



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



The Big One Is Over!

Greetings from the East, Brethren,

As you all know, Friday February 20th was our official visit from our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. James G Lawson, and Grand Lodge Officers. Also in attendance was Grand Steward VW Donald Clarke, our own Grand Piper VW Bro. Alex Munroe and of course The District Secretary W Bro Efren Recuenco. It was a great pleasure to have them visit Kilwinning for this important event.

MEMORIAL: With sadness we remember one of our own V. W. Cyril George Weston (originally of Temple lodge) and the father of Bro. Scott Greenaway, Paul

Greenaway. Both of whom just these last weeks have passed to the grand lodge above. Although I didn't personally know Paul Greenaway personally, I hope that Scott, and family, can take some comfort in knowing that he is at peace.

Bro. Cy Weston is remembered fondly by the brethren of Temple Lodge and Kilwinning Lodge and his passing will surely be felt throughout the district. VW Bro. Cy Weston's memorial service was extremely well supported by Lodges, District and Grand lodge officers and members throughout more than our district, indeed overflowing into the hallways. Our Bro. Cy Weston will be missed by myself and all the brethren of Tem-

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ple/Kilwinning Lodges but he will be warmly remembered by so many more.

Every lodge knows that as their DDGM visit approaches, it is the one evening that can be a bit stressful. All of the officers at Kilwinning have been working hard to polish our ritual work and mechanics, in order to provide a good demonstration of our degree work. I am happy to say that my nerves calmed when the opportunity to meet RW Bro. James Lawson the DDGM and W.Bro Efren Recuenco, the District Secretary casually prior to our lodge meeting. It was a pleasure to chat with them and also to get a head start some of the duties of the of the evening.

Congratulations to Bro. Cristian De La Rosa on his being initiated into our ancient and honorable craft.

It was a pleasure to see Cristian's Sponsor Bro. Yovany Morett in Lodge knowing that he was traveling in from the east coast that day. That's a great display of mentorship.

My thanks go to our official visitors: W. Bro Scott Jackson and members of King Hiram Lodge, and attending members of Victoria Lodge for attending the evening, and look forward to sharing many more reciprocal fraternal visits.

After assembling for our banquet, the invocation and opening toasts, we sat for another excellent meal provided by our JW, Bro. Phil Horrigan, prepared by one of our newest members Bro.

Michael Siu.

Bro. Keith Thomson offered the toast to Grand lodge and R.W. Bro. James G Lawson provided an inspired speech.

Bro James Low provided our toast to the visitors responded to by W Bro Scott Jackson.

Here I must thank the members of the Lodges of the West Toronto Temple for continuing our official visit initiative. If we can attend the important dates for all the Annette St Lodges we will solidify our fraternal bond and grow even stronger together.

Visiting other lodges provides a venue to watch degree work in a more relaxed capacity as observers rather than performers. Visiting can be just as educational as fraternal. I strongly encourage every member to participate in our visits and educational events if not just for the opportunity to review.

Dates To Remember:

Friday Feb 27

Prince of Wales Installation West Toronto Temple- Banquet 630pm

Thursday March 12

Kilwinning Lodge is the official visitors for Mount Sinai Pillars lodge on Thursday March 12 2015.

Please plan to make this event in Thornhill!

Thursday March 12

University Lodge official visit
Temple

West Toronto
Temple

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Wednesday March 25

West Gate Lodge Official Visit Streetsville

Overall I believe our DDGM official visit was a success. Even with a smaller turnout than ex-

pected, we still had an enjoyable time. With good fraternal engagement, great food and the opportunity to practice our craft how could it not be?

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Marc Decorte

Worshipful Master

Masonic "Landmarks"

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

I came across a web site called "Masonic curiosities" which had some interesting pictures all related to Freemasonry. I decided to show a few of them here.

Freemason Island

An island off the coast of Louisiana. It changes over time depending on hurricane activity.



Mason City, Iowa

First called "Shibboleth", then Masonic Grove, then Masonville, and finally it is known today as Mason City. This hotel in the town was design by Frank Lloyd Wright.



Freemason Street, Norfolk, Virginia.



Masonic Monument, Eilat, Israel



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Auditorium, International Peace Gardens

Situated on the border between Manitoba and North Dakota, The gardens were jointly sponsored by the Grand Lodges of North Dakota and Manitoba.



Masonic Memorial, Ascuncion, Paraguay

Situated at the airport.



Capstone, Denver International Airport

This stone, and other artifacts at the airport have given rise to many conspiracy theories.

This capstone is for a time capsule, to be opened in the year 2094, supposedly containing messages and memorabilia for the people

of Colorado.



Lamppost, Ulster Hall, Belfast, N. Ireland

This lamppost is decorate with cherubim wearing masonic aprons and clutching masonic working tools.



