



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



My Last Message

Greetings Brethren,

As we move towards the festive season, we tend to think more about family and friends, but we also have a greater opportunity to practice those Masonic duties of Brotherly love and charity. For some, it's a more spiritual time. Think how good it would be if we exercised these virtues all year round.

We are also coming to the last meeting of our Lodge calendar, which is the evening of the installation of the new worshipful Master and the investiture of new officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

It is with mixed feelings that I tell you that this is my last message from the East, for a very long while. I have enjoyed my year in the Chair of Solomon, thanks to all of you and, especially, the great bunch of officers - most notably our Secretary, George Thelwell, without whom I could not have functioned. While I did not accomplish everything that I would have liked, I did, I believe, do a lot towards my major goal: emphasis on

education. More especially, education on the more esoteric side of Masonry. I felt that there was plenty of education from Grand Lodge on the physical side of Masonry (the ritual), and so much available on the mental or intellectual side (articles and books on the meaning of various aspects of Masonry), but not much on the spiritual side. Since many of our Brethren joined the fraternity looking for something spiritual in their lives, without the trappings of organized religion and did not find it on the surface, I felt that help was needed, in order to find what they are looking for. I know that my lecture and articles have made a difference to some of our Brethren, and that made it all worthwhile.

I know that our lodge will be in good hands when the master elect takes office. I wish him, and the officers, and all of you, a great Masonic year!



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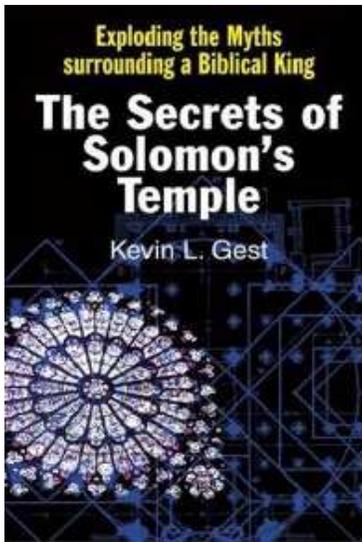
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Book Review

The Secrets of Solomon's Temple by Kevin L. Gest



Kevin Gest is a mason who started his quest after his wife, who was visiting his Lodge Temple building in Sussex in England, asked what the significance was of the Zodiac on the ceiling, and the tessellated pavement in the centre of the floor, amongst other items. Embarrassed by not knowing the answer, he set out to answer these questions, including his own: what is the significance of Solomon's Temple that it became such an important part of Masonic ritual, and reference to

the sun and stars.

The book takes the reader through a host of background subjects, the knowledge of which is required to arrive at his conclusions. Starting off with sunrise and sunset, equinoxes, precession, knowledge of the ancients—evidence that they knew

the earth was round and in a heliocentric system. Then through numbers, arithmetic and the macro-cosmos, geometry, phi—the golden ratio, construction of the square, sacred geometry, Solomon's seal and construction of the hexagram and pentagram and their connection with Masonry.

Then there is a look at the building of cathedrals and the use of the golden ratio, circles, squares, and the vesica piscis, in the design of these cathedrals, as well as in the Temple of Solomon, and includes reasons for design choices based on Pythagorean numbers and geometric constants. There is a chapter on Moses, the Ark, and the Tabernacle.

The conclusion is that Solomon's Temple was built to document ancient knowledge: of astronomy and geometry, and could be used as a calendar, to show solstices—times for sowing and reaping. Our masonic ritual incorporates some of this knowledge.

Some of the explanations are quite technical, since Gest has an engineering background. While I don't agree with all his conclusions, it is an interesting read, especially the background material.



Emblems and Jewels of Office

With the installation of the new Worshipful Master and investiture of the new officers, I thought it would be of interest to newer Brethren to understand the symbols related to the jewels of office.

Each Officer of the Lodge wears a collar, to which is attached the jewel of his office. The emblems and the jewels of the various offices are set forth in the Book of Constitution.

