



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



Greetings from the East, Brethren,

With the Installation behind us, I'm eagerly awaiting the start of the new year, and to act as your W.M.

This year I want us to strive for quality. Whatever we choose to invest our energy into, let us deliver it in a fashion that other lodges will strive to emulate. We will make mistakes along the way, but we will learn, all the while moving forward in our goals to become more serviceable to our fellow man.

The start of the year is both a critical and exciting time for us, as we have both the DDGM Visit and our Robbie Burns night to prepare for.

On top of that, as you may know, I am investigating how we might get more involved in aiding our community, lending an able bodied hand for

an effort here or there. This is something I intend to do personally, and I will welcome any who wish to join me.

Remember that our Charity should know no bounds save that of prudence.

Let's have a tremendous 2016!

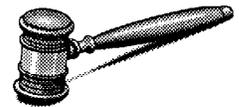
Fraternally,

W. Bro. Joseph

Ganetakos
Worshipful Master

PS.

Please keep an eye on upcoming events in our Temple building, as well as in our district.



Ladies Night Dinner

On Saturday November 21, Kilwinning Lodge had it's annual Ladies Night dinner at the Copacabana restaurant. The food was good and plentiful and, despite the noise level, a good time was had by all.



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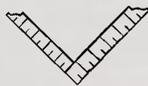
Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 4)

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

In Part 3 we covered some more symbols from the First Degree Tracing Board, shown below, and their mystical meanings, namely the 24-inch gauge, the common gavel, and the chisel. We continue with the tools that help to convert the rough ashlar into the smooth ashlar: the square, level, and plumb rule.

In the First Degree, these are described as the **Movable Jewels** and represent the three Principle Officers. In the Second Degree, they are shown as the working tools. The moral lessons from these jewels are obvious: square conduct, level steps, and upright intentions. But what are the mystical implications of these items?

The Square, in this context, is not the same as when it is part of the Great Lights. The Square is worn by the Master, in the east, which is the source of light. In this context, the Master represents Spirit. In the Hindu Brahminic initiations, the principal Hierophants, or explainers of the Mysteries, were Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva, who were placed in the East, South, and West: *"when the sun rises in the east, he is Brahma; when he gains his meridian in the south, he is Siva; and when he sets in the west, he is Vishnu"*. Brahma is the creative aspect of deity, and also represents birth.



The Level is the jewel of the Senior Warden, in the West. He also represents the Soul or Ego. Vishnu represents the setting sun and is the destructive aspect of deity, and also represents death.

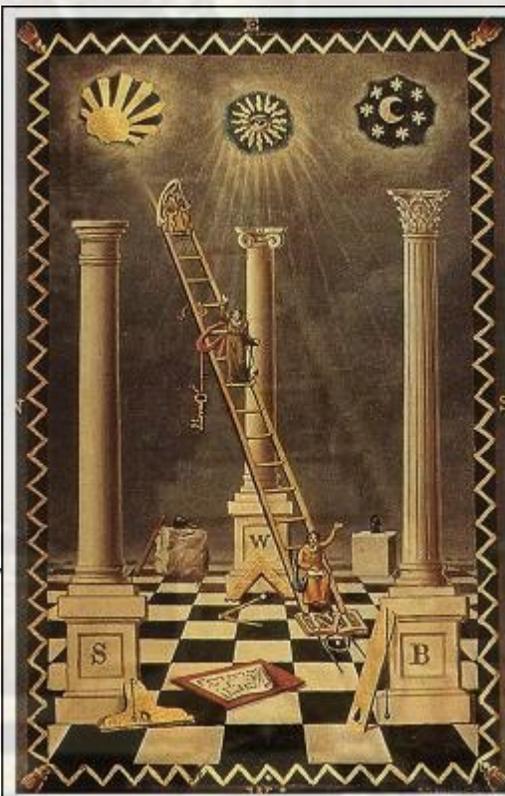
The Plumb Rule is worn by the Junior Warden, who sits in the South. He also represents the body. Shiva is at his meridian in the South and is the preservative aspect of deity, or growth and devel-



opment.

Together, these three jewels represent the unending cycle of life: birth, growth, and death. They are also indicators of the themes of the three craft degrees: 1st is birth, 2nd is development, 3rd is death.

We also see three levels of consciousness: the Master, whose chair is raised by three steps, is spirit; the Senior Warden, whose chair is raised by two steps, is Soul (or Ego/personality/intellect); the Junior



Warden, whose chair is raised by one step, is body. Each Degree ceremony also has these three levels imbedded within them.

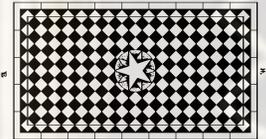
The Immovable Jewels

We have already dealt with the Ashlars, which leaves only the Tracing Board. Not to be confused with the above, this is "for the Master to lay lines and draw

designs on". As the building of the temple requires plans and designs, so we need the same if we are to build a spiritual temple. It represents those plans and designs laid down by the Great Architect of the Universe in the form of moral and cosmic (or Natural) law.

Mosaic Pavement

The black and white chequered floor is a symbol of the duality of all things. One of the Cosmic Laws is the principle of Polarity, which states that



everything is dual, everything has its pair of opposites. There is a mystical understanding that opposites are identical in nature but different in degree.

