



## From The Chair



### Fall Back to Work

Dear Brethren,

As summer draws to a close, I hope you all have had the opportunity to relax and unwind a bit. This year summer seemed to fly by: perhaps because of the cooler weather or maybe I was just too busy. Either way, I was surprised to see the sun go down at 8 last night.

So as we adjust to the light, we naturally must to prepare ourselves to resume our Masonic duties. We have many items to touch upon, but some are more pressing than others at the moment. To that end, let's keep in mind the following items:

I invite all brethren to join in Congratulating W. Bro Alex Munroe on his appointment to Grand Lodge as Grand Lodge Piper. On Sept 19, our first Regular meeting after the summer break, we will be honouring W.

Bro Alex Munroe with a Grand Lodge reception at Kilwinning Lodge. We are expecting Grand Lodge attendance and will be providing a dinner with head table, toasts, etc. Following dinner, we will be opening lodge and presenting Alex with his GL regalia. Dinner is at 6:30pm, with the meeting and presentation following after.

Our Finance committee has met a few times over the break, and we now have a better idea of how to approach some of our financial challenges. The first and most important being Dues collection. If you haven't paid you dues for this year please do so ASAP as the coffers are a bit low and we have many plans in the works which will require attention.

I would like to call on our phone

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#### Special points of interest:

- *What's been happening*
- *News and reviews*
- *Masonic visit article*
- *Wisdom*
- *New at Grand Lodge*
- *What's coming up?*

committee Volunteers: (Bros. Ross Golden, Don Cowie, Rick Mowles, and Joseph Ganetakos) to contact our brethren who have not been out to lodge recently, and see if we can re-establish their fraternal bond with Kilwinning 565. (Brethren, watch for your portion of the contact list and a suggested question sheet or script that may help to clarify the intentions or

Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far, and I looking forward to getting back to our good work.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
W. Bro. Marc Decorte  
Worshipful Master

## Book Review

W. Bro. Rob Lund

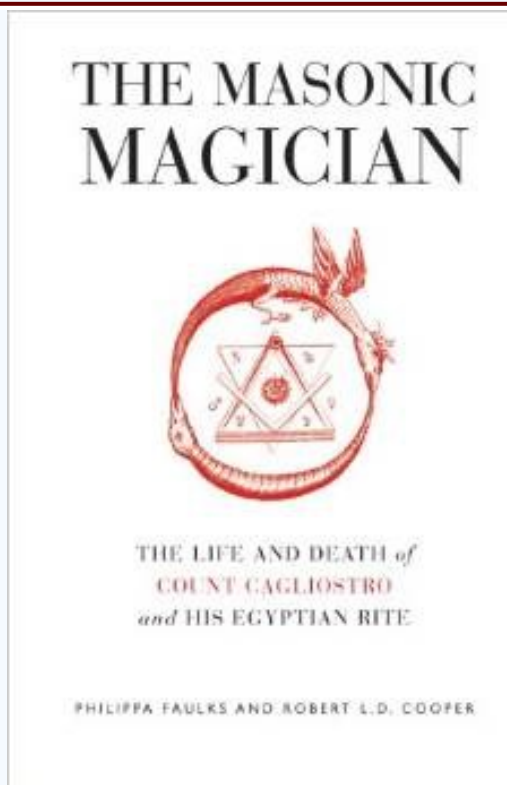
# **The Masonic Magician: The Life and Death of Count Cagliostro and His Egyptian Rite**

**By Philippa Faulks and Robert L D Cooper**

Count Alessandro Cagliostro was a cult figure in European society in the tumultuous years leading to the French Revolution, becoming the subject of novels by Alexander Dumas, a drama by Goethe, and Mozart's opera The Magic Flute. While he was supported in many circles, he was also ostracized as a charlatan by others. Even today, he is seen as another historical embarrassment.

