



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



Brethren,
As we are less than a month away from Bro. Keith Thomson's installation, and winter is finally over, I'm sure it will feel odd to all of us not to have to fight your way through 2 feet of snow to get to Lodge.

Please keep April 9th open as we will be visiting our brothers of New Dominion Lodge 205 in Kitchener. They will doing a 3rd degree that evening. New Dominion has visited us about 4 times and I'm looking forward to returning their kindness with a large number of Kilwinning members in attendance.

At our regular meeting in March Bro. Keith Thomson was elected Worshipful Master of Kilwinning 565, and will be installed into the Chair of Solomon on April 20th by his very own biological brother Alex Thomson. Dinner is at 6:30 and lodge opens at 7:30 sharp. We will be having a raffle that evening where Bro. Darrin Currell has generously donated a Knights Templar sword. We will be collecting donations for prizes. Please let Bro.'s Darrin and Lenno know if

you are able to bring something for the raffle.

Having said that, this will be my last message from the East. I'm very proud of all that we have accomplished over the past 16 months. Keith has worked really hard to prepare for his new office, and I have every confidence that he will be an excellent Master.

Bro. Keith has asked me to let everyone know that at our Emergent Meeting, on May 7th, we will be doing a Second Degree for

Bro. Stan Permaul.

At our regular meeting in May, we will be welcoming Mr. Craig Kodama and Mr. Cameron Hart to the Kilwinning family.

I just wanted to thank everyone for all their support over the past few months. It was an experience I'll never forget.

With sincerest and kind regards,
Fraternally yours,

W. Bro Philip K Horrigan
Worshipful Master
Kilwinning 565.

Newly Raised!

At our Regular Meeting on March 16, we had the pleasure of raising our dear Brother, Arya Djenar Putra, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. We hope that the experience will make a lasting impression on his mind. There is now much more for him to study in order for the full significance of this degree to become apparent to him.



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Lodge activities

On the occasion of Bro. Arya's Raising, we were fortunate to host the Master and members of New Dominion Lodge from Kitchener. Some of them also helped with the Degree. We hope to return the visit in April. It was also delightful to have our Brother Matt Shelton from Pontiac 21, Michigan. Matt is also a member of our Lodge.



There was an impressive turnout on our visit to Westgate Lodge in Streetsville on the occasion of their DDGM visit, with twelve of our members present. Kilwinning was almost able to take the travelling Gavel, but were outdone by Unity Lodge who brought thirteen bodies.



Eight Steps to Excellence: The Observant Lodge

By

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The growing popularity of the idea of 'observant' Masonry has found brethren in all corners of the Craft asking the question of what exactly an observant Lodge is, and how they might go about increasing Masonic observance in their own Lodges. This document offers eight basic measures which, if observed, should result in the development of an observant Lodge.

Each of these steps is either entirely consistent with Anderson's Constitutions of the Free-Masons [the foundational document of the Premier Grand Lodge, published in 1723 and hereafter simply referred to as the Book of Constitutions], or historical Masonic practice in North America, or both. Nothing proposed in them is alien to our Grand Lodges or their respective histories. The success or failure of these steps is entirely up to the brethren of each Lodge.

First, however, it might be helpful to offer an answer to the primary question: what exactly does one mean by 'observant'?

Simply put, observant Masonry means observing the intent of the founders of speculative Masonry. That intent was not to build a mere social club or service organization. While the Craft—like any other human organization—has always been burdened by men in its ranks who subverted the purposes of the fraternity to a more mundane or profane enterprise, that was never the intent of the institution.

That intent was to build an institution

that calls men to their highest level of social being, in a state of dignity and decorum, which could serve as a place for serious, mindful discourse on the lessons and meaning of life, and search for the better development of oneself. That intent means building a space where such an experience can be created, and carrying ourselves in a manner that is consistent with our highest ideals and noblest behaviours.

Observant Masons believe that by observing what the history of our Craft tells us in regard to that intent, we will find the optimal Masonic experience. We say observant, and speak of observance, because we seek to observe the blueprints of that intent to the best of our knowledge and ability. Even more simply, we want to do things right, and we don't want to settle for less. We want to pursue excellence in all aspects of our Masonic labour.

