



# Kilwinning 565 News

## From The Chair



Brethren,

I hope everyone has had a joyful and safe Christmas holidays and New Years!

It is with complete happiness I write to you, this my first message from the East, as Kilwinning 565's newest Worshipful Master.

I would first like to thank the members for voting for me and trusting me with your lodge I hope to never let you down. Second, I wish to thank W. Bro Chris Mason for his outstanding job as my Installing master. From his organizational skills, to the beautiful crafted and wax sealed invitations, to settling me from the grips of panic on that wintery night when we started getting a few understandable cancelations, he was always there for me. Lastly, to every brother who mentored me and groomed me to sit in the chair of King Solomon, I thank you.

I would like to congratulate and thank all the officers for stepping up and helping me in our coming Masonic year. We have a lot of work

ahead of us, but I know when we come out the other end, we will be a much stronger lodge for it. Our historic Robbie Burns night, January 20th, is the first on our radar. It always proves to be such a fun and entertaining night, with all the piping, highland dancing, and HAGGIS! I Love it! I brush my teeth with that stuff! Look forward your attendance.

On February 17th, we have the Official Visit of DDGM RW Bro. Manoj Dave. That night, we will be passing Bro. Arya Djenar Mahesa Putra to the second de-

gree. Work assignments are out. I trust the degree team are learning and studying their parts.

If you are among the few member we have not seen lately, on behalf of the officers and myself, I invite you to reconnect with your Kilwinning brethren and watch some good ritual being done. I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge.

With Warmest Fraternal regards,

W. Bro Philip K. Horrigan  
Worshipful Master

### Installation

On Friday, December 16, the annual Installation and investment of Kilwinning 565 Officers took place on a snowy night, as seems to always be the case. This, of course, meant that many people could not make it to the event. However, this did not spoil the occasion as there were enough people to cover all aspects of the ceremony. Brother Phil Horrigan was installed in the chair of Solomon and the officers were invested with their collars and badges of office. Brother Horrigan's family was there to support this important appointment and made it very special. The banquet beforehand was a festive occasion with toasts and speeches and a fabulous meal thanks, especially, to Chef Michael Siu. See pictures on the next page.

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# Installation Pics



# Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 14)

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

## The Second Degree Tracing Board (continued)

### The Letter "G" (continued)

In the closing ritual of a Fellowcraft Lodge, the Senior Warden indicates that the letter "G", representing God, the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, is situated in the centre of the building. Bearing in mind that the Lodge represents oneself, this indicates, once more, that the Divine presence is at the centre of our being.

### Corn, Wine and Oil

We learn, in the emulation ritual, that Entered Apprentices were paid their wages in corn, wine, and oil. In the Antient ritual, it is the Fellowcraft who are paid such wages.

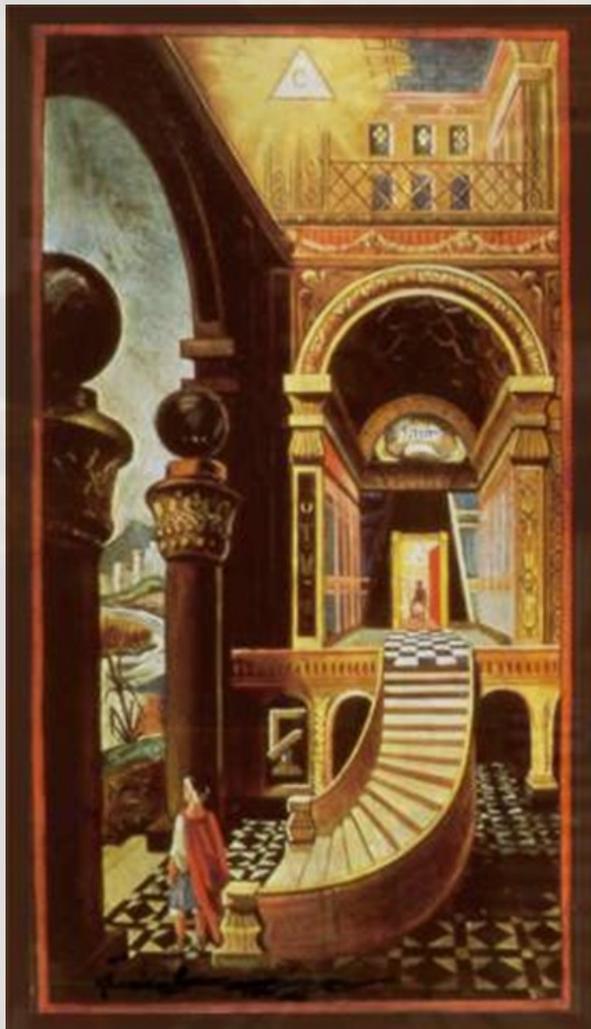
The Michigan ritual states "You have now arrived at a place representing the Middle Chamber where you are received and recorded as a Fellowcraft and are now entitled to your wages as such, which are the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy, which denote plenty, happiness, and peace".



