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FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren

I'm sure you all had a very Merry Christmas with your family and friends. As the New Year starts, you like all of us will be making resolutions, both personal and Masonic. The important aspect is to ensure these resolutions are kept throughout the year.

District Programs:

I'm urging the District Chairmen to start early in January to roll out their programs. We are now in the second half of our Masonic year and consequently it is imperative that we move as early as possible to fulfill our mandates. I am especially mindful of the Masonic Education, Mentor, Friend2Friend and Brother2Brother programs which I have designated as our Centres of Excellence. The Masonic Education and Mentor programs have started; however, we need to have the F2F and B2B programs hit the ground running in early January. These are very strong programs that are needed in our District.

The District Chairman, Long Range Planning has sent out a short questionnaire consisting of three questions to the Masters to establish a base-line of their lodge's adaptation of the two critical success factors identified for the District for this Masonic year -Visitation and Masonic Education. The answers would assist us in determining if we are meeting these success factors this year.

The Co-Chairmen, District Awards have been working on the awards for this year. We have made some changes to the selection criteria and have added a new Award for the lodge that makes the highest donation to the District Charity. The Awards package will be distributed to lodges in the New Year.

An Officer Progression workshop will be held on Saturday April 9th at Chisholm. The intended participants are all current officers and other masons who are desirous of becoming officers in the near future. This program is being run by the G.L. Team Leaders. Further information will be forthcoming nearer the date.

Senior Wardens' Association:

I attended a meeting of the SWs Association, the Networkers. Very shortly they will produce and circulate their trestle board with information listing the names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and lodges of the Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens and their spouses. The Junior Wardens will also be contacting their members to form a body themselves so they can understudy the Seniors and hit the ground running in September as Senior Wardens.

The Networkers have agreed to have their summer B-B-Q at WindReach Farms on Saturday June 25th in conjunction with the Awards Ceremony. This is two fold- the District will hand over their cheque to WindReach and having the Awards ceremony there will attract a greater attendance for both events.

Grand Master's Reception:

The Grand Master's Reception for the Toronto and York Districts will be held on Tuesday March 20th at the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall, 60 McDowell Gate, Markham. The ticket is \$55 per person which can be paid in cash, cheque or interac email transfer to V.W. Bro. Ed Russell, Ticket Coordinator. Ed will be sending an email to lodges very shortly with payment information, process for ordering tickets etc. One of the highlights of the reception will be for the Masters of 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 to have their picture taken with the Grand Master.

DDGM Mid-Term Meeting:

I along with my forty three DDGM colleagues will be meeting in Hamilton on January 8th to discuss the workings of our Districts and break-off into groups to discuss and report on various Masonic topics.

In my opening paragraph, I mentioned about making resolutions both personal and Masonic. I would like to give you this quotation as I think it is very appropriate.

"If you feel it is right, do it. It's your life and nobody else's. Make decisions that please you. Let nobody put you down. If you have a dream act on it and it will probably come true. May this be a year for your dreams to come true".

Have a happy and prosperous New Year.

R.W. Bro. Leyland A. Muss
District Deputy Grand Master

"Visitation + Education = Retention"

DISTRICT EVENTS

Brother to Brother & Friend to Friend Workshop

Saturday January 15 930 am to 1130 am
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Join W.B. Keith Jones and W.B. Peter Sialtsis for an explanation of how these programs work and how to hold one.

Keith Jones: lbj@telizon.ca / 416 489 6858
Peter Sialtsis: psialtsis@hotmail.com / 416 931 7072

Caledonia Lodge – Burns Night

Monday, January 17
Lodge opens @ 730 pm Visitors admitted @ 8 pm
York Masonic Temple

Join us for Pipes & Drums, a tribute to Robert Burns, and Scottish fare complete with Haggis.

Ladies are welcome Tickets: \$ 25 each

Bryan Pyper: brianpyper@rogers.com / 416 485 9569

Fellowcraft Workshop

Saturday January 22 9 am - 12 noon
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

All recent Fellowcrafts and Master Masons as well as their sponsors are welcome to attend this Mentor Workshop. Discuss the ceremony and its symbolism. Please **RSVP**.

Bruce Palanik: thepalanikgroup@rogers.com / 905 839 7342

Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinic

Friday, January 28 3 pm - 730 pm
St. Aiden's Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. Toronto (south of Queen)

The Heritage Lodge - Annual Black Tie Banquet

Saturday January 29
Social: 6 pm Banquet: 7 pm
Rameses Masonic Centre (Keele St.)

Celebrating 25 Years at Black Creek Pioneer Village
Tickets can be purchased from any Heritage Lodge officer or from Ken Campbell. Deadline Jan. 15/11

Speaker: M W Bro Ronald E. Groshaw
Cost: \$30 ea
Ken Campbell: heritagelod730@xplornet.com

Todmorden Lodge Robbie Burns Night

Saturday January 29 7 pm
Old Stone Cottage Inn (3750 Kingston Road, Scarborough)

Come enjoy dinner, complete with haggis, a whiskey tasting and a free shot of Drambuie for a Scottish song or poem at the microphone.

Tickets: \$ 25

W. B. Mike Luegger: lexx11@yahoo.com

Mechanics of The Work

Saturday mornings, 9 am till 12 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple
6 weeks beginning February 5 (except February 19)

VW Bro. Les Armitage: 416 598 4794
W. Bro. Dennis Rankin: 416 691 1704

Claremont Winter Carnival Parade & MasoniCHiP Program

Saturday February 5,
9 am - Coffee 11 am - Parade
MasoniCHiP 10 am – 3 pm

At the end of the parade we will all assemble at the Masonic Temple for a bowl of hot chilli and hot drinks, with ice cream and cookies for the children.

Toronto East District DDGM has applied for dispensation for all Masons to wear regalia (blue lodge or concordant body) for the occasion.

We will also be holding a MasoniCHiP program on this day in the community center to coincide with the carnival activities.

Lou Lombardi: loulombardi@xplornet.ca / 905 649 3003
Chris Kellar: cbkellar@hotmail.com

Markham Union Annual Burns Supper

Saturday February 5
Social - 530 pm Banquet - 630 pm
Cedarbrae Golf and Country Club
Steeles Ave. to the first lights east of Markham Rd. turn south, then 1st left

\$40 ea payable in advance - Cash Bar

Jim Crawford: jcra4d@istar.ca / 905 294 9262
Bruce Grimbleby: bgrimbleby@yahoo.ca / 905 472 8124

Oakwood Chapter 233 of Royal Arch Masons Master Masons Night

Tuesday February 15 8 pm
Pickering Masonic Temple
Hwy # 2 and Mill Street (2 streets west of Westney Road)

We will be showing a movie on Royal Arch Masonry with special guest speakers. We will explain the steps involved in progressing through each degree in the Royal Arch along with explanations of the Chapter and its furniture, its Officers and their duties.

Alan Pendelton: xscouse@rogers.com / 416 283 2713

Toronto East District Charity

WindReach Farm strives to enrich the lives of persons of all ages with disabilities and/or special needs by providing opportunities to enjoy experiences in farming, nature, outdoor recreation and other activities and to share those experiences with family and friends.

Look for events and details to follow. Please make cheques payable to The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, include Project **2441** and your lodge on the cheque and mail to:

The Masonic Foundation of Ontario
361 King St W.
Hamilton ON, L8P 1B4

Todd Owens: 678@yrp.ca / 416 722 0843
David Neave: davidneave@rogers.com / 905 725 8032

Upcoming Official Visits

Canada	February 1
Alpha - Tuscan	February 3
Universe	February 8
Imperial East Gate	February 9
Birch Cliff	February 11