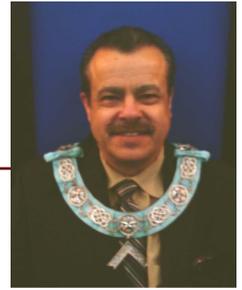




Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



The Long Awaited Visit

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren , I'd like to start by mentioning our trip to Pontiac. To all brethren of Pontiac, I wish to express my sincerest thanks, it keeps getting better with every visit . And for the brethren of Kilwinning who couldn't make the trip, you missed out on a most wonderful experience.

I'd like to remind the brethren who are in possession of our St. Andrews Dinner and Dance tickets to please ensure you have sold as many as possible. We are now one week from our event.

And finally I wish to add that we are having a step-up on our next emergent meeting with brothers Keith Thomson and Raul Cobas wanting to prove themselves in the 3rd.

I Remain

Sincerely And Fraternally,

W. Bro. Joe Lisi

Worshipful Master

Education Update

Brethren,

I hope that you have read the Masonic Education Newsletter put out by the Grand Lodge Committee for Masonic Education.

This issue contains two book reviews.

It also talks about the College of Freemasonry. Check out the course modules available.

Please subscribe to the Grand Lodge newsletter "Reflections", which contains some good articles. This will soon be available online.

Fiat Lux!

W. Bro. Rob Lund

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Game Review by Rob Lund

From Dust (on Xbox)

From Dust is a beautifully rendered game: highly impressive both visually and technically.

In this game, you control “The Breath”, and the aim is to help resettle little tribes-people on their former lands, and rebuild their lost and forgotten civilization and culture.

This is initiated by guiding them to totems, where they will set up villages. These totems, once a village is established, will provide you with an extra power of some kind, in addition to the default ones of being able to move soil, water, and lava.

Your job is to protect the villagers from natural disasters such as Tsunami’s and volcanic eruptions. You do this by moving soil around to form hills, by moving water around to create lakes, by moving lava which solidifies, allowing you to create mountains or walls of rock, or enlarging islands. Water and soil can be used to put out fires. Soil and lava can be used to build bridges across rivers or lava flows, or redirect these flows, or to get rid of impenetrable vegetation. By moving soil, one can also create vegetation, which will eventually attract creatures.

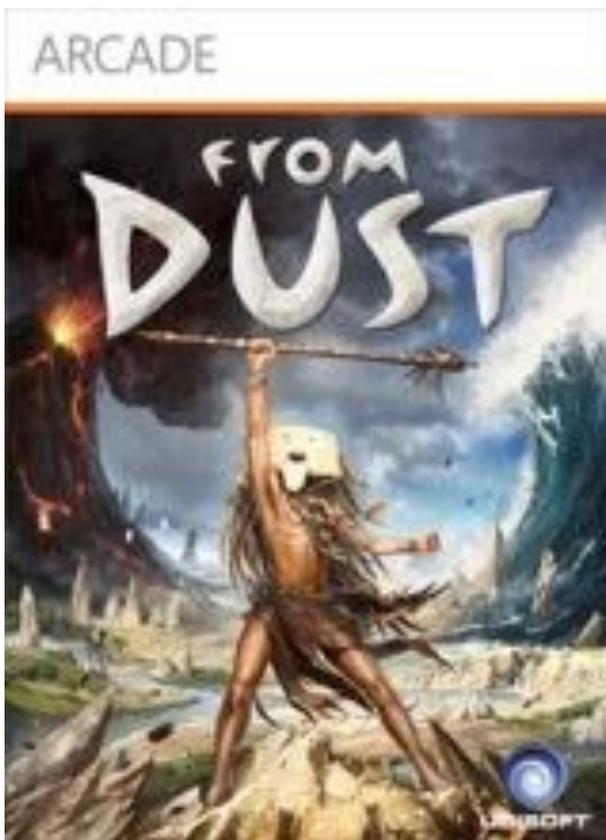
The extra powers granted by totems allow you to temporarily jellify water, put out fires, evaporate water, and absorb matter. You also help the tribesman by finding certain magical stones which give them tribal memories of their lost civilization and knowledge, such as the ability to repel water and fire.

The game starts off easily, and gets progressively more challenging. It’s often a race against the clock to get the tribes-people settled in before natural disasters inevitably strike. Later on in the game, you’re introduced to exploding plants that can punch holes through walls, fire trees that erupt in flames every few minutes, and plants that periodically explode in a shower of water, which you can place around villages to put out brush fires. These extra elements add an additional layer of unpredictability and complexity .

No matter how hard you try to push back against the towering waves and the spewing volcanoes that threaten your tribe, many of them will meet their demise. It makes one ponder the power and ruthlessness of nature.

One can replay the game over and over, making it different each time by taking different approaches. I learned that it is easier to try and manage nature than to fight it.

