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We invite you to join us in celebrating this joyous time by attending our

**Open House**  
**Thursday, January 27, 2000**  
**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Official opening ceremonies of our new head office will take place at 12 noon.  
Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP to Patti Tracey at  
(905) 713-3373 extension 6092



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At Markham Furniture, all sofas are built with solid hardwood frames and are double doweled, glued and screwed at every joint. The sofas are constructed with eight-way, hand-tied coil springs and padded with high-density foam that provides years of comfort. All of this comes with a lifetime warranty on frame and construction (springs).

#### HALF RETAIL PRICE

"Don't let the superior quality intimidate you about price," said Bill Rizk, owner of Markham Furniture. "Our furniture is built here on the premises, and we sell directly to the public. Our sofas would retail for double these prices at fine furniture stores."

Recently, the company introduced a new line of quality coffee and end tables manufactured by Artage International of Toronto. These tables are available at below retail prices.

#### LEATHER FURNITURE

"Markham Furniture also builds quality leather sofas at affordable prices," says Rizk. "We use top grain Italian leather everywhere. There is no vinyl match and no split leathers, which provides comfort for years to come."

#### 25 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

Markham Furniture is owned and managed by Rizk, a former plant manager at Barrymore Furniture. "I managed the Barrymore plant for more than 13 years," he says. "I know how to build quality furniture at very competitive prices."



"Leather furniture is an important part of our business"

#### REUPHOLSTERY SERVICE

Rizk has applied his experience in another direction as well. Not only does he build new furniture, but he reupholsters old furniture using the same craftsmanship and attention to detail.

"Reupholstery is an important part of my business," says Rizk. "If a sofa or chair is worth reupholstering, we have the experience to do it right."

Currently, a limited number of showroom sofa models are available at reduced prices.

For details visit Markham Furniture at 1001 Denison St., Unit 12 or call (905) 947-9575. You can also visit their website at [www.puresavings.com/markhamfurniture](http://www.puresavings.com/markhamfurniture)

## Bring on the haggis

BY JENNIFER KEE  
Correspondent

As a celebration of Robbie Burns' birthday, Union Villa hosts an entertainment and buffet dinner this Thursday, with a special toast from local speaker J.T. Walters.

Born in Scotland on Jan. 25, 1759, Burns never left his homeland during his 37 years. He is considered the first poet of the people and for the world who spoke straight from the heart and wrote songs and poems of love and lads and lassies that have survived two centuries.

Walters was born in 1930 just two miles from the Burns cottage. It was because he lived so close that he began a study of Burns that continued into adulthood. The York Region resident has committed himself to a lifetime of speaking about the Scottish poet at Burns tributes around the world.

Ceremonies at the Burns suppers have evolved into

elaborate affairs over the years. First, the head table toasts the "lassies", then the haggis is brought in accompanied by bagpipes. After dinner, the speaker toasts the "Immortal Memory" of Robbie Burns and begins his speech.

The event will take place at the Heritage Centre on 17 Anna Russell Way in Unionville. Advance tickets are \$15, or \$20 at the door.

### Unionville Arms

On Tuesday, a haggis will be piped in at the Unionville Arms pub on Main Street, Unionville.

Three pipers and a drummer will be on hand to lead the festivities, which include traditional tunes from folk singer David Leaske, who played at last year's Celtic Festival in Markham.

Traditional Scottish fare is on the menu, and the action starts at 7 p.m.

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