



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



Brethren,

We have accomplished so much in just a short time.

We just welcomed back Brother Dylan Pierce to our Lodge after a favorable ballot.

The Brethren voted to change our Installation date from December to April (and our elections to March).

Our membership dues were voted to be increased to \$200 in order to support the Lodge finances. It should be noted that this is not enough to cover all Lodge expenses and it is anticipated that a further increase will be required.

The Lodge has fulfilled the requirements for getting our second consecutive Cornerstone designation.

We have started to revamp our website. Note that it is now Mobile Phone friendly.

The site now also utilizes a live chat program that allows visitors to open a real-time dialogue with either brother Secretary or myself. Further enhancements are being planned by the new Kilwinning I.T. Team which consists of W. Bro Rob Lund, Bro Sharva Hassamal, Bro Arya Putra and yours truly.

I would like to remind the Brethren that we have a

few events coming up soon.

This Emergent meeting, June 5th, Brother Devyn Gillette will be doing an educational piece called "The Temple of Solomon, a historic perspective".

Our annual visit to London Ontario to visit our sister Lodge, Kilwinning 64, is this June 16th, in place of our Regular meeting. Our SW, Bro Keith Thomson, is heading up planning and the organization of our trip. I look forward to seeing everyone there in full high-land dress. If you're a fan of a great BBQ, then this trip is not to be missed.

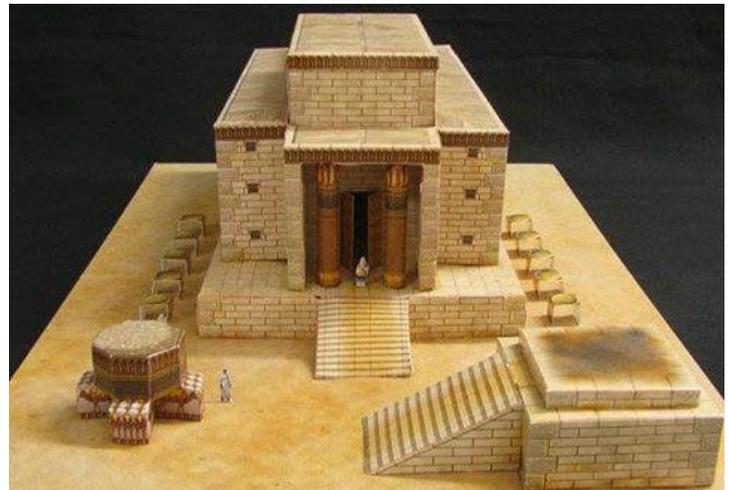
We have The Grand Lodge Annual Communication at the Royal York Hotel. July 18th and 19th are dates to remember. For our new members, it's a chance to

meet new brothers, and for the more long standing brethren, an opportunity to refresh old friendships. Also, check out the seminars being presented.

Planning has begun for our summer Kilwinning BBQ. Our JW, Bro Jamie Low, is currently working on the venue location. For something completely different, we're looking at renting park space this year. The details shall soon follow.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled summer and look forward to seeing everyone back in Lodge in September

Sincerely & Fraternally yours,
W. Bro Philip K. Horrigan
Worshipful Master



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Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 19)

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

The Master Mason Degree Tracing Board

(continued)

Skull and Crossbones

The skeletal remains of Hiram Abif, represented on the tracing board as skull and crossbones, are emblems of mortality, and the second reminder to us to contemplate our "inevitable destiny" (our eventual death). We were first reminded of this when we stood at the edge of the grave into which we figuratively descended and which, after this mortal life shall have passed away, will, once again, receive us into its cold bosom. These are stark reminders that our short life in this world will come to an end. We are also reminded that we need to complete our tasks while it is "yet day". We must finish the work before our demise.

We are urged to lead our reflections to that most important of all human studies: the knowledge of ourselves. At the entrance to the sacred Oracle at the Temple of Apollo in Delphi, ancient Greece, is inscribed the words "Know Thyself". Thales, a Greek Philosopher, when asked what was the most difficult thing in life, replied, "To know thyself." This aphorism is further elaborated as "Man, know thyself, and thou shalt know the universe and God." At first thought, this might be understood to be that we should know who we are as persons - to understand our own strengths and weaknesses, the

way we think and behave. However, this reflection, or contemplation, is a major component of all the Mystery schools, and has a deeper reference to those who embark on the spir-



itual path. People are meant to find their true selves by meditation and deep introspection, and finally, enlightenment. To know our true nature, our true Self, is the purpose of life. When we know ourselves truly and deeply, we know God, because the true Self and God are one. The Mystery schools teach that we are composed of seven bodies, all existing within the same space. The inner-

most, the one at the centre of ourselves, is our spirit (sometimes called the soul) and it is only through this body that we can be one with the Most High ("The kingdom of heaven is within you"). It is only through this part of us, at the centre of our being, that we can begin to understand the true nature of the universe and the realms beyond this physical world. It is only when we know this true self that we can obtain enlightenment, when darkness becomes visible, and then we can move from the unreal to the real. This concept of the centre is given to us in all the degrees, to emphasise its importance.

The doom and gloom is, however, eradicated when we are given to realise that, within our perishable frame, lies a vital and immortal principle. This concept is what the Master Mason Degree is all about. We are to understand that death is not the end but the entrance to a better life. The Acacia is another symbol reminding us of the unending cycle of life and death. Understanding the true import of this cycle is a key to understanding why we are here on this world. Reaching our centre in order to be in touch with the universe, and in communication with the creator, is our primary purpose in this life.



