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Nullius in verba

... by the Lighthouse Beam

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Brethren:

Fall is here and the first snow has come and gone. I would like to thank all those brethren that attended the Remembrance Day Services in the Toronto East District, both locations where well attended. Thank you for remembering those who have sacrificed so much.

The Holiday Season and a New Year quickly approaches. During this time of year please remember those less fortunate, it does not have to be financial, a simple act of kindness goes a long way. Encourage your lodge to assist a family, donate to a homeless or woman's shelter or volunteer at a food bank.

Always remember... *"If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."* ~ Bob Hope

In the Month of December, we have two installations and one reception:

- December 7TH – West Hill Lodge No. 670 Installation, Rooyal Canadian Legion Hall
- December 15TH – Doric Lodge No. 424 Installation, Quaker Meeting Hall
- December 15TH – Universe Lodge No. 705 Reception for V.W. Bro. Michael Henderson, York Masonic Temple

December is also the time to reflect on our labours and accomplishments for the past year. Not only Masonically speaking but also in your personal life. Set the bar high because the higher it is the more interesting your journey will be.

On behalf of myself, Carrie and our children I want to extend a Season's Greetings to all of you and your families. May this season bring you all joy, tranquillity and an abundance of peace.

May the magic and wonder of the holiday season stay with you and your family throughout the coming year!

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District

December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

EVENTS

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...Now here's a Lodge in



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Cranbrook BC V1C 3S2**



Around and About
(News & Notices)

Trestle Board

LODGE CALENDAR FOR 2022-2023				
Date	Official Visit	Installation	Banquet Hour	AL = After Lodge
2022				
Sept	15	Alpha-Tuscan 384	6:30 pm	
	19	Acacia 430	6:30 pm	
Oct	5	Universe 705	6:30 pm	
	17	Caledonia 637	6:30 pm	
Nov	20	Doric 424	AL	
	4	Wexford 683	AL	
	9	Markham 87	6:30 pm	
Dec	15	RJRR 494	6:30 pm	
	16	Canada Friendship 532	6:30 pm	
	7	West Hill 670	6:30 pm	
Jan	11	Imperial 543	6:30 pm	
	12	Coronati 520	6:30 pm	
Feb	16	Caledonia 637	6:30 pm	
	17	RJRR 494	AL	
	1	Universe 705	6:30 pm	
Mar	2	Alpha-Tuscan	6:30 pm	
	15	Canada-Friendship 532	6:30 pm	
	1	West Hill 670	6:30 pm	
Apr	2	Beaches 473	6:30 pm	
	6	Mimosa 576	AL	
	8	Imperial 543	AL	
	13	Scarboro 653	6:30 pm	
	20	Acacia 430	6:30 pm	
May	3	Mimosa 576	AL	
	5	Broughm Union 269	6:30 pm	
Jun	12	Markham 87	6:30 pm	
	13	Coronati 520	AL	

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M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw
M.W. Bro. Terence Shand
M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell

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V.W. Bro. Angus Gregory McKinnon

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1971-72 R.W. Bro. Bruce T. Gaff	1998-99 R.W. Bro. Barry J. Hulton
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1972-73 R.W. Bro. Charles Hill	1999-00 R.W. Bro. Thomas P. Cook
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1974-74 R.W. Bro. David G. Cleverdon	2000-01 R.W. Bro. George C. Wason
1974-74 R.W. Bro. Albert F. Williams	2001-02 R.W. Bro. Rolando Castaneda
1974-75 R.W. Bro. Kenneth J. Coleson	2001-02 R.W. Bro. David Mast
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1975-76 R.W. Bro. Nelson A. Houston	2002-03 R.W. Bro. Allan J. F. Birnie
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1979-80 R.W. Bro. Donald G. Kaye	2006-07 R.W. Bro. Robert W. McDowell
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1985-86 R.W. Bro. John C. Maser	2014-15 R.W. Bro. Peter J. Sialtsis
1985-86 R.W. Bro. Harold G. Starley	2015-16 R.W. Bro. Dean M. Sargenson
1987-88 R.W. Bro. Clayton E. Bradshaw	2016-17 R.W. Bro. Gerald Newell
1987-88 R.W. Bro. Robert M. Young	2017-18 R.W. Bro. Ross E. McQuat
1988-89 R.W. Bro. Andrew M. Gilmore	2018-19 R.W. Bro. Malcolm J. Panah
1989-90 M.W. Bro. Terence Shand	2019-21 R.W. Bro. Gilbert L. Camero
1989-90 R.W. Bro. Ian L. Clarke	2021-22 R.W. Bro. Scott Wilton
1990-91 R.W. Bro. Brian E. Bond	
1991-92 R.W. Bro. George B. Carr	
1992-93 R.W. Bro. David T. Snice	

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON AWARD RECIPIENT

Bro. Norman Wheeler

DISTRICT CHARITY

Sick Kids Foundation



Long-time Freemasons honoured by peers

The Freemasons of this district recently were honoured by the official visit of the Grand Master of BC & Yukon, Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth Overy.

