



# Kilwinning 565 News

## From The Chair



**Bro. Britos' 3rd**

Greetings from the East, Brethren,

I am excited for the upcoming month. We have not one but two MM Degree evenings to participate in during our Fraternal meetings.

First, Brother Lenno Britto's degree was scheduled for Monday, October 3rd. He was diligent in his preparations and he proved himself well in the Second degree. It was a great pleasure performing an excellent degree for him. I know that this will make a lasting impression on his mind.

Secondly, Cristian De La Rosa will be participating in his MM degree on our Regular meeting on October 21st. With his preparations and the benefit of our recent experience on Lenno's behalf, I trust that this evening shall be just as smooth and impressive.

Keep in mind that we will

be having some step up meetings between now and the end of the year.

Members of the Centennial Committee should note that there will be a planning meeting prior to Lodge on October 21.

I look forward to seeing you all at Lodge.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Joseph  
Ganetakos  
Worshipful Master

At our last emergent meeting, we had the pleasure of raising our Brother Lenno Britos to the sublime degree of a Master Mason after proving himself very well in the 2nd Degree.

We hope that this will make a lasting impression on his mind, and be a turning point in his life, as it was for many of us.

Bro. Britos, now the journey depends on you, but you are not alone.



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# Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 11)

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

## The Second Degree Tracing Board (continued)

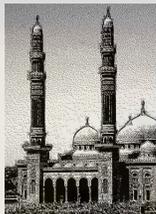
### The Pillars

At his initiation, the candidate was introduced to the left pillar which stood at the porch-way, or entrance, to King Solomon's Temple, which was named Boaz. In this degree, he is informed of the right pillar, Jachin. These two pillars will be seen in many pictures and symbols related to Freemasonry. Many Lodges also have replicas of these two pillars standing in the Lodge. Much importance is given to these pillars in the ritual ceremonies, but very little, regarding their import, is explained.

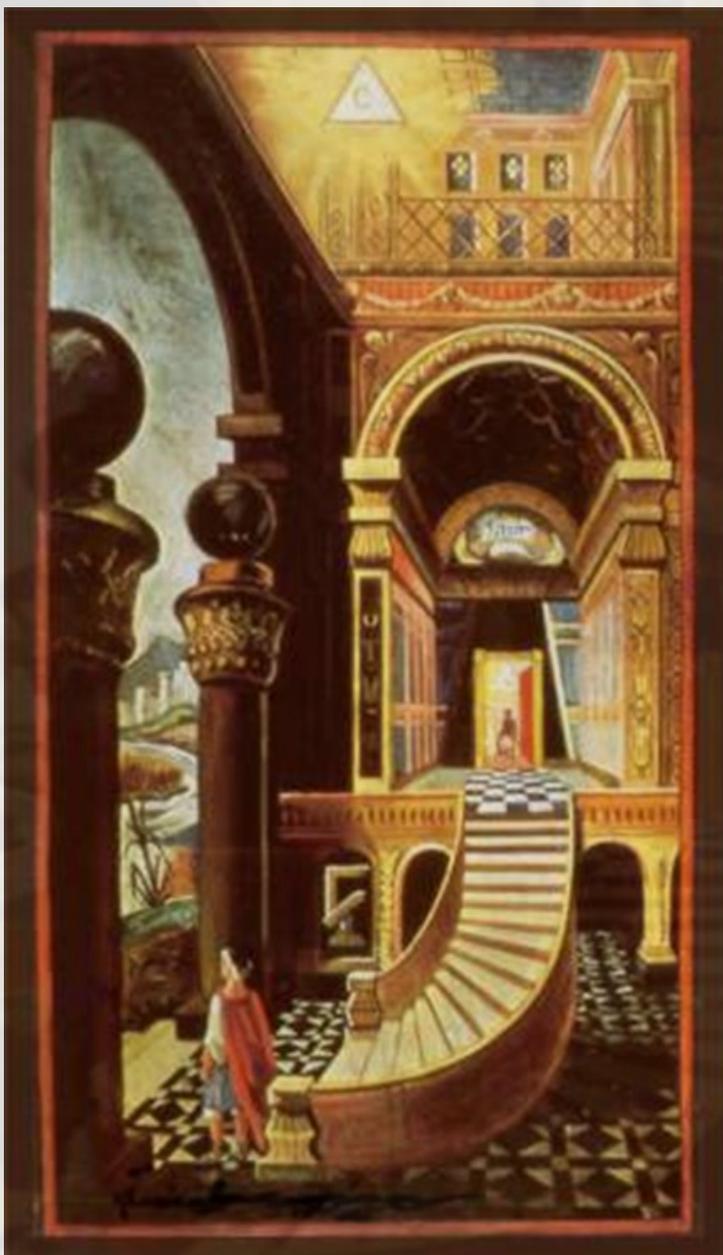
In the tracing board lecture in the first degree, the initiate is told of three pillars that support Freemasonry: Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Later, we will see a correspondence between these three pillars and the pillars of the Temple. As we deal with the symbolism of the two pillars of the Temple, we will discover that, between them, there is actually a third pillar. This third pillar represents you, and this will be explained as we work through the meaning of them.