The **Worshipful Master**, who rules the Lodge, wears the right-angled **Square**, a stonemason's tool used for checking the angles of cut and smoothed stones. It used to make certain an

angle is "true" and symbolizes virtue. It is the jewel which belongs to the whole Craft. In a sense, he is obligated to act on the square, and to regulate the Masonic lives and actions of his Brethren.

On his **apron**, in place of three rosettes, the W. Master wears **three levels**. They serve to remind him that, in dealing with his Brethren of the three degrees, he is to be scrupulously fair, and to hold the scales of justice with an equal poise.

The **Past Master's** jewel of office consists of the **Master's square** to which is attached **Pythagorean triangle**. In ancient Egypt it had been known that a triangle with sides of three, four,

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Did you know.....?

The Junior Warden's lecture in the first degree, in lodges in Ontario, is given using devices and symbols that are placed in the lodge room, such as Jacobs ladder, the movable and immovable jewels, the tassels, etc. In many Masonic jurisdictions outside of Canada, this lecture is given around the First Degree Tracing Board, for which it was designed. You will find the tracing board in many Ontario lodges, but are seldom used. The Senior Warden's lecture in the second degree is usually given around the second degree tracing board, which is displayed in almost all Ontario lodges.

and five units would be right-angled. This knowledge was employed by ancient surveyors and builders, in order to mark out and construct square corners. Two and a half centuries after Pythagoras, the renowned geometer, Euclid, included the Pythagorean Theorem as the 47th problem of his first book. Its diagram is attached to the Past Master's jewel.

The **Senior Warden's** jewel is the **level**, a stonemason's instrument used to check the level of horizontal surfaces. It symbolizes that all Masons meet on the level, without regard to social, political, or religious status. As the emblem of equality it marks the equal measures he is bound to pursue in conjunction with the W. Master in the well-ruling and governing of the Lodge.

The emblem of the **Junior Warden** is the **plumb rule**, a stonemason's instrument used for checking the alignment of a vertical surface. Being the emblem of uprightness, it points out the integrity of the measures that he is bound to pursue in conjunction with the senior rulers in the well-ruling and governing of the Lodge.

The duty of the **Deacons** is to carry the messages and commands of the Master to the other officers. Before 1813, only the Grand Lodge of the "Antients" had Deacons. At that time their emblem was Mercury, the ancient Roman messenger of the gods. After the union of the two Grand Lodges, the emblem was changed to the **dove bearing an olive branch**. This has an allusion to the dove sent forth from the ark by Noah. It returned to him in the evening with an olive leaf plucked off in its beak. This conveyed to him the message that the waters of the flood were abated from the earth. The dove is a symbol of peace and good fortune.

Both the Senior Deacon and the Junior Deacon carry long staffs, or **wands**. Because they are messengers of the lodge, the wands they carry are symbolic of the *caduceus* that the Roman winged god and messenger Mercury carried. The wands are topped by their jewels of office, to match the ones on their collars.

The **cornucopia**, or horn of plenty, is the sign of the **Stewards**. The emblem has an allusion to the ancient Greek legend of Amalthea, a she-goat who nursed the god Zeus as a baby. Her horns were magical: from one of them flowed nectar, and from the other ambrosia. At one time, she broke her horn off on a tree. Someone picked it up, filled it with fruit, and brought it to the baby god. According to the story, it continued to replenish itself miraculously. The cornucopia is appropriated to the Stewards as their emblem because of their function in ministering to the Brethren at the hours of refreshment.

The Stewards, like the Deacons, also carry **wands**, in imitation of England's Lord High Steward's rod in the House of Lords. The wands are also topped with the jewels of their offices.

The first mention of an Inner Guard dates to 1814. Prior to this there were two Tylers. The **Inner Guard** and **Tyler** have as their jewels the **sword** and the **crossed swords**, in evident allusion to the instruments of their office. The sword of the Outer Guard, or Tyler, who is charged to keep off all cowans and intruders from Masonry, recalls the flaming sword placed after Adam's fall, at the entrance to the

Garden of Eden, to keep all intruders away from the tree of life.

