



# From The Chair



Brethren,

I'm Happy to report we had a very successful official visit from our DDGM R.W. Bro. Manoj Dave.

On that night, I had the honor of passing Bro. Arya Djenar to the 2nd degree. Bro Djenar did a fantastic job preparing his memory work, and I'm sure he will be as diligent in his efforts in preparing for his 3rd degree. The degree team did exceptionally well. I thank each and every one of you for your time attending the practices and the time you put into memorizing your work.

To R.W. Bro. Bill Bain and Bro. Sean Wilson, I thank you for standing in as the Deacons.

Before the lodge was closed, Brother Bain, making Mother Kilwinning proud, made our DDGM an Honorary Scotsman. Our DDGM was a great sport in undergoing the ritual. A special thanks to our JW, Bro. James Low, who made a vegetarian meal, in fine Kilwinning form.

At our next Emergent meeting, on March 6th, I will be presenting quotes for the

making of Past Master jewels from various vendors. After a month of all of us considering our options, on the April 3rd Emergent meeting, we will discuss, put it to a vote, and decide on a direction.

On March 17th, we will be welcoming in Mr. Sharva Hassamel to the craft and to Kilwinning. I have emailed everyone the degree work and hope all are giving it their full attention. We will also have the pleasure of welcoming Kilwinning 64 from London as our visitors that night. I'm planning to make an Irish boil for dinner that night because: firstly, the Brethren of Kilwinning 64 always show us a great time when we visit them; secondly, because it will be St Patrick's Day.

I request that all Kilwinning 565 Brethren come out to

show their love and respect to their Lodge.

A quick message to let you know that The General Mercer Lodge will be hosting the March meeting of the Warden's Association on Saturday, March 4th at the West Toronto Masonic Temple. The topic for meeting will be "Junior Officer Responsibilities." With relatively new officers in our Lodge, this topic is quite timely.

There will be a breakfast at 8am (\$10), and the meeting beginning at 9am. Hopefully we will see you then.

Stay safe Brothers!

Sincerely & Fraternally yours,

W. Bro Philip K. Horrigan  
Worshipful Master  
Kilwinning No. 565 GRC

## Arya Passed

On the evening of our DDGM's official visit, we were able to pass Bro. Arya Djenar to the the Second Degree.

Our Brother was well prepared, and the work in the Degree was good.

We hope that this will inspire Bro. Djenar to continue on his Masonic journey.

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# Official Visit Pictures



This turned out to be a wonderfully grand evening, accompanied by good food, and great fellowship.



# Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 16)

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

## The Master Mason Degree (continued)

### The Centre

A Third Degree Lodge is opened on the Centre. The centre is where, it is hoped, the genuine secrets of a Master Mason will be found, and from where a Master Mason cannot err. What is so important about the Centre?

In the ancient mysteries, the Circle is a universal emblem of Eternity and represents Spirit. To the Hindus, a point within the circle is the symbol for the concept of the Supreme Being, from whence we have come, and to where we shall all ultimately return. The Egyptian hieroglyph for Re, the supreme god, is a dot within a circle.

When drawing a circle with compasses, one compass point rests at the centre and the other point makes a circle, which is infinite, with no beginning and no end. No matter how far the legs of the compass are extended, or how large the circle is, one point is always at the centre. So, symbolically, as long as we have a connection to the centre, we "cannot err".

The compasses should be considered as representing the Divine Spark in ourselves. The soul (S.W.) indicates that it is at the centre that we hope to

find the genuine secrets, and the spirit (W.M.) offers assistance with the search. Theosophical, Buddhist, and Rosicrucian teachings all indicate that we find our Spirit at the Centre of our being and it is only from there that we can communicate with the Divine.



At the top of the Board, we find the sprig of acacia. The Sprig of Acacia has three traditional meanings: Initiation; Innocence; and the immortality of the soul. The latter meaning is important in this context. It stems back to many legends, such as that of Osiris. The symbol of acacia is intended to remind us, by its evergreen nature, of that better and spiritual part within us which can never die (the immortal principle).

### Plumb Rule, Level, and Setting Maul

Towards the bottom of the tracing board can be seen the weapons of the ruffians: the Plumb Rule, the Level, and the Setting Maul.

Symbolically, the impatient ruffians (in the Antient ritual, referred to as Jubela, Jubelo, and Jubelum) represent aspects of our nature. These aspects seek rewards that we are not entitled to and for which we are not qualified. In the Antient ritual, they strike the throat, breast, and forehead. These relate to three points of spiritual energy

(Chakras).



