

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT
(Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter – 2008)

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April 1, 2009

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Public information campaigns that confront myths with facts, or warn people that a given claim is false, necessarily reiterate the information they want to discredit. This strategy is successful as long as people remember what is true and what is false. Unfortunately, memory for these details fades quickly. When the false claims are encountered again on a later occasion, all that is left may be the vague feeling that 'I heard something like this before.' This sense of familiarity, in turn, will foster the acceptance of statements as true. Once a statement is accepted as true, people are likely to attribute it to a credible source - which, ironically, may often be the source that attempted to discredit it - lending the statement additional credibility when conveyed to others.

- University of Michigan, Norbert Schwarz et al.

Metacognitive Experiences and the Intricacies of Setting People Straight

From the desk of the D.D.G.M.,

Brethren,

March was without a doubt one of the busiest months of this Masonic year. Most of our Official Visits are now behind us. However, nothing could have surprised us more, totally unexpected, was the Passing of R.W. Bro. Brian Bond to the Grand Lodge Above.

Just a few short weeks ago, we took part with him in a Master Mason Night Presentation, totally oblivious as to the health problems he may have had.

R.W. Bro. Brian Bond was a tireless worker, not just in the Lodges that he was a member of, not just in his own District, but Province wide, in the Craft and concordant bodies alike. He was a **Past Master of Dentonia Lodge**, his Mother Lodge, a **Past Master of Brougham Union Lodge**, serving in both as a Worshipful Master more than once or twice, an **Honourary** and well-respected member of **Canada Lodge**, and currently serving as a **Worshipful Master of Heritage Lodge**. He was a **Past District**



Deputy Grand Master of the old **Toronto District 4, 1990-1991**. He was a **Past First Principal of Oakwood Chapter**, and served as a **Grand Superintendent of Toronto District 8 of Royal Arch Masonry**. He was also a member in numerous concordant bodies.

I had a privilege of being his District Secretary, or Secretary to the Grand Superintendent, being a proper term. At the time, Toronto District 8A and 8 were combined into one huge District of 17 Chapters, spanning Streetsville, Port Credit, Brampton, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, Uxbridge, all of Toronto, and Pickering. Due to variety of problems, we ended up serving for two and a half years in our Offices. It took a lot of driving to cover the District, as we did some 43 Official Visits, and midway through our third year a new Grand Superintendent was appointed by Grand Chapter.

And through out all this time Brian also served as a **Member of the Board of General Purpose of the Grand Lodge**, being a **Chairman of the Computer Resources Committee**.

He was instrumental in the implementation and use of electronic summonses, both in the Craft and Royal Arch. He travelled the Province with Computer Resources Workshops for Lodge Secretaries and I don't think there is one Lodge Secretary in all of Ontario that did not engage in some correspondence with him. He was also instrumental in mailing out the Masonic Calendars and a host of other projects that we are not even aware of.

Every Wednesday, he travelled from his estate in Campbellcroft, near Port Hope, all the way to both, the Grand Lodge and Scottish Rite Offices in Hamilton, to assist with his technical knowledge. His computer knowledge was a highly sought of commodity, especially in the earlier days of the computer age, and many brethren owe their start to Brian in some form or another, myself included. He has built and repaired computers, supplied the parts for so many of us, regardless of the districts. Not a day has passed that he wasn't helping someone with their crashed computer or some upgrades, and I ran into him unexpectedly in many brother's homes while doing my own errands. He has touched many of you, on a very personal level, always cheerful, always accommodating. I am sure, that many of you have your own personal stories to tell, your own touching experiences that will remain with you for the rest of your life. I only wish, that one day, each of us will get to tell our own story, a testament to the **Legend** that he was. He leaves a huge void, and it will be a great challenge to replace him, if at all possible. In our own District, he was the founding force behind **The Builder Newsletter**, presented by **The Builders, the Senior Warden's Group of '86**, and he was the first editor for probably a decade. He spent countless hours with his Group and the newsletter, and that will certainly be his **Legacy** in our District. He is dearly missed by everyone he came in contact with. The Masonic Service we held for him earlier today was a definite testament to what a **Great Mason He Was**.

Well over 300 Brethren came to pay our last Respects for a departed Brother, from all corners of Ontario, and more would have been there if it wasn't for other Grand Lodge Functions out of town. The service, officiated by Reverend R.W. Bro. Ken Bice was excellent and touching, and fitting for a man of Brian's stature. It was a fine tribute.

Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Bev, his daughter Coleen and family.

We have lost a **Great Mason** and he will be sadly missed.

Brethren, I would also like to report to you, that our Grand Master's Banquet of Toronto and York Districts on the 31st of March is promising to be a great success. We have about 134 members of our District (including spouses) planning to be present and I thank you all for your support. It is a great



accomplishment for Toronto East District. Our Ticket Chairman W. Bro. Bob Thompson worked very hard with the ticket sales, and he has certainly earned our respect as the most effective Ticket Chairman that I have come across.

Thank you, Bob.

Brethren, we are into our last month of Official Visits. Thus far we had a reasonable turn out at every Official Visit, anywhere from 47 to well over a 100, with at least 4 W. Masters and as many as 11 W. Masters in attendance. I thank you for your continued support and may it continue throughout this month. Hope to see many of you on April 1st at the Brougham Union Official Visit.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Dushan

R.W. Bro. Dushan Surovy
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

April

Wednesday April 1, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – **Official Visit**
Banquet – 6:30 pm ←
Claremont Masonic Temple

Friday April 3, 2009

Wexford Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Sunday April 5, 2009

Mimosa Lodge – **Toronto East District Charity Fund Raiser – Texas Hold’Em Tournament**
See notice below
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Monday April 6, 2009

Mimosa Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Thursday April 9, 2009

Coronati Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday April 10, 2009

Good Friday
Whatever your religion, a good day for contemplation.