At this function he presented Ron Tarr with his 60-year service award and Neil Matheson with his 50-year service award.

This meeting was attended by Freemasons from lodges in Cranbrook/Kimberley, Creston, Elk Valley, Invermere and Golden. Following the meeting, a very enjoyable banquet for members and partners was held at the Prestige Inn in Cranbrook.

This Month in History

December 1, 1942 - The Beveridge Report was published in Britain envisioning the welfare state including insurance for the entire population.

December 4, 1791 - The *Observer*, now the oldest Sunday newspaper in the world, was first published in Britain.

December 21st - Winter begins in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Southern Hemisphere today is the beginning of summer.



Please take the time to log in and review the new Grand Lodge website.
www.grandlodge.on.ca

Nature & Science

nature

'An attack on the future of science': why UK researchers are striking

More than 70,000 academics and staff members at 150 UK universities began the largest strike in the history of higher education on 24 November, in protest against poor pay, unsustainable working conditions and pension cuts. Among them are researchers who tell *Nature* that poor working conditions are eroding the future of UK science.

The industrial action comes after members of the University and College Union (UCU) voted in favour of the strikes in two national ballots last month. Since 2018, UCU members have gone on strike repeatedly to call for the reversal of pensions cuts, and for better pay, more acceptable working hours and job security.

Massive strikes at UK universities over 'unsustainable' working conditions

This time, strikers' frustration centres on the 3% pay increase offered by universities for the 2022–23 academic year, amid a cost-of-living crisis and as inflation passes 11% in the United Kingdom. Staff also say that their workloads are dangerously high. UCU says that on average, university staff work two extra unpaid days per week, and that one-third of academic staff are on temporary contracts.

In a statement, the Universities and Colleges Employers Association said that the union's demand for a pay rise of 13.6% is unrealistic and would cost institutions around £1.5 billion (US\$1.8 billion).

The strikers also want universities to reverse a cut to pensions that took effect in April, which they say amounts to an average 35% loss in retirement income.



[New Report Identifies Action Steps and Research to Accelerate Progress on Sustainable Development Goals](#)

for full article pls click link

News Release | November 29, 2022

WASHINGTON – A [new report](#) from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine identifies possible action steps that governments, nongovernmental and philanthropic organizations, universities, and the private sector can take to operationalize the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The world is currently not on track to meet the SDGs by the designated time target of 2030, and a key challenge is that stakeholders lack a shared understanding of how the SDGs can be operationalized, the report says. In addition, despite the high degree of interest in the types of activities included in the SDGs, recognition of the SDGs is low in the United States.

The Sustainable Development Goals were adopted by 193 national leaders in 2015 with the expressed hope of providing a “shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.” The 17 goals and their 169 targets embrace economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental protection.

“The SDGs were already a challenge to achieve by 2030, and the COVID-19 pandemic and heightened conflict worldwide have disrupted fragile progress and sharpened existing inequities,” said Cherry Murray, professor of physics and deputy director for research at the University of Arizona’s Biosphere 2, and co-chair of the committee that wrote the report. “We hope our recommendations can help inform the adoption of evidence-based actions that can move progress forward at the global and local levels.”

To aid operationalization of the SDGs, the report identifies priority areas for research, together with action steps for a range of stakeholders. “These recommendations are ambitious but realistic and, taken together, they can make a measurable difference in a sustainable future for all,” said committee co-chair E. William Colglazier, editor-in-chief of *Science & Diplomacy* and senior scholar at the Center for Science Diplomacy, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The report builds on discussions among scientists, policymakers, business leaders, and youth leaders during the *Nobel Prize Summit: Our Planet, Our Future* in April 2021. The study committee then convened

two virtual public workshops to gather information on positive case studies across eight interrelated themes, which served as the primary source of evidence for its work.

The priority research areas and action steps include:

Science and peace. Conflict undermines the achievement of all SDGs, the report says, noting that there is a need to strengthen SDG data hubs, partnerships, and data for monitoring and enforcement related to the reduction of violence, with a focus on science and peace. Governments and nongovernmental organizations could create a new global social pact to promote a system for science helping to advance peace, as part of the effort to negotiate what initiative follows the SDGs beyond 2030. Funding agencies and philanthropic organizations could invest in organizations between state and society that can contribute to solutions that address the increasing number of wars, conflicts, and migration of displaced people. Scientific societies and academies can conduct studies and dialogues that help to advance control of new and emerging weapon systems.

(NOTE: ALL ACTION STEPS REMOVED SEE FULL ARTICLE FOR MORE INFORMATION)



How Science Unifies the World



Nobel Laureate Craig Mello Reflects on the Unifying Force of Science

Craig C. Mello is a professor of molecular medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and chairman of the national advisory committee of the Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences. He received the 2006 Nobel Prize for physiology or medicine.

