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Imperial EastGate Official Visit

Wednesday, June 11
Visitors @ 730 pm
13 Chisholm Ave.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren of Toronto East District,

Well, I guess better late than never but it seems as if spring has finally sprung. Not a moment too soon for me I tell you.

I first off want to thank all of you who took time out of your days to send congratulatory messages to Marina and me on our wedding day. We must have done something right, because the weather on the day was absolutely wonderful.

As we start the final month of our Masonic Year, I can't help but reflect back on the past 9 months. From my observations, and the books W. Bro. Parish has looked at, I can safely say that as a whole, Toronto East District is in fine shape. Many lodges are again growing, slowly granted, but at least in the right direction. We have one Lodge whose members have made a commitment to begin a revitalization plan for their Lodge, and they have my full support and pledge of assistance.

On several occasions this year, I have heard something that concerns me. Many members refer to the days when work in Lodge was letter perfect, and nothing less was acceptable. Brethren, this kind of mentality bothers me. While I understand the rational and meaning behind it, we all must be careful in the messages we send to younger / newer Masons. Our Ritual work is very important to us all. It is what separates us from other fraternal organizations, and I take great pride in the work that I do. Nowhere in any document that I have read does it demand that work be done perfect. Masonry prides itself on taking good men and making them better. Not perfect.

That one little word can cause so much stress and discomfort to the new member that they might choose to not come back. I get so much enjoyment out of watching a brother do new work, struggling as they may to make it through, but completing it. When I get the feeling that it has taken every ounce of being for them to complete the work, even with the errors, I cannot help but feel an immense amount of pride in that man. So brethren I ask you to lose that expression. Focus on the growth of the brother and his improvement. Let him know how well he did. Don't focus on the fact that he missed a line or tripped up on some words. No one knows better than the brother who made the mistake. I'm not asking you to settle for mediocrity, but I am asking you to focus more energy into promoting and encouraging your brethren.

We are not yet done our labours. We still have one Official Visit left along with many opportunities for fraternal visits. I hope you will ALL join me at Imperial East Gate Lodge to witness the strides they have made this year in rebounding. Of course we also have several formal events to take our wives / partners to. There is the annual PhilCan Cabletow association banquet on June 6 and Coronati Lodge's Centennial year Gala on June 21. We also have Toronto East District's 3rd Annual Black and White Gala on June 7. I'm obviously slightly biased, but the Black and White Gala is a fantastic event, filled with all the formality that we enjoy. I hope you will be able to join me at all three of these events.

Brethren, my year as your DDGM is winding down, and I want to let you know without a shadow of a doubt, that it has been my ultimate honour to serve you all. The warmth, kindness and welcoming you have given me in my travels this year, solidified in my mind that this is a wonderful District in a wonderful organization.

On behalf of W. Bro. Malcolm Parish, his lady Judy, and of course my wife Marina, thank you for a wonderfully rich year so far.

May the GAOTU guide and protect you and your family.

R.W. Bro. David J. Neave
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District

DISTRICT EVENTS

Toronto East District Charity The Mikey Network

This year our DDGM has chosen The Mikey Network as The District Charity Project. Donations can be made directly to The Masonic Foundation of Ontario project number **2547**

Gerry Newall: g.newall@sympatico.ca

Coronati - Ladies Night

Friday June 6 6:30 pm - Social 7:30 pm - Dinner
Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall (60 McDowell Gate, Markham)

In conjunction with the Cabletow Service Club, a night of fraternity, dining and dancing. All are very welcome. Cash bar.

Cost: \$ 50 ea

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Cleo Balsomo: c_balsomo@yahoo.com / 416 293 9606

3rd Annual T.E.D. Black & White Gala

Saturday June 7

6 pm - Social 7 pm - Dinner 9 pm - Dancing
Ajax Convention Centre (550 Beck Cres., Ajax (401 and Salem))

This years guest speaker will be Hugh Heron of Heathwood Homes, founder of The Mikey Network. Hugh will be joined by Andrew Rossbrook, cardiac arrest survivor

See your Senior Warden for tickets

Wexford Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday June 14

11:30 am - Registration 1 pm - T-Off 7 pm - dinner
Bushwood Golf Club (10905 Reesor Rd., Markham)

Cost: \$150 pp

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Gerald Newall: g.newall@sympatico.ca / 905 391 9044

Gordon McHallam: gsmchallam@gmail.com / 905 410 7590

Oakwood Chapter R.A.M. - Master Mason Night

Tuesday June 17 8:00 pm - guests received
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Come out for an evening of education and enlightenment and enjoy the splendour, colour and regal solemnity of Royal Arch Masonry. Light refreshments will be available after the presentation. E. Comp. Keith Larocque, equivalent to W.M., is Junior Warden in Doric #424.

Keith Larocque: tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com / 905 721 8701

Coronati - Centennial Year Gala Dinner and Dance

Saturday June 21 6:30 pm - Social 7:30 pm - Dinner
Rembrandt Banquet Hall (930 Progress Ave., Scarborough)

A special night, acknowledging a major milestone and a birthday not achieved by many.

Grand Master MW Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Secretary MW Bro. Terrence Shand, DDGM RW Bro. Davis Neave, and District Secretary Malcolm Parish will be attending. Come out for a wonderful night of celebration with a full sit-down meal and dancing. All are very welcome. Cash bar.

Cost: \$ 60 ea

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Markham Union Strawberry Night

Wednesday June 25 7:30 pm
Claremont Masonic Hall

Markham Union has received dispensation from Grand Lodge to hold their Regular meeting on Wednesday June 25th instead of the 14th. On that night, The Guardians - the Senior Wardens of Toronto East District will be conducting a Second Degree. As a reward for suffering through this punishment, Markham Union will be holding their Annual Strawberry Night.

Come on out, dine and celebrate the coming summer.

Bruce Grumbleby: grumblebybm@ymail.com / 905 472 8124

Birch Cliff Annual Golf Tournament

Friday July 11

12 pm - Registration 1 pm - T-Off 7 pm - Dinner
Bushwood Golf Club (10905 Reesor Road, Markham)

A shotgun start followed by 18 holes of golf with a cart. Fantastic Prizes. Lots of Fun. There will also be a Free Driving Range, a Putting Contest, Lunch, and a Steak Dinner to round out what should be a wonderful day.

All brethren, ladies and guests are most welcome.

Cost: \$ 115 ea

Roy Morris: roy.morris123@sympatico.ca / 905 728 7390

Toronto East District - Annual BBQ and Corn Roast

Saturday August 23 11 am
WindReach Farm

The Annual BBQ and Corn Roast held by The Guardians Senior Wardens Group 2013/14, Toronto East District.

Cost: \$ 10 ea - Adult \$ 25 - Family

Contact Your Senior Warden

The 159th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

Monday, July 14 through Thursday July 17
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 14 & Tuesday July 15

Grand Lodge

Wednesday July 16 & Thursday July 17

District Meetings

Wednesday July 16

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

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 16 6:30 pm

Canadian Room

Guest Speaker: **M.W. Bro. Robert P. Conley**

Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Michigan

For a complete listing of seminars and those running for Grand Lodge office, please visit

www.tinyurl.com/GLSummons