruary 2Alpha - TuscanFebruary 4UniverseFebruary 9The Imperial East GateFebruary 11Birch CliffFebruary 12

Marina and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderfully Happy New Year. May you and your families be safe, secure and prosperous.

# Who Am I?

Did you guess November's "Who Am I?" V. W. Bro. Gary Fitzpatrick did? It was of course R. W. Bro. Dean Bergerson, our DDGM. At a recent Installation, R. W. Bro. Bill Utton was showing pictures of the DDGM's car, an early 1970's Firebird that he has had since brand new. What a beauty.

Maybe we can convince The DDGM to bring it to Lodge before the end of his year. Might not be a bad talk topic on the history of this wonderful Brand.

Look for a new, out of District "Who Am I?" in January's newsletter.