Pillars have always been a prominent feature of all great systems of religion, and of initiation into the great myster-

ies. The entrances of the great cathedrals are normally two great towers which represent two great pillars. You will find a similar feature in all the



place, initiates had to pass between two pillars. The Temple of Delphi in Greece was reported to have used two pillars in their initiations.



great mosques.

In ancient Egyptian temples, where initiations into the mysteries took

The pillars are meant to denote the entrance to the path of enlightenment - the path that leads from the physical, material world to the divine, spiritual world. Traveling the path is our ultimate purpose on earth, of returning to the Creator as perfected beings. The path is a narrow one and, as it states in our ritual, we should "walk uprightly and with humility before God, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left from the strict path of virtue."

In Freemasonry, the pillars are shown to be capped with a terrestrial and celestial globe. Originally, they were said to be capped by two bowls: one of water and one of fire. The bowl of water signified the earthly man (the material) and the bowl of fire signified the divine man. In one of the Apocryphal Scriptures (2 Esdras, 7; 7 8), the path to true wisdom and life is spoken of as an entrance between a fire on the right hand and a deep water on the left.

They also represent the active and passive expressions of Divine Energy, as well as other opposites, such as light and darkness;

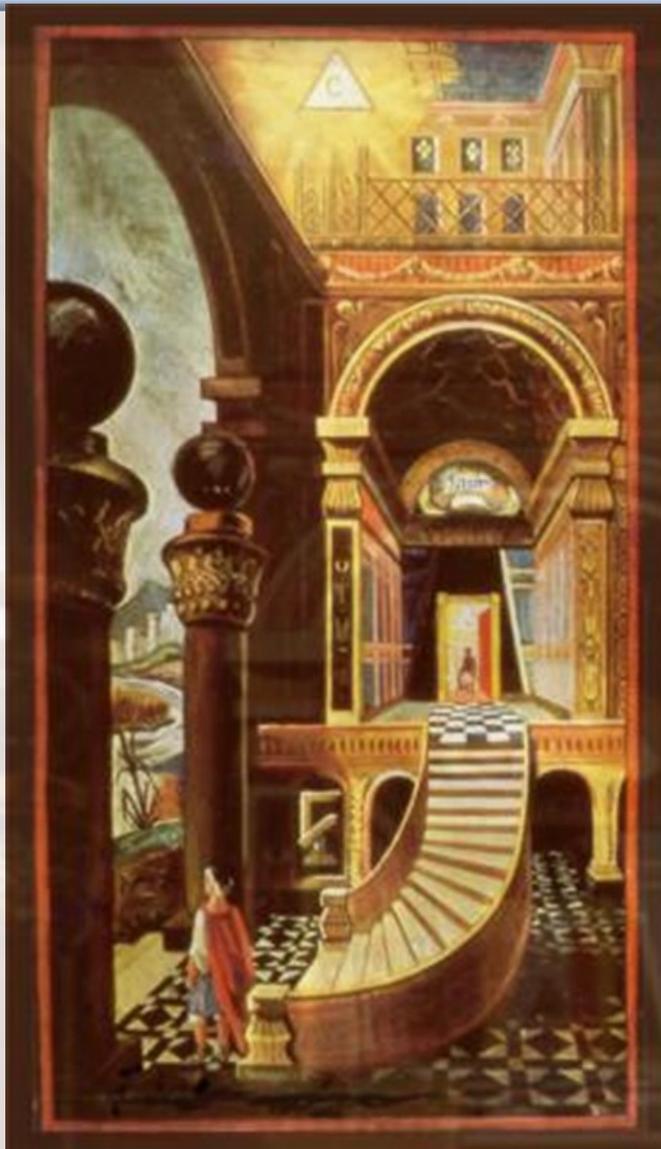
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body and soul; sun and moon; male and female; good and bad; summer and winter; etc. In other words, they represent the duality of the manifested material world, as dictated by Natural Law. This symbolism is reinforced by the mosaic pavement in the Lodge. The lower, physical part of us is earthly and materialistic while our higher, divine portion is spiritual. These two portions of ourselves are always in conflict, the spiritual and the carnal ever warring against one another, and the enlightened man learns to create a perfect balance between them and to establish himself in strength so that his own inward lodge or temple stands firm against all weakness, temptation, and adversity. As stated in our Masonic ritual, the pillars when conjoined, denote stability.

