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## Masons open up in 150th year

*Re-enactment, dinner part of celebration*

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It's been called a secret society, a fraternity in which meetings are held in darkened corners and back rooms.

An organization for which farmers, shopkeepers, blacksmiths and millwrights once travelled hours by horseback to gather. The contents of the meetings known to only those in attendance.

Now, the Freemasons, who are doctors, lawyers and other professional men, no longer hide their brotherhood and on June 15 and 19 Stouffville's Richardson Masonic Lodge will celebrate its 150th anniversary. Its members want the whole community to join them.

"We want to show off our lodge to the community. We want the community to find out a little bit more about who we are," said Worshipful Brother Ken Prentice.

At 7 p.m. on June 15, Richardson Lodge members will reveal a granite sundial designed by Dr. Don Petrie, who is not a member of the lodge, but a friend, according to Mr. Prentice. A time capsule filled with lodge artifacts, present day coins and information on Whitchurch-Stouffville

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## THANKS, GUYS



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Cyril Back (left) and Wilbert Dean were two of 45 residents honoured during the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's inaugural Veterans Appreciation Day at the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday. For additional photographs, go to photo galleries on [yorkregion.com](http://yorkregion.com) and page 13.

### COUNCIL WATCHDOG WANTS TOWN STAFFERS TO QUIT OVER TOBOGGAN HILL

# 'Fire me,' Mayor says to resignation calls

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Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Dave Probert wants two Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville staff members to resign over the Memorial Park toboggan hill debacle.

But Mayor Wayne Emmerson said he'll take the fall for the staffers, if necessary.

"Council should accept two resignations of staff," Mr. Probert stated during open council last week. The veteran council watchdog, who lives in the Ballantrae area, never publicly said who those staff members should be.

In an interview with The Sun-Tribune last week, Mr. Probert said he wanted the resignations of Tom

Parry, director of engineering and capital works, and Dave Cash, the CAO.

"Both should be held accountable," Mr. Probert said. "They're in charge of management and responsible for the operations of Memorial Park on behalf of the taxpayers of Whitchurch-Stouffville."

Mr. Probert is angry about the

fill brought to the toboggan hill site, which contained construction material, PVC pipe and asphalt, as well as the town's lack of monitoring of the situation.

The soil was tested in May by AME Materials Engineering and it was found to contain no chemical

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