Sunday April 12, 2009

Easter Sunday
Moderation in the eating of Easter eggs is strongly advised.



Tuesday April 14, 2009

Universe Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Wednesday April 15, 2009

West Hill Lodge – **Annual Rainbow Girl Visit**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

May

Saturday May 2, 2009

Doric Lodge – **Yard Sale and BBQ**
See notice below
Ajax Masonic Temple

Saturday May 2, 2009

Caledonia and St. Aidan’s Lodges – **Ladies Night**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday May 7, 2009

The Beaches Lodge – **Installation**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 9, 2009

The Beaches Lodge – **Ladies Night**
See notice below
The School Restaurant

Sunday May 10, 2009

Mothers’ Day
Don’t forget Momma. When Mommy is Happy – Everybody is Happy! When Mommy is Not Happy – Everybody is (insert your own word.)



Monday May 18, 2009

Victoria Day
Or Simcoe Day or Civic Holiday or – whatever they are calling it this year. Walleye season is open in southern Ontario.



Tuesday May 19, 2009

St. Aidan’s Lodge – **Installation**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday May 21, 2009

Toronto East District – **Lodge Resource Committee – 3 of 4**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday May 22, 2009

Toronto East District – **Blood Donor Clinic**
See notice below
St. Aidan’s Church



Thursday April 16, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – **Friend to Friend**
All are welcome – Masons and interested non-Masons
Claremont Masonic Temple

Friday May 22, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge - **Table Lodge**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday April 16, 2009

Toronto East District – **Lodge Resource Committee – 2 of 4**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday May 23, 2009

The Beaches, Birch Cliff and Caledonia Lodges –
MasoniChIP, Open House and Community BBQ
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Friday April 17, 2009

Doric and The Beaches Lodges – **Annual Family Curling Night**
See notice below
Annandale Golf and Country Club

Thursday May 28, 2009

Scarborough Masonic Temple Corporation - Annual General Meeting
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Sunday April 19, 2009

Scarboro Lodge – **2009 SuperCities Walk for MS**
See notice below
Back of Cedarbrae Collegiate

Saturday May 30, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – **MasoniChIP**
See notice below
Claremont Masonic Temple

Monday April 20, 2009

Caledonia Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Tuesday April 21, 2009

Riverdale-J.R. Robertson Lodge – **Official Visit**
Visitors - 8:00 pm
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Saturday April 25, 2009

The Imperial East Gate Lodge – **Casino Rama Bus Trip**
See notice below
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Sunday April 26, 2009

Toronto East District – **District Divine Service**
See notice below
St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church

Wednesday April 29, 2009

Toronto East District – **Spring Business Meeting**
7:00 pm
Scarborough Masonic Temple



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity Honouring Our Own

The Widows and Senior Members of our fraternity who are unable to participate in our District activities. This initiative has been developed to extend the hand of fellowship and guidance to let them know that they are remembered and not forgotten, and that they still belong to our Masonic Family. Individually, as Masons, this project will enable us to demonstrate our fidelity to the obligation we took upon ourselves to help, aid and assist our Masonic Widows and Brethren. Co-chairmen, Todd Owens and Bill Utton will be contacting our Lodges to ascertain the number of widows and brethren in each Lodge and to familiarize the members with the project. Some Lodges already have a program for their widows.

Contact: Todd Owens @ 618@ypr.ca or 416.722.0843
Bill Utton @ 905.831.6256

Most men have sentiments, but not principles. The former are temporary sensations, the latter permanent and controlling impressions of goodness and virtue.
- Bro. Albert Pike (1809-1891)

Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are now officially a Partners For Life entity with the Canadian Blood Services. We just established some dates for future clinics at St. Aidan's Anglican Church and at Ajax Masonic Temple. Any brother in Toronto East District that may wish to assist at these clinics, thus getting their Lodge "credits" for the amount of donation's make at the clinic may contact the brethren shown below.

Each clinic requires two teams of 4 volunteers, one team per shift. First shift starts about ½ hour before the clinic opens to assist with set-up and the actual clinic. The second shift runs ½ hour after the clinic closes to assist with the actual clinic and the break down. Anyone interested in attending can contact the brethren shown below.

Don't be concerned if you are unable to give blood at any of the indicated Blood Donor Clinics. If you wish to be a donor, find yourself a Blood Donor Clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge.

Do your part and "Be an everyday hero today" by attending the clinics when they are announced.

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday May 22, 2009

3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours

St. Aidan's Anglican Church

70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)

416.691.2222



Friday July 24, 2009
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Friday September 25, 2009
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Friday November 27, 2009
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222

Book your appointment time in advance 1-888-2-DONATE and your visit will be quicker. For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics, go to

[//www.bloodservices.ca/centre*apps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm](http://www.bloodservices.ca/centre*apps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm)

Contact: Fred Bryant @ etd.blooddonors@gmail.com or 416.421.6762
Doug Gray @ dagmortgages@rogers.com or 416.266.0783
Jim McKinnon Jr. @ jmckinnonjr@gmail.com or 905.250.0190

2008 Grand Lodge Proceedings - Lodge Resources Committee

“Although our membership growth of the past has been slow, in 2005 and 2006 (because of greater openness and a willingness to tell our story), we achieved unprecedented new member growth of 15.4% and 19.7% respectively over the 2004 totals.”