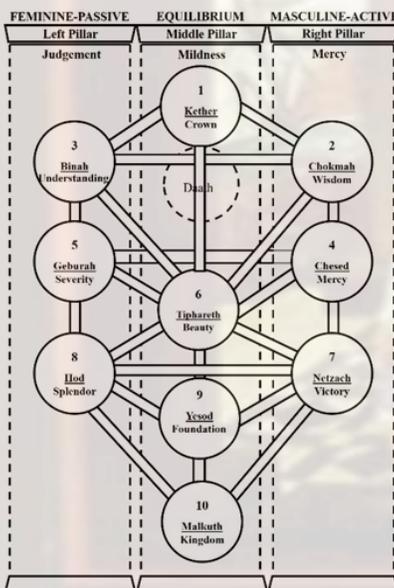
This duality, as taught in Pythagorean and Egyptian numerology, and in Rosicrucian teachings, will always produce a triad.

In addition to being replicas of the pillars in King Solomon's Temple, the two pillars are derived also from the Kabbalistic Sephiroth, or Tree of



left-hand column is called the pillar of Severity, also called Judgement, which is founded on Understanding, and also Strength. The middle column is called the pillar of Equilibrium, incorporating Grace and Beauty, and keeps the other two in balance, which perfectly defines the purpose of our two Masonic Temple pillars. It is also the Crown, in which all the powers of the superior worlds are manifested. You will recognize, from this description, the derivation of the pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty.

The Kabbalah is a complex teaching, and will not be dealt with here. However, it should be understood that further study is required if a fuller understanding of the symbolism of the pillars is to be obtained.



Life, which is a symbol used in the Kabbalah, a system of mysticism. Kabbalah is a set of esoteric teachings meant to explain the relationship between an unchanging, eternal, and mysterious infinity (which we might call the Great Architect Of The Universe) and the mortal and finite universe. It defines paths to understanding and perfection.

To simplify some of the concepts, the ten Sephiroth are divided into three vertical columns. The right-hand column is called the pillar of Mercy, which has its basis in Wisdom. The

As the candidate takes his place between the two pillars, representing the pairs of opposites, and the start of the narrow path, he is to find balance and equilibrium to be successful in his spiritual journey.

In the tracing board, the pillars lead to the winding staircase, which will be addressed later.

*(to be continued)*

## Words of Wisdom

"We know that the aim of all human beings is to perfect ourselves; to become better people. Therefore, constantly endeavor to awaken and express the virtues of the soul that animates you. In doing so, you will contribute to your own evolution while serving the cause of humanity."

