



# Kilwinning 565 News

## From The Chair



### Great Visits

Greetings from the East, Brethren, With the arrival of April and winter behind us, we can now look toward warmer weather and spring activities. This winter session at Kilwinning has been busy. We have pushed forward with new lodge initiatives and committee work. Our degree work is relatively solid and improving. We have had a favorable report from the DDGM visit and will be continuing on with our degrees and visitation agenda. March presented some terrific and long standing reciprocal visits. We again were out in numbers as official visitors to Mount Sinai Pillars Lodge Toronto Don Valley. W. Bro Victor Rubinoff treated us to a very rare double initiation of father and son candidates. Kilwinning brethren were also out as official visitors to Westgate Lodge Toronto West District for their DDGM official visit. After Lodge Westgate provided a lovely banquet

and more than a few laughs, with some fun speeches and comedic presentations to the DDGM. Thanks to all of you Kilwinning brethren who participated. It makes the event that much more enjoyable when we can get numbers out. Now to business: as always here comes the list of to do's, must do's and try to's.

**NOTE: We will not be having an emergent meeting on Monday April 6th.**

Unfortunately the Wardens Assoc. meeting has been moved to April 11 due to the Easter long weekend. The meeting will be held at the Streetsville Temple.

Kilwinning Regular Meeting Friday April 17th: we will have a 2nd Degree that night, so watch for the work allocations in your email inbox.

Runnymede Lodge installation is on

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#### Special points of interest:

- *What's been happening*
- *News and reviews*
- *Wisdom*
- *Recipe*
- *What's coming up?*
- *Opportunity for further light*

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Wednesday April 8th

Poker Night Saturday April 25 In support of our own Temple. The tickets are \$75.00 ea., but look what it includes! A delicious Meal and 2 Drinks, instruction and your poker for the evening,.. and..1st prize is a trip for 2 to Las Vegas-Tickets 75.00 each, I have 8 tickets left and the evening is almost sold out so...

This will be great fun and in support of YOUR HOME so contact me ASAP to reserve tickets.

Sunday April 26th is the District Divine Service. Please see the District website for Details.

Thanks again for your attention and I look forward to seeing you at Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Marc Decorte

Worshipful Master

## Book Review

### Freemasonry, Ancient Egypt and the Islamic Destiny

By Mustafa El-Amin

This book, published in 1988, examines what it is about Freemasonry that made most of the founding fathers of America feel the need to embrace it; why is it that so many people of influence (members of Congress, the Supreme Court, judges, politicians)--past and present--have joined and studied the teachings of Freemasonry.

It purports to show the connection between Freemasonry, America, and Ancient Egypt. The author manages to do that by presenting bits of American history, then showing how Masonic principles relate and have influenced this history. At the same time, he quotes from the Bible and the Quran, and also makes references to ancient Egypt. He also makes connections from Osiris to Hiram to the Crucifix. He covers the story of Moses from the Egyptian connection, and that of Joseph. He shows the allegorical meanings of many biblical stories.

There is lots of emphasis on the enslavement of Africans in previous centuries and talks about their continued enslavement at the time he wrote this book.

The author seems to have had access to all the Masonic rituals, including York Rite, Scottish

rite, and Shriners. He also quotes from prolific and wise Masonic authors such as Manley P Hall, Albert Pike, George Steinmetz, Albert

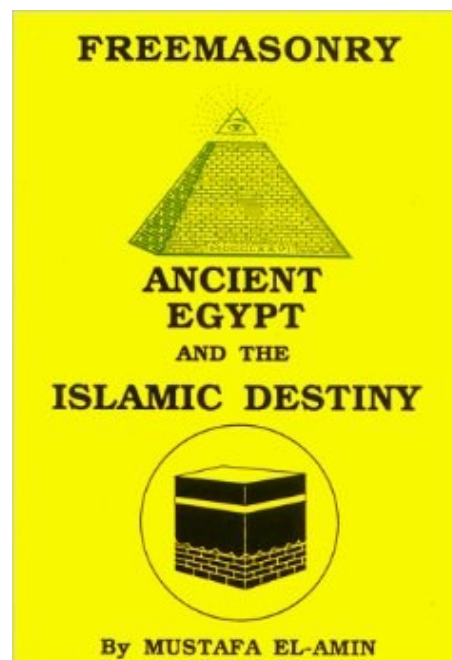
Mackey, and even Walter L Wilms-hurst.

