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OFFICIAL VISITS

Alpha – Tuscan

Thursday, February 1

Visitors 7:30 pm

\$ 10 donation for late banquet
13 Chisholm Ave.

Canada

Tuesday, February 6

Banquet 6:30 pm Visitors 7:30 pm

203 Cochrane St. Whitby

Birch Cliff

Friday, February 9

Visitors 7:30 pm

13 Chisholm Ave.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren,

February is shaping up to be a busy one for Toronto East District. We have several Official Visits as well as a few social evenings. Brethren remember that you only get out of Masonry what you put in. If you don't participate in Lodge events (both inside the Lodge room and out) then are you not only getting half of Masonry?

I had the pleasure and honour of attending the formation of the new Junior Wardens' group. They have chosen the name - The Levellers 2018-2019. They also working on the design for their pin and have already started a chat group to get the conversation going. If you are a Junior Warden and were not at the meeting please reach out to the group Secretary (Ritch Murray from Alpha-Tucson No.384). Their enthusiasm for the future was quite inspiring. Worshipful Masters and Senior Wardens I encourage you to continue to support these Brethren.

At my Official Visit to The Imperial East Gate I talked about a group of Master Masons who belong to a few Lodges in another district that decided to create their chat group and then go out and visit every time there was an Initiation. They would then add the new Mason to their group so he would know when he could go and see an Initiation. Well a group of The Imperial East Gate members have started their own chat group for when they are travelling. What a way to continue the Fraternity that we practice inside the Lodge room outside of it. Well done guys and I look forward to seeing you out and about!!

Let me know if your Lodge is doing something to encourage Fraternity outside of Lodge. If you have an idea or action that is working for you and your Lodge, I encourage you to share it. Something may not work for all Lodges but let's share our ideas and plans.

This past weekend I attended the "Saturday morning class". This particular one veered from the usual. We were lead through the Masonic Memorial Service. There were some excellent questions and discussions. We also had the pleasure of having in attendance R. W. Bro. Gordon Crutcher - Team lead Protocol and Etiquette. So having R. W. Bro. Crutcher right there to answer (and pose) questions was wonderful. We followed up afterwards with a Masonic Memorial Service for V. W. Bro. Les Armitage. So my Brethren all things being what they are most of us will attend a Masonic Memorial Service. Is your Lodge prepared? Do you even know if your Lodge is prepared? Have you practiced it? Might I suggest that you take an evening and do this. Remember these Services are our opportunity to show the public how much we appreciated the time our departed Brother spent with us and not his family. So don't they deserve not only a good turnout but a well-organized and respectful Masonic Memorial Service?

In closing out this message to you this month, I would like to encourage everyone that while you are memorizing the Work use a prompter. I am as guilty as most in not doing this. Try it. While practicing, ask your prompter to correct you each time you get a word wrong. Don't wait until after you have done your piece of Work in Lodge because by then it is too late.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to watch over you and yours.

Fraternally,

R. W. Bro. Ross E. McOuat
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District

DISTRICTEVENTS

Mechanics of The Work

February 3, 10 & 24, March 3 & 10
9 am – 12 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

The work is from the 2017 black Book of The Work.

Dennis Rankin: kdrankin@pathcom.com / 416 691 1704

Claremont Winter Carnival Parade

Saturday February 10
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

Alpha – Tuscan Lodge Ladies Night

Saturday, February 10
Cocktails: 6:30 pm Dinner: 7 pm
The School of Fine Dinning

Tickets: \$ 50
Martin Skulnick: mkskulnick@yahoo.ca

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
Dennis Wilson: wm.westhill670@bell.net
Earle Goodwin: egoodwin@rogers.com

5th Annual Chilli Cook Off & Trivia Challenge

Date TBA

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

The Imperial East Gate Lodge Whisky Night

Friday, March 30 Social 6 pm Presentation 7 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Join us for a wonderful 4 course dinner as we tour the different whisky regions of Scotland. Open to ladies and non-masons alike.

Tickets: \$ 80 Wine and dinner (no whisky): \$ 35

David Neave: davidneave@bell.net / 905 391 5900
Nicholas Dee: nicholasdee80@gmail.com

Alpha-Tuscan Heritage Celebrations

Join Alpha-Tuscan Lodge as they celebrate a selection of the diversity in Toronto East District with 3 cultural Heritage Nights. Experience different cuisine and entertainment.

March 1

African Heritage Night

April 5

English Night

May 17

Scottish Night

7th Annual Black Tie Gala

Saturday June 16
Cocktails 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Dancing 9 pm
Ajax Convention Center

See your Senior Warden

Bicycle Required

I don't usually post 'classified type ads' but I'm making an exception this month.

Our PGJW had his bicycle vandalised while he was on holidays. This is his main means of transportation to get to and from Chisholm Ave. to maintain the Temple. If you have a bicycle that fits his needs, please contact R. W. Bro. Fred Bryant directly @ 416 694 6046 He is looking for a bicycle:

- able to sustain a 6" tall, 215 lbs male
- one with wider tires, not shocks on front-end,
- would prefer the old fashion type of forks
- Willing to pay \$100. to \$200

Upcoming Official Visits

The Beaches	March 1
West Hill	March 7
Scarboro	March 12
Universe	March 13
Acacia	March 19
Brougham Union	April 4
Markham Union	April 11
Caledonia	April 16

Installations

The Imperial East Gate	April 21
The Beaches	May 3

Who Am I

I was a Canadian politician and Baptist Minister, elected to the Canadian House of Commons for the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) in 1935. I left federal politics to become the Saskatchewan CCF's leader and then the seventh Premier of Saskatchewan from 1944 to 1961. My government was the first in North America to introduce the single-payer, universal health care program.

After setting up Saskatchewan's Medicare program, I stepped down as premier and ran to lead the newly formed federal New Democratic Party (NDP), the successor party of the National CCF. I was elected as its first federal leader in 1961.

I was awarded many honorary degrees, and a foundation was named for me and my political mentor Major James Coldwell in 1971. I was invested into the Order of Canada, and became a member of Canada's Privy Council in 1984.

In 2004, a CBC Television program named me as "The Greatest Canadian", based on a Canada-wide, viewer-supported survey.

*Oh and by the way, I was also a **Mason***