



# Kilwinning 565 News

## From The Chair



### Venerable Visit!

Greetings Brethren,

November is upon us and our Masonic calendar is beginning to fill up. We at Kilwinning have many great events planned for our fall and winter session not least of these are our ladies night out at the Copacabana Restaurant November 21 and our Robert Burns night in January.

Check the website or call a brother for details.

The following are a few very important dates for our Kilwinning brethren to jot down:

Our November 20 regular meeting will be our annual elections. Followed by our installation December 18.

Please make every effort to attend these meetings.

Congratulations to Brother Connell O'Leary for his excellent work preparing for his Second degree. Connell is fast proving to be a terrific

addition to Kilwinning and we look forward to his progress.

Out Pontiac 21 visit was a huge success. W. Bro Tab Wood and his Pontiac team presented a very interesting US 1st degree. As always we were impressed with the excellent work of R.W. Bro. Matt Shelton, and all of the Pontiac degree team.

W. Bro. Wood accepted the traveling gavel once more and extended gifts of appreciation to myself and the members of Kilwinning..

All the brethren from Pontiac expressed their gratitude and heartfelt kinship for a memorable and enjoyable trip

We are all looking forward to the next visit.

In closing Brethren, please stay within hail (watch for emails and check the district and lodge websites for upcoming masonic events).

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I look forward to seeing all of you at lodge on the 20th for our elections.

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

## Pontiac Lodge 21 Visit

The visit from Pontiac Lodge 21, Michigan USA was, as



ictures can be found on our Facebook page.

always, a splendid occasion. Arriving on Friday, After



spending some time in the hospitality suite, bonding and socializing, the visitors were taken to look at the old Masonic Temple at 888 Yonge Street, Toronto. Saturday afternoon saw an amazingly well performed Pontiac 1st degree ceremony. Saturday evening consisted in dinner and great musical entertainment. The visitors were taken to the Scottish Rite building in Hamilton before departing back to the US. We look forward to seeing them again in two years. More pic-



## Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 2)

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

The First Degree Tracing Board, shown below, may seem like an eclectic collection of Masonic symbols. However, it is a diagrammatical representation of the Junior Warden's lecture, which illustrates the general theme of the Western Mystery tradition, and shows the place of the individual man within its precepts.

Let us take a look at each of the symbols depicted.

### The Ashlars

In the background can be seen the rough ashlar and the perfect ashlar. These square stones represent the condition of the candidate when he first enters Freemasonry and that to which he should strive.

The Rough Ashlar, although having now being cut away from the bedrock (the general mass of humanity), is not yet in form to take its place in the Temple. The Temple represents one's own being—a place of communion with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Creating a perfect ashlar requires the chipping away of coarseness and repeated effort is required in order to create its fine finish. The candidate requires knowledge and action in order to achieve this for himself. He requires knowledge, not just of moral values, but of the universe and his place in it, his purpose for being, and how to fulfil this purpose. However, knowledge alone is not sufficient (*the heart may conceive and the head devise*): the candidate needs to take action and apply the knowledge (*to execute the design*), and perseverance is necessary to achieve perfection through repeated effort.

To transform the rough ashlar into the perfect ashlar, tools are required: the gavel, chisel, gauge, square, level, and plumb rule. These are all illustrated in the diagram.

In the next part, we will examine each of these tools and determine what they represent from a mystical viewpoint.

### The East

At the top of the tracing board can be seen an "E" for East, representing the source of light. Just below are the sun,

moon and stars, and the blazing star, also sources of light. In a Lodge, the Master sits in the East. The Master (who rules. Governs, and instructs the lodge), represents the Master Principle in each man. This master principle is the true self of every individual and is the highest part of each one's consciousness. It is that *still small voice* within that will not be heard unless it is listened to. In the Mystery traditions, it is the spirit within which can only be attuned with through deep meditation.

*"As mystics throughout time have found, the road to discovery, to peace and enlightenment is a journey into Self.*

*There is more to our conscious being than we realize and it is*

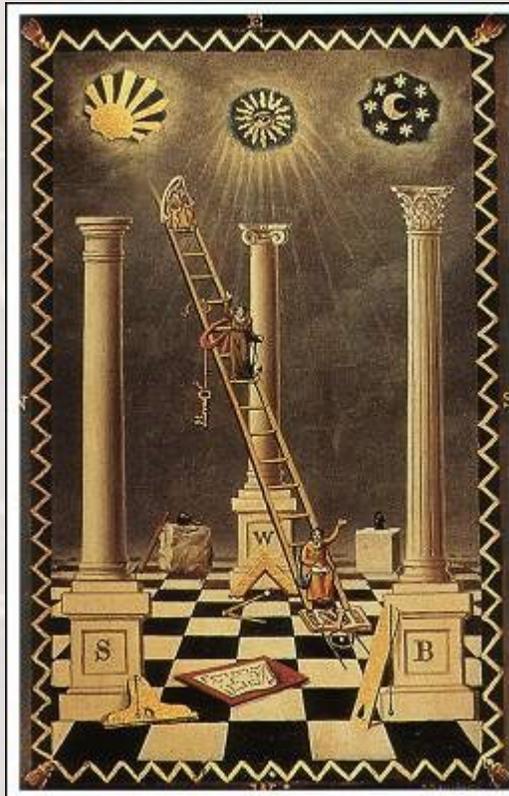
*from within that we find the keys which unlock our inner wisdom. It is from within that we can connect with the source of knowledge that lies beyond the limits of our five senses.*

