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*We are not members of a club; we are Brothers.
- Bro. Ed R. Halpaus, T.F.S. (Three, Five,
Seven)-2011*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

Our summer recess is fast coming to an end. The C.N.E. is in full flight as are our Toronto Blue Jays (so far). The Senior Wardens' B.B.Q. and Corn Roast enjoyed a great family day at WindReach Farm, a fun and relaxing time in the country. At the end of the day, the Senior Wardens led by Bro. Kelly Dadzie were pleased to present to WindReach Farm a healthy charitable donation which was thankfully received and we are sure will be faithfully applied.

It is with a note of sadness that we report the passing of W. Bro. George E. Beard, P.M. of Acacia Lodge No. 430 G.R.C. and W. Bro. Matthew F. McAllister, P.M. and member of Friendship Lodge No. 729 G.R.C. They will be missed. We cherish their memory in our hearts.

Brethren, in September we have four Installations and two receptions, the dates and time are on our District Website and the September calendar of our newsletters. These are "Special Moments" in the Masonic lives of these Brethren. If able, show them your support by your presence.

September also marks the start of the "Mechanics of The Work" Saturday mornings at East Toronto Masonic Temple Led by W. Bro. Dennis Rankin, 9 am to 12 noon. Time well spent in an actual lodge setting, practicing the work of your Chair. Also not to be missed, the Grand Lodge Instruction Team under the direction of the Custodian of The Work, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling and hosted by Zetland-Wilson Lodge No. 86, York Temple, 1100 Millwood Rd. Toronto, Monday September 28th, - 6:30 pm registration, 7:00 pm start. Covering Protocol and Etiquette, 3 Craft Degrees, Installation Ceremony, followed by a question and answer period.



For our future D.D.G.M. aspirants you must have your Past Masters Certificate completed by June 15th and must be in possession of this certificate in order to qualify for nomination as a candidate for this Office.



R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman, Chairman - Condition of Masonry and his team have introduced a new "L" form, "L4" that collects financial information and should be completed by the Treasurer and Secretary. They will no longer be asking for a copy of the Lodge's audited Financial Statement. The "L1" will be shorter this year. They will be posting the links and preview copies of all forms by September 1st.

The District Trestle Board should be available online by September 1st, and the hard copy at latest by our Toronto East District Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, September 26th, East Toronto Temple. 9:00 am - coffee, 9:30 am - meeting. All members of Toronto East District are invited to attend and we look forward to greeting you as we discuss plans for our upcoming Masonic Year.

At our 160th Annual Communication this year, the Internal Communications-Publishing Review Team observed that websites have improved immensely over the years, with the vast majority providing current, informative and very visually appealing information. Two Districts websites were judged to be outstanding and the Gold and Silver awards were presented to them.

Congratulations Toronto East District on being judged the outstanding website in all of our forty-three Districts of this great Jurisdiction and receiving as recognition, the **Gold Award**.

Brethren, this is your website it is a great resource, and I encourage you to make use of it.

Until we next meet.

May the Great Architect of The Universe watch over us all.

Knowledge = Confidence; Never Stop Learning.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Dean M. Bergerson
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



EVENTS CALENDAR:

September 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<p><u>1</u></p> <p>* Canada - Reception - R.W. Bro. Dean M. Bergerson-District Deputy Grand Master, T.E.D. Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>2</u></p>	<p><u>3</u></p>	<p><u>4</u></p>	<p><u>5</u></p>	<p><u>6</u></p>
<p><u>7</u></p> <p>Labour Day Back to the grind</p> 	<p><u>8</u></p>	<p><u>9</u></p>	<p><u>10</u></p> <p>* Coronati - Installation Banq - 6:00 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p><u>11</u></p>	<p><u>12</u></p> <p>* TED - Mechanics of The Work - 1 of 6 see below East Toronto</p>	<p><u>13</u></p>
<p><u>14</u></p> <p>Start of Rosh Hashanah</p>	<p><u>15</u></p> <p>* Riverdale-John Ross Robertson - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>16</u></p>	<p><u>17</u></p> <p>* Alpha-Tuscan - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>18</u></p>	<p><u>19</u></p> <p>* TED - Mechanics of The Work - 2 of 6 see below East Toronto</p>	<p><u>20</u></p> <p>* Caledonia - Reception for V.W. Bro. Bryan Pyper, Grand Steward see below York</p>
<p><u>21</u></p> <p>* Acacia - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p><u>22</u></p>	<p><u>23</u></p> <p>First Day of Fall!</p>  <p>Yom Kippur Eid-al Adha</p>	<p><u>24</u></p>	<p><u>25</u></p>	<p><u>26</u></p> <p>* TED - Mechanics of The Work - 3 of 6 <i>Deacons' Day</i> see below East Toronto</p>	<p><u>27</u></p> <p>* TED - Fall District Business Meeting Start - 9:00 am East Toronto</p>
<p><u>28</u></p> <p>* T.D.V.D. & T.E.D. Lodge of Instruction Reg - 6:30 pm Start - 7:00 pm York</p>	<p><u>29</u></p>	<p><u>30</u></p>				



