



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



Brethren,

We would normally be getting ready to hand over our chairs to the officer below us but, having moved our installation until April, our current officer line-up still has lots of work to do. This emergent meeting is a practice for a plethora of 1st degrees scheduled.

On our regular meeting in December, we will be welcoming Mr. Stan Permaul to the Kilwinning family. Our official visitors this evening will be New Dominion Lodge No. 205.

Our Emergent in Jan will be called off. This puts our focus on our Robbie Burns Jan 19th. I have a request to ask of you all. We are looking for raffle prizes. Bro Lenno Britos has agreed to be the prize coordinator. Please contact him with a commitment to bringing a prize. Hopefully we can get a number of prizes

so we can do a raffle at our official visit in Feb. Please RSVP to Brother Junior Warden so we know how much to order from Allan's butcher.

Below is a schedule for the remainder of my year and well into Keith's year. On our Emergent in Feb, brothers will START the committee of general purpose at 7pm and open lodge at 7:30 SHARP to do a double 1st degree. On our Official Visit on Feb 16, we will be passing Bro Sharva to the second degree. Our Official visitors this evening will be Ibrox

lodge No . 740 , Caledonia Lodge No 637, and Mt Sinai Lodge No. 522. We have some busy months ahead of us and I truly hope everyone makes every effort to come out and support Kilwinning and its officers.

Thank you for your support in advance.

Sincerely & Fraternally yours,

W. Bro Philip K. Horrigan
Worshipful Master



Banquet with some of our Prospects



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Signs, Grips and Tokens

By W. Bro. Rob Lund

At our last emergent Meeting, there was some discussion regarding certain grips and signs. Unfortunately, the Book of the Work does not describe many of these. So, how are we to know what is correct?

Fortunately, there exists a few books that describe the rituals and show diagrams of most of these. I use Duncan's Ritual and also Richardson's Monitor as a reference.

Let us first look at the **Sign of Fidelity**. Unfortunately, neither of the above two references describe this sign. But I did find the text of the second degree ritual on the Bilderberg website that contains the following: "The first part of the threefold Sign is called the Sign of Fidelity and is given by putting the right hand on the left breast with the thumb extended in the form of a square...". There is a diagram of the threefold sign in both Duncan's Ritual, and Richardson's Monitor. Neither show the thumb as squared. So, obviously, there will be confusion regarding this sign.

I also came across an article in the Fall 2007 edition of The Phylaxis, called "Sign of Fidelity" by RW Bro Ezekiel M Bey. The author quotes from Harry Carr's "Freemasons at Work", which I do not have a copy of.

The sign of Fidelity is given by placing the right hand across the chest with the thumb raised in the form of a square. Gradually in the 19th century it would seem that the sign was used as a general posture for prayers and during the obligation, but that it was modified by the loss of a digit (the thumb being kept parallel with the fingers during prayers).

Let us now discuss the **Grip in the Third Degree**. In my travels around the district, I have seen many instances where this sign is not given correctly. Again, our book of work does not describe the grip, which is part of the five points of fellowship.

Both Duncan's ritual and Richardson's Monitor have explicit diagrams showing this grip. I will not replicate the diagram here, but for those Master Masons seeking confirmation, please consult one of the two books mentioned above (preferably Duncan's ritual, as Richardson's Monitor does not have the finger placement correctly). It should be noted that, when giving this grip, the thumbs are interlocked, as in all other grips. This grip can also be found in ancient texts and is known as the Lion's Paw.

While we are dealing with the five points of fellowship, it should be noted that, when **giving the word**, it is communicated into the left ear. Most Lodges that I have visited, but not all, whisper in the right ear. If you think about it, and the positioning of the body in the five points of fellowship, communicating in the left ear is more natural and more comfortable. Using the right ear is awkward and unbalancing.

Another point is the **hand over back**. At some of the Lodges of Instruction that I have attended, presented by the Grand Lodge, it was communicated that this point should be hand *on* back. Again, this is for the comfort of the Brethren giving it, especially if one of the two brethren is much shorter than the other.

I would also like to touch on the sometimes confused mixing of the

word "**heling**" and "**hailing**". Confusion is understandable, since the word "hele" is not a common one, and is no longer used in everyday speech. To add to the confusion, it is supposed to be pronounced "hail", as referenced on MasonicDictionary.com. More confusion arises as one part of the threefold sign is the "hailing" sign. So, if you are pronouncing the two words the same, just keep in mind the different spellings, and the different meanings. "Heling" meaning "concealing" and "hailing" meaning "calling to attention".