Corn, wine, and oil were the most important products of Middle Eastern countries, and they constituted the wealth of the people. They were esteemed as the supporters of life and the means of refreshment. David, in Psalm 104, names them among the greatest blessings that we enjoy, and speaks of them as "wine that makes glad the heart of

man, and oil to make his face shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart".

W.L. Wilmshurst makes the following statement in his book "The Ceremony of Passing": "Why is corn used in preference to any other symbol of growth? The traditional secret teaching is briefly this: - Corn is a "Sacred



plant". Its source has always puzzled the botanists. It is not indigenous to this world; it is never found, like other cereals and seeded grasses, in a wild state, from which its growth has been stimulated by intensive culture. This golden, graceful, prolific, and needful plant, it was taught, was never a

growth of this earth, but a gift of the Gods who in the dawn of time transported it to our world from another planet with the double purpose of providing the staple food of humanity and of giving man an emblem of his own soul and of its infinite and prolific potentialities. (This ancient tradition is repeated in Psalm 78: 24-25, A.V., "He gave them of the corn of heaven; man did eat angels' food")."

We dealt with Corn earlier, but I will add that it is meant to describe the candidate himself and his own spiritual condition. He is the corn planted near, and nourished by, a stream of water. His own spiritual growth, from the Apprentice stage, is typified by the ripening corn: the cause of its growth being the Divine "dew of heaven".

Wine is said to be the mystic blood of eternal life. Esoterically, wine is a symbol of the mind exalted by the consciousness of Divine things.

"Corn and wine at once call to mind the sacred elements in the Christian Eucharist, and also the myth of the sun-god, who rises into mid-heaven to ripen the corn and the grape, and thus gives of his life for the benefit of others. These are types of the things most valuable to man; and to say that anyone is



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

*paid in corn and wine thus means that the richest of earth's treasures are the reward of his work, and that at the same time they carry with them the blessing of God."* W.L.Wilmshurst

