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From The Chair



Brethren,

It has been a busy time since my last message. At our regular meeting on March 17th, we welcomed Brother Sharva Hassamal into the craft. At that time we were also visited by our sister lodge Kilwinning 64 from London, Ont. This continues tradition of mutual visitation that dates back over almost 6 decades! The degree team performed gracefully, and I thank them for their hard work.

April will be filled with education. At our emergent meeting on April present a piece called An esoteric interpretation of the symbols of the second degree. At our regular meeting on April 21st, Bro. Shaun Wilson from New Dominion Lodge No. 205, has graciously offered to do an educational piece called "Make a Good Man Better". It is a deeper look into the words in our ritual and their meaning.

As well, a friendly reminder that we will be discussing and voting on the past master jewels decision that evening.

The 2nd Brethren Wing Night is coming up on April 14th at Wild Wings - 2067 Dundas St W. It starts at

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7:30pm. This is open to all masons, family, and friends. Bring one (or two, or maybe even three) nonperishable food items to be donated to the Parkdale Community Food Bank! Brethren from Kilwinning Lodge 565 and Toronto Antiquity Chapter 91 will sponsor the evening. Try the breaded Dusty Muckaroo!

It has been brought to my attention that Victoria Lodge has been in the possession of " The Shinning Shriner" for far too long. With the help of our membership, I think we should unburden them of it. Please join me on April 18th at Victoria lodge No. 474 Official Visit in our Annette St temple. Dinner is at 6:15pm. The lodge in our temple with the most numbers of members wins. I thank you for being in attendance. As our visit to Pontiac

draws closer, I'd like to invite the longer standing members and Past Masters to share their experiences with our newer officers and members. Our newer members should understand the history of this time-honored tradition and the amazing time we have. My goal is to get a minimum of 20 brethren to join me that weekend in October (date TBD). Finally and with the greatest solemnity, on March

est solemnity, on March 21st the Lodge said paid our final respects to R.W. Brother Charles H. M. Reid at his Masonic memorial service. 60 members of his family and over 250 Masons were in attendance to honour him. Our members were instrumental in maintaining the dignity and decorum with distinction. We will miss you Charlie.

Sincerely & Fraternally, W. Bro Philip K. Horrigan Worshipful Master

Three Great Events

Our March Regular meeting encompassed three great events: the initiation of Sharva Hassamal; the annual visitation by Kilwinning Lodge 64 from London; and the presentation of a 50-year service pin for Brother Bill Davidson.

Sharva was introduced to us, and recommended, by our friend and Brother, MW Bro. Vipin Prithipaul, a Past

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Three Great Events-Pics

Grand Master and member of the Grand Lodge of Mauritius. He is also a member of the Grand Lodges of Ireland, UGLE, Grand Loge Nationale Francaise, and India. Sharva has



been visiting with us for many months and, as we have gotten to know him, we believe that he will become a great Mason and a shining example in our Lodge. Welcome Brother Hassamal, and we hope that you will enjoy your Masonic journey!

This initiation also afforded the Lodge the first use of a Chamber of Reflection, which was put together largely through the efforts of Bro. Darrin Currell. The chamber adds a new dimension to the initiation experience.



The 50-year Masonic service pin for Bro. Bill Davidson was initially going to be presented to him at his home. However, there was a last-minute change of plan by Bro. Davidson, who elected to come in to Lodge for the presentation. After a short ceremony, the pin and a laminated message signed by the Grand Master was presented to our longserving Brother.

There is a longstanding tradition of recipro-



cal visitation between Kilwinning 565 and Kilwinning 64 from London, Ontario. We were pleased to, once again, receive our London Brethren (accompanied by some Brethren from Temple Lodge). We look forward to our visit to their Lodge in June. To celebrate St. Patrick's day, our Worshipful Master provided a delicious Irish stew for dinner, enjoyed by all. It was a memorable evening!



