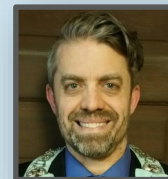




From The Chair



Greetings from the East, Brethren,

I would like to extend my thanks for the brethren in attendance for Cristian De La Rosa's passing to the second degree on March 7th. The plan is for Jorge Villazon to be passed to the second degree on April 4th. We look forward to the initiation of Arya Putra on April 15th.

Kilwinning lodge was well represented at the visit to Mt. Sinai Pillars Lodge, an evening that was truly memorable.

It is my sincere wish to restore our fraternal roster to a more stable level of properly prepared Masters to continue our Lodge's good standing and future success. To that end, in May we will have an opportunity to raise a brother to the sublime degree of a Master Mason if all goes as planned.

To further our continued growth: if any brother has knowledge of texts or resources that will assist us in

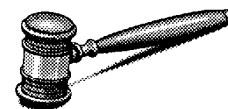
our researches of the craft, such as our secretary, W. Bro. Rob Lund's, newly released book, 'The Hidden Code in Freemasonry: Finding Light through Esoteric interpretation of Masonic Ritual', be sure to bring them to light! Education is crucial to our development as Masons. While the Lodge Education Committee, and the District Education Committee, will strive to provide education for the Brethren in the Lodge and the District, it is incumbent upon each Brother, individually, to strive *"to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge"*

as per the charge to each Mason in his initiation.

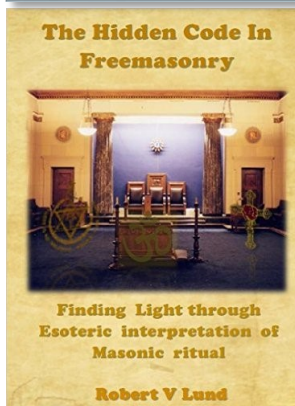
Brethren, let us continue to strive for perfection as we practice our gentle craft. Let us be prepared in order to make our Degree ceremonies a true Initiatic experience for our candidates.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Joseph
Ganetakos
Worshipful Master



New Book



This is a book that should be read by all Freemasons. It will provide a deeper understanding of the hidden information that the rituals of Freemasonry are trying to convey to those who seek Truth. This book looks beyond the literal veil, and digs into the deeper messages embedded in the rituals, symbols, and ceremonies of the Craft Degrees.

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Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 7)

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

In Part 6 we covered the Sun, Moon, and Master of the Lodge, Seven Stars, Celestial Canopy, and Jacobs Ladder.

We will continue with more on **Jacob's Ladder**.

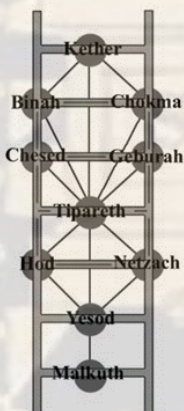
Mystically the seven-runged ladder also refers to the sevenfold nature of man, as described above.

The ladder can be associated with Mithraic, Kabalistic, and numerous other mystery traditions.

The Rosicrucians have a seven-runged ladder referring to the seven stages of the Atlantean Initiates on their journey up the mountain to receive the Word.

In the Mithraic tradition, the seven levels refer to the Chain of Being and are described as The First World, World of Pre-existence, Heaven, Middle World, World of Births, Mansion of the Blessed, and Truth. Each level has a metal symbolically associated with it: Lead, Quicksilver, Copper, Tin, Iron, Silver, and Gold.

These levels correspond to Spiritual Alchemy, the process of turning lead into gold, symbolically representing the stages of purification of the spirit.



The Kabalistic Tree of Life presents a similar ladder, which represents the stages of spiritual progression.

Four Tassels

The British Emulation ritual talks about the original forms that we have in Freemasonry: the Guttural; the Pectoral; the Manual; and the Pedal. In the American ritual, these are called the perfect points of entrance. The guttural (throat) refers to the sym-



bolic penalty of the Degree. The Pectoral (breast) refers to keeping the secrets safe and secure. The Manual (hand) is a token of assent to the obligation of a Mason. The Pedal (foot) formed in a square denotes a just and upright Mason.

These forms or points also allude to the four cardinal virtues, denoted in a Lodge by the four tassels. These are temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice.

Temperance

Temperance is the due restraint of the passions, which renders the body

tame and “governable”, and should be practised constantly in order to avoid excess or indulgence which may lead one to betray one's trust, and limit spiritual growth or to a break in communication between the mind, and the spirit. It is also a reminder of the penalty in the obligation, which alludes to the Guttural.

Fortitude

Fortitude is the noble and steady cause of the soul whereby one is enabled to undergo any pain, labour, danger, or difficulty when deemed necessary, as a safeguard against attacks made to extort Masonic secrets entrusted to one, emblematically represented by the point of a sharp instrument against the left breast, which alludes to the Pectoral.

Prudence

Prudence teaches us to regulate our lives and actions according to “the dictates of reason”. It is the habit of mind by which we judge wisely and prudently things related to our present and future happiness. It is to be borne in mind in mixed company never to let slip any signs, tokens or words, remembering the obligation with hand on the VSL, which alludes to the Manual.