The eight steps offered here have proven to be successful in greatly increasing the experience of Freemasonry for brethren new and old alike. They serve as a quality control system for the operation of any Lodge, and when followed, result in a group of men who, regardless of the number of members in their Lodge, or the external nature of their temple, can find a sense of accomplishment and pride in what they have done, and who they have become. That too, is consistent with the intent of our founders.

1 - Guarding the West Gate

This point is first among these, because we are nothing more or less

than who we let in to our fraternity. Not every man should be a Mason, and not every man who should be a Mason belongs in just any Lodge. The brethren have a right and responsibility to determine the standards for their own Lodge, and to ask incisive questions of those men who knock on their door. Lodges should take time to first get to know the men who knock at their doors, and not simply sign any petition just because a man has an interest. Brothers who sign a petition for a man need to know who they are signing for, and more important, need to be willing to serve as his mentor. This is a fundamental point of responsibility for all brethren.

Do not ask a brother in your Lodge to do the job of mentoring for you. If you are not willing to give that petitioner your time, how can you ask your Lodge to give theirs?

2 - Being Proficient in Masonic Ritual and Law

Proficiency is an essential function of any observant Lodge, because we must know both what we are doing, and why, if we seek to uphold the highest standards of our respective Grand Lodges. It does no good to claim the mantle of excellence if your Lodge is not well versed in the ritual and the Masonic law of your jurisdiction. Masonry is a thing of order, not anarchy. If you wish to keep that order, as well as harmony between your Lodge and the Grand Lodge, you must learn and follow the rules that

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each brother has obligated himself to observe. An observant Lodge is not a renegade Lodge. It seeks to be an exemplary one.

3 - A Commitment to Advance Brethren Through the Degrees by Mutual and Genuine Effort

Progress in the degrees requires a mutual commitment of time and effort from candidate and mentor alike. Some form of proficiency, be it the catechisms, or papers delivered before the Lodge, should be required before allowing any brother to advance. Otherwise the brother learns that his advancement has no measurable value, other than his mere presence.

Certainly not every man can do memory work, and not every man is a writer. But if he is not willing to even attempt to do either, then perhaps he should simply not be a Mason to begin with. The same goes for the mentor, who, though he may be experienced, must not take the easy way out when it comes to the knowledge he has pledged to impart to his apprentice.

4 - The Selection and Advancement of Officers Should be by Merit Alone

This step, while admittedly difficult for some, is firmly grounded in the Book of Constitutions, without question. Masonry has never intended the adoption of a progressive line. A progressive line should only function when the next man down has the full faith and trust of his fellows that he will rule and govern his Lodge properly, because he has properly learned the requirements of his office. Of course, human nature is what it is, and mistakes can always happen, but they can be mitigated if such a stand-

ard is put in place, because no one advances until and unless they are ready to do so. The only way to justify a progressive line is if every officer is carrying his weight to the extent of his office, while at the same time preparing himself diligently to advance to the next one. Lodges ignore this step at their own risk.

5 - Dressing Your Best for Lodge

How one appears before the Lodge is a sign of how much you value both the brethren and the Craft. In most lodges in the world, a dark suit and tie is the minimum required to gain admittance. It's what the brethren expect from each other in an observant Lodge, and it certainly adds to the notion that a Masonic meeting is not just another night out, but a special event, worthy of being considered as special as each of us should believe Masonry to be. Additionally, dignity expressed outwardly through dress, serves as a superstructure, helping to enhance that dignity that can only be created from within.

6 - A Lodge Must Offer Quality Assemblies and Be Willing to Pay For Them

The dues of a Lodge should be set at a level which allows the Lodge to not only support and sustain itself, but enjoy a quality of experience which tells the brethren that their assemblies are opportunities to rise above the ordinary. Good meals, served at proper festive boards, are essential. The festive board conveys the sense of conviviality that helps build true brotherhood, and it is historically established in the Craft as not merely a simple dinner, but quite honestly the second half of a Lodge meet-

ing. An observant Lodge cannot forego it.

