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*There is a destiny that makes us Brothers,
No one goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others,
Comes back into our own.
- Bro. Edwin Markham (1852-1940)*

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

Greetings Brethren,
September is the month that marks Labour Day. With that, we are reminded that our labours are commencing for the upcoming Masonic year; although, we should be mindful that our labours never really cease. We should not restrict our efforts to our Lodge room; whether at an Installation, Official Visit, or conducting degree work. Our Masonic labours should continue outside of the Lodge and throughout the entire year. As Masons, we are very fortunate that we have been equipped with the tools to continue improving ourselves; so that we may be enabled to set an example for others and ultimately become someone whom others seek to emulate. Our goal as Masons should be improve our society, leading by the exemplary character and conduct taught to us within the confines of the Lodge room. By choosing to join our great Order, we have all undertaken to live in such a manner as to be good citizens and to exemplify those virtues that fulfill our motto of "making good men better."

Your Toronto East District Trestle Board is now available. Some of you may have received it through electronic mail, or from our District Website. We have also delivered hard copies to the Master, or Secretary of your Lodge for distribution at your first meeting. The Trestle Board is your calendar and reference of events and contacts for this Masonic year in Toronto East District and beyond. It contains useful information you will need to complete your own personal calendar and I urge you to give it due consideration in planning your Masonic labours. You will find listed the dates of Installations and Official Visits of our District Lodges as well the dates of the receptions, events, workshops and seminars in the District. The names and contact information of the District Committee Chairman are also listed therein.

I feel that we have assembled an outstanding team of District Chairmen and Committee Members. Please give them your full support as they introduce their programs and engage their duties throughout the coming year. District Chairmen apply a lot of time, effort and expertise into preparing and presenting



programs that will enhance your Masonic journey. I urge you to attend as many District workshops, seminars and events as you are able and feel free to contact the Chairmen to seek guidance on any particular subject that may interest you. These brethren seek to enhance your understanding of what Masonry has to offer and enable you to appreciate fully that “Freemasonry is a way of life.” I trust you will do your best to attend, that their labours are not in vain. Consider also that as you advance in your Masonic career, you may one day become the Chairman of a Lodge or District Committee. By attending District Workshops and Seminars, you will not only gain knowledge, but will also prepare yourself for the day when you are assuming the responsibility of leading future Masons.

I am pleased to announce the Toronto East District Charity for this year will be Supporting Local Masonic Youth Initiatives, with particular emphasis on the efforts of Toronto Assembly No. 2, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Horace Mundy Chapter, of the Order of DeMolay. These groups are the future of Masonry and a source of future leaders of the Craft and our community. It is fitting that we support them as they undertake their own Masonic journeys and assist them during their development, so they know we are there for them. It is imperative that we do not let them down during this critical time in their lives. The young men from the Order of DeMolay may very well become future Masons. The young ladies of the Rainbow Girls may very well join the Eastern Star. In addition, these youth are also acquainted with other fine, upstanding young men and women who seek leadership opportunities. They will likely refer these friends to consider joining Masonry and the Eastern Star, based upon their own favourable opinions of the Craft. All of this can be garnered by our example of support and guidance.

I invite you to attend the meetings of the local DeMolay Chapter or Rainbow Assembly. You will be quite impressed with the excellence of the work and the pride demonstrated by the members and officers in delivering it. You will also be interested to note the manner in which these youth are taught ethics, integrity, duty, honour, self-respect and spiritual growth that empower them to become the leaders of their generation. It is both interesting and inspirational to see threads of Masonic teaching within their own ritual work. These young people are our future leaders. Dates and times of their meetings are listed in our Trestle Board. Let us support our Masonic Youth and bear in mind that our investment in the youth of today will pay dividends in the future. Our Charity Project Chairman, W. Bro. Malcolm J. Parrish will have more to say on this matter as we introduce the District Charity Fund Raising efforts planned for this year.

I remind you that we begin our Masonic year with our first District Installation at Coronati Lodge on Thursday, September 8th. This is followed shortly by Installations at Acacia Lodge on Monday, September 19th and Riverdale-John Ross Robertson Lodge on Tuesday, September 20th. Please mark these dates in your calendars and endeavour to attend as many as you are able, so that we may show our support for our brethren and foster our strong fraternal bonds. After our summer hiatus, these meetings offer us an excellent opportunity to be reacquainted. Please also make plans to attend the many upcoming receptions and workshops planned for the fall. You will also find these listed on the Toronto East District Trestle Board and also updated on our District website: www.torontoeastdistrict.com, managed by our Website Chairman, Bro. Michael K. Morris, F.C.F. I look forward to greeting you once again in the coming days.

May the G.A.O.T.U. watch over you and yours and may we all strive to live up to our obligations.

