

# Hiram's Lighthouse

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

Grand Lodge Website: - [www.grandlodge.on.ca/index.htm](http://www.grandlodge.on.ca/index.htm)  
Toronto East District Website: - [www.torontoeastdistrict.com](http://www.torontoeastdistrict.com)  
D.D.G.M.: R.W. Bro. Thomas E. Norris Email: - [tom.norris@sympatico.ca](mailto:tom.norris@sympatico.ca)  
District Secretary: W. Bro. Edward H. Russell Email: - [ajaxruss@yahoo.ca](mailto:ajaxruss@yahoo.ca)

December 1, 2009

<u>Contents</u>	<u>Page</u>
District Events	3
Around and About (News & Notices)	5
Book Review	20
... by the Lighthouse Beam	21
Administration (It's all about US!)	23

*The history of Freemasonry is written in deeds, not in words. When the outer world comes to recognize a Mason by his deeds, by his daily walk, and conversation instead of by watch-charms and emblems upon his person, then and then only will Masonry have accomplished its purpose. Let us therefore, strive to make the fundamental principles laid down upon the trestleboard of Masonry the dominant star of our*



*attainment.*

*- Bro. John Tapster*

---

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

Brethren,

A very busy month Brethren, wherein we visited with The Rainbow Girls, something I strongly recommend you do if you have not seen them in "Action" they are worth the visit.

Our District was involved in three wreath laying's along with Legion members in Markham, Scarborough and Claremont. The latter invited us at the last moment and have asked us to be part of their ceremony next year as well. Brougham Union Lodge will be looking after that one. R.W. Bro. Bruce Grimbleby is looking after Markham and we will need a volunteer to do so in Scarborough next November. If you can help, please call Bruce.

A Lodge of Instruction is being considered for Toronto East District, which means it has to be put together especially as their trestle board was completed. I would sincerely like to hear from all of the Master's, Warden's, Deacons and Stewards in my travels about your commitment to attending this if it is finalized. A lot of work goes into it and we need to have attendance from all lodges. Everyone attending will take away useful information applicable to their present and future offices and become an asset to their lodge while building confidence in themselves.



Coffee for our Troops: all your funds for Tim Horton's gift cards, our Grand Masters project, should now be sent to Alan Freedman, in trust so final arrangements can be made to get these cards out to our soldiers serving in the Middle east.



As the busy Christmas Holiday period approaches please remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves and support your lodges individual charity projects so we can provide for those who need it. Remember our Toy Drive, this year individual lodges are going to distribute those toys within their own areas so they reach those needy families within Toronto East. Please help make this Toy Drive the best yet.

If you are thinking about remembering your widows, friends or shut-ins, how about Shrine Fruit Cakes, they help the Shriner's Kids and are a nice gift.

I wish one and all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and please drive carefully and sober!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Thomas E. Norris  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Toronto East District

---



## TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

### December

Wednesday December 2, 2009  
West Hill - **Installation**  
Visitors by 8:00 pm  
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Thursday December 3, 2009  
The Beaches - **Installation of W. Master only**  
Shortened Ceremony  
Visitors by 8:00 pm  
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Sunday December 6, 2009  
Mimosa - **Annual Children's Christmas Party**  
Bring the kids and have a ball!  
see below.  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

Tuesday December 8, 2009  
**Bodhi Day**  
Buddhist brethren commemorate the day that  
Gautama Siddharta 'saw the light'. See below.

Friday December 11, 2009  
Birch Cliff - **Installation**  
Visitors by 8:00 pm  
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday December 12, 2009  
**Hanukkah**  
Jewish brethren start celebrating  
their 8-day Festival of Lights.  
Hanukkah officially began yesterday  
at sundown. See below.



Saturday December 12, 2009  
Scarborough Masonic Temple - **Children's Christmas Party**  
Open to the children, grandchildren, nieces and  
nephews of Masons who attend a Lodge that meets  
in the Temple.  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Monday December 14, 2009  
Scarboro - **Installation**  
Banquet at 6:00 pm ←  
see below  
Scarborough Masonic Temple

### January

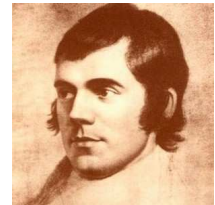
Tuesday January 1, 2010  
**New Year's Day**  
A chance for a start at a better  
tomorrow.



Wednesday January 13, 2010  
Friendship - **Installation**  
Visitors by 8:00 pm  
Ajax Masonic Temple

Friday January 22, 2010  
Toronto East District - **Blood Donor Clinic**  
see below  
St. Aidan's Anglican Church

Monday January 25, 2010  
**Robbie Burns Day**  
Aye! Soom haggis an' a' that!



Friday January 29, 2010  
The Heritage - **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie Banquet**  
see below  
Scarborough Masonic Temple

Saturday January 30, 2010  
Toronto East District - **Grand Lodge Resources**  
**Feedback Session**  
Coffee at 8:00 am  
Ajax Masonic Temple



Thursday December 17, 2009

Doric - **Installation**

Visitors by 7:30 pm ←

Grand Master expected.

Ajax Masonic Temple

Friday December 18, 2009

**Muharram**

Our Islamic brethren observe the first month of their year. See below.



Monday December 21, 2009

**First Day of Winter**

Winter Solstice

***BRRRRrrrr!***



Friday December 25, 2009

**Christmas Day**

Have YOU got YOUR Christmas shopping done yet?

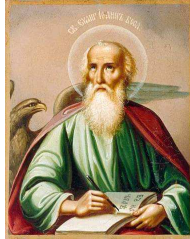
Have a ***VERY MERRY!***



Sunday December 27, 2009

**St. John the Evangelist Day**

One of the two holy Sts. John who were the original patron saints of Freemasonry and who are represented in much lodge symbolism.