A Lodge must decide that Masonry is a thing of value, and properly determine that value in such a way that it allows the Lodge to work and assemble in a manner that clearly establishes that value. Our dining and social events should reflect the worth we place on ourselves.

Excess is not the objective; quality is. The problem is that so many of us have forgotten what quality is to the extent that we consider any expenditure on ourselves to be pretentious. But if Masons are to be men of inner distinction, then we are fully justified in treating ourselves to the best we can afford in life. We cannot expect less from the Craft or ourselves.

7 - The Return of a Sense of Awe to Our Ceremonies

We should bring back those things that once were found in our lodges, and which helped create a very unique, contemplative atmosphere for both the candidate and the Lodge.

Among these are the use of music, the manipulation of light and darkness, the Chamber of Reflection, and the closing charge which forms what is known as the Chain of Union.

Consider that the candidate preparation room is not and was never meant to be a mere dressing

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room. Consider that the notion of a 'sacred band of brothers' might allude to a physical manifestation of that sacredness. Consider that music has always been a part of our ceremonies, and that the Book of Constitutions ends with a collection of songs.

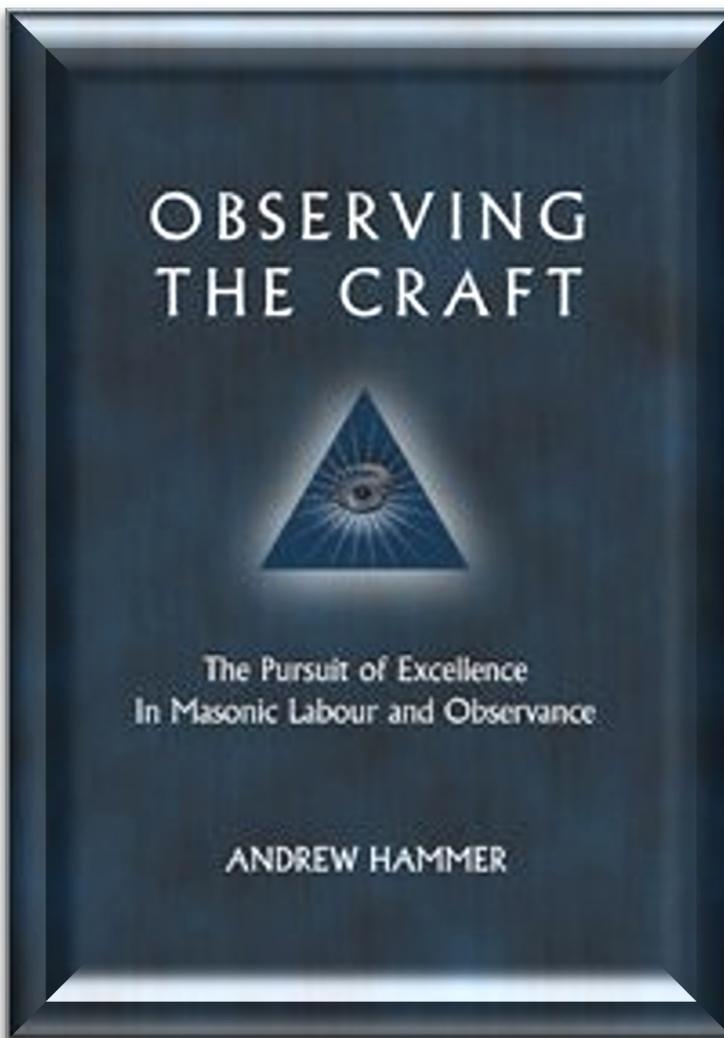
All these things are part of who we are; they are not innovations from later jurisdictions or borrowings from European Masonry. Even the use of incense is ritually alluded to in early exposures of the Craft. The idea is to stimulate and manage the sensory experience of the brethren, in the endeavour to create the sense of uniqueness one expects from a Masonic experience. Here again, there is nothing strange about employing the senses in a Masonic meeting. Our rituals teach the importance of each of those senses extensively; to not employ them in our meetings is the greater neglect and error. To refuse the restoration of awe to our rituals is to refuse to acknowledge our own heritage and history, and to deny the proper place and application of the pillar of Beauty to the Lodge.