The Third Degree Tracing Board  
Acacia

(to be continued)

## Words of Wisdom

*"Come, step back from your close view of the obstacles that seem to surround you. Close your eyes to them for a while and create a new picture. Leave the past and the present out of your consideration and make a new life, a new day, beginning with tomorrow. Build it up part by part in your mind and in your conversations and contacts with those around you until you have a perfect picture of the future that is just beyond today's horizon. Then step forward bravely into this picture; and with determination start your journey along the line that leads to your new life. You will find yourself master of the picture and of those realities, and you will find in it the greatest happiness and rewards, and every effort, every thought devoted to it."*

H. Spencer Lewis (AMORC)

*"If this world will seem to us, after our death, as nothing but magical illusion, why do we regard it otherwise at present? The nature of things does not change."*

Louis- Claude de Saint-Martin

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

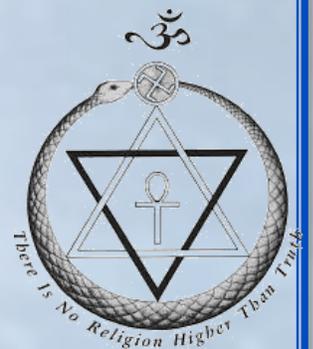
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For further information, contact:

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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)



### Thai Curry Vegetable Salad Roll by Phil Horrigan

#### Summer Rolls

- 10 spring roll rice paper wrappers
- 1 large semi rape mango julienned
- 1 liter of cooked Korean glass noodle or sweet potato noodle
- 1/2 liter of a curried diced vegetables
- handful fresh cilantro (and/or mint, basil)
- Mesclun mix lettuce leaves (Colorful baby lettuce)
- sesame seeds for garnish (optional)

#### Easy Sriracha Mayo Sauce

- 1 cup Mayo
- 1 clove garlic, mashed (or about 1 teaspoon minced)
- 3-4 Tablespoons Sriracha sauce
- 1-2 Tablespoons lime juice
- 2 table spoons chopped coriander
- optional garnish: sprigs of coriander

#### Method

1. Prepare the dipping sauce: You can whisk everything together in a bowl. Set aside.
2. Prepare the rice paper wrappers: Pour warm water into a large bowl or 9-inch square or round baking pan. The baking pan is what I always use. Working with one at a time, dip the rice paper wrapper into the warm water for 15-20 seconds (or whatever the package suggests). Usually it's around that time. You want the wrapper to be soft, yet still slightly firm and pliable. Immediately remove from

the water and place flat onto a work surface such as a large plastic or ceramic cutting board. Sometimes I use a large wood cutting board, but the wrappers stick to it a little more. Pat the wrapper slightly dry.



3. Fill the rolls: Place coriander, cooked noodle, mango and curry veg horizontally on the wrap in the lower half near yourself. Lay 4-5 leaves of a lettuce leaf on top. Remember, do not overstuff the roll. Start small then add more, as needed, as you roll each one.

4. Roll them: Roll everything up tightly. To do so, gently pull up the bottom of the roll and roll over the filling. Then, roll and use your hands to tuck the filling in as you go. It's basically like you're rolling a burrito! Remember, you want a very tight roll. You can fold in the sides of the rice paper roll if you wish, but sometimes I don't.

5. After rolling each, place on a serving plate. Cut in half,

sprinkle with sesame seeds, and serve with sauce.

6. Roll everything up tightly– just like a burrito. To do so, gently pull up the bottom of the roll and roll over the filling. Then, roll and use your hands to tuck the filling in as you go. Remember, you want a very tight roll. You can fold in the sides of the rice paper roll if you wish, but sometimes I don't.

## Architecture Corner

by W. Bro. Rob Lund

In the previous issue, we covered the Regency cottage style Architecture.

### Greek revival

So popular in America from 1830-1860 were the use of columns, pediments, and porticoes, it was used for many types of building and it became difficult to distinguish between churches, court-houses and banks.

Next issue: Beaux Arts



# THE COMMUNIQUE

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## ***From the Grand Master ...***

March is now upon us, Brethren, when we are again introduced to the Spring season. It seems that Spring commenced in February this year but don't get too comfortable yet. We still could be challenged with a lot of winter situations.

March is the month when the highest number of Official Visits take place. I would sincerely ask you to consider attending the Lodges in your respective District to support the Worshipful Masters and Officers of those Lodges. They deserve your friendship and support. It also demonstrates comradery and fellowship that builds stronger bonds within the District. The building of friendships and understanding Masonry, from another point of view, often assists in developing your own thoughts about our gentle craft.

March is also the month when Brethren consider allowing their name to stand for an elected Grand Lodge office. Nominations are to be submitted to the Grand Secretary at Grand Lodge Office on or before the deadline date of April 1, 2017. The following Grand Lodge elected positions for 2017 are: DEPUTY GRAND MASTER; GRAND SENIOR WARDEN; GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN and GRAND REGISTRAR.

