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By the exercise of Brotherly Love we learn to regard the whole human species as one family; the high and low, the rich and poor, who as children of the same Almighty Father and inhabitants of the same planet are to aid, support and protect each other.

*- Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia,
Entered Apprentice Lecture*

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

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

Happy New Year!! I hope that you and your families have enjoyed some quality time with family and friends over the holidays and that 2013 is a year of health, happiness and joy for you all.

Our District Blood Donor team continues to provide stellar service for this very worthy cause. I recently received some statistics that showed Toronto East District leading the way in all categories- "active registered," "units collected" and "new donors" -among the five Toronto and York Districts. Thank you to the team members who volunteer and "Thank You" to all who have participated by helping out at the clinics or by donating. Any Mason, family member or friend may participate in the Partners for Life program and use our number - **MASN01158** - when donating. By the way, Masonic Blood Donors Week is scheduled for February 18-22, 2013. Perhaps you might consider making a donation.

As we return from our holiday break January continues to provide opportunities to enjoy the company of Masonic friends as a number of Lodges hold Burns Night celebrations. Among those remembering our honoured Brother, Robert Burns, Scarboro, Caledonia and Doric Lodges are planning to hold their annual Burns Dinners on their regular meeting nights. On Saturday February 2nd, Markham Union will be hosting its annual celebration. Why not contact the respective Junior Wardens to get details and plan to bring a new member out to enjoy the fun? Haggis!! Pipes!! Slainte!!

While Official Visits don't begin again until February, there are several other events of note in the District. W. Bro. Malcolm Parish has organized an evening of comedy on Thursday, January 24th at Yuk Yuk's in Ajax in support of the District Charity. What a great way to "be happy" and support such a



worthy cause!! Senior Wardens have tickets and all moneys or outstanding tickets are to be returned no later than January 15th to W. Bro. Parish so that he can finalize details with Yuk Yuk's.

Also, W. Bro. Scott McDonald is organizing another Quarry Talk. This will be a Master Mason's evening on Thursday January 31st beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Doric Pickering. All District Master Masons are invited.

I would like to remind all of our District Chairs and Project Leaders of the meeting with you on Wednesday January 30th at 7:30p.m. This meeting at Doric Pickering Hall is intended to provide the district team with feedback on completed events, to promote forthcoming projects and to solicit support, as required, ensuring our remaining activities are successful. This, I believe, is the first such mid-year meeting in Toronto East and I am looking for everyone's attendance so that we can continue to achieve our plans and objectives.

Finally, I would ask that every Worshipful Master develop a plan and begin to carry it out this month to communicate with ALL of your brethren who do not regularly attend Lodge, especially your newer members. Not everyone can attend due to their "private and public avocations." However, every member should always feel connected to his lodge and what better way than a phone call or personal message to keep in touch? Also, please find a way to ensure that every Brother who does not have access to a computer will continue to be as equally informed as those who do. *Technology may change but our need to continue to communicate better does not.*

May the G.A.O.T.U. keep you safe and help us all to remain true to our obligations.

Freemasonry in action . . . deeds speak!!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Bruce N. Palanik
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



EVENTS CALENDAR:

January 2013						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<u>1</u> New Year's Day 	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * TED - Blood Donor Clinic see below St. Aidan's Church	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> The Cornerstone Club see below U of T	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> * Caledonia- Annual Scots Night see below York	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Mawlid an-Nabi Mohammed's Birthday TED-Yuk-Yuk's Comedy Night Sick Kids Foundation Fund Raiser see below Yuk-Yuk's Ajax	<u>25</u> Robbie Burns Day 	<u>26</u> * TED-Mechanics of the Work - Week 1/6 see below East Toronto	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> * Scarboro- Robbie Burns' Night Doric Pickering	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> TED - Winter Business Meeting Committee Chairmen 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>31</u> TED - Quarry Talks For The Master Mason see below Doric Pickering			



February 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			<p>* TED - Claremont Winter Carnival Parade see below Claremont</p>	<p>1 The Heritage Lodge-28th Annual Black Tie Banquet see below Rameses Shrine Temple</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day * TED-Mechanics of the Work - Week 2/6 see below East Toronto</p>	<p>3 Markham Union-Robbie Burns' Night see below Cedarbrae Golf & Country Club</p>
4	<p>5 * Canada-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	6	<p>7 * Alpha-Tuscan-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p>8 * Birch Cliff-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering</p>	<p>9 * TED-Mechanics of the Work - Week 3/6 see below East Toronto</p>	<p>10 Chinese New Year-Year of the Snake</p>
11	<p>12 * Universe-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p>13 * The Imperial East Gate-Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto</p>	<p>14 St. Valentine's Day Don't forget. You've been warned! She's looking for a big honking <i>DIAMOND!</i></p>	15	16	17
<p>18 Family Day Time to do the winter house cleaning</p>	19	20	21	22	<p>23 * TED-Mechanics of the Work - Week 4/6 see below East Toronto</p>	24
25	26	27	<p>28 * Ontario-69th Annual Hunter's Night see below Port Hope</p>			



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity



We have been accepted as a Community Partner under the umbrella of the Child Life Program of the Sick Kids Foundation. We hope to raise enough money to buy at least one Multi-Sensory Cart for the children who unfortunately have to stay in Sick Kids. These carts can turn waiting rooms, corridors or hospital rooms into a reactive and enjoyable time for the Children as well as enticing positive reactions from the more seriously ill. When making donations to the project through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, please use **Project Number 2515** on your cheque.