He spent most of his life trying to persuade Masonic Lodges to adopt his Egyptian Rite of Freemasonry. He intended this as an enhancement to the Craft Degrees. Along the way he made some dangerous enemies and, in 1789, after going to Rome, he was arrested by the Inquisition and condemned to death for heresy. I think he was a casualty of his own folly, which included a betrayal by his own wife.

The discovery of a mysterious manuscript found in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland,



after being translated from old French, proved to be a copy of Cagliostro's Egyptian Rite. This is included in the book, and gives some insight into Cagliostro's secret spiritual teachings, and an understanding of his beliefs.

The Masonic Magician tells Cagliostro's extraordinary story and presents the case made against him (that he was an impostor as well as a heretic). We find that the Roman Church, and history itself, have done him a terrible injustice. The authors reveal that the man condemned was misunderstood and was, in fact, a remarkable

visionary, with superior knowledge of the occult and alchemy. His Egyptian Rite shows a wealth of knowledge and wisdom, a path of true initiation, an alchemical transformation, and a path to true enlightenment.

The book shows that he was a true champion of Freemasonry—and that his teachings have much to reveal to us today.

# Travelers Tribe Masonic Club

By Bro. Laurie Roberts



On a trip to the Middle East in February of this year, I was shopping in the Souq gold bazaar in Bahrain for some jewelry for my wife. Jewelry is fairly cheap there. Even though Freemasonry is banned in most of the Middle East, I asked the salesman if they had any Masonic rings. The salesman told me to wait while he called his boss who, to my surprise, came out with a very large selection. After chatting for a while, I asked him if he knew of any Masons in the city. He then in-



troduced me to Brother Marvin, who told me that the only lodge in Bahrain was on the US military base. However, he informed me that there was a Masonic Club.

They were called the Travelers Tribe Masonic Club. I asked if it was possible to attend one of their meetings. He was a bit hesitant, then told me that he would have to check. He took my contact details and said he would get back to me.

A few days later, I got a call and was informed that I could, indeed, visit the club. I asked him where they meet as my friend would drop me off and pick me up. He insisted that they would pick me up. This they duly did. There were four people in the car—I found out later they car pool to meetings since they didn't want to attract any attention, and meetings are held in residences so as to keep it private.

We came to an area that was very dark and deserted—I knew that if I was left on my own in that area, I would never make it back to my hotel. We went into an apartment, where the doors were locked and the drapes were drawn. I guessed they were being cautious.

The meeting that took place was very much like our Lodge business meetings—no ceremonies.

When it came to the treasurer's report, he declared that they were broke—all money had been spent. I found out that they had spent what they had on an orphanage at Christmas time.

They then started planning a fundraising. The purpose being to use whatever was raised, no matter the amount, to purchase materials such as paint, drywall, and so on, that would be used to improve the same orphanage, through their own efforts and labour.

This was wonderful, I thought. I also found out that just a short time prior to that, they had build a basketball court, from scratch, including leveling the ground, for a local school. This, I thought is what our Lodge needs to do more of. This is the spirit of Masonry, and what charity is all about.

The aim of the club is fraternal friendship and commitment to community service. While they were not able to practice Freemasonry as we know it, they were able to practice the principles and tenets of Freemasonry.

The club was formed around eleven years ago, consisting mostly of Filipino freemasons from the US military, and civilian professionals.

The dedication and spirit that characterized this fine organization would soon span the entire region replicating numerous havens for sojourning travelers. Initially organized to serve as focal point for freemasons to get together for fellowship and fun, it was painstakingly nurtured and molded by its visionary founders into a respectable and thriving force for good.

The club generally meets once a month, with the business taking up one to two hours, followed by fraternization with plenty of corn, wine and oil, if you get my meaning.

I commend their spirit.



## WISDOM

### Our goal in life:

To tread our unique path on the journey of ever expanding consciousness, to complete the return journey to the Source of our being.

This is taught by all the mystery schools!