8 - Masonic Education at Every Meeting

The very origin of Freemasonry itself is in education. Whether it be the practical education in stone-cutting found in the operative craft of masonry, or the search for inner

knowledge and science presented to us by the speculative Craft, the foundation of the art is inexorably based in teaching and learning. Without it, there is simply no Freemasonry taking place in a Lodge. Therefore, every meeting of the Lodge should offer some amount

sonry in its full bloom; the observant Mason holds the fraternity accountable to its promise to him to bestow light, and he means to receive it from the Craft in every sense: spiritual, literal, and intellectual.



Numerous monitors and manuals from our Grand Lodges, spanning over at least the last two centuries, make plain the injunction to all Masons to seek knowledge. That same injunction extends by natural progression to each Lodge, and as a result, a Lodge without Masonic education cannot be an observant Lodge, and is arguably not any kind of Lodge at all. The search for more light is at the heart of Masonry. Observance is impossible without it.

of Masonic education, be it through the degrees, or through presentations on the various lessons of the Craft. Even a ten-minute talk focused on the symbolic meaning of a single working tool is far better than a meeting where nothing but donations, dinners, and dues are on the agenda.

An observant Lodge values the educational function of Freema-

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Words of Wisdom

"Natural Law is that set of laws decreed in "the beginning" by the Divine Mind as the working basis of all creation and without which no manifestation can occur and exist. It is universal in scope and manner of operation, simple and direct. Natural Law is always constructive even when it seems indisputably destructive. It is the expression or manifestation of Cosmic Energy and order that humanity is able to discern. There is no such thing as supernatural law. There is nothing more divine than nature, nothing super beyond the natural. The greatest of miracles are not the result of some supernatural law, but of natural law."

Rosicrucian Manuscript

"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," among them Rosicrucians, now, just as in the past."

Christian Bernard

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

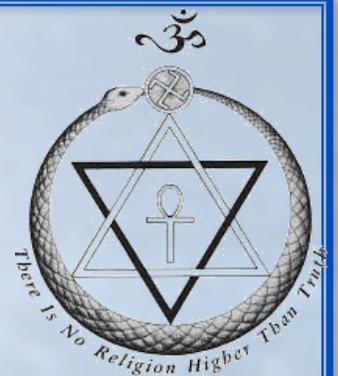
- The study of comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science
- Investigating the unexplained laws of Nature, and the powers latent in man

Consider joining the Theosophical Society to understand the secrets of nature and science, the true nature of the universe, and your latent powers.

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

For further information, 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



FISH CAKES (submitted by

This is something I haven't had in a long time, so I'm going to try this recipe.

Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 c) cooked fish, skinned and boned
- 250 ml (1 c) boiled mashed potatoes
- 15 ml (1 T) chopped parsley
- 15 ml (1 T) grated onion
- 15 ml (1 T) butter or margarine
- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper
- Dry breadcrumbs
- Vegetable oil for frying
- Lemon slices

Method:

- Flake the fish and combine with the mashed potatoes, parsley, onion and butter.
- Beat one egg, season with salt and pepper and add to the fish mixture.

- Shape into round balls and flatten slightly.
- Beat the second egg well, roll each fish cake in the beaten egg and then coat with breadcrumbs.

- Fry the fish cakes in hot oil in a pan until golden



brown on both sides.

Serve with slices of

lemon and Hollandaise sauce or Mayo.

Enjoy!

With thanks to Shona's Kitchen.

Architecture Corner by W. Bro. Rob Lund

Architectural features and Glossary (contd.)

Curlicue

A spiral or looping line.

Dentils

Small rectangular blocks that, when placed together in a row abutting a molding, suggest a row of teeth.

Dormer Window

A perpendicular window located in a sloping roof; triangular walls join the window to the roof. Dormer windows are sometimes crowned with pediments, and they often light attic sleeping rooms; "dormer" derives from "dormir," French for "to sleep."

Eaves

The projecting edge of a roof that overhangs an exterior wall to protect it from the rain.

