



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



Summer's Near

Greetings Brethren,

Mentorship portion.

As we now approach our Summer break, I would like to thank all the Brethren of Kilwinning Lodge who have been able to take part in our Winter and Spring sessions. We are all aware of how our participation can enhance and promote Ancient Freemasonry within our own lodge, and throughout our fraternity.

This session, we have begun some important discussions, including: Lodge finances, our Cornerstone Project initiatives (which include Mentorship and Brother to Brother programs), and planning strategies for our upcoming events.

Special thanks go out to W Bros. Ross Golden, Rob Lund, and Rick Mowles of our Finance Committee, and our Secretary, W. Bro. George Thelwell, for their efforts in presenting a clear financial picture to our lodge. I'm confident that, with this new information, we can move swiftly to restore our Lodge to a positive financial state.

Thanks also to Bros. Phil Horrigan for organizing Cornerstone, and to Bro. James Lowe for taking on the

Special Congratulations to Bro. Filipe Vasquez on being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Filipe was a terrific candidate and I would like to acknowledge his preparation for his degree.

I also would like to send our congratulations to Bros. Darrin Currell and James Lowe on proving themselves in the Third Degree.

Our events to remember:

Friday June 20 is our official visit to Kilwinning Lodge 64, London.

As you know, this is a long-standing reciprocal visit with Kilwinning 64, and you must make every effort to attend. We are carpooling and will be setting rendezvous points to get as many Brethren as we can. Call me (W. bro Marc Decorte 416-509-2261) or a Brother close by and find out how you can get a ride.

Grand Lodge!—a very fun time and not to be missed. Watch for communications and don't forget to check the Grand Lodge website for

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Who is Jason Moyse?

Recently, we initiated Jason Moyse into Masonry, and welcomed him into our Lodge.

Bro. Jason Moyse grew up in Owen Sound, but has called Toronto home for the last 15 years. Married with a young daughter, Jason enjoys family life in South Etobicoke. A lawyer by training, Jason has practiced in both law firms and in large companies as a litigator and solicitor. These days, he is focused as much on the



business of law as practice itself and completely immersed on the entrepreneur's journey. He is also a deep techie and quickly becoming a social media junkie, particularly through twitter. Jason found his way into Freemasonry by observing its positive impact over the years on his friend and colleague, our Brother, Bro. Sean Beesley.

Welcome Brother, we hope you enjoy your Masonic journey!

Annette Street Temple Organ

Article by W. Bro. Rob Lund

Our Temple boasts the last pipe organ in a Masonic Lodge in Toronto and probably one of the last in Ontario.

It was built in the early 1900's by Leonard Morel. Morel had a shop on Vine Street and produced the organs for St. James-Bond United Church and the University of Toronto's Convocation Hall and churches throughout Canada. The smaller ones went to big homes, small churches and our Temple.

Before electricity, the organs had to be pumped by hand to get enough air for the music. Consider the volume of air required for the 675 pipes in this particular model. The longer ones range up to eight feet in length and rumble as low as three octaves below middle C. The small ones are the size of a whistle.

Morel led the industry in electric blowers, and other manufacturers bought his machinery.



All organs have majesty and power and the big pipes can make your chest rumble with their vi-

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brations. Electronic keyboards and speakers have replaced the glory of pure air-driven sound.

The acoustics of the temple are great. The sound from the organ loft rolls across the vaulted ceiling and tumbles down to the audience.

I'm wondering why we don't hear it more often.



An Esoteric Interpretation of The Lord's Prayer

Article by W. Bro. Rob Lund

In this modern world, the power of the Church is fading. With education comes a certain amount of circumspection, especially when it comes to spirituality. No longer is pure belief good enough – the modern person has evolved beyond blind faith to the requirement of knowledge of, and insight into, the reality of humanity's divine home. Spiritual movements and organizations abound that provide for this evolution. While being of this mind, we should not ignore the sacred texts, but learn to look deeper beneath the words, for there is much wisdom hidden there.