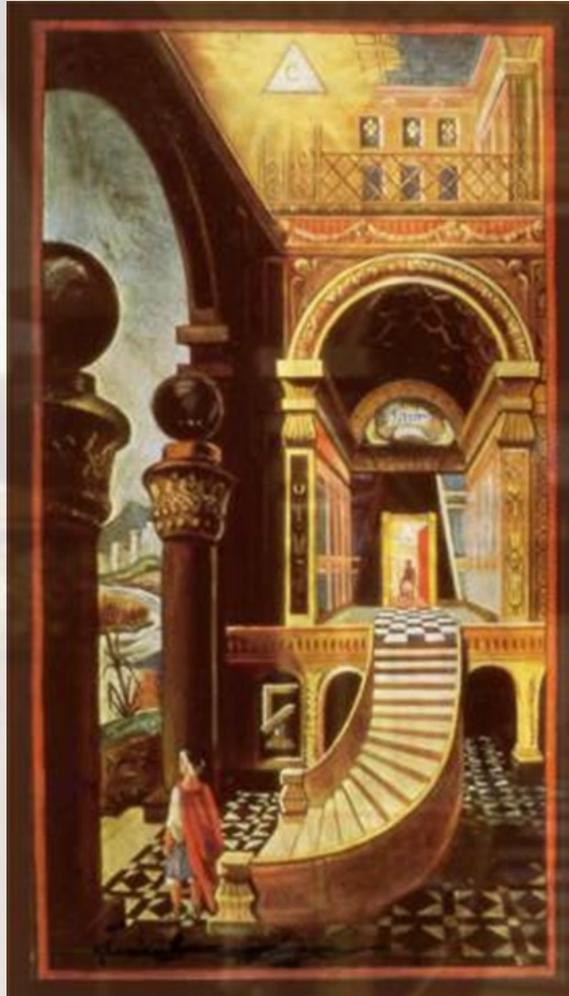
Esoterically, Corn and Wine are related to Body and Mind which are the two lower principles of human nature. Oil and Salt are related to Soul and Spirit which are the two higher principles of human nature. Wisdom results when the purified Body and Mind become fused with the "fire" of the Spirit.

Previously, we were "restored to light". Now, we are being enabled to develop that light as an interior illumination in our middle chamber, and the payment of our wages consists, no longer of mere physical sustenance (corn, wine and oil), but of something greater, which we may use as we will, as it is paid in specie, that metal which, properly prepared and transmuted, will produce the "potable gold" of the spiritual man.

The oil typifies the great gift of wisdom. As oil is expressed from the olive, so is wisdom expressed by the soul of man from all his experiences on earth. After all the material results of work have turned to dust, the wisdom resulting from all the efforts made, and the experiences undergone, remains in the heart of man. The reward of work in the world is not only outward, in the things that are gained, but also inward, in the heart and mind of man himself.

W.L.Wilmshurst puts it this way:

*"In their higher symbolism Corn (or Bread) and Wine relate to those of the Altar, and were Eucharistic elements in the Mysteries long before the Christian Master in a certain "upper room" (or higher level of application) took over and gave a new application to*



*the wheat of Ceres and the wine of Bacchus-Dionysis ; while Oil, the crushed out and refined product of the olive, refers to that Wisdom which is the ultimate essence of experience and knowledge, and which has been associated, in the different Mystery teachings, with Minerva, with Solomon, and with the Mount of Olives.*

*The spiritual Craftsman not only earns his own wages proportionately to his*

*work; his own labours automatically supply them. God, as his employer, has already lodged them within him in advance; he has only to appropriate*



*them as he becomes justly entitled to them by his own labours, as the sons of Jacob found their money restored to them in their cornsacks.*

*The Mason "is himself likened to an ear of corn, nourished by a fall of the Water of Life. In virtue of the animal element in his nature he is himself "the ox that treadeth out the corn," separating his own golden grain from the stalk that bore it. He is himself the "threshing floor of Araunah," winnowing his own chaff from his own wheat. He treads his own winepress alone; in singleness of effort and in the solitude of his own thought distilling his own vintage, until the cup of his mind runs over with the wine of a new order of intelligence. He is his own oil-press, and out of his own experience and self-realisation extracts wisdom-that oil which anoints him with a joy and an ability above his fellows, and that runs down to the "skirts of his clothing," manifesting itself in his personality and in all his activities."*

*(to be continued)*

## Words of Wisdom

"More than ever, it is time for us to move from religiosity to spirituality, which means replacing the sole belief in God with the knowledge of divine laws - that is, universal, natural, and spiritual laws. The well-being we seek, including on a material plane, is to be found in this knowledge and in the wisdom that ensues. An ancient Rosicrucian adage says, "It is from ignorance and ignorance alone that humans must free themselves." Ignorance is at the origin of the worst things a person can do to oneself, to others, and to one's environment. It is also the source of different superstitions that demean humanity and prevent it from finding complete fulfillment. Therefore give a spiritual direction to your life. Do not just be a living thing, be a living soul."