October 2015

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			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> * TED - Mechanics of The Work - 4 of 6 see below East Toronto	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> * Mimosa - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>6</u> * Canada - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>7</u> * Brougham Union - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Anniversary - Grand Lodge of Canada formed 1855	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> Thanksgiving Day - say Thanks - last long weekend before Christmas 	<u>13</u> * Universe - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> * Doric - Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>16</u> Anniversary - Elias Ashmole Initiated 1646	<u>17</u> * TED - Mechanics of The Work - 5 of 6 <i>Deacons' Day</i> see below East Toronto	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> * Caledonia - Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm York	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> * Birch Cliff - Reception - V.W. Bro. Charles Franklin-Grand Steward Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>24</u> * TED - Mechanics of The Work - 6 of 6 see below East Toronto	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Halloween <i>Stop that! You're scaring the cat.</i> 	



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

Masonic Foundation of Ontario 50th Anniversary Project Supporting Prostate Cancer Research The Mikey Network

The Masonic Foundation directors explored opportunities for the Foundation to provide meaningful funding for prostate Cancer research in Ontario. The conclusion was to make funding of prostate cancer the primary activity to celebrate the 50th anniversary. To further highlight the pressing need to make significant advances M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. John C. Green, Deputy Grand Master pledged their full support behind this initiative. One component of this unique fund raising partnership will involve the charitable donations made to the Grand Master during his tenure being used to support the selected prostate cancer research projects. The target is to provide funding to the researchers for ten years.

Integrity is the first step to true greatness. Men love to praise, but are slow to practice it. To maintain it in high places costs self-denial; in all places it is liable to opposition, but its end is glorious, and the universe will yet do it homage.

- Charles Simmons (1798-1856)

Remember the North East Corner



Community Care Durham (CCD), established in 1977, is a multi-service registered charitable organization committed to providing access to a range of services needed to maintain well-being, independence and quality of life. Services are provided free of charge or for a minimal fee and are administered through various service locations across Durham Region.

- **Meals on Wheels:** Nutritious hot or frozen meals are delivered by volunteers to clients in their homes. Online ordering is now available in Ajax-Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington, Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock Township.
- **Transportation:** Volunteers provide transportation to clients for medical appointments, shopping, etc.
- **Friendly Visiting:** Volunteers visit on a regular basis to share in activities and companionship with clients.
- **Luncheon Out:** Group outings for clients to enjoy a nutritious meal and entertainment in a social setting.
- **Telephone Reassurance:** Volunteers provide regular contact to check on the well-being of clients.
- **Home Help:** Brokered helpers provide assistance with light housekeeping, etc.
- **Home Maintenance:** Brokered helpers provide assistance with yard work, snow shovelling, etc.
- **Foot Care Clinics:** Services are provided by registered foot care nurses.