In a previous article, Behind the Veil of Scriptures, I described my interpretation of the words in one of our rituals: "to look beyond the narrow limits of particular institutions, whether civil or religious" and indicates that much of the sacred texts are not meant to be taken literally, that they contain much symbolism and allegory. I will repeat one of the quotes I made in that article:

"All things have their interior and exterior, the apparent, open or exoteric meaning and a hidden, concealed or esoteric meaning. One relates primarily to the legalistic or material, the other to

the spiritual or metaphysical. So it is with the great religions of humanity, particularly Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The Holy Books of all these Faiths have both an inner (esoteric) and an outer (exoteric) meaning."

The Christian Gospels are embedded with hidden teachings. This is suggested by the following texts:

Jesus addressing the Disciples: "He answered and said unto them, because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."

He repeats the same idea in different words:

"And he said, unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand."

Jesus instructs the Disciples about preaching: "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs."

I will now delve into a specific example, taken

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from the Christian writings, which will illustrate some of the deep meanings hidden behind one of the most revered prayers in Christianity: the Lord’s Prayer.

But first, what is prayer? In most religions, prayer would be said to be a communion with God. Mystic schools teach meditation, which serves the same purpose – that of a mystical communion between one’s self, one’s innermost being or soul, and the Cosmic, or Divine, Consciousness. Prayer is praise, and is never selfish (although requests can be made for the benefit of others, or for one’s own spiritual improvement and growth).

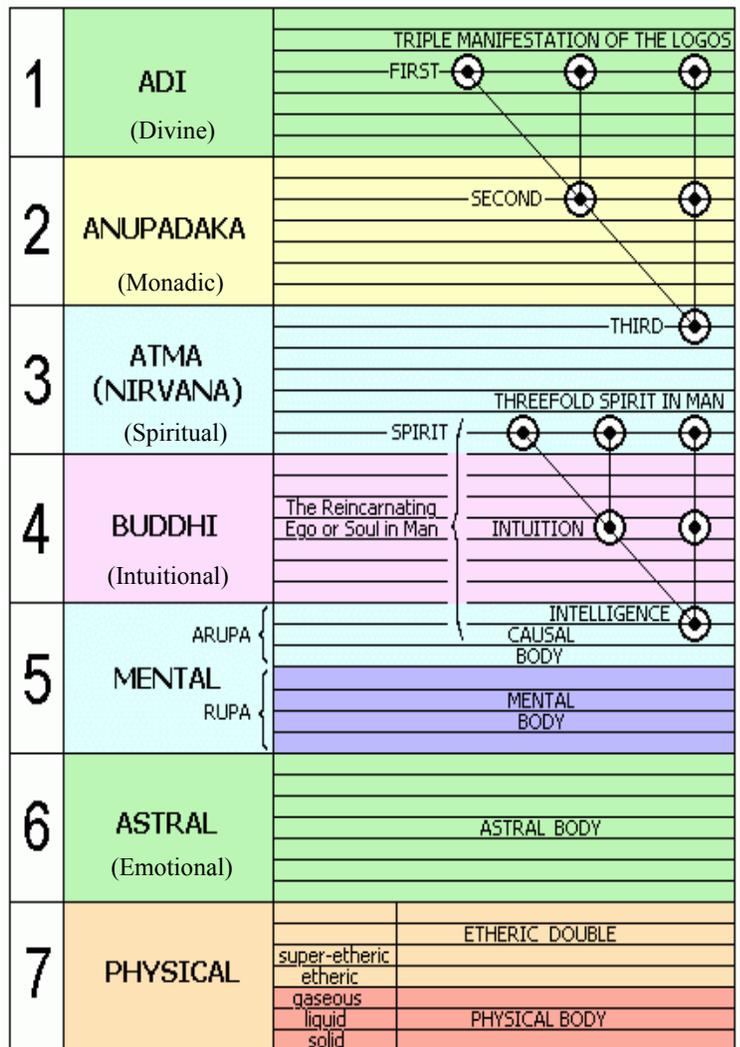
Jesus, the embodiment of the Christ consciousness, the purest being ever to walk this earth, was placed on this world to raise the consciousness of all people, in order that they would learn how to return to the Divine. He gave this formulaic prayer as a map of the path by which to return.

