



From The Chair



Fall in!

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone has had a good start to fall and have taken the time to enjoy the outdoors before the snow flies.

Our September Regular meeting was fine event. We at Kilwinning were very pleased to have the opportunity to celebrated Bro George MacLean on his Long service award. We are honored to have Bro. MacLean "70 Years a Mason." as one of our members and continue to enjoy this fraternal bond of friendship. Many thanks to all the Brethren who contributed their time and effort to make this event a success. And a special thanks to RW Bro. Ken Bice, V W Bro. Don Cowie, W Bro. Ross Golden, RW Bro. Andrew MacLelland, W Bro Joe Lisi, W Bro. Rob Lund, V W Bro Alex Munroe, R W. Charles Reid, The DDGM RW Bro. Gabriel Spoletini and The PGM M.W. Bro Ron Groshaw, and of course Bro. George MacLean and family, who were able to take part in the ceremony and presentation.

We will be passing Bro Lenno Britos to the second degree at our Oct meeting,

We have a terrific weekend planned for our Pontiac Brethren who will be visiting on the weekend of Oct 23-25 as we celebrate our long-standing reciprocal fraternal visits, and enjoying the fraternal bonds we have established over the years.

We also look forward to the many events and fun activities coming this fall and winter including our Ladies appreciation night, our elections and installation, our Robert Burns Dinner, and many more fun district offerings.

Brethren please keep in mind there may be members who find it hard to get out to lodge. Lets find if we can help and , or, see if they need a ride.

I look forward to seeing all of you at lodge.

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Sincerely and Fraternally,
W. Bro. Marc Decorte
Worshipful Master



Book Review By W. Bro. Rob Lund

Freemasonry: A Journey Through Ritual and Symbol By W. Kirk MacNulty

This is a beautiful book—with glossy pages and over a hundred illustrations, some in colour. It was first published in 1991. The author is a long time Mason and member of a number of Lodges in the US and and England. He has produced a number of books, including *Freemasonry: Symbols, Secrets, Significance*.

The text only occupies half the book, the other half used to describe the illustrations and photographs.

MacNulty's approach to explaining the ritual is somewhat unique—he starts from a psychological view and uses a lot of Jungian terminology. Carl Jung was, as you may know, a student of the Mysteries, so his work touches not only the Psyche, but the metaphysical as well. This comes through as MacNulty explains the symbolism with references to Spirit and Deity.

He covers an introduction which reminds us of the origins of the Craft in the Mystery Schools and pulls this thread through the pursuit of self-knowledge through the renaissance period and Kabbalistic influences, touching on some possible historical origins.

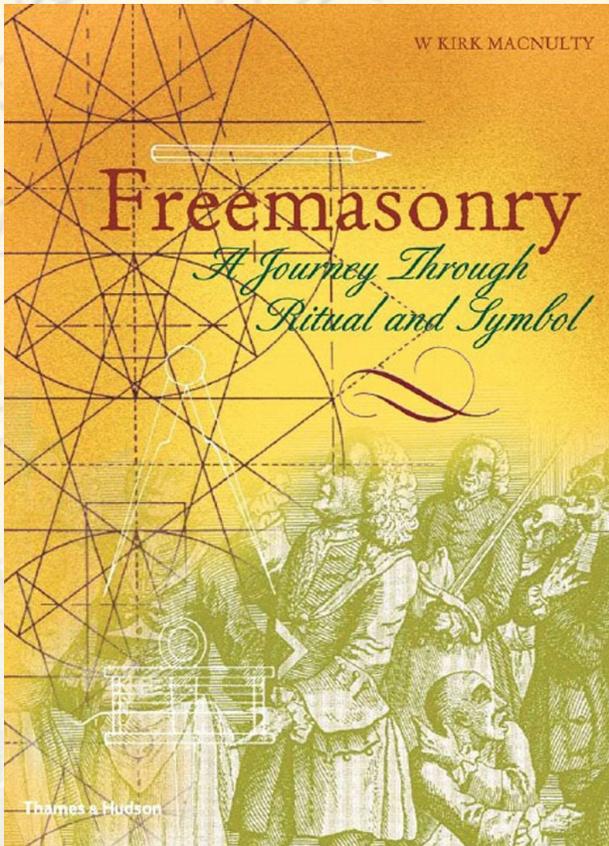
He explains the “psychology” of Freemasonry in general citing parts of the ritual, and then goes on in more detail

for each of the three Degrees. While he insists on using psychological references, it feels, to me, more spiritual and meta-physical than psychological.

The rest of the book deals with the wonderful collection of photographs of Masonic paintings, medals, and other artistic emblems, including some beautifully decorated aprons.

