



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



My Brethren,
 As I have passed over the halfway point of my tenure as your Worshipful master, I have been reflecting not only on my time in this chair, but my time at Kilwinning as a whole. I remember the excitement I had as a new applicant, the curiosity and wonder of exploring all that was new and energetic about our great members, building and fraternity. Little did I know on my initiation night just how special it was for my blood brother, who was Master at the time, to be able to initiate me and call me brother twice. Now I can understand as I am initiating our new members how special that was to him, and our lodge. We are now blessed with many new applicants, let us remember when we were in their shoes brethren. Make sure to foster their excitement. It is what drives us to do better. Be proud mentors brethren.

The next step for me was taking the chairs. What a ride it has been. I have been so proud to sit in each. I have learned a new set of skills. I feel I have become a better speaker, better worker, better organizer, better supporter and a better manager. Really, what we profess to do, I feel I am becoming a better man. I strongly urge anyone considering an

office for next year to speak to a current officer about their experience. For me, it has made all the difference.

I remember my installation night and reference it back to my initiation night. How wonderful that on my first real entrance into the lodge, while I obviously knew some members, how little I really knew them as brothers and what that meant. Fast forward to my evening and I was surrounded by our members and other brothers that I had met on my journey.... and I knew them all.... personally. What an experience to be able to see the result of those relationships. Then to have my Brother again, at my request, install me into the Chair of Solomon, was a very special experience for us both, and our lodge. The perseverance through the chairs paid off, and the real work had just begun.

I must tell you, being the master is not what I had originally expected. It is a delicate dance. It is trying to inspire, and be inspired by our members, our ritual and our structure. I have learnt so much about what it means to be a leader. Most importantly I have learned how little I know, and am humbled each day as I strive to serve you better. It is an experience that is a true labour of

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love, and I thank you all for the opportunity to represent our lodge this year.

At our last meeting I was able to see what I have to look forward to. Our past masters took the reigns of the lodge and demonstrated that, once an officer, always an officer. It showed me that our work is never done, and to continue to be proud of our lodge. Our past masters are the true backbone of the lodge. I would like to thank each and every one for their service, because it is, as I have been coming to find out. To stay and support, after your time is done, is truly what a per-

fect ashlar is and meant to represent.

My brethren, I hope the excitement I share in my journey continues to foster your zeal for masonry. Together we can persevere through all difficulties. However menial the job may seem, we are part of something larger, part of masonry. Workers in the quarry. I thank you for your service.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro Keith Thomson
Worshipful Master

Lodge News



Left: The occasion of Brother Mark Johnston's Initiation.



Left and right :
Wing night

Right:

The Passing of Bro. Michael Flood to the 2nd Degree on Monday, November 5.



Words of Wisdom

"Mysticism teaches cosmic laws and principles by which we are brought into closer consciousness of our divine power. The mystical experience of union with the One imposes upon the mystic a moral obligation – to use this knowledge for the welfare of others."

Rosicrucian Manuscript

"If you would know a mystic, do not confine your search to monasteries and temples, but look also on the highways and byways, in towns, hamlets, and in the hustle and bustle of the great cosmopolitan centers of the world. When you find someone who is industrious, studious, compassionate, loved by friends, and neighbors, tolerant in religious views, and who can point out to you the magnificence and efficacy of God in the simplest of things, you have found a mystic. With these qualities, whether one is attired in sacerdotal robe or in the overalls of a mechanic, one is none the less a mystic."

Ralph M. Lewis

"The greatest prosperity in life is not associated with money or even with the worldly things that have no inherent quality but represent a power to buy. Good health, a moderate enjoyment of the necessities of life, a happy and contented mind, a sureness of what will be made manifest on the morrow, a lack of fear regarding the so-called unknown probabilities of life, a rational and understandable attunement with the Consciousness of the Creator and the Spiritual Mind of the Universe, the fortunate ability to make friends and hold them, to spread sunshine and happiness, to find ways and means of helping others (without the use of money or material things)—these are the things that represent the true prosperity of life. A person who has most of these would not abandon them, trade them, exchange them or sell them for all of the money, the gold, the jewels or material assets of this Earth."