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Words of Wisdom

"In all periods, and in all cultures, men and women have lived at the margins of their "world," and have chosen to push back the frontiers of the commonplace and break through into the mysterious. These individuals have asked themselves fundamental questions, the same ones that still occupy our minds. Where does Humanity come from? What is the reason for our existence? In what direction, and towards what goal, are we heading? Those who have asked themselves these questions have had what may be called a "mystical awakening." Such questioning has often been experienced, but is only rarely spoken of, for fear of being judged, misunderstood, or even ill-treated; but on occasion it has managed to make real sense for those I shall call "free souls," now, just as in the past."

Christian Bernard

"There is a considerable difference between concentrating upon a dream or hope, and concentrating upon building that dream into realization."

H. Spencer Lewis

If you are interested in gaining further light through the following:

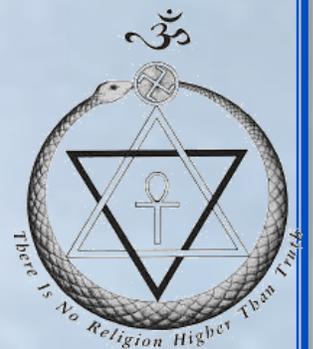
- The study of comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science
- Investigating the unexplained laws of Nature, and the powers latent in man

Consider joining the Theosophical Society to understand the secrets of nature and Science and the true nature of the universe

Our motto is: "There is no religion higher than Truth"

For further information, contact:

Rob Lund, President, York Lodge of the Theosophical Society at roblund@gmail.com



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



Cold Asparagus Dish

Shared by R.W. Bro. Bill Bain

Asparagus will be in season soon, and makes a nice light snack, or a side dish for a summer meal.

Ingredients:

1-2 lbs asparagus
1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce
1/4 cup sesame oil

Method:

1. Clean asparagus and break off woody ends.
2. Either microwave with a little water in a saran cov-



ered dish, or place in boiling water for 3-5 minutes, depending on how thick the asparagus is.

Plunge into an ice bath to stop the cooking process. Use lots of water and ice. Remove and dry with paper towel.

3. Place cold asparagus in a dish with a rim and cover with sesame oil and soy sauce. Let marinade in fridge for 30 minutes.

4. Season to taste.

5. Garnish with some sesame seeds.

This dish should be eaten cold with your fingers.

Architecture Corner

by W. Bro. Rob Lund

In the previous issue, we covered the Tudor Revival style Architecture. The style is characterized by the grand, ornately rounded gables.

Cape Dutch Architecture

Cape Dutch architecture is a traditional Afrikaner architectural style found mostly in the Western Cape of South Africa. The style was prominent in the 17th century and the name derives from the fact that the initial settlers of the Cape were primarily Dutch. The style has roots in medieval Netherlands, Germany, France and Indonesia.

Houses in this style have a distinctive and recognisable design, with a prominent fea-



The houses are also usually H-shaped, with the front section of the house being flanked by two wings. Walls are whitewashed, and the roofs are thatched.

Next issue: Prairie Style

Further Light

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.

There is no longer any cost for this magazine as it is included in the Ontario Mason publication, which is emailed to you, and can also be found on the Grand Lodge website. Back issues can also be found there.

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-non-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 re-write 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

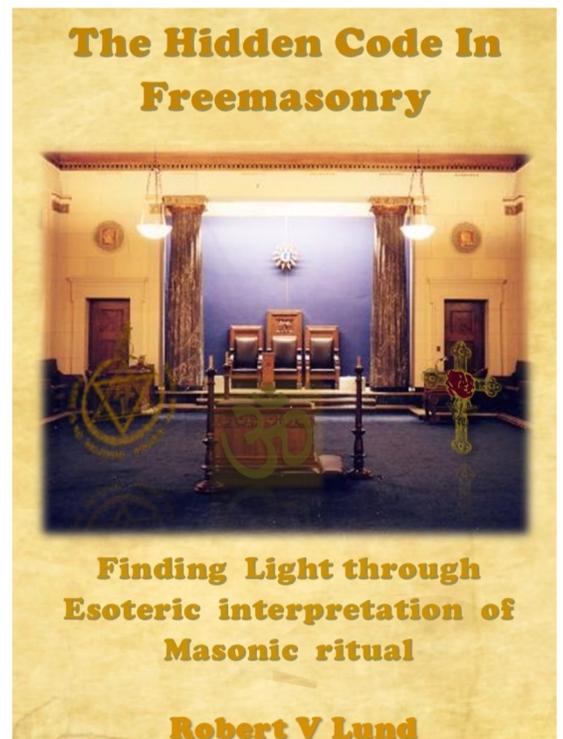
electronic books and other resources there.

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 V.W. Bro. Arnold (Mac) McCausland, e-mail: secretary@heritagelodge730.ca. The fee for Affiliation is \$ 55.00 and the annual dues are also \$ 55.00.



Upcoming Events



"A Vision of Renewal"

Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd

Thursday, June 8th, 2017

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JUNE

Thursday, June 1 7:30pm
Installation at Unity Lodge 710

Tuesday, June 6 7:30pm
Installation at South Gate Lodge 674

Wednesday, June 14 7:30pm
Installation at West Gate Lodge 734

Friday, June 16 7:30pm
Installation at River Park Lodge 356

Friday, June 23 7:30pm
Installation at Ibrox Lodge 740

JULY

Grand Lodge Communication at the Fairmount Royal York Hotel—July 17-20

There is a full week of activities, including seminars and banquets.

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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