## AROUND AND ABOUT:

### Toronto East District Charity

*WindReach Farm* strives to enrich the lives of persons of all ages with disabilities and/or special needs by providing opportunities to enjoy experiences in farming, nature, outdoor recreation and other activities and to share those experiences with family and friends.

Contact: Todd Owens @ [678@yrp.ca](mailto:678@yrp.ca) or 416.722.0843, or  
Bill Utton @ 905.831.6256



---

*Example is not the main thing in influencing others; it's the only thing.*  
*- Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), Nobel Peace Prize-1952*

---

### Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are officially a Partners For Life entity with the Canadian Blood Services. Any brother in Toronto East District that may wish to assist at the clinics at St. Aidan's Anglican Church, thus getting their Lodge 'credits' for the amount of donation's made at the clinic may contact the brethren shown below.

If you wish to be a donor and can't make it to any of the indicated Blood Donor Clinics, find yourself a 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. The Toronto East District 'Partners For Life' number is **TOR0009781** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics, go to  
[www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu](http://www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu)

Contact: Fred Bryant @ [etd.blooddonors@gmail.com](mailto:etd.blooddonors@gmail.com) or 416.421.6762  
Doug Gray @ [douggray@rogers.com](mailto:douggray@rogers.com) or 416.266.0783  
Jim McKinnon Jr. @ [jmckinnonjr@gmail.com](mailto:jmckinnonjr@gmail.com) or 905.250.0190

#### Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday January 22, 2010 - *tentative*  
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours  
St. Aidan's Anglican Church  
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)  
416.691.2222

---



## Scarborough Masonic Temple Construction Delays



As you are aware, the Scarborough Temple has to undertake some fairly substantial remodelling work to our storage lockers and fire exits in order to comply with the orders of Toronto Fire Department.

The two new rooms required by the fire department have now been constructed and the drywall ceiling to the main entrance is installed and taped. We expect the new cupboards to be installed this coming week and most of the work to be completed by the end of the second week in December so we should be able to resume 'normal' activities before Christmas.

It will be nice to see this project completed hopefully before Santa pays a visit for the annual Scarborough Temple Children's Christmas party which is on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm and is open to children, grand children and nieces and nephews of Masons who attend a Lodge that meets in the Temple.

**WE APOLOGISE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.**

---

### Now At Your Secretary's Desk



Some of us are going to congratulate ourselves for not rushing out and buying one already. Then there are those of us who are going to say several choice expletives. Whichever group you belong to - the new, 2009 edition of **The Work** is now available for only \$8.00. Get 'em while they're hot!

It looks as if the rubrics, *all that stuff in italics*, have been greatly expanded. Possibly the red book, The Mechanics of the Work, is no longer required.

---

### Masonic Licence Plates Available

Available now through Grand Lodge office - a Maple Leaf, Square and Compasses graphic licence plate. This initial release is available directly from the Grand Lodge office.



The format of the licence plate will be available in sequential format after the graphic, e.g. from "01FM01" to "01FM99"

Price: \$120 (including shipping & handling)

[www.grandlodge.on.ca/150thAnniversary/LicencePlate.htm](http://www.grandlodge.on.ca/150thAnniversary/LicencePlate.htm)



## **Installation and Investiture Ceremony - Ritual, Protocol, Tips and Reminders**

Gordon Crutcher, Chairman - Protocol and Etiquette Committee and Assistant Secretary - Lodge of Instruction has issued a workshop handout about the Installation Ceremony. It contains information that would be especially useful for anyone who will be acting as an Installing Master, or a Director of Ceremonies. The only caveat is this is one of those “works in progress”. It is intended to be updated, revised, corrected and expanded from time to time. This is already Revision #3. The Committee would most certainly welcome any feedback, as well as any suggestions for improvement. Distribution is on a first come, first served basis.

To receive a copy of the 20-page workbook, contact: -

- Gordon Crutcher @ [gordon@crutcher.ca](mailto:gordon@crutcher.ca) or 905.731.8389 (home) or
- Ed Russell @ [ajaxruss@yahoo.ca](mailto:ajaxruss@yahoo.ca) or 905.619.3167

---

## **From the Publication Indicated Above**

### **Officer Qualification**

Can a Brother be appointed or elected to office before he has proven himself in the Master Mason degree?

- No. Section 218 of the Book of Constitution precludes this.  
(Q&A; Installation & Investiture Question #38)

---

## **The Christmas Masonic Graphics**

Sprinkled throughout this month's **Hiram's Lighthouse**, you will find the occasional Christmas Masonic graphic. They were unabashedly lifted from rtj's Junqueyard. Richard is a Canadian Mason, living in Nova Scotia. He and his cohorts live on disability pensions and create all manner of stuff, most of which is Masonic. He has quite a variety of products in stock and will custom design and produce just about anything. The graphics I have lifted are of lapel pins and Christmas Tree ornaments, many of which can be individually purchased for less than \$10. Take a look.