IN MEMORIAM

IT WAS WITH DEEP SADNESS AND REGRET THAT WE LEARNED OF THE PASSING OF OUR WOR-THY BROTHER AND FRIEND, R. W. BRO. CHARLES H. M. REID TO THE GRAND LODGE ABOVE ON SUNDAY MARCH 19, AT THE AGE OF 80.

CHARLIE'S GREAT SERVICE TO MASONRY WAS REFLECTED BY THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE AT A MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE THAT WE HAVE SEEN.

Mystic Masonry: In Ritual, Symbol, and Allegory (part 17)

The Master Mason Degree

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Plumb Rule, Level, and Setting Maul

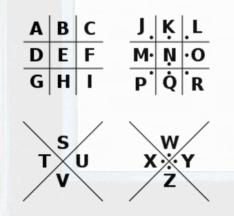
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If we think about the allegory of the slaying of Hiram Abif, and the subsequent raising, as being the necessity of "killing" our current way of life in order to be "re-born" to a newer life, then we can think of the weapons as tools that we need to use in order to get to this state. The Plumb Rule is used to create rectitude or uprightness in our selves - to create a giving, forgiving character, full of mercy. The Level develops constraint, rigor, and non-judgmental traits. Finally, the Heavy Setting Maul is the driving force (our will) required to finally quell our old bad characteristics.

Cryptic Inscription

Just below the working tools is an inscription written in a cryptic script. This inscription is written using the Freemason cipher (which also goes by other names such as the pigpen cipher, Napoleon cipher, and the tictac-toe cipher).

This is a simple substitution cypher. Each letter uses the lines encompassing it.



By W. Bro. Rob Lund

Looking at the grid below, the letter A is written as [.

The sentence below shows other letters:

X MARKS THE SPOT

In this cipher, there are no codes for numbers, which are written as normal.

On the Tracing board, however, the script is written, as with Egyptian Hieroglyphic, in reverse, and from right to





left. This means that the cipher table should actually be as below.

All characters are now a reverse image of the original. This includes numbers.

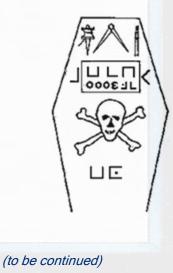
Looking now at the tracing board (see the diagram on the right), in the rectangular plate, we see the first line:

for BAH or **HAB** (reading backwards). This is an abbreviation of Hiram A Bif.

On the next line we see _____ for LA or AL reversed. This is _____ an abbreviation for Anno Lux, translated from Latin as The Year of Light. This is followed by the reversed number **3000**. This is, traditionally, the year of the death of Hiram Abif.

The rectangular plate is bounded on each side by the characters: ↓ for CT or TC reversed. This represents the name used as the password in the Third Degree (T......n).

Below the skull and crossbones are the characters LI for BM or **MB** reversed. This represents both of the words in the Third Degree (M...b... M...b....).



Words of Wisdom

"Natural Law is that set of laws decreed in "the beginning" by the Divine Mind as the working basis of all creation and without which no manifestation can occur and exist. It is universal in scope and manner of operation, simple and direct. Natural Law is always constructive even when it seems indisputably destructive. It is the expression or manifestation of Cosmic Energy and order that humanity is able to discern. There is no such thing as supernatural law. There is nothing more divine than nature, nothing super beyond the natural. The greatest of miracles are not the result of some supernatural law, but of natural law."

Rosicrucian Manuscript

"Our most beautiful prerogative is to be able to know ourselves. Those who do not enjoy this privilege are ignorant of the extent of their forces and cannot justly use them."

