



# Kilwinning 565 News

## From The Chair



Greetings from the East, Brethren,

I wanted to thank all who were able to attend our official visit from the DDGM.

It was a great evening, and aside from the occasional hiccup we had a great night.

The education we received on the Committee of Enquiry, Board of Trial, balloting, and addressing the Master was invaluable, and I look forward to applying this to our future efforts. The Secretary and Treasurer presented their reports to the District Secretary and, it seems, that we received a favourable report from the DDGM.

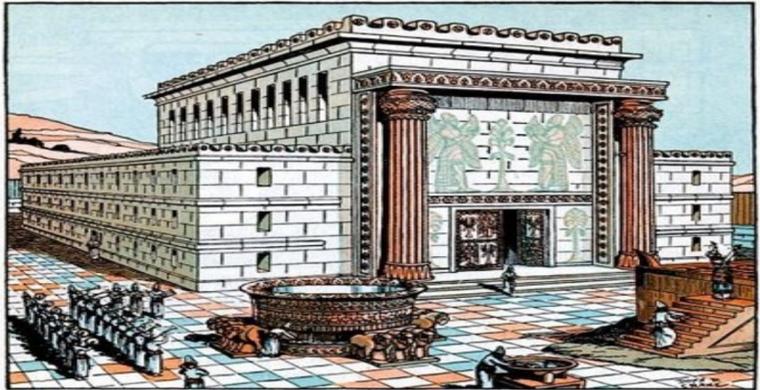
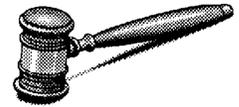
Moving forward, I believe that we will have a productive fraternal year. To start the

ball rolling in that manner, we have several Degree nights coming up. On our emergent Meeting on March 7, Cristian de la Rosa will be passed to the second degree, followed by Jiorge Villazon's 2nd degree evening on March 18. Last but not least, Arya Putra will be initiated on April 4th. Work assignments will be sent out shortly. Let us strive to give these Brethren, and our new

candidate, great memorable evenings by delivering the work flawlessly.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Joseph  
Ganetakos  
Worshipful Master



**Lodge of Instruction**  
Monday, March 21 - West Toronto Masonic Temple  
Hosted by King Hiram Lodge 566 & Toronto West District Education Committee

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# Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 6)

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

In Part 5 we covered the Blazing Star, Indented Skirting, and the Three Pillars.

## Sun, Moon, and Master of the Lodge

The Lesser Lights, symbolized in a Lodge by the three candles on the pillars, represent the Sun, the Moon, and the Master of the Lodge.

The sun and moon, like the mosaic pavement, represent duality, but at the spiritual level. The sun is the giver of light and the major source of spiritual energy on earth. The moon receives the light and reflects it, as we should reflect our spirituality to others, to light up the path, hidden by darkness.

The Master of the Lodge represents the Master within all of us. The Master rules his Lodge, and so the Inner Master should rule us. However, one has to be aware of this Master at our centre, and listen to that still small voice within, which will instruct us in all things.



## Seven Stars

The ritual states that the Mason who has Charity in its most ample sense may be deemed to have arrived at the summit of Masonry, figuratively speaking, an ethereal mansion, veiled from mortal eyes by the starry firmament, emblematically depicted by seven stars.

In astronomy, the seven stars are the Great Bear (also known as the Big Dipper and Ursa Major). In Theosophy, and other mystical traditions, these seven stars represent the Seven Rays, an esoter-



ic teaching that has been around for millennia. The seven rays emanate from the spiritual “sun” (Universal Logos), and have different characteristics. Space does not permit further explanation here.

The seven stars also allude to the seven planes of existence, and the



sevenfold nature of Man, as taught by many mystery schools. The sevenfold nature of man are seven levels of consciousness: the physical; the etheric; the vital life force; the astral (emotional); the mental; the intuition-al; and the spiritual. These levels exist in the first five planes of existence. The remaining two planes are the Monadic and the Divine. An understanding of these concepts is essential to all who wish to understand the true nature of the universe, and their place in it.