We all have questions. Where did we come from? Why are we here? Although the “whys” are generally left to philosophers, the “wheres” and “hows” are fodder for scientific exploration.

Science is a unifying enterprise, one that brings us together to solve problems, fuel our sense of wonder, and understand our place in the world. Through scientific inquiry, we peer deeply into the infinitesimal workings of individual cells and outward into the unimaginable expanses of the cosmos. And I am optimistic that science can point us toward a path to a brighter and sustainable future, one in which we can together realize our common destiny as inhabitants of this small and fragile planet.

There are so many forces that divide us: barriers of language, customs, ideology, and belief. But science transcends these forces. Science is a path to knowledge that begins with a simple and humbling admission: “I don’t know, but I wonder how, where, or why.” Science values questions, not beliefs. Science looks beyond dogma and demands evidence. The resulting knowledge crosses all borders and makes its way around the world. Knowledge belongs to us all. As a scientist, every day you’re confronted with your ignorance. Every day, you’re exploring a new frontier, seeking new vistas, and often realizing that your ideas were wrong, that there are so many things you don’t yet understand.

Science reveals things so profound, they change the way we see the world and ourselves. The sequence of letters in our DNA has shown how closely we are related to each other and to every living thing on the planet today—the house plants in your window and the goldfish in your bowl are your relatives. It seems incredible, but even bacteria are your relatives. Indeed you are actually part bacteria, as you arose from an ancestral cell that combined with a bacterial cell and incorporated their genes into your own DNA. A literal fusion of two organisms into one.

This may seem a humbling tale, but the rewards for this humility are tremendous. Some are very practical. Some hit close to home. My daughter has Type 1 diabetes and is alive today thanks to countless scientific breakthroughs. The insulin that she needs to live was discovered by biochemists nearly 100 years ago. Originally insulin was extracted from animal tissue, but today it is made by genetically engineered bacteria. Amazingly, these humble *E. coli*, when supplied with the blueprint for human insulin (the insulin gene), can read the human genetic code and produce functional human insulin protein that keeps my daughter and millions of other diabetics alive. That’s right, not all genetically modified organisms are bad; this human insulin-producing *E. coli* is a GMO that saves millions of lives.

Science shows us how much we still have to learn. Which is what makes the whole process so beautiful. Because the more deeply we look, the more mysterious and breathtaking our world is shown to be. Science deepens the mystery of our existence and opens our eyes to the wonder and beauty of nature. Take, for example, the Hubble Space Telescope. When astronomers pointed it at an apparently empty segment of space, they revealed not utter blackness but galaxies upon galaxies—star formations whose light has been traveling for 13.7 billion years, since the beginning of the universe.

But more than holding up a mirror to the beauty of the universe, science holds the power to transform us. There are serious problems with our world today. Too many people living in the world’s cities, producing too much pollution. Humans are disturbing the balance of the whole Earth biosphere. Like bacteria growing in a culture dish, eventually we are going to run out of nutrients and the things we need to sustain us. We need to make some changes before society reaches this breaking point.

I am confident that we can come up with ways to promote sustainable living—and that science can help lead the way. We need to invest in technologies that will allow us to produce food locally and in abundance, houses that produce sufficient energy to power their occupants’ needs—with enough left over to charge the family’s electric car.

As a society, we should focus on unlocking the potential of our people, both young and old, and work on educating everyone who has a desire to learn. And we should make sure we continue to invest in the kinds of exploration that inspire people—perhaps even attempt to colonize space. Our greatest achievements often come from doing things that do not seem immediately practical.

You don’t have to be a rocket scientist to know that this is the right way to go: to raise enthusiasm about the future of humankind and about delving together into the great unknowns. It’s an exciting time to be alive, and I would love for all people to be able to realize what a grand adventure life is and, when you stop to look closely at the world we share, how incredible it really is—more so than anything we could ever have imagined.



Anticipating Scientific Advances for Humanity | Martin Müller | TEDxIHEID

"At some stage during Freemasonry's Second Degree, the candidate is advised that there is now permitted, something like, the extension of their research into the hidden mysteries of nature and science. Such is an excellent permission and one that each and every Freemason should pursue with awe and passion."

*-Originally published in Gerald Reilly's
'Candide's Column', Pietre-Stones review of Freemasonry, 2007.*

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BIG THINK

Is human consciousness creating reality?

Is the physical universe independent from us, or is it created by our minds, as suggested by scientist Robert Lanza?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- A new study claims networks of observers are responsible for determining physical reality.
- The scientists propose that observers generate the structures of time and space.
- The paper could help yield insights into the God Equation, which attempts to unify quantum mechanics and general relativity.



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Administration

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