Programs

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Ancient Wisdom

Natural Law—Part 5

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.

The previous edition covered the Principle of Rhythm.

The Principle of Cause and Effect

“Every Cause has its Effect; every Effect has its Cause; everything happens according to Law; Chance is but a name for Law not recognized; there are many planes of causation, but nothing escapes the Law.”

This principle is a component of what is known as the Law of Karma by many Mystery schools.

This principle embodies the truth that Law pervades the Universe; that nothing happens by Chance. This principle is continuous, without break and without exception.

*“Law pervades the Universe;
nothing happens by Chance”*

Chance is merely a term indicating an existing but obscure and unrecognized cause. There is no chance whatsoever about the fall of dice. Each time a die falls, and displays a certain number, it obeys a law as infallible as that which governs the revolution of the planets around the sun. Contributing to the fall of the die are causes, or chains of causes, running back further than the mind can follow. The position of the die in the box; the amount of muscular energy expended in the throw; the condition of the table, etc., etc., all are causes, the effect of which may be seen. But behind these seen causes there are chains of unseen preceding causes, all of which had a bearing upon the number of the die which fell uppermost.

*“There is no chance whatsoever
about the fall of dice”*

Cause and Effect has to do with events. An “event” is something that happens, as a result or consequent of some preceding event. There is a continuity between all events precedent, consequent and subsequent. There is a relation existing between everything that has gone before, and everything that follows.

Consider the passage of a tiny speck of soot before your eye. It is not an easy matter to trace

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the bit of soot back to the early period of the world's history when it formed a part of a massive tree-trunk, which was afterward converted into coal, and so on, until, as a speck of soot, it now passes before your vision on its way to other adventures. And a mighty chain of events, causes and effects, brought it to its present condition, and the latter is but one of the chain of events which will go to produce other events hundreds of years from now. One of the series of events arising from the tiny bit of soot was the writing of these lines, which caused the typist to perform certain work, and which will arouse certain thoughts in your mind, and that of others, which in turn will affect others, and so on, and on, and on, beyond the ability of man to think further-and all from the passage of a tiny bit of soot, all of which shows the relativity and association of things, and the further fact that "there is no great; there is no small; in the mind that causeth all."

"Even the hairs on our head are numbered" as the scriptures have said. There is nothing outside of Law; nothing that happens contrary to it. And yet, do not make the mistake of supposing that Man is but a blind automaton, being moved, as mere pawns, on the checkerboard of life -far from that. The Hermetic Teachings are that Man may use Law to overcome laws, and that the higher will always prevail against the lower.

The Masters, knowing the rules of the game, rise above the plane of material life, and placing themselves in touch with the higher powers of their nature, dominate their own moods, characters, qualities, and polarity, as well as the environment surrounding them and thus become Movers in the game, instead of Pawns-Causes instead of Effects. The Masters do not escape the Causation of the higher planes, but fall in with the higher laws, and thus master circumstances on the lower plane. They thus form a conscious part of the Law, instead of being mere blind instruments.

"To change your mood or mental state-change your vibration."

Any deed, word, or thought, by anyone, will eventually result in the same deed, word, or thought returning to its originator.

When considering this principle, together with the principles of Rhythm, Mentalism, and Polarity, one will realize that any deed, word, or thought, by anyone, will eventually result in the same deed, word, or thought returning to its originator. This means that if one wants to experience good things, one has to create good things. The same applies to bad things.

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

Further Light

Reflections

The Newsletter of the Committee on Masonic Education is published quarterly. Its goal is to make available articles and presentations written for Masons of Ontario.

The cost of a yearly subscription is only \$ 18.00 for the 2014 Masonic Year and can be ordered by writing to "Masonic Education Newsletter", c/o the Subscription Manager for the Reflections Newsletter: R.W. Bro. Lindsay Reiach, 41 Dunrobin Drive, Caledonia, Ontario, N3W 2N. Lreiachz@shaw.ca. 905 765 8341. Your cheque should be made out to "Masonic Education Newsletter". Please indicate your Lodge's name and number, your District's name, your name and the mailing address where you would like to receive this publication.

Reflections is always seeking articles about Freemasonry written by Freemasons. Please submit them to its Editor, Bro. Andrew Douris, F.C.F., e-mail: deon-fortuna@hotmail.com. Articles are often approximately 1,200 words in length. Articles of special merit might be printed in sections over several issues while short articles provide an excellent resource for a brief Masonic Education moment in Open Lodge. Please adhere to the following deadlines for submissions: Fall issue = August 1, Winter issue = November 1, Spring issue = February 1, Summer issue = May 1.

