



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



Two Parties in two weeks!

Brethren,

This is the second edition of our Lodge Newsletter / Magazine. I hope you enjoy it.

This newsletter is meant to be a vehicle for news on Lodge activities, including activities outside of the Lodge in which our Lodge members participate. It is meant to inform, educate, enlighten, and maybe even to amuse.

So, send in those articles or bits of information and gossip, Masonic jokes and stories, educational articles, or references to external articles that you think may be of interest to our Lodge Brethren.

While we all know that some of our senior Brethren visit and help out in other Lodges, I was delighted to hear that Brother Gokan Akyaz visited Humber Lodge in March and helped out with the Apron Charge in a First Degree. Well done, Gokan!

A good time was had at Bro. Sean Beesley's surprise 40th birthday party. While he didn't smell a rat, he did smell the bacon!

(sorry you had to be there to get that).

The very next Saturday was our Pub night. This was well organized in terms of food and drink, and entertainment. Those that were there had a good time. It's a pity that we didn't have a better turnout, especially from our own brethren.

On our Emergent night we passed Bro's Phil Horrigan and Mahmoud Al-Hamad to the 2nd degree, with

great work by all, especially the candidates.

Our March Regular saw the initiation of Bro. Erol Gulabi. Ore about him next time.

Keep the good work going, learn, grow, and have fun!



New Initiate—Gene Walley

Bro. Gene Walley, who was initiated at our Regular meeting in February, was born December 3, 1976 in Simcoe, Ontario.

He attained a degree in International Business at St Clair College in Windsor, and a BA in History at Carleton University in Ottawa.

.He has worked in administration for Xerox since 2005.

He enjoys most sports and, we are told, is a walking repository of sports information. He loves music and travel. Recent trips include Italy, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, New York, Chicago.



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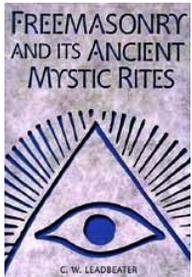
Special points of interest:

- *Two parties in two weeks!*
- *Profile—who is Bro. Gene Walley?*
- *Educational Articles*
- *Book Reviews*
- *What's coming up?*

Book Review

FREEMASONRY and its ANCIENT MYSTIC RITES

By C.W Leadbeater



C. W. Leadbeater has written numerous books on esoteric topics - This book, originally written in 1926, is an in-depth study of the rites of the Mystery schools of ancient Egypt, Greece and Judea from the middle ages to the 20th century - and shows how these ancient rites have since emerged in this century as part of Freemasonry.

Based on his vast knowledge of the esoteric and almost every Masonic record available to the historian at the time, Leadbeater relates little known facts about the Mystery schools and their practices and beliefs - the origins of these schools are now for the most part "lost in the mists of antiquity".

Contents include:

The Origins of Masonry; Authentic School; Anthropological School; Mystical School; Occult School; Sacramental Power; etc.

The Egyptian Mysteries; The Cretan Mysteries; The Jewish Mysteries (including the Essenes and the Christ, and Kabbal-

ism); The Greek Mysteries (including the Eleusinian Mysteries, and the School of Pythagoras); The Mithraic Mysteries (including Zarathustra & Mithraism); Craft Masonry in Medieval Times; Operative Masonry in the Middle Ages; Transition from Operative to Speculative; Other Lines of Masonic Tradition; The Scottish Rite; The Co-Masonic Order.

This is an interesting history from a slightly different perspective, and provides many thought-provoking items.



Different Definitions of The Great Architect

Zoroastrianism (the Parsi religion)

Reference to Ahura-Mazda: "He, to whom no form, shape, or colour is attributed, stands alone, Omni Unique, the Nature of Infinite of Infinite Perfection. It is not given to mortals of finite mind to define Him, the most just, the most benevolent, the most merciful. He is One, who dwells in boundless space, clothed in the most resplendent and illumined glory of inscrutable Nature." "Things, which were originally manifestations of God's good work, became in course of time personified; assumed shapes of deities in the frail imagination of the devotees; and finally came to be adored in lieu of the Great Architect of the world."