“And he said unto them, When ye pray, say,
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
Give us day by day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation;

In order to better understand the deeper meaning behind this, you should first read my article entitled The True Nature of The Universe.

If you have read that article, you may find the following diagram somewhat familiar. For purposes of this article, I will be explaining (starting from

The Seven Planes of Existence - The Leadbeater Chart



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WISDOM

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the bottom, on the right-hand side) the Physical body, the Etheric Double, the Astral body, the Mental body, and the Three-fold Spirit in Man: Spirit, Intuition, and Intelligence (or the Causal body). These also make up the divine principle in man, the reincarnating ego, or the “immortal principle” mentioned in the Third Degree. Together, these make up the seven-fold nature of man, hinted at in the Third Degree steps to the altar, and in two different ways in the Apron: triangular flap on a square base; and the seven silver balls and chains.

Just as a point of interest, the Triple Manifestation of the Logos, shown at the top, is the Divine Trinity, but we will not be dealing with that in this article. Also, these planes have different names within different mystical groups.

The highest principle in humans, the Divine Spirit (alternatively known as Atma or Spirit Man), is also considered to be the will-nature of man (space does not permit an explanation of why this is so, but I will say, briefly, that this is a characterization of the creative will of the divine being). Consider this also as a drop of divinity in man.

The Intuitional principle (alternatively known as Buddhi or Life Spirit) is a reflection of the divine will expressing itself in infinite diversity throughout the universe, and is known mystically as the kingdom.

The Intelligence, the higher part of the Mental principle (also called Manas, Arupa, Causal Body, or Spirit Self) is able to distinguish entities manifested in the kingdom, and call them by name, in recognition of the divine order and in hallowed reverence to all creation.

The physical body is part of the material substance of the universe. Its substance is continually taken (through our “daily bread”) from, and returned to, the earth.

The Etheric Body is a vehicle for the more lasting qualities of the soul (enduring temperament traits, resistant habits, culture, etc.). Changes in oneself at this level make a major impact. Faults committed by this aspect has to do with interrelationships and social obligations, and are traditionally called “trespasses” or “debts”. These are carried across all incarnations.

The Astral Body is the vehicle for less enduring traits (impulse, desire, passion, joy, sorrow pleasure and pain). Changes here have less of an impact. Faults committed by this aspect are of a more individual nature, are failings of one’s personality, and are called “temptations”.

The Mental body (also called the Rupa, Ego, or the Soul) represents our independence. Faults committed by this aspect are selfishness, egoistic behavior, obeying the body’s urges and desires, evil.

Now let us turn to the purpose of our lives on earth. The drop of divinity in us will allow us to evolve towards the divine level. That is where we came from and to where we need to return (the East, in our ritual). This deepest, innermost part of ourselves needs to be brought to expression. Only this way can we be transformed to the extent required in order to return to the Father, or Creator. Since we have a drop of the divine, the Father can be within us.

Max Heindel’s diagram below shows how we put all this together as a petition to help us on the path.