All the while, he is hinting that Freemasonry is alluding to an "Islamic destiny". He especially emphasizes the Shriner ritual as evidence of this.

He urges Black Masons to become Muslims, citing that

the Quran says not to hide anything, and Freemasonry is hidden (bear in mind: 1988).

However, despite the author's having studied the ritual books, and read Wilms-hurst's explanation of it, I don't think the author gets the true nature and meaning of Freemasonry. So, while the book might be of historical interest, I would not take anything else seriously.



## Programs



**start something**  
A change of shoes can change a life

**IN SUPPORT OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PEEL**

Saturday, April 11th, 2015 - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Community Service Group & Family Day

Brunswick Bramalea Lanes, 50 Bramtree Court, Brampton

**CLICK FOR MORE INFO**



## Masonic Foundation Of Ontario

**Ways to donate:**

**Online—Through [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org)**

**Cheque—361 King St W, Hamilton ON L8P 1B4**





# Ancient Wisdom

## Natural Law—Part 6

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 continue to examine each of these principles in the next few issues of this newsletter.

The previous edition covered the Principle of Cause and Effect.

### The Principle of Gender

*“Gender is in everything; everything has its Masculine and Feminine Principles; Gender manifests on all planes.”*

This Principle embodies the truth that there is GENDER manifested in everything - the Masculine and Feminine Principles are always at work. This is true not only of the Physical Plane, but of the Mental and even the Spiritual Planes.

*“Everything, and every person, contains the two Elements of this principle, within it, him or her.”*

On the Physical Plane, the Principle manifests as (the) SEX. On the higher planes it takes higher forms, but the Principle is always the same. No creation, physical, mental or spiritual, is possible without this Principle.

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The Principle of Gender works in the direction of generation, regeneration, and creation. Everything, and every person, contains the two Elements of this principle, within it, him or her. Every Male thing has the Female Element also; every Female also contains the Male Principle.

*“Persons who can continually focus on a subject, actively employ both of the Mental Principles*

Concerning the mind: the tendency of the Feminine Principle is always in the direction of receiving impressions, while the tendency of the Masculine Principle is always in the direction of giving out, or expressing. The Feminine Principle has a much more varied field of operation than the Masculine Principle has. The Feminine Principle involves generating new thoughts, concepts, ideas, including the work of the imagination. The Masculine Principle does the work of the “Will,” in its varied phases. And yet without

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the active aid of the Will of the Masculine Principle, the Feminine Principle is restricted to generating mental images which are the result of impressions received from outside, instead of producing original mental creations. Persons who can continually focus on a subject, actively employ both of the Mental Principles - the Feminine in the work of active mental generation, and the Masculine Will in stimulating and energizing the creative portion of the mind.

*The principle of Gender separates the Self into "I" and "Me"*

The Principle of Gender manifests on the Mental Plane as Mental Gender, duality of Mind. The Masculine Principle of Mind corresponds to the so-called Objective Mind; Conscious Mind; Voluntary Mind; Active Mind, etc. And the Feminine Principle of Mind corresponds to the so-called Subjective Mind; Subconscious Mind; Involuntary Mind; Passive Mind, etc. It also separates the Self into "Me" and "I".

The "Me" is composed of certain feelings, tastes, likes, dislikes, habits, peculiar ties, characteristics, etc., all of which go to make up one's personality. These emotions and feelings change; are born and die away; are subject to the Principle of Rhythm, and the Principle of Polarity, which take one from one extreme of feeling to another. "Me" is certain knowledge gath-

ered together in the mind, forming a part of oneself, entangled with the body.

However, one finds that there exists a mental something which is able to *will* that the "Me" act along certain lines, and which is also able to stand aside and witness the mental creation. This part of oneself is the "I." One is able to rest in its consciousness at will. One finds there, not a consciousness of an ability to generate and actively create, but rather a sense and consciousness of an ability to project an energy from the "I" to the "Me" - a process of "willing" that the mental creation begins. The "I" is able to stand aside and witness the operations of the "Me's" mental creation and generation. There is this dual aspect in the mind of every person.