According to W. Bro. Barry D. Thom, Past Master, Lodge McLeod No. 27, Bay Roberts, Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, who is also a Past Master of St. Clair Lodge No. 577 G.R.C., Toronto Don Valley District, and a former member of William James Dunlop Lodge No. 675 G.R.C.:

In the middle ages, Lodges had three guards, one inside the door, one outside and one on the roof or tiles. The two outside were known as the "Guarder" or "Doorkeeper" and the Tyler. The job was filled by the most junior of the Entered Apprentices. This was quite practical, as he could be spared from trade discussion and, as he would be of the younger generation, could easily run and catch any intruders. The first recorded account of the use of the word Tyler as a title appears in 1732 after the formation of the first Grand Lodge in England. Part of the Tyler's duty was to set out on the floor of the Lodge Room designs and symbols appropriate to the degree being conferred. In the early period they were drawn with chalk. The Brethren would not be permitted to walk across the Floor Drawing, thus the reason for squaring the Lodge which is still carried out today.

The **Chaplain** is distinguished by a **Book on a triangle**. The Book is of course the V.O.S.L., and the triangle is the well-known symbol of Divinity. It is not required that the Chaplain be a clergyman, as prayers are non-denominational.

The **Treasurer** was originally known, in days gone by, as the Box Master. Money and treasure was kept in a locked strong-box. The symbol of his office is the **crossed keys**, which emblematically secures the coffer or strong-box in which the resources of the Lodge are kept.

The **Secretary** wears the **crossed goose quills**. In earlier days their predecessors would record the proceedings with quill and ink.

The **crossed rods** of the **Director of Ceremonies** reflect the mediæval Marshal's baton. The Marshal was originally the officer in charge of the well-being of the king's horses but he came to have certain ceremonial functions in the marshalling of processions. The rod, staff, or scepter, has always been the sign of authority, and the wands now borne by the Deacons and Stewards of the Lodge preserve vestiges of this function.

Most of the emblems of **Grand Lodge Officers** are enclosed within a **wreath of wheat and acacia**. The olive is very similar to the acacia. The true acacia is tree that grows abundantly in the near east and Africa. From it the ancient Jews made the Ark of the Covenant. It is very tenacious, and is said that, when planted as a door-post, it will sometimes take root and shoot out, growing boughs over the threshold. It is therefore recognized as an emblem of immortality and is worn at times of mourning in testimony to our faith in the survival of the soul.



The Real History of the Origins of Mankind?

Article by W.Bro.Rob Lund

In the early 1800's, archaeologists found, in Iran, the remains of a library containing thousands of clay tablets written in cuneiform script. These were translated and found to be mostly texts regarding everyday life in Sumer. There were descriptions of Laws, book-keeping accounts, and other mundane accounts of society. However, there were some that related the history and antics of their gods, who it appears, lived among them, gave them laws, and taught them mathematics, astronomy, and farming. These gods had vehicles which flew, they had awesome weapons, and the apparently everlasting life.

Of course, these particular texts were deemed to be myths. In the twentieth century, these texts were retranslated, most notably by the late Zechariah Sitchin, who spent most of his life trying to understand what occurred during those times. His radical approach was to translate, and put into context, these texts, in the light of modern knowledge. What emerges is a shocking, amazing, but enlightening story of creation, the deluge, and wars between the gods. Though rejected by mainstream academia, Sitchin persevered in presenting these events over forty years of his life. His books, especially the multi-volume "*Earth Chronicles*", presents thousands of bits of evidence that fit together like a jigsaw puzzle and explain many things about early civilization that have puzzled scholars for decades.