Fraternally,

R. W. Bro. Keith Jones
District Deputy Grand Master



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

September 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> Labour Day - Summer's last long weekend - Kids are back in school ☺ 	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> * Coronati - Installation Banquet-5:30 pm See below Doric Pickering	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 1/6 See below East Toronto	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 2/6 See below East Toronto	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> * Acacia - Installation Visitors – 8:00 pm East Toronto * Caledonia – Reception-V.W. Harold Clark 7:30 pm York	<u>20</u> * Riverdale-John Ross Robertson – Installation Visitors – 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>21</u> * The Heritage Lodge - Elections Cambridge	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> First Day of Fall	<u>24</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 3/6 See below East Toronto	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> * Scarboro – Reception - R.W. Donald A. Campbell, DGM 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Rosh Hashanah Happy New Year!	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> TED – Lodge Mentors Workshop 7:30 pm Doric Pickering		



October 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					<u>1</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 4/6 See below East Toronto * TED - Fall Business Meeting 1:00 pm East Toronto * Lebanon Lodge	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u> * Mimosa - Installation DDGM's Lodge Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>4</u> * Canada - Installation Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering	<u>5</u> * Brougham Union - Installation Banquet-6:30 pm Mmmm - Pies! See below Claremont	<u>6</u> * Alpha-Tuscan - Installation Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>7</u> Yom Kippur - starts at dusk	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u> Thanksgiving Day - Turkey comas coming on 	<u>11</u> * Universe - Installation Visitors - 8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>12</u> * Friendship - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * TED - Lodge of Instruction See below Doric Pickering	<u>15</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 5/6 See below East Toronto	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> * Caledonia - Installation Visitors - 8:00 pm York	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * Doric - Official Visit Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 6/6 See below East Toronto	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> * TED - Prospective DDGM Orientation Banquet - 6:00 pm Oshawa	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> Halloween <i>WooOoooo!</i> 						



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

Supporting Local Masonic Youth Initiatives

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls held their Grand Session on August 4th to 6th 2011. The winner of the Youth of the Year Award for 2010-2011 was Emily Beaudoin of Ottawa assembly No. 3. Miss Beaudoin received \$500.00 for herself, a small plaque to keep and had her name put on the big plaque. She is to keep the big plaque for one year then return it to Grand Lodge by June 1st. Her chapter also received \$300.00, presented at their Grand Session.



l to r: V. W. Bro. Gerry Ouellette, R. W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell DGM
the award winner Emily Beaudoin,
R. W. Bro. William J. Atkinson Chairman of the Youth Initiation Committee.

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*You shall resort to pardon, advocate tolerance, and disregard the ignorant.
- The Qur'an, Surah 7 al-A`raf*

Blood Donor Clinics



Accidents happen. If, unfortunately, it is one of us or our family or friends who are involved, we'd all want the necessary blood to be available. It only takes a short while and it's quite relaxing actually.

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

Contact: John Katz @ johnkatz@sympatico.ca or 416.264.7399



Remember the North East Corner



Your gift will mean *absolutely everything to the recipients* but it will cost you *absolutely nothing* -- ever. And you don't even have to give anything now or hopefully for a long, long time. You'll never even notice. Register for organ donation.

Even if you've signed a donor card, you still need to register your consent to donate. It only takes a couple of minutes. But in doing so, you could one day save 8 lives and enhance 75 more. Not a bad return on investment, eh? Register now.

www.beadonor.ca

Toronto East District Grand Lodge Officers 2011-12

R. W. Bro. Donald A Campbell	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. Bro. Eugene de Beaupre	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. George Hinds	Board of General Purpose
R. W. Bro. Keith Jones	District Deputy Toronto East District
V. W. Bro Gerald Newall	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro Harold Clarke	Assistant Grand Chaplain
V. W. Bro. Robert Kliaman	Assistant to the Grand Secretary

Women and Freemasonry

Many Freemasons are blissfully unaware that such a thing as feminine Freemasonry exists. Others would just prefer to do the ostrich thing and pretend it isn't there. Reported statistics indicate that worldwide, feminine Freemasonry is gaining initiates in multiples of the malecraft Freemason initiates.



Freemasonry for women has existed from at least the early 1900s and possibly earlier. I'm not referring to Eastern Star or any of the other feminine organisations considered part of the 'Family of Freemasonry.' Nor am I referring to those women who were initiated solely as a result of them surreptitiously learning the secrets of the degrees by stealth and eavesdropping. I'm talking about full blown, initiatic Masonry. After all, if

we in malecraft Masonry can strive to improve ourselves through Freemasonry, why should women not follow the same or similar path?

I'm not advocating women in our lodges. Femalecraft Masonry also has no desire to have men in their lodges. There however exist obediences commonly referred to as Co-Masonry that has both men and women. What is discussed here is Female Freemasonry.

The Order of Women Freemasons is a fraternal organisation based in the United Kingdom and is the larger of the two Masonic bodies for women only.

The Order was founded in 1908 as the Honourable Fraternity of Antient Masonry, and formed by a small group of men and women who seceded from the Co-Masonic movement. They disagreed with the theosophical precepts and the governance of the Co-Masonic organisation and wanted to return to the



traditional workings of English Masonry. The leader and first Grand Master was W. F. Cobb. By the time the first and male Grand Master resigned from the Order in 1912, six Lodges had been consecrated. The second and all subsequent Grand Masters have been women.

The sanctions of United Grand Lodge of England against any of their members who associated with 'irregular bodies' of Freemasons, including those admitting women, meant that there were few male candidates after 1910. In 1920 a petition was sent from the Order to UGLE for recognition as a bona fide Masonic body but this was refused. After that men were no longer accepted as candidates into the Order although there were still a few who, distancing themselves from their own Obedience, chose to remain in high office. In 1935, the male Grand Secretary died and the remaining male Grand Lodge officer, the Deputy Grand Master, was asked to resign. From this date the Order has been exclusively female. Relations with UGLE are now cordial.