*The "I" represents the Aspect of Being; the "Me" represents the Aspect of Becoming.*

The "I" represents the Masculine Principle of Mental Gender, the "Me" represents the Female Principle. The "I" represents the Aspect of Being; the "Me", the Aspect of Becoming. Persons who can give continued attention and thought to a subject, actively employ both of the Mental Principles-the Feminine in the work of active mental generation, and the Masculine Will in stimulating and energizing the creative portion of the mind.

Conclusion in the next issue.

## 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)

### 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: deo-non-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.

## **CHOCOLATE CHIP & PECAN COOKIES IN A GIFT JAR**

**Recipe from Bro. Phil Horrigan**

Here's a great recipe and a very different gift idea!

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

### **Method:**

1. Combine all-purpose flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.
2. In a 1 quart wide mouth canning jar, layer dark brown sugar, white sugar, cocoa, chopped pecans, and chocolate chips. Pack everything down firmly before you add flour mixture, it will be a snug fit.
3. Attach a tag with the following instructions:

#### *Chocolate Cookie Mix in a Jar:*

1. *Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C)*
2. *Empty cookie mix into large bowl. Thoroughly blend mixture with hands..*

3. *Mix in 3/4 cup softened butter or margarine, 1 egg, slightly beaten, and 1 teaspoon vanilla.*
4. *Shape into walnut size balls, and place 2 inches apart on a parchment lined baking sheet.*
5. *Bake for 11 to 13 minutes. Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet, then move to wire racks.*



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](mailto:philandsteph@rogers.com)



# Upcoming Events

3rd Annual Texas Hold'em Charity Poker Tournament

In Support of

THE WEST TORONTO MASONIC TEMPLE

CASINO  
ROYALE  
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## Saturday, April 25th, 2015 at 5pm

151 Annette Street, Toronto, ON (West of Keele, beside the library)

PRO DEALERS | BUFFET DINNER | POKER LESSONS | CASH BAR

### Prizes Galore!

THE TOP 8 FINISHERS  
GO HOME WITH GREAT PRIZES

1st PLACE FINISHER WINS A TRIP  
FOR 2 TO LAS VEGAS

(Terms & Condition Apply)

REGISTRATION	5:00 PM
COCKTAILS	5:30 PM
POKER LESSONS	6:00 PM
MAIN EVENT	8:00 PM

Refreshments Throughout the Evening

## \$75 ALL IN! (buffet & 1 drink included)

Open to anyone over 21

For Tickets E-mail: Dean Eyford - [tickets@victorialodge.ca](mailto:tickets@victorialodge.ca)

### April 2015

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

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

Saturday, April 11 8:00am  
Warden's Association Meeting  
Streetsville—hosted by River Park Lodge

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

### May 2015

Friday, May 1 7:30pm  
Installation at King Hiram Lodge 566

Saturday, May 2 8:00am  
Ionic Lodge 229 - Pancake Breakfast  
Warden's Association Meeting

Friday, May 8 7:30pm  
Installation at Joseph A Hearn Lodge 685

Tuesday, May 12 7:30pm  
Installation at Ionic Lodge 229

Thursday, May 14 7:30pm  
Installation at Flower City Lodge 689

Tuesday, May 19 7:30pm  
Installation at Peel Lodge 468

Thursday, May 28 7:30pm  
Installation at University Lodge 496

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

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



# Upcoming Events



## DISTRICT DIVINE SERVICE

Sunday, April 26, 7:00 PM | Cooksville United Church

IONIC LODGE No.229 A, F. & AM., G.R.C.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

IN SUPPORT OF PEEL ASSOCIATION FOR HANDICAPPED ADULTS  
COME OUT AND ENJOY A SHORT STACK FOR A TALL CAUSE

SATURDAY MAY 2ND, 2015 | BRAMPTON MASONIC CENTRE  
\$10.00 PER PERSON | [CLICK FOR FLYER](#)