College of Freemasonry

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education offers interesting Correspondence Courses on Masonic Education throughout this Jurisdiction which is comprised of nineteen different modules. Any Master Mason may take any module individually for \$10.00 each or they may wish to complete a course of study for a set fee. If a Brother takes an individual module today, and decides to complete a course of study later in time, he will be accredited with the module he has completed prior. In other words, he does not have to pay for or rewrite what he has already completed in the past. There are three courses of study offered by the College of Freemasonry:

1. "The Masonic Arts and Sciences" course (eighteen modules).

2. The "Past Master's course" (eleven modules)
3. The "Worshipful Master course" (eight modules). Any Brother looking to run for the DDGM of their District or Grand Registrar, the course required by the Book of Constitution, Section 50(b), is the "Past Master's Course". This course is also great for those looking to be a District Secretary.

For those who wish to pay by cheque, please send it to W. Bro. George Warner, 4010 Chadburn Crescent, Mississauga, ON, L5L 3X2. For those who wish to pay via credit card, just fill in the application form and send it to masonic.college@gmail.com, and the Brother will be emailed payment instructions through Paypal (an account is not necessary). If any Brother has any questions, they may email R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte, FCF, Principal, College of Freemasonry, masonic.college@gmail.com.

You may also get information by going to the Grand Lodge Website, sign in, click "Membership", then "College of Freemasonry". There are many electronic books and other resources there.

Heritage Lodge

Heritage Lodge No. 730 G.R.C. was formed to provide an intellectual environment for the pursuit of Masonic knowledge and also to provide a means for receiving and recording historical artefacts to ensure the preservation of our Masonic Heritage without encroaching on the normal functions of Constituent Lodges.

Heritage Lodge accepts, by affiliation in the usual manner, all Masons of like-mind, desirous of working together to fulfil the aims and objectives established by the membership.

The Lodge Secretary is R.W. Bro. Kenneth E. Campbell, e-mail: heritagelod730@xplornet.com. The fee for Affiliation is \$ 55.00 and the annual dues are also \$ 55.00. R.W. Bro. Robert C. McBride is the Heritage Lodge Regional Liaison Chairman for the Ontario, Peterborough and Victoria Districts. He can be reached by sending an e-mail to ddgm2007@nexicom.net.

Bacon-wrapped Meat Loaf

Recipe from Bro. Jamie Low

Who doesn't love meat loaf?

I think meat loaf is probably a favourite in every family, to be enjoyed any time for any meal.

Walking into the house with the aroma of meat loaf baking in the oven makes my mouth water.

Add to that, with this recipe, the smell of bacon, and you have the beginnings of heaven.

Ingredients:

- 2 lb. regular ground beef
- 1 lb. ground pork (or turkey)
- 1 packet of onion soup mix
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- 1/2 lb. of bacon strips, or more as needed
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 tsp. oregano

Method:

Preheat oven to 375°

Add all ingredients (except bacon) in a large bowl.

Mix thoroughly with your hands.

Form the mixture into a loaf-like shape on a cookie sheet or wide casserole dish (leaving plenty of room around the sides).

Lay strips of bacon over the top of the loaf, slightly overlapping. Tuck each strip under the sides of the loaf as you go. Finish by wrapping strips around the sides of the loaf.

(See picture)



Place the loaf in the oven, and bake on the centre rack for 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Enjoy the aroma!

The bacon will reduce the likelihood of the meat loaf drying out.



Serve with mashed potatoes and mushroom gravy.

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

Upcoming Events

“The Masonic Empire of Thomas Dunckerley England to Quebec and the Broad Oceans In-between”



Sunday, March 22, 2015 | 3 PM

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March 2015

Tue Mar 3, 2015 7:30pm - 10:30pm
Official Visit to South Gate Lodge 674

Thu Mar 5, 2015 7:30pm - 10:30pm
Official Visit to Unity Lodge 710

Sat Mar 7, 2015 8am - 11am
Warden's Association Meeting

Thu Mar 12, 2015 7:30pm - 10:30pm
Official Visit to University Lodge 496

Tue Mar 17, 2015 7:30pm - 10:30pm
Official Visit to Long Branch Lodge 632

Fri Mar 20, 2015 7:30pm - 10:30pm
Official Visit to Anthony Sayer Lodge 640

Sun Mar 22, 2015 3pm
Sankey Lecture at Brock University

Wed Mar 25, 2015 7:30pm - 10:30pm
Official Visit to West Gate Lodge 734

Tuesday, March 31 5:00pm
Grand Master's Reception - Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall

April 2015

Saturday, April 4 8:00am
Warden's Association Meeting

Wednesday, April 8 7:30pm
Installation at Runnymede Lodge 619

Thursday, April 9 7:30pm
Installation at Connaught Lodge 501

Monday, April 20 7:30p
Installation at Mount Moriah Lodge 727

Sunday, April 26 7:00pm
District Divine Service

Monday, April 27 7:30p
Official Visit to Chinguacousy Lodge 738

Wednesday, April 29 7:30pm
District Meeting

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

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