

The Square

Masonic Magazine



Meet our D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. Steven Armstrong



To my Brethren of Kilwinning Lodge:

I would like to thank Bro. Alex Thomson for asking me to write a bit of a biography of myself for your newsletter "The Square"

First, I want to say how honoured and humble I am to have this opportunity to serve our District as District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto West for this upcoming Masonic year 2008-2009. It is going to be enjoyable and a rewarding year for everyone. My theme this year is "REMEMBER – ENTHUSIASM IS CONTAGIOUS – CATCH IT". If we all keep this in mind when we are doing our Masonic tasks Toronto West has no where to go but to greater heights.
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I was born in Toronto on March 5th 1954 and am the youngest son of the family.

As long as I could remember my father would leave the house every first Monday night of the month with his black bag to Lodge. My father has been a Mason for 57 years and when I was Master I had the privilege and honour of giving him his 50 year pin. During my younger years, I did not understand what he was doing, but, as I got older periodically he would invite my brother and I to an evening at Lodge where other fathers and their sons would meet. They would have a banquet in the Lodge room and have very prominent men from the community like a hockey player or baseball player speak to us about their fortunes in their respected sports. I thought this was exciting and it left such a lasting impression on me. I asked my father about Masonry and he told me "all in due time son".

I joined the Masonic order on October 3, 1983 at Lake Shore Lodge #645 at Connaught Temple. I can remember that night vividly, both my brother & I joined that same night. He being older than I, went in first and I was left outside the Lodge room by myself, except for this man all dressed in Blue and Gold in a Tuxedo. He came over to me and talked awhile then he left, but before leaving he said to me, "Son, don't worry, every man beyond this door has done the same thing you will be doing in a few minutes and they have all made it through" Little did I know this was R.W. Bro. Clarence Bytheway, on his official visit as the District Deputy Grand Master. Ever since that night Masonry has encompassed my life and enhanced it. I was passed to the second degree on November 7, 1983 and raised to the third degree on March 19th 1984.

Shortly after becoming a Mason, I bought my first house and set up home. On May 2, 1986 I married my wife, Doreen, and we have two boys. My oldest son, Ryan (born August 17th 1989) is now 19 years old and off to College this year. My youngest son, Kurt (born March 23 1995) is 13 years of age, this is his final year in Middle School. They are my life. We enjoy many outings together as a family. One thing we enjoy the most, is our family cottage on the Trent Canal System near Lake Simcoe, were we spend many weekends both summer and winter playing and having fun together.

My vocation in life has been our family business in manufacturing sanitation and specialty chemicals for the cleaning industry across Canada. It has been very challenging yet rewarding for over 35 years.

I simply want to say that in today's society where old fashion values – good manners, kindness, good morals have some how lost their way – Masonry has for centuries if not longer has been the source of good values, good morals and we should be proud and ready to share these ideals with everyone we meet and we will make a difference in our society and others will follow.

Finally, I wish Kilwinning Lodge all good things for this Masonic year, for each and every one of your families – good health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

R.W. Bro. Steven Armstrong



HERITAGE LODGE NO. 730 G.R.C.

The Who, What, Where Why, When & How of Heritage Lodge
By W. Bro. Peter Irwin, I.P.M. of Heritage Lodge

Part Four - The Where



Where does Heritage Lodge meet? This is a more difficult question. The one word answer is: EVERYWHERE ... at least in Ontario.

Our members come from all points of the compass in Ontario, and quite literally too! We have members from the farthest reaches of the province.

There are a couple of fixed or semi-fixed meetings.

First, the elections are always held in Cambridge. This is considered the defacto headquarters of the lodge as it was in the Cambridge Masonic Temple that the lodge was constituted. We have an annual black-tie banquet which is always well intended, and although the location is not fixed, it always seems to be held in the Scarborough Masonic Temple because it is large, easy to get to and has ample parking.

Second, the installation is held wherever the Worshipful Master Elect would like to have it.

Third, the two regular meetings, can literally be anywhere in the province. If someone wishes to present a paper, they can approach a lodge in their vicinity to "sponsor" Heritage Lodge and we will arrange to hold the meeting there. Alternately, a speaker can request to present a paper and Heritage Lodge can find a sponsor lodge for them. A third option is that a lodge can request to sponsor Heritage Lodge and request us to provide a speaker. We are quite flexible that way, and these last two options actually mesh together quite well.

THE HISTORY OF DUDLEY TIMEPIECES

By Brother C. Julius Clark from his book "Masonic Timepieces, Rings, Balls & Watch Fobs"



The "King" of pocket watches and the most sought after is a Dudley Masonic Watch made by a Mason for a Masonic purpose.

William Wallace Dudley was born in 1851 in St. John, New Brunswick Canada. He began his career as a horologist at the age of 13, when he became an apprentice to a maker of ship chronometers in Canada. Some years later after completing his apprenticeship, he moved to the United States and joined the Waltham Watch factory in Waltham, Mass., where he was employed as a model maker.

Dudley moved around from one watch factory to another gaining knowledge and experience. He went to Springfield, Ill., where he was connected with the Illinois Watch Company, and later moved to South Bend, Indiana, where he joined the South Bend Watch Company as superintendent. His next move was back east to Chambersburg, N.J., to work for the Trenton Watch Company. From 1906 to 1920, he was designer and superintendent of manufacture at the Hamilton Watch Company, Lancaster, Pa., but left at the age of 69 to fulfill his dream of establishing a watch factory. It is believed Mr. Dudley had seen the the M. Tobias & Co. watch made in England with the two Masonic emblems in the balance cock.

