



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



Happy Holiday Season!

Greetings Brethren,
 December has arrived and I hope you all have lit your fires and strung your lights in preparation for the upcoming festive season. It is promising to be busy indeed.
 You may remember last month that I expressed concerned that we were falling behind in our degree work, I am pleased to announce that we are back on track.
 On Monday, Dec 1 we will be passing Bro. Jason Moyse to the 2nd degree, and I am pleased to see an eager degree team ready for the task. In addition we have confirmed Bro. Stark as our candidate for his 2nd degree on our DDGM visit in February. We also have new applicants in process and look forward to their initiations.
 On Saturday we held our ladies appreciation dinner and social at the Brampton Wok of Fame Restaurant. It was a nice opportunity to get out for a meal and enjoy the company of family and friends. Although a bit of a drive for me coming from the east (no pun intended) it was worth the trip. I was very happy to see W. Bro. Joe Lisi and his wife Nella out for the

evening and wish them all the best. Even though this time of year can get busy, I am pleased that many of the brethren were able to attend. Kilwinning has a proud Scottish tradition and this is reflected in our St. Andrews night and Robert Burns Supper celebrations. In the past, we have combined our Ladies night with our St Andrews celebration. This year however, due to time and planning, we opted for a more informal evening for our ladies night. We will however be continuing our Scottish theme with our Burns supper in January and enjoying the festivities with dinner and highland dancing demonstrations.

Although this time of year gets very busy, it is important to remember that we have responsibilities that require attention. Taking the time to make sure that our family and friends are well provided for is our first concern. We should also, if we are able, make some time to support our Lodge, our Temple and District initiatives.

In light of this, I'll remind you of the

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Christmas concert on December 5 in support of our own West Toronto Masonic Temple. I believe it is important to support this fundraiser for further restoration of the temple.

Other dates to remember are:

Wardens Assoc. Meeting Dec 6 -8am
(Lakeshore Lodge 645)

Kilwinning 565 Installation December 19
(banquet before lodge)

Robert Burns supper January 16 /15

Kilwinning DDGM official Visit February 20 /15

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

W. Bro. Marc Decorte

Worshipful Master

Book Review

W. Bro. Rob Lund

Forged

By Bart D. Ehrman

This book discusses the writers of the Christian scriptures, and will be of great interest to those who are interested in Christian sacred texts, specifically the New Testament, and to those seeking truth.

Before getting more into this book, let's first take a look at the author. He became a born-again Christian at an early age, and attended a fundamentalist Bible College, followed by a Bachelor's degree, taking Ancient Greek to enable study of the texts in their original language. He then went to Princeton theological Seminary to study under one of the great scholars of the New Testament, and earned a Ph.D. He is now a Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at UNC, and a leading authority on the bible and the life of Jesus. He has appeared on numerous TV channels.

Even early in his studies, he realized that the truth regarding the Bible was not at all what he once thought. He found that the bible was full of inconsistencies and errors, and was therefore not altogether true. Moreover, he discovered that it also contained lies and forgeries.

The New Testament is a collection of various religious texts that were compiled in the 4th

century AD. Many texts were *not* included because they did not fall in line with the doctrines then set out by the so-called "founding fathers" of the church.

The author categorizes different types of errors and forgeries. Homonymous writings are those written by someone who happens to have the same name as someone else. Pseudonymous writings appear under the name of someone other than the author, mostly a well-known authoritative person. These are called pseudepigraphical writings. Some of these are a result of anonymous writings (such as the Gospels) which had an author ascribed to it later, by someone else.

Over the centuries since the compilation, some biblical scholars, through analysis of the writing style and content, were able to realize some forgeries. Nowadays, it is much easier, with the help of computer programs that can analyze style and grammar, length of sentences and paragraphs, etc.

We find also, that parts of the scriptures were deliberately altered. An example is 1 Corinthians 14:34-35

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Ancient Wisdom

Natural Law—Part 2

This article continues an introduction to Natural Law - the Cosmic Law - the law of the universe.

The general Principles of NATURAL LAW have come to us from ancient Egyptian times, and can be distilled into seven principles (also known as the Hermetic Principles):

1. The Principle of Mentalism
2. The Principle of Correspondence
3. The Principle of Vibration
4. The Principle of Polarity
5. The Principle of Rhythm
6. The Principle of Cause and Effect
7. The Principle of Gender

We will examine each of these principles in the next few issues of this newsletter.

Previously, we covered the Principle of Mentalism.

The Principle of Correspondence

“As above, so below; as below, so above”

spondence between the laws and phenomena of the various planes of Being and Life.

The Hermetic axiom *“As above, so below; as below, so above”* gives one the means of solving many paradoxes, and hidden secrets of Nature.

There are planes beyond our material senses, but when we apply the Principle of Correspondence to them, we are able to understand much that would otherwise be unknowable to us. This principle has universal application and manifestation, on the various planes of the material, mental, and spiritual universe.