Jean-Baptiste Willermoz

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: <u>kilwinning565.com</u> 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: <u>www.grandlodge.on.ca</u>

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#### Oven-Roasted Chicken Shawarma

Shared by W. Bro. Alex Thomson Ingredients

- 2 lemons, juiced
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup plus 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled, smashed and minced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- A pinch ground cinnamon
- Red pepper flakes, to taste
- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 large red onion, peeled and quartered
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

#### Method

• Prepare a marinade for the chicken. Combine the lemon

juice, 1/2 cup olive oil, garlic, salt, pepper, cumin, paprika, turmeric, cinnamon and red pepper flakes in a large bowl, then whisk to combine. Add the chicken and toss well to coat. Cover and store in refrigerator for at

#### Architecture Corner by W. Bro. Rob Lund

In the previous issue, we covered the Greek Revival style Architecture.

#### Beaux Arts

The Beaux-Arts style originated in France, based on ideas taught at the legendary L'École des Beaux Arts ("The School of Fine Arts") in Paris. It was very popular in the first half of the twentieth century.

The style uses classical Greek and Roman features employing Baroque formulas. Buildings also typically have a flat roof, a rusticated and raised first story, arched and pedimented windows and doors, and over-emphasized ornaments.



Next issue: Tudor Revival





least 1 hour and up to 12 hours.

When ready to cook, heat oven to 425 degrees. Use the remaining tablespoon of olive oil to grease a rimmed sheet pan. Add the quartered onion to the chicken and marinade, and toss once to combine. Remove the chicken and onion from the marinade, and place

on the pan, spreading everything evenly across it.

• Put the chicken in the oven and roast until it is browned, crisp at the edges and cooked through, about 30 to 40 minutes. Remove from the oven, allow to rest 2 minutes, then slice into bits. (To make the chicken even more crisp, set a large pan over high heat, add a tablespoon of olive oil to the pan, then the sliced chicken, and sauté until

everything curls tight in the heat.) Scatter the parsley over the top and serve with tomatoes, cucumbers, pita, white sauce, hot sauce, olives, fried eggplant, feta, rice — really anything you desire.

## **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., email: 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, 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.

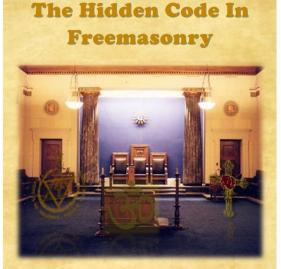
You may also get information by going to the Grand Lodge Website, sign in, click "Membership", then "College of Freemasonry". There are many electronic books and other resources there.

#### **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, email:secretary@heritagelodge730.ca. The fee for Affiliation is \$ 55.00 and the annual dues are also \$ 55.00.