Contact: Malcolm Parish @ malcolm_parish@hotmail.com or 905.213.9858

Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you.
- H. Jackson Browne Jr.

Blood Donor Clinics



Below you will find the district scheduled Blood Donor Clinics, but if you cannot attend them find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. It is necessary to book an appointment by calling 1.88.todonate (1.888.636.6283). 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 **MASN011058** 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

Upcoming Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday January 11, 2013

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

Friday March 15, 2013

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

FYI

Francis Stephens, the Duke of Lorraine, received the first two Masonic degrees in 1731 in a special lodge convened at The Hague, Holland, becoming the first known royal Freemason. Later he received the third degree in England. In 1735 renounced his title.

- Alphonse Cerza, The Truth is Stranger than Fiction, MSA



Remember The North East Corner

It is within your power to give. 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 Masonic Centre

On Wednesday, December 19th, members of the TEMC board attended a meeting in Scarborough, alongside our Project Manager, as well as our Planner and Architect, who presented to an initial group of employees at the City of Toronto's Planning Office our vision to transform the north-east corner of Birchmount and Lawrence from an un-used car vending machine into a vibrant and attractive hub of technology, creativity and activity, attracting a wide array of personnel and professional services, catering to both pedestrians and cyclists alike, as well as transit users, while also providing ample parking underground for tenants and visitors.



Their collective feedback was very positive and we were assured re-zoning would not be required, but that we should consider their suggestions related to Access points, above-ground Parking and Common Amenity Space usage, if within the drop-off zone. Our proposal still needs the final approval of the Committee of Adjustment, and prior to reviewing our plans, other members of the City's Planning staff will also need to provide their feedback. Collating and providing this information back to us is a matter of scheduling, but will be done so expeditiously, and no delays are expected as we move toward submitting our application.

We will certainly need to retain additional consultants as we move forward in the development process, who are recognized and sanctioned professionals to provide to the City reports within our requisite and official Site Plan. Prior to submitting the Site Plan, we need the approval, as mentioned, of the Committee of Adjustment, who will weigh the benefits of our sought-after height and density increases. Although we will need to submit a Shadow Study to confirm our assertions, we are advised our 15-storey building will not cast a shadow on any residence or home nearby.

Our development team was praised for bringing forward such a well-thought out plan to the City, innovative and enlightened in its multi-use concept, attractive and inviting for the surrounding community. As the winter progresses, we will have met with numerous City officials and administrators and, having reflected and acted upon their advice, we will continue our discussions with executives from corporations and businesses, not only from the supplier side, but also from the tenancy and commercial side, toward the day when we are open, offering a true shining beacon from the location we are affectionately calling *Temple Towers*.

S&F,
W. Bro. Graeme Boyce
President, TEMC & SMTC



How To Say It

Severely	<u>sev</u> -veer-lee
Sincere	sin- <u>seer</u>
Society	so- <u>sigh</u> -e-tee ('e' as in 'bet')
Solace	<u>sol</u> -iss
Solemnity	so- <u>lem</u> -nit-ee
Solicit	so- <u>lis</u> -it
Solicitation	so- <u>lis</u> -it- <u>tay</u> -shun
Soliciting	so- <u>lis</u> -it-ing
Specie	<u>spee</u> -shee
Sphere	sfeer
Strenuously	<u>stren</u> -yoo-us-lee
Sublunary	<u>sub</u> -loo-nar-ee or sub- <u>loo</u> -nar-ee
Subvert	sub- <u>vert</u>
Successor	suck- <u>sess</u> -or
Succoth	<u>suck</u> -oth or <u>soo</u> -koth
Suffice	suff- <u>ice</u>
Superior	soo- <u>peer</u> -ee-or
Superstructure	soo-per- <u>struck</u> -choor
Supplicate	<u>sup</u> -lick- <u>ate</u>
Supplication	<u>sup</u> -lick- <u>ay</u> -shun

- Functional Pronouncing Glossary of The Work



I Was Wondering

When is the phrase So Mote It Be used?

We use So Mote It Be at many times during our rites and ceremonies, particularly when we seek guidance and approbation from the Great Architect of the Universe.

Where did the phrase So Mote It Be originate?

“Amen! Amen! So Mote it Be! So say we all for charity.” The earliest of all Masonic manuscripts, Regius M.S. c.-1390, ends in this way. The phrase literally means “So may it be,” or, “So be it,” and a fuller explanation may be found in “The Freemason at Work” by Harry Carr or “The Freemasons Guide and Compendium” by Bernard Jones.