The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was introduced in 1929 and the Mark Degree in 1946. Other Degrees including the Chivalric Degrees were introduced in the late 1940s and the 1950s. All these are administered by the same Grand Lodge as the Craft Degrees.

The Honourable Fraternity of Antient Masonry took as its subtitle in 1958 'The Order of Women Freemasons', to make its single-sex nature more obvious and it is by this name that it is known today.

The Order currently comprises 358 working Craft Lodges, based in the British Isles, Australia, Canada, South Africa, Spain and Zimbabwe. There are over 10,000 members, at last count. The workings and Constitution of the Order parallel those of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Order of Women Freemasons opened its first Lodge in Ontario in 1954. In 2011 there are three Craft Lodges operating in the Greater Toronto Area.

Lodge Keele Gate #172 meets in Mississauga. Lodge Pioneer Hope/Trillium of York #72 and #79 meets in Scarborough. Lodge Heritage #84 meets in Whitby. There are approximately 100 active members living as far away as Peterborough, Niagara Falls and Kansas. Lodge St. Lawrence #206, a Lodge of Installed Masters meets three times a year in Scarborough.

We are not a benevolent society but believe in upholding the cause of charity. Since 2007 over \$30,000 has been donated to local charities by Canadian Lodges. Our Grand Lodge Headquarters are in London, England.

In June of 2008 a large contingent of Women Freemasons from all three Lodges travelled to London to celebrate the Order's 100th anniversary. The Centenary Celebration took place in the Royal Albert Hall in London which was filled to capacity by Women Freemasons from all over the world. The Canadian contingent received their Mark Degree at our headquarters in London in the week following the Centenary.

From that beginning in June 2008, we studied diligently, sent others over to receive their Mark Degree and were thrilled to have Archstone Mark Lodge #6 reinstated on April 9, 2011.

The women involved come from all walks of life. We enjoy the fellowship of good friends, the opportunity of self-expression by participation in the beautiful ceremonies and ritual and the sanctuary and peace within the Lodge from the rush and turmoil of the present world. We welcome inquiries from



any women of 21 years and over who are interested in developing their character and bringing fullness and meaning to their lives.

Sincerely and fraternally,

V. W. Brother Karen Caldwell
Grand Inspector, Canada
Order of Women Freemasons

The Grand Master's Theme

Theme: "Believe in Freemasonry"

Believing in Freemasonry goes beyond words. Our initiation merely opens the door and exposes us to an environment and the tools to enable us to participate in a lifelong learning experience. The individual Mason must then choose to use those tools and work in that environment to become a better man.

Each of us will, at some point along the way, perhaps even sub consciously, face the question 'do I believe in Freemasonry?' Naturally each of us will answer the question in his own way. However, I personally think that you become a believer when you acquire a certain inner feeling.

Believing in Freemasonry is that state which you attain when you:

- Believe it in your **heart**
- Believe it in your **mind**
- When you **Do not doubt it**, do not **defend** it, do not **libel** it
- When you do **Learn** about it, **Live** it, **Love** it, **Leave it sound** for those to come

Believers in Freemasonry will Embrace and Enjoy the following:

First, they will **Expand** their own Masonic horizons by **Pushing** the boundaries on Masonic learning.

Second, they will **Re-energize** the experienced masons around them, encouraging them to broaden their existing knowledge.

Third, they will **Engage** the new masons by helping them tap the apparent limitless thirst for knowledge.

I believe in the next two years that we can expand our horizons by

- Getting better at communicating
- Extending our learning opportunities
- Being responsive to the needs of the Brethren (understanding the real Condition of Masonry)

Brethren, there is a Japanese Proverb that states: "Life is for one generation. A good name is forever."

Believe in Freemasonry and it will have a good name forever.

"I believe in the future of Freemasonry in Ontario"

Toronto East Masonic Centre (T.E.M.C.)

Across our grand jurisdiction there are several examples of temples recently erected that are several floors in height and self-sufficient. In a typical three-storey scenario, one floor is reserved for Freemasonry, while two are leased to tenants.



In Toronto, due to specific living space demand, we are considering the development of a taller building, to possibly provide condominium units or retirement villas that we anticipate would be sold in advance and prior to completing construction. We are currently looking at securing property in the Birchmount-Warden corridor.

Whether we can actually afford (the monthly interest payments) to build such an edifice is another question altogether. Nonetheless, we are trying to resolve all the issues in an expeditious manner.

On behalf of our brethren, past, present and future, the board is considering not only the viability of its investment ultimately, but also the “look and feel” of our new temple. Over the summer months (online, on the phone and in-person), the TEMC board has primarily debated whether the projected feasibility of large-scale development is worth the risk.

In the future, whether our temple is viewed as bleak and ominous, or bright and welcoming is a per-square-foot cost equation, frankly. The marketing and positioning of Freemasonry, and thus the successful distribution of units to 3rd party partners in the Scarborough community, whether purchasers or renters, is another related issue being discussed as well.

The board members each agree our new temple will consist minimally 20,000 square feet for our unique Masonic purposes. We also agree that financing our deal to not only purchase land but to develop atop that land is critical. Therefore, members were recently asked to offer an opinion with respect to their appetite for risk.

In order to continue moving forward, notwithstanding our anticipated fundraising efforts, which needs to be wound up, the affairs of SMTC need to be wound down and its assets transferred to the new board upon the conclusion of its 2010 audit, as do those of East Toronto eventually.