This book is definitely recommended as a must-read for all students of Freemasonry, whether they are new to the craft or Masons of many years. It certainly puts a new light on the

interpretation of our ritual and symbols.



Meditation

“To tread the path; to know that the Masters have done it and that you and I can do the same; that is to rise to the true Mount of Humanity, where man becomes transfigured into God. It is to know the possibilities of your own nature, and thus to fulfil the purpose for which you came into this world.”

Annie Besant, Theosophical Society

Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

Freemasonry is regarded by Masons as the science of knowing oneself. As far back in time as the ancient Greeks, the ancient Egyptians, even to Atlantian times, Mankind has sought to acquire knowledge of human nature, and the purpose of human existence. This has always led to orientation towards the Creator. The body of knowledge accumulated over time is generally known as "The Mysteries". This knowledge has been perpetuated through the millennia by various Mystery Schools, who impart this knowledge only to those who seek it. Part of this knowledge also includes a greater understanding of the world and the universe. This covers not only the material world, but the vast non-material realms that exist beyond those of normal perception. In the past, this was generally understood, but in our modern material oriented world, such a concept is ridiculed by many. The mystery schools teach initiates how to come to know one's true self (one's highest consciousness), the purpose of one's life, the true nature of the universe, and the development of faculties to enable the perception of the non-material realms.

Freemasonry is not such a mystery school, but it is an offshoot of one or more of them. It does not teach the mysteries but does, through ritual, symbol, and allegory, strive to make Masons aware of these mysteries, to those who seek the light of truth.

Let us now look at some of our ritual and symbols and try to determine what hidden knowledge is concealed within them.

The Three Great Lights

The Square, Compasses, and Volume of the Sacred Law, represent the main focus of the aim of Freemasonry.

The Square represents the Psyche, that part of us that is directly linked to the material or physical aspect of mankind. The Compasses represent the Spirit, the higher aspect, or true self, of mankind. The Volume of the Sacred Law represents deity, the Creator, the Great Architect, the



universal source of all.

In combination they show the progressive path to be taken. Through the three Degrees, the relationship between the Square and compasses changes. The position of the compasses, initially situated beneath the square, and progressing to covering the square, reveals the intended progress - the material aspect overlaying all, initially, is gradually overlain by the Spirit, as it develops. The Volume of the Sacred Law, being connected to the Universal Spirit, is the foundation of the process of transformation. It also represents the Cosmic Law, by which the spirit will influence development.

The Universal Masonic Symbol

This symbol as displayed outside Lodges, worn on rings, and generally recognized as a symbol of Freemasonry reflects the Three Great Lights - the Square, the Compasses, and the letter "G". The "G" replacing the Volume of the Sacred Law as the symbol of connection with the Great Architect.



The meaning is the same as described above, and should ever remind us of our purpose as Masons.

Words of Wisdom

But God hath introduced Man to be a spectator of Himself and of His works; and not a spectator only, but also an interpreter of them. Wherefore it is a shame for man to begin and to leave off where the brutes do. Rather he should begin there, and leave off where Nature leaves off in us: and that is at contemplation, and understanding, and a manner of life that is in harmony with herself. See then that ye die not without being spectators of these things.

EPICETUS 50 A.D. - 130 A.D.

If you are interested in the following:

- **The study of comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science**
- **To investigate the unexplained laws of Nature, and the powers latent in man**

Consider joining the Theosophical Society, whose motto is: "There is no religion higher than Truth"

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My proof of God's existence, as far as I now can explain it in general terms, is as follows. The universe is either eternal or has had a beginning; if it had a beginning, there must necessarily exist a being which caused the beginning; this is clear to common sense; for a thing that has had a beginning, cannot be the cause of its own beginning. Another being must have caused it.

The universe was, therefore, created by God. If on the other hand the universe were eternal, it could in various ways be proved that, apart from the things which constitute the universe, there exists a being which is neither body nor a force in a body, and which is one, eternal, not preceded by any cause, and immutable. That being is God. You see that the proofs for the Existence, the Unity and the Incorporeality of God must vary according to the propositions admitted by us. Only in this way we can succeed in obtaining a perfect proof, whether we assume the eternity or the creation of the universe.

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Links

- **Lodge Website: kilwinning565.com**

This site has back issues of the newsletter, and many articles.

- **District Website: www.torontowestdistrict.com**

- Educational articles can also be found on the District web site.

- **Grand Lodge: www.grandlodge.on.ca**

Reflections

The Newsletter of the Committee on Masonic Education is published quarterly. Its goal is to make available articles and presentations written for Masons of Ontario.