Lastly, I would like to impart some information that will help you in identifying yourself as a Mason in some other countries or jurisdictions when being questioned by a Committee of Investigation. You may be asked, amongst other things, to show the **Duegard** for any or all of the three degrees.

In Ontario, we do not use the term *Duegard*. However, you will know them, as these are the signs that you bring to the Wardens in the ceremonies. These signs are the positions of your hands when taking upon yourself the Obligation in each of the three degrees. There is one for each of the three degrees. When about to visit a Lodge in another country, just refresh your memory regarding these signs, or positions.

I hope the above helps.

Enjoy your Masonic journey!

Words of Wisdom

"True humility is not a sign of passivity. It is not a submission to the forces that oppose the essential needs of life, of self. Neither is humility an indication of personal weakness. The humble person realizes that there is no singleness to life. We are not isolated beings any more than a healthy cell is in a multicellular organism. Intelligent restraint so evident in humbleness is recognition of that Greater Self that must be served. This Greater Self is not an abstract, esoteric concept, or, a mere ideal. If humanity is a living social organism, then each human is a cell in that organism, the Greater Self. Aggression exercised solely for the needs of the Individual Self is a malignancy that can destroy the totality upon which all humanity depends. No aggression can advance us so far personally that we no longer need that sympathy and compassion which humility engenders."

Ralph M. Lewis

"The mystic, in petitioning the Cosmic, turns the consciousness inward instead of directing the plea to a distant external entity or power. The Cosmic is in each of us, the mystic realizes. It is not just in the reaches of space. The mystic knows further, that our Soul will answer our petition. The Soul is of the Cosmic and it guides each of us to self-action."

Ralph M Lewis

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

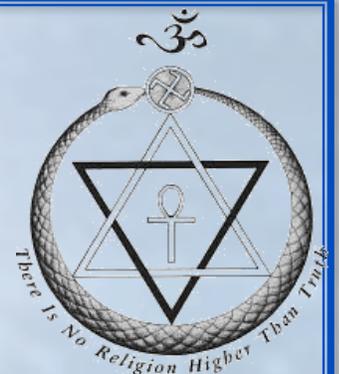
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- Investigating the unexplained laws of Nature, and the powers latent in man

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For further information, contact:

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Links

- **Lodge Website:** kilwinning565.com

This site has back issues of the newsletter, and many articles.

- **District Website:** www.torontowestdistrict.com

Educational articles can also be found on the District web site.

- **Grand Lodge:** www.grandlodge.on.ca

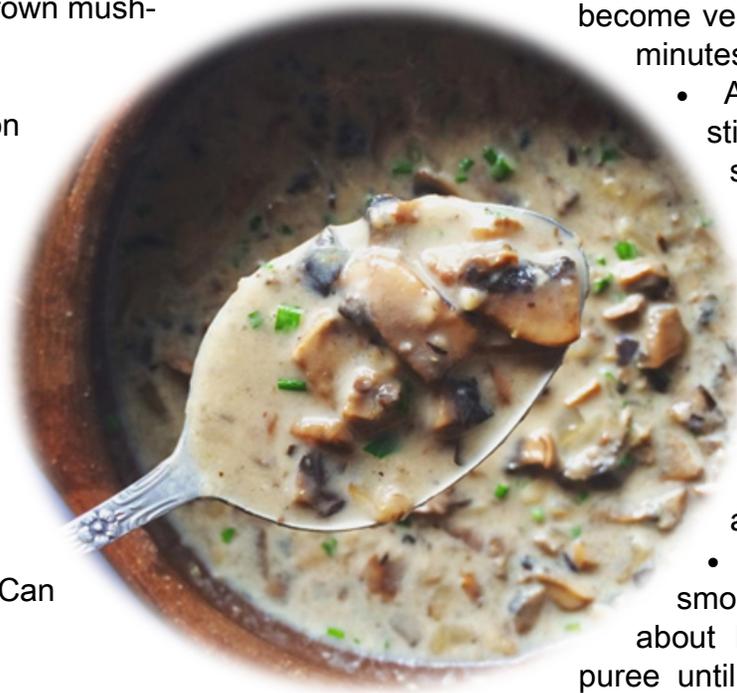


Cream of Mushroom Soup

Submitted by W. Bro. Phil Horrigan

Ingredients:

- 5 cups diced fresh brown mushrooms
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 large chopped onion
- 2 teaspoon fresh thyme
- 2 tablespoons veg oil
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 cups 35% cream. (Can use half & half)



high heat, sauté onions until golden brown in butter and oil.

