

50th Anniversary Gala

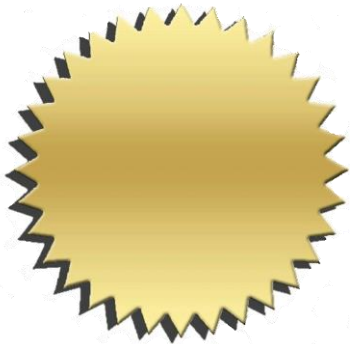
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FORESTDALE HEIGHTS LODGE

50

Years Strong



June 4, 2017



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE



June 4, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Forestdale Heights Lodge.

Since 1967, members of the Forestdale Heights Lodge have worked tirelessly to organize and fund activities that reach out to those in need in your community. I am certain that this milestone anniversary will provide a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon your accomplishments and to set goals for the future.

I would like to thank lodge members, both past and present, for their valuable work over the years. You can take pride in knowing that you are helping to build a better society for us all.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Trudeau".

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada





Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario



June 4, 2017

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm wishes to everyone attending the 50th anniversary celebration of Forestdale Heights Lodge.

Giving back is vital to sustaining strong communities and to ensuring that our province remains a caring and compassionate place. This is a celebration of a fine organization's longevity and of the strength of Ontario's Jewish community.

I want to thank the members of Forestdale Heights Lodge for their commitment to building communities that support the well-being of our people.

Best wishes for many more years of success!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

Kathleen Wynne
Premier

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has granted a Charter for a Lodge to be known by the name, style and title of
FORESTDALE HEIGHTS LODGE No. 2667, to hold its sessions in the city of
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA. ACCORDINGLY, we the undersigned Officers of DISTRICT
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of the ORDER.

PROVIDED always, that the said above named brethren and their successors,
as in duty bound pay due respect and perform the MANDATES of DISTRICT
GRAND LODGE No. 22 under penalty of forfeiting this CHARTER.

Given under our hands and the seal of DISTRICT GRAND LODGE No. 22
this 21ST day of MAY 1967 (5727).



/s/ ARTHUR DIAMOND President
/s/ JACIE C. HORNWITZ, Q. C. 1st Vice President
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/s/ DR. WILLIAM A. WEXLER
President, B'nai B'rith
/s/ RABBI JAY KAUFMAN
Executive Vice President



Message from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone attending the Community Volunteer Service Gala hosted by Forestdale Heights Lodge.

The city is proud of organizations and individuals that are committed to making a difference and recognizes their contribution to the economic and social well-being of our communities. Their dedication and hard work enrich the lives of many on a daily basis and make our city stronger, more vibrant and healthy.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, I thank the organizers and wish everyone an enjoyable event.

Yours truly,


John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

June 4, 2017

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR SCARPITTI

On behalf of Members of Council and the City of Markham, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all those attending the 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration of Forestdale Heights Lodge.

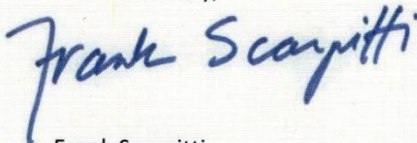
The celebration of an anniversary provides a fine opportunity to reflect on past achievements, recognize the accomplishments of today and to look forward to the opportunities of tomorrow.

I commend Forestdale Heights Lodge on this milestone anniversary and recognize their commitment and dedication to maintain the Canadian tradition of giving back to the community and helping all those that are in need. I applaud the members for consistently being involved with many charitable community events, from organizing food drives for the Kasher Food Bank, participating in the Terry Fox run to providing assistance to the Yellow Brick House.

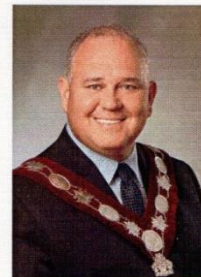
I want to extend a special thank you to all the members and volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort towards the betterment of our community.

Best wishes as you celebrate this significant milestone.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Frank Scarpitti'.

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor





Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, PC
Mayor



Happy 50th Anniversary Forestdale Heights Lodge

June 4, 2017

On behalf of the City of Vaughan, I am pleased to offer my congratulations to Forestdale Heights Lodge on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

It takes exceptional people to build strong and vibrant communities. Forestdale Heights Lodge has been doing that by maintaining a tradition of giving back through its volunteer service program. This special event provides an opportunity to celebrate its work and contribution to our growing city.

The City of Vaughan is fortunate to be enriched with many people who are truly caring and compassionate. It is our goal to foster a community that promotes equality, inclusiveness, respect and tolerance for everyone who lives here. We are proud to be an important centre for the spiritual, social and educational needs of Jewish families in Vaughan and the GTA.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Maurizio Bevilacqua'.