Elizabethan Architecture

Architecture constructed in England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603); Elizabethan architecture followed Tudor architecture, and preceded Jacobean architecture. Elizabethan architecture resulted from the English debut of French and Italian Renaissance architecture, whose classical order and symmetry transformed the asymmetrical and rambling medieval English castle. Elizabethan architecture was revived in the United States in the early 20th century.

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

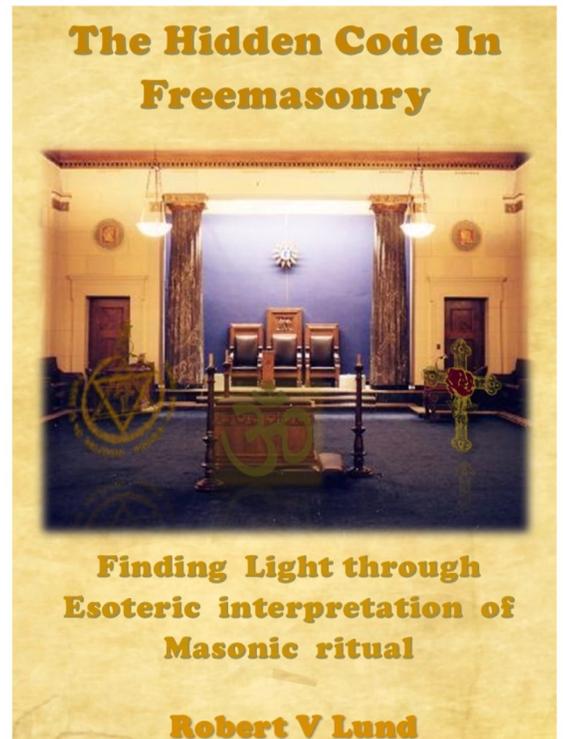
electronic books and other resources there.

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.



The Deeper Meaning of the Master Mason Degree

An esoteric interpretation of the Third
Degree

Presented by W. Bro Rob Lund

Hosted by Flower City Lodge No. 689

When: 7:30pm on Thursday April 26,
2018

Where: BRAMPTON
MASONIC CENTRE, 955 Clark Boulevard
Brampton, ON

The Deeper Meaning of the Master Mason Degree

An esoteric interpretation of the Third
Degree

Presented by W. Bro Rob Lund

Hosted by Canada Lodge No. 532

When: 7:30pm on Tuesday April 3, 2018

Where: Whitby Masonic Centre, 203
Cochrane Street, Whitby, ON



The Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of

Kilwinning Lodge

A.F. & A.M No.565 G.R.C.

extend to you a warm invitation to our



Installation 2018

Friday April 20th, 2018

Dinner 6:30 pm Visitors Received 8:00 pm

151 Annette Street

Toronto, Ontario

Installing Master: W. Bro. N. Alexander Thomson

Master-Elect: Bro. B. Keith Thomson

Please Honour us with your presence

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W. Bro. Phil Horrigan
Worshipful Master

W. Bro. Rob Lund
Secretary

Upcoming Events



WARDEN'S ASSOCIATION Of TORONTO WEST

Education Programme

2017 – 2018

Tuesday, April 3 7:30pm

Lecture: The Deeper Meaning of the Third Degree
Canada Lodge #532

Whitby Masonic Centre
203 Cochrane Street, Whitby

Wednesday, April 11 7:30pm

Installation: Runnymede Lodge #619

Thursday, April 12 7:30pm

Installation: Connaught #501

Friday, April 20 6:30pm

Installation: Kilwinning Lodge #565

Tuesday, April 17 6:30pm

Official visit: Victoria Lodge #474

Monday, April 23 6:30pm

Official visit: Chinguacousy Lodge #738

Apr 26, 2018

Lecture: The Deeper Meaning of the Third Degree
Hosted by Flower city Lodge #689

Tuesday, May 1 7:30pm

Official visit: Long Branch Lodge #632

Sunday, May 4:00pm

District Divine Service:
All Saints Kingsway Anglican Church

Saturday, May 5 8:00am

Wardens Association

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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