Due to the complicating matter of the outstanding SMTC debenture holders, this particular activity requires the advice of both legal and accounting experts.

I look forward to the decisions of all the respective boards, and expect serious decisions to be made shortly, enabling us to secure land and begin the process to properly develop our new temple.

S+F,
Graeme Boyce
President SMTC & TEMC
416-402-8591

The Grand Master's Project

The Grand Master's Charitable Project for 2011-2013 will be Camp Trillium, the Childhood Cancer Support Center. Masonic Foundation of Ontario Project Number: 2847. The facts below will acquaint you with Camp Trillium.

Vision:

Camp Trillium's vision is to reach children with cancer by providing them and their families with fun and enriching recreational opportunities. We achieve this vision by providing outstanding year-round camp and recreational experiences to promote the healing process in a safe family-inclusive environment.





The Camp Trillium Spirit is captured in its Core Values:

- **Fun:** Is what Camp Trillium does and how we do it – creating memories which last a lifetime through laughter and friendship
- **People:** Our enthusiastic campers, dedicated staff and committed volunteers and generous supporters are the Camp Trillium Family
- **Care:** Camp Trillium embraces campers and their families with care in a safe and healing environment
- **Innovation:** Through innovative approaches, Camp Trillium provides a camping opportunity that encourages inclusiveness, creativity, personal growth and achievement
- **Integrity:** Integrity is at the forefront of what Camp Trillium does, from the stewardship of resources and assets, to the development and delivery of programs

Camp Trillium is a leader in oncology camping programs. Year round in the province of Ontario 56 programs are provided for children living with cancer and their families and in 2010, over 3,100 campers participated in residential and family camps as well as 8 week Day Camps held across the province.

Camp Trillium is the largest provider of recreational programs for children living with cancer in North America. And is the lead association in the development of oncology camping policy and procedures templates in use in most camps in Canada.

Camp Trillium is a place where children afflicted with cancer can enjoy what many take for granted... fun, friendships, and a respite from hospitals and treatment, but most importantly the chance to be normal. The chance to be recognized for skills in sailing, canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, skating, cross-country skiing, drama, rather than the disease that inhabits their body.

Camp Trillium is unfortunately no longer funded by the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division because it no longer falls into their mandate to focus on Cancer research. Camp Trillium's focus is making sure that children living through cancer and their families have a special place to develop friendships, strengthen family bonds, have fun and challenge themselves to learn new skills. Thus, Camp Trillium receives no government funding and the bulk of the monies come through private donations from service clubs, special events and generous individuals.

Camp Trillium has benefitted in the past from many hours of volunteer Masonic labour at its Rainbow Lake site. They have been thrilled with this past support from the local Masons and are delighted with the commitment to continue to support Camp Trillium through this project.

How To Say It

Ascend	a-send
Ascertain	a-sir-tain
Ashlar	ash-ler
Assent	a-sent
Assiduity	a-sid-yoo-it-ee
Astronomy	a- stron-om-ee ('o' as in 'on')
Atrocious	a-trow-shus ('o' as in 'throw')
Attributes	a-trib-yoots
Auspicious	aw-spish-us
Avarice	a-var-iss ('a' as in 'cat')
Avocation	a-vo-kay-shun



Baneful	bain-full
Beneficence	ben-neff-iss-ence
Benevolence	ben-nev-ole-ence
Benign	bee-nine

- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work

What's That All About?

Who discovered, designed or invented Masonry?

No one man, any more than any one man discovered, designed or invented democracy, or philosophy, or science, or any one government. Freemasonry is the result of growth. Many Masons had a part in it; it has taken to itself teachings from many religions, philosophies, systems of knowledge, symbols.

The most generally accepted orthodox belief as to those who “began” Freemasonry is that the Craft is a descendant of Operative Masons. These Operatives inherited from unknown beginnings, of which there may have been several and were probably many, practices and some form of ritual. Speculative Masonry, reaching back through Operative Masonry, touches hands with those who followed unknown religions in which, however, many of the Speculative principles must have been taught by the use of symbols as old as mankind and therefore universal, and not the product of anyone people or time.

Why are candidates hoodwinked?

Blindfolding a candidate is symbolical of that state in which he has “long been in darkness and now prays for light.”

It is not to keep him from seeing the lodge room, or the officers, or the brethren, but to make a deep and lasting impression on his mind, that Masonically, he has no, or but partial, light, and that only by the consummation of the ceremonies for which he has asked and which the lodge has granted, may he receive that Masonic light which will enable him to “travel in foreign countries and receive Master’s wages.”

That the conclusion of parts of Masonic degrees be accompanied by unexpected sight and sound is a very old and very effective way of making an event memorable.

What is a “recognized Grand Lodge”?

Each Grand Lodge has different conceptions of “regularity.” Thus the Grand Lodge in Country A will ‘recognize’ - that is, accept as equal, regular, legitimate Freemasonry - the Grand Lodge of Foreign Country X, while the Grand Lodge of Country B is not satisfied that the Grand Lodge of Foreign Country X conforms to all the requirements of the Grand Lodge of Country B. Thus a Grand Lodge of a foreign country may be legitimate Masonry to the Grand Lodge of one Country, and ‘clandestine’ or ‘irregular’ or ‘unrecognized’ by another Country. *****The Masonic Service Association publishes every July a chart showing what Grand Lodges outside the United States are “recognized” by each of the forty-nine Grand Lodges of the nation.