Rosicrucian Manuscript

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

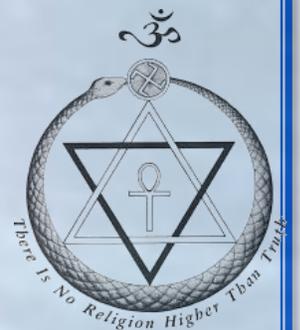
- The study of comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science
- Investigating the unexplained laws of Nature, and the powers latent in man

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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)



### Pickled Fish by W. Bro. Rob Lund

This is a traditional South African dish originating in the Cape.

#### Ingredients (6 servings)

- 1 1/2 cup vegetable oil for frying
- 3 pounds cod fillets, cut into 2 to 3 ounce portions
- salt to taste
- 2 large onions, peeled and sliced into rings
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 8 whole black peppercorns
- 4 whole allspice berries
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 red chilli pepper, seeded and sliced lengthwise
- 2 cups red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar, or to taste
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric



- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander

#### Instructions

- 1) Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season the fish with salt and place in the skillet. Fry on both sides until fish is browned and cooked through, about 5 minutes per side. Remove from the skillet and set aside.
- 2) Fry the onions and garlic in the same skillet over medium heat until translucent. Add the peppercorns, allspice berries, bay leaves, and red chilli pepper. Pour in the vinegar and water and bring to a boil. Stir in the brown sugar until dissolved. Season with curry powder, turmeric, cumin and coriander. Taste and adjust the sweetness if desired.
- 3) Layer pieces of fish and the pickling mixture in a serving dish. Pour the liquid over until the top layer is covered. Allow to cool then cover and refrigerate for at least 24 hours before serving.

## Architecture Corner

by W. Bro. Rob Lund

In the previous issue, we covered the Georgian Architecture for buildings

### Loyalist

Loyalists were those who were not in favour of American independence and moved north to Canada.

This style was popular in Canada between 1800 and 1850.

The Loyalist style was derived from Georgian architecture, with an eclectic addition of other style elements, especially Greek Revival. It is similar to the Adam style in the UK, Louis XVI in France, and Federal in the US.

Like Georgian, it was based on symmetry, but daintier—using shallower planes and gentler roof pitches. It used oval forms and arcades at the main entrance. It included Classical ornamentation including fluted pilasters.

The door also featured elliptical fanlights and sidelights and, often, a portico, which became the dominating feature.



Next issue: Regency

## 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.

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-non-fortuna@hotmail.com](mailto:deo-non-fortuna@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 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.

### The Hidden Code In Freemasonry



Finding Light through  
Esoteric interpretation of  
Masonic ritual

Robert V Lund

# District Charity Event

TICKETS  
**\$20**

**MEADOWVALE THEATER**

6315 MONTEVIDEO ROAD  
MISSISSAUGA ON

THURSDAY  
**JAN 19, 2017**  
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM



Disney **THE LITTLE  
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For further events see the District website:

<http://www.torontowestdistrict.com/calendar.html>

# Upcoming Events



## “Lodge of Instruction”

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 PM

Brampton Masonic Centre, Hosted by Ionic Lodge 229

**CLICK FOR MORE INFO**

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 7:30pm  
Installation at Long Branch Lodge 632

Monday, January 9, 2017 7:30pm  
Installation at Lake Shore Lodge 645

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Ionic Lodge 229

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Runnymede Lodge 619

Thursday, January 19, 2017 8:00pm  
District Theatre Night

Saturday, January 21 10:00am  
Cornerstone Workshop

Tuesday, January 24 7:00pm  
District Lodge of Instruction

Friday, February 3 7:30pm  
Official Visit to King Hiram Lodge 566

Saturday, February 4 8:00am  
Wardens Association Meeting

Thursday, February 9 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Connaught Lodge 501

Friday, February 10 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Joseph A. Hearn Lodge 685

Friday, February 17 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Kilwinning Lodge 565

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