The Freemason at Work-1977-Sec. 106-*From the Masonic point of view, they came into our usage in the 14th century, and our two earliest versions of the Old Charges both include the phrase in their closing words, which I render in modern spelling, as follows:*

The Regius MS., c. 1390, after a closing prayer adds

‘Amen, amen, so mote it be

Say we so all, for charity’.

The Cooke MS., c. 1410, has ‘Amen so mote it be’.

The phrase means literally ‘So be it’ and it was used in the middle ages in England as a pious finale to prayers or blessings. It should be noted that the medieval formula began with the Hebrew word ‘Amen’, nowadays often omitted from Masonic usage. The word ‘Amen’ has a range of meanings all related to fidelity, constancy, sureness, trust, and when used at the end of



Hebrew prayers and blessings it was a formula of acquiescence and confirmation, as though to say 'Truly, we believe that it is [or will be] so'

Thus, although the 'Amen', and the 'so mote it be', do not have the same original meanings, they have virtually acquired the same meaning in the course of centuries, and that possibly explains the modern omission of the Amen. (Privately, I prefer to use the response 'Amen' to 'Grace' at table, and keep 'so mote it be' for use in Lodge.)

Freemasons' Guide and Compendium-1986-page 283-"Amen! Amen! So Mote It Be! So say we all for charity." The earliest of all Masonic manuscripts (1390) ends in that way. "So mote it be" is known as an optative exclamation, because it expresses a wish, or desire. The 'Amen' that at one time preceded the exclamation, means 'verily,' 'certainly,' 'truly,' - in everyday phrasing, "Yes, we agree." (There is another 'Amen'; in this case a noun .carrying the meaning 'the faithful one,' as in the Book of Revelations (iii,14): "These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.") "So mote it be" includes a part of speech of the Anglo-Saxon word motan, having the general meaning of 'to be allowed.' Thus "So mote it be" is simply "So may it be."

Apparently, early lodges the word 'Amen' coming from the Master or from a Senior Brother, was endorsed by the Brethren's "So mote it be," but in course of time the 'Amen' has fallen from use, although it is still customary in some American lodges, as follows:

Master: May the blessing of heaven rest upon all regular masons. May Brotherly Love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us. Amen.

Brethren: So mote it be.

Do we bend the head forward when saying So Mote It Be?

There is no direction to bend the head forward when saying So Mote It Be. The only direction for this is to the Master elect, during the reading of the Ancient Charges in the Installation Ceremony, and to the brethren in the closing in the Master Mason degree "with gratitude to our Master . . .".

Do the Deacons and the Stewards salute when they are carrying the wand?

When entering or leaving the lodge, or when addressing the Worshipful Master, all brethren are required to salute. The Deacon also salutes with the candidate when passing the Worshipful Master, when he is on the left of the candidate. See the Book of the Work in the rubrics for the directions.

When may the Worshipful Master wear the collar of office outside of the lodge?

The Worshipful Master does not wear the collar of office outside of the lodge except:

- a) When conducting a Memorial Service.
- b) When conducting a Divine Service.
- c) At Grand Lodge or District functions convened by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master. (This includes when accompanying the District Deputy Grand Master on a District Divine Service or an official visit in his District). (see Meeting the Challenge, p. 78, No. 9).

Meeting the Challenge-1976-page 78, No. 9-The Worshipful Master does not wear his collar and jewel outside his lodge, except for Divine Service, funeral services, or Grand Lodge or District functions of lodges convened by the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master.



Can a demitted Mason be admitted to a lodge?

The answer is no, however, Sec. 195 of the Book of Constitution gives to a Mason, who has been granted a demit without condition, the privilege of visitation for one year from the date of demission.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 195-A brother who has been issued a Certificate of Standing or has been granted a demit without condition, shall be entitled to visitation privileges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge for a period of one year from the date of the Certificate of Standing or the Certificate of Demission. (2005)

May an affiliated Past Master administer an obligation?

Sec. 365 of the Book of Constitution grants to an affiliating Past Master, his rank as a Past Master from the date of affiliation. Sec. 242 delineates who may administer an obligation.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 365-A Past Master of a lodge under this Grand Lodge who has been registered in the books of Grand Lodge, or a Past Master of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge is entitled to his rank as a Past Master as from the date of affiliation, in any lodge with which he may affiliate.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 242-The Master is responsible for the Work and may permit any brother to assist him in conferring any portion of the degrees, except the obligation, which must be administered by an Installed Master.

Should an Officer wear an apron from another jurisdiction?

Sec. 389 of the Book of Constitution clearly defines the apron which is worn by a Master Mason in our jurisdiction, and when one becomes an Officer in a lodge he is enjoined to promote good order and regularity, and by due regard to the laws in his own conduct, enforce obedience in the conduct of others. This in no way diminishes the importance and historical value of regalia from another jurisdiction; however, as an Officer the details of the apron which is to be worn are quite specific.

Book of Constitution-2005-Sec. 389-(a) The apron shall be 406 mm in width and 356 mm in depth with the triangular flap 165 mm in depth at the centre.

