



Rear-view Mirror

Masons celebrate 150th anniversary

By Mauric Smith

There is a famous saying, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

Some journeys may have just started, others began hundreds of years ago. The Richardson Masonic Lodge of Stouffville recently celebrated the first steps their Lodge took on June 15, 1860. That journey began in the then Village of Cashel, (Elgin Mills and Kennedy Road) when 12 local farmers and merchants gathered to have the first meeting and become the newest members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

So it was that on June 15, 2010, 12 current Lodge members donned the symbolic clothing of that long ago era and travelled by horse and

buggy to the location where it all began, although they did not have to travel quite as far as the 1860 members. They just rode over from Ashlane Farm on McCowan Road in an original covered Baine wagon.

As in 1860, they held their meeting in the livery stable on the property – although on this occasion they met on the main floor, since the original upper part of the building has long since been rendered unusable. Gerry Mariani, a current Richardson Lodge member, now owns the livery stable and the other remaining building on the property.

After the initial formalities of the June meeting there was a recess, followed by re-adjournment at the current, spruced-up Lodge at the corner of Ninth Line and Second Street in Stouffville. During this portion of the meeting a few distinguished members including Right Worshipful Brother Rick

Morreau and Very Worshipful Brother James T. Rennie, were on hand to unveil a plaque and beautifully sculptured sundial crafted by Dr. Don Petrie, a friend of the Lodge.

Many members have come and gone through the ranks over the 150 year journey of the Richardson Lodge, a journey taken over many a trail. However, the celebration of this particular day in their history would not have taken place as effectively as it did were it not for the organization and involvement of the co-chairs Ken Prentice and Kelly Holden.

Congratulations gentlemen. May your journey continue for many years to come.

*Traveller's lament at Hagerman's Corner
In this hive we are all alive
Good liquor makes us funny
If you're dry while passing by
Come in and taste our honey*



Jazz Magic With Robi Botos



On Aug. 12 at 8 p.m. Robi Botos will perform his magic on the piano at the Lebovic Centre for the Performing Arts – Nineteen on the Park.

This is the second of a three part piano series which harkens back to the glory days of jazz in the great listening rooms: Basin Street, Bourbon Street, Montreal Bistro, Café des Copains. The clubs are gone but the musicians live on, and this series offers a small audience uninterrupted solo piano performances from the heart and soul of the masters.

Robi Botos has performed around the world with jazz legends including Chic Corea, Oscar Peterson and Quincy Jones. He has won best solo-

ist at Bartok Festivals, Montreux solo piano first prize, Canadian keyboardist of the year and NOW magazine artist of the year in 2008.

Although he has numerous awards under his belt, the true test of his boundless talent is to hear him play live. There are few opportunities to hear solo piano of this calibre, so mark Aug. 12 on your calendar. Tickets are \$25 and available by calling the box office at 905-640-2322.

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