

EID AL-FITR **DINNER** AND FUNDRAISER

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A coming together occasion.



As-salam Alaykum (Peace be upon you) and Eid Mubarak (Blessed Eid)

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your family to our 5th annual Eid Al-Fitr Dinner that will serve as a fundraising event to support several worthy causes. This year the theme of “A Coming Together Community” is presented, as it relates to what we are doing with the funds raised at this event. We have the necessity to support the veterans’ food bank as well as the Masonic higher education bursary and so the funds will be supporting the two causes.

Eid is the celebration of the end of Ramadan, which means the end of the month of fasting, but in many parts of the world it is celebrated by everyone in the community, not just Muslims. Eid brings everyone together. We felt that this event would be a wonderful opportunity to have people come together and share time and a meal to encourage love and charity, and eliminate hate and selfishness. and grow from meeting each other.

Dinner will be a mixture of different Middle Eastern cuisines

Dinner will be strictly by DONATION with 100% of funds going to the Veterans’ food bank and the Masonic education bursary

Please RSVP to either

James Eilander – j.eilander@live.ca or 403-922-4732 or

Moe Bast – moebast@gmail.com or 403-671-4578

Dinner will be limited to 100 guest so please reply early to ensure you get a seat.

Saturday June 8th 4:30 – 7:00

Reception 4:30 and Dinner will start about 5:00

Location: 330 12th Ave SW (Freemasons Hall)

We look forward to seeing you and your family there. If you have any questions, contact us.

Ok...So what is this????

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, during this time Muslims worldwide observe this as a month of fasting. This annual observance is regarded as one of the Five Pillars of Islam (Principle Teachings), and the month lasts approximately 29–30 days based on the visual sightings of the crescent moon, this year it started May 5th and ends on June 4th or 5th at sunset. While fasting from dawn until sunset, Muslims refrain from consuming food, drinking liquids and smoking.

Ramadan is a time of spiritual reflection, improvement and increased devotion and worship. Muslims are expected to put more effort into following the teachings of Islam. In addition to abstaining from eating and drinking, Muslims also increase restraint, such as generally sinful speech and behavior. Over time, iftar (the evening meal after breaking the fast) has grown into banquet festivals. This is a time of fellowship with families, friends and surrounding communities, which is what we will be doing

The act of fasting is said to redirect the heart away from worldly activities, its purpose being to cleanse the soul by freeing it from harmful impurities. Ramadan also teaches Muslims how to better practice self-discipline, self-control, sacrifice, and empathy for those who are less fortunate; thus encouraging actions of generosity and compulsory charity (zakat)

Eid al-Fitr is the festival of breaking of the fast, also called the Sugar Feast, the Sweet Festival and the Lesser Eid, is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan. Eid al-Fitr is celebrated for one, two or three days....let's face it after a month of not eating from sunrise to sunset there is a need to celebrate.

Common greetings during this holiday are the Arabic greeting *'Eid Mubārak* ("Blessed Eid") or *'Eid Sa'īd* ("Happy Eid").

We do hope you and your family will be able to share in this special occasion with us and help to make a difference by donating to the charities we are supporting this year.

Sincerely

James Eliander and Moe Bast