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FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren,

I delivered my last talk of my Official Visits at Acacia Lodge a few weeks ago. Many of those present said to me that they were inspired by the talk. A number of masons who were not in attendance said that based on what they had heard they were sorry to have missed it. Consequently, I have decided to publish the talk as my June message.

At my second Official Visit this year, I opined that what I'm finding during my term of Office is that discourse in our membership has become sharply polarized at a time when we are far too eager to lay the blame at those who happen to think differently than we do. I said that rather than pointing fingers or assigning blame, let us use the occasion to listen to each other more closely, to sharpen our instincts for empathy and remind ourselves that this is one big Masonic family with individual ideas and thoughts.

A lot of masons since that talk mentioned to me that in some instances they blame Past Masters who do not want to let go. I say to those Past Masters leave your egos at the door. Ego has no place in a fraternity that claims brotherly love as its first principle. Let both parties have a civil discussion and point out each other's strengths and weaknesses. We need to find common ground. We can question each other's ideas and decisions without questioning our love for our lodge and our fraternity. As the M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels said "Freemasonry provides an open ticket to a life-long journey of discovery. Enjoy the journey. Celebrate Freemasonry - it is the greatest gift in the world".

This being my last Official Visit in my term of office, I would like to end it on a really inspiring note. I would like to leave with you a thought expressed by the great Latin American writer, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, who was saying goodbye to the public as he had a life threatening illness. This piece can also be applied to us masons as it has some of the thoughts which we all practice.

"If for an instant God forgot that I am just a puppet and he gave me one more piece of life, I would take advantage of that time, the best I could. I would probably not say everything I think, but definitely think all I say.

I would value things not for what they are worth, but for what they represent. I would sleep less and dream more. For every minute we close our eyes, we loose sixty seconds of light. I would continue where others have stopped and I would rise when others sleep.

If God allowed me one more piece of life, I would dress simpler, would wallow in the sunlight, leaving me uncovered, not only my body but also my soul. I would prove to me how wrong they are to think that they stop falling in love as they get older, since they actually start getting older as soon as they stop falling in love.

I would give wings to the children, but I would leave the child alone so that he could learn how to fly on his own. To the old, I would show them how death comes not with the ageing process but with forgetting.

So many things I have learned from you. I have learned that somebody wants to live at the top of the mountain, forgetting that it is how we climb is all that matters. I have learned that when a newborn grabs his father's thumb, he takes a hold on him forever. I have learned that a man has the right to look down on somebody, only when he his helping him to get up.

So many things I have learned from all of you. Always tell what you feel and do what you think. If I knew that today it would be the last time that I will see you, I will embrace you strongly to be the guardian of your soul. If I would know that these would be the last minutes that I will see you, I would say to you "I love you", and wouldn't assume that you would know it.

There is always morning where life gives us another opportunity to make things good. Keep always close to your dear friends and tell them how much you need them and love and take care of them. Take time to say "I am sorry", "forgive me", "please", "thank you", and all the nice and lovely words you know.

Nobody would remember if you keep your thoughts secret. Force yourself to express them. Show your friends and dear ones how much you care about them".

My brethren, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thanks to all of you from every lodge in the district for this wonderful and unforgettable journey that I have had as the Grand Master's representative. Both Joan and I enjoyed meeting the many wives at the various lodge functions and Ladies Nights and for the way you accepted us totally in your company.

As I reminisce on my year, I think of Longfellow's words "The heights of great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were upward climbing in the night."

I thank you.

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

"Visitation + Education = Retention"

DISTRICT EVENTS

Canada Lodge U.D. Presentation

Wednesday, June 1
Claremont Masonic Temple

Lodge will open at 7pm for our regular business followed by a Fellow Craft Degree then we will retire downstairs for a picture presentation on Canada Lodge U.D. by V. W. Bro Robert Kliaman.

Toronto East District Lodge of Discussion

Saturday, June 4 Coffee 930 am discussion 10 am
Claremont Masonic Temple

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Sponsorship; Are We Our Own Worst Enemy With Respect To Retention?"

Join W Bro Arthur Christie as he leads a discussion on this topic, one which has arisen out of the other past Lodge's of Discussion. Come and share your ideas/thoughts. Arthur and W Bro David Neave invite all to join them for breakfast before hand at the Claremont Cafe just north of the Lodge around 830 am

Arthur A. Christie: christie@powergate.ca / 905 852 4696

Computer Resources and Secretary's Seminar

Saturday June 11 830 am - 2 pm
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

The first part of the seminar will be a going over good governance/management within the Lodge, Constitution, semi-annual returns, etc. The second part of the morning will cover preparation of Lodge summons, maintaining minutes and minute books and Lodge financing.

Robert Kliaman: rkliaman@cpa-ca.com / 905 707 6886

Royal Arch Masons - Master Masons' Night

Tuesday June 21 730 pm
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Oakwood Chapter No. 233 will be hosting a Master Masons' night to provide an explanation of Royal Arch Masonry in general.

All Master Masons wishing further light in Masonry are encouraged to attend.

Allan Pendleton: xscouse@rogers.com / 416 283 2713
Gerald Newall: g.newall@sympatico.ca / 905 728 7388

Friendship - 17th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday June 25 930 am
4 Seasons Golf and Country Club

Cost: \$100/ea
John Reeves: 905 666 0149

Toronto East District - Senior Wardens' Annual BBQ and District Awards

Saturday June 25
130 pm - gates open 2 pm - cash bar opens 4- 6 pm - BBQ

Come out and support your Senior Wardens and this years District Charity. All kinds of activities for the children and District Awards Ceremony will take place at 5 pm in the Century barn

All proceeds to WindReach Farm.

Cost: \$15. pp
\$5.00 pp - kids 5 - 10
\$free - kids under 5

Brian Sale @ bsale@look.ca or 905.686.7421

The Beaches - 5th Annual Sandcastle Competition

Sunday June 26 10 am - 3 pm
Beaches of Ashbridge's Bay

Graeme Boyce @ rawgraeme@gmail.com or 416.402.8591

St. Aidan's - Closing Ceremony

Tuesday June 28 730 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Several months ago one of the lodges of our district, St. Aidan's Lodge No. 567 decided to return their charter. It was a sad but courageous decision we all hope to avoid in our own lodges. St. Aidan's is putting down its tools. Come and honour its past works and accomplishments.

Clinton Sturgeon: csturgeon0629@rogers.com / 905 427 2689

156th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

July 18 - July 21
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 18 & Tuesday July 19

Grand Lodge
Wednesday July 20 & Thursday July 21

District Meetings
Wednesday July 20
4 pm and 5 pm in various meeting rooms on the convention floor (confirm at registration)

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET
Wednesday July 20 630 pm
Canadian Room
Guest Speaker: M.W. Bro. Richard E. Fletcher
*Past Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Vermont*