



Masonic Provincial Blood Donor Week

February 17 to 23, 2014

Dear Brother,

The Masonic Provincial Blood Donor Week is fast approaching. Charity is giving our life to others; when we give our life away we possess more of it; the more we give, the more we receive.

The Masonic commitment to donating blood can be traced back to V.W. Bro. William Hoyle of the Electric Lodge #495 in 1941 when he persuaded his Masters and Wardens Association to take an interest in donating blood. At this time, blood was not collected, but donated directly to the recipient. As a result, a list of donors was required to ensure that when blood was needed, a donor was available. V.W. Bro. Hoyle and a dedicated group of Masons made up the majority of that list.



On the evening of May 23rd, 1944 the Moose Hall was the scene of a horrific fire. V.W. Bro. Hoyle was contacted to rally the Masons and report directly to the hospital to help save the lives of the people who had managed to get out of the fire. Shortly after this truly charitable act of brotherly love and relief, V.W. Bro. Hoyle, and the Hamilton Masons, joined forces with The Red Cross to improve the system by which blood donors were recorded and could be contacted.

As time progressed, and the ability to store blood arrived, the Masons continued to aid The Red Cross, and later Canadian Blood Services, in their valiant work.

We are needed today, more than ever, to help our fellow man.

Only registered Partners For Life donations will be counted during this week. All who donate are encouraged to use a Partners for Life Number. Donors do not have to be a Mason to register using our number. Once they register the first time, their donation will always count for our totals.

PFL Identifications Numbers

Toronto Don Valley District - MASO010395
Toronto East District - MASN011058
Toronto Humber Valley District - MASN011077
Toronto West District - MASN011134
York District - MASN011364

Registration of a Partner For Life identification number is easy and can be done on-line. [Click here to register for Partners For Life.](#)

UPCOMING CLINICS

Toronto Five District, Blood Donors