



# Mighty Peace District



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## Eastern Star Breakfast

All brethren from the Mighty Peace District, Sisters and Brothers of Eastern Star, family and friends are invited to a Pancake Breakfast at the Grande Prairie Lodge Hall on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. The breakfast is being hosted by the Worthy Matron, Sister Marianne Ashby, and the Worthy Patron, Brother Richard Ashby.

The Pancake Breakfast is free, but donations will be thankfully received. Donation box will also be available for the Worthy Patrons Project (the OES Foundation), and tickets will be available for the Worthy Matrons Project, a draw for \$500.00 of restaurant gift certificates. The proceeds of which will be going to the Grande Prairie RCMP Victims Assistance.

Come join us in this social function and help us in these worthy causes if you so wish.

Richard & Marianne Ashby

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP

KANINASKIS, ALBERTA

Be a part of "masonry in the mountains" at the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Masonic Spring Workshop. This event takes place the weekend of April 17, 18 & 19, 2009. For more information visit [WWW.MASONICSPRINGWORKSHOP.AB.CA](http://WWW.MASONICSPRINGWORKSHOP.AB.CA)

### FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA

Order of the Eastern Star Worthy Matron, Sister Marianne Ashby and Worthy Parton, Brother Richard Ashby, are hosting a free pancake breakfast at the Grande Prairie Masonic Lodge on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM. This event is open to all family and friends of the Masonic fraternities.

### 104<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

Camrose, Alberta

This years Grand Lodge Communication takes place in Camrose, AB at the Norseman Inn on June 12 & 13. It is the duty of all principal officers of each lodge to attend. Let us go and show our support as it is also a great opportunity to drum up interest for the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Communication being held in Grande Prairie!!!

### Joint Installations

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This year there is an opportunity to attend the installation of every lodge in the district, as there will be 2 joint installations held on 2 separate days:

-Peace River #89 and Northland #147 tentatively scheduled for the evening of June 25 at the Fairview Royal Canadian Legion Center.

-Grande Prairie #105 and Lake Saskatoon #106 on June 27 at 2:00PM at the Grande Prairie Masonic Lodge.

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## **Hovering Across Canada: Fighting Prostate Cancer & Making Aviation History**

Dear Brethren,

I hope this message finds you, your family and Lodge members in good health and ready to take on the challenges of the New Year. I am a member of Strathmore Lodge #53, Alberta ([www.strathmore53.com](http://www.strathmore53.com)) and I am reaching out to Lodges and Brethren across the country to ask for your assistance in making a dream a reality and to join the fight against Prostate Cancer.

2009 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of aviation in Canada and to mark the occasion I will be flying my light weight hovercraft from Victoria, BC to St. John's, NFLD (June 1 – 26). This is an aviation first ("history in the making" as they say) and has already begun to attract media attention in Western Canada. Both a book and television program (6 episodes) have begun development and production with proceeds going towards the fight against Prostate Cancer.

The devastating effects of Prostate Cancer have recently been felt by my family with the loss in November 28, 2008 of my father-in-law. He was man who had a huge heart, a firm hand shake and was an incredible grand parent to my children. He is also the inspiration for "Hovering Across Canada" and it is in his honor that this adventure is being undertaken.

Prostate Cancer is the #1 cancer killer in Canadian men with 1 in 7 being diagnosed in their lifetime but with early detection (a simple PSA blood test) more than 95% of cases are curable. It is also a disease which many of our Brethren have had to face, some have won the battle but many have lost. Over the past couple of weeks as word spreads of my trip, I have received several emails from Brethren across Canada who have been diagnosed with the disease and who are seeking more information on their options.

Although a lot of energy is being put into securing corporate sponsors, the current economic situation in Canada has temporarily closed a number of potential avenues and I am being forced to seek alternatives. Our Worshipful Master, Kevin Keegan, and the Brethren of Strathmore Lodge #53 have been incredibly supportive of my efforts and I am hopeful that Lodges across the country will be equally supportive. With fuel and food being the biggest expenditures any donation big (\$500+) or small (\$20+) will be greatly received. In appreciation of Lodge(s) support, I will be listing Lodges on my website ([www.st5safety.com](http://www.st5safety.com)), dedicating 2-3 pages to Free Masonry in the "Hovering Across Canada" book, proudly placing the Masonic logo on the hovercraft and dedicating a short segment of the television program as well.

Undoubtedly you will have questions and I invite you to write or call me at your earliest convenience. In addition, our Worshipful Master, Kevin Keegan, can be reached at [kevinlorettak@aol.com](mailto:kevinlorettak@aol.com) or at 1-403-968-0483. The Hovering Across Canada Foundation has been registered in the Province of Alberta as a Not For Profit Foundation and an agreement has been reached with the Calgary Health Trust ([www.thetrust.ca](http://www.thetrust.ca)) to issue charitable tax receipts, in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency guidelines.

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### **The 5th Wave**

By Rich Tennant



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