Many of us have already had need for their services, and if not, will do in the future. *There is a great need for volunteers as drivers* to provide Friendly Visiting, Transportation and Meals on Wheels. Volunteers find the experience very satisfying as the clients are usually very grateful to receive contact and assistance that otherwise would not be available. Please help, providing charity in the form of personal time and assistance rather than a cheque.

www.communitycaredurham.on.ca/contact.html



FYI

**On August 23, 1879, Lodge #239 of France held a meeting in a balloon flying over Paris, at which time a candidate was Initiated. (Ed: How'd they fit everyone into the balloon gondola?!)
- Alphonse Cerza, The Truth is Stranger than Fiction, MSA**

Toronto East Masonic Centre

As summer comes to a close, the fruits of our labours are coming to fruition. The Directors have been very busy with numerous meeting during the last month.



We have been inching closer to an agreement on a Joint Venture Project.

The concept is a mixed building project with: -

- 1) A total of a maximum of 405 Ministry of Health Long Term Care beds with three different charitable partners: The Wexford Residences (Scarborough), Better Living at Thompson House (Don Mills), and Nisbet Lodge (Pape and Danforth). The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Health Capital Division has provided written support for project proceeding ahead providing Ministry Policies are followed;
- 2) A Masonic Temple comprised of 20,000 square feet including two lodge rooms, a social meeting space, and with plenty of individual lodge storage space;
- 3) Street level retail space along Lawrence and Birchmount Avenues;
- 4) A two level parking garage with roughly 400 parking spots;
- 5) Roughly 5000 square foot community space on the ground level on the side streets; and
- 6) Apartments for either rent or condominium units above the Long Term Care facility (number of units yet to be determined).

The Boards of the Long Term Care organizations are holding a joint Board Meeting on September 10 to make a decision to endorse the project and provide a Letter of Intent to participate in the forward movement on the development.

Providing the Long Term Care Charities provide these Letters of Intent, the ProjectCo Board hopes to have a Letter of Intent on project funding in place by Thanksgiving, and chartered bank co-funding of development by the end of 2015. We currently are in discussions with two Canadian national banks, as the size of the project requires a multiple bank funding.

Chrysler, our current tenant last rent payment is this month. We are in negotiations with Chrysler to bring the property up to commercial rent standards. Our walk through the property with them, they acknowledged they have to bring it back to rentable condition or provide a cash settlement for the same. This includes the environmental clean-up of the small contaminated area that was proven to exist when we had the Phase II environmental study undertaken.

We continue to seek your help in finding a short term (one to three year) lessee for the site.

We are awaiting the Auditors Financial Statement to share with our Shareholder TEMC. It is expected shortly, and will be distributed through the TEMC to TEMC appointees.

If you have questions, we will gladly answer them at projectco@outlook.com.

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Masons of Lodges in Toronto East District whose mission is to build and maintain a new masonic temple. The members of its Board of Directors are Gerry Campbell (Chair), Jim McKinnon (President), Neil Friedman (Treasurer), Michael Morris (Secretary), Maher Eid, Joe Lefevre and Bob Steenson.

- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373

I Did Not Know That !

After 9/11, 1,600 people died in automobile accidents after they switched their travel plans from flying to driving.

- thanks to Bro. Anon Y. Mous

Smile !



I Was Wondering

In the Masonic Year of 1976-77, the Education Committee of Toronto Masonic District No. 3 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (many of the lodges of which were realigned into the current Toronto East District), under the direction of R.W. Bro. Frank J. Bruce P.D.D.G.M. compiled 47 questions that were sent to the late W. Bro. Harry Carr P.J.G.D., Past Secretary and Editor of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 United Grand Lodge of England. These are his answers. It is to be noted that the answers refer to the Ritual and customs of the Grand Lodge of England in 1976.

This transcript of the Questions and Answers edited by W. Bro. Nelson King FPS

Is there any record of a Candidate's death in the First Degree by impaling himself on the sword presented at the door of the Lodge?

Positively no!



What is to be done if the Candidate declares himself unwilling to take his Obligation?

You must not try to persuade him. That would be a Masonic “crime”, because he comes of his own free will. If this ever happened in my presence, I would see the Candidate courteously returned to the Preparation Room and as soon as he was ready (without a word of criticism) see him out and call a taxi for him.

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Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Excelsior #261, Charlotte, North Carolina
with thanks to Dave Neave - Brougham Union Lodge #269

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

I wanted to change the world. But I have found that the only thing one can be sure of changing is oneself.