Masonic Relief for Cuba

Recently, a several care packages were sent to Gran Logia de Cuba, Logia Humanidad, and Logia Modestia consisting of –

- 1 case of multi-vitamins
- 1 case of extra strength Acetaminophen
- 1 case of Glucosamine, Chondroitin and MSM
- Some Polysporin

As you can see, it's nothing special. But it is all they can get from the only place they can get it - their brethren's generosity. Anyone wishing to donate or transport goods to our brethren in Cuba, please contact -

Nelson King @ nking@freemasonry.org or 416.293.8071

Alexandria

From Delanceyplace.com -

[T]he legendary Library of Alexandria, located in Ancient Egypt, made Alexandria the center of learning and knowledge for the entire Mediterranean world for over 600 years



Alexander the Great founded Alexandria in 332 BCE but hung around just long enough to lay out the basic street plan and get construction underway. When he died a few years later, one of his generals, Ptolemy Soter, took control of Egypt and made Alexandria his capital, building great palaces and temples, including a temple to the Muses (or Museum).

His son, Ptolemy II Philadelphus, started the library, which was based in or next to the Museum, using Aristotle's personal library as its core.

Ptolemy III Euergetes continued the work, determined to gather in the library all the knowledge of the world, and he instituted an aggressive policy of collection that involved acquiring scrolls, copying them and then returning the (inferior) copies while retaining the originals. He supposedly had every ship that passed through Alexandria searched for new scrolls and borrowed the entire scroll collection of Athens, willingly forfeiting his massive deposit in order to keep the originals. Eventually the collection [was reputed to have] numbered over 500,000 scrolls – 700,000 by some accounts -- making it, by a considerable margin, the greatest collection the ancient world had ever known.

Along with the collection of parchment (and later vellum) scrolls, the Ptolemys paid for a permanent faculty of 30 - 50 scholars to live and work at the library, and over the centuries their number included most of the great names of antiquity, including Euclid (father of geometry), Eratosthenes (who calculated the circumference of the Earth), Archimedes (legendary discoverer of the lever, the screw, and pi) and Galen (the most influential medical writer of the next 1,400 years).

The Library was probably not as big as legend contends. Historian James Hannam has calculated that storing 500,000 scrolls would require 25 miles of shelving, which in turn would mean that the Library must have been a truly monumental building. None of the sources mention such a gargantuan edifice, and since the remains of the library have never fully been excavated its full extent remains a mystery.

Most telling, however, is the evidence from other ancient libraries that have left remains, which show that even those renowned for their wealth and breadth had collections numbering in the thousands rather than the hundreds of thousands. The finest library in the history of ancient Rome was the Library of Trajan, which probably contained around 20,000 scrolls, while the Library of Pergamon, archrival to the Alexandrian library, probably had around 30,000.

- Joel Levy, Lost Histories, Barnes & Noble, Copyright 2006

Historic Masonic Gavel Missing

We are searching for a missing Masonic Gavel that was used at the dedication of the Masonic Temple at 888 Yonge Street in 1918.

This gavel was last seen in the possession of the manager of 888 Yonge Street in 1992. He had found it in the temple building. Its current whereabouts are unknown. We request your assistance in locating it and having it placed in the Grand Lodge Museum.

If you have any information to assist in our search please advise –

V.W. Bro Paul Skazin @ skazin@sympatico.ca or

R.W. Bro. Charlie Reid @ charlie.reid@sympatico.ca



Address of the Late R.W. Bro. Brian Bond

For those interested in sending something to the family –

Brian Bond
RR #1 8740 Dean's Hill Rd
Campbellcroft ON
L0A 1B0

Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go.
- Mother Teresa (1910-1997)

Friday February 27, 2009

Visit to Eureka Lodge #20, Prince Hall Masons

R.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels, Deputy Grand Master and R.W. Bro. George E. Hinds, Member of the Board were accompanied by several of our brethren including 15 members of Doric Lodge #424 on a visit to Eureka Lodge #20, Prince Hall Masonry. They witnessed five members being passed to the second degree at the same time. All had a great evening and many new friendships formed. Although the ritual is very different, the intent remains the same. Anyone with the opportunity to enjoy a similar visit should definitely take advantage of it. Well worth the effort!

Chairmen of District Committees - Reports Due

Send W. Bro. Ron Scott, District Secretary, @ r.on.scott@sympatico.ca a copy of your Committee Report as early as possible. He would like to have them by the first week of April if possible.

The District Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 29th, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Scarborough Masonic Temple.

Brougham Union Mosaic Pavement Raffle



A raffle is being held with the proceeds to fund temple refurbishing. The chances are 1 in 100 of winning. There have been two weekly \$50 draws so far:

1. Scarboro Lodge Official Visit – Ticket #29 - Mr. Stan Rowe
2. Cathedral Lodge Official Visit – Ticket #25 - Mr. James Tomkinson

Third weekly draw will be on Wednesday at Brougham Union Lodge. The accompanying picture shows the new Mosaic Pavement. You can see it for real at the official visit on April 1 (tonight).

Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall.
- Confucius (551-479 BC)



Sunday April 5, 2009

Mimosa Lodge – Toronto East District Charity Fund Raiser – Texas Hold’Em Tournament

All are invited - brethren, family and friends to come and enjoy a great afternoon of friendship and cards. First Prize is \$800 !! Door Prizes !! Cash Bar !! Proceeds to benefit the Toronto East District Charity – Honouring Our Own. First Prize based on Sold Out Event.