Another valuable and interesting event in March is the annual Sankey Lecture at Brock University campus in St. Catharines on March 26 at 3:00 pm in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Our lecturer this year is Aimee E. Newell, Executive Director of Luzerne County Historical Society in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Her presentation will be "THE BADGE of a FREEMASON: NEW STORIES from OLD APRONS". I can assure you this will be a Masonic history lesson having significant information tweaking the interest of many Masons who have a genuine desire to gain further knowledge about Freemasonry in the last couple of centuries. The tickets can be reserved online at <http://sankeylectures.ca/> and click the TICKETS link. This is an opportunity to receive some great Masonic history. The tickets are free of charge and the only cost is your time.

I also want to draw every member's attention that Grand Lodge is presenting a large number of seminars this spring in various areas of Ontario. I would encourage everyone to consider participating in some of these informative sessions. To my knowledge there are eight workshops this spring as well as four DDGM Orientation seminars in specified regional areas. Taking the opportunity to gain Masonic information to benefit your personal Masonic learning is a tribute to your genuine interest in Freemasonry.

Brethren, according to the Grand Master's itinerary, I will be attending 16 Grand Master Receptions in the months of March, April and May. I have also agreed to attend Lodge events in Districts who are not hosting receptions. I am very thankful for the effort these respective Districts are planning in order that I may have the opportunity to meet and greet as many Brethren as possible. I look forward to seeing many of you in my travels.

The Lodge's events that have already occurred have been a wonderful experience for my wife Barb and me. Your hospitality exemplifies the true spirit of Freemasonry and the kindness shown sincerely demonstrates the brotherly love that exists throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. We also appreciate the time taken by those Grand Lodge officers who support us, by attending events, in various areas of the province.

My final paragraph this month, Brethren, demonstrates the quality of some of the members of our craft. These two individuals served with dignity in World War II and fought for the liberation of France. I know there many who participated to see freedom prevail. These two have made further contributions in their communities and to Masonry. In the last year Brother Dennis William Garrod of Peterborough and Worshipful Brother Donald Sutherland of Guelph have been recognized by the French Government with the distinction of being awarded: "***KNIGHT of THE FRENCH NATIONAL ORDER OF THE LEGION of HONOUR***".

Proud Canadians contributing to peace at that time in our history.

***John C. Green Grand Master***

## ***From the Deputy ...***

Brethren, the Annual Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held in Omaha, Nebraska this February and I was fortunate enough to attend this Conference for a second time.

The Conference membership consisted of the Grand Lodges of the Provinces of Canada; the States of the United States of America, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; the Grand Lodge of York, Mexico and the American-Canadian Grand Lodge of Germany. These Grand Masters represent some 2 million Freemasons in North America. Grand Masters from countries throughout the world also attended the Annual Conference to join in fellowship. The Annual Conference is the **largest gathering** of Grand Masters in the world, until such time as October 2017, when Grand Masters will gather, in London U.K., to attend the United Grand Lodge of England's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freemasonry.

Since many Grand Lodges in America work on appointed lines of succession, there were many Grand Junior and Senior Wardens in attendance at the Conference which made them three year veterans compared to many of the Deputy Grand Masters.

All in attendance can attend the business meetings but only the Grand Masters can participate in the discussion and vote. However, if the Grand Master leaves the Conference table, the Deputy Grand Master can assume his role.

A luncheon was held for the Deputy Grand Masters which provided an opportunity to meet those "*who will undoubtedly become Grand Masters*" in years to come. The only caveat was that many who are in one year terms.

Beginning on Saturday and concluding on Tuesday, this year's Conference had many changes compared to previous years (change sounds familiar to Ontario Masons). We were involved in many more breakout and/or discussion groups. Each breakout was done separately and in such a way as to encourage interaction with the audience. The highlight of the Conference, for me, was the breakout sessions. They began on Sunday with the following subjects: *Discovering Best Practices in Grand Lodge Leadership*; *Guarding the West Gate*; *Identifying & Assisting Lodges in Distress*.

Monday morning sessions were also very interesting: *Building Masonic Leaders*; *The Business of the Fraternity*; *Improving the Lodge Experience* and after coffee: *Youth Organizations*; *Improving the Lodge Experience*; *Lodge Development & Rejuvenation*. Monday afternoon our choices were: *Building Masonic Leaders*; *Masonic Charities Beyond Bricks* and a repeat of *Improving the Lodge Experience*.

On Tuesday, the last day and before the concluding the business meeting, the following breakout subjects were discussed: *Building Masonic Leaders* (a repeat); *The Business of the Fraternity* and *Rethinking the Stated Meeting* - best one of the conference.

A very interesting exercise under the Civility Program was held with five chairs in a semi-circle. The first chair was designated "Totally Agree"; the second chair was labeled "Somewhat Agree"; the third indicated "Neutral", the fourth chair read "Somewhat Disagree" and the final chair was entitled "Totally Disagree".

