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From The Chair



Greetings from the East, Brethren,

On our April regular meeting, I am pleased to report we brought a new good man to the craft. Arya Putra handled himself very well during the ceremony of his Initiation.

This meeting also saw our annual Visit from Kilwinning Lodge 64 (London). It is always a pleasure to receive the Brethren from our sister Lodge. We were honoured by the presence of M. W. Bro. Gary Dowling, the past Grand Master, who is a member of Kilwinning 64.

Remember that we will be repaying the visit on the night of our June Regular meeting.

We were delighted to be visited by Bro. Bevon Keefer, who travelled all the way from Whitehorse in the Yukon!

Coming up, we will give Bro. Jiorge Villazon the

passing he is both ready and eager to undergo at the May emergent meeting (May 2nd). Look for your work assignments for this Degree.

Depending on the busy schedule of the officers, Bro. Connell O'Leary will be undergoing his Third Degree ceremony on either the May Regular (May 20th) or June Emergent (June 6th). Stay tuned, communications will follow as that solidifies.

For my part, I intend to tune

up my sequences between pieces with the assistance of W. Bro Alex Thomson, so we can reach the summer break feeling strong, and come back better than ever in the fall. I encourage you all to be familiar with your work, especially the officers, and be prepared.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Joseph Ganetakos



Kilwinning 64 Visit

For many years now (in fact, over twenty years), Kilwinning Lodge #565, Toronto and Kilwinning Lodge #64, London, have had a long standing tradition of reciprocal visitation.

At our April Regular meeting, we were pleased to receive the Brethren of Kilwinning Lodge #64 once again. We know it's a long drive and we appreciate the time and effort put into this visit by the members of our sister Lodge.

We were honored that the Past Grandmaster, M. W. Bro. Gary Dowling was amongst the visitors. We hope that they enjoyed their visit. (*pictures on the next page*)

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Presentation of the Pillars by Robert Burns

Long may this Lodge in prosperity shine And its members still vie with each other In spreading the light of our order divine And relieving the wants of a brother.

May envy and malice ne'er enter that door That is aye closely tyled to the cowan But peace, love and harmony aye be in store More abundant the older you're growing.

May our Master who presides like the Masters of old

In wisdom excel and astonish
May he never be heard erring brothers to
scold

But with brotherly love aye admonish.

May our Warden in the West, like the sun's setting rays Illumine the golden horizon

May his strength never fail with the burden of days

But increase every moment that flies on.

And to our Warden in the South, like the beauty of day

May he gladden the worn, tired and weary Inspire with his smiles as they rest by the way The toilers, and make them feel cheery.

And to you whom our Master is honoured to rule and instruct
Be ye always sober and steady
Expert in the use of each working tool
And aye hae them handy and ready.

Thus will the Temple we seek to upraise Be completed when all do their duty And our voices unite in a chorus of praise To Wisdom, to Strength and to Beauty



Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 8)

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

North, South, East, West

A description of **East** was covered earlier but, to summarise, East is the place of the rising sun, where the Master of the Lodge sits, and is considered the source of spiritual light. It also signifies birth and the creative aspect of Divinity (Brahma in the Vedic tradition).

The **West** is the place of the setting sun. It signifies death and the destructive aspect of Deity (Vishnu in the Vedic tradition).

The **South** is the place of the sun at its highest point. It signifies growth and development, and the preserving aspect of Deity (Shiva in the Vedic tradition).

The **North** is a place of darkness. It represents the darkness of ignorance.

As the Lodge is always traversed in a clockwise direction, the Mason is travelling from West to North to East to South and repeating the cycle again and again. This represents the cyclical nature of human existence, and the cycle of the soul repeating the human experience over and over again until perfection is achieved allowing it to advance on its path back to the creator.

Altar

Altars used in religious practices are for offerings and communion and are usually situated in the



east of a building. In Freemasonry, however, the altar is seen as a sacred place where any vows or commitments taken on it are regarded as solemn and binding. It is in the shape of a cube and situated in the centre of the Lodge. Remembering that the Lodge is representative of an individual, the altar, therefore, represents the sa-



cred place at our own centre.

Egyptian Philosophers

The Junior Warden's Tracing
Board lecture makes reference to
the Egyptian Philosophers and
indicates a correspondence between our usages and customs.
The Egyptians had Initiatic practices when inducting their Neophytes
into the ancient knowledge
and mysteries. This is an
indication that our ritual is based
on ancient knowledge.

Pythagorean System

As with the Egyptians, the Tracing Board lecture indicates that the Pythagoreans used a similar method of using signs and symbols to conceal their principles and more recent systems have copied these practices. Again, this is an indication that Masonic ritual conceals ancient mysteries.

Holy Ground and Three Grand Offerings

All Lodges are consecrated before being instituted and are considered to be sacred ground. Therefore, Masons should be very conscious of all that they think and say and do, while in a Lodge.

