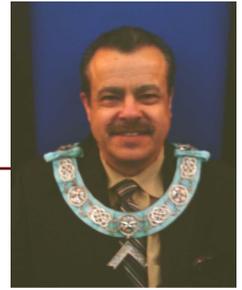




# Kilwinning 565 News

## From The Chair



### Summer is Almost Over

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone has been enjoying this wonderful summer we're having.

I'd like to start off by thanking all the brethren whom escorted me on our trip to Kilwinning 64 (London). As always all who attended had an excellent time.

To those of you who did not make it out to Grand Lodge, I can tell you that you missed an interesting couple of days, and a really good time.

As we all know, our September Emergent was cancelled due to the Labour Day weekend but, rest assured, that on our upcoming regular meeting we will be restarting our Masonic labour by conducting a double third degree. We are preparing to raise Brothers Laurie Roberts and Yovany Davilla to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Also, I wish to inform all the brethren that our Emergent meeting in October will be a step-up night and we will be initiating Mr. Filipe Vazquez into Masonry. Until we resume Lodge Brethren, enjoy the rest of this beautiful weather.

Sincerely And Fraternally,  
W. Bro. Joe Lisi  
Worshipful Master

### Education Boost

Brethren,

For the next twelve months, our Lodge may see an increase in activities related to Masonic Education.

The reason being that I have been made Chairman of the District Education Committee again, and also a member of the Grand Lodge Committee for Masonic Education, under the chairmanship of R.W.Bro. Charlie Woods.

I hope to see you all engaged.

W.Bro. Rob Lund

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# Yunior Ramon Benitez Munoz

by W. Bro. Rob Lund

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In the southern part of Honduras, a central American country that is bounded by both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, is an area called Choluteca. The usually hot dry climate gives way to seasonal flooding of the low areas.

About 60% of the area's inhabitants live below the poverty line, and 35% of the population live on less than one US Dollar a day. Only 35% of the population has access to electricity.



It is here that eleven-year-old Yunior Ramon Benitez Munoz lives. Yunior is sponsored by Kilwinning Lodge through Plan Canada.



Our modest contribution will help to provide Yunior with better health and education until he is sixteen years old. Contributions also help Plan Canada to provide aid in emergency situations, such as the widespread serious flooding that took place in 2011.

To read more about Plan Canada's activities and how you can help further, visit [www.plancanada.com](http://www.plancanada.com)



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## Blowing Around Scotland by V.W.Bro. David Gomme

As a Lodge with its own Pipe Band, many of our members play either Pipes or Drums, some of them members of prestigious Pipe Bands. Many of these Bands compete both locally and Internationally.

W. Bro. Alex Munroe and V.W. David Gomme just returned from 12 days in Scotland at the World Pipe Band Championships. This is an event in Glasgow which features over 225

bands from around the world, and is considered *the* Pipe Band event of the year. The weather was great, except for both mornings of the contest.

Piping took up most of our Brethrens' time in Glasgow, although they did manage to visit some masonic friends. Alex's son plays with the Toronto Police Pipe Band and Dave's son and daughter-in-law both play with the Los Angeles Scots. Och aye!

### Did you know.....?

- In China, about 300 B.C., Mencius wrote "A master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square." Additionally, in a book called Great Learning, 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."

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## THE DAY THE MUSIC (ALMOST) DIED by W.Bro. Alex Thompson

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You may recall that, in early August, a baby Grand Piano was stolen from the Toronto General Hospital.

How does one steal a large piano in broad daylight? How does one dispose of it once it's stolen?

Obviously no reputable dealer would accept a piano off the back of a truck, and the thieves would have difficulty selling it, so the piano was returned.

Unfortunately, due to the thieves' ignorance of what is required to move such a piano, it was damaged.

Members of the community came forward with offers of help. Among them were our own Brothers Marc Decorte and Alex Thompson. Marc is a Piano technician, and Alex is part of a company that supplies pianos and parts.

Thanks to these Brethren, the music at the Toronto General hospital has not died.



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## The Mysteries Of Ancient Freemasonry by W.Bro. Rob Lund

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Our Masonic ritual refers to the “secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry”.

Mmm...what *are* these mysteries? Well, as an example, we can refer back to the Eleusinian Mysteries, which were secret initiation ceremonies held in ancient Greece, and which initiated candidates into the ancient mystical wisdom teachings.

