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### OFFICIAL VISITS

#### Coronati

Thursday, January 12  
Visitors @ 730 pm  
203 Cochrane St. Whitby

#### Riverdale J. R. Robertson

Tuesday, January 17  
Visitors @ 730 pm  
13 Chisholm Ave.

### FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren,

Happy New Year! However you celebrated the Holiday season, I sincerely hope your celebration was full of joy and blessings. The New Year is now upon us which fills us with the hope of a better year ahead. May everyone's expectations for the forthcoming year come to fruition and let's all have a fantastic year!

I have changed a couple of Official Visits into January; they are Coronati 520 on January 12<sup>th</sup> and Riverdale JRR 494 on January 17<sup>th</sup>. I have done this for two reasons. First and foremost, to see if we can increase the total number of visitors to these lodges and second to spread out the Official Visits so the brethren of Toronto East can enjoy visitation within the district once more. Time will tell if this is going to work but from the feedback I have received so far it will make a difference.

Continuing from my November message, your E.A. is now ready to take his next degree. He tells you that he is ready; are you taking his word that he is ready or have his sponsors and mentor worked with him? Have they satisfied themselves he is ready and reported back to the Worshipful Master? He will be more nervous than when he was initiated as this will probably be the first time in a long time he has had to remember his work and stand in front of 30+ men to prove himself. Has the Master taken a few minutes prior to opening lodge to calm him down and remind him that everyone in the room has done this as well? I know it's not much comfort to the candidate but at least you can try to alleviate some of his fears to experience his degree.

The degree is over, the candidate's head is swimming with all the new information just given to him. He gets his little white book and sits down. After the lodge is closed, who among you will go over and congratulate him, ask him if he has any questions or offer to help learning the new ritual? These are small things to us but to the newly-passed brother, this is huge! In the banquet room, you must remember to engage him in conversation regarding what he just went through, ask *him* questions. Remember that this man joined Freemasonry for a reason, something he may or may not want to share with you.

Now we have the hard part. He comes back to lodge the next month. He puts on his apron and enters the lodge room and sits down. How much communication has taken place between the sponsors / mentor and the candidate? The members of the lodge must make him feel welcome and comfortable. We cannot be so complacent as to leave the new F.C. (E.A. or whichever degree he just completed) on his own. Building your new members takes time and effort. It does not stop at the end of the degree. If you look at it from his point of view, it's his journey and how we affect him and his journey will be the difference of him staying the course or never coming back.

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 endeavours.

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

## DISTRICT EVENTS

### Prostate Hope

Our District Deputy Grand Master's project for the year is Prostate Hope, in support of three prostate cancer research projects. The project number with the Masonic Foundation of Ontario is # **2732**

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers). It is the 3rd leading cause of death from cancer in men in Canada.

For more information, or to contribute to this cause that has affected so many, please contact

Ross McOuat: [ross.mcouat@rogers.com](mailto:ross.mcouat@rogers.com) / 416 871 1384

### Mechanics of The Work

January 28, 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.

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Bob Steenson: [bob.steenson@ontarioair.com](mailto:bob.steenson@ontarioair.com) / 416 697 0822

### Heritage Lodge Black Tie Banquet

Saturday, January 28 Social 6 pm Dinner 7 pm  
The School of Fine Dining (4121 - 14 th Ave.)

Speaker: W. Bro. Richard Harding  
Topic: Vimy Ridge

Cost: \$ 50 (no sales at door)  
Ladies and non-masons most welcome.

David Neave: [davidneave@bell.net](mailto:davidneave@bell.net) / 905 391 5900

### Claremont Winter Carnival Parade

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

Lou Lombardi: [loulombardi@xplornet.ca](mailto:loulombardi@xplornet.ca) / 905 649 3003  
Wayne Lord: [lord.wayne@hotmail.com](mailto:lord.wayne@hotmail.com)

### Ladies Night / Valentine Dance

Saturday, February 11  
The School of Fine Dining

David Neave: [davidneave@bell.net](mailto:davidneave@bell.net) / 905 391 5900

### 4th Annual Chili Cook Off & Trivia Challenge

Saturday, March 25 12 pm - 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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Mark Ingram: [ingram75@gmail.com](mailto:ingram75@gmail.com) / 416 420 0291

### 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](mailto:ingram75@gmail.com) / 647 860 6834

### 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

<b>Alpha – Tuscan</b>	Thursday, February 2
<b>Canada</b>	Tuesday, February 7
<b>The Imperial East Gate</b>	Wednesday, February 8
<b>Birch Cliff</b>	Friday, February 10
<b>Universe</b>	Tuesday, February 14

*Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,  
Great chieftain o the puddin'-race!  
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,  
Painch, tripe, or thairm:  
Weel are ye worthy o' a grace  
As lang's my arm.*

Many of us have heard, or possibly recited these few lines many times. But other than Davie Phelan, how many of you actually know where it came from? Let us know. The best answer will be published in February's "The Builder".

### Haggis Trivia

Haggis is used in a sport called haggis hurling, which involves throwing a haggis as far as possible. The world record for haggis hurling was achieved by Lorne Coltart on 11 June 2011, who hurled his haggis 217 ft. This throw surpassed the longstanding previous record of 180 ft 10 in (55.12 m), held by Alan Pettigrew since 1984.

On October 8, 2008, competitive eater Eric "Steakbellie" Livingston set a world record by consuming 3 lb of haggis in 8 minutes on WMMR radio in Philadelphia.

Following his victory in The Masters golf tournament in 1988, Scottish golfer Sandy Lyle served haggis at the annual Champions Dinner before the 1989 Masters.

During the Korean War, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders received 180 pounds of haggis from the No. 30 Transport Unit RAAF during "Operation Haggis".