Why do brethren entering and leaving a lodge salute the Master?



Masons entering or leaving a lodge salute the Master at the Altar if the lodge is at labour. This practice assures the Master that the brother knows on what degree the lodge is open. A brother making a wrong sign can be instructed immediately. It informs the Master that the brother is a Mason of the degree on which the lodge is open; if he makes an inferior sign, and cannot, on request, give the right one, the Master can then use other means to ascertain that no Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft is present in a Master Mason lodge.

The salute is also a silent assurance to the Master and through him to the brethren: "I remember my obligations."

Brethren salute on retiring to get permission to leave. No one can enter or leave a lodge room while a lodge is at labour without permission. If the Master does not wish the brother who salutes to retire he tells him so, instead of responding to the salute.

Define Hail; Hale; Hele; Heal.

The first two words are pronounced alike, but with different meanings. Hail is to greet. Hale means hearty, well. The next two words are also pronounced alike, but with different meanings. Hele (Anglo-Saxon) is an old word meaning to cover, conceal. Heal means to make well. "Hele and conceal" is one of the many word pairs in the ritual that go back to the growth of the English language, when two words were often used to insure that the hearer understood the meaning of at least one.

Why do the stairs in the Second Degree wind?

In I Kings VI:8 appears "The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third." The Fellowcraft climbs the winding stairs to reach the middle chamber where are paid the wages he has earned, in corn, wine and oil. Symbolists find an especial significance in the "winding" of the stairs, denoting the necessity for a courageous ascent. Stairs that wind do not disclose what is ahead as does a straight stair. He who climbs a winding stair in confidence does so because he is a man grown, no weakling, but one able to face even an unknown future with courage.

The Fellowcraft degree as a whole is a symbol of manhood, so it is appropriate to its teachings that winding stairs denote courage. The Entered Apprentice degree as a whole is a symbol of youth and the Master Mason degree as a whole a symbol of age.

- One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry

On The Net . . .



Some very good and useful Masonic reference books are also very difficult to find. They are not carried in most retail book outlets. They may even be out of print.

The Freemason At Work by Harry Carr is just such a book. The author has long been considered one of the outstanding researchers and authorities on Freemasonry. His book,



The Freemason At Work is frequently quoted as the authority on why we do certain things and why we say certain things. To quote the Forward of the book –

The queries Bro. Carr was asked to deal with vary greatly in complexity as well as in subject-matter. Where a pure issue of fact is concerned the answer may be accepted as authoritative. Where someone has put the insoluble question, why a particular expression is used in the ceremonies, Bro. Carr's historical exposition provides as satisfactory an answer as the case admits; he might have cited what Justice Holmes said in an analogous case - 'The life of the law has not been logic; it has been experience.' Where the question involves expressing a preference between two or more possible solutions, Bro. Carr has not been afraid to follow a statement of the relevant facts with an expression of his own opinion, but he has not done so dogmatically, or claimed to have said the last word. Bro. Carr's opinion on any Masonic question must carry weight, but he would certainly not wish anyone to adopt it merely on the authority of his name, and the most important thing is that he provides material for informed discussion.

If you can find the book and buy it, do so. You will not be sorry. However if that is not an option, then you can find the complete book at –

www.phoenixmasonry.org/freemason_at_work.htm

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Annette St. Temple, Toronto, ON

Do you have a picture of a Masonic Hall in downtown Some-Place-Else? Send it in and let others see.

Arturo De Hoyos



Arturo De Hoyos authored, edited and translated numerous books, articles and publications on Freemasonry, and frequently contribute to *Heredom*, the annual transaction of the Scottish Rite Research Society. also he serves as the Grand Archivist and chairman of publications of the Grand College of Rites (GCR), a Masonic organization dedicated to the preservation and study of disused Masonic and quasi-Masonic ritual. He has edited *Collectanea*, the GCR's annual transaction since 1994.



W. Bro. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross, KYCH, is currently the Grand Historian of the Supreme Council, 33°, Scottish Rite and the Grand Archivist and Chairman of Publications for the Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. W. Bro. de Hoyos is also a member of the executive staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C.

He is America's foremost authority on the history and rituals of the Scottish Rite. He is an author, editor, and translator of many books and articles on Freemasonry, including –

- Albert Pike's Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry (2005),
- The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide (2007), and
- Light on Masonry (2008).

He also co-authored, with S. Brent Morris, the best-selling books –

- Is it True What They Say About Freemasonry? The Methods of anti-Masons?" (2004), and
 - Committed to the Flames: The History and Rituals of a Secret Masonic Rite (2007)
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- Freemasonry in Context: History, Ritual, Controversy (2004).

W. Bro. de Hoyos has traveled and lectured extensively on Freemasonry and is the special consultant to the Masonic Service Association of North America. He was one of three people invited to the Vatican by the Roman Catholic Church to discuss Freemasonry. He has been featured on CNN, ABC, NBC, DC's FOX 5 News, WAMU Radio's 'Metro Connection,' Voice of America, and The History Channel; and has been interviewed by the New York Times, El País, and other newspapers and magazines worldwide.

Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. Sometimes age just shows up all by itself.
- Tom Wilson

Thursday September 8 2011

Coronati – Installation

The officers and members would appreciate your presence.