Deeply interested in Freemasonry, he was a member of both York and Scottish Rites, the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

According to his daughter, he started working on his first Masonic watch 15 - 20 years before he patented his design.

In 1918, Dudley started to work on a Masonic watch with its bridge plate in the form of Masonic symbols (a slipper, plumb, trowel, level, square, compasses, the Letter "G" and a Bible). These emblem parts were machined by Brother Willis R. Michael. Dudley later applied for and was granted design patents dated June 29, 1923.

George W. Adams and John D. Wood, local retail jewelers and both Masons, became Dudley's partners. On May 20, 1920, they applied to the state of Pennsylvania for incorporation. The letters patent were issued June 7, 1920. The amount of capital stock of the corporation was \$5,000.00. Property was acquired at South West End and Maple Ave., Lancaster, Pa. The original project of the company was to design and build a

14 size, 19 jewel, 14kt. solid gold watch, which is referred to as a Model 1, were being produced.

By 1923, the Dudley Watch Company, faced with dwindling sales and heavy competition from other companies producing smaller watches, decided to go ahead with the development of a 12 size, 19 jewel, 14kt. gold filled watch, which was referred to as a Model 2. The Model 2 differs from its forerunner by having a silver colored Bible mounted, so as to cover the bevel pinion which was previously exposed. This watch used the wheels and escapement design from the Hamilton models. At full production the company employed 18 - 20 men including Arthur and Clifford Dudley, sons of the founder. As it was primarily an assembly operation, the employees were all high-skilled watchmakers, most of whom had worked in the Hamilton Watch Company. Those men with Masonic background were given preference. Once production began, sales became the problem, and a salesman named Bostwick started out on the road. The price of the watches varied with the styles cases, top line ranged from \$125.00 to \$250.00. By late 1924, the company was heavily in debt and management was trying desperately to find a solution to its problem. On February 28, 1925, a petition was introduced in the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia that the Dudley Watch Company be adjudged bankrupt, mostly due because the new wrist watch had been introduced on the market. After leaving the Company, Dudley was in serious difficulties. He had invested all his available capital in his brain-child and at the age of 74 found himself out of work and nearly broke. He accepted a job at Hamilton Watch Company as a mechanic where he continued to work until 1931, retiring at the age of 80.

On February 8, 1938 Dudley died at Lancaster, Pa. Nearly 60 years after Brother Dudley's business was declared bankrupt, his dream has come true and today his watches are considered very rare and its a privilege to be an owner of a Dudley pocket watch. In the 15 years that Dudley watches were produced in Lancaster, less than 2,600 watches of the Masonic design were made.



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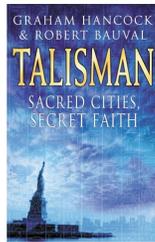
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**TALISMAN: SACRED CITIES,
 SECRET FAITH**

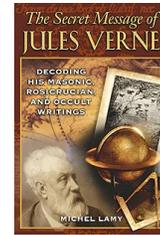
By Graham Hancock and Robert Bauval

Graham Hancock is one of my favourite authors, well known for meticulous and detailed research, having written important works like “Fingerprints of the Gods” and “The Sign And The Seal: A Quest For The Lost Ark Of The Covenant”.

The book sets out to uncover traces in architecture of a “secret religion” that has shaped the world. Beginning with Masonic influences in both the American and French Revolutions, and the swing by the French away from Christianity at that time to Egyptian influences. Questions are raised and answers proposed as to why Benjamin Franklin became master of The Nine sisters lodge in Paris; why a 3500 year old obelisk from Egypt was raised in Paris; why French Freemasons gifted America with the Statue of Liberty; why Freemasons commissioned a giant obelisk at the Washington Monument; why did FDR commission the eye and pyramid on the dollar bill; why Truman, a 33 Degree Mason helped create the State of Israel; why did George W take his presidential oath on a Masonic bible; why were the Twin Towers targeted by Bin Laden?

Most of the book follows the history of underground “religions” through the centuries, including Christian Gnosticism, Hermeticism, Catharism, Bogomism, Templarism, Rosicrucianism, Illuminati, and Freemasonry.

While this background is rather fascinating, the authors then attempt to tie all this, rather weakly I think, to the US mission of “Globalism” and the Muslim world’s hatred of Freemasonry, even proposing that Freemasonry is the re-emergence of those underground religions, showing an ignorance of what Freemasonry is about and leaving me flatly disappointed.



**THE SECRET MESSAGE OF JULES
 VERNE: DECODING HIS MASONIC,
 ROSICRUCIAN AND OCCULT
 WRITINGS**

By Michel Lamy

This book is an exploration of how Jules Verne used his writings to encrypt important Masonic and Rosicrucian secrets and sacred symbolism, and investigates his connections to the prominent, fashionable secret societies of his time: Freemasons, Golden Dawn, Angelic Society and Rosicrucians.

Among the many esoteric secrets to be found are significant clues to the Rennes-le-Chateau mystery, including the survival of the heirs to the Merovingian dynasty. The key to Verne’s work lies in the initiatory language he employed to inscribe a second or even third layer of meaning beneath the main narrative. It reveals his skilled use of word play, homonyms, anagrams, and numerical combinations. The surface story itself is often a guide that tells the reader what he or she is looking for. Far from innocuous stories for children, Verne’s work reveals itself to be rich with teaching on symbolism, esoteric traditions, sacred geography, and the secret history of humanity.

I, unfortunately, did not get a lot out of this book, mainly because I have never read any of Verne’s books (except the comic book versions), but it has given me a desire to do so now.

Dear Brethren,

Thanks to R.W. Bro. Steve Armstrong, R.W. Bro. Irwin and Bro. Rob Lund for making this issue of “The Square” possible.

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