- Aldous Leonard Huxley (1894-1963)

Tuesday September 1 2015

Canada - Reception for R.W. Bro. Dean M. Bergerson - District Deputy Grand Master, Toronto East District

The Worshipful Master invites Brethren, and their wives, to this very special evening.

Dress is formal, business suit optional. Hors d'oeuvres will follow the presentation. Please **R.S.V.P.** to reserve

Time: 7:30 pm - Investiture
Location: Doric-Pickering



Contact: Ray Beverley @ rbeverley@sympatico.ca or 416-284-8610

**Saturday September 12, 19 and 26 2015 and
Saturday October 3, 17 and 24 2014**

Mechanics of the Work Classes

These classes are open to all Masons, from the newest Entered Apprentice to the rustiest young timer. The classes are of enormous worth to newer members and especially to those who have aspirations to be lodge line officers. Classes are informal in the normal lodge meeting sense, no regalia is required, and welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills or re-acquaint themselves in many aspects of our ceremonies and rituals. Attendance for the full three-hour class or at every class is not compulsory.

The work is from the **2013 black Book of the Work.**

We cover openings and closings, coming to order, the Five Points of Fellowship, the Grand Honours, entering and leaving a lodge while at work as well as when and how to address the Worshipful Master.

Calling Off and Calling On will be a practical part of the class for a 'Bio Break'. Yup, a genuine necessity sometime in midstream. Then we will finish at noonish to tidy up the lodge room and head back to the banquet room for more fellowship and the other stuff.



Special Deacons' Days will occur on September 26th and October 17th. These are very popular and informative and aimed primarily at the Deacons but also those who interact with them. Here we will cover the work of the degree, collecting the PG and PW, receiving GL officers under the wands and collection of a ballot.

There will be another set of classes commencing in January. Dates to be announced.

Hope to see you come visit to partake in and enjoy the sessions that many others have gotten a charge out of over the many years this program has been offered.

Time: 8:30 pm - muddy coffee (*coffee!*), day-old sticky buns (*if you are lucky*) and corny jokes
9:00 pm - noon - Classes

Location: East Toronto

Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704



Monday September 14 2015

Rosh Hashanah



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, as ordained in the Torah, in Leviticus 23:24. It starts at dusk of the previous evening.

Rosh Hashanah is the first of the High Holidays or Ten Days of Repentance that 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

Saturday September 19 2015

Caledonia - Reception for V.W. Bro. Bryan Pyper - Grand Steward

The Worshipful Master invites Brethren, and their wives, to this very special evening.

No Lodge opening. Followed by dinner. Regalia to be worn. Please **R.S.V.P.** to reserve



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Time: 5:00 pm - Investiture
Location: York Temple
Contact: Alex Wilson @ 647.222.0694



Wednesday September 23 2015

First Day of Fall



I don't know about you but I thought it just became summer! Remember? There was that warm day in there somewhere. That was summer! Time goes too, too fast!

The First Day of Fall starts at 4:21 am so you can consider the whole of the day until then as summer, if you are awake to see it. This day is also termed the September Equinox. This is when the sun reaches the Equator and starts moving south. The furthest north the sun gets is the Tropic of Cancer, which is 23.5 degrees north (summer). The furthest south the sun gets is the Tropic of Capricorn, which is 23.5 degrees south (winter).

Between the two tropics, there really are no seasons. It is warm and humid all the time. And we live here - why? Oh! To rake the leaves and shovel the snow, right? Get slush in our shoes. Lose our gloves. Get plowed in by the snowplow. And look forward to summer. ☹ We gotta re-think this.

Wednesday September 23 2015

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year for religious Jews. It starts at dusk of the previous day. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jews traditionally observe this holy day with a 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services. Yom Kippur completes the annual period known in Judaism as the High Holy Days.



According to Jewish tradition, God inscribes each person's fate for the coming year into a "book" on Rosh Hashanah and waits until Yom Kippur to "seal" the verdict. During the Days of Awe, a Jew tries to amend his or her behaviour and seek forgiveness for wrongs done against God and against other human beings. The evening and day of Yom Kippur are set aside for public and private petitions and confessions of guilt.

At the end of Yom Kippur, one considers one's self absolved by God.