[www.gbp.net/rtj/](http://www.gbp.net/rtj/)



---

## **Battle of the anti-virus: What is the best software?**

Posted on 06.11.2009

AV-Comparatives.org recently released the results of a malware removal tests with which they evaluated 16 anti-virus software solutions: -

- Avast Professional Edition 4.8
- AVG Anti-Virus 8.5
- AVIRA AntiVir Premium 9.0
- BitDefender Anti-Virus 2010
- eScan Anti-Virus 10.0
- ESET NOD32 Antivirus 4.0
- F-Secure AntiVirus 2010
- G DATA AntiVirus 2010
- Kaspersky Anti-Virus 2010
- Kingsoft AntiVirus 9
- McAfee VirusScan Plus 2009
- Microsoft Security Essentials 1.0
- Norman Antivirus & Anti-Spyware 7.10
- Sophos Anti-Virus 7.6
- Symantec Norton Anti-Virus 2010
- Trustport Antivirus 2009

The test focused only on the malware removal/cleaning capabilities; therefore all used samples were samples that the tested antivirus products were able to detect. The main question was if the products are



able to successfully remove malware from an already infected/compromised system. The test report was aimed to typical home users. A further question was if the products are able to remove what they are able to detect.

Based on a scoring system that evaluated malware and leftovers removal capabilities, these were the results: -

	<b><u>Removal of Malware</u></b>	<b><u>Removal of Leftovers</u></b>
Avast	Average	Average
AVG	Average	Average
AVIRA	Average	Average
BitDefender	Good	Average
eScan	Good	Good
ESET	Average	Average
F-Secure	Good	Average
G DATA	Average	Poor
Kaspersky	Good	Average
Kingsoft	Poor	Poor
McAfee	Average	Average
Microsoft	Good	Good
Norman	Average	Poor
Sophos	Average	Average
Symantec	Good	Good
Trustport	Average	Average

“None of the products performed “very good” in malware removal or removal of leftovers, based on those 10 samples. eScan, Symantec and Microsoft (MSE) were the only products to be good in removal of malware AND removal of leftovers”, says the report. “Some products do not remove all registry entries on purpose (as long as they do not have any visible side effect for the user), e.g. if that helps to prevent re-infection by the same malware. Furthermore, in some cases it is not possible to know if the registry values (or the hosts file) were modified by the malware or by the user itself (or third-party utilities used by the user).”



[www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1137](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1137)

I have been a user of AVG for many years and have often promoted its use to others. Based on this review, I just might be changing to that devil company - Microsoft.

eScan           \$29.95 USD   [www.mwti.net/products/escan/escan\\_antivirushomeuser/escanav\\_homeuser.asp](http://www.mwti.net/products/escan/escan_antivirushomeuser/escanav_homeuser.asp)  
 Microsoft     FREE           [www.microsoft.com/Security\\_Essentials](http://www.microsoft.com/Security_Essentials)  
 Symantec     \$42.84 CAD   [http://store.norton.com/v2.0-img/operations/symantus/site/promo/pd/10/021890/navnis10\\_n360v3\\_CA.html](http://store.norton.com/v2.0-img/operations/symantus/site/promo/pd/10/021890/navnis10_n360v3_CA.html)

*Or, I could get a Mac!*





### Next Question, Please

The most famous Irish Mason of all, Paddy O'Connor appeared on the British quiz show, Master Mind some years ago. He was asked by Magnus Magnuson, the moderator, what his chosen subject was, to which he replied, "Freemasonry from 1750 to the present day".

"Right" said Magnus. "Your first question is where is the head office of English Freemasonry". After some pause Paddy replied, "PASS".

Magnus then went on to ask the second question, which was "Where is the head office of Scottish Freemasonry" to which Paddy again replied after a long pause "PASS".



Magnus then said "You are answering questions on Freemasonry from 1750 to the present day," to which Paddy answered, "Oh yes sir, indeed I am."

"Right then," said Magnus, "Where is the head office of Freemasonry in Ireland" and again Paddy answered, "PASS." From the audience someone shouted -

*"That's right Paddy, don't you tell them any of our secrets!"*

---

### Coffee For The Troops Project



M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels, Grand Master, has assigned our Bro. Allan Freedman to receive all funds earmarked for the aforementioned project, to retain monies received "in trust" until dispersement of same (to Canadian troops serving overseas) is determined and directed by our Grand Master.

All cheques should be made payable to: -

Allan Freedman in Trust

Mailing Address: 3000 Langstaff Rd., Unit 15  
Concord, ON L4K 4R7

---

### International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

If you know of any girls between the ages of 7 and 11, Toronto Assembly #2 has re-opened their pledge group. The group will meet once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 pm at the Scarborough Masonic Temple. Please contact Catherine Benoit @ [benoithome@sympatico.ca](mailto:benoithome@sympatico.ca) for further information.



---

### From the Canada Lodge December Summons



"We are now into the Holiday Season, a time generally so busy we forget the true meaning of the season. But as Masons, we don't need to be reminded to treat people with respect and kindness, to assist others when we can and to support our community. We behave this way because it is the right way to behave. A simple act of kindness, thanking someone for going out of their way, being polite and courteous, these don't cost us much time, effort or money. But they make a difference and are appreciated. We each joined Masonry for different and distinct reasons; however, we share a common bond.

Not religion or politics, but a general belief that as a group we can be stronger and accomplish more than



one acting alone. At the heart of this belief is brotherly love. By sharing this message in act as well as word, we celebrate the Holidays in their true meaning.”

- W.M. Jeffrey Scott

Well said!

---

### **Friday November 27, 2009**

#### **It Happened at the Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinic**

Some were busy giving the greatest gift anyone can give - the gift of life, when Canadian Blood Services employees, volunteers and donors, as well as their children, were all delighted when Santa Claus (aka Bro. John Katz of Alpha-Tuscan Lodge) made his appearance. He was not only there to distribute gifts to the children in attendance, but was also a donor himself. Staff said it is the first time they have seen card number HO-HO-01, which had been issued somewhere near the North Pole. However, they were happy to take his blood donation. Santa's donation total is well over 100. W. Bro. Ed Russell was there to assist and had given his 104<sup>th</sup> donation earlier in the day. It was also a pleasure to welcome R.W. Bro. Tom Norris and many thanks to all of the other volunteers.

