



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



Spring is in the air

Greetings Brethren,

I might be mistaken, but I think spring may be upon us. Lets hope so , this has been a long thaw. Nevertheless I'm sure the grass is determined to crack the ice and we all can get on with our plans for the nicer weather.

As you all know, our lodge has a lot of events stacked at the beginning of our year. With many of these events behind us, we are inclined to relax a bit. Not forgetting our own meetings, there are some other events in our district we should be aware of, and try to support. Some of these are events and concerts organized by Lodges in our own temple in support of our Temple Board's fund-raising. Please check the district website and see which of these you can attend.

Events of note are:

April 5, 8 am - Wardens Association meeting, breakfast 9 am, meeting at Toronto West Masonic temple, Annette St (one of my favorites).

April 9th, 7:15 pm—Royal Masonic

School of Music Choir from Rickmansworth, England featuring a 37 female member choir. Admission - \$5.00 pp (Donation - Proceeds to be donated to the Toronto West District Charitable Fund) Masons, Family members & friends welcome. At Brampton Masonic Temple. For further information contact ed-grinko@hotmail.com.

April 20-University Lodge's Casino Royale Food, drink, and poker! All in support of our own Masonic temple Board.

April 27th, 7:00 PM - District Divine Service at St. Andrews Church in Port Credit. (This is a great opportunity to meet a Cornerstone criteria)

I have to note that as a lodge we have been getting good numbers out to support our fellow lodges and I thank you all for supporting me and my visitation requests, I greatly appreciate it As we support others in the district, let's not forget to support our own ini-

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Education Update

The District Education Committee recently planned a District Lodge of Instruction, which was kindly hosted by Ionic Lodge at the Brampton Masonic Temple. Ionic Lodge provided refreshments.



The instructors were the same ones who run a similar event for Grand Lodge across the province.

The LOI started at 9 am and ended at 12 pm and covered the mechanics of the three degree rituals, Banquet protocol and etiquette, and balloting.



The DDGM was in attendance. The only disappointing factor was that many of those in our own lodge who really needed this education were not there.

The True Nature of the Universe

Article by W. Bro. Rob Lund

I have always been fascinated with science and astronomy. As a boy, I had the opportunity to see the planets from our backyard through an eight-inch reflecting telescope that my father had made from scratch. Seeing close-ups of the moon was awesome and viewing the rings of Saturn was amazing. I always wondered how big the universe was, and what other amazing things might be out there.

Over the last few hundred years, scientists have been

trying to understand the universe: what it is composed of and how it works. When atomic theory was first proposed (and ask yourself how this concept was ever conceived) scientists thought that they had discovered the smallest particle in the universe. They thought the same when it was realized that atoms are made of even smaller particles: electrons, protons, and neutrons. Since then, having determined that there are even smaller particles such as neutrinos, quarks, bosons and more, quantum physics was born. String theo-

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ry followed, showing that everything consists of vibrating strings. The search is now on to prove the existence of the smallest particle of all: the so-called “god particle”. Science is getting close to what mystics have known for thousands of years.

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Scientists see the forces of cohesion, adhesion, attraction, and repulsion, as the basis for everything material that exists. What they have not yet discovered is that these are merely the result of another, more subtle, force: a force that permeates the entire universe; which gives rise to all the scientifically discovered forces such as gravity and magnetism; and which connects everything together. This force is part of the cosmic consciousness, and may, one day, be measured by quantum physicists. It gives rise to finer and more subtle materials which compose worlds unseen, and carries thoughts and emotions, and is connected to the divine consciousness. The ancients called this the Aether, the Divine Spirit, the Divine Consciousness, the Cosmic Consciousness, or just the Cosmic.

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The Universe is viewed as a living, organic unity, infused throughout in every part by this vitalizing spirit. Within it reside a hierarchy of beings carrying out the will of the One, shaping worlds and all the kingdoms

of nature. Of these, we only know something about the lower levels of its manifestation. It is taught that the universe came into existence as the materialization of the thought of the One. The ancient knowledge contains descriptions of the evolution of the universe and all material forms. This would be a long and complicated tale and space will not permit a description of this evolution here. What is significant though is that our world, like others in the solar system and the rest of the universe, is the last part of a chain of seven worlds, and there are hierarchies governing each of these.

The evolution of Humanity on this world has been a long one in terms of our measurement of time: that of soul and subsequently of material form. The duration of time of the evolution of the material form is miniscule compared to that of the soul. However, compared to the duration of time of evolution of this current Universe, it is as a few seconds of our own lifetime in comparison. There have also been countless iterations of the creation and destruction of the universe. If one pauses to think about this, one will realize that time, on this scale, is beyond our comprehension.

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Regarding the One, the Creator, the Great Architect of the Universe, we can say nothing that is not a limitation and, therefore, inaccurate. Why were we created?

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WISDOM

“It's not what we eat but what we digest that makes us strong; not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned; and not what we profess but what we practice that gives us integrity.”

