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

Greetings Brethren,

July marks the end of this Masonic year and the beginning of a new one. It is hard to believe one year has passed by so quickly. W. Bro. Peter Sialtsis, the District Secretary and I have certainly enjoyed our journey this past year. Of course our work was made a lot easier thanks to you, the brethren of Toronto East District. You were there for us at every turn. Whatever was needed, someone volunteered to help.

We started the year with three objectives: (1) good governance of the district, (2) to support a cause where we would be helping our own and (3) put together a first-class gala for the ladies while creating an appropriate venue to properly honour our District award winners.

The first objective was met through the tremendous efforts of our various District Chairmen, through diligence and hard work, without which nothing would be achieved. Your selfless giving of your time, energy and resources is a tribute to you all and I commend you for the same. You stand for everything that is good and decent about Freemasonry.

The second objective was quite important for me as I believe in supporting our own and that the Masonic youth are our future. To that end, I asked W. Bro. Malcolm Parish to put together a fund-raising effort on behalf of the local DeMolay and Rainbow youth groups. I am so very pleased to report that at year's end we have raised almost \$11,000, which was divided between the two groups for them to use in their efforts to attract new members and perpetuate Masonic youth initiatives in our District.

The third objective, the Black & White Ladies Gala and Awards Night, was certainly everything that I thought it could and should be. We are a first-class organization and I believe the events we hold should reflect that status. The overwhelming success of this event indicates that the masons of our District would like to see this event continued on an ongoing basis. W. Bro's David Neave and Bill Willis deserve any and all accolades that we have heard from those who were able to attend.

My most heart-felt congratulations to our District award winners for this Masonic year:

- Bro. Greg McKinnon M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw Award for Mason of the Year;
- Brougham Union Lodge M.W. Bro. Terence Shand Award for exemplification of Masonic Principles within the Community;
- Riverdale - John Ross M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew Award for the exemplification of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth within the Craft
- Markham Union Lodge R.W. Bro. William Reiach Award for Remembrance Service
- Alpha-Tuscan Lodge Blood Donor Award
- Doric Lodge Travelling Gavel Award

At the end the day our District is the real winner for having such dedicated individuals and lodges that pursue the goals of Freemasonry.

I would also like to thank the Stonecutters S.W. Group for their participation this year by organizing degree teams, attending with me at the Official Visits and for organizing our upcoming corn roast on August 25, 2012 at Windreach Farms. Your efforts are very much appreciated and I wish you the greatest success as you become Masters of your Lodges in the coming year.

Below I have included excerpts of my year-end report submitted to Grand Lodge. It is an overview of the workings of our District.

The Condition of Masonry continues to be strong. The solid foundation of Committee Work and Education has continued this year, enabling us to emphasize stronger lodge management and fraternal relations. We enjoyed tremendous turnout and support at Installations, Official Visits, Lodges of Instruction, Receptions and Divine Service. The spirit of friendship and brotherly love was heartwarming and continued to grow throughout the year. The primary catalysts were positive interactions and inclusion of members through active communications such as our e-mail network, website and newsletters.

We were proud to start this year by celebrating the election of R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, from Scarboro Lodge 653 to the position of Deputy Grand Master. We were then blessed to celebrate the culmination of a wonderful year with tremendous attendance at our District Gala where we honored our ladies and presented our District Awards with M.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, P.G.M. as our guest speaker.

Most lodges took proactive steps to fiscal responsibility. Many reported no members 12 months in arrears, renewing emphasis on timely dues collection, active budgeting, increasing dues to address rising costs and balancing budgets. The District Secretary, W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis received cooperation and support from all District Lodges. Our planning processes are also coming to the forefront. Many lodges either continued or introduced long-range planning committees, coinciding with the institution of our District Long Range Planning Committee. Most of our lodges continue to enjoy an influx of new members.

I have reminded the brethren of the District that Freemasonry is not a charity; although we do charitable work this is not our primary function. There is a difference between charity and relief that as Masons we are called upon to provide. Before we can provide relief for others, we have to make sure that our own financial houses are in order. This means making sure that our dues are sufficient to run our lodges efficiently and that the shared expenses of the temples are adequate to ensure that the temples are well maintained and kept in a manner of which we can be proud.

Just like the saying "charity begins at home" this year's District Charity was the support of our local Masonic youth initiatives. Through the tremendous efforts of our Chairmen and the overwhelming response of our membership, we were able to make two substantial donations in support of the Horace Mundy Chapter of DeMolay and Toronto Assembly No. 2 of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. In addition to providing financial support, we were also pleased to have many members from our District attend meetings and Installations for these wonderful Masonic youth organizations.

Our District continues to remain active within our communities through a variety of events including Remembrance Day Services, Parades, Masonic ChIP, Blood Donor Clinics and participation in Doors Open.

We have enjoyed active participation, support, effective management, active planning, continued committee work and community involvement. I am confident in reporting that unity has really prevailed among our brethren and lodges. Freemasonry is alive and well in Toronto East District.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Grand Lodge July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who have never attended, be sure and come down. You will not be disappointed. It is a great way to make new friends, see old friends and find out more about Masonry.

In closing I would like to thank the Masters, Secretaries and members of the lodges of Toronto East District for extending to the District Secretary and myself, the kindness, support and respect for our offices that truly exemplifies Freemasonry. As I mentioned before, you have helped to make this a truly memorable year for our District. I would like to personally thank W. Bro Peter Sialtsis for all the hard work that he has contributed to our District as well as being my brother, friend and confidant.

Brethren, I will forever be indebted to you for the great honor you have bestowed upon me. Although my year is ending, I will continue to work for the cause of Freemasonry, the world's Great Fraternity in which I believe.

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Keith Jones

## DISTRICT EVENTS

### 157 th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

July 16 - July 19  
Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Registration will take place in the Concert Hall Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

*All balloting, except district elections for the office of D.D.G.M., shall be done at the time of registration in the Concert Hall.*

#### The Board of General Purposes

Monday July 16 & Tuesday July 17

#### Grand Lodge

Wednesday July 18 & Thursday July 19

#### District Meetings

Wednesday July 18

4 pm and 5 pm in various meeting rooms on the convention floor (confirm at registration)

Toronto East District will be in The Ontario Room on the Convention floor of the hotel

#### GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 18 630 pm  
Canadian Room

Guest Speaker: V. W. Bro. Harry Ansara  
*Distinguished Toast Master*

For a complete program as well as a listing of those running for Grand Lodge office, please visit

[www.tinyurl.com/bqt63fc](http://www.tinyurl.com/bqt63fc)

### Birch Cliff Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Friday July 13 12 pm - Registration 1 pm - T-Off  
Bushwood Golf Club (10905 Reesor Rd)

Proceeds from the day will support the Master's Charity, the Scarborough Hospital Foundation, and Dr. Allan Toguri and Prostate Cancer Research.

Cost: \$110/ea

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### Toronto East District - Senior Wardens' Annual

#### Corn Roast & BBQ

Saturday August 25

12 pm - 6 pm

WindReach Farm (312 Townline Rd. Ashburn)

Come out and support your Senior Wardens and a wonderful charitable organization. All kinds of activities for the children  
All proceeds to WindReach Farm.

Cost: \$ 10 each \$ 25 per Family

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### Doric Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday August 26

12:30 pm T-off 4:30 pm - 5pm - Social / Dinner  
(Rain or Shine)

Riverside Golf Course (837 Riverside Dr. Ajax)

\$ 47 each for Golf and Dinner

\$ 27 for Golf only

\$20 for Dinner only

\$ 10 for kids with a menu of hamburger, fries and salad

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