## Celestial Canopy

“The covering of a Masonic Lodge is a celestial canopy of divers colours, even the Heavens.” This can be seen as the universe, and its diverse colours representing everything in it. As light can be split into seven colours by a prism, these colours can also be a reference to the seven planes of existence.

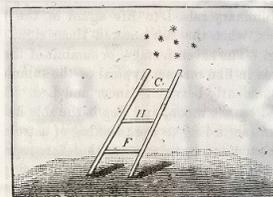
## Jacobs Ladder

As will be seen on the tracing board, the ladder rests on the Volume of the Sacred Law and rises up to the Blazing Star, moving from west to east. This shows the connection between ourselves and the Divine manifestation, and represents a path to raising consciousness. The ladder has many staves, but the three principle ones are Faith, Hope, and Charity.

In the British Emulation ritual, part of the definition of **Faith** is “the evidence of things not seen, but the substance of those hoped for”.

**Hope** is quoted as “an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and enters into that within the veil”. Also, “If we believe a thing impossible, our despondency may render it so, but he who perseveres in a just cause will ultimately overcome all difficulties”. This is another allusion to the Law of Mind.

**Charity** is assistance to those in need. However, the true mystical nature of charity is a benevolent, non-envious, non-prejudicial attitude, and the outpouring of charitable love to all.



*(to be continued)*

# Words of Wisdom

*When once the great desire has arisen for treading on the Path, the things that are unreal lose their attraction, and the things that are seen to be passing have small power to hold back the man bent on going rapidly forward towards perfection.*

ANNIE BESANT, Theosophical Society

*If any one thinks that he can cure a disease or accomplish anything else, merely because he believes that he is able to accomplish it, he believes in a superstition; but if he believes that he can perform such a thing, because he is conscious of having the power to do so, he will then be able to accomplish it by the power of the true faith. Such a faith is knowledge and gives power. True faith is spiritual consciousness...*

Paracelsus

*Spirituality is a quality of the inmost being, which permeates the whole realm of one's consciousness, and causes an outflow of mind and heart from the purest sources of oneself.*

N Sri Ram

*Man is a product of three worlds. His spirit is of God, his soul from the constellation of the astral elements, his body from the elements of the terrestrial plane. In each of these aspects he partakes of the attributes of the principle from which he has originated. As a spirit he is, and has been, and will always be, immortal; and is even now in heaven, from which he has never departed. As a product of the astral plane, he is subject to the conditions existing therein, while his physical form must dissolve again into the elements to which it belongs. With whatever of these three states man identifies himself, that state will be his own.*

Jacob Boehme

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For further information, 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)



### Japchae (Korean Stir-Fried Sweet Potato Noodles)—by Bro. Phil Horrigan

#### Ingredients

- 8 oz Korean sweet potato noodles
- 4 teaspoons toasted sesame oil
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and cut into 1-1/2-inch matchsticks
- 1/2 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 ounces fresh shiitake mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 2 medium garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 4 ounces baby spinach
- 1 medium scallion, thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons toasted sesame seeds



#### Instructions

1. Bring a large saucepan of heavily salted water to a boil over high heat. Add noodles, stir to separate them, and boil until cooked through, about 5 mins. Drain in a colander and rinse under cold water

until cool. Using scissors, cut the noodles into 6- to 8-inch lengths. With the noodles still in the colander, drizzle with 2 teaspoons of the sesame oil and toss to coat; set aside.

2. Dissolve sugar in the soy sauce in a small bowl; set aside.

3. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium heat until shimmering. Add the carrots, onion, salt, and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion has softened, about 8 min. Add the mushrooms and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms are tender, about 3 minutes.

4. Increase the heat to medium high. Add the spinach and, using tongs, toss to combine. Let cook until slightly wilted, about 1 minute. Add the reserved noodles and soy sauce mixture and toss until heated through, about 2 to 3 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat, add the remaining 2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil, and toss to combine. Taste and season with salt and pepper as needed. Transfer to a serving platter and sprinkle with the scallion and sesame seeds. Serve immediately or at room temperature.