- Wikipedia.com



Eid al-Adha



Eid al-Adha, “feast of sacrifice” or “Festival of Sacrifice” or “Greater Eid” is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide, approximately 20% of the world population, to commemorate the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to Allah, before Allah intervened to provide him with a ram to sacrifice instead. The celebrations start at dusk of the previous evening. The sacrificial meat is divided into three parts. The family retains one third of the share; another third is given to relatives, friends and neighbours; and the other third is given to the poor and needy.

Eid al-Adha is celebrated annually on the 10th day of the 12th and last month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Eid al-Adha celebrations start after the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia by Muslims worldwide. The date is approximately 70 days (2 months and 10 days) after the end of the month of Ramadan. Ritual observance of the holiday lasts until sunset of the 3rd day.

When Ishmael was about 13 (Abraham being 99), Allah decided to test their faith in public. Abraham had a recurring dream, in which Allah was commanding him to offer his son as a sacrifice - an unimaginable act - sacrificing the son that Allah had granted him after many years of deep prayer. Abraham knew that the dreams of the prophets were divinely inspired, and one of the ways in which Allah communicated with his prophets. When the intent of the dreams became clear to him, Abraham decided to fulfill Allah’s command and offer Ishmael for sacrifice.

Although Abraham was ready to sacrifice his dearest for Allah’s sake, he could not just go and drag his son to the place of sacrifice without his consent. Ishmael had to be consulted as to whether he was willing to give up his life as fulfillment to Allah’s command. This consultation would be a major test of Ishmael’s maturity in faith, love and commitment for Allah, willingness to obey his father and sacrifice his own life for the sake of Allah.

Abraham presented the matter to his son and asked for his opinion about the dreams of slaughtering him. Ishmael did not show any hesitation or reservation even for a moment. He said, “Father, do what you have been commanded. You will find me, Insha’Allah (God willing), to be very patient.” His mature response, his deep insight into the nature of dad’s dreams, his commitment to Allah, and ultimately his willingness to sacrifice his own life for the sake of Allah were all unprecedented.

When both father and son had shown their perfect obedience to Allah and they had practically demonstrated their willingness to sacrifice their most precious possessions for His sake - Abraham by laying down his son for sacrifice and Ishmael by lying patiently under the knife - Allah called out to them stating that their sincere intentions had been accepted, and that Abraham need not carry out the killing of Ishmael. Instead, Abraham was told to replace his son with a ram to sacrifice instead. Allah also told them that they had passed the test imposed upon them by their willingness to carry out God’s command.

During this celebration, men, women, and children are expected to dress in their finest clothing to perform Eid prayer in a large congregation such as an open field or mosque. Those Muslims who can afford, sacrifice their best domestic animals (usually a cow, but can also be a camel, goat, sheep or ram depending on the region) as a symbol of Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice his only son. The sacrificed animals have to meet certain age and quality standards or else the animal is considered an unacceptable



sacrifice. This tradition accounts for more than 100 million slaughtered animals in only 2 days. In Pakistan alone nearly 10 million animals are slaughtered at a cost of over \$3 billion US.

The regular charitable practices of the Muslim community are demonstrated by a concerted effort to see that no impoverished person is left without an opportunity to partake in the sacrificial meal during these days. During Eid al-Adha, distributing meat among the people is considered an essential part of this important Islamic festival. In some countries, families that do not own livestock can make a contribution to a charity that will provide meat to those who are in need.

During the festivals, Muslims generally prepare the finest meals derived from their respective cuisines.

In many Muslim cultures, the graves of the deceased are also visited during the day of Eid al-Adha.

As-alamu-alaiku.
- Wikipedia

Monday September 28 2015

T.E.D. - Lodge of Instruction

Although there is no Lodge of Instruction within Toronto East District this year, our district has been included in the event to be held in Toronto Don Valley.