Hermeticism

"THE ALL IS MIND; The Universe is Mental."--The Kybalion.

This Principle embodies the truth that "All is Mind." It explains that THE ALL (which is the Substantial Reality underlying all the outward manifestations and appearances which we know under the terms of "The Material Universe"; the "Phenomena of Life"; "Matter"; "Energy"; and, in short, all that is apparent to our material senses) is SPIRIT which in itself is UNKNOWABLE and UNDEFINABLE, but which may be considered and thought of as AN UNIVERSAL, INFINITE, LIVING MIND. It also explains that all the phenomenal world or universe is simply a Mental Creation of THE ALL, subject to the Laws of Created Things, and that the universe, as a whole, and in its parts or units, has its existence in the Mind of THE ALL, in which Mind we "live and move and have our being."

Have you noticed.....?

The lesser lights (or pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty) are arranged in the shape of a triangle.

Masonic Etiquette

Masonic etiquette is, simply, the rules of good manners which make lodge meetings pleasant for everyone.

Good manners imply observance of the formal requirements governing man's behavior in polite society, and a sense of what is appropriate for a person of good breeding, with high morals, and good taste.

The spirit of brotherly love and affection, by which we are bound together, will be exemplified in our conduct, our carriage and our behavior at all times.

1. THE MASTER'S AUTHORITY

During his term in office, the brother who has been elected as Master is the member with the highest authority in the Lodge. He shoulders its many responsibilities. He can decide what can and cannot be discussed, and rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time. If a brother insists on speaking after the Master has ruled that he is out of order, he may be committing a Masonic offense. Courteous brethren accept the requests made by the Master to serve on various committees and perform other duties, as determined by the Lodge's needs.

2. ALWAYS FULLY DRESSED

Brethren do not enter their Lodge room without their apron, not even while putting on that apron. Dress should be appropriate for the evening: Highland Dress, Tux, or Business Suit.

3. STAND WHEN YOU SPEAK

No Brother sits while speaking in the lodge room, no matter if he addresses an officer or another brother. If more than one person stands at the same time, let the Master decide who speaks first.

4. SALUTE THE MASTER WHEN STANDING TO SPEAK

Salutes should reflect your heart-felt respect for all that for which the Master stands. The salute to the Master is your pledge of honor and service, your publicly shown obligation. A lazy, sloppy or improper salute is Masonically impolite and, thus, exhibits poor Masonic etiquette.

5. TURNING YOUR BACK ON THE MASTER

Never turn one's back on the Master to address the lodge, without first receiving permission from the Master to speak.

6. TALKING

"Side" talk, while a degree is being conferred, is considered bad manners. The lodge room is a Temple. Just as it is impolite to talk in a church, synagogue or mosque service, so it is improper to distract the officers and the workers in the degree, especially the candidate. Talking without asking to do so shows irreverence for the proceedings. This also means no

whispering.

7. SITTING IN THE EAST

Brethren do not take a seat in the East without an invitation... even if all other seats are full. It is the Master's prerogative to recognize certain senior Brethren, and their loyalty, by inviting distinguished visitors, or a special member whom the Master wishes to honor, to sit in the East.

8. SMOKING:

No smoking in the banquet room. Smoking can be irritating to other people's senses (nose and eyes, etc.) and it is bad manners to not consider others.

9. PROMPTING

No person should prompt the person performing the ritual, except the official Prompter. More than one person prompting can be confusing. A prompt should only be given when requested, or if the Brother has missed a part.

10. TURN CELL PHONES OFF

All cell phones should be turned off before entering the lodge room, so as not to disrupt the proceedings.



Upcoming Events

- March 23—Visit to Westgate Lodge, Streetsville, Mississauga
- March 29—Grand Master's Reception
- April 4—2nd Degree x 2—Bro's Helder Goncalves and Gene Walley
- April 15—First Degree Ahmed Deeb
- April 30—At The Hop (King Hiram Lodge dinner/dance)
- May 2 3rd Degree x 2 —Bro's Phil Horrigan and Mahmoud Al-Hamad

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