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

Brethren

Time always passes faster than we think, but pass it does? In a few months it will feel like a blur. With all Official functions in Toronto East District now behind us, soon we will be gearing up for cottages or the beach. But it also give us an opportunity to reflect on what we have accomplished in our year as a District, what were the Highlights and what were the low points or disappointments, and what was our own contribution.

One of the highlights, and there are a few, the Visitation on all Official Visits and Installations was just excellent. Speaking with DDGMs from other Districts, as well as Brethren from without, it is a fact, that our Attendance at Official Visits (some over a hundred and close to it) is unsurpassed. It was almost as in the years past. The support that myself and District Secretary received from all of you was most gratifying, not just to myself or Ron, but to all of you who have participated. I am sure that all of you are proud of your accomplishment as a Team and of your own individual accomplishments. As you know, I was always a proponent of good Ritual work, and You, my Brethren, have responded well, as the Ritual Work on Official Visits was to a very high standard. I congratulate all of you, who had taken regardless on how small a part in the Work.

Our Blood Donor Clinics have done very well. We have collected to date 810 units of blood, and it was not only rewarding, but also fun to be part of it, and I thank all Members of our Blood Donors Team and its Co-Chairmen for their continuous effort. It was great to see the Army of red Masonic Blood Donor shirts at work.

Our MasoniChIP Program on May 23<sup>rd</sup> was an incredible success and I congratulate the Chairman, W. Bro. Clint Sturgeon and his Team of Volunteers for processing 105 children. The event was part of Open Doors Toronto and although it was organized primarily by 3 Lodges, I would say, that it was a Team effort as members of numerous Lodges took part and contributed. There are still two more MasoniChIP Clinics scheduled within next few weeks, so our numbers will be even better.

The Open House in the Lodge room, hosted by The Beaches Lodge was definitely a well organized effort, and I congratulate W. Bro. Ed Crosier and his Team of Volunteers for months of preparation. I think it was a stroke of Genius to make it a part of Open Doors Toronto and I know it was on Ed's mind for at least a year. I am not sure how accurate we are in estimating large crowds, but both myself and W. Bro. Ed Crosier thought we had at least a Thousand people going through the Lodge room. From 10 am, at any given time, there was at least 50 people sitting in the South, including the extra chairs, listening intently to our Guest Speakers and watching Friend to Friend Video. Every half an hour this group would be entirely replenished by another crowd just as big, all day long, till 5:00 pm. There were unusual number of Families and Ladies present, and a lot of New Canadians, asking some unusual and fascinating questions that V.W. Bro. Alan MacDonald and I had be thinking on our feet in order to answer. It was simply great, and I congratulate V.W. Bro. Al MacDonald on his ingenuity and forthrightness. If a Lodge needs new members, an Open House is the way to go. It can be well promoted and advertised and results will come.

Some of the disappointments of the year were that only a small number of Lodges make use of Grand Lodge Programs available. There is no need to re-invent the wheel, it's already been invented, and ready to go, all you need to do is to apply it. The other low point was to learn, that there are still some masons in some lodges who will abuse the privilege of a secret ballot to settle their personal vendettas, and very irresponsibly sabotage the well being of an otherwise viable lodge. They may be masons on paper, but not in their Heart. For us to pretend, that this kind of behaviour does not exist would be naïve if not outright foolish.

Brethren, there are still many Social Events taking place in our District and I ask you to consult the District Newsletters and the Website for dates. Our District Project of "Honouring Our Own", the Luncheon for the Widows and Senior Members is still ahead of us on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am at WindReach Farms north of Ajax. Lunch BBQ. Starting at 12:30 and Ceremonies at 2:00 pm. I will be sending out Directions how to get there over next few days. If you have knowledge of any Widow not already on your lodges list who has not been contacted, please do so, and see if you can assist in bringing them out. I also call on Lodge W. Masters and Officers and their families to come out and assist us, and make this a great District Event. Bro. Maher Eiid from Wexford Lodge has offered a school bus and a driver to transport the Ladies who need the transportation to WindReach Farms from the Ellesmere Temple and possibly a stop at the Doric Temple. Please contact me at 416 816 1363 or Chairman W. Bro. Todd Owens at 416 722 0843 to make the arrangements. WindReach farms is located at 312 Townline, in Hamlet of Ashburn, between Lakeridge Rd. (Durham #23) and Brock St.(Hwy12), north of Myrtle Rd (9concession) Their telephone number is 905 655 5827.

To all Worshipful Masters and IPMs, the CD with Photo Sessions with our Grand Master from Grand Master's Banquet on March 31<sup>st</sup> is available now. I have the CD in my possession with hundreds of photos, and I will be distributing the copies to all W.Ms. and Lodges shortly. The Slide show of photos is great.

Our Annual Grand Lodge Communication is coming up soon, July 13<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>, and our District Vote for new DDGM will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, 09 in Ontario Room on the convention floor from 5:00 pm to 5:50 pm sharp. There has been a change in the use of PROXIES in vote the for DDGM. There will be no Proxies in use for vote for DDGM, only for other Grand Lodge Officers. In the District room it is **One Man One Vote**, so make sure you are there to support your candidate. The Registration is Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 9:00 pm and Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. You have to register in order to Vote.