Links

- **Lodge Website:** kilwinning565.com

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

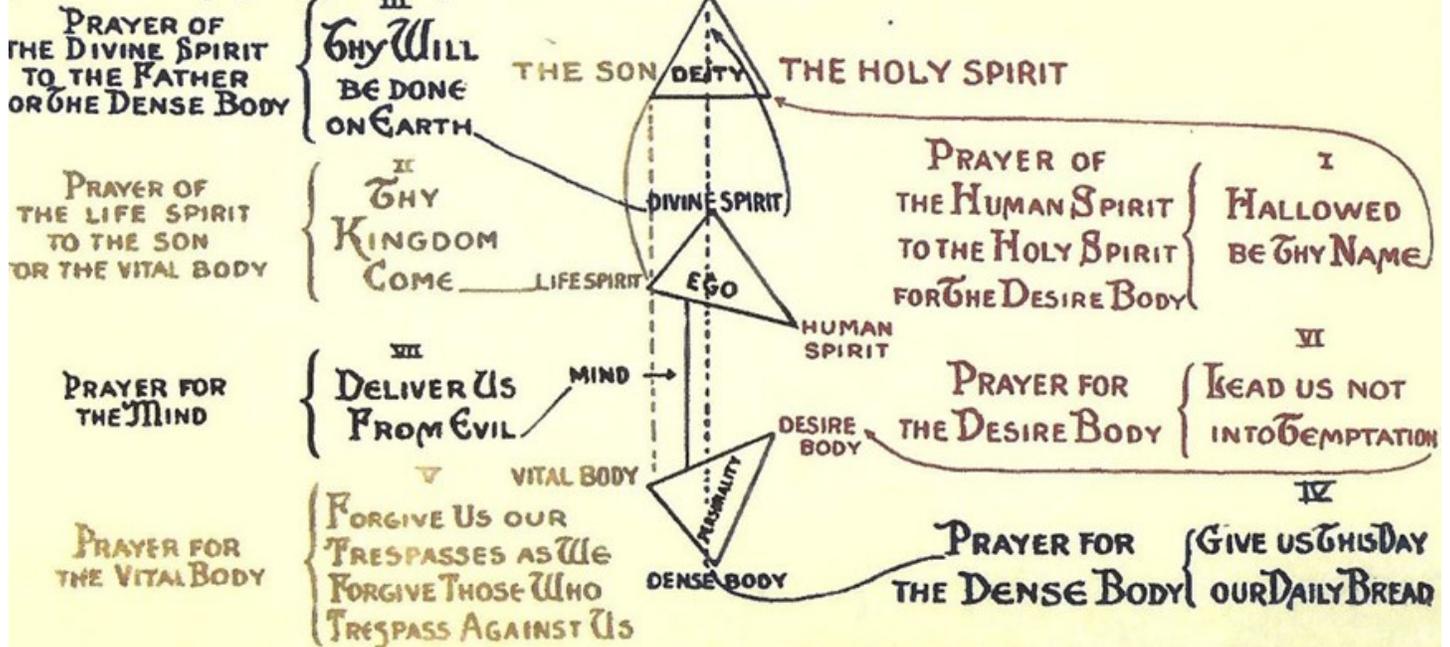
- **District Website:** www.torontowestdistrict.com
- Educational articles can also be found on the District web site.
- **Grand Lodge:** www.grandlodge.on.ca

Diagram 16

THE LORD'S PRAYER

showing how it fully meets the needs of all the seven human principles

(INTRODUCTION) "OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN" THE FATHER



Our Father which art in heaven - This is addressing our innermost being, our bit of divine nature.

Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come - Our Intelligence and Intuition gives reverence to all things manifested from the Cosmic Consciousness.

Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth - Let our will-nature be as the creator's and, as the ancient mystical adage goes: "As above, so below".

Give us day by day our daily bread - Help us to properly sustain our bodies.

And forgive us our trespasses; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us - help us learn from our relationships, to seek forgiveness and make restitution for the hurt we have inflicted on others.

And lead us not into temptation - help us curb our degrading passions and desires, but turn them into nobler aspirations.

but deliver us from evil - help us to never be selfish or egoistic, to link our Mind to our higher selves through meditation.

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The diagram above is a bit complicated. It may



be easier to use the one below, by Rudolf Steiner, which shows the separation of the three spiritual bodies from the four material bodies. This will help us also to use our aprons as a reminder of this prayer – the triangle representing the three spiritual parts, and the square base representing the four material parts.

To summarize the above, this prayer asks the Divine consciousness to help us develop all the parts of our being in the right way so that we will find the right path of life through our stay on earth.

References

The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception or Mystic Christianity by Max Heindel.

Published by M.A. Donahue & Co., 1911 Chicago USA

The Lord's Prayer: An Esoteric Study by Rudolf Steiner.