Time: 11:00 am
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$50 ea
\$25 Entry Fee, \$15 Charity Donation, \$5 Food Voucher, \$5 Door Prize
Contact: Todd Owens @ 678@yrp.ca or 416.722.0843

Thursday April 9, 2009 and Sunday April 12, 2009



The Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix Valley of Toronto – Easter Ceremonies

An invitation is extended to all Sovereign Princes residing in the Durham Region to attend the Easter Ceremonies.

	<u>Maundy Thursday (Apr. 9)</u>	<u>Easter Sunday (Apr. 12)</u>
Time:	6:30 pm - Dinner	8:00 am - Breakfast
Location:	Mount Zion Masonic Centre 14 Cassels Rd. W., Brooklin, ON (North Whitby)	
Contact:	Sydney Whiteley @ skipandlynnwhiteley@rogers.com	

Wednesday April 15, 2009

West Hill Lodge – Annual Rainbow Girls Visit

Come and see the Rainbow Girls do a presentation of their craft. The Rainbow Girls are a Masonic organization for girls 11 to 21. The meeting will be preceded by a Pancake Supper, cooked and served by the Rainbow Girls. Please show your support. If you know young ladies between the ages of 11 to 21 who might be interested, please invite them! Please **RSVP** for numbers before April 6.

If you know of any girls between the ages of 7-11, Toronto Assembly #2 has re-opened their pledge group. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:30 pm at the Scarborough Masonic Temple. Please contact Catherine Benoit at benoithome@sympatico.ca for further information.

Time: 6:00 pm - Supper
7:30 pm - Meeting
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$5.00 - Supper
Contact: Jane Ball @ baljan@rogers.com or 416.267.0364



Wednesday April 15, 2009

The Oshawa and District Shrine Club - Master Mason's Night

Master Masons are cordially invited to an evening of fellowship and learning; how meetings are run and an explanation of the hospital program. Spokesmen from each unit - Mini Bikes, Oriental Band, Mini Cars, Colour Guard and Clowns - will talk about the work they do. The Oshawa Club is considered to be one of the top clubs (of 35) in Rameses. Their donations usually exceed \$100,000.00 per year. The meeting should end around 9:30 pm.



Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm - Banquet
Location: Oshawa and District Shrine Club
Simcoe St in Oshawa, north of Taunton on the left going north
Cost: \$15.00 ea
Contact: Edward Ounjian @ edward.ounjian@sympatico.ca or 905.683.2710

Thursday April 16, 2009

Toronto East District - Lodge Resource Committee – 2 of 4

The Toronto East District Lodge Resource Committee is planning on holding some informal training and information nights at the Scarborough Masonic Temple on April 16th, May 21st and June 18th (third Thursday of each month). Meetings will commence at 7:30 pm sharp and will be followed by a short festive board.

The purpose of the meetings is to explore the Grand Lodge, Lodge Resource Manual that is being introduced to the Lodges this year by R.W. Bro. David Dainard and his committee. All who have had a chance to review the manual have had excellent comments regarding the content and structure. It is both informative and intuitive and makes for good reading too.

A full copy of the various sections of the manual is available on line at the Toronto East District website at www.torontoeastdistrict.com/resources/resources.html. I would encourage the Brethren to visit the site and download sections that are relevant to them.

The intent is to practice opening and closing the Lodge in the three Degrees of Masonry, answering questions regarding the correct procedures and protocol after each opening and closing and explaining some of the reasons 'Why?' we do certain things. This will follow a similar approach to the Saturday morning sessions at the East Toronto Masonic Temple under the excellent tutorage of V.W. Bro. Les Armitage.

Following this there will be a presentation of a section of the Lodge Resource Manual.

The Temple of Humanity

www.free-stone.org/ENGalbum.htm

Music has always played a significant role within Freemasonry. Classical composers were inspired by their membership and used Masonic references in their compositions. It concerns beautiful music and sometimes these compositions contain a (veiled) message. It is also known that a few jazz musicians were members of Masonic lodges. For the first time in popular music, there is an album of which the music, lyrics and artwork refer to the rich tradition and symbolism of Freemasonry. The album is full of



references to the inspiration of the craft of Freemasonry. There is attention for myth, mystery and conspiracy (which usually is a lot of nonsense) and yes, for the close listener and observer, some secrets indeed might be revealed. Everything veiled and revealed in a powerful, musical framework of great music.

The band Freestone produces concept albums inspired by mystical traditions. The name comes from 'Freestone mason', used in Freemasonry. The first album is called *The Temple of Humanity* and is inspired by this system of morality. Music and lyrics refer to the symbolism and rituals of Freemasonry. For artwork several artists of whom a few are Freemasons have contributed a (Masonic) work of art.

"The Temple of Humanity is groundbreaking. Not only in what it presents but how it presents it. The composition, performance, recording and CD presentation are all up to high modern professional standards." - Prof. Dr. Malcolm Davies, Professor Freemasonry, University Leiden.

Friday April 17, 2009

Doric and The Beaches Lodges – Annual Family Curling Night



All are invited - brethren, family and friends to come and show us how you toss your rocks. Definitely not your competition grade event. Even you can do it. Kids are very welcome. A really fun family evening. Dinner will be roast beef on a bun with gravy and fries. The bar will be open for those who wish to partake at their own expense. Now we know that some of you think of ice as a bad thing. For those, there is a special price for just the meal with none of that nasty ice stuff. Come watch your buddies fall on their a__! Some will know what they are doing. There are killjoys everywhere!