The cost of a yearly subscription is only \$ 18.00 for the 2014 Masonic Year and can be ordered by writing to "Masonic Education Newsletter", c/o the Subscription Manager for the Reflections Newsletter: R.W. Bro. Lindsay Reiach, 41 Dunrobin Drive, Caledonia, Ontario, N3W 2N. Lreiachz@shaw.ca. 905 765 8341. Your cheque should be made out to "Masonic Education Newsletter". Please indicate your Lodge's name and number, your District's name, your name and the mailing address where you would like to receive this publication.

Reflections is always seeking articles about Freemasonry written by Freemasons. Please submit them to its Editor, Bro. Andrew Douris, F.C.F., e-mail: deon-fortuna@hotmail.com. Articles are often approximately 1,200 words in length. Articles of special merit might be printed in sections over several issues while short articles provide an excellent resource for a brief Masonic Education moment in Open Lodge. Please adhere to the following deadlines for submissions: Fall issue = August 1, Winter issue = November 1, Spring issue = February 1, Summer issue = May 1.

College of Freemasonry

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education offers interesting Correspondence Courses on Masonic Education throughout this Jurisdiction which is comprised of nineteen different modules. Any Master Mason may take any module individually for \$10.00 each or they may wish to complete a course of study for a set fee. If a Brother takes an individual module today, and decides to complete a course of study later in time, he will be accredited with the module he has completed prior. In other words, he does not have to pay for or rewrite what he has already completed in the past. There are three courses of study offered by the College of Freemasonry:

1. "The Masonic Arts and Sciences" course (eighteen modules).

2. The "Past Master's course" (eleven modules)
3. The "Worshipful Master course" (eight modules). Any Brother looking to run for the DDGM of their District or Grand Registrar, the course required by the Book of Constitution, Section 50(b), is the "Past Master's Course". This course is also great for those looking to be a District Secretary.

For those who wish to pay by cheque, please send it to W. Bro. George Warner, 4010 Chadburn Crescent, Mississauga, ON, L5L 3X2. For those who wish to pay via credit card, just fill in the application form and send it to masonic.college@gmail.com, and the Brother will be emailed payment instructions through Paypal (an account is not necessary). If any Brother has any questions, they may email R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte, FCF, Principal, College of Freemasonry, masonic.college@gmail.com.

You may also get information by going to the Grand Lodge Website, sign in, click "Membership", then "College of Freemasonry". There are many electronic books and other resources there.

Heritage Lodge

Heritage Lodge No. 730 G.R.C. was formed to provide an intellectual environment for the pursuit of Masonic knowledge and also to provide a means for receiving and recording historical artefacts to ensure the preservation of our Masonic Heritage without encroaching on the normal functions of Constituent Lodges.

Heritage Lodge accepts, by affiliation in the usual manner, all Masons of like-mind, desirous of working together to fulfil the aims and objectives established by the membership.

The Lodge Secretary is R.W. Bro. Kenneth E. Campbell, e-mail: heritagelod730@xplornet.com. The fee for Affiliation is \$ 55.00 and the annual dues are also \$ 55.00. R.W. Bro. Robert C. McBride is the Heritage Lodge Regional Liaison Chairman for the Ontario, Peterborough and Victoria Districts. He can be reached by sending an e-mail to ddgm2007@nexicom.net.

Upcoming Events



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Peel

Saturday, April 2, 2016 - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Brunswick Bramalea Lanes, Brampton

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October 2015

Monday, October 5 7:30pm
Official Visit to Lakeshore Lodge 645

Thursday, October 8 7:30pm
Official Visit to Mississauga Lodge 524

Friday, October 9 7:30pm
Official Visit to General Mercer 548 7:30pm
Reception for V.W. Bro. John Sanders

Thursday, October 15 7:30pm
Reception for V.W. Bro. Efren Recuenco 7:30pm
Reception for V.W. Bro. Glen Gillie

Friday, October 16 7:30pm
Installation at Anthony Sayer Lodge 640

Tuesday, October 20 7:30pm
Official Visit to Peel Lodge 468

Friday, October 23 7:30pm
Official Visit to Ibrox Lodge 740

November 2015

Tuesday, November 3 7:30pm
Official Visit to River Park Lodge 356

Monday, November 9 7:30pm
Reception for R.W. Bro. Gabe Spoletini, R.W. Bro. David
Armstrong, R.W. Bro. Charles Reid, V.W. Bro. Stephen
Maiziels

Thursday, November 12 7:30pm
Official Visit to Flower City Lodge 689

Monday, November 16 7:30pm
Official Visit to Mount Moriah Lodge 727

Tuesday, November 17 7:30pm
Installation at Victoria Lodge 474

Monday, November 23 7:30pm
Installation at Chinguacousy Lodge 738

Friday, November 27 7:30pm
Official Visit to Prince of Wales Lodge 630

**Check the District Web Site for more upcoming events,
and for updates, and pictures from past events:**

<http://www.torontowestdistrict.com/calendar.html>

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