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<u>Canada \*</u> esday February

Tuesday, February 2 Visitors 7:30 pm 457 Kingston Rd Alpha - Tuscan

Thursday, February 4 Visitors 7:30 pm 13 Chisholm Ave. <u>Universe</u>

Tuesday, February 9 Visitors 7:30 pm 13 Chisholm Ave. The Imperial East Gate \*
Wednesday, February 10
Visitors 7:30 pm

13 Chisholm Ave

Friday, February 12 Visitors 7:30 pm 13 Chisholm Ave.

\*Canada & The Imperial East Gate Lodge both have 6:30 pm banquets. \$10 charge at The Imperial East Gate.

# FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Below is an excerpt from this months District Deputy message. For the full text, please visit www.torontoeastdistrict.com/ddgm.html

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District;

January is gone, and most likely with it, those New Year's resolutions we so optimistically started out with. However we are one month closer to spring, the days are getting longer and the light is starting to push back the darkness. February is a short sprint to March. February 14th is also Valentine's Day. Flowers, chocolates, a special card and a nice dinner out with your special lady. Truly, where would we be without their support? Every 4th year we add a leap day to the month of February. In 2016, those people born on the 29th of February finally get to celebrate, on the actual date of their Birthday. February is also Heart Month. By donating, you're helping to ensure that more survivors come home to the people they love.

Congratulations go out to Canada Lodge No. 532 G.R.C. On Tuesday, January 5th 2016, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. John C. Green of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was present to conduct the Ceremony of Dedication of the Lodge Collars and Working Tools from Silver to Gold. As the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. William McKeown said in his message; "Becoming a centennial lodge simply doesn't just happen with the passage of time, but requires the concerted dedication of many Masons over many, many, years." It was a wonderful ceremony, a great evening and well supported by the Brethren within and outside of the Toronto East District.

On Friday, April 7th 1916, R.W. Bro. W.H. Legge, D.D.G.M. of Toronto East District No. 11A made the 1st Official Visit to Canada Lodge U.D. and reported favourably. On Tuesday February 2nd 2016, Canada Lodge No. 532 G.R.C. will celebrate the 100th Official Visit of the D.D.G.M. of Toronto East District to this Lodge. It is a tremendous Honour as a Past Master of this lodge and as the D.D.G.M. of Toronto East District to share and to be a part of this historic occasion. I will cherish this in my memory always.

As the majority of Installations in Toronto East District take place before the start of the Official Visit of the D.D.G.M., I can relate to the New Worshipful Masters and the stress and anxiety that I felt as a newly Installed Master when preparing for the Official Visit of the D.D.G.M. In my mind, I could see all kinds of "if anything can go wrong, it will" disasters. Among other things, key Officers or Brethren doing long Ritual pieces not showing up, the last moment cancellation by the candidate, amongst many other possible and imagined worries, most of which never materialized. All you can do is to prepare as well as you possibly can. Start on time, finish on time. If the lodge work is proficient, the degree should not require more than two hours, leaving sufficient time for the visiting Brethren to enjoy the social hour. I encourage you, whenever you can, support your District. Visitation has been immensely rewarding for me in my years as a Mason, and Freemasonry, without visitation, for me, just wouldn't be the same.

As I am writing this message, I have just received the sad news of the passing of M. W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels, Past Grand Master, 2009-2010. A tremendous loss for Masonry, and for everyone who was fortunate enough to know him and to spend some time with him. I know that there are countless stories that all who knew him could share, and this is one. At the conclusion of a presentation at Canada Lodge, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels socializing in the lodge banquet room overheard my lady, Evelyn, wondering aloud to her lady friends if they could see what the lodge room looked like. The Grand Master then introduced himself, escorted the ladies into the lodge room and gave them a brief explanation as to the pictures and furniture of the lodge, along with any questions they may have had. My only regret was that I had missed it.

#### "We Cherish His Memory In Our Hearts"

Brethren, as always, I look forward to greeting you.