Time: 6:30 pm until you go home (about 9:30 to 10:00 pm)
Location: Annandale Golf and Country Club
Church St just north of Bayly St.
Cost: \$20 ea for the whole deal. \$12.50 ea for just the meal.
Contact: Mark Sale @ marksale@sympatico.ca or 905.619.9773
Prince Selvaraj @ prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca or 416.269.9909

Sunday April 19, 2009

Scarboro Lodge – 2009 SuperCities Walk for MS

For the seventh consecutive year, Scarboro Lodge will be fielding a team in the 2009 SuperCities **Walk for MS** event and . . .

Scarboro Lodge Challenges ALL lodges in the Toronto East District to join us!

This event is an excellent way to help raise funds to fight a debilitating and horrible disease, the highest incidence of which is right here in Canada. The MS Society has the best record of all charities in fundraising too - 98% of all funding goes toward research or support of sufferers of the disease. A cure is close!

Naturally, most lodges will find the prospect of trying to compete against the might of Scarboro Lodge as too intimidating - but don't let that stop you from joining in this important work. W.M. Frank MacKay



has granted permission for *any* Mason to join our team! That's right, you too can join Scarboro Lodge on our triumphant march into the glory of a cure for MS!

If you can't make the Walk itself, why not sponsor a Scarboro Brother with a tax-deductible pledge? For more information, pledge sheets and online registration, go to:

www.mssociety.ca/2009Walk/SponsorTeam.aspx?&PID=990002&L=2

Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am – Registration – breakfast provided
10:00 am to 12 noon – Walk through the park to Thompson Community Centre and back - lunch provided
Location: cafeteria in back of Cedarbrae Collegiate
Markham Rd. south of Lawrence Ave.
Contact: Frank MacKay at frank_mackay@hotmail.com

Toast To Grand Lodge

Always begins with: "To The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario."

Tuesday April 21, 2009

Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please **reserve** to give an idea of the number of meals.
Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie.**

Topic: How can you be a better Mason?
Speaker: Jess Carlos
Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione @ pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 905.846.3586

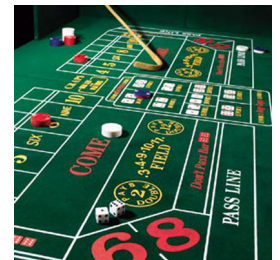
NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

Saturday April 25, 2009

The Imperial East Gate – Casino Rama Bus Trip

All are invited - brethren, family and friends to come and show us how to win big bucks! **Free Bus Ride** to the Casino and return to Scarborough Temple. **Free Lunch** included. Must be over 19 years of age. Please **RSVP** as soon as possible as a certain number of people are needed to get the free ride and free lunch.

Time: 9:15 am - Assembly
9:45 am – Bus Departs
5:30 pm – Assembly
6:00 pm – Bus Departs for home
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$5 to go to charity
Contact: Richard Lundy @ richard.lundy@sympatico.ca or 416.266.8107



Zarafontis' 5 Star restaurant, The School. A lovely meal and evening at such an exquisite establishment at a bargain price of \$50.00 per person. You cannot get a better deal. A whole night of fine dining, dancing, door prizes, and other entertainment. Your special Ladies will be very impressed. Tickets are limited, so buy early.

NOTE: No tickets will be available at the door.



Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: The School Restaurant
4121 14th Ave. (East of Birchmount Rd, Unionville)
www.theschoolfinedining.com
Cost: \$50 each
Contact: Prince Selvaraj @ prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca or 416.269.9909
Michael Enns @ mike-enns@hotmail.com or 416.264.5264

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Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute
426 University Ave., Toronto (St. Patrick - University & Dundas subway station)
Cost: \$25 (soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea/soft drink)
Contact: Pat Piccione @ pat_piccione@hotmail.com or 905.846.3586

NOTE: If you are interested in sharing a Masonic subject at one of the luncheons, please contact Pat.

Thursday May 21, 2009

Toronto East District - Lodge Resource Committee – 3 of 4

The Toronto East District Lodge Resource Committee is planning on holding some informal training and information nights at the Scarborough Masonic Temple on May 21st and June 18th (third Thursday of each month). Meetings will commence at 7:30 pm sharp and will be followed by a short festive board.

The purpose of the meetings is to explore the Grand Lodge, Lodge Resource Manual that is being introduced to the Lodges this year by R.W. Bro. David Dainard and his committee. All who have had a chance to review the manual have had excellent comments regarding the content and structure. It is both informative and intuitive and makes for good reading too.

A full copy of the various sections of the manual is available on line at the Toronto East District website at www.torontoeastdistrict.com/resources/resources.html. I would encourage the Brethren to visit the site and download sections that are relevant to them.

The intent is to practice opening and closing the Lodge in the three Degrees of Masonry, answering questions regarding the correct procedures and protocol after each opening and closing and explaining



some of the reasons ‘Why?’ we do certain things. This will follow a similar approach to the Saturday morning sessions at the East Toronto Masonic Temple under the excellent tutorage of V.W. Bro. Les Armitage.

Following this there will be a presentation of a section of the Lodge Resource Manual.

Friday May 22, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge – Table Lodge

Birch Cliff Lodge will be honouring several people, not necessarily Masons, for community service. A Table Lodge is a ‘formal’ 5-course dinner, plus wine, with ritualised toasts at set points during the meal. If you have not seen the ritual of Masonic Fire, the ritual of the toasts will be interesting. This evening is open to all Masons and non-Masons alike, anyone over the age of 19, and promises to be a truly fun-filled night. Get your tickets early as this popular event sells out quickly. Regalia not required.