Time: 6:30 pm - Registration
 7:00 pm - Begins
Location: York Temple



... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Word In Masonic Ritual

SPOILER ALERT! *The following paper contains information that, although readily available in many easy to obtain publications, should only be known by Master Masons.*

We have an area in Masonic inquiry that deserves more study and a re-evaluation. In spite of evidence to the contrary an opinion still persists there was no Speculative Masonry, as we now think of it, prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, notwithstanding facts, abundantly proven, that non-operative Masons were working in Britain at least one hundred years before that date. Beginning with the Acception in 1620, numerous records occur of meetings and of the making of Masons all during the Seventeenth Century. Many clues as to the manner of working and scraps of old rituals are preserved which show how lodges worked, perhaps as early as fifty years before 1717. These rituals differ in many details but, nonetheless, they have many characteristic things that are common to all.



For years, the accepted thesis was that the Mother Grand Lodge was the first to devise lodge ceremonies into three degrees. It was following this, it was said that numerous inventive and innovative agencies and persons built on this base multitudinous degrees and rites. To an extent, this is true but good evidence proves lodge workings had been divided into at least two and possibly three grades several years before Drs. Anderson and Desaguliers wrote their Constitution and ritual about the year 1723. Furthermore, an examination of this evidence reveals several things, later employed in the so-called “advanced degrees,” were known and utilized in earlier forms of lodge initiation. This is more understandable if one accepts the fact that the London Grand Lodge, in 1717, was simply an association of four lodges which were then meeting in London and Westminster, and that these lodges only did what many other groups of Masons had already done before them all over Britain. They prepared for their own use a set of Constitutions and a method of initiatory working which was consistent with the views and purposes of their own membership.

About sixty years ago an English scholar, J.E.S. Tuckett, presented a theory that pre-Grand Lodge Masonry consisted of a deep well of Masonic lore, only a part of which later found its way into the Grand Lodge ritual; and that from this well was taken many things that later appeared in the so-called “high degrees.” His ideas met with little acceptance at the time they were offered. Masonic documents have since appeared which add weight to his thesis. For example, the Graham Mss., undiscovered until 1936, tells a well-known story about the payment of Craft wages which later appeared in the Mark Degree. The Dumfries Mss. no. 4 gave much attention to the furniture of KS Temple, suggesting ideas in our present degree of Most Excellent Master. In it also appears that famous phrase from the Book of Zechariah, “Holiness to the Lord.” The Dumfries Mss. is dated c. 1710 while the Graham Mss. is dated 1726 although the language is more consistent with English usage some fifty years before.

During the Eighteenth Century, there was a marked difference in opinion as to what constituted ancient Masonry. This was the basis of a dispute between two rival groups of Masons in which the “Ancients” accused the “Moderns” of being ignorant of many things they deemed essential in the old ceremonies.



An outstanding example of this is the Royal Arch Degree that the “Ancients” insisted to be a part of their Lodge ritual whereas the “Moderns” branded it as an innovation.

Best evidence leads us to believe that Speculative Masonry, as it evolved during the Seventeenth Century, was a product on one hand of the Old English Constitutions and of ritualistic practices employed in Scottish operative lodges on the other. The merger of these two systems seems to have emerged sometime after the union of the crowns of the two countries in 1603, when James VI of Scotland became James I of England. In this way, relations between the two nations became much closer than they had been during three hundred years of previous hostility.

Scottish Masonry has contributed much to our present ritual. One item in particular dealt with an apprentice who, when he had completed his indenture, was taken by his master and “entered” on the rolls of the lodge. He was not immediately “accepted” as a Fellow Craft because, having satisfied his master, it was then mandatory that he also satisfy the body of the Craft. When that had been done, following a period of trial and probation, he was invested with “the Mason Word” and recognized as a Fellow. He could then travel in foreign countries and there work and receive Master’s wages. There is good reason to believe this investiture was also accompanied by a ceremony that was similar in substance to the Hiramic Legend of the present Third Degree.

In this there seems to have been some confusion in the use of the term “Master.” In one instance, it referred to a Fellow who had mastered the skills of the operative craft. In another, it meant actual Masters who had presided over a lodge and those whose skill was such they could design and supervise the erection of buildings. These were a privileged class who jealously guarded their pre-eminence. There were then two Words, one for each class of Masons. In this, some believe, can be found the early roots of the Royal Arch Degree that did not emerge as a separate identity until about 1725.