(b) The apron shall consist of a white genuine neutralized lambskin, having a border around the two sides and bottom of 51 mm sky blue corded moiré ribbon. The flap shall be of the same lambskin and shall have a border around the bottom of 38 mm sky blue corded moiré ribbon. The flap shall be lined with either white or sky blue material, but the apron shall be lined only in heavy quality sky blue taffeta, bengaline, satin, or similar material of rich appearance. The apron and flap shall both have an interlining the full size of the apron and flap.

(c) Two metallic, silver-finished chain tassels, suspended from 51 mm sky blue corded moiré ribbon lined with white material, shall be attached. The ribbon shall extend to the bottom of the tassels. The tassels themselves shall be composed of a bar top from which are suspended seven separate chains.

(d) Three rosettes of 25 mm sky blue corded moiré ribbon, with centres of silver finished metal buttons bearing the design of the "G" within the square and compasses united, shall be attached. Each rosette shall consist of not less than nineteen pleats, and shall be not more than 57 mm in diameter.

(e) The apron and flap shall be bound together along the top edge with 38 mm sky blue corded moiré ribbon, with approximately 16 mm of this ribbon showing on the front of the apron.



- (f) A sky blue web belt, 32 mm in width, of rich appearing material shall be attached to the top edge of the apron, and enclosed by the top edge ribbon binding. The belt shall be adjustable and joined together at the left upper corner of the apron by a silver-finished serpent fastener.
- (g) No emblem or ornamentation, other than as specified in the general specifications, shall be used on any apron worn in any Craft lodge, except that: (1988)
- (i) Lodge officers may have the emblem of their office in sky blue, in the centre of the apron, and
 - (ii) A crest designating a two hundred year old lodge, as set out in Section 394.1.

Can the Grand Honours be given in public?

The Grand Honours are never given when the lodge room is not tyled.

- Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers-2004

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Temple

thanks to Ed Crosier - The Beaches

(Bro. Crosier sent me dozens of pictures of this amazing building. There appear to be multiple meeting rooms. What is displayed here cannot do the building justice.)



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

The most valuable things in life are not measured in monetary terms. The really important things are not houses and lands, stocks and bonds, automobiles and real estate, but friendships, trust, confidence, empathy, mercy, love and faith.

- Bertrand Russell V. DeLong

Friday January 18 through Friday January 25 2013

Quinte St. Alban's - 5th Fraternal Visit to Holguín, Cuba

One week Vacation and Masonic Discovery.



Accommodation at the Blau Costa Verde at the Playa Pesquero

All Inclusive, Double Occupancy Price \$999.00 per Adult (tax incl.) (or less with a large enough group)

All are welcome - Masons, friends, ladies and children. For more information on activities of previous visits of 2009, 2011 and 2012 visits:

www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-january-2009.pdf

www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-february-2011.pdf

www.quintestalbans.com/fraternal-visit-cuba-february-2012.pdf

Contact: Vince Lombardo @ qsaweb@gmail.com or 905.731.0504

Friday January 18 2013

The Cornerstone Club - Expand Your Horizons

The Cornerstone Club brings together a diverse set of both Masonic and non-Masonic speakers presenting interesting topics that range from the classic Liberal Arts and Sciences to modern academics, history, esoteric studies, and world affairs followed by a Question and Answer period. This is the way in which Freemasonry originated - minus the ritual.

The speaker for this event is local historian Bruce Bell, who will present an interesting and informative lecture on the history/architecture of Freemasonry in Toronto.



Although Bruce is not a Freemason, it is clear that Bruce has got the Masonic bug. Backing onto his October, 2011 article in The Bulletin Magazine on, "The History of Masonry in Toronto" and his many



successful Historical Masonic Walking Tours of Old Town Toronto, Bruce is back at it with us in full form. Energetic, insightful and knowledgeable, Bruce tells a story like no one else.

Bruce will:

- Recap on his talk on, The History of Freemasonry in Toronto (Part I)
- Talk a lot more about the buildings that Freemasons built (many of which still exist today);
- Focus on where Freemasonry has been recently in Toronto; and
- Answer questions after the talk.

Seating is limited so please **RSVP** and purchase your ticket in advance on-line for the luncheon event through the Cornerstone Club website.

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Speaker: Bruce Bell
Topic: The History of Freemasonry in Toronto (Part II)
Location: University of Toronto Faculty Club
41 Willcocks Street, Toronto, ON, M5S 1C7 416.978.6325
Cost: \$30 (please purchase tickets at the Cornerstone Club website)
Contact: www.cornerstoneclub.org

Monday January 21 2013

Caledonia - Annual Scots Night

Come and enjoy wonderful friendship. Taste the pleasure of freshly caught haggis!



- Hear the Address to the Haggis done by Andrew McClelland.
- Tap your toes to the skirl of the pipes played by Rory Sinclair.
- Hear the sound of the fiddle played by Stephanie Miletic.
- Be entertained by The Beach Celtic Group.
- Be fascinated by traditional Scottish Dancing by The Bold Step Dancers.
- Laugh to the humour of Scotland's own Syd Simkins.

Wear your kilt! Bring the wife and kids and all the neighbours. Even the people from work.