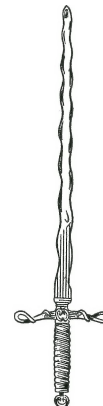
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: \$35/ea
Contact: Peter Sialtsis @ psialtsis@hotmail.com or 647.344.7072

The Tiler’s Sword

***FLAMING SWORD.** A sword whose blade is of a spiral or twisted form is called by the heralds a ‘flaming sword,’ from its resemblance to the ascending curvature of a flame of fire. Until very recently, this was the form of the Tiler’s sword.*

Carelessness or ignorance has now in many Lodges substituted for it a common sword of any form. The flaming sword of the Tiler refers to the flaming sword which guarded the entrance to Paradise, as described in Genesis (3:24):

*“So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubims and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life;”
or, as Raphell has translated it,
“the flaming sword which revolveth, to guard the way of the tree of life.”*



In former times, when the symbols and ceremonies were more respected than they are now; when collars were worn, and not ribbons in the buttonhole; and when the standing column of the Senior Warden, and recumbent one of the Junior Warden during labour, to be reversed during refreshment, were deemed necessary for the complete furniture of the Lodge, the cavalry sword was unknown as a Masonic implement, and the Tiler always bore a flaming sword. It were better if we could get back to the old customs.

Albert G. Mackey (1807-1881), An Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry-1879

Saturday May 23, 2009

The Beaches, Birch Cliff and Caledonia Lodges – MasoniChIP, Open House and Community BBQ

Caledonia Lodge has recently joined with The Beaches and Birch Cliff Lodges in co-hosting this great day. We need lots of volunteers to help organize and run the event. The city of Toronto has approved our application to be included in their Open Door program held on the same weekend. This will be a big event and hopefully well attended. All are welcome.





We are currently looking for guest speakers, especially authors of Masonic Books, general volunteers to help organize and run the event, and either a Dentist, Dental Assistant or Hygienist to volunteer to make dental impressions.

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Cost: - donations to cover costs will be most gratefully received

Contact: Ed Crosier @ newfser@hotmail.com or 289.240.4913 or
Charles Frankland @ cfrankland@rogers.com or 416.493.9022

Monday May 25, 2009

King Solomon's Memorial Service

Honour our dead.

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Mount Pleasant Cemetery – King Solomon's Plot

Thursday May 28, 2009

Scarborough Masonic Temple Corporation - Annual General Meeting

The meeting is to –

- Receive and approve the financial records of the Corporation for 2008,
- Receive nominations for and elect the officers for 2009/10
- Vote upon any resolutions that may come before the meeting at that time.

There will be a special presentation made regarding the future direction of the Temple including plans for the redevelopment and or relocation of the Temple.

All Mason's of the Toronto East District are encouraged to attend.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple
Contact: Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or cell 416.697.0822

Thursday May 28, 2009

The Ancient And Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada - Master Mason's Night



Master Masons are cordially invited to a beautiful evening of learning and fellowship. Witnessing the rare portrayal of the impressive 21st Degree. Admission is by ticket only.

Time: 7:30 pm sharp
Location: Rameses Masonic Centre,
3100 Keele St, Toronto, ON
Cost: Free - Non-members



Contact: \$10.00 - Scottish Rite Members
Your Lodge Scottish Rite Representative

*Character is what you have left when you've lost everything you can lose.
Evan Esar (1899-1995)*

Wednesday June 3, 2009

Brougham Union Lodge – Annual Steak Night

Come to beautiful downtown Claremont and enjoy a lovely summer's evening accompanied by a 7 oz. steak, baked potato, salad, bun, dessert and one glass of wine. Food is served on china plates with linen tablecloths, etc. If you've never been to one of these, you don't know what you are missing. There are two sittings: - 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. For those who wish to stay longer, tables are available under a marquee behind the Lodge Hall. Please note that only 150 tickets are available and they **MUST BE PREPAID. Tickets will not be available at the door.**



Time: 6:00 pm – Sitting #1
7:00 pm – Sitting #2

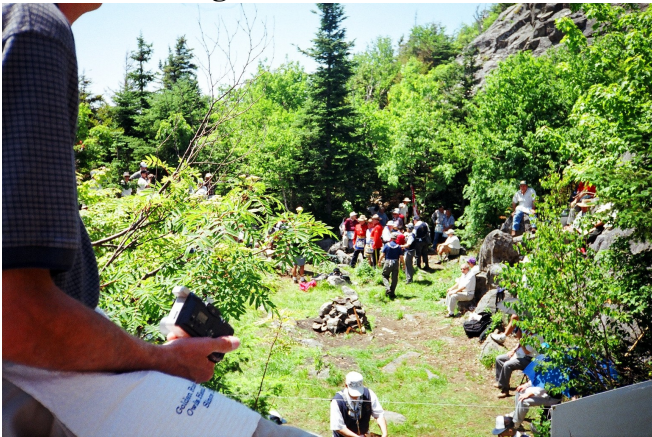
Location: Claremont Masonic Temple

Cost: \$15/ea

Contact: Lou Lombardi @ loulombardi@sympatico.ca or 416.518.2242 or 905.649.3003

Friday, June 19, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge - Owl's Head Visitation



Witness the 153rd Annual 3rd Degree (US Constitution) held on the summit of Owl's Head Mountain, overlooking beautiful Lake Memphramagog, 3,000 feet above sea level. It is held in a natural rock amphitheatre, formed in the shape of a Lodge room.

2005 – RCMP (Ottawa) Degree Team enters the 'lodge' from the 'West' end. The 'altar' is in the middle of the open area.

