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Alpha – Tuscan

Thursday, February 2

Visitors 7:30 pm

\$5 donation for late banquet
13 Chisholm Ave.

Canada *

Tuesday, February 7

Visitors 7:30 pm

203 Cochrane St. Whitby

The Imperial East Gate *

Wednesday, February 8

Visitors 7:30 pm

13 Chisholm Ave

Birch Cliff

Friday, February 10

Visitors 7:30 pm

13 Chisholm Ave.

**Canada & The Imperial East Gate Lodge both have 6:30 pm banquets.*

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren,

Welcome to February! If this month is as mild as January, I think we can only hope for the same this month.

January's Official Visits at Coronati 520 and Riverdale JRR 494 were excellent. The brethren of our district seemed to embrace the change to the new Official Visit dates. Visitation at Coronati was up by 40% or 8 visitors and at Riverdale JRR it was up by 63% or 16 visitors. Thank you! Change can be a good thing.

At my Official Visit at Coronati Lodge, I introduced the travelling Broken Column. It was made by Bro. Andrew Wilson and his Lady to assist in raising donations for our District charity, Prostate Hope. It has been fairly successful so far and all we are looking for is your pocket change. Everything that we receive will go toward this outstanding project to raise \$1 Million by July. I will be bringing the broken column with me to all the Official Visits this year and hope the brethren in attendance can spare some change to help push us towards our financial goal.

We have four Official Visits this month. I would like to thank the Worshipful Master of Universe Lodge for allowing us to move their visit to March 14. The rest are listed in the trestleboard and on our web site. Please make every effort to attend when you can, it is good for the lodge you visit, it is good for the district and more importantly, it is good for you to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Over the course of several of my messages I have outlined how we as Masons relate to our new members and how the smallest of things can affect how they perceive our lodges. Some of these observations have come from personal experience, some from seeing this in other lodge rooms and unfortunately, some from the candidates themselves.

As we progress through our journey as masons and members of our lodges there are certain obligations (not the degree ones) that we must meet. We eagerly start in the officer line up. During this journey, we come to understand that the further we progress through the chairs, the more we must study our work and be more observant in how and why things are done in lodge. This to us is a natural state of affairs. We commit to being an officer and hope one day to be Installed in the Chair of King Solomon. If we are so determined and focused on our progress through the officer chairs, why then do we not meet our commitment to our new brethren? Do we become so focused that we put blinders on and don't see what is in front of us? Are the pressures of being a senior officer so great that we block out what is going on in the lodge either good or bad?

I am quite aware that these questions have been raised before and there is no real clear and definitive answer to be given. We all want and are looking for the one answer that will solve all the challenges we have in our lodges. I hate to be the bearer of bad news but there isn't one available. There are tools available that can assist you in making your lodge better, making your members understand and be more willing to do that extra bit for the new and progressing brethren.

Grand Lodge has programs that can help. I would start with downloading a copy of the Lodge Resources Manual. It is a lodge management guide and can be used by anyone in the lodge without special training. From that go to the Brother to Brother, Friend to Friend, Mentors and Long Range Planning sections and can even assist you in planning a meeting. These programs are designed so that you can use all of it or a little piece of it, it all depends on what your lodge requires. They are all available from Grand Lodge at no charge to the lodge! If your lodge does not have members who want to start this, no problem, call one of the District or Grand Lodge chairmen to come out and do a presentation. Talk to one of your newer members and encourage him to take on one of these programs for your lodge. Just make sure it is a program that makes sense to your lodge.

We all want the same thing, for our lodges to prosper and grow, be places of harmony and brotherly love. If your lodge does not sound like this, please act before your lodge gets to the point of no return and goes dark. Reach out and seek the help that is available to your lodge, it will help!

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 endeavors.

Fraternally,

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

DISTRICT EVENTS

Mechanics of The Work

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

Claremont Winter Carnival Parade

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

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

Toronto East District Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday February 11 8 am
140 Pinery Tr. (Neilson / Tapscot)

Join your brethren to help make a difference in the life of a worthy family. Practice the lessons taught in the NE angle.

For more information, please contact:
David Mason: david.mason.toronto@gmail.com
Nicholas Dee: nicholasdee80@gmail.com

Caledonia Lodge and Scots Night

Saturday February 25 6 pm

Haggis, with a lovely dinner, Music and Entertainment

Fun Fun Fun

Ladies & Non-Masonic Brethren are welcome.
Dress: Officers tux or kilt

\$40 each or with your lady two for \$75
Michael Willett: michaelawillett@hotmail.com / 647 999 3166

West Hill Oldies Dance

Saturday March 4 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

4th Annual Chili Cook Off & Trivia Challenge

Saturday, March 25 12 pm - 3 pm
Toronto East Masonic Temple

Russ Richardson: russ-driver@hotmail.com / 647 222 5855
Mark Ingram: ingram75@gmail.com / 416 420 0291

Sankey Lecture Series

Sunday March 26 3 pm
Brock University - Sean O'Sullivan Theatre

Dr. Aimee Newell
"The Badge of a Freemason: New Stories from Old Aprons"

Information about the Lecture Series can be found at
www.sankeylectures.ca
For Tickets: info@sankeylectures.ca

Toronto East District Lodge of Instruction

Wednesday March 29 7:30 pm
13 Chisholm Ave.

Hosted by The Imperial East Gate Lodge No. 543
Look for more details next month.

Malcolm Parish: malcolm_parish@hotmail.com
David Neave: davidneave@bell.net / 905 391 5900

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

Grand Senior Wardens Degree Team

Friday, April 7th 7:30pm
Whitby Masonic Temple
Hosted by Wexford Lodge

6th Annual Black Tie Gala

Saturday June 10
Cocktails 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Dancing 9 pm
Ajax Convention Center

Guest Speaker: Jessica Holmes

\$ 100 per person \$ 80 before February 28

See your Senior Warden

Upcoming Official Visits

West Hill	March 1
The Beaches	March 2
Scarboro	March 13
Universe	March 14
Acaia	March 20