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<u>West Hill</u>	<u>The Beaches</u>	<u>Scarboro</u>	<u>Todmorden</u>	<u>Acacia</u>
Wednesday, March 6 Visitors 7:35 pm 13 Chisholm Ave.	Thursday, March 7 Visitors 7:30 pm 1100 Millwood Rd.	Monday, March 11 Visitors 7:30 pm 457 Kingston Rd W.	Thursday, March 14 Visitors 7:30 pm 13 Chisholm Ave.	Monday, March 18 Visitors 7:45 pm 13 Chisholm Ave.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND

Brethren of Toronto East District:

No matter what the weather may be for the month of March, the calendar tells us that *spring* will arrive on March 20th with the vernal equinox. With the change of season comes the feeling of vitality and re-birth. As the temperatures rise the grass will begin to turn green, leaves will begin to appear and we'll start to see plants poke forth from their winter resting spots. May we all feel that burst of energy!

February was busy with a return to Official Visits, the on-going Mechanics of the Work sessions, various lodge functions of great fun and the recent Long Range Planning session for the District. My thanks go out to all who planned, supported, *resented/implemented or attended these various Masonic meetings. The teams that plan an event need attendees for that event to be successful...and vice versa!!

One of my topics last month seemed to generate some on-going buzz - "Are You Interested or Committed as a Mason?" - and I hope that everyone will continue to assess their own status in light of their goals as Masons. One of the topics for this month will follow along a similar path and I hope it will be equally well-received. I'll share it with those who attend one of the five Official Visits during March.

What I will share now, is my fervent request for members to become active Masons. That may not necessarily mean attending Lodge every meeting. However, I would hope that everyone who is able would try to attend lodge during each year to enjoy the companionship of your brethren and to support those progressing on their Masonic journeys. No, what I mean here is that I ask *every* member of Toronto East District to re-consider what Masonry means to him and to always act according to our tenets and principles - "to practice outside the lodge those excellent precepts inculcated within it". I believe that our actions outside the Lodge room are extremely important as men, and, as Masons. I am sure that some quiet thought on this will provide each Mason with his own answers and plan of action.

Our work within the Lodge Room is important. So, too, are the opportunities for social mirth with our brethren. In addition to the many upcoming lodge activities that you will find listed elsewhere, I would like to draw your attention to two, formal events being planned for Masons, their ladies and guests:

Toronto & York Districts Grand Master's Reception on Tuesday, April 30th. Not only will our Grand Master be attending but so, too, will R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Deputy Grand Master and a member of Toronto East District. Many other Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies also plan to join us. (For tickets and information please contact V.W. Bro. Gerald Newall.)

Toronto East District 2nd Annual Black & White Gala and Ladies' Night on Saturday, June 1st. The committee has arranged for a very special speaker who I believe our ladies will really enjoy hearing. So, too, will the brethren. If you missed your lodge ladies' night or your lodge has not held one for a while, why not come out? (For tickets and information please contact either W. Bro. David Neave or W. Bro. Bill Willis.)

Finally, over 60 Masons gathered from all around the GTA to participate in the Masonic Memorial Service for V.W. Bro. Sam Forsythe who passed to the GLA at the end of February. To the WM, Officers and Members of Wexford Lodge you are to be congratulated for the fine manner in which you allowed many Masons to say "Farewell" to Sam. And this passing of a wonderful supporter of our Craft provides us all with a reminder: as we know nought when a Mason's time will come, it would be prudent for every WM in the District and his team to have a plan in place for conducting a Masonic Memorial Service and occasionally practicing it. A Masonic Memorial Service is the only time we perform Masonic ritual in public. All Masons and their families deserve only our best at such a time.

May the G.A.O.T.U. keep you safe always and help us all to remain true to our obligations.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bruce N. Palanik
 District Deputy Grand Master
 Toronto East District

Freemasonry in action... deeds speak!!

DISTRICT EVENTS

Mechanics of The Work

March 2 9 am – Noonish
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Dennis Rankin: kdrankin@pathcom.com / 416 691 1704
Bob Steenson: bob.steenson@ontarioair.com / 416 697 0822

2012 – 2013 Toronto East District Charity Project Hospital For Sick Children Foundation

The District Charity Project, is moving along toward our target. To help us get there, we have arranged several events.