- Add mushrooms and continue to sweat for 10 mins. Until moisture has evaporated.
 - Add flour and mix very well.
 - Add broth and mix until the ingredients become very thick, about 10 to 15 minutes.
 - Add cream and continue stirring so that nothing sticks to the bottom of the pan.
 - If mixture is too thick for you liking, you can add more broth or “Toronto stock” AKA water!
 - Once thickened to your liking, add Thyme and season to taste.
 - (OPTIONAL) For a smoother soup, remove about half of the solids and puree until smooth and return to soup, and serve.
 - Garnish with fresh chopped herbs.
- Enjoy!

Method:

- In a large heavy saucepan, over medium to

Architecture Corner

by W. Bro. Rob Lund

Architectural features and Glossary (contd.)

Board-and-batten

A wooden siding treatment in which wide, vertically oriented boards are separated by narrower strips of wood called “battens,” which form the joints between the boards. This is a technique common to American folk architecture.

Bow Window

A curved bay window.

Bell Roof

A roof shaped like a bell, and typically situated on top of a round tower. The bell roof has origins in Normandy, toured extensively by Stanford White, who

incorporated bell roofs into many of his Shingle Style houses and buildings.

Belvedere

A small, square cupola that functions as a lookout tower, located at the top of a building. Belvederes are characteristic of Italianate houses.

Bousillage

A form of plaster made of mud, clay and moss used in poteaux-en-terre construction in French Colonial architecture, particularly in Louisiana.

Bracket

A projection from a vertical surface that provides structural and/or visual support for overhanging elements such as cornices, balconies, and eaves.

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, 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

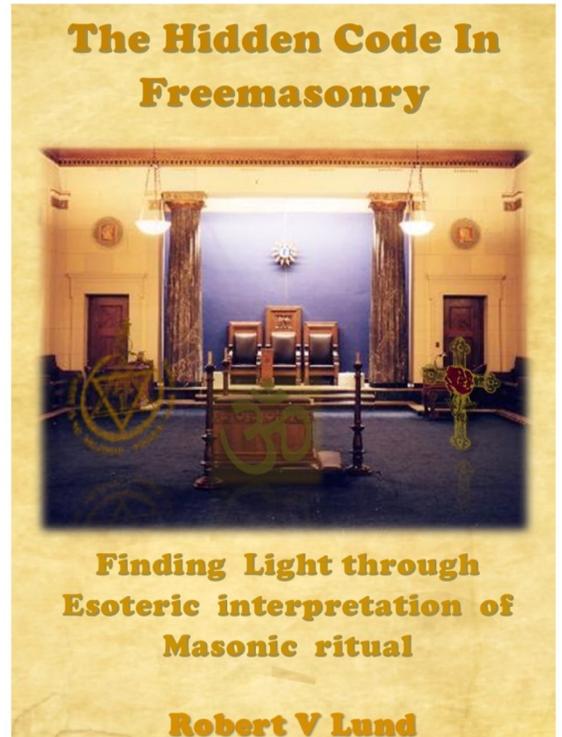
electronic books and other resources there.

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, e-mail: secretary@heritagelodge730.ca. The fee for Affiliation is \$ 55.00 and the annual dues are also \$ 55.00.



Upcoming Events



WARDEN'S ASSOCIATION Of TORONTO WEST

Education Programme

2017 - 2018

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 2 8:00am
Wardens Association

Friday, December 8 7:30pm
INSTALLATION: General Mercer Lodge 548

Thursday, December 14 6:30pm
INSTALLATION: Mississauga Lodge No.524

Thursday, January 18, 2018 8:00pm
DISTRICT THEATRE NIGHT: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Saturday, February 10, 2018 11:00am
TORONTO WEST HAS GOT TALENT

Friday, February 23, 2018 7:30pm
DDGM OFFICIAL VISIT: Ibrox Lodge No.740

Saturday, February 24, 2018 11:00am
TORONTO WEST HAS GOT TALENT

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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