From Dust is quite a memorable, beautiful and unique experience. There is something that stays in your mind long after you’ve moved on to something else. It’s fascinating, and has a spiritual quality to it. Perhaps it’s because it allows you to manipulate the four fundamental elements (air, earth, fire, and water) which feature prominently in the Ancient Mysteries, and in Rosicrucianism.



Did you know.....?

- The Grand Lodge of Scotland has one lodge with a zero number - i.e. Mother Kilwinning No.0 - it is popularly known as MK0.
It also has three lodges No. 1 and two lodges No.3.

Fraternal Visit to Pontiac Lodge #21 Michigan USA

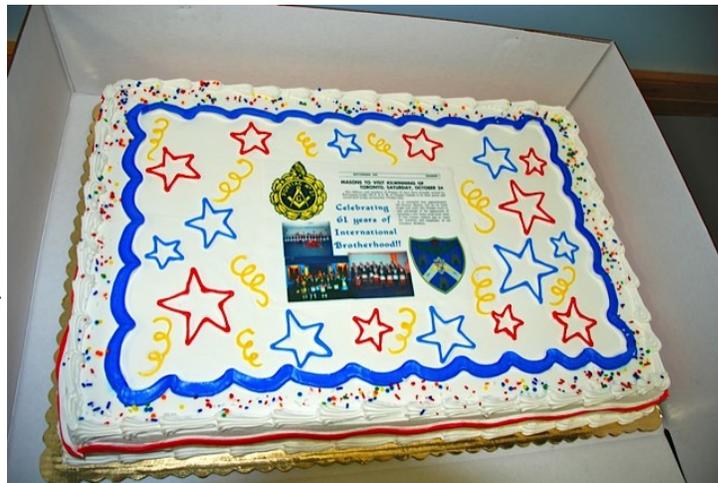
by W.Bro. Rick Mowles

On the weekend of October 25 we enjoyed another historic, fraternal visit with our brethren at Pontiac No. 21 in Michigan. The weekend started with a customary 5 hour trip with Kilwinning brethren car-pooling where convenient.

Although many left at different times, Bro. Alex Anderson and me just so happened to meet up with our Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Joe Lisi and his entourage at the Duty Free store in Sarnia. And it's a good job we did. Apparently, our WM's GPS device had malfunctioned and he had no idea where he was going. So after purchasing 4 bottles of No. 83 Whiskey for W. Bro. Scott Clark, the JPM (read Junior Past Master, not IPM like in Canada) of Pontiac Lodge, we finished the journey as a tag-team.

Upon arriving at the Holiday Inn, Auburn Hills at about 4 pm, we were greeted in the usual grand style of Pontiac 21. The hospitality suite was full of cheerful brethren, lots of food and of course, a full bar. New friendships were started and old ones were renewed over the next couple of hours while we prepared to attend the lodge hall for a formal banquet and then observe as our hosts performed an American

Chef Bro. Phil Horrigan. And while I'm sure the resulting dishes may have lost a slight edge having not been prepared by our own Sous Chef, they were very good nonetheless. The highlight of the dinner was an incredible masterpiece of a cake adorned with Pontiac and Kilwinning logos and a reproduction of a newspaper article that depicted a fraternal visit between our lodges many years ago. Well



done Brethren, and it was very tasty!

The work of the evening was executed flawlessly. Well... almost. The Outer Guard was briefly lost during the initial opening. And for the brethren that have never seen an American degree, it is quite a treat. Ask any of our newer members that joined us for their first fraternal visit to Pontiac 21. Following the degree, we all retired back to the hotel to enjoy more fellowship with many of the Pontiac brethren joining us and some of them even staying in the hotel. I staggered up to bed around 2 am but many carried on until the wee hours of the morning!

Saturday began slowly, with many of the brethren staggering into the breakfast room at the hotel in various shifts and conditions of coherency. I am guessing that the hotel staff had a difficult time keeping the coffee pots filled but the buffet breakfast provided by the hotel was exemplary and it was necessary to have everyone chipper and ready to meet back at the lodge for lunch, which was being served at 12 pm.



Fellowcraft Degree.

The banquet was excellent, anchored by a tasty BBQ sirloin steak and potatoes and accompanied by several unique vegetable dishes. The unique part of the side dishes is that their recipes were provided to Pontiac by our very own

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

Lunch was plentiful, consisting of what seemed like miles of various submarine sandwiches, salads and of course, leftover commemorative cake. Following lunch, our contingent of Canadian brethren exemplified a Fellowcraft degree for our American brethren, directed by our WM and from all the comments I received from the Pontiac brethren, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Bro. Yovany Davilla-Morett was gracious enough to stand as our candidate and I am sure he enjoyed the opportunity to experience the Fellowcraft for a second time within 4 months of his original experience. To close the afternoon event, our WM presented Pontiac Lodge with a \$1,000 US donation for the Bro. Doug Peterson Relief Fund. Masonry in motion!