It is now generally accepted by biblical scholars that parts of the Old Testament/Torah are a rehashed summary of the much older, more detailed, Sumerian texts, brought back after the captivity of the Hebrews in Babylon. There is not enough space here to present the evidence, so I will provide only a brief outline of the results of the new translation. You *must* read the books for details of the very compelling evidence. As you read the following, try to remember that this is not made up by Sitchin – it is merely a translation of what was written in clay tablets many thousands of years ago.

Events Before the Deluge

450,000 to 400,00 years ago

On Nibiru, a distant member of our solar system, life faces slow extinction as the planet's atmosphere erodes. Deposed by Anu, the ruler Alalu escapes in a space vehicle(!) and finds refuge on Earth. He discovers that Earth has gold that can be used to protect Nibiru's atmosphere. An expedition is organized, led by Enki, a son of Anu, and the Anunnaki (the scriptures call them the Ne-filim – those who came to Earth from heaven) land on Earth. They establish Eridu -Earth Station I - for extracting gold from the waters of the Persian Gulf. Earth's climate mellows. More Anunnaki arrive on Earth - among them Enki's half-sister Ninhursag, Chief Medical Officer. As gold production falters, Anu arrives on Earth with Enlil, the heir apparent. It is decided to obtain the vital gold by mining it in southern Africa. Drawing lots, Enlil wins command of Earth Mission; Enki is relegated to Africa, the nether regions. On departing Earth, Anu is challenged by Alalu's grandson. Seven functional settlements are set up in southern Mesopotamia include a Spaceport (Sippar), Mission Control Center (Nippur), a metallurgical center (Shuruppak). The ores arrive by ships from Africa; the refined metal is sent aloft to orbiters manned by Igigi, then transferred to spaceships arriving periodically from Nibiru.

380,000 to 100,000 years ago

Gaining the support of the Igigi, Alalu's grandson attempts to seize mastery over Earth. The Enlilites win the War of the Olden Gods. The Anunnaki toiling in the gold mines mutiny. After much experimentation in creating hybrid animals, Enki and Ninhursag create Primitive Workers (the first is called the Adam) through genetic manipulation of Ape woman, infused with Anunnaki DNA. They are originally birthed by Anunnaki women, and take over the manual chores of the Anunnaki. Enlil raids the mines, brings the Primi-

Upcoming Events

- December 5—Step-up Night
- December 16—Installation and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing Masonic year
- Note that there is no January Emergent meeting—the W.M. will, instead, arrange for a practice by officers and other Brethren taking part in degrees. A date and time will be set and the W.M. will inform those taking part.

tive Workers to the Edin in Mesopotamia. They are given the ability to procreate, relieving the



Annunaki women, and Homo Sapiens begins to multiply. Life on Earth regresses during a new glacial period. Climate warms again. The Anunnaki, to Enlil's growing annoyance, marry the "daughters of Man".

75,000 to 50,000 years ago

The "accusation of Earth" - a new Ice Age-begins. Regressive types of Man roam the Earth. Cro-Magnon man survives. Enki and Ninhursag elevate humans of Anunnaki parentage to rule in Shuruppak. Enlil, enraged, plots Mankind's demise.

13,000 years ago

Realizing that the passage of Nibiru in Earth's proximity will trigger an immense tidal wave (a huge ice-sheet slippage in Antarctica), Enki breaks the oath and instructs **Ziusudra/Utnapishtim (Noah)** to build a submersible ship. He is given the "seed" of animals and plants to preserve. The Deluge sweeps over most of the Earth; the Anunnaki witness the total destruction from their orbiting spacecraft.

Events After the Deluge

11,000 to 10,000 B.C.

Enlil agrees to grant the remnants of Mankind implements and seeds; agriculture begins in the highlands. Enki domesticates animals. The descendants of Noah are allotted three regions. Ninurta, Enlil's foremost son, dams the mountains and drains the rivers to make Mesopotamia habitable; Enki reclaims the Nile valley. The Sinai peninsula is retained by the Anunnaki for a post-Diluvial spaceport; a control center is established on **Mount Moriah** (the future Jerusalem).