Time: 5:30 pm – Banquet (sharp)
7:00 pm – Lodge Opens (sharp)
7:30 pm – Visitors Received (or earlier)

Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Contact: Peter Nuttall @ pnuttall@idirect.com or 416.283.8056

Saturday September 10, September 17 and September 24 2011

Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work

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Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704

The Readership of Hiram's Lighthouse

Earlier this year I asked each subscriber to identify their home lodge and district. Some readers imagined a conspiracy of some sort. I thought conspiracy theories were the province of those other guys. The result of the survey shows that the number of subscribers within Toronto East District is a mere 166 or only 51% of the readers. Almost as many readers are outside the district as in. Interesting, eh?



Friday September 23 2011
First Day of Fall



Can you believe it's fall already? Wasn't it only yesterday we were waiting for spring? The movement of the Sun is part of the hidden symbolism of Freemasonry. The September equinox occurs at 4:04 am Eastern Standard Time on September 23, 2011. It is also referred to as the autumnal or fall equinox in the northern hemisphere. The fall equinox occurs when the Sun reaches the equator on its way south to the Tropic of Capricorn at 23.5° south. If we lived between the two tropics, Cancer and Capricorn, there would be no discernable seasons. It is warm all the time. And we live here – Why?

Admonition
To the Brethren in open Lodge convened
For the Election of the Master

“From time immemorial it has been an established customs among Free and Accepted Masons, for each lodge, once in every year, at a stated period, to select from among those brethren who have served the office of Warden, an expert Craftsman to preside over them in the capacity of Master.” From this we deduce that the task of the Worshipful Master is that of President.

In another portion of our rituals he is tasked “to instruct and employ the brethren in Masonry,” thus making him an Instructor or Teacher, and an Employer.

Yet in another portion of our rituals the Master is called “a Ruler in the Craft,” that is: a person who rules or commands. Some have even suggested that the gavel gives him the powers of a Despot, though in another place he is obliged “to submit to the awards and resolutions of his brethren in general lodge convened . . .” reducing his exalted status to that of a Servant - and not just a “run-of-the-mill servant, but one has promised at his installation: “not to be insensible to his duties, nor to his responsibilities for the faithful discharge of the same.”

In another place he is prompted to administer the duties of that high office to the best of his skill and ability and, in another is obliged not to permit or suffer any deviations from the established usages, customs and landmarks. That makes him an Administrator and a Policeman as well. That is a rare breed of a servant. And I could say more but . . .

I am giving you this perspective on the role of the Master you are now about to elect for the ensuing 12 months (or until a new master is elected and installed in his stead) in order for you to reflect and be cautious on your choice of the Master - and to remind you that at installation you will be required to promise him Obedience, in addition to your obligation to “answer and obey all lawful signs and summonses” you receive from him or your lodge, and the regular attendance you have agreed to observe.

I had in the past the opportunity to remind you that a Lodge is not someone else's enterprise or recreational facility, accessible with a membership card whenever one feels like it. It is not. The lodge is a living organism, a family of brothers, where every member participates and pulls his weight, to the extent of the length of his cable tow, and according to his skills and abilities.



You now know with clarity what you are entitled to expect from the Master you are about to elect - and what that Master is entitled to expect from you.

You will now attend at the Altar and cast your ballot for the election of the Master.
Vincent Lombardo

Wednesday September 28 2011

Rosh Hashana

Rosh Hashanah, literally “head of the year,” is a Jewish holiday commonly referred to as the “Jewish New Year.” It is observed on the first day of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar, starting at dusk as ordained in the Torah, in Leviticus 23:24.

Rosh Hashanah is the first of the High Holidays or Ten Days of Repentance which are days specifically set aside to focus on repentance that conclude with the holiday of Yom Kippur.



Rosh Hashanah is the start of the civil year in the Hebrew calendar (one of four “new year” observances that define various legal “years” for different purposes as explained in the Mishnah and Talmud). It is the new year for people, animals, and legal contracts. The Mishnah also sets this day aside as the new year for calculating calendar years and sabbatical and jubilee years.

Jews believe Rosh Hashanah represents either analogically or literally the creation of the World, or Universe. However, according to one view in the Talmud, that of R. Eleazar, Rosh Hashanah commemorates the creation of man, which entails that five days earlier, the 25 of Elul, was the first day of creation of the Universe.

- Wikipedia.com

It is not the oath that makes us believe the man, but the man the oath.
- Aeschylus (525-455 BC)

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North American Membership Numbers

The Masonic Service Association of North America (MSANA) has released the list of U.S. and Canadian Masonic membership statistics for 2010. - <http://www.msana.com/msastats.asp>

The total Masonic membership of North American continues to decline although the annual rate of decline is slowing down.

The numbers for 2010 were 1,373,453 (lowest since the MSA began compiling stats in 1924). For Canada - 86,210, a decline of 2,489 from 2009.



In the U.S. only the Grand Lodges of Alabama, DC, Hawaii, New Mexico, Utah and in Canada the Grand Lodges of Newfoundland/Labrador show gains for 2010.

In Ontario, the drop was 972, from 49,595 in 2009 to 48,623 in 2010.