*By going within and attuning with this source of knowledge we may experience a transitory illumination whose impact may remain forever."*

*But the mystical experience does not have to be accompanied by flashes of lightning or the ringing of bells. It can be a very simple experience, an intuitive impression, a hunch, an idea that helps us in our life, our work, or whatever we are planning to do. It can be the finding of peace within, a deepening of compassion, and an understanding of our personal value in life."*

This is what Mysticism is.

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# Words of Wisdom

*The one who seeks the spiritual path, is sought after by the spirit.*

HAZRAT INAYAT KHAN (1882-1927)

*The aim of humanity is to evolve toward the perfection of its own nature and to reintegrate itself with its spiritual condition.*

ROSICRUCIAN MANUSCRIPT

*The goal of life is to provide a vehicle for life . . . To know the eternal is called enlightenment.*

TAO TE CHING (600 B.C.E.)

*The result of mysticism . . . Within us is found the key to our own bliss and the meaning to our own existence.*

ROSICRUCIAN MANUSCRIPT

*Wherever the mind wanders, restless and diffuse in its search for satisfaction without, lead it within; train it to rest in the Self. Abiding joy comes to those who still the mind . . . they become one with God.*

THE BHAGAVAD GITA

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"

For further information, please contact:

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## Links

- Lodge Website: [kilwinning565.com](http://kilwinning565.com)

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

- District Website: [www.torontowestdistrict.com](http://www.torontowestdistrict.com)

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

- Grand Lodge: [www.grandlodge.on.ca](http://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.

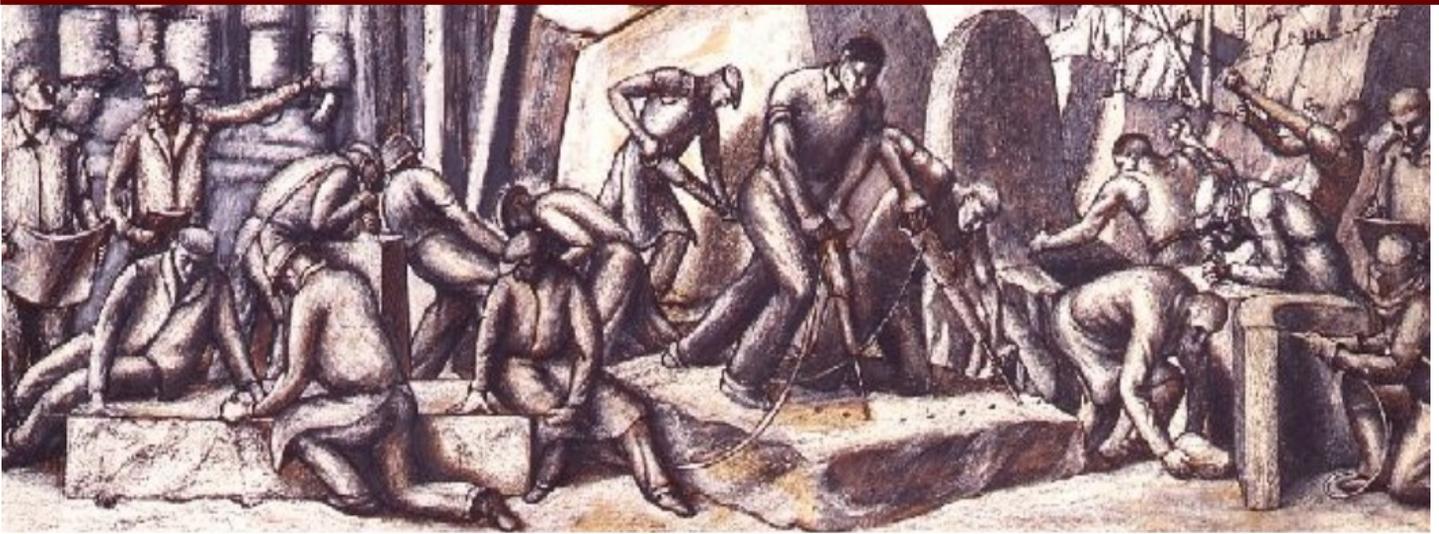
### Heritage Lodge

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



## Lodge of Instruction

**Tuesday, December 1 - River Park Masonic Temple**  
**Hosted by River Park 356 & Toronto West District**  
**Education Committee**

### 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

### December 2015

Thursday, December 10 7:30pm  
Installation at Mississauga Lodge 524

Friday, December 11 7:30pm  
Installation at General Mercer Lodge 548

Friday, December 18 7:30pm  
Installation at Kilwinning Lodge 565

**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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