Tickets for Grand Master's Banquet on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, are available from DDGM or the Grand Lodge. Tickets are \$58.00, cash sales only, before July 10<sup>th</sup>. Please order them as soon as possible. All W. Masters should attend.

Brethren, on behalf of W. Bro. Ron Scott, District Secretary and myself, we thank you for your great support through out the year. It was a Great Honour, humbling, and also gratifying experience that neither of us will ever forget. We truly thank you for the opportunity to serve the Toronto East District, and I hope we have done it to your satisfaction and expectations. There are many, too many, that we could thank individually, but will thank you collectively, as a Team, from the bottom of our hearts. Now it will be time to retire into the multitude, and allow another Brother to shine.

Once again, thank you all. Do enjoy the summer, and May The Most High watch over you and your loved ones.

Sincerely and Fraternaly  
R.W.Bro. Dushan Surovy  
DDGM, Toronto East District

## DISTRICT EVENTS

### Friendship Lodge - 15th Annual Golf Tournament

**Saturday June 6, 2009 9:30 am**

4 Seasons Golf and Country Club

\$100 - Golf, Cart and dinner

Ken Rayner: [ken.rayner@siemens.com](mailto:ken.rayner@siemens.com) / 905 579 7106

### Toronto East District - Honouring Our Own

**Sunday June 7, 2009**

WindReach Farm

11:00 am - Gates Open 12:30 pm - Lunch

2:00 pm - Honouring Our Own Ceremony

Dushan Surovy, District Deputy Grand Master, Toronto East District invites you to a celebration of Honouring Our Own. The Guests of Honour will be Masonic Widows, their families and senior Lodge members!

WindReach Farm is an all wheelchair accessible facility.

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Dushan Surovy: [dushan\\_surovy@hotmail.com](mailto:dushan_surovy@hotmail.com) / 416 816 1363

### East Toronto Masonic Temple Community Day

**Sunday June 14, 2009 11 am - 5 pm**

East Toronto Masonic Temple

We will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual MasoniChIP program, an Open House, BBQ, Yard Sale and Food Drive.

Proceeds to Canadian Cancer Society, District Blood Donor Committee and Honouring our Own Function.

Doug Gray: [douggray@rogers.com](mailto:douggray@rogers.com) / 416 266 0783

### Toronto East District Lodge Resource Committee

**Thursday June 18 7:30 pm sharp**

Scarborough Masonic Temple

We will practice opening and closing the Lodge in the three Degrees, answer any questions, then present section of the Lodge Resource Manual, concluding with a short festive board

### The Beaches Lodge - Sandcastle Competition

**Saturday June 20, 2009 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Beaches of Ashbridge's Bay

Put a team together, and show off your Sandcastle skills.

Graeme Boyce: [rawgraeme@gmail.com](mailto:rawgraeme@gmail.com) / 416 402 8591

### Scarboro Lodge - Annual Open Golf Tournament

**Saturday June 27, 2009 10:00 am**

Rolling Hills Golf Course

\$40 - Golf and BBQ (Cart - \$10 extra) \$15 - BBQ only

Alan Liang: [scarboro653@hotmail.com](mailto:scarboro653@hotmail.com) / 416 953 4636

### Birch Cliff Lodge - Annual Birch Cliff Open

**Friday, July 10, 2009 10:30 am Tee off**

Bushwoods Golf Club

Proceeds in support of Prostate Cancer Research.

\$ 98 per golfer Theo Doughty: 905.649.8394

### 154th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

**July 13 - July 16**

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 13 & Tuesday July 14**

Ballroom

9:30 am, and 1:30 pm

#### Grand Lodge

**Wednesday July 15 & Thursday July 16**

Canadian Room

Brethren are earnestly requested to bring their own aprons and to be in their seats in before 8:30 am, and reassemble after lunch in the same place at 1:30 pm (Wednesday only).

#### District Meetings

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

#### GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Canadian Room 6:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Dr. David Harte

National Spokesman - MasoniChIP Program

International, Inc., Massachusetts

### Senior Wardens' Association Corn Roast / Day at the Farm

**Saturday August 15, 2009 1 pm - 9 pm**

WindReach Farms

Come join The Zephyrs for an afternoon of food and fun at WindReach Farm where everyone can take part.

This is a "rain or shine" event as we have access to indoor facilities. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers and of course, lots of Corn on the Cob.

Children's events @ 2 pm, Scavenger hunt @ 3 pm, 5 pm BBQ and finally @ 7 pm sing-along & Karaoke

\$15 - Adults \$5 - Children under 11

Bruce Palanik: [thepalanikgroup@rogers.com](mailto:thepalanikgroup@rogers.com) / 905.839.7342

### Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinic

**Friday July 24**

**3:00 - 7:30**

St. Aiden's Church 70 Silver Birch Ave. (south of Queen)

### Riverdale John Ross Robertson 100th Anniversary

Sat. Oct. 3 4:30 pm - Lodge Opens 6:30 pm - Banquet  
\$20 - Banquet

Bruce Grimbleby: [bgrimbleby@yahoo.ca](mailto:bgrimbleby@yahoo.ca) / 905 472 8124

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*Brethren, I thank you for taking the time to read this publication. I hope it has met your needs. My family and I wish you all a healthy, safe*