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**

#### Mechanics of The Work

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

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

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

#### Claremont Winter Carnival Parade

Saturday February 6 9 am - Coffee / Hot Chocolate 11 am - Parade Claremont Masonic Hall

Lou Lombardi: <u>loulombardi@xplornet.ca</u> / 905 649 3003 Wayne Lord: <u>lord.wayne@hotmail.com</u>

### Markham Union Burns Night

Saturday February 6 5:30 pm – Social 7:00 pm - Dinner Cedarbrae Golf & Country Club (55 Mac Frost Way, Scarborough)

Dinner will consist of a Full Scottish Buffet, Haggis, Steak Pie, Gravy, Peas, Tatties and Neeps, Trifle, Shortbread, Tea and Coffee. There will also be The Immortal Memory and the traditional Address and Toast to The Haggis.

There will also be a Silent Auction.

Cost: \$50.00 ea

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David Jamieson: <a href="mailto:david.jamieson@rogers.com">david.jamieson@rogers.com</a> / 905 294 3654

### Caledonia Lodge Heritage Night

Tuesday February 16 7:30 pm - Guests received 8 pm - Dinner York Masonic Temple

Enjoy a delicious dinner, an address to the Haggis, Irish dancers, piper and test the luck of the Irish with raffles and door prizes. Everybody is welcome to enjoy the evening.

Bring the whole family.

Cost: \$35.00 ea Torey Williams: 647 448 9800

Michael Willett: michaelawillett@hotmail.com / 647 999 3166

## **Scarborough Chapter OES - Brothers Night**

Tuesday February 22 6 pm Wexford Heights United Church (2102 Lawrence Ave. E.,)

Scarborough Chapter #231, O.E.S., invites the Masons of the Toronto East District to a Meat Pie Dinner. Please RSVP.

Cost: \$10.00 ea

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#### 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off & Trivia Challenge

Saturday, March 5 12 - 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.

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#### **West Hill Oldies Dance**

Saturday March 5 6 pm – Social 7:30 pm - Dinner St. Dunstan of Canterbury Church (56 Lawson Rd)

Cost: \$30.00 ea

Gerry Ouellette: gerry.ouellette@rogers.com

## **Coronati Ladies Night**

Saturday March 12 6:30 pm – Social 7 pm - Dinner Rembrandt Banquet Halls (930 Progress Ave.)

Cost: \$60 ea

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#### **Sankey Lecture Series**

Sunday March 20 3 pm Brock University - Sean O'Sullivan Theatre

Information about the Lecture Series can be found at <a href="www.sankeylectures.ca">www.sankeylectures.ca</a>
For Tickets: <a href="mailto:info@sankeylectures.ca">info@sankeylectures.ca</a>

#### **Ontario Masonic Education Conference**

Saturday April 2 Scottish Rite Building (4 Queen St S, Hamilton) Charles Woods: <a href="mailto:charleswoods@sympatico.ca">charleswoods@sympatico.ca</a>

#### The Beaches Annual Gala

Saturday April 9 6 pm – Social 7 pm – Dinner The School Fine Dining (4121, 14th Ave., Unionville)

Cost: \$50 ea

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#### **Upcoming Official Visits**

West Hill March 2
The Beaches March 3
Todmorden March 10
Scarboro March 14
Acaia March 21



### Who Am I?

January's Who Am I was our <u>Deputy G</u>rand Master, R. W. Bro. Paul Todd.

Can you guess this member of The Board of General Purpose

- Was the guest speaker at the Installation of the Grand Master of British Freemasons in Germany, and to accompanied the new Grand Master on his first visit to his Mother Lodge.
- Formally studied at York and Western University's, and the Canadian Military College
- Received International Recognition for my work in Diversity and Community engagement
- Initiated, passed, raised and Installed by my father, who later served as my District Secretary.
- Maternal Grandfather was a stonemason by trade, a Freemason, and his surname was Mason.