We Will Be Waiting To Greet You!

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: York Temple
Cost: \$30 pp
Contact: Brian Black @ brianblack@rogers.com or 905.424.0032



Thursday January 24 2013

Mawlid an-Nabi - Birth of the Prophet

Mawlid an-Nabi, Qur'anic Arabic: "Birth of the Prophet" is a term used to refer to the observance of the birthday of the prophet Muhammad.



This observance is a good example of the differences in the Islamic faith. Depending on which country or which language or Arabic dialect is being used, the event is called by a variety of names or not recognised at all. Also, the Sunnis observe the event on February 24 while the Shi'as hold it on February 29 2013.

Islamic scholars are divided on whether observing Mawlid is necessary or even permissible in Islam. Some see it as a praiseworthy event and positive development, while others say it is an improper innovation and forbid its celebration.

A number of Islamic scholars subscribing to the Sufi (generally understood to be the inner, mystical dimension of Islam) movement, and the primary scholar of the Muslim Brotherhood movement, have given their approval for the observance of Mawlid. They cite where Muhammad recommended fasting on Mondays, as that was the day he was born and also the day prophecy descended on him. They suggest that fasting on Mondays is also a way of commemorating Muhammad's birthday. However, there is division among them on the lawfulness of the methods of the celebrations. Most accept that it is praiseworthy as long as it is not against *sharia* (i.e. inappropriate mingling of the sexes, consuming forbidden food or drink such as alcohol, playing music etc).

Where Mawlid is celebrated in a carnival manner, large street processions are held and homes or mosques are decorated. Charity and food is distributed, and children narrate stories about the life of Muhammad with recitation of poetry. Scholars and poets celebrate by reciting Qasida al-Burda Sharif, the famous poem by 13th century Arabic Sufi Busiri.

Mawlid is celebrated in most Muslim countries, and in other countries where Muslims have a presence, such as India, Britain, and Canada. Saudi Arabia is the only Muslim country where Mawlid is not an official public holiday. Participation in the ritual celebration of popular Islamic holidays is seen as an expression of the Islamic revival.

Among non-Muslim countries, India is noted for its Mawlid festivities. The relics of Muhammad are displayed after the morning prayers at Hazratbal shrine on the outskirts of Srinagar. Thousands attend nightlong prayers held at the shrine.

In some countries, such as Egypt and Sudan, Mawlid is used as a generic term for the celebration of birthdays of local Sufi saints and not only restricted to the observance of the birth of Muhammad. Around 3,000 Mawlid celebrations are held each year and attended by tens of thousands of people. These festivals attract an international audience, with the largest one in Egypt attracting up to three million people honouring Ahmed el-Bedawi, a local 13th Century Sufi saint.

- Wikipedia.com

As with any religion, some followers do and some followers don't. And as with all things religious, whether you do or don't, someone is going to consider what you did or didn't do a bad thing.



Thursday January 24 2013

Toronto East District - Child Life-Sick Kids Fund Raiser

There will be a Comedy night at Yuk Yuk's in Ajax. Two things of note -

- Tickets can be used on any Wednesday, or Thursday show, when arranged with Yuk Yuk's management. (We of course would like to see you on the night.)
- Tickets can not be bought at the door on the night, as this is a fundraising event and money is made for the project from the door receipts.



What a wonderful way to endeavour to be happy and to communicate that happiness.

Support the Toronto East District charity and start the year off with a smile on your face. Be prepared to laugh until your stomach can't take it any more.

Tickets for the Yuk Yuk's night are going well; we have enough money to cover the minimum cost to Yuk Yuk's, so it's profit from here in.

Time: 7:30 pm - doors open
8:00 pm - Show time

Location: Yuk-Yuk's - Ajax
235 Bayly St. W., Ajax

Cost: \$20 pp

Contact: Malcolm Parish @ malcolm_parish@hotmail.com or 905.213.9858, or
Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com or
your Senior Warden

Friday January 25 2013

Robbie Burns' Day

Robert Burns (1759-1796) also known as Rabbie Burns, Scotland's favourite son was a Scottish poet and lyricist. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the Scots language, although much of his writing is also in English and a light Scots dialect, accessible to an audience beyond Scotland. He also wrote in standard English, and in these his political or civil commentary is often at its bluntest.

After his death he became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism, and a cultural icon in Scotland and around the world. Celebration of his life and work became almost a national charismatic cult during the 19th and 20th centuries.

He is also famous for collecting folk songs from across Scotland, often revising or adapting them. His poem (and song) "Auld Lang Syne" is often sung at Hogmanay (the last day of the year), and "Scots Wha Hae" served for a long time as an unofficial national anthem of the country. Other poems and songs of Burns that remain well known across the world today include "A Red, Red Rose"; "A Man's A Man for A' That"; "To a Louse"; "To a Mouse"; "The Battle of Sherramuir"; "Tam o' Shanter"; and "Ae Fond Kiss".