The call for volunteers had only a few participants until the statement, "***We should eliminate the Electoral College***" was announced. Almost instantly the Chairs were filled. The Moderator, P.G.M Russ Charvonia, from California skillfully navigated the Brethren through their responses using the art of Civility.

In conclusion, it was a very informative Conference with many varied opinions on a large range of subjects. However, during casual talk, with many American Deputies, the topic of concealed weapons in Lodge was most prominent.

Recently, the Book Sales Team led by Team Leader R.W. Bro. George Warner made the Masons of Ontario aware, via their District Deputy Grand Masters, that the updated Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario and the Book of the Work were available. This of course is a Team Leader taking the **Responsibility** to do his assign task. Several Brethren took exception to this news and suggested that the Constitution should only be printed every **five years** and the Book of the Work should only be printed when there are **significant** changes.

In one case, a Lodge bought ten books at a time, even though they haven't had ten candidates in the last five years. Why is that?

We are aware that the Custodian of the Work submits any changes to the Ritual Committee. It is then and only then, with the Ritual Committee's agreement, an updated version is printed.

I have written this year how the Constitution is a "living" document which can, from time to time, be amended by following the steps outlined with in its pages. The amendments for this year have been submitted and I wonder if there will be any suggesting, the Constitution be printed every five years.

If there are no proposed changes regarding the five years, is this an example of no one taking **Responsibility**? Why is that?

In the words of Patrick Ness, Author, Journalist and Lecturer,

*"To say you have no choice is to relieve yourself of **Responsibility**."*

**Paul E. Todd**

**Deputy Grand Master**

## 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. 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 re-write 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

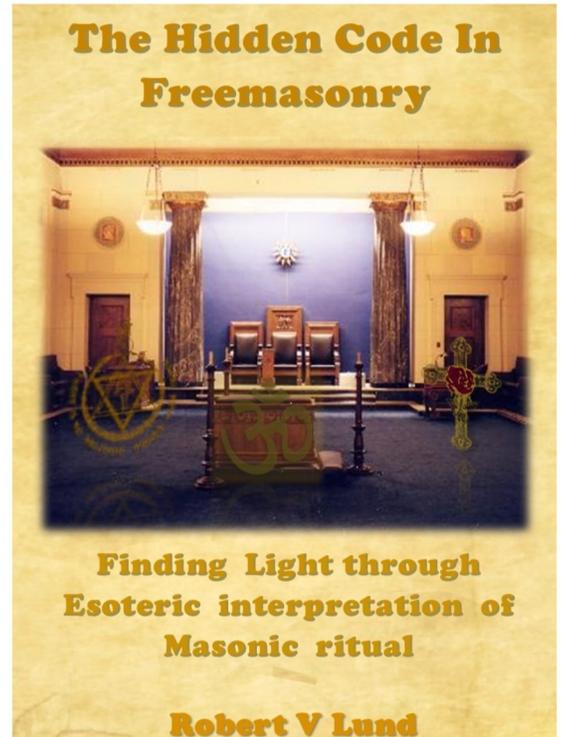
electronic books and other resources there.

### 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.



# Upcoming Events



## MASONIC ESSAY CONTEST

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**DEADLINE: MARCH 31**



In Support of  
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## Grand Master's Banquet

**Thursday, March 30, 2017**

Social Hour at 5:30pm | Dinner at 7:00pm

Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall, 60 McDowell Gate, Markham

# Upcoming Events



*The Charles A. Sankey  
Lecture Series Presents*  
**The Badge of a Freemason:  
New Stories from Old Aprons**  
Sunday, March 26, 2017 @ 3 PM  
Brock University

## CLICK FOR MORE INFO

Thursday, March 2 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Unity Lodge 710

Saturday, March 4 8:00am  
Wardens Association Meeting

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

Thursday, March 9 7:30pm  
Official Visit to University Lodge 496

Friday, March 17 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Anthony Sayer Lodge 640

Wednesday, March 22 7:30pm  
Official Visit to West Gate Lodge 734

Thursday, March 30 5:30pm  
Toronto and York District's Grand Master's Banquet

Saturday, April 1 8:00am  
Wardens Association Meeting

Wednesday, April 12 7:30pm  
Installation at Runnymede Lodge 619

Thursday, April 13 7:30pm  
Installation at Connaught Lodge 501

Monday, April 17 7:30pm  
Installation at Mount Moriah Lodge 727

Tuesday, April 18 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Victoria Lodge 474

Saturday, April 22 5:00pm  
Toronto West Masonic Temple Fundraiser - Texas Hold'em  
Poker Tournament

Monday, April 24 7:30pm  
Official Visit to Chinguacousy Lodge 738

**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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