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IN MEMORIUM

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Friends, Mentors and Advisors to "The Builders' 86"

Passed to The Grand Lodge Above December 2008
 We cherish their memory in our hearts forever

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren

Last month seemed like an easy month with only one Installation, but it proved to be very busy with special nights, Blood donor clinics, Robbie Burns Nights, an interim meeting with all Ontario DDGMs, concordant bodies, Rainbow Girls Installation, certainly no breather. February is promising to be much the same.

Our Official Visits resume at full speed. Brougham Union Lodge OV has been postponed to April 1st. We also have the Annual Winter Carnival in Claremont on Saturday, February 7th, and the first of four Blood Donor Clinics in Doric Temple on February 9th.

Recently, talking with some newer members of the Craft, it was brought to my attention, that they have some difficulty grasping the lessons of the Ritual. Written in somewhat archaic language, it certainly is a vocabulary not commonly used. But there is a true need for us to be able to **Translate the Ritual** in order to make use of it in our everyday lives. As Masons we repeatedly hear, that we are in search of more Light, and we find that we are expected to dispense Light and Knowledge to all destitute and uninformed Brethren. Well, how do we do that? Are we to wait for a bolt of lightning to strike us? A REVELATION of some sorts? Or, is it bits of Insights, a Reflection, that come to us in moments of quietude? An INTROSPECTION or RETROSPECTION? Well, both!

Very early in our Masonic life we are reminded that, all our pursuits, we are to keep eternity in view, confirming that "life" is eternal and that at some point we give an account of our lives and actions. So we are to be **mindful** of what we do and what we think. We are to re-examine all our actions, at all times question ourselves, and contemplate. This is how we grow. Self-examination is necessary if we are to make progress. It is up to us to take that rough ashlar, our character, and adjust our tools, to chisel away and polish each individual building block of many, so we can build that inner temple, one not made by hands. Naturally, our ritual is veiled in allegory, but we are to draw aside this veil, penetrate through it, which is our objective, and by careful and appropriate attention, we are ultimately going to become acquainted with all its mysteries. Again, introspection, contemplation and self-examination at every step. Lessons and examples are many, and often, however, one has to be conversant with the import of individual lectures.

This is why memory work is so important; so that the lessons can spontaneously come to mind, while dwelling on it. For instance, JW's lecture, the mosaic pavement "reminds us of the uncertainty of all things here below, today we may tread in the flowery meads of prosperity, tomorrow we may totter on the uneven paths of weakness and temptation and adversity..." Contemplate, dwell on it and you will receive an answer. These are profound snippets of revelations, more LIGHT. Yet, there are other excellences of character to which your attention may be required. On a daily bases, in our daily bidding. Or the lesson on equality, where no eminence of station in life should make us forgetful that we are brothers and each is entitled to equal regard, respect. Are we not to take these lessons to heart? What about five points of fellowship? Do we truly practice what we preach? The need for self-examination is ever present. This is what makes our fraternity so unique. We are not a service club, nor is it our mandate. Our teachings are a very profound **Philosophy**, (which means Love of Wisdom), a philosophy of life, a contemplation. We are to ponder on our lectures, reflect daily on its meaning and that's how we translate the ritual. Reading the blueprint, the tracing board. Our ritual of three degrees is about five hours long and the lessons are plentiful. But overall, there are 33 degrees in Scottish Rite and many in York Rite. So the learning continues. The Wisdom of Life. A **Science of Being**.

One last reminder, our Grand Master's Banquet is fast approaching. The Worshipful Masters of 2007-08 and 2008-09, will be recognized at the banquet, so it is essential that they be there, along with the DDGMs of 07-08 and 08-09.

We will have a photo opportunity with the Most Worshipful GM as a group. Each Lodge is expected to have at least five in attendance. Ladies, members, and non-masons are welcome. For tickets or tables of 8, contact our Ticket Chairman: W.Bro. Bob Thompson: 416 491 3230

Hope to see many of you join me at February's Official Visits.