H. Spencer Lewis

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

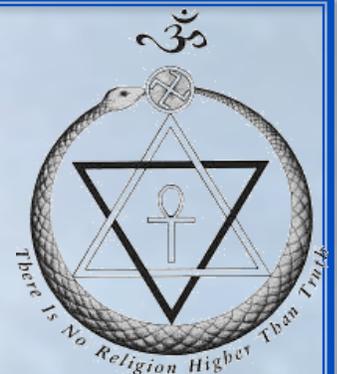
- Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science
- Investigating the unexplained laws of Nature, and the powers latent in man

Consider joining the Theosophical Society to understand the secrets of nature and science, the true nature of the universe, and your latent powers.

Our motto is: "There is no religion higher than Truth"

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



RATTLESNAKE BITES

Recipe by Alli Miller

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 45 minutes

Yield: 4 - 6 persons

Ingredients

- 2 (8 oz) blocks Pepper Jack cheese, shredded
- 2-3 jalapenos, diced (depending on how hot you like them)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- Oil for frying

Method:



1. In bowl combine your shredded cheese and jalapenos.
2. Shape cheese mixture into about 1 1/2" balls, squeezing tightly to compress.
3. Place on cookie sheet and freeze for about 30 minutes.
4. Meanwhile preheat your deep fryer to 350.
5. Once chilled, in bowl add your flour.
6. In another bowl mix together your egg and milk.
7. Lastly in bowl stir together your bread crumbs and seasonings.
8. Start by rolling your balls into the flour mixture, then dipping into milk and lastly coating with bread crumbs.
9. Fry in batches for about 3-4 minutes or until golden brown.
10. Drain on paper towel.

Serve with your favorite dipping sauces.

Architecture Corner

by W. Bro. Rob Lund

Architectural features and Glossary (contd.)

Pagoda

A tiered tower with multiple roof layers, constructed about a central axis pole. Indigenous to Asia (particularly to China, Japan, and Korea), pagodas were built as decorative garden structures in the United States and Europe during the 18th and 19th centuries, when exoticism in architectural ornament was highly fashionable.

Palazzo (pl. pallazi)

The Italian word for "palace."

Palladian Window

An arched window immediately flanked by two small-

er, non-arched windows, popularized by Andrea Palladio in northern Italy in the 16th century, and frequently deployed by American architects working in the American Georgian and American Palladian styles in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Panel

A smooth surface, usually rectangular (or sometimes circular) in shape and framed by a molding, and often featuring decorative, sculptural carving.

Parapet

A low wall, located at the top of any sudden drop, such as at the top of the facade of a building.

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 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

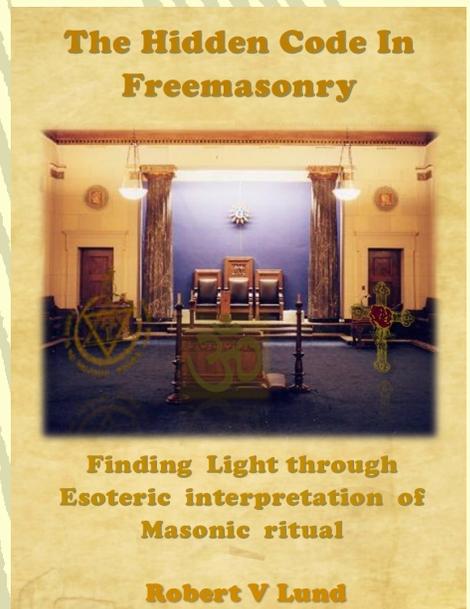
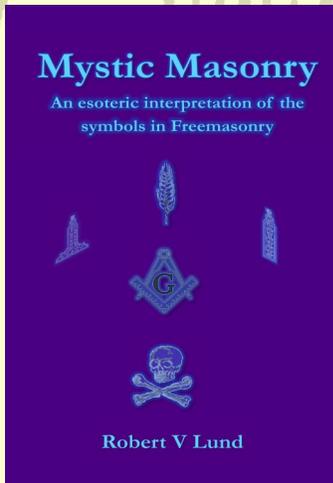
"Membership", then "College of Freemasonry". There are many electronic books and other resources there.

