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FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District;

January marks the beginning of a New Year and there are many ways we will be celebrating. Some will gather quietly with loved ones, some at City Halls or Town Squares and others may attend parties. It's curious how a celebration of the change in date can reset our thinking. "Out with the old and in with the new!" becomes our mantra as we share the hope for a better New Year to come. To that end, many of us will be making a New Year's resolution. Commonly, people resolve to be a better person, work harder, be kinder, take time to help our fellow man, or the like. These resolutions are made with the best intentions, but unfortunately change is not achieved so easily and as we embark upon our new resolutions, they are soon forgotten. By March, old habits emerge and many have completely forgotten that promise made with such good intention. It is not pleasant to acknowledge a failed resolution. But it is not necessary to wait until the next New Year to formulate a new plan for personal conduct, or develop new attitudes of consideration for our fellow man. Every morning can be a time to right your direction. If you resolve daily to be a better man than you were yesterday, then New Year's resolutions would not be necessary. However, those determined to try and change their ways on New Year's Day are to be commended for seeking to lead a better life through self-improvement. Change does not happen overnight. It is a long and often discouraging process, but if we commit ourselves to truly changing, much can be accomplished. My brethren, as Masons we have no real need for New Year's resolutions to improve ourselves. For when we were Initiated, our Obligation was our resolution to become better men by practicing the tenets and fundamental principles of Freemasonry; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. If the world were to practice what Masonry teaches, it would indeed be a better place. So for New Year's, I ask you to reaffirm the resolution you made the day you were Obligated. Recall the changes that occurred in your life as you advanced through the degrees and remember that change does not happen overnight. The acquisition of Masonic knowledge is a lifelong journey. "Masonry is a way of life." So let us start out this New Year in the right direction.

I call upon those Brethren who have been unable to attend Lodge recently to please adjust your calendars so that you may reunite with your fellow Masons, renew your bonds and once again enjoy fellowship. If you are so inclined, look through the Book of the Work and pick out a favorite piece that you might like to deliver during a degree. Remember, "Once a Mason, always a Mason!"

Each of the five Installations in our District this past December were conducted effectively. We were particularly thrilled to see how well W. Bro. James Crawford recovered from very serious surgery in November, to be Installed as Worshipful Master at Markham Union Lodge's Installation, which was postponed from November until December 21st for this purpose. Given how busy our Lodges were in December, it was gratifying to see the lodge rooms filled with Brethren who turned out to show friendship and support for the Lodges.

In January there are no scheduled Official Visits or Installations in our District. But our District Chairmen will be conducting Lodges of Instruction again this month. The Mechanics of the Work will be held at East Toronto Temple and the Officers Progression Workshop will occur in the Doric Pickering Temple. Please check your Trestle Board or our District Website for dates and times

It is hard to believe we are almost half way through our Masonic year, having completed seventeen Installations and two Official Visits to date. In the coming months we will have seventeen Official Visits and two Installations. Your attendance has been exemplary at these important Masonic events and for that I thank you. I have no doubt you will continue to support your Brethren in the coming months.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our District Secretary, W. Bro. Peter Sialtsis; who works so diligently behind the scenes. Being the District Secretary comes with many responsibilities and my job as D.D.G.M. could not be accomplished without his valued assistance. We in Toronto East District are fortunate to have Peter as our District Secretary this year.

Our District Charity this year is the support of Lodge Masonic Youth Initiatives, namely the DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Girls Assembly in our District. To initiate our fundraising effort, our District Chairman, W. Bro Malcolm Parish, aided by the valued assistance our Wardens group, the Stonecutters, undertook the sale of 200 tickets for our Charity fundraising draw for the chance to win one of two Grand Prizes of two gold Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey tickets and a \$50 dinner voucher from Jack Astor's. With their efforts and your generosity, we were able to raise \$4000, which will be donated to these two worthy groups on your behalf. In addition to providing financial support, it is my hope to highlight the value our Masonic Youth Organizations provide to the youth of today. If you know of any promising youth who you think could benefit from Masonic development, encourage them to consider joining these Groups. Thank you to all who contributed to this charity effort, and a job well done to W. Bro. Parish for his efforts in making this undertaking such a success. Congratulations to the winners of the two Grand Prizes: Stewart Crawford, who attended the December 19th game vs. Los Angeles and Andrew Coppin, who will be attending the January 3rd game vs. Tampa Bay.

In the coming months W. Bro. David Neave and W. Bro Bill Willis will be promoting the Black and White District Gala, scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Ajax Convention Centre. We are planning to also hand out the District Awards that evening, so I hope you will be supporting what we believe to be a very important event for Toronto East District.

To keep up to date on the events in our District, please read the Trestle Board and make note of the dates or visit our web site managed by Bro. Michael K. Morris, F.C.F., www.torontoeastdistrict.com and check the calendar.

I pray that 2012 will bring all of you good health and much happiness and look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

May the G.A.O.T.U. watch over you and yours and may we all strive to live up to our obligations.

Fraternally

R.W.Bro. Keith Jones
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District

DISTRICT EVENTS

Caledonia Lodge Annual Burns Night

Monday January 16th
Visitors in by 8:00pm

York Masonic Temple,
1100 Millwood Road

Festivities will include The Toronto Fire Services Pipes and Drums, The Address to the Haggis and great food.
\$25.00

Door prize ticket included

A great time to bring a non Masonic male friend/s as well as the Ladies. This event has been going on since 1926

No tickets will be sold at the door.

R.W.Bro. Norm Mathie: 416 993 6177

Officer Progression Workshop

Jan. 21 & Mar. 3, 2012

Registration deadline: Jan. 16, 2012

This session will consist of two, three-hour Saturday morning workshops and registrants will be expected to attend both workshops for the session in which they enroll. There will be a maximum of 24 participants for each session.

Please complete the registration form and submit it with the materials fee to W. Bro. Bruce Palanik no later than the registration date for the session you choose.

\$25 per person

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

Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinic

Friday, January 27 3 pm - 730 pm
St. Aidan's Church
70 Silver Birch Ave (south of Queen)

Todmorden Lodge Robbie Burns Night

Saturday January 28 7 pm
Old Stone Cottage Inn (3750 Kingston Road, Scarborough)

Tickets: \$ 35

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 January 28 (except February 18)

VW Bro. Les Armitage: 416 598 4794

W. Bro. Dennis Rankin: 416 691 1704

The Heritage Lodge - Annual Black Tie Banquet

Saturday February 4
Reception 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Rameses Shrine Temple
3100 Keele St.

\$30.00 per person (Ladies Welcome)
Dress: Black Tie or Business Suit
Speaker: Prof. Nick Eyles Ph.D. D.Sc.Geo.

David Mackey: d.mackey@rogers.com

Claremont Winter Carnival Parade

Saturday February 4
9 am - Coffee / Hot Chocolate 11 am - Parade

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.

Lou Lombardi: loulombardi@explornet.ca / 905 649 3003

Wayne Lord: lord.wayne@hotmail.com

Markham Union Annual Burns Supper

Saturday February 4
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

Bruce Grimbleby: bgrimbleby@gmail.com / 905 472 8124

CPR Classes

Help support the District Charity and learn some life saving skills. W. Bro. David Neave will be holding CPR classes in each of the District Temples through the months of January and February. Cost will be on a donation basis, however if you require a certification, a fee will apply.

If as a Lodge you are interested in hosting one of these information nights please contact W. Bro. Neave.

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Upcoming Official Visits

Alpha - Tuscan	February 2
Canada	February 7
Imperial East Gate	February 8
Birch Cliff	February 10
Universe	February 14