9,780 to 7,400 B.C.

Ra/Marduk, Enki's firstborn son, divides dominion over Egypt between **Osiris and Seth**. **Seth** seizes and dismembers **Osiris**, assumes sole rule over the Nile Valley. **Horus** avenges his father **Osiris** by launching the First Pyramid War. **Seth** escapes to Asia, seizes the Sinai peninsula and Canaan. Opposed to the resulting

control of all the space facilities by Enki's descendants, the Enlites launch the Second Pyramid War. The victorious **Ninurta** empties the Great Pyramid of its equipment. **Ninhursag**, half-sister of Enki and Enlil, convenes peace conference. The division of Earth is reaffirmed. Rule over Egypt transferred from the Ra/Marduk dynasty to that of **Thoth**. **Heliopolis built as a substitute Beacon City**.

The Anunnaki establish outposts at the gateway to the space facilities; Jericho is one of them. As the era of peace continues, the Anunnaki grant Mankind new advances; the Neolithic period begins. Demi-gods rule over Egypt.

3,800 B.C.

Urban civilization begins in Sumer as the Anunnaki reestablish there the Olden Cities, beginning with **Eridu and Nippur**. **Anu** comes to Earth for a pageantful visit. A new city, **Uruk (Erech)**, is built in his honor; he makes its temple the abode of his beloved granddaughter **Inanna/Ishtar**.

Kingship on Earth

3,760 to 3,100 B.C.

Mankind granted kingship. **Kish** is first capital under the aegis of **Ninurta**. The calendar begun at **Nippur**. Civilization blossoms out in Sumer (the First Region). Primacy in **Sumer** transferred to **Nannar/Sin**. **Marduk** proclaims Babylon "Gateway of the Gods." The "Tower of Babel" incident. The Anunnaki confuse Mankind's languages. His coup frustrated, **Marduk/Ra** returns to Egypt, deposes **Thoth**, seizes his younger brother **Dumuzi** who had betrothed **Inanna**. **Dumuzi** is accidentally killed; **Marduk** is imprisoned alive in **the Great Pyramid**. Freed through an emergency shaft, he goes into exile. *Ningishzidda/Thoth goes to Meso-america where he becomes known as Quetzalcoatl/Viracocha*. Years of chaos end with installation of the first Egyptian Pharaoh in Memphis. Civilization comes to the Second Region.

2,900 to 2,220 B.C.

Kingship in Sumer transferred to Erech. **Inanna given dominion over the Third Region**; the Indus Valley Civilization begins. Sumer's royal capital shifts about. Kingship deteriorates. Enlil loses patience with the unruly human multitudes. **Inanna** falls in love with **Sharru-Kin (Sargon)**. He establishes new capital city **Agade (Akkad)**. Akkadian empire launched. Aiming to rule the four regions, **Sargon** removes sacred soil from Babylon. The **Marduk-Inanna** conflict flares up again. It ends when **Nergal, Marduk's brother, journeys from Southern Africa to Babylon** and

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persuades Marduk to leave Mesopotamia. **Naram-Sin** ascends the throne of **Akkad**. Directed by the warlike **Inanna**, he penetrates the Sinai peninsula, invades Egypt. **Inanna usurps** the power in Mesopotamia; **Naram-Sin** defies **Nippur**. The **Great Anunnaki** obliterate **Agade**. **Inanna** escapes. **Sumer and Akkad** occupied by foreign troops loyal to Enlil and Ninurta. Sumerian civilization rises to new heights under enlightened rulers of **Lagash**. **Thoth helps its** king **Gudea** build a ziggurat-temple for Ninurta. **Gilgamesh, his mother** being a demi-god, goes to reach the Annunaki to claim demi-god status. Reading the texts of his exploits, I found descriptions which describe highly advanced technology, such as: motors, electric car with lights, conveyor belts, video mintors, robots, lasers, automatic doors.