Burns was born the eldest of the seven children of a self-educated tenant farmer and the daughter of a tenant farmer. He grew up in poverty and hardship, and the severe manual labour of the farm left its traces in a premature stoop and a weakened constitution. He had little regular schooling and got much of his education from his father, who taught his children reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, and history. Despite his ability and character, Robbie Burns' father was consistently unfortunate, and migrated with his large family from farm to farm without ever being able to improve his circumstances. By the age of 15, Robert Burns was the principal labourer on the family's farm.



Robert Burns was initiated into Masonic Lodge St. David Tarbolton on July 4th 1781, when he was 22. His person was strong and robust; his manners rustic, not clownish, a sort of dignified plainness and simplicity which received part of its effect perhaps from knowledge of his extraordinary talents.

Robert Burns moved through a number of employment positions, none of which were very successful. Eventually around 1782, a friend encouraged him to become a poet.

Robbie was a bit of a lecher. His first child, Elizabeth Paton Burns, was born in 1785 to his mother's servant, Elizabeth Paton while he was embarking on a relationship with Jean Armour, who became pregnant with twins in 1786. Burns signed a paper attesting his marriage to Jean, but her father "was in the greatest distress, and fainted away." To avoid disgrace, her parents sent her to live with her uncle. Although Armour's father initially forbade it, they were eventually married in 1788. Armour bore him nine children only three of whom survived infancy.

In 1786 John Wilson published the volume of works by Robert Burns, Poems, chiefly in the Scottish dialect. The success of the work was immediate, and soon he was known across the country.

Burns once again, despite being married, embarked on a relationship this time with the separated Agnes 'Nancy' McLehose with whom he exchanged passionate letters under pseudonyms (Burns called himself 'Sylvander' and Nancy 'Clarinda'). When it became clear that Nancy would not be easily seduced into a physical relationship, Burns moved on to Jenny Clow, Nancy's servant, who bore him a son. He also had an affair with a servant girl, Margaret 'May' Cameron.

Burns' worldly prospects were perhaps better than they had ever been; but he had become soured, and moreover he had alienated many of his best friends by too freely expressing sympathy with the French Revolution and the then unpopular advocates of reform at home. As his health began to give way, he began to age prematurely and fell into fits of despondency. His death followed a dental extraction in winter 1795. On the morning of July 21st 1796 Burns died at the age of 37. The funeral took place on July 25th 1796, the day that his son Maxwell was born.

Through his twelve children, Burns has over 600 living descendents as of 2012.

Burns' Night, in effect a second national day, is celebrated on Burns' birthday, January 25th, with Burns suppers around the world, and is more widely observed in Scotland than the official national day, St. Andrew's Day. The first Burns supper in The Mother Club in Greenock was held on what was thought to be his birthday on January 29th 1802 and the format has changed little since. The basic format starts with a general welcome and announcements, followed with the Selkirk Grace. After the grace comes the piping and cutting of the haggis, when Burns' famous "Address to a Haggis" is read and the haggis is cut open. The event usually allows for people to start eating just after the haggis is presented. This is when the reading called the "immortal memory," an overview of Burns' life and work is given. The event usually concludes with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

- Wikipedia.com (heavily amended)

Saturday January 26, February 2, 9 and 23 2013

Toronto East District - Mechanics of the Work 1, 2, 3 and 4 of 6

These classes are open to all Masons, regardless of their office, rank or home district. It doesn't even matter if you've missed any or all of the previous sessions.



Our district has schools of instruction that are an excellent method of learning the work in a fun, friendly atmosphere and as I have travelled the district over the years I have seen the results of these Saturday mornings come to fruition on the floor of the lodge.

W. Bro, Greig John King, Canada Lodge Summons



The January 26th, February 2nd and 9th sessions will be a special emphasis for the work of the Deacons in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The February 23rd and March 2nd sessions will be a special emphasis for the work of the Deacons in the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees.

The March 29th session will be a wrap up and review.

We wear no regalia; dress is what's comfortable and appropriate for our gathering and our openings and closings are practice only. Questions are entertained throughout the sessions as they arise. Bring your questions and your 2012 black 'Book of the Work' with you.

The day's schedule:-

- 9:00 a.m. - in the Banquet Hall for coffee, a social quarter of an hour and registration.
- 9:20 a.m. - Lodge will open. We will open in all three degrees and discuss the appropriate lessons while in each degree.
- 10:55 a.m. - Labour to Refreshment for a short break for necessities
- 11:05 a.m. - call back on.
- Noon - finish the formal part of the lessons by closing lodge. Return to the Banquet Hall for refreshments.

Our classes are always gatherings of profit and pleasure.

Time: 9:00 am - to Noon
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$2 for coffee and sticky buns
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704 or
Bob Steenson @ bob.steenson@ontarioair.com or 416.697.0822

Thursday January 31 2013

TED - Quarry Talks for the Master Mason



Come and discuss, ask questions and learn about the Master Mason Degree. Open to all Master Masons in the district. There will be a presentation of the Grand Lodge Mentor Program material for Master Masons. An informal social time will follow.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Scott McDonald @ smcdonald60@rogers.com or 905.428.7756



There is nothing noble in being superior to others. The true nobility is being superior to your previous self.