But what does this mysticism have to do with Freemasonry? Let me explain. As you well know, our ritual is “veiled in allegory”. That is, they contain hidden meanings. The word “mysticism” is derived from Greek words translated as “an initiate” and its root meaning “to conceal”. See the connection? OK. Now, what is Mysticism? Let’s take the Wikipedia definition: “the pursuit of communion with, identity with, or conscious awareness of an ultimate reality, divinity, spiritual truth, or God through direct experience, intuition, instinct or insight. Mysticism usually centers on practices intended to nurture those experiences”. Is that what the rituals of Freemasonry are alluding to? Well, if one is familiar with the teachings of Theosophy and of the Rosicrucians, the allusions to these Mystical teachings in our rituals are very obvious. For those who are not familiar with these ideas, Freemasonry is providing signposts to them, for the Mason to research and learn about them. This is what is alluded to in the first degree charge: “to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge” , in the second degree: “you are now per-

mitted to extend your researches into the hidden mysteries of nature and science”, and in the third: “that most important of all human studies, the knowledge of yourself”.

So, what *are* these mystical teachings? I am not going to inform you, for a couple of reasons: one, there is not enough space here to even scratch the surface; and two, because it is important that you do it yourself. What I will say is that these teachings, as given by organizations such as The Theosophical Society, and the Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, are those ancient mysteries propagated over thousands of years. They inform the seeker of truth and light about the true nature of the Creator and the Universe, and why we are here, that is, the purpose of our life. It provides a conscious awareness of the ultimate reality, the spiritual truth. They provide lessons in how to get closer to this reality.

This knowledge is not for everyone, though I wish it were. It is provided only to those who wish to find it, those seeking truth. I should also add that this knowledge is not, as in some religions, a theoretical concept. This knowledge was gained by scientific method and can be verified by those who learn how.

I hope that this short article will have piqued your interest, and motivated you to look behind the veil.

Peace profound!

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### Links

- **Lodge Website:** [kilwinning565.com](http://kilwinning565.com)

This site has back issues of the newsletter, and many articles.

- **District Website:** [www.torontowestmasons.com](http://www.torontowestmasons.com)

Educational articles can also be found on the District web site.

- **Grand Lodge:** [www.grandlodge.on.ca](http://www.grandlodge.on.ca)

# Grandma's Sausage Stuffing

## Recipe by Bro. Phil Horrigan

Prep time: 30 Minutes  
Cook time: 30 Minutes  
Serves: 8-10

### Ingredients:

- 16 cups 1-inch bread cubes, white or sourdough (1 1/2 pound loaf)
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 2 cups medium-diced yellow onion (2 onions)
- 1 cup medium-diced celery (2 stalks)
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 3 tablespoons fresh sage
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3/4 pound sweet or spicy Italian sausage, casings removed
- 1 cup chicken stock

### Method:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Place bread cubes in a very large bowl.

Meanwhile, in a large sauté pan, melt the butter and add the onions, celery, sage, parsley, salt and pepper. Sauté over medium

heat for 10 minutes, until the vegetables are softened. Add to the bread cubes.

In the same sauté pan, cook the sausage over medium heat for about 10 minutes, until browned and cooked through, breaking up the sausage with a fork while cooking. Add to the bread cubes and vegetables.

Add the chicken stock to the mixture, mix well, and pour into a 9 by 12-inch baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes, until browned on top and hot in the middle.



Serve warm.

If there is anyone who would like to share a recipe they love, please do so by sending it to Phil @ [philthymason@gmail.com](mailto:philthymason@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

- Sep 25—Grand Lodge of Instruction—Renforth Temple 7pm
- Sep 28-Grand Master's Reception-Woodbine Banquet Hall, Etobicoke
- Sep 30-District Meeting-River Park Temple-7pm
- Oct 7-Laeshore 645 Official Visit
- Oct 10-Mississauga 524 Official Visit
- Oct 11-General Mercer 548 Official Visit
- Oct 15-Peel 468 Official Visit
- Oct 18-Anthony Sayer 640 Installation
- Oct 25-Ibrox 740 Official Visit

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## **DISTRICT CHARITY PROJECT**

*Years come and go; we all see dear family members and friends suffer from similar debilitating illnesses in front of our very own eyes, leaving tremendous impact on our minds. I am no different.*

*"Multiple Sclerosis (MS) a complex disease, unpredictable, affects vision, hearing, memory, balance and mobility. Its effects are physical, emotional, and financial and last a lifetime."*

*As masons and from our humanitarian aspirations we seek to spread our unselfishness to help others. Let us embrace this charity and help in finding a cure for this disease.*