Birch Cliff Lodge has been making this Annual Visitation for the past 17 years. It is a unique Masonic experience.



Golden Rule Lodge No. 5, GRQ of Stanstead, QB, (about 100 km east of Montreal), has been holding this event for the past 153 years, always on or about the 3rd Saturday in June. As a lodge, Golden Rule Lodge #5 predates both the GLCPO, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.



Each year, several hundred Masons from every jurisdiction attend this famous event. The GMs in attendance two years ago were from the Grand Lodges of Quebec, New Brunswick, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, and Ohio. Over the years, we have met Masons from as far away as Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, South Africa, Scotland, Ireland, England and Sweden, as well as from every part of Canada and the U.S.A.

Birch Cliff Lodge plans to depart on Friday, June 19th at 8:00 AM and return on Sunday, June 21st around 5:00 PM. They stay overnight in the Newport City Motel in Newport, VT. **Rooms need to be booked as soon as possible so please contact Jim Pickett as soon as possible.** Valid documentation (passport?) is mandatory for USA entry.

If any other Lodge wants to organize their own transportation, Birch Cliff would be happy to provide all directions, or they can travel with our car.

➔ As this is an out of province visit, Lodges attending as a group require dispensation from Grand Lodge. Birch Cliff already has its dispensation.

➔ It is open to Master Masons only, (no EA's or FC).



View From Summit of Owl's Head (S.)

Going There:

Departure: Friday June 19, 2009
8:00 AM
Location: tbd
Cost: share mini-van rental, insurance, gas, etc. as required (usually \$200-\$250 for the w/e)
Overnight: Newport City Motel in Newport, VT.
Lodge Meeting:
Time: Saturday June 20, 2009
12:00 Noon
Dress: casual, even shorts if the weather is hot. Regalia are required.

You ascend on the ski-lift to the 2,500 ft. level, then it's a rough trail climb up to the summit. Good heavy footwear, like boots or hiking shoes is strongly recommended.

Coming Back:

Location: Golden Rule Lodge Hall
Departure: Sunday June 21, 2009 - after breakfast
Toronto Arrival:
Time: approximately 5:00 PM



Contact: Jim Pickett @ j_o_pickett@yahoo.ca or 416.282.9373
(Jim is an honorary member of Golden Rule Lodge.)

Freemasonry is often described as a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. If all of Freemasonry meant exactly what was presented, then a) there would be no veil, and b) it would be illustrated by emblems, not symbols.

- Bro. Ted Berry

Friday, July 10, 2009

Birch Cliff Lodge – Annual Birch Cliff Open



The price includes 18 holes of Golf, a Power Cart, BBQ Steak Dinner and the pleasure of the many who have already committed to tickets. Prizes Galore. Best Ball Format. Double Tee-off at the 1st and 10th hole. All are welcome - ladies and non-Masonic friends. Proceeds in support of Prostate Cancer Research. For those wishing to attend, please contact any Officer of Birch Cliff Lodge **ASAP** as tickets usually become hard to get toward the event date.

Time: 10:30 am – T-off
Location: Bushwoods Golf Club
10905 Reesor Road, Markham
Cost: \$98/ea
Contact: Theo Doughty @ 905.649.8394



BOOK REVIEW:

Masonic Publishing

You ask yourself why there are so few books on Freemasonry that are really Masonic and not the product of some wild-eyed conspiracy theorist. On one of the elists, a truly authentic Masonic researcher (who will remain anonymous because I don't want to reveal his identity) commented on the topic.

“A few weeks ago I was seriously thinking about publishing a book on the history and struggle of Prince Hall Freemasonry in the U.S.A. When I did a little research I found it was very hard to make a profit either as a writer or publisher of Masonic books. I talked to about 20 Masonic authors, including Chris Hodapp (*Freemasons for Dummies*, one of the biggest recent book sales), none of whom were happy with the return on their efforts even after writing several bestsellers.

Kenny Roberts stated that he has no interest in publishing Masonic Books anymore since he always loses money on them.

Those who used a full service publisher complained about the way the books were discounted cutting their already small royalties in half.

Those who chose to self-publish, found after paying for editing, cover design and short run printing of 500 books they were upside down. They had more invested per book than they could get back selling them on-line. Amazon.com's Advantage Program charges a 55% commission, if you do not use their in-house POD publishing. (Print on demand (POD) is the term used for the digital printing technology that allows a complete book to be printed and bound in a matter of minutes. Digital printing makes it easy and cost-effective to produce books one or two at a time or in small lots, rather than in larger print runs.)”

That pretty much covers it. Serious Masonic researchers and writers cannot survive, even poorly, on their Masonic products alone. They MUST have other sources of income. The same is true for the publishers of Masonic books. Check the books you've got. There are very few publishers of trusted Masonic books. For the same reason. They don't make money!

Don't believe me? The book table at Grand Lodge is probably the only place you've ever seen books of Masonic content for sale. That should tell you something! All the books will be from a small number of publishers and all of them will be old publications.

Take a look at the first published date in your Masonic books. If you find one that is in this century, you are a very rare person indeed. There are so few new books on Masonry being published because there are so few authors putting in the effort because there are so few publishers willing to print. And neither one of them is likely to come close to breaking even on the deal.

Very soon, the only place you will be able to find Masonic literature of value will be from the Masonic Research societies. And they publish for their own, paying members.

So, if you want to buy relatively modern Masonic books in the future, you have to buy Masonic books now.

When was the last time **YOU** bought a Masonic book?