If you've been meaning to give the gift of life but just haven't got a round tuit, see the Blood Donor Clinics notice above and go and give blood. During this very busy season, it is sad to say that accidents on the road increase and the demand for blood is greater while the supply is usually lower.

The Toronto East District Blood Donor Committee will be completing their year-end report in the very near future . . . and will report the 2010 clinic dates as soon as possible. The committee co-chairmen extend sincere best wishes to you and yours during this festive time of the year. May the G.A.O.T.U. be with you.



---

**Sunday November 30, 2009**

**CPR and AED Training at Scarborough Temple**

Ten Brethren undertook CPR/AED (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator) training and are now comfortable on administering lifesaving CPR and using the AED device located in the candidate change room. This life saving procedure was taught by Jesus Gomez of the Canadian Red Cross.

Automated External Defibrillators are devices designed to recognize and treat certain lethal heart rhythms in the setting of a cardiac arrest. AEDs deliver an electrical shock to persons in ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia. AEDs provide voice and visual prompts to assist first responders in treating a cardiac arrest. AEDs have been shown to decrease mortality when used in conjunction with CPR.



An AED is safe to use by anyone who has been trained to operate it.

The American Heart Association recommends that anyone who lives or works where an AED is available for use by lay rescuers participate in a Heartsaver AED course. AEDs, in fact, are so user-friendly that untrained rescuers can generally succeed in attaching the pads and delivering shocks.

These devices are so ‘idiot proof’ that many U.S. airports have them accessible every 100 feet or less. Many Canadian community centres and malls are getting them installed.

---

**Rex Hutchens**

M.W. Bro. Hutchens is most famous for *A Bridge to Light* (1988, revised 2004), a summary of the Scottish Rite degrees based on Albert Pike’s classic *Morals and Dogma*.



Other books by Hutchens provide valuable tools for modern readers grappling with Pike’s classics: *The Bible in Albert Pike’s Morals and Dogma* (coauthored with D.W. Monson, 1992), *A Glossary to Morals and Dogma* (1993), and *Pillars of Wisdom: The Writings of Albert Pike* (1995).

Most recently, he has published a newly annotated edition of Albert Pike’s *Lecture on Masonic Symbolism and A Second Lecture on Symbolism: The Omkara and Other Ineffable Words* (2007), one of Masonry’s rarest books.

- Masonic Authors, Bro. Shawn Eyer

[http://academialodge.org/library\\_authors.php](http://academialodge.org/library_authors.php)

---

*The symbolism of Masonry is the soul of Masonry. Every symbol of a lodge is a religious teacher, the mute teacher also of morals and philosophy. It is in its ancient symbols and in the knowledge of their true meanings that the pre-eminence of Freemasonry over all other orders consists.*

- Bro. Albert Pike (1809-1891), *Morals and Dogma*-1872

---



**Sunday December 6, 2009**

**Mimosa - Annual Children’s Christmas Party**



We invite the Brethren to bring their children and join us. You may also invite any friends whom you think may be interested in Masonry, and their children.

We ask everyone to supply a wrapped gift labelled with the name of the child receiving it. “Santa” will call the child up and give the gift. Please keep the gift modest - we suggest no more than \$20.00. We will be having food and refreshments along with crafts and games for the children. Please **RSVP** to provide numbers.

Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple

Cost: a smile on every face and laughter in every heart!  
Contact: Keith Jones @ [lbj@telizon.com](mailto:lbj@telizon.com) or 416.489.6858

---

**Monday December 7, 2009**

**International Order of the Rainbow for Girls - Annual Christmas Dinner and Family Festive Night**

There will be a luscious Christmas dinner followed by a raffle, a 50/50 draw, a Turkey draw, Carolling and Entertainment. Come and celebrate the season and support one of our Masonic youth groups. Please **RSVP** by immediately. NOTE - there will be NO TICKETS available at the door.



Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple  
Cost: \$15 - Adults  
\$8 - Ages 6 to 12 (under 6 – Free)  
Contact: Jane Ball @ [baljan@rogers.com](mailto:baljan@rogers.com) or 416.267.0364

---

**Tuesday December 8, 2009**

**Bodhi Day - The Enlightenment of Buddha**



Bodhi Day, traditionally the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> lunar month, has been observed on December 8<sup>th</sup> in Japan since the Meiji Restoration (1862-1869). It is the Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that the historical Buddha, Prince Gautama Siddharta (563-483 BC), experienced enlightenment, also known as Bodhi in Sanskrit or Pali.

According to tradition, Siddharta had recently forsaken years of extreme ascetic practices and resolved to sit under a tree and simply meditate until he found the root of suffering, and how to liberate one’s self from it.

Traditions vary on what happened. Some say he made a great vow to nirvana and Earth to find the root of suffering, or die trying. In other traditions, while meditating he was harassed and tempted by the demon of illusion. Other traditions simply state that he entered deeper and deeper states of meditation, confronting the nature of the self.



Bodhi is traditionally translated into English as enlightenment, but frequently (and more accurately) translated as “awakening”. The word “buddha” means “one who has awakened.” Although its most common usage is in the context of Buddhism, bodhi is also a technical term, with various usages, in other Indian philosophies and traditions.

