



# Kilwinning 565 News

## From The Chair



### My Last Message

Greetings Brethren,  
 With our winter session in full swing, I am pleased to see Kilwinning Lodge engaged, and progressing, with our calendar events. As we are all aware, our previous Regular Meeting was Kilwinning's annual officer elections and I congratulate the progressing line-up and thank our members for helping out where necessary. I am very pleased (and not why you think I am) to congratulate and welcome Bro. Joseph Ganetakos as our master elect and wish him all the success for the ensuing year. Also thanks to Bro's Phil Horrigan, Keith Thomson, James Low and all the rest of Kilwinning officers for their continued efforts on our behalf.  
 Please be aware that the installation of our Master Elect Bro. Joseph Ganetakos and the investiture of officers for the upcoming Masonic year will be Friday December 18th, 2015. There will be a banquet before lodge at 630pm. Please make every effort to attend.

Brethren, from our most senior to our most recent for this great opportunity to act as your Worshipful Master. During my time in the East, I have learned much about our Lodge and our Fraternity. As Master, I have learned that my duties to our lodge and the Craft will continue, and as your brother, that my efforts to promote our noble art are well supported by all of you. As Master, I presented challenges that you all have met. In addition, I have set personal goals, some I have achieved and some of these goals have made progress on. I know however, that with the support of our Lodge, and our Fraternity as a whole, my endeavors are supported and my goals will be realized. Although I am now stepping down from the Chair of King Solomon, I feel that I have only now just begun on my Masonic path, and though I have learned much over the last 2 years, it is becoming clearer that the journey itself is the reward.

In my final message to Kilwinning 565 as your WM, I would like thank all of the

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In closing: I would like to express these thoughts.  
To the Brethren of Kilwinning Lodge 565: for your support and friendship and for the opportunity to sit as your W.M. , I thank you.  
For the knowledge and wisdom I have gained, the love and support I have felt, and the beauty of this life that I

have been able to experience, I thank God.

As Above, So Below.  
So Mote it Be

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

## Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 3)

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

In Part 2 we covered some symbols from the First Degree Tracing Board , shown below, and their mystical meanings, namely the East, and the Rough and Smooth Ashlars.

of the effort required to engage in the labour of perfecting the soul.

Let us take a look at the tools, also shown in the tracing board, that are used to transform the rough ashlar into the smooth ashlar. These are: the common gavel, chisel, twenty four-inch gauge, square, level, and plumb rule.

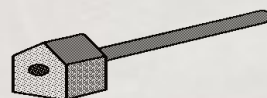
As operative Masons used these tools to build a temple, we use them figuratively, in a mystical sense, to build our own spiritual temple within.

In the tracing board, near the foot of the ladder, you may see a circle bounded by two parallel lines and with a point at the Centre of the circle. This concept is expanded on in the Third degree but here is intended to introduce the Mason to the concept of the Centre, representing the Centre of our being. This has a very deep and profound mystical significance. It is in our Centre that we find our true selves (our spirit), and it is only from the Centre that one can truly communicate with the divine essence.

The use of tools also implies that some labour is required, and it is important to note that no spiritual construction can occur without labour, i.e. *indefatigable exertion*.

### The Common Gavel

The Gavel represents the *force of conscience* (the will), to keep down all vain and unworthy thoughts, and the driver



### The Chisel

The chisel receives the power from the gavel and directs it to specific tasks in a very precise way. It represents rational thought as applied to the way in which self-mastery and spiritual work is to be carried out. It is involved in the perfection of the rough soul. It intelligently looks for the ways to accomplish the tasks.



### The Twenty Four Inch Gauge

The Gauge is used for measuring time and labour, and helps bring the other two (Gavel and Chisel) into balance. As many other symbols show, balance is very important when embarking on the

task of spiritual development and growth. The gauge directs us to apportion the right amount of time and effort in our pursuits.



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# Words of Wisdom

*The aim of humanity is to evolve toward the perfection of its own nature and to reintegrate itself with its spiritual condition.*

From a Rosicrucian Manuscript

*The goal of life is to provide a vehicle for life . . .  
To know the eternal is called enlightenment.*

TAO TE CHING (600 B.C.E.)

*Wherever the mind wanders, restless and diffuse in its search for satisfaction without, lead it within; train it to rest in the Self. Abiding joy comes to those who still the mind . . . they become one with God.*

THE BHAGAVAD GITA

*The result of mysticism . . .  
Within us is found the key to our own bliss and the meaning to our own existence.*

From a Rosicrucian Manuscript

If you are interested in the following:

- The study of comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science
- To investigate the unexplained laws of Nature, and the powers latent in man

Consider joining the Theosophical Society, whose motto is: "There is no religion higher than Truth"

For further information, please contact:

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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)

### 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.

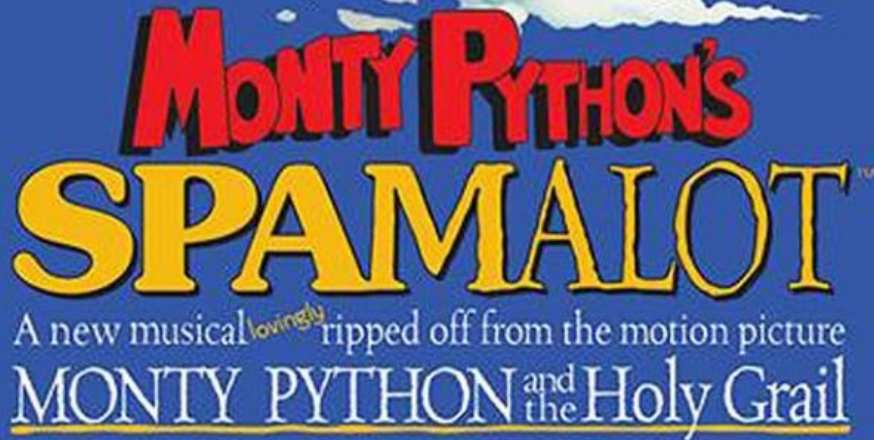
### Heritage Lodge

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.

# Upcoming Events



**Thursday, January 21st, 2016**

**8:00 pm SHARP**

**Meadowvale Theatre**

**6315 Montevideo Road, Mississauga, ON L5N 4G7**

**Contact R.W. Bro Steve Armstrong or your Lodge Secretary for tickets  
\$20.00 each**

## **December 2015**

Thursday, December 10 7:30pm  
Installation at Mississauga Lodge 524

Friday, December 11 7:30pm  
Installation at General Mercer Lodge 548

Friday, December 18 7:30pm  
Installation at Kilwinning Lodge 565

## **January 2016**

Monday, January 4, 2016 7:30pm  
Installation at Lake Shore Lodge 645

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Ionic Lodge 229

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Runnymede Lodge 619

Thursday, January 14, 2016 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Flower City Lodge 689

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 7:30pm  
Installation at Long Branch Lodge 632

Thursday, January 21, 2016 8:00pm  
District Fundraiser

Saturday, January 23, 2016 10:00am  
Cornerstone Workshop

Sunday, January 24, 2016 7:30pm  
District Visit to Job's Daughters

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

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

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