# Grand Lodge Officer's List

## 2014

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Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Donald Alexander Campbell

Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Terence Shand

Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Robert Edwin Davies

Custodian of the Work and Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling

Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Ronald Eric Groshaw

Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. John Cameron Green

Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. William Russel Pellow

Grand Senior Warden

R.W. Bro. Terrance H.R. Van Horne

Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Charles Edwin Drew

Grand Junior Warden

R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte FCF

Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Donald Herbert Mumby

Grand Registrar

R.W. Bro. Roger James Hillier

Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Gary Laverne Atkinson

Grand Chaplain

R.W. Bro. Albert Edward Morris

Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Allan John Petrisor

Grand Treasurer

R.W. Bro. Thomas Wallace Hogeboom

Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Raymond Sidney Daniels

Grand Director of Ceremonies

R.W. Bro. William Frederic Utton

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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.torontowestdistrict.com](http://www.torontowestdistrict.com)

- Educational articles can also be found on the District web site.
- **Grand Lodge:** [www.grandlodge.on.ca](http://www.grandlodge.on.ca)

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# Upcoming Events

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Enjoy a variety of interesting and inspiring speakers  
in the midst of Masonic fellowship and learning!

*"Ensuring the Timeless Vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario"*

## ONTARIO MASONIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE



**Saturday, September 27th, 2014**

Registration 8 AM | Start 9 AM | Lunch Noon | Wrap-up 4 PM

**Humber College North Campus**

203 Humber College Boulevard, Toronto | Lecture Theatre E135

[Click on the picture above for the program and registration details](#)

### September 2014

6th / 8:00 AM - "Warden's Association" Host: River Park Lodge No. 356 at River Park Masonic Temple  
Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Meeting: 9:00 am – 11:30 AM

16th / 7:30 PM - Reception for R.W. Bro. Edward Morris, Grand Chaplin hosted by Victoria Lodge No. 474, West Toronto Masonic Temple. Banquet 6:30 PM

19th / 7:30 PM - Reception for R.W. Bro. Alex Munroe, Grand Piper hosted by Kilwinning Lodge No 565 at West Toronto Masonic Temple. Banquet at 6:30 PM.

24th / 7:30 PM - "Travelling Gavel Challenge" at the River Park Masonic Temple. Hosted by West Gate Lodge 734.

27th / 9:00 AM - Ontario Masonic Education Conference. Humber College, Toronto. Follow link for more info.

29th / 7:30 PM - Toronto West District Meeting at Mississauga Masonic Temple in Port Credit.

30th / 7:30 PM - Mississauga Lodge 524 "Centennial Ceremony" at the Mississauga Masonic Temple. Banquet before Lodge at 6:30 PM. Banquet Ticket \$40 with limited availability. Payable by Cheque only to Mississauga Lodge

No.524. Mail to: Andy R. Penaflor - 4181 Wakefield Crescent, Mississauga, ON. L5C 4M2

### October 2014

2nd / 7:00 PM - "Lodge of Instruction" at Brampton Masonic Centre hosted by Unity Lodge 710.

8th / 7:30 PM - Reception for V.W. Bro. Donald G. Clarke, Grand Steward hosted by West Gate Lodge 734 at River Park Masonic Temple. Banquet to follow meeting.

16th / 7:30 PM - Reception for R.W. Bro. James M. Lawson; District Deputy Grand Master-Toronto West District hosted by Mississauga Lodge No. 524 at Mississauga Masonic Temple.

18th / 6:00 PM - "A Night of Blues, Featuring the Crossroad Blues Band" West Toronto Masonic Temple, 151 Annette St. Hosted by The General Mercer Lodge No. 548  
Doors Open: 6pm Dinner: 7pm Tickets \$30 (includes dinner) Contact Bro. Rob Tippet (pincrusher3002004@yahoo.ca) or Bro. Bill Keenan (bill@bigmojo.net) for tickets.