We will be attending the DeMolay meeting at Doric Masonic Hall, on Sunday, 24th March beginning @ 1:30 pm followed by a lunch catered by W Bro Malcolm Parish.

In May, W Bro David Neave will hold CPR and Defibrillation seminars at the four buildings in our District .

During the first two weeks of June, VW Bro Gary Fitzpatrick will be holding Golf Lessons at the 4 Seasons Golf Club.

Details to follow. All events are free, but donations to the District Charity Project would be most welcome. Any donation should be made to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario and quote project number **2515** in the memo field.

Malcolm Parish: malcolm_parkish@hotmail.com / 905 213 9858

Officer Progression Workshop

SESSION II: March 16, April 6 & 27 9 am-12 pm
Register by: March 8, 2013

East Toronto Masonic Temple
Complete the registration form found in the district website www.torontoeastdistrict.com and submit it with the materials fee to R. W. Bro. Bruce Palanik no later than March 8. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Cost: \$35

Bruce Palanik @ brucepalanik@rogers.com or 905 839 7342

Caledonia Lodge Irish Night

Monday March 18 7:30 pm
York Temple

Join us at our next regular meeting for our annual Irish Night. We have a lined up a first class entertainer for the evening, Hugo Straney. Dinner will be a traditional Irish fare and will be served after Lodge at 8:30 pm. See Caledonia Lodge officers for your tickets. Your Ladies are welcome.

Cost: \$30 pp

Bob Steenson: bob.steenson@ontarioair.com / 416 697 0822

Friendship Lodge Rusty Mason Breakfast

Saturday March 23 9 am
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Been away from lodge for a while? Forgotten the protocol? Don't remember the steps and signs? Never did get the steps and signs for the 3rd Degree?

Here is an opportunity to get them explained and exemplified in a casual setting. And you get breakfast as well.

RSVP to ensure enough supplies. Cost: \$5 pp - for breakfast
Ken Fralick: kdfralick@rogers.com / 905 831 1027

4th Annual Charles A. Sankey Lecture

Sunday March 24 3 pm
Brock University (500 Glenridge Ave. St. Catherines)

Native American Freemasonry:
Joseph Brant to the 21st Century

Guest Speaker: Professor Joy Porter from University of Hull
www.sankeylectures.ca

Mechanics of The Work

Wednesday March 27 7:30 pm
Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Lodge will open at 7:30 in the First Degree and continue through to the third. Special emphasis will be given to the work of the Deacons receiving visitors and Grand Lodge officers into Lodge. We will also cover the collection of the Pass Grip and Pass Word as we open in the Second, and in the Third we will attempt to bring some light to the 'signs', in particular the Five Points of Fellowship.

A 'formal' banquet will follow where we will focus on the protocol and etiquette.

No regalia will be worn and dress will be business casual. Brethren are encouraged to bring the latest 2012 copy of the Book of the Work for reference purposes.

Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory Knights Templar - Royal Arch Masons Night

Wednesday March 27 7:30 pm
Thornhill Masonic Hall (30 Elgin St., Thornhill)
Richard Allgood: rall@sympatico.ca / 416 284 8919

Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday April 7 ***Note the new date of the build.***
Joseph Curry: joseph.curry1@gmail.com / 647 893 6298

Toronto East District Devine Service

Sunday April 14 10 am Service
Joe Das: joedas683@gmail.com / 416 291 6444

The Beaches Ladies Night

Saturday April 20 7 pm Dinner
The School of Fine Dining (4121 14th Ave)
Nick Zarafonitis: tsfd@bellnet.ca / 905 477 1161

Toronto & York Districts Grand Master's Reception

Tuesday April 30 7 pm - Dinner
Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall (60 McDowell Gate, Markham)
\$60.00 pp
Gerald Newall: g.newall@sympatico.ca / 905 728 7388

Upcoming Official Visits

Mimosa	April 1
Brougham Union	April 3
Wexford	April 5
Imperial East Gate	April 10
Coronati	April 11
Caledonia	April 15
Riverdale J.R.R.	April 16
Markham Union	April 17