Following the degree, we were again transported back to the hotel where we had a couple of hours to socialize and then again prepare for yet another Fraternal Feast. This time it was off to the Grotto, another building owned by Pontiac Lodge and used for various craft and non-craft social functions. The highlight of this evening, organized by W. Bro. Matt Shelton, was an 18th Century Table Degree. The banquet began with a tasty salad and was followed by a huge slab of prime rib, baked potato and asparagus and was complimented by a choice of red and white wines. Absolutely delectable! And of course, no meal is complete without desert, which consisted of a traditional favourite: apple pie.

The Table Degree commenced with W. Bro. Matt Shelton, acting French Master, issuing instructions as to how the brethren were to conduct themselves in response to the work. In short, the WM first asked a question of the SW and then the JW, which were responded to in kind. Then the brethren were instructed to "Charge your cannons", which loosely translated meant to fill their commemorative shot glasses with wine. There were then a series of arm and hand movements executed by all in a supposed coordinated

then "fire" it down the hatch in response to the proposed toast. Then, lastly, there was a response to the toast

by one of the pre-selected brethren. All in all there were a total of 10 toasts followed by "cannon discharges" and responses. Suffice it to say that, by the end of the degree, the brethren were pretty cheerful. At least, the brethren that didn't opt for the non-alcoholic wine. And luckily there were enough abstainers that we were all able to be safely transported back to the hotel around 10 pm.

Sunday morning was slow for many. However, there was no time to lament. There was much to do before departure. Some of us assisted a couple of the Pontiac brethren in cleaning up the Hospitality Suite, as this room was pre-booked at 10 am for a local church meeting. Following clean up we all assembled near the main entrance to enjoy one final activity before we began the long, quiet journey back home.

A tour of the Detroit Masonic Temple had been organized



effort and completed with a series of "claps", not unlike Grand Honours. We were then instructed, "Right hand to arms" where you raise your cannon to shoulder height and



for any that wanted to attend. All but 6 of us took advantage of visiting this magnificent icon of architecture. Although I did not attend myself, having seen it before, I know from W. Bro. Shelton that this tour was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended, especially by our newer brethren.



For R. W. Bro. Bill Bain, W. Bro. George Thelwell, Bro. Alex Anderson and me, who have all enjoyed the temple tour before, we were able to execute an equally, if not more, enjoyable visit. Along with Pontiac brother W. Bro. Roger Petersen, we



discuss the feasibility of performing an operation to remove the remaining growth that had been considerably reduced by the therapies. Good news indeed! Although we would have liked to stay longer, Bill and Alex both developed a severe case of cat allergies, and we finally had to bid our farewell to the Petersen brothers and Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Although it is a long drive home, it was a good chance for reflection and remembrance of another truly enjoyable Fraternal visit with our gracious and generous brothers of Pontiac No. 21.

were fortunate enough to be able to pay a visit to his biological and Masonic brother, Bro. Doug Petersen. Doug was absolutely thrilled to see us. He is still very weak from several rounds of Chemotherapy and radiation treatments and was unable to attend any of the weekend events. He was in excellent spirits and the good news is that he was looking forward to consulting with his Doctor because with the completion of these therapies, they were going to dis-

Until 2015..... Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again!

The next newsletter will have more pictures of the Detroit Masonic Center. Editor

Upcoming Events

- 5th / 7:30 PM - Official Visit at River Park Lodge 356. Banquet before Lodge.
- 13th / 8:00 PM - Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. Dale Allison Graham's presentation of the Ancient Charges (Sec 6 Book of Constitution). Hosted by Runnymede Lodge 619.
- 14th / 7:30 PM - Official Visit at Flower City Lodge 689 in Brampton. Banquet before lodge.
- 18th / 7:30 PM - Official Visit at Mount Moriah Lodge 727. Banquet at 6:00 PM.
- 19th / 7:30 PM - Installation at Victoria Lodge 474. Banquet at 6:15 PM.
- 22nd / 7:30 PM - Official Visit at Prince of Wales Lodge 630. Banquet at 6:30 PM.
- 22nd / 7:30 PM - Joseph A. Hearn Lodge 685 - Grand Master in Attendance. Presentation of 70 and 50 Year Pins. Banquet after Lodge.
- 25th / 7:30 PM - Installation at Chinguacousy Lodge 738. Banquet before Lodge.
- 28th / 7:30 PM - Reception and presentation at Flower City Lodge 689 in Brampton of Grand Lodge Regalia for V.W. Bro. Steve Ellstrom, Grand Steward. Refreshments after Lodge.