The story of the Mason Word is told by Douglas Knoop and his associates in their scholarly works on Masonic antiquity, particularly their “Early Masonic Catechisms.” Collectively these catechisms and constitutions, as many of them actually are, presents a picture of what British Masonry was like during the years which preceded the Mother Grand Lodge in 1717, and for many years thereafter until its system was finally accepted and it became the dominant body of the fraternity. It should, however, be kept in mind that there was a period of transition which lasted until 1813 during which there continued many varied forms of ritual. And that during that period there was developed most of the so-called “higher degrees.”

What was the Mason Word or Words? It is spelled out in so many different versions they can only be explained as either deliberate attempts to deceive the profane reader, or as corruptions by ignorant Masons. An early example appears in the Sloane Mss. of about 1700 that gives it as MAHABYN. In the Trinity College Mss. of 1711 in Dublin, it is MATCHPIN. In the same document is another word JACHQUIN. In 1723 this poem appeared in one of the public prints -

“An enter’d Mason I have been
Boaz and Jachin I have seen
A Fellow I was sworn most rare
And know the Astler, Diamond, and Square,
I know the Master’s Part full well
As Honest MAUGHBIN will you tell.”

To this is given a reply -



“If a Master Mason you would be
Observe you well the Rule of Three
And what you want in Masonry
Thy MARK and MAUGHBIN makes you free.”

In 1725 was printed a broadsheet titled *The Whole Institution of Free Masons Opened* - Two words are given in it, MAGBOE and BOE, which were said to mean “Marrow in the Bone.” A year later the Graham Mss. told a story about Noah and his three sons in which MARROW was associated with close fellowship, marrow then being a word of common usage to describe a close fellow or companion. Again, in “The Whole Institution of Free-Masons Opened”, appeared this cryptic paragraph -

“Yet for all this I want the primitive Word, I answer it was God in six terminations, to wit, I Am, and Jehovah is the answer to it, and grip at the rain of the Back, or else Excellent and Excellent, Excellency is the answer to it, and Grip as aforesaid, or else TAPUS MAGISTER, and MAGISTER TAPUS is the answer to it, and Grip as aforesaid, for proof read the first of St. John.”

What all this meant is left to the reader’s imagination, but throughout are suggestions of several things familiar to present day Masons.

In the Old Constitutions, much was made of two pillars erected by the children of Lamech before the Flood. Sometime during the Seventeenth Century, these pillars were gradually replaced in Masonic thought by the B&J of KS Temple. Here we see a Temple Legend slowly superseding the Old Legend of the Craft, as Dr. Mackey was fond of referring to it. The use of the words B&J is not clear. It is certain they were given to a new Mason at the time of his initiation. At one time, they were both given to an Entered Apprentice. On other occasions, one was given separately to EA and to a FC. This becomes, confusing when we examine an expose published in 1730 by Samuel Pritchard, an apostate mason. In his “Masonry Dissected,” he described work then in use during the third decade of the Eighteenth Century. In it, J&B are the words of the Entered Apprentice Degree. The significant word of a Fellow Craft was associated with the letter G. while the word of a Master Mason was MACHBENAH.

That Pritchard knew more than he should have told is evident. What is not clear is how accurate he revealed work that generally prevailed during the 1720s. It is possible he belonged to one of the branches of Stuart Masonry that had subverted the ritual of Freemasonry for political purposes, since the word MACHBENAH is translated “The Builder is stricken,” and in Gaelic, it means “Blessed Son.” All this could have had a reference to James II, son of Charles I and of his widow Henrietta Maria.

Bernard E. Jones states the present version of Lodge Ritual did not appear until sometime after 1730. Before that date, he says many versions of ritual existed and that they varied greatly among lodges, which is demonstrated in the Old Catechisms. In the Dumfries Mss., a thoroughly Christian document, the word is given as INRI. Also, we find this -

“. . christ shall wryt upon these pillars better names than Jachin and boaz for first he shall wryt upon ym ye name of his god . . .”