In early Buddhism, bodhi carried a meaning synonymous to nirvana, using only some different metaphors to describe the experience, which implied the extinction of greed, hate and delusion. In the later school of Mahayana Buddhism, the status of nirvana was downgraded, coming to refer only to the extinction of greed and hate, implying that delusion was still present in one who attained nirvana, and that one needed to attain bodhi to eradicate delusion. Therefore, according to Mahayana Buddhism, the ‘worthy one’ has attained only nirvana, thus still being subject to delusion, while the ‘enlightened being’ not only achieves nirvana but full liberation from delusion as well. One thus attains bodhi and becomes a buddha. In Theravada Buddhism, bodhi and nirvana carry the same meaning, that of being freed from greed, hate and delusion. It should also be noted that in the Mahayana Mahaparinirvana Sutra, parinirvana (final nirvana, which occurs upon the death of the body of someone who has attained complete awakening (*bodhi*)) is equal in all respects to Bodhi and indeed is the state of perfect Buddhahood.

- Wikipedia.com

---

### **Saturday December 12, 2009**

#### **Hanukkah - The Festival of Lights**

Saturday is the first full day of this celebration. Based on a lunar calendar, the festival traditionally starts at sundown of the previous day.

Hanukkah, also spelled Chanukah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt of 164 BC. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights, starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, and may occur from late November to late December on the Gregorian calendar.

The festival is observed by the kindling of the lights of a special candelabrum, the nine-branched *Menorah* or *Hanukiah*, one light on each night of the holiday, progressing to eight on the final night. An extra light called a *shamash* (Hebrew: “guard” or “servant”) is also lit each night for the purpose of lighting the others, and is given a distinct location, usually above or below the rest.

According to tradition, when the Maccabees entered the Holy Temple, they discovered that the Greco-Syrians had defiled the oil that was used to Temple’s menorah. Only one vat of purified oil remained - enough for only one day. It would take the Jews a week to process more purified oil. Then a miracle occurred. The Maccabees lit the menorah and it burned for not one, but eight days, by which time the new, purified oil was ready. This is why the Hanukkah Menorah has eight candles (not including the shamash candle used to light the others) and one reason why Jews celebrate Hanukkah for eight days.



Hanukkah is a fun festival, especially for children. After lighting the Hanukkah candles together, families (and often invited guests) will eat and play games. Traditional Hanukkah food is oil-rich in commemoration of the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. Potato pancakes (Latkas in Yiddish, Livivot in Hebrew) are a Hanukkah favourite. Israelis eat Hanukkah doughnuts called soofganiot. Dreidel is a traditional Hanukkah game, with game rules so simple that the whole family, from toddlers



to grandparents can play together. The custom of giving Hanukkah gelt (money) to children has evolved into a gift-giving tradition in many Jewish families today.

- Wikipedia.com
- About.com

---

### **Monday December 14, 2009**

#### **Scarboro Lodge - Installation**

Scarboro Lodge, the city lodge with the country welcome, cordially invites all Brethren and Guests to the 80<sup>th</sup> Installation and Investiture of Officers.

Time: 6:00 pm - Banquet  
7:30 pm - Visitors received  
Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple  
Cost: all members and guests are asked to donate a new, unwrapped toy to the Scarboro Lodge Christmas Toy Drive.  
Contact: Frank MacKay @ [frank\\_mackay@hotmail.com](mailto:frank_mackay@hotmail.com)

---

### **Monday December 14, 2009**

#### **Scarborough Shrine Club - Annual Christmas Dinner**



Christmas joy and laughter followed by a traditional Christmas dinner. All Shriners, their ladies and guests are invited to attend. Jazz music by **John 'JP' Pagnotta**. Please **RSVP** for seats.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social  
7:00 pm - Dinner  
Location: Watts Restaurant  
Eglinton Sq., Scarborough  
Cost: \$25  
Contact: Duncan Macaulay @ [clowncastledm@hotmail.com](mailto:clowncastledm@hotmail.com) or 905.426.7087 or  
Prince Selvaraj @ [prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca](mailto:prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca) or 416.269.9909

---

### **Tuesday December 15, 2009**

#### **Downtown Masonic Luncheon - Masons talking Masonry**

Please **RSVP** to give an idea of the number of meals. Preferred Dress Code - **Jacket and Tie**.

Topic: The Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences - Origins, Masonic Relevance and Applicability in Modern Life  
Masonic teaching encourages its students to learn from the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences that originated in antiquity. At some point in our Masonic careers, most of us will ask why is it that we find these seven specific areas to be more relevant than other disciplines. Would the study of music or astronomy make me a better Mason? How? Why seven arts, and not six or eight or twelve? Where do they come from? Without the answers to these questions it is impossible to fully appreciate the importance and beauty of the Liberal Arts and Sciences in a Masonic context. And such is the significance of the Liberal Arts and Sciences for the progress of human knowledge over the last 20+ centuries that, once found, these answers could become a superior foundation for our understanding of the Craft and our own place in history.

Speaker: Rafael Etges  
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 @ [piccipa@rogers.com](mailto:piccipa@rogers.com) or 905.846.3586

**CHANGE IS ON THE WAY!** As many of you may be aware, the RCMI, which has been the home of the Downtown Masonic Luncheon for a number of years now, will be shutting its doors for an undisclosed length of time as a result of a significant construction project that they are undertaking. We have chosen to use this opportunity for us to revisit the venue, format and future of the Downtown Masonic Luncheon that has been a popular gathering of brethren in the GTA for many years. I am very happy to announce that we are *in the final stages of securing a new location for the monthly luncheon in an exciting and historic venue on the University of Toronto campus.* This change will be effective as of *Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.*

We believe that the changes that we are embarking upon mark a momentous step forward for the luncheon and will significantly add to the overall experience and quality of the monthly event, ensuring that it will continue to be a destination for like-minded individuals for many years to come.