Sincerely & Fraternaly
R.W.Bro. Dushan Surovy
DDGM Toronto East District

DISTRICT EVENTS

OFFICIAL VISITS

Canada Lodge

Tuesday, February 3 Visitors @ 8 pm
457 Kingston Rd. W Ajax

Alpha-Tuscan

Thursday, February 5 Visitors @ 8 pm
13 Chisholm Ave. Toronto

Universe

Tuesday, February 10 Visitors @ 8pm
2201 Ellesmere Rd. Scarborough

Imperial East Gate

Wednesday, February 11 Visitors @ 8 pm
2201 Ellesmere Rd. Scarborough
Early Banquet @ 6pm
DDGM's Lodge

Birch Cliff

Friday, February 13 Visitors @ 8 pm
2201 Ellesmere Rd. Scarborough

Events Calendar

Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinics

Monday, February 9 3:30 - 7:30 Doric Masonic Temple 457 Kingston Rd. Ajax	Friday, March 20 3:00 - 7:30 St. Aiden's Church 70 Silver Birch Ave. Tor (south of Queen)
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Mechanics of The Work

Saturday mornings, 9:00 am till 12:00 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple
6 weeks beginning February 14
VW Bro. Les Armitage: 416 598 4794

Claremont Winter Carnival

Saturday February 7, 2009
Gather at Lodge for hot drinks at 9 am, then proceed to parade route for 11 am followed by hot chilli back at The Temple
Regalia to be worn
For further information contact Lou Lombardi
loulombardi@sympatico.ca
905.649.3003 or 416.518.2242

Brougham Union Mosaic Pavement Raffle

10 weekly prizes of \$ 50.00 1 grand prize of \$ 500.00
Tickets: \$ 20.00 only 30 tickets left
Proceeds to ongoing update of Claremont Temple
Contact David Neave 905 391 5900
or davidneave@rogers.com for tickets.
Draw will begin as soon as all tickets sold.

Master Mason Night

Oakwood Chapter Royal Arch Masons will be hosting a Master Mason night featuring a movie on Royal Arch Masonry as well as guest speakers from Grand Chapter Tuesday, February 17 @ 8:00 pm refreshments to follow 457 Kingston Rd. Ajax

Gerald Newall 905-728-7388 g.newall@sympatico.ca or
Peter Nuttall 416-283-8056 pnuttall@idirect.com

Norm Wheeler Appreciation Night

Join us at Wexford Lodge #683 for a celebration of the outstanding work this brother mason has done in his Lodge, District and beyond
Friday February 20 @ 8pm
Contact Bro Robin Singh, secretary of Wexford Lodge, for further details.

Entered Apprentice / Fellowcraft Breakfast

Saturday, March 7
Breakfast: 9 am Discussion to start: 10:30 am
Claremont Temple 4953 Old Brock Rd. Claremont
Have all your questions that you didn't ask, or were reluctant to ask answered to the best of our ability in a relaxed, friendly environment.
All are welcome to attend. For further info, contact
VW Bro. Gary Fitzpatrick 905 649 8087
RW Bro. Lou Lombardi 905 649 3003

Grand Master's Banquet

Join us to celebrate the tenure of our Grand Master
MW Allan J Petrisor
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Canada in The Province of Ontario

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 6 pm
Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall
60 McDowall Gate, Markham
Tickets: \$ 50 per person

Masons and non-Masons welcome
Masters of 2007-08 and 2008-09 should be in attendance
For Tickets and to reserve a table contact
WB Bob Thompson
little.beau@sympatico.ca or 416 491 3230

Cuba Hurricane Relief

Bro Les Zeman, Beaches Lodge 473 recently met with Bro. Erasmo Rodriques Arias in Cuba and presented him with bulk containers of Multivitamins and Advil as well as 15 battery free hand crank flashlights. All items donated by various brethren in Toronto.

As of January 25, 2009 several brethren from our district are in Cuba and will meet with Bro Arias again to present him with some Masonic Aprons and various other pieces of Regalia.

A wonderful gesture by brethren of our district, and an example of what we stand for.
Well done