- Hindu Proverb

Saturday February 2 2013

Claremont Winter Carnival Parade

An old time country carnival and parade. The Claremont (Brougham Union) Masonic Temple will open at 9:00 am with hot drinks. By 11:00 am we will assemble at the marshalling area on William St. At the end of the parade we will all assemble at the Masonic Temple for a bowl of hot chilli and hot drinks, with ice cream and cookies for the children.



Brougham Union is again entering a float and inviting all Masons and their families to join us. You may wish to march in the Parade or ride one of the wagons. We are happy to report that among our guests in the Parade will be ambassadors from WindReach Farm, the Shrine Hillbilly Troop and the Shrine Drum Corps, the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay.

The Toronto East District DDGM has requested dispensation for all Masons to wear regalia for the occasion. If you are a member of a Masonic concordant body, you may wish to wear those regalia to add colour and diversity.

It is always a great winter family outing and we cordially invite you to share this annual fun get-together with us.

Time: 9:00 am - Assembly
11:00 am - Parade

Location: Claremont Masonic Temple

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

Saturday February 2 2013

The Heritage Lodge - 28th Annual Black Tie Banquet

All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal, good friends and an interesting talk. The speaker will be Dr. Bridget Stutchbury of York University, Canada Research Chair in Ecology and Conservation Biology.



Tickets are available by writing to -

Thomas W. Hogeboom
192 Dundas St. W.
Napane, ON
K7R 2A6

Deadline - January 18 2013

On your request for tickets, please indicate -

- Your full name
- Phone number
- Current Grand Lodge Office
- Your spouse's name (if accompanying)
- Lodge name and number
- Email address



- Number and choice of meals (either Roast Beef or Salmon)

Time: 5:30 pm - Social
6:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Rameses Shrine Temple
3100 Keele St., North York
Speaker: Dr. Bridget Stutchbury
Topic: Migratory Song Birds
Cost: \$30.00 pp

Saturday February 2 2013

Markham Union - Robbie Burns Night



Thrill to the skirl of the Pipes and Drums of the York Region Police Pipe Band accompanied by the York Region Police Highland Dancers.

There will be a Silent Auction and Spot Prizes. Dinner will be a full Scottish Buffet featuring Steak Pie with gravy, Peas, Tatties and Neeps and Mmmm . . . Haggis!! (Sheep's entrails stuffed with a mixture of dry oats, onions, ground sheep's liver, heart and tongue. Appetizing, eh?) Afterwards there will be delicious Drambuie Trifle and Shortbread, tea and coffee.

Listen to (but maybe not understand) the Immortal Memory to Robert Burns Address and the Toast to The Haggis. Cash Bar.

Wear your kilt. All are welcome.

Time: 5:30 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Cedarbrae Golf & Country Club
first lights east of Markham Rd, south of Steeles Ave
Cost: \$40.00 pp
Contact: Jim Crawford @ jcra4d@rogers.com or 905.294.3698 or 905.294.9262

Picture This

It's Occupied France During WW II

You have to watch and wait for it. 😊

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1PvmFWCx1wY

Thursday February 28 2013

69th Annual Shuter Haskill Hunters' Night

The Degree Team will all be comprised of hunters dressed in their camouflage, vests and boots. This event was started in the 'dirty thirties' when a group of brethren, including Shuter, were hunting to put meat on the table. One of the hunters suggested that the brethren among the hunters put on a degree - and a tradition was started. The Banquet afterwards will feature the best of whatever those old hunters brought down, if road kill is unavailable. 😊



Location: Ontario Lodge #26, Port Hope, ON

Subdue your passion or it will subdue you.
- Horace [Quintus Horatius Flaccus] (65-8 BCE)

Saturday March 16, April 6 and 27 2013

Toronto East District - Officer Progression Mentor Workshops - Session II



Registration by **March 8 2013**. This program introduces the attendees to many of the important issues regarding a Mason's journey through the chairs to that of the Worshipful Master.

The topics and materials for the program will again be a combination of those prepared by Grand Lodge's Lodge Resources Committee Officer Progression Team as well as those developed within Toronto East District specifically for this program.

As in the past, the maximum number of participants for each three-session program is 24. To date the maximum has never been reached so there is lots of room for you. To ensure sufficient participation, the minimum "course load" will be 8. Registrants will be expected to attend all three sessions and actively participate throughout.

Objectives

- To help Officers in Toronto East District plan their progression through the chairs
- To provide a discussion forum for considering best practices for Lodge Officers
- To assist attendees in developing action plans to be better prepared as WM in their Lodge
- To provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of Lodge Officers

Program Topics Will Include

- Responsibilities and Duties of Lodge Officers
- Preparing for Your Journey
- Best Practices - Food for Thought
- The Master's Chair and Your Journey Towards the East
- SWOT and Implications for Each Officer in the Lodge
- Developing Your Senior Wardens' Group
- Protocol and Etiquette
- Ritual Q's & A's
- Self-Development - Tips ' n Techniques

Registration

Complete the registration form found in the district website www.torontoeastdistrict.com and submit it with the materials fee to Bruce Palanik **no later than** March 8 2013. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Cost: \$35 pp



Be The Candidate

There is a danger line in every Mason's life. That is the point at which we cease to be the Candidate. It is when we become the audience of Masonry instead of remaining the participant. It is the point at which we lose the viewpoint of the Candidate and no longer seek a New Light.