We are confident that the exciting changes to be announced will be well received by the brethren whose commitment to the Downtown Masonic Luncheon have made it such a success for these many years. - Pat



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

---

### **Friday December 18, 2009** **Muharram**



Muslims measure the passage of time using the Islamic (Hijrah) calendar based in twelve lunar months, the beginnings and endings of which are determined by the sightings of the crescent moon. This lunar year is approximately 354 days long, so the months rotate backwards through the seasons and are not fixed to the Gregorian calendar. Since we are dealing with a lunar calendar, the day actually begins at sundown of the previous day.

The Islamic calendar is the official calendar in many Muslim countries, especially Saudi Arabia. Other Muslim countries use the Gregorian calendar for civil uses and only turn to the Islamic calendar for religious purposes.

Muharram is the first month of the Islamic calendar, therefore what most cultures would refer to as New Year. While New Year is a time of celebration in most societies, Muslims do not traditionally 'celebrate' the beginning of a new year but do acknowledge the passing of time, and take time to reflect on their own mortality. Muharram also marks and commemorates Al-Hijra, the emigration of Muhammad and his followers to the city of Medina in 622 CE, marking the first year of the Islamic calendar. It is held to be the most sacred of all the months, excluding Ramadan.

It is also said that in this sacred month, Allah created the universe, Adam was created as the first human and the Prophets Moses (Musa) and Jesus Christ (Essa) were born.



The word “Muharram” is often considered synonymous with the event of Ashura. Ashura, which literally means “tenth” in Arabic, refers to the tenth day of Muharram. The date is important for all Muslims especially Shias since Hussein bin Ali, the grandson of Mohammed, was killed on this day. Thus for the Shia, it is a day of deep mourning. For the Sunni, it is a day of optional fasting. The Jews of Medina fasted on only one day, Yom Kippur - the tenth day of Tishrei (Hebrew meaning ‘to begin’, the first month of the Jewish civil year). The Prophet Mohammed believed that Muslims were closer to the Prophet Moses than the Jews so established this day as a day of fasting. Ashura is the day on which God saved Moses and the Israelites from Pharaoh in Egypt.

- Wikipedia.com
- About.com
- a brother

In Islamic tradition, images of living creatures, animals, humans, etc., is considered presuming to duplicate Allah’s work and is forbidden. This is why traditional Islamic art consists predominantly of beautifully intricate geometric scrollwork.

As with the Christians with Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and the various and sundry Protestant faiths, and the Jews with Orthodoxy and non-Orthodoxy, Islam is split into two main sects, the Sunni and Shia. While the core of the religion remains the same, its observance differs and sometimes differs greatly. For example, the Shia and Sunni calendars do not always coincide.

As with any religion, some followers do and some followers don’t.

---

## **Friday December 25, 2009** **Christmas Day**

### Be Thankful

- Be thankful that you don’t already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
- Be thankful when you don’t know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.
- Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times, you grow.
- Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.
- Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.
- Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.
- Be thankful when you’re tired and weary, because it means you’ve made a difference.





- It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.
- Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.
  - Anonymous

---

*Good Masons make good churchmen. Every clergyman can testify to the truth of this. They make loyal and sacrificing patriots. Our colonial history supplies the proof of this assertion. All Masons are not ardent church members but neither are all church members ardent for the church. Yet the proof is clearly and abundantly evident that the Masonic fraternity is an influence for good in personal and community life.*

*- Bro. Fred Pierce Corson (1896-1985)*

---

### **Friday January 29, 2010**

#### **The Heritage Lodge - 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie Banquet**

A good meal and an interesting talk. Tickets can be purchased from any Heritage Lodge officer or from Charlie Reid. Dress is Black Tie (preferred) or Business Suit.

Topic: The Hermetic Code  
 Speaker: Barry Hutton  
 Time: 6:00 pm - Social  
       7:00 pm - Banquet  
 Location: Scarborough Masonic Temple  
 Cost: \$30  
 Contact: Charlie Reid @ [charlie.reid@sympatico.ca](mailto:charlie.reid@sympatico.ca) or 416.742.7878

---

### **The Situation Surrounding Solomon's Temple**

I think you need to consider the Phoenician city called Gibal. Today we pronounce the hard G, but before the letter J was accepted, the G in Gibal was soft, as in Jubal. Gibal is most likely modern Jebeil. Mycenaean Greeks called it Byblos (papyrus), perhaps because it was THE leading Phoenician port until the 10<sup>th</sup> century, so it would have been seen as the main source of Egyptian "paper." However, archaeologists have also found a very early linear script there, so it was clearly a cultural and trading center for more than a millennium prior to Solomon. After that, Sidon and Tyre surpassed it. It is also the home of the inscribed sarcophagus of a king named Ahiiram.

The Caananite version of the name was Gubla, which supports the connection to the name, Jubal, and its variant, Tubal.

The city of Gibal was originally part of David's united empire, but Solomon ceded it, along with the regions of other northern tribes, such as Dan and Naphtali, to the King of Tyre in exchange for his help in various building projects. Hiram King of Tyre's help was in the form of a "forced levy," a compulsive work detail sent to work for Judah/Benjamin, similar to previous armies of workers sent to help David.

The fellow in charge of the forced levy under both David and Solomon was a fellow named Adoniram, which was translated in Jerome's Comments on the Vulgate as "Lord Hiram" (Adonai Hiram). Thus,



Jerome conflated<sup>1</sup> Adoniram with the skilled craftsman, Hiram Abif, that Jerome thought meant “Father (Master) Hiram,” instead of the more usual translation of “Hiram, his father.” Aquinas repeated this conflation in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

Anyway, Gibal<sup>2</sup> was famous for its stonemasons<sup>3</sup>, and many Giblimes (Giblim) were sent by Hiram King of Tyre to work for Solomon on his buildings. They were so famous, the mere attribution of a man to the city of Gibal branded him a mason.