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Time for a Masonic Reality Check

It is time for Freemasonry to take a hard look at the state of the Fraternity. How will it emerge from the current worldwide economic meltdown? More to the point, will it still be a viable entity in many parts of the globe including North America?

Before you start with the old, "oh, he's playing Chicken Little again," running around saying the sky is falling, perhaps you should take note of the following facts.

In the United States, the average age of a Freemason is north of the retirement age. These are the children of what Tom Brokaw termed "The Greatest Generation". Their parents had been raised in the great depression and had passed on the lessons of a good work ethic and moral character. Their fathers, uncles and in many cases their mothers and aunts had volunteered to fight the last great war against tyranny and oppression. They would serve in two of the most ignored and unpopular conflicts of their own generation, Korea and Vietnam, and came home to such a hostile environment they changed into civilian clothes before re-entering society. The vast majority of these men planned for their retirement, and when they did lay down the tools of their occupation, they did so with the expectation they could finally enjoy what years they had left.



Then came 2008.

What does all this have to do with Freemasonry? The answer is everything. Every one of these men, with perhaps the exception of those lucky enough to live in place like Fargo, North Dakota, (or Moosonee, Ontario) have seen their retirement accounts ravaged, and the value of their homes drop 25 to 40% in value in just one year. They belong to the single largest group to whom no help will be forthcoming from any government bailout. They, like their contributions to society, are already out of site and out of mind. For many of these men, the opportunity to re-enter the workforce no longer exists in a climate where every job has 100 applicants and all of them much younger and more physically fit than they. Given this stark reality, they must now cut down their lifestyles to a level they never dreamed possible just two years ago. The average Freemason in this and many other countries around the world is flat broke and therein Brethren, as the bard would say, lies the rub.

The Masonic charities that have relied on the gifts of these men suddenly find themselves strapped, and events which had been charging these Brethren upwards of \$200 to attend, suddenly find no support within the Fraternity. Many Lodges, and Masonic organizations are already being faced with financial crisis due to both losses in membership and lack of financial support. The really bad news is that we have only just begun to feel the effect of this approaching storm. Most of these men have their membership dues high on their priorities, and have somehow found a way to pay them, but the storm is getting worse. Those lodges that have escaped the effects in 2008 will invariably face them by the end of 2009 as the economic woes continue to get worse. In the main, these are proud men who would never think of asking anyone for help. They will not write to their Lodge secretaries. In two or three years they will just become statistics as the highest number of members in our history are dropped from the



rolls for non-payment of dues. All of which begs the question of how does the Fraternity deal with this crisis?

Many have talked about the advancing age of the average Mason and how they planned to reduce it. Perhaps the job will be done for them. But wait, these are also the men who present the lectures, and fill the roles of the degrees in many Masonic orders. They are the “usual suspects” who show up, month in, month out, to support the Scottish and York Rites, the Shrine, AMD and are the Worthy Patrons of the Eastern Star. Are we really prepared for their early departure?

Certainly we as a Fraternity have some difficult choices to make. Can we afford the loss of these men and conversely can we afford to keep them without the income from their fees? The matter is even more complicated by the fact that this silent majority will wither away without a single complaint. Even more critical to our survival is how do we deal with their loss or do we even care?

Could it be that we have always had the answer to this problem but like the self-absorbed CEO's on Wall Street ignored it, preferring to sacrifice it in the advancement of our Masonic careers?

Before his death in 1953, the noted Hispanic-American philosopher George Santayana stated, “Those who fail to learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat them.”

Unfortunately in Freemasonry it seems that we reflect more the thoughts expressed by his English contemporary, Aldous Leonard Huxley who wrote, “History's most important lesson . . . is that man has not learned much at all from history.” Perhaps it is time we took a history lesson.

In 1720, just three years after the establishment of the first Grand Lodge in London, England was in financial ruin caused by the exact same greed and fraud which has brought on the current crisis. It was the very first stock market crash of the age. It was called the South Seas Bubble. Interesting to note we still refer to such implosions a “Bubbles”. One of the people ruined by this investment scheme was Dr. and Brother James Anderson, the man who was hired to write the 1722 constitution for the Grand Lodge. Within the pages of this document, Anderson combined the didactic writings contained in the Regius Poem with a plan to make the Fraternity more inclusive, reaching out to all men who believed in a Supreme Being to join in this great Brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God. It would be guided by three simple and easy to understand principles, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

The remarkable thing about this Fraternity is that it survived being hijacked by the Nobility, having its Members separated in the English, French and American revolutions and being persecuted by both atheistic dictatorships and the head of the largest Christian religion on earth. Unfortunately, it was not the assaults from the outside that began to eat away at our fabric but the apathy within our own ranks. Politics replaced Philosophy, racism and prejudice buried Brotherly Love, and Ritual without explanation resulted in a loss of substance. We gave up purpose to become more sociable, and going along became the only way to get along within our “Gentle Craft”.

True, we have produced great leaders, men of exceptional talent and moral strength, but we failed to take their advice, and here we are once more facing another crisis. Unfortunately as my late Brother and mentor Skip Boyer would say, leaders, like eagle are hard to find around here.

Can we rediscover who we are and what it is we are supposed to do as Freemasons?

Is it too late to dust off the great Masonic philosophies and teach them once more in our lodges?



It is a sad fact that no one likes a whistle blower regardless of their intentions to correct a situation. Therefore I must content myself to such scribbling in the faint hope that somewhere out there, someone in a position to take action will do so and that this great Fraternity born out of such a noble cause will survive its greatest assault. Once more I am reminded of the words of that great philosopher and sage, Pogo, who put it so eloquently:

“We have met the enemy, and he is us!”

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