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INSTALLATIONS

West Hill

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

Scarboro

Monday, December 11
Banquet @ 6:30 pm
Visitors @ 7:30 pm
13 Chisholm Ave Toronto

Birch Cliff

Friday, December 9
Visitors @ 7:30 pm
13 Chisholm Ave Toronto

Doric

Thursday, December 15
Visitors @ 7:30 pm
457 Kingston Rd. W Ajax

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren,

The cooler weather is now upon us. This can only mean a couple of things, Christmas and the New Year are almost here. While we enjoy this time of year, please remember those who are not as fortunate as we are. It only takes a moment to practice what we are taught about benevolence and charity. It's not always about the financial side either. Small acts of kindness add up quickly.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the members of our District who attended the Remembrance Day services held in November. We were well represented at all three again this year and we can hold our heads high that we showed the public that the Masons of the Toronto East District support and remember those who serve in our military services.

In November, we lost two of the stalwarts of our fraternity in the persons of R.W. Bro. Elroy McKinnon and R.W. Bro. Walter Drane. Two finer masons you could not find who called Toronto East home. They will be missed. Both their Masonic Services were very well attended and I personally thank all the brethren for their support.

For the month of December, let's all actively participate in being the Mason we endeavour to be. Get together with your lodge and find a family in your neighborhood that needs help over the Christmas period. Donate to your local woman's shelter, homeless shelter or even the local animal shelter. What you can accomplish individually can change your outlook on life, what can be accomplished if the lodge gets involved can change many lives for a long time.

We have four Installations and Investitures in December. Please try to make as many of these as you can. A full lodge room is an excellent way for the new team of officers to start the new masonic year. Please check the trestle board for lodges and locations. We also have several lodges holding festive events that are always enjoyable to attend. Check our web page for more information.

December is a time of reflection and contemplation. Reflection on what you have accomplished for 2016 and what was not. How much of what you accomplished was done because it was planned or was it done because it was attainable or convenient? Contemplate what your goals will be for 2017 and what will be carried over to the New Year from 2016. Are your goals attainable or have you set them too low? I learned a great lesson from my mother that is exemplified through masonry, but at the time I did not know it; that is, to do a little bit every day and things will eventually get accomplished. This can be masonic knowledge or work, family or extended family. It does not matter what it is, we must make the effort to see the reward.

I extend to the brethren and their families of Toronto East District Season's Greetings from myself, wife Darlene and my daughters Amanda and Chelsea. May the season bring you all happiness and joy and fill your homes with peace. Brethren, I look forward to greeting you all personally in the district this month.

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

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

DISTRICT EVENTS

Prostate Hope

Our District Deputy Grand Master's project for the year is Prostate Hope, in support of three prostate cancer research projects. The project number with the Masonic Foundation of Ontario is # **2732**

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers). It is the 3rd leading cause of death from cancer in men in Canada.

For more information, or to contribute to this cause that has affected so many, please contact

Ross McOuat: ross.mcouat@rogers.com / 416 871 1384

Mechanics of The Work

January 28, February 4, 11 & 25, March 4 & 11
9 am – 12 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

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

Dennis Rankin: kdrankin@pathcom.com / 416 691 1704
Bob Steenson: bob.steenson@ontarioair.com / 416 697 0822

Heritage Lodge Black Tie Banquet

Saturday, January 28 Social 6 pm Dinner 7 pm
The School of Fine Dining (4121 - 14th Ave.)

Speaker: W. Bro. Richard Harding
Topic: Vimy Ridge

Cost: \$ 50 (no sales at door)
Ladies and non-masons most welcome.

David Neave: davidneave@bell.net / 905 391 5900

Ladies Night / Valentine Dance

Saturday, February 11
The School of Fine Dining

Details to follow

4th Annual Chili Cook Off & Trivia Challenge

Saturday, March 25 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: russ-driver@hotmail.com / 647 222 5855
Mark Ingram: ingram75@gmail.com / 416 420 0291

Grand Master's Reception

Thursday March 30
Social 5:30 p.m. - Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall

Mark Ingram: ingram75@gmail.com / 647 860 6834

Upcoming Official Visits

Coronati	Thursday, January 12
Riverdale JRRobertson	Tuesday, January 17
Alpha – Tuscan	Thursday, February 2
Canada	Tuesday, February 7
The Imperial East Gate	Wednesday, February 8
Birch Cliff	Friday, February 10
Universe	Tuesday, February 14

This Month In History

December 1, 1955 - Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus.

December 1, 1990 - England was connected to mainland Europe for the first time since the Ice Age as engineers digging a railway tunnel under the English Channel broke through the last rock layer.

December 3, 1967 - The first successful heart transplant was performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard at Cape Town, South African, on Louis Washkansky, who lived for 18 days

December 5, 1933 - The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was repealed. For nearly 14 years, since January 29, 1920, it had outlawed the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the U.S.

December 8, 1980 - Former *Beatle* musician John Lennon was assassinated in New York City

December 11, 1901 - The first transatlantic radio signal was transmitted by Guglielmo Marconi from Cornwall, England, to St. John's, Newfoundland.

December 17, 1903 - After three years of experimentation, Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights. They made four flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the longest lasting about a minute.

December 21, 1846 - Anaesthesia was used for the first time in Britain during an operation at University College Hospital in London performed by Robert Liston who amputated the leg of a servant.

December 26-January 1 - Kwanzaa, an African American family observance established in 1966 celebrating traditional African harvest festivals, focusing on family unity, with a community harvest feast on the seventh day. Kwanzaa means "first fruit" in Swahili.

December 27, 1831 - Charles Darwin set out from Plymouth, England, aboard the ship *HMS Beagle* on his five-year global scientific expedition.

December 30, 1865— Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India. He was a British poet, novelist, short story writer, best known for his children's stories such as the *Jungle Book*.