At the conclusion of the Temple construction, when Solomon entered his dotage, his son took over his rule. Unfortunately, the son gave the levy stern treatment and refused to allow them to return home to bring in crops. They petitioned him for travel privileges, and he sent Adoniram to refuse them. They rebelled and murdered the messenger, Adoniram, by stoning him to death<sup>4</sup>. The resulting conflict split the kingdom that David had united and set the stage for centuries of conflict.

Note the variant spellings of Adoniram, as Adoram and Hadoram. You can tell they are supposed to be the same guy, though, because they identify him as master over the forced levy. If you look back at Solomon’s (and David’s) court, you will see that this job was a position of consequence, named early in the hierarchy. Adoniram, son of Abda, was a ‘wheel,’ chief overseer of the workmen in the levy, and not, as many Masons have told me, a tax collector.

At the time of Adoniram’s death, the king in question was Solomon’s son, Rehoboam. Although I Kings 11:43 says that Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David, it was common practice for the son to take over when the king was clearly incapacitated. At any rate, the kingship would still have been considered the House of Solomon/David at the time of Adoniram’s murder.

So, once again, workmen, including masons from Gibal, demanding travel privileges were refused by their master, “Lord Hiram.” In response, they murdered him, thereby splitting David’s kingdom, which was supposed to be “established in strength,” i.e. to last forever. This set up various messianic prophesies about how that schism was to be healed.

I trust at least some of this seems familiar. You won’t find this explanation, but you will find more clues about it in the (U.S.) York Rite.

- Chuck Blatchley  
Masonic Light Email Forum

---

*To see the earth as we now see it, small and beautiful in that eternal silence where it floats, is to see ourselves as riders on the earth together. Brothers on that bright loveliness in the unending night - Brothers who see now they are truly Brothers.*

- Archibald MacLeish (1892-1982)

---

---

<sup>1</sup> 1. To bring together; meld or fuse: e.g.-“The problems [with the biopic] include . . . dates moved around, lovers deleted, many characters conflated into one” 2. To combine (two variant texts, for example) into one whole.

<sup>2</sup> The city was noted as the northernmost city of the Promised Land, Joshua 13:5

<sup>3</sup> I Kings 5:18 and Ezekiel 27:9

<sup>4</sup> 1 Kings 12:18 and II Chronicles 10:18



**Saturday February 13, 2010**  
**Brougham Union - Sweethearts Dance**



Celebrate Valentines with your Sweetheart at the Claremont Community Centre. Brougham Union has engaged the marvellous, "George Lake Big Band Sound", a 23 piece swing band that enables the guest to relax or just Dance the night away. There will be a silent auction and plenty of good food and libation.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social  
7:00 pm - Banquet  
Location: Claremont Community Centre

Cost: \$50 ea  
Contact: Malcolm Parish @ 905.213.9858 or any lodge officer.

---



## **BOOK REVIEW:**

### **Secret Ritual and Manhood in Victorian America**

**Author:** Mark C. Carnes  
**ISBN:** 0300051468  
**Publisher:** Yale University Press  
**Published:** 1991

“Secret Ritual and Manhood in Victorian America” is an important book that explores the role of masculinity in the creation and popularity of fraternal societies in the nineteenth century. Freemasonry, the Odd Fellows, the Grange, and a host of other “secret societies” emerged as powerful forces in American society and politics during this period. Of course, the first to do so were the Freemasons, which extended back at least to early modern Europe and numbered among its membership leaders of the American Revolution and a wide range of U.S. Presidents. It even sparked an anti-Masonic political party in the 1820s that argued that a massive conspiracy of Masons was underway to destroy the Republic.

This story is well known and has long been a part of the master narrative of the early Republic. Mark C. Carnes does not repeat this in detail, but concentrates on why Masonry, and other ritualistic fraternal organizations, was so popular. Indeed, most adult males seemed to be affiliated with one of another of them during the Victorian era. No doubt they served valuable social functions, as well as provided contacts for business, politics, and other tangible objectives.

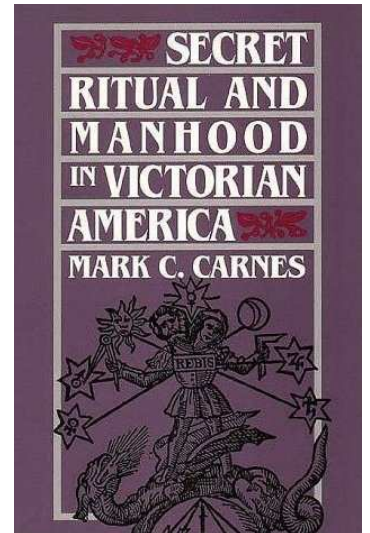
But Carnes argues in this uniquely convincing book that the popularity of fraternal lodges in the Victorian era were motivated at a rudimentary level by the desire to restore order and to re-secure the patriarchal authority lost in the Industrial Revolution and its attendant social upheavals. Status anxiety about the loss of traditional male roles fostered the rise of this organization, and initiation ceremonies helped recapture the male’s place in a fast changing society. He asserts that the centrality of women in the home, and their encroachment into a variety of male social and political concerns, prompted the creation of lodges as a haven from women. “Fraternal members built temples from which women were excluded,” Carnes wrote, “devised myriad secrets and threatened members with fearful punishments if they should ‘tell their wife the concerns of the order,’ and created rituals which reclaimed for themselves the religious authority that formerly reposed in the hands of Biblical patriarchs” (p. 79)

Carnes finds that efforts to secure traditional gender roles in a society in flux in Jacksonian America resonated with the male population of the nation and led to the attractiveness of these secret fraternities. This was in no small part because of the accelerated change resulting from the Industrial Revolution, as virtually all of the cherished ideals about life and home and family were altered in fundamental ways.

