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## Police, volunteers to clean up graffiti

*Tagging to be mapped,  
photographed*

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York Regional Police officers and volunteers will locate, photograph and map the town's graffiti before cleaning it up this September.

"A lot of people don't get the connection if ... graffiti is happening but not being documented, if a person is caught, without documentation, we can't make the connection and lay charges," said Stouffville native Const. Todd Snooks during a presentation to Whitchurch-Stouffville council Tuesday night.

*In apology to town, teen says  
he realizes harm his tagging  
spree caused/page 11.*

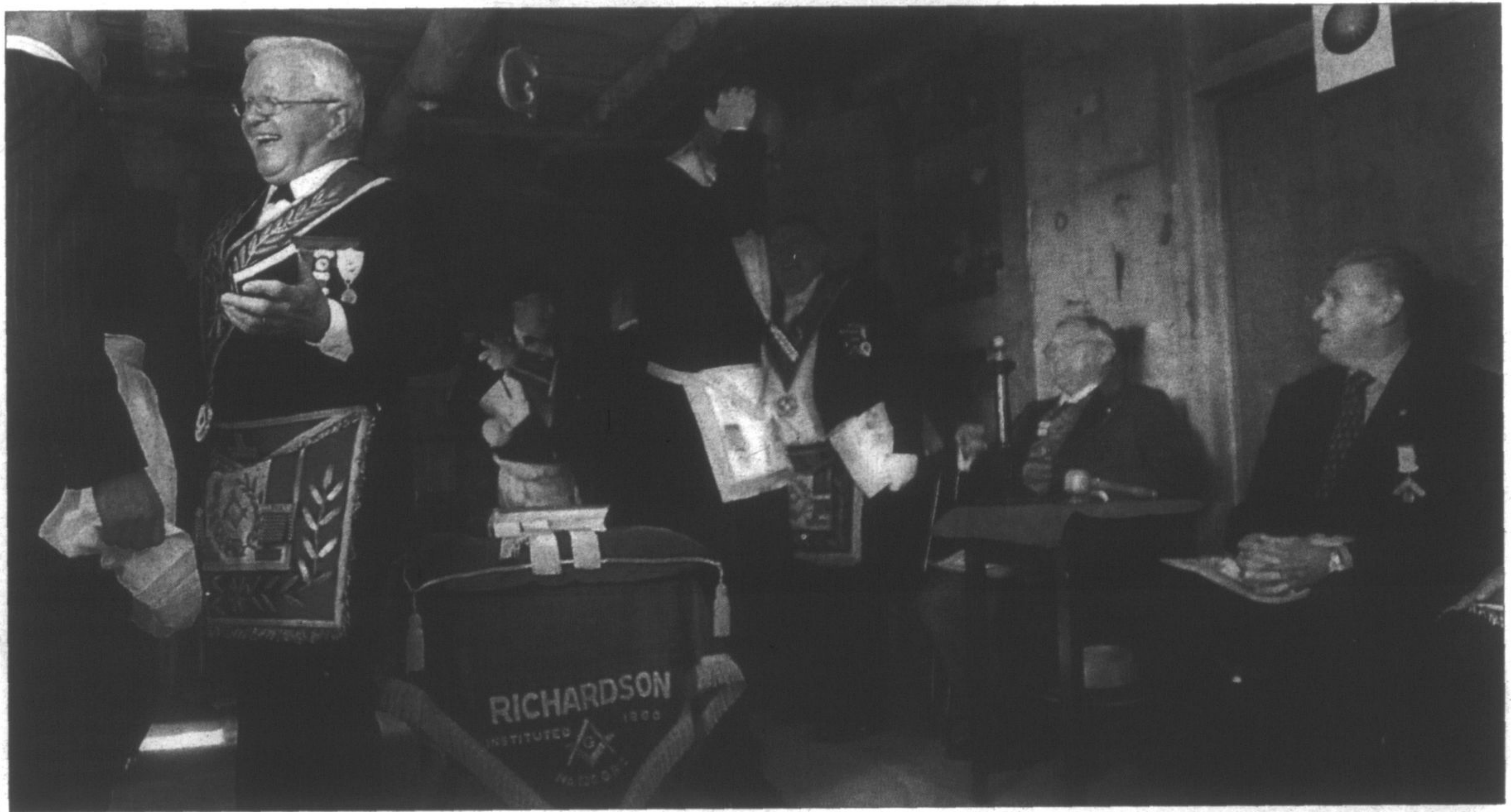
The clean-up day stems from a rash of private and public properties being tagged late last year.

In January, a 17-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville youth was arrested and charged with eight counts of mischief under \$5,000.

He went through a diversion program operated by the York Region Youth Justice Committee.

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## 150 YEARS IN THE MAKING



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Murray Wagg (left) greets a Masonic brother Tuesday during the re-enactment of the first meeting of Stouffville's Richardson Lodge on its 150th anniversary at the original site, a barn on the northeast corner of Kennedy and Elgin Mills roads in northern Markham. The celebrations continue tonight with a dinner at Christ Church Anglican. For more on the lodge, go to [www.richardsonlodge.ca/index.html](http://www.richardsonlodge.ca/index.html)

WALK AWAY FROM 'MESS', GRANT MONEY AT BALL DIAMOND, HARGRAVE TELLS COUNCIL MATES

## Councillor loses battle of Memorial Park

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Councillor Rob Hargrave wants to walk away from more than \$500,000 in government funding so the new council can create a cohesive Stouffville Memorial Park master plan.

Last year, the town was awarded \$825,000 from the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program to reconstruct the last remaining softball diamond in the downtown park.

The funding is divided equally between the federal and provincial governments as well as the Town of

Whitchurch-Stouffville.

When the tender were received last month, the lowest bid came from Latitude 67 Ltd. at \$933,466.16, including all taxes. A contingency amount of \$115,000 was also approved, bringing the total cost to \$1,048,466.20

The increased cost was due to

the HST, which takes effect July 1 as well as additional work not included in the original 2009 budget.

However, the town is eligible for a rebate on a portion of the HST, which brings the variance down to \$140,860.

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