The first offering was the "ready obedience of Abraham". The stayed sacrifice of Isaac reputedly took place on Mount Moriah, the site which was to hold King Solomon's Temple.

The second offering is made by King David, who was the father of Solomon.

The third offering is by Solomon himself, made at the completion of the Temple.

We should bear in mind that the Temple of Solomon is representative of our own nature.



(to be continued)

Words of Wisdom

All that is needed for the weeding out of any vice is:

- 1. an accurate knowledge of the vice itself;
- 2. a recognition—a keen feeling that it is a vice, that it is foolish to entertain it, and that it is worthless; and
- 3. The will to 'kill it out'.

This will will penetrate into the subconscious sphere where the vice dwells, and slowly but surely erase it.

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: <u>kilwinning565.com</u>

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This site has back issues of the newsletter, and many articles.

• District Website: <u>www.torontowestdistrict.com</u>

Educational articles can also be found on the District web site.

• Grand Lodge: www.grandlodge.on.ca

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Chef's Corner

Kongnamul-muchim (Soybean sprout side dish) by Bro. Phil Horrigan

Kongnamul-muchim is one of the most common Korean side dishes, and it's included in almost every meal. It's very popular among Koreans, and they never seem to get tired of it. It's very economical and also good for you.

You can buy a package of soybean sprouts at a Korean grocery store.

Ingredients

1 pound of soybean sprouts, rinsed and drained
1 teaspoon salt
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 green onion, chopped
½ teaspoon of hot pepper flakes
1 teaspoon fish sauce (or soup soy sauce, or salt)

1 teaspoon roasted sesame seeds, 2 teaspoon roasted sesame oil **Instructions**

Put the cooked soybean sprouts in a mixing bowl. Add garlic, hot pepper flakes, green onion, fish sauce, sesame seeds, and sesame oil and mix by hand.

Transfer to a serving plate.



Architecture Corner by W. Bro. Rob Lund

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

Gothic Revival

This style of Victorian architecture was popular in

the 1820's to the 1890's.

It is considered by some as the pre-eminent Canadian style.

It was used for many churches but found its way into houses.

Its central visual clue is the pointed arch and window tracery. It also features elaborate crockets on the gables.

This style is also sometimes called "English style" and "Christian style".



In the next issue: Stick Style



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. (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.

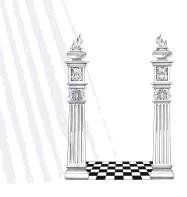
Heritage Lodge

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:

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Upcoming Events



50 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION

UNITY LODGE, NO. 710 & Livonia United Lodge, No. 152





GUESTS OF HONOUR; MW. BRO. JOHN C. GREEN, GRAND MASTER (ONTARIO) MW. BRO. RICHARD D. WISLEY, GRAND MASTER (MICHIGAN)

JOIN UNITY LODGE AS WE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CROSS BORDER VISITATION WITH LIVONIA UNITED LODGE

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH COCKTAILS 6:00PM DINNER 7:00PM DANCE TO FOLLOW BRAMPTON MASONIC CENTRE 955 CLARK BLVD., BRAMPTON, ONTARIO

FOR TICKETS, CONTACT: BRO, BRYCE GRAHAM brycegraham@sympatico.ca 416 602 0764

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OBSERVING THECRAFI

A Lodge of Discussion Join the Master and Brethren of

Victoria Lodge #474 for a very special Dinner and

Lodge of Discussion, featuring: Andrew Hammer,

author of

OBSERVING THE CRAFT – The Pursuit of Excellence in Masonic Labour and Observance

"Without a doubt, Observing the Craft is the most important Masonic book of the last 100 years, and probably the next 100 years as well.

- M.W. Bro. Michael Halleran

Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kansas Editor, Journal of the Masonic Society

To be delivered in the 1st degree.

May 3, 2016

6:00 pm - Welcome

West Toronto Masonic Temple

6:30 pm – Dinner Served 151 Annette Street

7:45 pm - Lodge Opens

Dinner tickets (\$30)

Email: W. Bro. James Andrews - Master@VictoriaLodge.ca

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Upcoming Events

A Night with Neil Diamond

June 18th, 2016 Brampton Masonic Centre 955 Clark Blvd

Diamond in the Rough: The Neil Diamond Tribute Show Singer/Entertainer Joey Purpura

Cocktails at 5:30 pm
Spaghetti Dinner 6:30 pm
Show at 7:30 pm
Two, 1 hour sets
with intermission.



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

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Thursday, June 2 7:30pm Installation at Unity Lodge 710

Tuesday, June 7 7:30pm Installation at River Park Lodge 356

Wednesday, June 8 7:30pm Installation at West Gate Lodge 734

Tuesday, June 14 7:30pm Installation at South Gate Lodge 674

Saturday, June 18 5:30pm Brampton Masonic Centre Fundraiser

Friday, June 24 7:30pm Installation at Ibrox Lodge 740

Saturday, June 25 11:30am Prostate Hope Golf Tournament

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

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