Saturday October 1 2011

Lebanon Lodge, Ontario District – 150th Anniversary

An opportunity to visit with a lodge outside our district and celebrate their 150th Anniversary with them. Ladies and non-Masonic Guests are welcome. M.W. Bro. Gary Dowling will be the guest of honour. Please **RSVP** as soon as possible.

Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm – Banquet
Location: Lviv (Ukrainian) Hall and Pavilion
38 Lviv Blvd., Oshawa
Cost: \$45 / pp
Contact: Glenn Jess @ glenn.jess@ascsignal.com

Wednesday October 5 2011

Brougham Union - Installation

The officers and members would appreciate your presence.

Time: 6:30 pm – Banquet (sharp)
7:30 pm – Visitors Received (or earlier)
Location: Claremont Masonic Temple
Contact: Eric Jones @ ekjones_90@hotmail.com or 905.721.0965

Friday October 14 2011

Toronto East District – Lodge of Instruction

RAISING THE BAR with respect to the performance of our Rites and Ceremonies is one of the primary goals of our Grand Lodge Strategic Plan. Annually, these Lodges of Instruction provide a valuable opportunity for every Mason to learn anew or refresh himself in those aspects of our ceremonies not directly related to the memorization and delivery of the lectures.

Brethren, if we are going to perform our rites and ceremonies, let's do them right! I often hear the excuse for not attending is, "I already know the Work." Yet we proclaim that Masonry is a progressive science and I can honestly say to you that I learn something new at every session I attend. Those who do attend, will not come away disappointed.

The content and presentation of these sessions is informative, educational and engaging and I personally recommend them to you. I can guarantee that at every one of the Lodge of Instruction Sessions, someone will say, "I didn't know that's how we are supposed to do it."

- D. Garry `Dowling
Grand Master



<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Length</u>
6:30-6:55 pm	Registration	25 minutes
7:00-7:10 pm	Welcome and Introduction	10 minutes
7:10-7:35 pm	Protocol & Etiquette	25 minutes
7:35-8:00 pm	Entered Apprentice Degree	25 minutes
8:00-8:25 pm	Fellowcraft Degree	25 minutes
8:25-8:40 pm	Break	15 minutes
8:40-9:05 pm	Installation Ceremony <i>Installed Masters only</i>	25 minutes
8:40-9:05 pm	Break Out Sessions <i>Master Masons only</i>	25 minutes
9:05-9:30 pm	Master Mason Degree	25 minutes
9:30-9:55 pm	Question Period	25 minutes
9:55-10:00 pm	Appreciation	5 minutes
10:00 pm	Adjournment	

Time: 6:30 pm – Registration
7:00 pm – Commences (sharp)

Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall

Contact: Ed Russell @ ajaxruss48@gmail.com or 905.619.3167

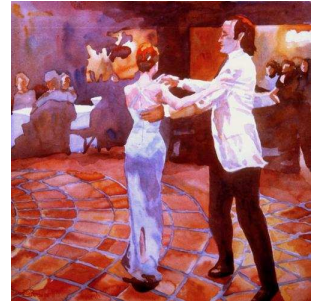
Men are not to be judged by their looks, habits, and appearances; but by the character of their lives and conversations, and by their works. It is better to be praised by one's own works than by the words of another.

- Sir Roger L'Estrange (1616-1704)

Saturday November 5, 2011

West Hill – Ladies Night

Tickets will be available from any of the senior officers. Please book the date, phone for your tickets, and be sure to join us for a gourmet meal, great Jimmy Mac music, and loads of fun.



Time: 6:30 pm – Social
7:30 pm – Dinner

Location: Scarborough Golf and Country Club
321 Scarborough Golf Club Rd.

Cost: \$50 per person

Contact: Steve McClymont @ stefann44@hotmail.com or 416-226-6792
Horst Benoit @ 416.284.0482



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Masonic Funeral Service

There are few occasions when Freemasons may perform their public ceremonies, e.g., cornerstone laying, open installation of officers, the periodic public educational program, and so on. By far, the most common is our Masonic Funeral/Memorial Service. It is at this time that most non-Masons are introduced to Freemasonry - perhaps, for the very first time. It is at and during that sombre service that most people present will form their opinion and perception of our Fraternity. Not being members of our Ancient Craft, and generally knowing very little about Freemasonry, they are often very curious as to who we are, what we stand for, and what is it that we believe in as an organization.



Conducting Masonic Funeral Services is as old as the Fraternity itself. In the days of Operative Masonry, stonemasons buried their own with great solemnity and reverence. The deceased Brother was a man they had worked with side-by-side for years - perhaps, even their entire lives. They extolled his virtues and the contributions he had made to the Craft's work. They spoke of the Eternal Life after death, and the need to perform "good work" toward all humanity throughout the course of a man's life. The entire guild and all of their families turned out in force to mourn their Brother's passing, and to express their sympathies to the Brother's family. This tradition has been carried forward for centuries to our present day Speculative Masonry.

The first thing any non-Mason will observe is the size of the turnout. If it is small, they may conclude that his Lodge did not hold the deceased Brother in very high esteem. Or, even worse, that Freemasons are much too busy with their own private lives and interests to practice the tenets of Charity and Brotherly Love of which we so loudly boast. In other words, they may conclude that we do not practice what we preach. If the turnout is large, the non-Mason is likely to come away with a very different impression of both the Fraternity and the deceased Brother.