## Architecture Corner by W. Bro. Rob Lund

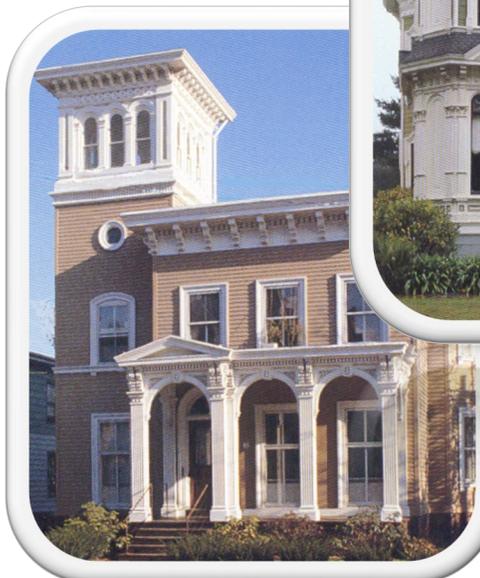
In the previous issue, we covered the Queen Anne style of the Victorian era.

### Italianate

This style of Victorian architecture was popular from 1850 to 1890, and was considered, at the

er, looking at some of the features (such as the pillars and entablature), it appears to have characteristics of both. It has its origins in the Renaissance homes of Tuscany. It is a squarish style with heavy bracketing below the roofline, and stylish windows. Sometimes they feature Tuscan towers, called Campaniles.

In the next issue: *Second Empire*



time, to be a "modern" style, i.e. neither Greek revival nor Gothic revival. Howev-



### 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. (905) 765-8341 [Lreiachz@shaw.ca](mailto:Lreiachz@shaw.ca). 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-nonfortuna@hotmail.com](mailto:deo-nonfortuna@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 heir 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](mailto: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](mailto:masonic.college@gmail.com).

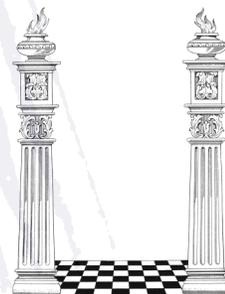
You may also get information by going to the Grand Lodge Website, sign in, click "Membership", then "College of Freemasonry". There are many electronic books and other resources there.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:ddgm2007@nexicom.net).



# Upcoming Events

## Searching for the Apple Tree: What Happened in 1716?

Dr. Andrew Prescott  
and Dr. Susan M. Sommers

Sunday, March 20, 2016 | 3 PM  
Brock University | Sean O'Sullivan Theatre

[www.sankeylectures.ca](http://www.sankeylectures.ca)

### March 2016

Tuesday, March 1 7:30pm (Banquet 6:30pm)  
Official Visit to South Gate Lodge 674

Thursday, March 3 7:30pm (Banquet 6:30pm)  
Official Visit to Unity Lodge 710

Saturday, March 5 9:00am (Breakfast 8am)  
Wardens Association Meeting

Thursday, March 10 7:30pm (Banquet 6:30pm)  
Official Visit to University Lodge

Tuesday, March 15 7:30pm (Banquet after)  
Official Visit to Long Branch Lodge 632

Friday, March 18 7:30pm (Banquet after)  
Official Visit to Anthony Sayer Lodge 640

Sunday, March 20 3:00pm  
Sankey Lecture at Brock University

Monday, March 21 7:30pm  
Lodge of Instruction (hosted by King Hiram  
Lodge 566)

Wednesday, March 23 7:30pm (Banquet after)  
Official Visit to West Gate Lodge 734

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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**Saturday, April 2nd, 2016**

Registration 8 AM | Start 9 AM | Wrap-up 3 PM  
Catered Lunch at Noon | Family & Friends Welcome

**Scottish Rite Building, Hamilton**  
4 Queen St S, Hamilton, Ontario

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