Finding Light through Esoteric interpretation of Masonic ritual

**Robert V Lund** 

Mystic Masonry: through Symbol & Ritual

Presented by W. Bro Rob Lund

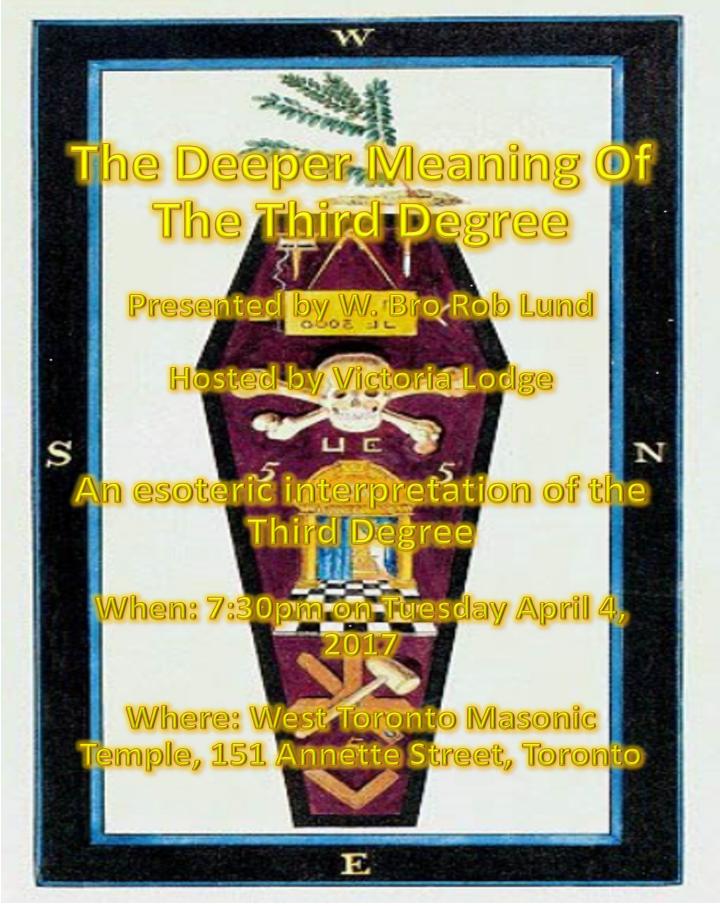
Hosted by Kilwinning Lodge 565

An esoteric look at the symbolism of the Second Degree

When: 7:30pm on Monday April 3 2017

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Where: West Toronto Masonic Temple, 151 Annette Street, Toronto



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In Support of

THE WEST TORONTO MASONIC TEMPLE

Texas Hold'em Charity Poker Tournament



# Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 at 5pm

151 Annette Street, Toronto, ON (West of Keele, beside the library) PRO DEALERS | BUFFET DINNER | POKER LESSONS | CASH BAR

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| EVENT              | 6:30 PM |

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For tickets sales, contact James Andrews at tickets@victorialodge.ca



# **College of Freemasonry Study Group**

Discuss the content of the modules. Share sources. Everyone must do their own work on assignments.

When: 10:30 am to 1:30pm, last Sunday of every month Where: West Toronto Masonic Temple Limited Who can attend: Any Master Mason Sign in required: attendance list is shared with the College There is no charge to attend. Members from all Districts are welcome.

For information contact: corey.r.turnbull@gmail.com

| Saturday, April 1 8:00am                                                                                | Friday, May 5 7:30pm                                                                                                                                              |  |
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| Wardens Association Meeting                                                                             | Installation at King Hiram Lodge 566                                                                                                                              |  |
| Wednesday, April 12 7:30pm                                                                              | Saturday, May 6 8:00am                                                                                                                                            |  |
| Installation at Runnymede Lodge 619                                                                     | Wardens Association Meeting                                                                                                                                       |  |
| Thursday, April 13 7:30pm                                                                               | Tuesday, May 9 7:30pm                                                                                                                                             |  |
| Installation at Connaught Lodge 501                                                                     | Installation at Ionic Lodge 229                                                                                                                                   |  |
| Monday, April 17 7:30pm                                                                                 | Thursday, May 11 7:30pm                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Installation at Mount Moriah Lodge 727                                                                  | Installation at Flower City Lodge 689                                                                                                                             |  |
| Tuesday, April 18 7:30pm                                                                                | Friday, May 12 7:30pm                                                                                                                                             |  |
| Official Visit to Victoria Lodge 474                                                                    | Installation at Joseph A Hearn Lodge 685                                                                                                                          |  |
| Saturday, April 22 5:00pm<br>Toronto West Masonic Temple Fundraiser - Texas Hold'em<br>Poker Tournament | Tuesday, May 16 7:30pm<br>Installation at Peel Lodge 468                                                                                                          |  |
| Monday, April 24 7:30pm                                                                                 | Thursday, May 25 7:30pm                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Official Visit to Chinguacousy Lodge 738                                                                | Installation at University Lodge 496                                                                                                                              |  |
| Sunday, April 30 10:30am<br>College of Freemasonry Study Group                                          | Check the District Web Site for details and updates, more upcoming events, and pictures from past events: <u>http://www.torontowestdistrict.com/calendar.html</u> |  |
| Tuesday, May 2 7:30pm<br>Official Visit to Long Branch Lodge 632                                        |                                                                                                                                                                   |  |

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