Francis Bacon

Emotions are an energy that is transmitted through the Cosmic, and can affect others. So, the more good thoughts generated, the better the world becomes. The opposite is also true. My experience of telepathy, as is taught by the ancient wisdom, is proof, to me, of the above. Have you ever been in the presence of someone such as a motivational speaker? Have you felt the energy? This is not just an expression, it is real. Have you ever walked into a room where two people are at variance with each other and felt the tension? This is real energy being experienced.

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Another law of the universe is the law of thought. One of the great secrets of the universe is that thought, as in a desire, will strive to materialize. This means that, if you want something, and it is not entirely selfish, and the laws of karma permit, there are entities that will strive to make it happen. Dismiss this statement at your loss. Try it for yourself. In order to make this happen, there must be a strong visualization of the object of desire (it helps to include smells, sounds and sensation) and you have to believe (or rather, know), that once this visualization is done, that it will happen. Of course, some things may take time, and some things will happen as a result of following your intuition and making decisions based on this.

Such is the nature of the universe according to the ancient wisdom.

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The Ancient Wisdom is a body of truth, which contains the hidden mysteries of nature and science, and is the basis for many religions. Humanity, however, is largely ignorant of this knowledge, and intelligent people are always wondering if there really is a God, or there is life after death, or what their purpose may be on Earth. These questions are not unanswerable. The answers to them are within the reach of almost everyone. The truth is obtainable, and its attainment is possible by anyone who will make the effort.

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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

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tiatives. Lets acknowledge our own members and their efforts our behalf.

We also have our own work to polish and prepare for our up-coming degree work.

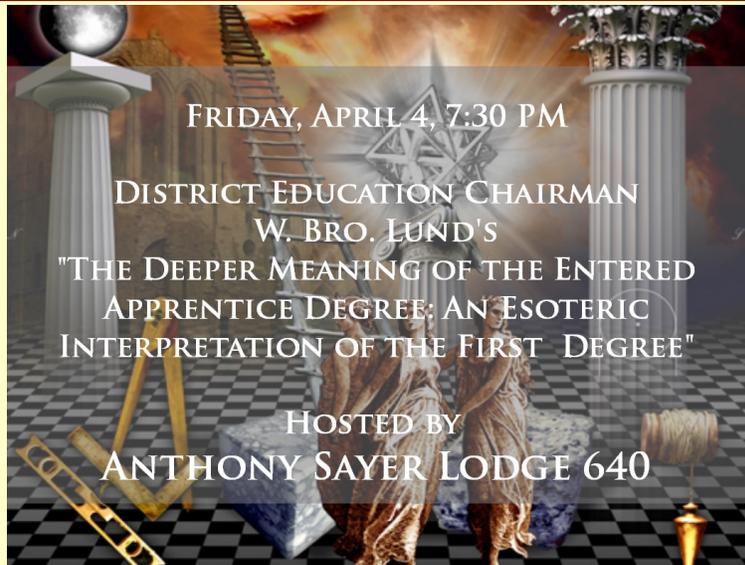
I'm looking forward to getting at it as I know you all are.

Best and warm regards for our spring session

Sincerely and Fraternally

W. Bro. Marc Decorte

Upcoming Events



April

4th / 7:30 PM - Official Visit at Anthony Sayer Lodge 640. Banquet after Lodge.

5th / 8:00 AM - Warden's Association Meeting at West Toronto Masonic Temple

9th / 7:30 PM - Installation at Runnymede Lodge 619. Banquet before Lodge.

10th / 7:30 PM - Installation at Connaught Lodge 501. Banquet after Lodge.

21st / 7:30 PM - Installation at Mount Moriah Lodge 727. Banquet at 6:00 PM.

27th / 7:00 PM - District Divine Service at St. Andrews Church in Port Credit.

28th / 7:30 PM - Official Visit at Chinguacousy Lodge 738. Banquet before Lodge.

May

2nd / 7:30 PM - Installation at King Hiram Lodge 566. Banquet after Lodge.

3rd / 8:00 AM - Warden's Association Meeting at River Park Masonic Temple

8th / 7:30 PM - Installation at University Lodge 496. Banquet before Lodge.

9th / 7:30 PM - Installation at Joseph A. Hearn Lodge 685. Banquet before Lodge.

10th / 6:00 PM - "A Night at the Hop" Dinner & Dance Featuring the music from the 50's, 60's 70's and 80's Cocktails @ 6:00 pm - Dinner @ 7:00 pm

Tickets - \$40.00 p/p - Dress for the Occasion

West Toronto Masonic Temple - 151 Annette Street Presented by King Hiram Lodge No.566

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13th / 7:30 PM - Installation at Ionic Lodge 229. Banquet at 6:00 PM.

20th / 7:30 PM - Installation at Peel Lodge 468. Banquet before Lodge.

22nd / 7:30 PM - Installation at Flower City Lodge 689. Banquet before Lodge.

Check the District Web Site for more upcoming events, and for updates, and pictures from past events:

<http://www.torontowestdistrict.com/calendar.html>