Published by Rudolf Steiner Press, Forest Row (UK) 2012

(This is a collection of Steiner's lectures delivered in 1907)

A Textbook of Theosophy by C. W. Leadbeater

Published by The Theosophical Society (1912)

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events and times.

Master Masons: support The Education event at Peel Lodge on June 17, where W. Bro. Rob Lund is presenting his lecture on the Esoteric interpretation of the Master Mason degree.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

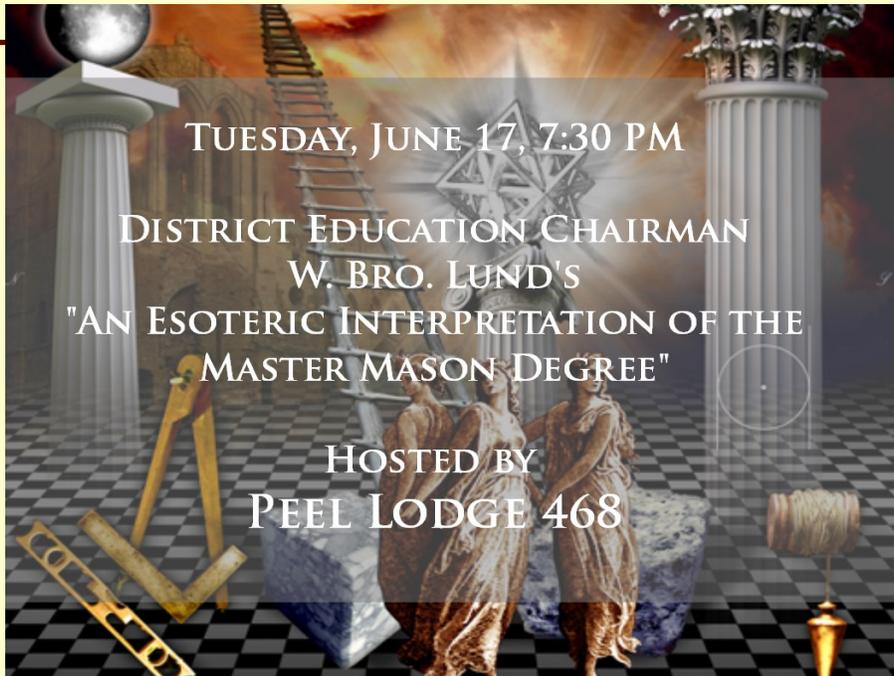
Warm regards ,

Sincerely and Fraternally,
W. Bro. Marc Decorte

Worshipful Master

Upcoming

Events



June

3rd / 7:30 PM - Installation at River Park Lodge 356. Banquet before Lodge.

5th / 7:30 PM - Installation at Unity Lodge 710. Banquet before Lodge.

7th / 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM - MasoniChIP event at Streetsville Bread and Honey Festival. Hosted by West Gate Lodge 734.

7th & 8th / Noon - 4:30 PM - MasoniChIP event at Streetsville Bread and Honey Festival. Hosted by West Gate Lodge 734.

10th / 7:30 PM - Installation at South Gate Lodge 674. Banquet before Lodge.

11th / 7:30 PM - Installation at West Gate Lodge No. 734. Banquet at 6:30 PM.

17th / 7:30 PM—Lecture on Esoteric interpretation of the 3rd Degree by W Bro Rob Lund at Peel Lodge 468

27th / 7:30 PM - Installation at Ibrox Lodge 740. Banquet before Lodge.

July

16th / 4:30 PM - Toronto West District Meeting at Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge 159th Annual Communication will take place Monday, July 14 to Thursday, July 17, 1014.

August

28th - 8th Annual Peel Lodge Golf Tournament. Mayfield Golf Course on Torbram Road Caledon. \$115.00 per golfer, registration gift, 18 holes with cart, steak dinner, prize draw during dinner. Application forms available from the lodge secretary or www.masonicfamily.ca

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

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