Rosicrucian Manuscript

"Mysticism heightens our creativity and helps us develop the greater sense of confidence that comes from knowing how to tap into our inner wisdom to find answers to life's challenges. Mysticism is humanity's deepest quest for Self Knowledge."

Rosicrucian Manuscript

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 and the true nature of the universe

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

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)



### *South African Melktert (Milk Tart)*

*by W. Bro. Rob Lund*

#### **Ingredients**

3 tablespoons butter, melted  
1 cup white sugar  
3 egg yolks  
1 cup cake flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
4 cups milk  
3 egg white  
1 tablespoon cinnamon sugar (mix)

#### **Instructions**

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Coat a 9 inch deep dish pie plate with vegetable oil cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, mix together the butter

and sugar until smooth. Add the egg yolks and beat until light and fluffy. Sift in the cake flour, baking powder and salt, and stir until well blended. Mix in the vanilla and milk. In a separate bowl, whip the egg whites to stiff peaks using an electric mixer. Fold into the batter. Pour into the prepared pie plate, and sprinkle cinnamon sugar over the top.

3. Bake for 25 minutes in the preheated oven, then reduce the temperature to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Continue to bake for 25 to 30

minutes, or until the center is set when you gently jiggle the pie.

Serve hot, cold, or room temperature (my preference for full flavour).



## Architecture Corner

by W. Bro. Rob Lund

In the previous issue, we covered the Romanesque Revival Style.

### **Richardsonian Romanesque**

Richardsonian Romanesque is a style of Romanesque Revival architecture named after architect Henry Hobson Richardson (1838-1886).

Richardson took the Romanesque Revival style to a

different level. It emphasizes strong picturesque massing, round-headed "Romanesque" arches, often



rising from clusters of short squat columns, deeply recessed entrances, richly varied rustication, bands of arched windows, and cylindrical towers with conical caps embedded in the walling.

While there were some houses built in this style, they were not attractive dwelling places.

Most examples are to be found in official buildings and some churches.

Some local examples are The old Toronto City Hall, Queens Park, and the church opposite Toronto West temple.



### 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.

There is no longer any cost for this magazine as it is included in the Ontario Mason publication, which is emailed to you, and can also be found on the Grand Lodge website. Back issues can also be found there.

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.
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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".

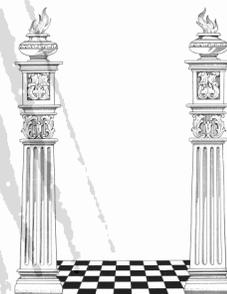
There are many electronic books and other resources there.

### 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 V.W. Bro. Arnold (Mac) McCausland, e-mail: [secretary@heritagelodge730.ca](mailto:secretary@heritagelodge730.ca). The fee for Affiliation is \$ 55.00 and the annual dues are also \$ 55.00.



# Upcoming Events

Ibrox Lodge #740 AF&AM

# Caribbean Night

**SATURDAY**

**OCT. 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**7:00PM**

**\$35 SINGLE**

**\$60 COUPLE**

Meals catered by  
[www.soulyve.com](http://www.soulyve.com)

**BRAMPTON MASONIC TEMPLE  
955 CLARK BLVD. BRAMPTON**

*Dinner / Dance / Prizes*

**For further details contact [secretary@ibroxlodge.com](mailto:secretary@ibroxlodge.com)**

Thursday, October 13 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Mississauga Lodge 524

Friday, October 14 7:30pm  
Official Visit to General Mercer 548

Tuesday, October 18 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Peel Lodge 468

Friday, October 21 7:30pm  
Installation at Anthony Sayer Lodge 640

Saturday, October 22 6:30pm  
District Fundraiser - Battle of the Bands

Friday, October 28 7:30pm

Official Visit to Ibrox Lodge 740

Tuesday, November 1 7:30pm  
Official Visit to River Park Lodge 356

Thursday, November 10 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Flower City Lodge 689

Tuesday, November 15 7:30pm  
Installation at Victoria Lodge 474

**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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