What was the Mason Word in its earliest form? A suggestion is found in a story told some ninety years ago about an old manuscript that was read by a non-Masonic scholar in one of the British libraries. It was a Fourteenth Century work and contained a Hebrew acrostic MACH that he interpreted as “we have found our master Hiram.” Unfortunately, this meant nothing to the reader until several years later he happened to refer to it in a conversation with a Masonic friend. A search was made but the manuscript



could not be located. This calls to mind a speculation found in Mackey's Encyclopaedia. He calls attention to two Hebrew words MAHA and BONAY that can be put together to form a question, "What, is this Builder?"

Considering what we know about the origins of Masonic ritual, we offer these conclusions -

- Our present ritual has roots in many diverse methods of Masonic working which were practiced during the Seventeenth Century and which continued to be used for some time after 1730.
- Slowly the ritual centered itself, more and more, around a Word and all that it came to mean. As early as 1725 one of the newspapers poked fun at a certain Doctor who had recently received a Fifth Order of Masonry and with it a mysterious hocus-pocus word that was said to possess great powers.
- That sometime between 1725-1740, the Royal Arch Degree appeared as the culmination of a slowly developing philosophy. This had its origin in old Craft practices and utilized much material taken from ritual ceremonies in old lodges. Out of all this resulted a final definition of Ancient Craft Masonry that was given at the Union of the two rival Grand Lodges in 1813.

Pure Ancient Masonry consist of - “. . . three degrees and no more, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.”

From whence came the idea of an arch in Masonry? One reference appears in the Old Catechisms (A Mason's Examination) which likens the arch to the Rainbow. That same year (1723), Dr. Anderson mentioned it in the same manner in his Constitutions. Notice is taken here of two verses from the beginning of St. John's Gospel that had much use, during the Eighteenth Century, on Masonic membership certificates.

“In the beginning was the Word . . . and the Darkness comprehended it not.”

Here we see in use that essential part of Lodge working, the principle of Darkness and Light. This has caused some to speculate on a coincidence that the Greek word for “Beginning” is *apxn*. In its English form, it is written ARCHE, and pronounced Ah-r-he.

Whether any of this has merit the fact remains that in the Arch of Promise, as God described it to Noah, is the ne Plus ultra, the ultimate of everything that is in Masonic philosophy.

Speculative Masonry is not something, like the Goddess Athena, who sprang fully armed from the brow of Jove. Historically its progress can be traced over a period of three centuries between the years 1400-1700. No one can be certain about all its details but the cumulative result came about because of the efforts of many imaginative innovators who developed from the simple forms of old English and Scottish Masonry that great system of morality which we call today Freemasonry.

From a primitive period in the Seventeenth Century we visualize a time when lodges of Masons had their own concept of this growing system, each with a character all its own, but notwithstanding this, all built around a common core of ideals and principles which bound them together. From this rich well of Masonic experience and experimentation was finally formed the three primary grades of the lodge on which was added other explanatory and enlightening ceremonies or degrees when the initial three were felt to be inadequate to express all that was in their common heritage of the past.



What is noteworthy about all this is that the Word, and what it came to mean, either in the Holy Royal Arch - in the Grades of Perfection of what we now call the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite - and in possibly other variants of Masonic instruction employing the same principle, is found what Lawrence Dermott called - "The root, the heart, and the marrow" of everything worthwhile in Speculative Masonry.

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TORONTO EAST DISTRICT LODGES:

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<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 www.alphatuscanlodge384.org	East Tor	1 st Thu Sept & Jan - 3 rd	3 rd Thu except Sept & Jan	Sep	Feb
Birch Cliff #612 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> www.birchcliffodge.com	East Tor	2 nd Fri	4 th Fri	Dec	Feb
Brougham Union #269 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i>	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 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> www.coronatilodge520.ca	Doric	2 nd Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> www.doric424.com	Doric	3 rd Thu	1 st Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Doric	2 nd Wed		Oct	May
Markham Union #87 www.markhamunion87.org	Clar	2 nd Wed	4 th Wed	Nov	Apr
Mimosa #576 www.mimosalodge.com	Aurora *	1 st Mon	3 rd Mon	Oct	Apr
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> 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 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> www.beacheslodge.ca	York *	1 st Thu		May	Mar
The Imperial East Gate #543	East Tor	2 nd Wed		Feb	Jun
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				

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