This is an important study in gender history and a must read for all who want to understand the rise of fraternal orders in the nineteenth century.

- Roger D. Launius

Amazon lists a paperback edition for \$24.97 USD new or \$6.38 USD used. Chapters lists an edition for \$29.95 CDA.



## ... by the Lighthouse Beam

### Differing Views of Freemasonry

Today, an 'Authentic School' dominates Masonic literature and research. Most current Masonic authors seek to provide clear, proven, and 'scientific' explanations for Freemasonry's past as well as its present.

There are, however, a small fringe of Masons who support an 'Esoteric School', claiming all sorts of various scenarios for Freemasonry's birth and growth including origins in various venues: the rites of ancient Egypt, the Knights Templars, and the various quasi-religious organizations such as the Rosicrucians.

The non-authentic school has four main approaches, which might be categorised as the esoteric, the mystical, the symbolist and the romantic. All four approaches have two factors in common: a belief that Freemasonry has existed 'time immemorial' and an apparent inability to distinguish between historical fact and legend. The esoteric and mystical schools are in fact concerned with the transmission of ideas and esoteric traditions, in itself a valid line of research; but in doing so, they convert similarities between groups widely separated in time, into evidence of a continuing tradition handed down from one group to another, a sort of esoteric apostolic succession. They also tend to have unorthodox ideas on the nature and purpose of Freemasonry, endowing it with mystical, religious and even occult implications that it has never possessed.

Those who follow the esoteric approach take the principles, rituals, forms, symbols and language of Freemasonry, trace similarities in other groups (ignoring the fact that the principles and many of the symbols are universal and not peculiar to Freemasonry), and assume that these similarities are not fortuitous but deliberate and are therefore evidence of a linked tradition. They place great emphasis on the additional degrees, investing them with a spurious antiquity, and read a great deal more into their esoteric content and symbolism than was ever intended.

The mystical school is perhaps best represented by the Rev. George Oliver and A. E. Waite. Oliver was a fervent pre Darwinian fundamentalist who firmly believed that Freemasonry was Christian and had existed in one form or another since the beginning of time.

The symbolist school seeks the origins of Freemasonry in a comparison and correlation of symbolism and ritual language and tries to link in a lineal descent various religions, cults, mysteries and societies with Freemasonry. Like the esoteric school, this line of research has a certain validity, but as the anthropology of symbolism not as the search for the origins of Freemasonry. The incidence of certain symbols, gestures and terminologies had led this school to compare Freemasonry with Median religions, Mayan ceremonies, Mithraic and Aboriginal rituals, Egyptian temple paintings and Indian caste marks. The problem is that Masonic symbols are not peculiar to Freemasonry but are in instances universal. Included in the symbolist school are those who have sought the origin and authors of Masonic ritual by combining the works of well-known writers to find examples of 'Masonic language'.



The romantic school are in one sense implicitly believing in the direct speculative Masonry, whether it goes builders. They differ from the authentic possibly their ignorance of the many and developed during the period for ready to believe that the ritual, either its practised time immemorial.



following the Andersonian tradition, connection between operative and back to Adam, Solomon, or the medieval school by the refusal to acknowledge, or ways in which Freemasonry has altered which records exist. They are quite basics or its complete detail, has been

The lack of knowledge of and variety of approaches to, the origins of Freemasonry perhaps explain the strength and continual appeal it still has. This means that the individual member can make as little or as much meaning as he wishes.

Author: Nigel Gilmore  
Publisher: Masonic Light Email Forum  
6008  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/masoniclight/>

---



## ADMINISTRATION:

**Hiram's Lighthouse** is your newsletter. It is published on the last day of every month. If **Hiram's Lighthouse** does not have the content you would prefer, it is because the editor does not have that content available. With 20 lodges currently in the district, including grip-and-grin pictures of the Official Visit, Installation and Ladies Night of each lodge would dominate the content. If you want something more, please submit it. Please feel free to offer suggestions, submissions for ... **by the Lighthouse Beam**, book and film reviews, and topics of Masonic interest.

We also ask all Secretaries and W. Masters to inform their members of the existence of the newsletter and how to subscribe to it.

Anyone wishing to get on the subscription list, please send a message to [tsmartin@rogers.com](mailto:tsmartin@rogers.com) including your full name, with a subject of Newsletter.

Be aware that **Hiram's Lighthouse** DOES NOT respond to any email security messages. It is the subscriber's responsibility to ensure that **Hiram's Lighthouse** is white listed.

To get a notice into the newsletter at least one month before the event, send a message to [tsmartin@rogers.com](mailto:tsmartin@rogers.com) with all the information and we'll run it every month until the function is past. **Please! Please! Please** make sure you have Grand Lodge dispensation before asking for a notice to be inserted.

Moving? Changing ISPs? Remember to send in your new snail-mail and email addresses to both your lodge secretary and **Hiram's Lighthouse** - [tsmartin@rogers.com](mailto:tsmartin@rogers.com)

FYI - there are currently 206 names and growing on the **Hiram's Lighthouse** subscription list.

---

Terry Spalding-Martin *F.C.F.*  
Toronto East District Newsletter Editor  
Doric Lodge #424 G.R.C.  
[tsmartin@rogers.com](mailto:tsmartin@rogers.com)

If this newsletter was received at your email address in error, please inform the newsletter editor and delete the message.