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, PC
Mayor



Councillor James Pasternak



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June 4th, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is both an honour and pleasure to welcome you to tonight's celebration of Forestdale Heights Lodge's 50th anniversary.

Forestdale Heights Lodge continuously gives back to our city through its Community Volunteer Service program and countless other initiatives such as water stations at marathons and delivering meals to those in need on Jewish holidays. This initiative is an asset to both the Jewish community and the City of Toronto as a whole.

So many Toronto residents receive support and assistance from Forestdale Heights Lodge's programs but this remarkable work would not be possible without the tireless efforts of its organizers and volunteers who are to be commended.

Once again, I want to congratulate Forestdale Heights Lodge on this significant anniversary and thank B'nai Brith Canada and all the organizers of tonight's celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Pasternak". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the top and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

James Pasternak
Chair, Community Development and Recreation Committee
Toronto City Councillor, Ward 10



ALAN SHEFMAN
Councillor Ward 5/Thornhill

June 4, 2017

**CONGRATULATIONS FROM COUNCILLOR ALAN SHEFMAN
WARD 5 - Thornhill, CITY OF VAUGHAN**

I am happy to extend my warmest greetings and congratulate the Forestdale Heights Lodge on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary Gala celebration.

In my role as Councillor for Ward 5 - Thornhill and of course, from my time in the past when I acted as the National Director of the League for Human Rights, I am familiar with the many positive initiatives that Forestdale Heights Lodge/B'nai Brith has been involved in over the years. The enthusiasm with which your volunteers conduct themselves is an example for all.

I would like to congratulate all of you on your accomplishments, ongoing commitment and dedication to the betterment of the community.

I regret that I will not be able to share this special occasion with you. I know that everyone in attendance at the dinner will appreciate the fabulous evening that is planned.

Sincerely,



Councillor Alan Shefman
Ward 5 -Thornhill, City of Vaughan



Valerie Burke
Councillor Ward 1



June 4, 2017

Forestdale Heights Lodge

GREETINGS FROM COUNCILLOR VALERIE BURKE

Best wishes to Forestdale Heights Lodge on the occasion of your 50th anniversary celebration!

I thank all the members and volunteers for their contributions to this respected organization, and commend you for the services you have offered to our community.

I wish you a very memorable and successful celebration!

Sincerely,

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Valerie Burke
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TO THE MEMBERS OF FORESTDALE HEIGHTS LODGE



I am honoured that you have chosen me to continue to lead the Lodge for this monumental occasion. The Lodge truly is a group of both men and women who give back to the community in more ways than I ever imagined. Our efforts are most appreciated. Not only do we physically help out in the community, we also donate to many charities.

It is truly an honour and a privilege to be the President of Forestdale Heights Lodge. I hope that the Lodge continues to grow in age, health and members. Our help in the community is needed.

Sincerely,

Stewart Indig

President, Forestdale Heights Lodge



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TO MY FELLOW LODGE BROTHERS AND SISTERS



So much has changed in the last 43 years since I joined FHL. I'm that much older (and wiser, I hope); hairstyles have changed; I'm a grandfather of five, but my never changing enjoyment and sense of accomplishment is of being a member of FHL. I had the privilege of being installed at the Lodge's 25th anniversary. I am thrilled to say that it was the one of the largest installations in the last 50 years.

What started out with over 200 young men joining FHL, primarily to play baseball, has dwindled down in numbers. However, those of us still remaining, together with a number of new Lodge brothers and sisters, are still devoted and mighty!

Years ago, B'nai Brith Canada organized huge conventions in Montreal and New York Catskills. The year FHL sponsored the event when one of our own members became President of B'nai Brith Canada, was truly a weekend to remember and I will always cherish the memories. We worked hard, but laughed louder. True friendships, that are still thriving, were formed.

As members of Forestdale Heights Lodge, we can still hold our heads high as we run award-winning CVS programmes, as well as our popular Kol Echad. We are still recognized volunteers at marathons, walkathons, as well as delivering Chanukah and Purim baskets. We collect kosher food for food banks and toiletries for shelters and designate financial assistance to worthy causes. We don't need a packed room to carry out our commitments!

I'm a proud member of Forestdale Heights Lodge and wish us all a Mazel Tov on 50 years of caring. I'm hoping to celebrate many more years together in good health and peace.