The ancient Hermetists considered this Principle as one of the most important mental instruments by which man was able to peer behind the veil of the Unknown. Just as a knowledge of the principles of Geometry enables man to measure distant suns and their movements, while seated in his observatory, so a knowledge of the Principle of Correspondence enables Man to reason intelligently, and extrapolate, from the known to the unknown.

Everything in the Universe emanates from the same source, and the same laws, principles, and characteristics apply to each activity, as each manifests its own phenomena upon its own plane.

This Principle embodies the truth that there is always a harmony, agreement, and corre-

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The Principle of Vibration

“Nothing rests; everything moves; everything vibrates.”

This principle states that everything is in motion, nothing is at rest, and everything vibrates. It is a truth known thousands of years ago by the mystery schools of Egypt, and which is now endorsed by modern science.

This principles states that the differences between various manifestations of matter, energy, mind, and even spirit, are due to varying rates of vibration. The higher the vibration, the closer to pure spirit. The grossest forms of matter are vibrating at a relatively low frequency, appearing at rest. On the opposite end of the scale, the vibration of spirit is vibrat-

“Mastery consists not in abnormal dreams, visions, and fantastic imaginings or living, but in using the higher forces against the lower - escaping the pains of the lower planes by vibrating on the higher”

ing at an almost infinite rate. This applies

to the mental planes (whose states depend on vibration), as well as the spiritual planes.

An understanding of this principle enables Hermetic students, with the appropriate formulas, to control their own mental vibrations, as well as that of others. The Masters can apply this principle in order to conquer natural phenomena in various ways.

Science, in describing dimensions, ascribes Time as the fourth dimension. In all the mystery schools, the fourth dimension is defined as that of vibration. The varying degrees of vibration are the basis of different planes.

Science, for a long time, considered space to be an empty place. But it has been determined that most of the universe consists of Dark Matter and Dark energy, neither of which can yet be explained. The mystery schools have long known that the universe consists of a vibratory energy which permeates everything. This energy can conduct all manifestation of thought, emotion, desire, and can, by a form of induction, enter the minds of others. This is the basis for Telepathy, and other mental influences.

“He who understands the Principle of Vibration has grasped the sceptre of power.”

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

Chef 's Corner by Bro. Phil Horrigan

Spiced Garlic/Chocolate BBQ Chicken

Recipe by Bro. Devyn Christopher Gillette

Ingredients:

- 8-12 chicken drums
- sea salt
- ground black pepper
- garlic powder
- onion powder
- ground cayenne
- 2 cups BBQ sauce (PC Smokin' Stampede)
- 4 tbslp pure maple syrup
- 2 tbslp chocolate sauce (Hershey's)

Method:

1. Pre-season chicken drums with sprinkling of salt, black pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, and dash ground cayenne to taste. Grill over medium heat until lightly browned.
2. In a bowl, blend together BBQ sauce, maple syrup, and chocolate sauce with additional sprinkling of onion powder and ground cayenne to taste. Glaze over drums at least twice on both sides, turning them on the grill every two minutes or so, or until desired doneness. .

Enjoy!

If there is anyone who would like to share a recipe they love, please do so by sending it to Phil at philandsteph@rogers.com

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"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. And if they will learn any

thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. "

Not only does this interrupt the flow of talk about prophecy in this chapter but it is also contrary to what was said in 1 Corinthians 11, just three chapters earlier.

Of the thirteen letters of Paul, only seven were written by him. Many other Pauline writings were not written by Paul. Acts of the Apostles, 2 Thessalonians, Jude, Ephesians, Titus, Colossians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Hebrews, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, the Gospels

(Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), and Revelations are all pseudepigraphal.

If you want to know about the evidence for these conclusions, you will have to read the book.

Why would someone want to forge these texts? There are numerous reasons: money; political, social, instigating anti-Semitism; forcing one group's views.

Many people have used the expression: "The gospel truth" when persuading someone to believe that they are telling the truth. However, since the Gospels were not actually written by these people, where does this leave "truth"?



Upcoming Events

WEST TORONTO MASONIC TEMPLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FEATURING ORGANIST

CLARENT CARELSE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

HOSTED BY KING HIRAM LODGE 566

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December 2014

Friday, Dec 5 7:00pm
West Toronto Masonic Temple Christmas Concert

Saturday, Dec 6 9:00am Breakfast 8:00am
Warden's Association Meeting

Thursday, Dec 11 7:30pm Banquet 6:30pm
Installation at Mississauga Lodge 524

Friday, Dec 19 7:30pm Banquet 6:30pm
January 2015

Installation at Kilwinning Lodge 565

January 2015

Saturday, January 3, 2015 8:00am
Warden's Association Meeting

Monday, January 5, 2015 7:30pm
Installation at Lake Shore Lodge 645

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 7:30pm
Official Visit to Ionic Lodge 229

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 7:30pm
Official Visit to Runnymede Lodge 619

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 7:30pm
Installation at Long Branch Lodge 632

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

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