We must witness the conferring of every degree through the eyes of one who has just knocked at the door of Masonry, and every word spoken to the Candidate should strike a responsive note with us. It is in this way only can one hope to be progressive in Masonry, and to catch again and again the inspiration that he received when he was really the Candidate. Any Mason who truly seeks Light will find something new in Masonry every time a degree is conferred. But he must be the Candidate. He must have the freshness of mind, the eager seeking for Light that was his when he first entered Masonry.

If we look upon the degrees of Masonry in an impersonal way, and consider the ceremonies only as cold repetitions, then we can gain nothing from them. If we attain a small spiritual insight and refuse to grow in vision and wisdom, then even that First Light becomes extinguished. We cease to grow when we no longer seek the source that inspired us at the beginning.

Forever we must have an open mind, the courage, the desire to advance, the longing for More Light, all that we had when we first offered ourselves as candidates for the Mysteries of Freemasonry.

Forever and ever, we must be the Candidate.

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Sunday March 24 2013

4th Charles A. Sankey Lecture - Native American Freemasonry: Joseph Brant to the 21st Century

The guest lecturer will be Professor Joy Porter from the University of Hull, Hull UK.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=3a82t4aRpQ4

Dr. Joy Porter is Professor of Indigenous History, and joined the Department in October 2012. Previously, she was Senior Lecturer and Associate Dean for the College of Arts & Humanities at the University of Swansea. She gained her M.A. and PhD from the University of Nottingham in 1990 and 1993 respectively. She has over 20 publications including 6 books, has organized two externally funded major international conferences and has held Visiting Professorships at the University of Paris, Diderot and at The Clinton Institute, Dublin. She has also delivered invited lectures across Europe and North America. The research underpinning her monograph Native American Freemasonry: Associationalism and Performance in America (University of Nebraska Press, 2011) was funded by a Leverhulme Research Fellowship. Other aspects of her work have benefited from a number of awards (AHRC, British Academy, British Association of Canadian Studies, Association of Canadian Studies in the U.S.,



Canadian Government Research Award). She is currently a member of the AHRC Peer Review College (History, Thought & Culture).

In lieu of charging for admission, a [tax deductible] contribution is requested to:

Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Brock University Partnership - Project Number 2937

We would also like to remind you about the Sankey Lecture website www.sankeylectures.ca. There is information about this year's lecture, as well as the videos of the first few lectures - Dr. Andreas Önerfors (2010), Dr. Jessica Harland Jacobs (2011) and Dr. Steven Bullock (2012).

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Brock University
500 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines

Cost: Donation to Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Brock University Partnership
- Project Number 2937



... by the Lighthouse Beam

The Mother Lodge

(Ed: I come from a military family. My mother was an army surgical nurse, daughter to an Engineering Regimental Sergeant Major, and my father was an army officer in the Far East before, during and after the Second World War. My father was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Calcutta Lodge E.C. in 1936. I choose to imagine that this poem reflects the way it was for him in his mother lodge. He never spoke to me about it.)



There was Rundle, Station Master,
An' Beazeley of the Rail,
An' 'Ackman, Commissariat,
An' Donkin' o' the Jail;
An' Blake, Conductor-Sergeant,
Our Master twice was 'e,
With im that kept the Europe-shop,
Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside - "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside - "Brother," (*Greets the JW*) an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,
An' Saul the Aden Jew,
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman
Of the Survey Office too;
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,
The Roman Catholick!

We 'adn't good regalia,
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;
An' lookin' on it backwards
It often strikes me thus,
There ain't such things as infidels,
Excep', per'aps, it's us.



For monthly, after Labour,
We'd all sit down and smoke
(We durstn't give no banquits,
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),
An' man on man got talkin'
Religion an' the rest,
An' every man comparin'
Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin',
An' not a Brother stirred
Till mornin' waked the parrots
An' that dam' brain-fever-bird.
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,
An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,
An' bore fraternal greetin's
To the Lodges east an' west,
Accordin' as commanded.
From Kohat to Singapore,
But I wish that I might see them
In my Mother-Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,
My Brethren black an' brown,
With the trichies¹ smellin' pleasant
An' the hog-darn² passin' down;
An' the old khansamah³ snorin'
On the bottle-khana⁴ floor,
Like a Master in good standing
With my Mother-Lodge once more.

Outside - "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside - "Brother," (*Greets the JW*) an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!

Author: Bro. Joseph Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936)

¹ Type of cigar

² Cigar-lighter

³ Butler

⁴ Pantry



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 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> 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 www.markhamunion87.org	Clar	3 rd Wed		Nov	Apr
Mimosa #576 www.mimosalodge.com	East Tor	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 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 geographically is customarily outside Toronto East District.



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