If you look at your thermometer, can you see where "heat" terminates and "cold" begins? The same Principle operates on the Mental Plane. Take as an example Love and Hate, two mental states apparently totally different. And yet there are degrees of Hate and degrees of Love, with somewhere in-between being Like or Dislike, which merge into each other so gradually that sometimes we not sure whether we "like" or "dislike". They are still just degrees of the same thing. It is possible to change the vibrations of Hate to the vibrations of Love, in oneself, and in the minds of others. I'm sure that many of you have had personal experiences of the involuntary rapid transition from Love to Hate, and the reverse. You will, therefore, realize the possibility of this being accomplished by the use of the Will.

Spirit and Matter are the two poles of the same thing, the intermediate planes being merely degrees of vibration. By understanding this principle, one can, by the exercise of will, move from one state to the opposite.

(to be continued)

Words of Wisdom

*When you understand life, life becomes bearable; and never till you understand it will it cease to be a burden grievous to be borne; but **when you understand it, everything changes.***

ANNIE BESANT, Theosophical Society

If a man makes himself as he teaches others to be, then, being himself subdued, he may subdue others; one's own self is indeed difficult to subdue.

BUDDHA

The vase molded out of clay would be useless, but for the empty space left for its contents. The door and window frames of a house would be useless, but for the empty spaces they enclose, permit of ingress and egress, and the admission of light and air. This teaches us that, however beneficial the material may be to us, without the immaterial it would be useless.

BOOK OF THE VALUES OF THE TAO

Reflect that the chief source of all evils to Man, and of baseness and cowardice, is not death, but the fear of death. Against this fear then, I pray you, harden yourself; to this let all your reasonings, your exercises, your reading tend. Then shall you know that thus alone are men set free.

EPICTETUS

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
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. (905) 765-8341 Lreiachz@shaw.ca. . 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: deo-nonfortuna@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 heir 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.

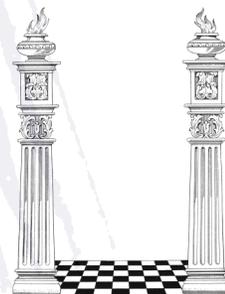
You may also get information by going to the Grand Lodge Website, sign in, click "Membership", then "College of Freemasonry". There are many electronic books and other resources there.

Heritage Lodge

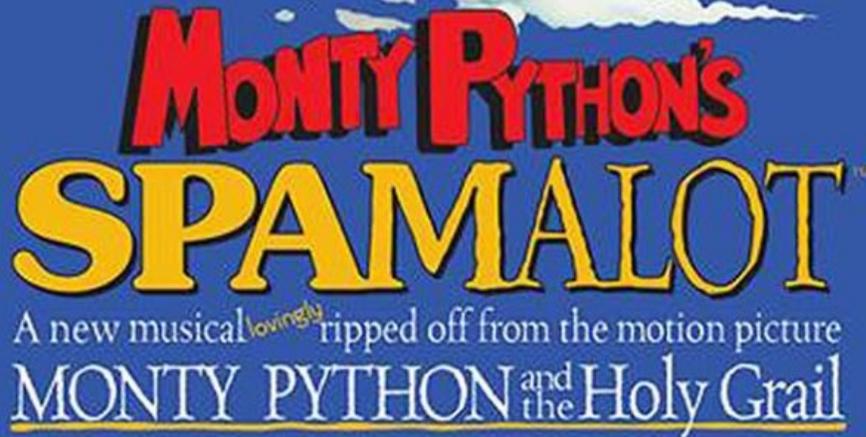
Heritage Lodge No. 730 G.R.C. was formed to provide an intellectual environment for the pursuit of Masonic knowledge and also to provide a means for receiving and recording historical artefacts to ensure the preservation of our Masonic Heritage without encroaching on the normal functions of Constituent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



Thursday, January 21st, 2016

8:00 pm SHARP

Meadowvale Theatre

6315 Montevideo Road, Mississauga, ON L5N 4G7

**Contact R.W. Bro Steve Armstrong or your Lodge Secretary for tickets
\$20.00 each**

January 2016

Monday, January 4, 2016 7:30pm
Installation at Lake Shore Lodge 645

Saturday, Jan 9, 2016 9:00am (Breakfast at 8)
Mississauga Masonic Temple

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:30pm
Official Visit to Ionic Lodge 229

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 7:30pm
Official Visit to Runnymede Lodge 619

Thursday, January 14, 2016 7:30pm
Official Visit to Flower City Lodge 689

Friday, Jan 15, 2016 7:30pm
Kilwinning Lodge 565 Robbie Burns Night

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 7:30pm
Installation at Long Branch Lodge 632 (Banquet after)

Thursday, January 21, 2016 8:00pm
District Fundraiser—Meadowvale Theatre

Saturday, Sunday, January 23/24, 2016 10:00am
Cornerstone Workshop—Toronto West Masonic Temple

Sunday, January 24, 2016 7:30pm

District Visit to Job's Daughters

February 2016

Friday, Feb 5 7:30pm
Official Visit King Hiram Lodge 566

Saturday, Feb 6 9am
Warden's Association

Thursday Feb 11 7:30pm
Official visit Connaught Lodge 501

Friday Feb 12 7:30pm
Official visit Joseph A Hearn Lodge 685

Friday Feb 19 7:30pm
Official visit Kilwinning Lodge 565

Friday Feb 26 7:30pm
Official visit Prince of Wales Lodge 630

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

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

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