Albert Ohana
Installation Chairman
Past President

FHL EXECUTIVE 2017-2018

President	Stewart Indig
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PROGRAMME

Welcome	Ray Moscoe
Menorah Lighting	Mark Spergel
Opening Prayer	Jeff Rosen
Hamotzi	Harvey Silver



DINNER

Installation of Officers	Carl Zeliger
President's Address	Stewart Indig
Presentation of Awards	Stewart Indig
Closing Prayer	Jeff Rosen

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B'NAI BRITH NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF CANADA
National Office/Bureau national

June 4, 2017

Dear Forestdale Heights Lodge Members,

On behalf of the B'nai Brith National Board of Directors, I wish you a heartfelt mazel tov on the 50th anniversary of the Lodge's founding.

The B'nai Brith Lodges make up the backbone of our support network across Canada, and Forestdale Heights is no exception. I am constantly delighted by the honourable acts of kindness and allocation of funds to the worthy causes it supports.

This year saw the Forestdale Heights Lodge engage in wonderful acts of charity and outreach that embody the spirit of kindness and the Jewish concept of treating your neighbour as you would yourself.

Whether its leading the Pride of Israel Kosher Food Bank, volunteering at the Toronto Marathon or delivering refreshments to Toronto Police Force officers during the busy holiday season, the Forestdale Heights Lodge stands as a continued source of pride for our organization.

On behalf of B'nai Brith, I commend the wonderful acts of *chesed* committed by the Forestdale Heights Lodge and, with a heavy heart, honour the passing of three-time President Michael Kates. His memory will live on through the acts of kindness, charity and unity that personify both the Forestdale Heights Lodge and B'nai Brith Canada.

Sincerely,

Jay Harris
National Chair
B'nai Brith Canada





B'NAI BRITH NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF CANADA
National Office/Bureau national

June 4, 2017

Dear Forestdale Heights Lodge Members,

Thank you all for attending this momentous milestone for Forestdale Heights Lodge. On the jubilee of the Lodge's founding, I offer my sincerest congratulations and appreciation on behalf of B'nai Brith Canada.

Since 1875, B'nai Brith has advocated for Canadian Jewry and championed the cause of human rights. Through your support, B'nai Brith can continue to defend global Jewry and the State of Israel, protect the vulnerable members of our community, combat racism and antisemitism, and act as a voice in promoting Jewish unity and continuity.

We are the oldest independent Jewish organization, and the voice of the grassroots Jewish community.

All of us at B'nai Brith are extremely proud of Forestdale Heights Lodge for its ongoing acts of kindness, not just toward members of the Jewish community, but to all Canadians. In particular, the allocation of funds to Yellow Brick House, which provides crisis services to abused women and their children, truly embodies the paramount Jewish precept of repairing the world.

All Lodges affiliated with B'nai Brith Canada are steadfast allies in our mission to fight antisemitism and support the State of Israel. As Jews and as Canadians we all stand united against the forces of prejudice and hate, and I thank Forestdale Heights for standing on the side of peace and tolerance.

Sincerely,

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Michael Mostyn
Chief Executive Officer
B'nai Brith Canada



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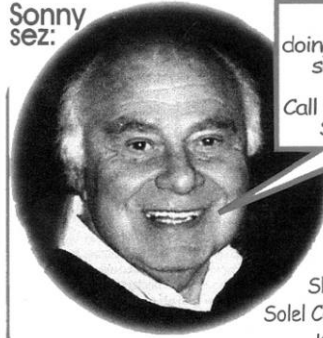
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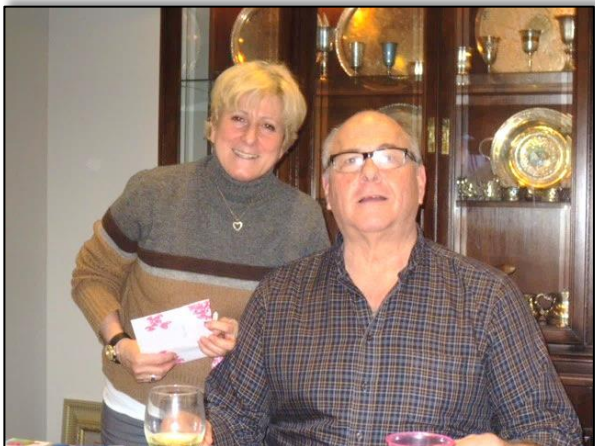
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Irving Knopman	1973-74
Stanley Penzner *	1974-75
Gary Pollock	1975-76
Harvey Rachman	1976-77
Nathan Salter*	1977-78
Allen Fink	1978-79
Murray Fallen	1979-80
Norman Aronson *	1980-81
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Zev Scherer	1982-83
Allen Goldberg	1983-84
Stan Horowitz	1984-85
Harvey Glasner	1985-86

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Albert Ohana	1992-94
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George Garten	2014-15

*Deceased

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