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



New Books by W. Bro. Rob Lund

Esoteric Handbook For The Entered Apprentice Mason

This book is intended to make known, to the newly initiated Mason, those esoteric principles that underlie our amazing Masonic Degree rituals.

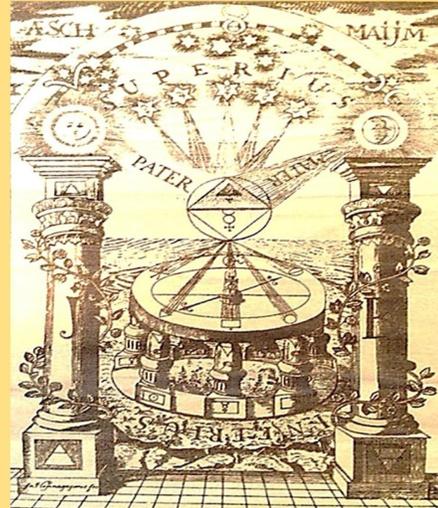
It is the first of a series of three books, each dealing with a specific Degree.

These books are intended to provide a deeper insight to the ceremonies beyond what appears on the surface. Once the moral lessons have been learned and assimilated, the Entered Apprentice Mason can now start peeking behind the veil and delving into the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry.

It is hoped that this book will satisfy the craving for knowledge that is being demanded by our younger Brethren, who seek answers to everything within the Craft, and who seek meaning to their existence.

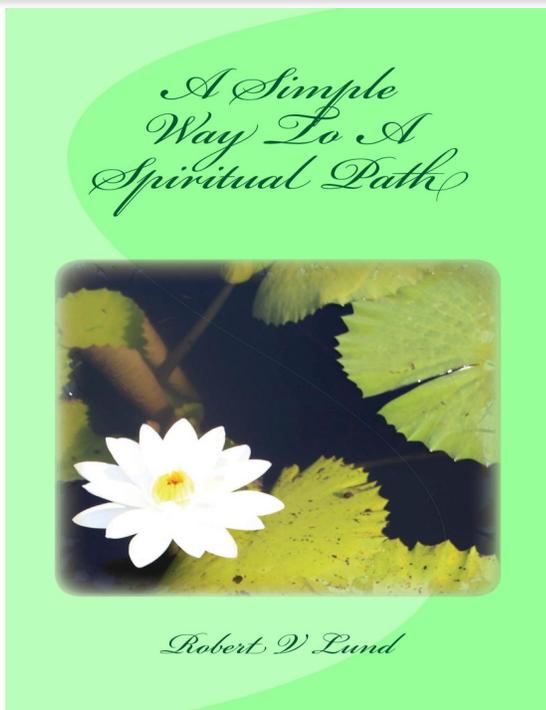
This book also contains extracts from both of my first two books: The Hidden Code in Freemasonry and Mystic Masonry.

ESOTERIC HANDBOOK For The Entered Apprentice Mason



Robert V Lund

A Simple Way To A Spiritual Path



This book is aimed at those who would like to be more spiritual and wish to start on a spiritual path in a simple, easy to understand way but are not sure how to go about it.

I offer this simple guide to the "beginner", without complexity, without new age nonsense, without a lot of words, to help those who are seeking the way.

I have deliberately kept this book as short and concise as possible in order to help the reader to be able to keep the salient points in mind and not be overwhelmed with this knowledge.

Included in this book is the
SECRET TO HAPPINESS!

Upcoming Events



WARDEN'S ASSOCIATION Of TORONTO WEST

Education Programme

2017 - 2018

Saturday, December 8 2:30pm
DeMolay Installation (Mississauga Chapter)

Saturday, January 5, 2019 9:00am
Warden's Association, Breakfast at 8AM
West Toronto Masonic Temple

Thursday, December 13 6:30pm
Installation -
Mississauga Lodge No. 524

Friday, December 14 6:30pm
Installation
The General Mercer Lodge No. 548

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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