Always remember that a Masonic Funeral Service is the final tribute we can pay to our fallen Brother. That is the appropriate time to thank the Brother's family for allowing him to share his time on Earth with our Fraternity. No, you may not have known the Brother personally, but if he was a member of your Lodge, he certainly deserves your presence at his funeral service. If he was a Brother, then he is entitled to all of the "lights, rights and benefits" of being a Freemason - and that certainly includes a well-attended Masonic Funeral Service. Attending these services are, in many ways, just as important as attending Lodge meetings - perhaps, even more so, because, as we can do nothing more for our Brother, the Funeral Service is really for the benefit of the deceased Brother's family and friends, and it exhibits our genuine care and concern for one of our own.

For those that may have forgotten, the Masonic Funeral Service is one of the most beautiful pieces of literature ever written. Simple, honest, and straight-forward, it offers each of us an opportunity to reflect upon our own mortality, and to reaffirm our individual faith in the Supreme Grand Master of Heaven and Earth. It draws forth its inspiration and words of comfort not only from our Volume of Sacred Law, but



also from many of the world's greatest literary geniuses. No one can listen to our service and not be impacted by the gentle, yet powerful, words that touch the heart of every person present - both Mason and non-Mason alike.

Consider the sobering passage from our Masonic Funeral Service: "One by one they pass away, the Brothers of our adoption, the Companions of our choice. A Brother whose hand we have clasped in the bonds of Fraternal Fellowship is now passing from our sight, and we know that we shall meet him on Earth no more."

One day, and we know not when, each one of us will be that Brother who has passed from sight. One day, each one of us will have ended our journey in this life. As your then cold and lifeless body is commended to the grave eternal, will you want your Masonic Brethren to be present and among those that mourn you, and to offer comfort and consolation to your loved ones?

As stated in our funeral service, you can do nothing more of a material nature for the departed Brother. Nevertheless, you can cherish his memory, and offer the tribute of respect and love to the late Brother's memory. Of even greater importance, you can be there to extend our fraternal sympathy to our Brother's deeply afflicted and sorrowing family in their bereavement. We must tell his loved ones, and demonstrate it by our physical presence, that our promises to be true to them are not hollow or empty words. We owe our Brother something, and this may be the very last opportunity we will ever have to repay that debt.

Brethren, if you receive a call from your Lodge or see a Masonic Funeral Notice in your local newspaper, take the 20 or 30 minutes out of your busy lives to make this final act of respect and tribute. No, you may not have personally known the Brother, but he was your Brother and that alone is enough to justify making the effort to attend and to demonstrate to the world that we Freemasons do, in fact, sincerely care about each other - both in life and in death.

Each of us will one day cross death's threshold. After spending years in the Masonic Fraternity, how would you feel if most of your Lodge Brothers were too occupied with their own self-interests to attend your Masonic Funeral Service? How will your loved ones feel about the organization you belonged to for so many years cannot even muster more than a small handful of members to stand around your casket?

This is one obligation and commitment that each of us should earnestly strive to fulfill even if we cannot always attend Lodge meetings. Let us demonstrate before the world that we are men who practice Brotherly Love - all the way to the grave's edge.

Author: Anonymous



Toronto East District Lodges

Toronto East District is comprised of the lodges residing in the Claremont, Doric-Pickering, and East Toronto (Chisholm) Masonic Temples.

<u>Lodge and No</u>	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Emg</u>	<u>Inst</u>	<u>Off Vst</u>
Acacia #430	East Tor	3 rd Mon	2 nd Mon	Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384	East Tor	1 st Thu	3 rd Thu	Oct	Feb
Birch Cliff #612 www.birchcliffodge.com	Doric	2 nd Fri	4 th Fri	Dec	Feb
Brougham Union #269	Clar	1 st Wed		Oct	Apr
Caledonia #637 www.caledonialodge637.com	York *	3 rd Mon	1 st Mon	Oct	Apr
Canada #532	Doric	1 st Tue	3 rd Wed	Oct	Feb
Coronati #520 www.coronatilodge520.ca	Doric	2 nd Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424 www.doric424.com	Doric	3 rd Thu	1 st Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Doric	2 nd Wed		May	Oct
Markham Union #87	Clar	3 rd Wed		Oct	Apr
Mimosa #576 www.mimosalodge.com	East Tor	1 st Mon	3 rd Mon	Oct	Apr
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 www.rjrr494.com	East Tor	3 rd Tue	1 st Tue	Sep	Apr
Scarboro #653	Doric	2 nd Mon	4 th Mon	Dec	Mar
The Beaches #473 www.beacheslodge.ca	York *	1 st Thu		May	Mar
The Imperial East Gate #543	East Tor	2 nd Wed		Nov	Feb
Todmorden #647 www.todmordenlodge.com	East Tor	2 nd Thu	4 th Thu	Nov	Mar
Universe #705 www.ul705.com	East Tor	2 nd Tue	4 th Tue	Oct	Feb
West Hill #670	East Tor	1 st Wed	3 rd Wed	Dec	Mar
Wexford #683	Doric	1 st Fri	3 rd Fri	Nov	Apr
Total Lodges:	19				

* With the sale of the Scarborough Masonic Temple, the inhabiting lodges of that building have relocated to the other buildings. Caledonia Lodge #637 and The Beaches Lodge #473 have relocated to the York Temple which is customarily outside Toronto East District.



ADMINISTRATION:

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Ian Sinclair - ianwsinclair@bell.net

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