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## FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,

There is no greater honor for a Freemason than when he becomes elevated to the Chair as the Lodge Master or Worshipful Master of the Lodge.



Most Brothers elevated to this Chair feel pleased and anxious at the same time. They receive the gavel of authority with fear.

To begin with, in June 2018, I was installed as a Worshipful Master of Richmond Lodge #23. As far as I was concerned, I had reached the pinnacle of my masonic life. As a Worshipful Master, it was a very enjoyable and memorable year for my masonic journey. To mention our countless anecdotes, which I have safely deposited in the Masonic Almanac of my heart, will consume my entire life.

During my term, to name a few, we initiated few applicants. Four of them were sons of a worthy brothers. Last January 2019, our lodge exemplify the third degree under the Grand Lodge of the Philippines ritual with the help of our Filipino brothers who were raised in the Philippines. The attendance during the night was amazing.



We have accomplished some of the Cornerstone projects. With this, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario awarded us the Cornerstone Certificate.

The Children's Christmas Party was well attended. The kids had so much fun especially when Santa came out less his reindeers. The food at our Ladies Night was amazing. And the belly dancer dance graciously. With all these, I would like to give my heartfelt **Thank You** to all my brothers of Richmond Lodge #23.



The year was rapidly came to an end. It is hard to believe where the year has gone. My heartfelt thanks to all the Brothers and families that helped in all of our endeavors. There were lofty goals set at the beginning of the year. Some things went smooth, some not so much. My schedule pulled me in many directions. But *as* expected the Craft always banded together. My appreciation and MORE IMPORTANTLY ADMIRATION goes out to each and every member of our lodge.

Finally, join me my Brethren in upholding peace, goodwill and harmony in the truest essence of extending our Cabletow to all our worthy brothers.



# FROM THE EDITOR:

## WORKING TOOLS - THE TRAVELING MASON

I now present to you the working tools of a traveling Mason: they are the Tire Jack, the CAA Card and a Cell Phone.

The Tire Jack is the first tool place in the hands of the traveling Brother, to enable him to lift his car and change the tire, while swearing and soiling his clothes.

The CAA Card is a small piece of plastic, meaningless by itself, but powerful when the first tool proves unsatisfactory.

Though recognized by various drivers under different class licenses, it is yet admitted by them all that no towing can be done without it.

The Cell Phone is an annoying tool, expensive in its use and yet an evil necessity. It is calculated to have its battery die just when it is about to be engaged with the second tool, and the mightiest curses have been created by its aid.

But as we are not Traveling Masons, but more social and local or visiting Brethren, we apply these tools to our social graces. In that, From the Tire Jack we learn that it is more important to lift our Brethren up than to worry about his soiled or a bit of inconvenience.

From the CAA Card we learn that help, support and back up are of vital importance. It is more important to help another than to try to go it alone. Then teamwork is the way to grow. Although the Lodge may be strong and the members may be dedicated it is all in vain if we do not support one another.

From the Cell Phone we learn communication is necessary to achieve camaraderie, that devotion is achieved through repeated and caring conversations alone and nothing short of familiarity and support is necessary to induce the virtue of brotherly love, encourage the Lodge and raise membership from obscurity.

On the whole we deduce the following moral, that visiting, meant support, aided by teamwork and prompted by brotherly love will finally overcome all our hurdles, raise attendance through association and promote contentment in the Lodge of Free Masonry.

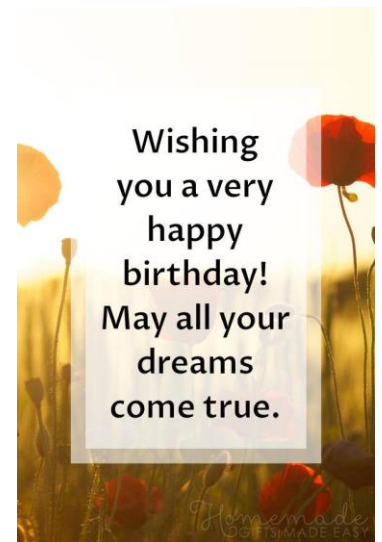
# BIRTHDAYS

## August

Phillip Ciufo  
Steve McKinney  
Brent Potts  
Sam Vakareskov  
Mark Sobrepena  
Laurence Sobrepena

## September

Isaac Lazar  
Christopher Marquez  
Malcolm Cho-Kee  
Nathaniel Guerrero



The Human brain  
is an amazing  
organ. It  
functions  
24 hours a day  
from the day we  
are born and only  
stops when we  
are performing  
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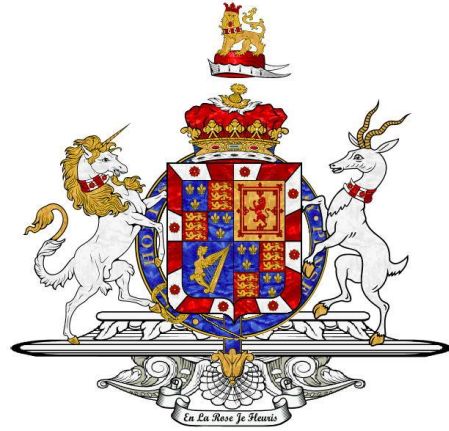
## MASONIC EDUCATION

In this issue, beginning our new Masonic year, we thought that it would be good time to review some of the “Most Common Errors in Lodge”.

Our Ritual, Protocol and Etiquette are key elements in communicating our Masonic tradition.

1. When giving the Signs. The complete signs as demonstrated in the secret work in all degrees should be the ones used in Lodge. That is - the step and the full sign, not one without the other as we often see.
2. When doing a piece of work, speak up. The degree should be audible for all Brethren present to enjoy. Whispers are only used in giving the passwords.
3. The Worshipful Master is always referred to as Worshipful Master when being addressed in a Lodge not Worshipful Sir except when directed in the Book of Work. (Remember, there is only one Worshipful Master, but there may be several Worshipful Sirs present).
4. When wishing to address the Worshipful Master, rise and wait to be recognized.
5. The Worshipful Master, as well as all Brethren must rise for the reception of all visitors entering and being introduced into Lodge.
6. The Worshipful Master always participates in giving of The Grand Honours.
7. When giving Grand Honours, after the final clap over the head, do not slap the thighs again, but just lower the hands and then give the claps. Slapping the thighs is the start of the Grand Honours, not the end.
8. There is no requirement to bend the head forward when saying, “So mote it be.”
9. Do not pat the chest when taking the “Sign of Fidelity” and saying “and may God be with you” during the closing.
10. The VOSL is not closed till after the Lodge is closed and the lights extinguished, and then only by a Past Master.





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## Our Public Open House

The City of Richmond Hill has proclaimed Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of September to be a day to “Commemorate the Bi-Centennial Visit of the Duke of Richmond to Richmond Hill”.

To celebrate the namesake of our city and our lodge, Richmond Lodge is inviting our friends and neighbours in Richmond Hill to our Open House at 112 Crosby Avenue. We are opening our doors at 1:00 PM on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. For three hours, we are holding tours of our Hall to share our history which spans almost 200 years. Sample food commonly eaten 200 years ago. There will be prizes as well as other events.

To mark our celebration, Mayor Dave Barrow and will be present to unveil a commemorative plaque.

We are remembering the bi-centennial visit of Charles Lennox to Richmond Hill. Charles Lennox was both the Duke of Richmond and the Governor General of British North America. The Governor General visited our city in 1819. He died one month later. His memorable visit and His selfless service to our country made an indelible mark on our hearts. Our city and our lodge are so named to remind us of His good deeds.

Come out and be a part of our celebration. Everyone is welcome!

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