Justice

Justice is the standard of right where we are to give every man his due, without distinction. This is consistent with Divine and moral law. It should remind one of the charge in the north-east angle of the lodge when placed upright with the feet in the form of a square, alluding to the Pedal.

(to be continued)

Words of Wisdom

Where there is love without possession and the seeking of any gratification from that possession, there is bliss. Thus, to love is to give oneself without asking for a return, and in such giving is the experience of joy.

N. SRI RAM

Let man control the mind by pure reason, reducing it to peace, as he has reduced the senses. In every action let him control the senses and govern the mind. When once these steps are taken, the man will begin to see the Self by the tranquility of the mind.

ANNIE BESANT

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

If you are interested in gaining further light through the following:

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

Consider joining the Theosophical Society to understand the secrets of nature and science

Our motto is: "There is no religion higher than Truth"

For further information, contact:

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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

Upcoming Events

4th Annual Texas Hold'em Charity Poker Tournament

In Support of

THE WEST TORONTO MASONIC TEMPLE

CASINO
ROYALE
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Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 at 5pm



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Peel

Saturday, April 2, 2016 – 4:30 to 6:30 PM
Brunswick Bramalea Lanes, Brampton

[Click Here to Contact W. Bro. Hillyer](#)
For More Information



Oí Muchím (Spicy Korean Cucumber Salad) bowl. by Bro. Phil Horrigan

Serves 2 to 4

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons rice vinegar
- 1-2 teaspoons gochugaru
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 scallion, chopped
- 2 Kirby cucumbers, sliced 1/8-inch thick

Instructions

Combine all ingredients, except cucumbers, in a

Taste and adjust seasonings, if desired.

Add cucumber slices and toss to coat (wear gloves and use your hands, or use tongs).

Serve at room temperature or chilled.



Architecture Corner by W. Bro. Rob Lund

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

Second Empire

This style of Victorian architecture was popular in the 1870s, and is sometimes called the French Style, and sometimes the Renaissance style. It was named after the grandiose building projects of Napoleon III. One may see townhouses or

row housing, and some old civic buildings, and a few elaborate houses in this style.

Second Empire is immediately recognizable by the concave Mansard roofing, which typically



contained a livable attic, so there are many windows shown in the roof.



In the next issue: *Gothic*

Upcoming Events

Toronto West vs Niagara A

Saturday, April 2nd
Ridley College Arena
2 Ridley Road, St. Catharines, ON

6:00PM to 6:45PM - Family & Friends Skate (Free)
7:00PM to 9:00PM - Hockey Game



The bus from Parkinson Coach Lines will leave from the Brampton Masonic Centre located at 955 Clark Blvd. at 4:00 PM. Following the game, catch the bus to a restaurant for food and beverages. The bus will leave 11:30 PM and return to the Brampton Masonic Centre at 1:00 AM.

The cost will be \$60.00 per person (\$25.00 for arena + \$35.00 for bus).
For inquiries, contact: gabe.spoletini@gmail.com or tvanlankveld@hotmail.com



DISTRICT DIVINE SERVICE

Sunday, April 24, 7:00 PM | Cooksville United Church

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. 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. 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, 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.

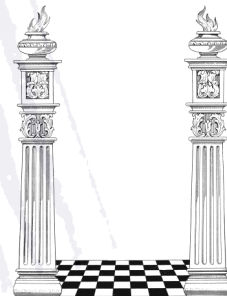
Heritage Lodge

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 V.W. Bro. Arnold (Mac) McCausland, e-mail: secretary@heritagelodge730.ca. The fee for Affiliation is \$ 55.00 and the annual dues are also \$ 55.00. The Representative for Toronto West is Brian Hillyer, e-mail address:

brian.hillyer@sympatico.ca



Upcoming Events

Enjoy a variety of interesting and inspiring speakers
in the midst of Masonic fellowship and learning!

"Ensuring the Timeless Vitality of Freemasonry in Ontario"

ONTARIO MASONIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE



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

April 2016

Saturday, April 2 9:00am
Wardens Association Meeting

Tuesday, April 5 7:30pm
Official Visit to South Gate Lodge 674

Wednesday, April 13 7:30pm
Installation at Runnymede Lodge 619

Thursday, April 14 7:30pm
Installation at Connaught Lodge 501

Monday, April 18 7:30pm
Installation at Mount Moriah Lodge 727

Tuesday, April 19 7:30pm
Official Visit to Victoria Lodge 474

Monday, April 25 7:30pm
Official Visit to Chinguacousy Lodge 738

May 2016

Friday, May 6 7:30pm
Installation at King Hiram Lodge 566

Saturday, May 7 9:00am
Wardens Association Meeting

Tuesday, May 10 7:30pm
Installation at Ionic Lodge 229

Thursday, May 12 7:30pm
Installation at University Lodge 496

Friday, May 13 7:30pm
Installation at Joseph A Hearn Lodge 685

Tuesday, May 17 7:30pm
Installation at Peel Lodge 468

Thursday, May 26 7:30pm
Installation at Flower City Lodge 689

Tuesday, May 31 7:30pm
Spring District Meeting

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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