2,193 to 2,130 B.C.

Terah, Abraham's father, is born in **Nippur** into a priestly-royal family. Egypt divided; followers of **Ra/Marduk** retain the south; Pharaohs opposed to him gain the throne of lower Egypt. As **Enlil and Ninurta** are increasingly away, central authority also deteriorates in Mesopotamia. **Inanna's attempts to regain the kingship for Erech** does not last.

The Fateful Century

2,123 to 2,038 B.C.

Abraham is born in Nippur. Enlil entrusts the Lands of Shem to Nannar; Ur declared capital of new empire. Ur- Nammu ascends throne, is named Protector of Nippur. A Nippurian priest - Terah, Abraham's father - comes to Ur to liaison with its royal court. Ur-Nammu dies in battle. The people consider his untimely death a betrayal by Anu and Enlil. Terah departs with his family for Har-ran. Shulgi ascends the throne of Ur, strengthens imperial ties. As empire thrives, Shulgi falls under charms of Inanna, becomes her lover. Grants Larsa to Elamites in exchange for serving as his Foreign Legion. Theban princes loyal to Ra/Marduk press northward under Mentuhotep I. Nabu, Marduk's son, gains adherents for his father in Western Asia. On Nannar's orders, Shulgi sends Elamite troops to suppress unrest in Canaanite cities. Elamites reach the gateway to the Sinai peninsula and its Spaceport. Shulgi dies. Marduk moves to the Land of the Hittites. Abraham ordered to southern Canaan with an elite corps of cavalrymen. Amar-Sin (the biblical Amraphel) becomes king of Ur. Abraham goes to Egypt, stays five years, then returns with more troops. Guided by Inanna, Amar-Sin forms a coalition of Kings of the East, launches military expedition to Canaan and the Sinai. Its leader is the Elamite Khe-dor-la'omer. Abraham blocks the advance at the gateway to the

Spaceport. Shu-Sin replaces Amar-Sin on throne of Ur as the empire disintegrates.

2,029 to 2,023 B.C.

Ibbi-Sin replaces Shu-Sin. The western provinces increasingly loyal to Marduk. Leading his followers, Marduk marches on Sumer, enthrones himself in Babylon. Fighting spreads to central Mesopotamia. Nippur's Holy of Holies is defiled. Enlil demands punishment for Marduk and Nabu; Enki opposes, but his son Nergal sides with Enlil. As Nabu marshals his Canaanite followers to capture the Spaceport, the Great Anunnaki approve of the use of nuclear weapons. Nergal and Ninurta destroy the Spaceport and the errant Canaanite cities. The winds carry the radioactive cloud to Sumer. People die a terrible death, animals perish, the water is poisoned, the soil becomes barren. Sumer and its great civilization lie prostrate. Its legacy passes to Abraham's seed as he begets -at age 100- a legitimate heir: Isaac.

Although rather boring, perhaps, I left the description of all the battles between the Annunaki in the above text – for a reason. There is another text (in poetic form) which, on the surface, describes a battle between certain of the Annunaki. However, this battle is not included amongst the other texts and, since the name of the “hero” changed to the current leader, in a later version, it seems that this battle did not actually take place, but is an allegory for the formation of the solar system, since many of the Annunaki had planets named after them. It tells of a rogue planet invading our solar system in a retrograde, oblique path, with one of its moons colliding with a watery planet called Tiamat, splitting it in two – one half became the Earth, the other smashed to pieces became the asteroid belt, and other interesting things. This amazing description explains a lot. There are also texts which describe where in the sky to watch for the appearance of Nibiru.



610 to 560 B.C.

The Annunaki, finding themselves aging quicker than on their home planet, begin to leave Earth.

Space did not allow for more details and, as I mention earlier, the evidence can not be presented here – there is way too much. However, if these texts are not myth, then the history of mankind needs to be rewritten.



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