



Kilwinning 565 News

From The Chair



Brethren,

Now that we have finished our DDGM's Official Visit, it may seem like smooth sailing.

We have made great strides this year and have accomplished much. We have brought wonderful new members to our Lodge, largely due to our annual Open House night. We have implemented and continued many wonderful initiatives through the last year.

Our Burns night was a resounding success, with lots of visitors, and was enjoyed by all.

The last Wing Night was probably the most successful one yet.

Our lodge's WhatsApp has brought a new level of fellowship to our group and is helping to develop our bond of Brotherly love.

Now we are looking at the next progression. We have the officers working on their step up nights, and their new roles. Let's all support them and look forward to their new year.

While I see the sun setting on my year, I look forward to completing it strong, and to supporting the lodge

going forward. Its a wonderful progression and I love that I have been able to work with all of you. Let's cross the finish line strong.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours Fraternally

W. Bro. Keith Thomson

Worshipful Master



Our newest initiate: Dan Lawrence

On February 15, 2019, Dan Lawrence was initiated into the Craft. We wish our new Brother the very best on his Masonic journey and know that he will shine in his Masonic development and learning and in his contribution to the rich character of Kilwinning Lodge 565.

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Lodge News



Above: The night of the Initiation of our Lodge's newest Mason: Daniel Lawrence.



Left:

Our Brothers Stan Permaul and Lucas Carravetta after being raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

We hope that this significant ceremony provides the light and guidance for a rich Masonic journey and a spiritual path.

What is Freemasonry?

By
W. Bro. Robert V. Lund

Let us consider for a moment, the question:
“What is Freemasonry?”

Here are some definitions:

- A brotherhood of men seeking to improve themselves and be of more service to mankind.
- A fraternity whose members seek to improve their morals and support each other.
- An organization of people who believe in brotherhood and helping others.

Each Mason may have another definition.

So, from these various definitions, we can see that Freemasonry is different things to different Masons.

Let us see what some well-known Masonic authors have said.

Manley P. Hall said: *“Freemasonry is a creedless philosophy. Freemasonry is not a material thing; it is a science of the soul; it is not a creed or doctrine but a universal expression of the Divine Wisdom.”*

He also made the following observations:

“In its highest sense, it is neither historical nor archaeological, but is a divine symbolic language perpetuating, under certain concrete symbols, the sacred mysteries of the ancients.”

If you have not done so, you should read Manley P. Hall’s book: “The Lost Keys of Freemasonry”. At least, read Chapter 1.

Albert Mackey had this to say:

“I contend that the philosophy of Freemasonry is engaged in the contemplation of the divine and human character; of GOD as one eternal, self-existent being....; of MAN as an immortal being, preparing in the present life for an eternal future

These two doctrines, then, of the unity of God and the immortality of the soul, constitute the philosophy of Freemasonry.”

Albert Pike wrote:

“The highest claim of Freemasonry to consideration is that it is philosophical truth, concealed from the masses and taught to the adepts by symbols.”

He also wrote: *“Freemasonry is the subjugation of the Human that is in man, by the Divine; the conquest of the Appetites and Passions, by the Moral Sense and Reason; a continual effort, struggle, and warfare of the Spiritual against the Material and Sensual.”*

JSM Ward wrote:

“Freemasonry is something much wider than a school of purely moral instruction, as becomes manifest when we study the second and third degrees, which to a large extent consist of mystical teaching of a more complex and spiritual nature than that usually designated by the term, ‘moral instruction’.”

JD Buck wrote:

“Masonry deals largely with the ethics and sym-

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bolism of the Ancient Mysteries."

"This Ancient Wisdom is the fountain from which Masonry takes its rise."

WL Wilmshurst, one of my favourite Masonic authors, wrote:

"Masonry is a veiled and cryptic expression of the difficult science of spirit life, and the understanding of it calls for special informed guidance on the one hand, and on the other a genuine and earnest desire for knowledge and no small capacity for spiritual perception on the part of those seeking to be instructed."

These men, these Brothers, did not suck those words out of the air. They spent most of their lives reading, researching, and contemplating what they learned regarding the ritual and symbols of Freemasonry. How many of us do that? How many of us have lived up to the charge in the First Degree: of making a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge? These men did and, therefore, we should pay attention to their words and respect their opinions.

Let us now look at the definition of freemasonry, as given in the ritual:

"A beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols".

Let's break down this statement.

A "System of Morality....." - Are the rituals of Masonry there simply for the purpose of teaching morals: Temperance, Prudence, Justice, Charity, and Brotherly Love. Was Masonry instituted to teach these very elementary virtues? In

the examination before Passing, you are asked: "who are fit and proper people to be made Masons?" The answer is: "Just and upright men and strict morals". So, ask yourself if the elaborate rituals of Freemasonry were meant to teach morals to those who are already moral? But the word "morality," in its original, and also in its Masonic, connotation, has a further meaning; it has the same sense as it does when we speak of a "morality-play." A "morality" is a literary or dramatic way of expressing spiritual truth, putting it forward allegorically.

"Veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols..." - "veiled" means "hidden or covered". "Allegory" means "a story that has a deeper meaning in addition to its surface meaning". Think about that! A symbol is defined as "something used for, or regarded as, representing something else".

Furthermore, think about this:

At your initiation, you were announced at the door of the lodge as "*a poor candidate, in a state of darkness, humbly soliciting to be admitted to the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry*". What are these mysteries? Why is it called Ancient Freemasonry?

Hopefully, you will understand from this that there is more to Freemasonry, its rituals and its symbols, than appears on the surface. Hopefully, you will realize that there is hidden (or esoteric) information that points to concepts important to us all.



Words of Wisdom

*"Tis scarcely true that souls come naked down
To take abode up in this earthly town,
Or naked pass, of all they wear denied.
We enter slipshod and with clothes awry,
And we take with us much that by-and-by
May prove no easy task to put aside.
Cleanse, therefore, that which round about us
clings,
We pray Thee, Master, ere Thy sacred halls
We enter. Strip us of redundant things,
And meetly clothe us in pontificals."*

[Strange Houses of Sleep by A. E. Waite.]

"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

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

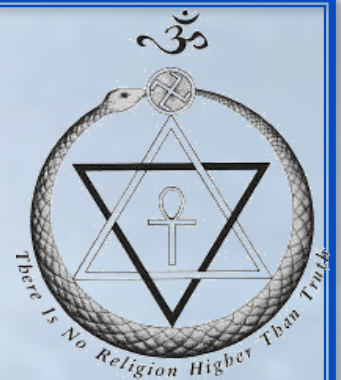
- The ancient wisdom and mysteries
- Investigating the unexplained laws of Nature, and the powers latent in man

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



Coconut Curry Chicken

W. Bro. Rob Lund

Easy to make simple coconut and tomato based curry. Serves 6.

Ingredients

- 2 lbs chicken breasts, boneless, skinless, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1/2 onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 can (14 ounce) coconut milk
- 1 can (14.5 ounce) diced tomato, drained
- 1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce (passata may be used if tomato sauce is not available)
- 3 tablespoons sugar

Method:

1. Season the chicken chunks with salt and pepper.
2. Mix curry powder and oil. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat and add the curry oil mixture. Heat curry oil for 1 minute.
3. Add garlic and onions and cook for 1 minute.
4. Add chicken chunks and toss lightly to coat with the curry oil mixture.

5. Reduce heat to medium, and cook for 7 to 10 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink in center and juices run clear.



6. Pour coconut milk, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, and sugar into the pan, and stir to combine. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, approximately 30 to 40 minutes.
7. Spiciness can be adjusted by adding chilli powder to the curry powder.
8. Serve immediately, over rice. Enjoy!

Recipe by: Liza Agbanlog

Architecture Corner

by W. Bro. Rob Lund

Architectural features and Glossary (contd.)

Quoins

Large, prominent masonry units outlining windows, doorways, segments, and corners of buildings.

Rafters

The inclined, sloping framing members of a roof, and to which the roof covering is affixed.

Roof Ridge

The horizontal intersection of two roof slopes at the top of a roof.

Roofline

The part of a building that rises above the building's eaves. Rooflines can be highly decorative, with balustrades, pediments, statuary, dormer windows,

cross gables, etc.

Round-arched Window

A window that is fully arched at its top.

Roundel

A small, circular panel or window.

Rubble Brick

Rough-edged brick, often of variegated colors.

Saltbox Roof

A gable roof whose rear slope is longer than its front slope. The rear slope often very nearly meets the ground. Saltbox roofs are common to the architecture of Colonial New England.

(to be continued)

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 their 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.

Mystic Masonry

An esoteric interpretation of the symbols in Freemasonry



Robert V Lund

The Hidden Code In Freemasonry



Finding Light through
Esoteric interpretation of
Masonic ritual

Robert V Lund

More Books by W. Bro. Robert V. 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.

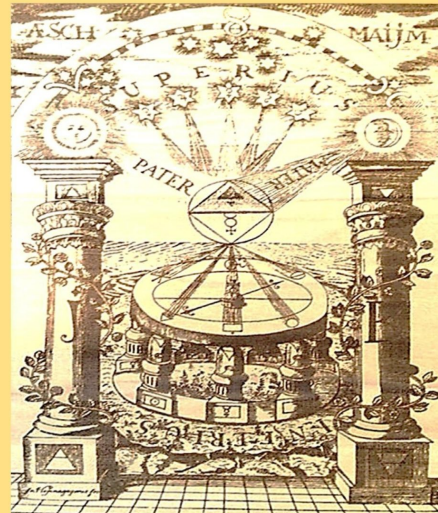
It is the first of a series of three books, each dealing with a specific Degree.

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

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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!

District Education Event (Toronto West District)

An Esoteric Interpretation of the Entered Apprentice Degree: The deeper meaning of the first degree

You have been told that Freemasonry is veiled in allegory. Have you thought about what this means? Have you any ideas regarding what it is that is veiled? Are you in search of the Light in Masonry?

This lecture will reveal some of what is hidden in our ritual, its allegories and symbols, and will put you on a path to further enlightenment. Understand the links between Freemasonry and the ancient mystery schools that have taught secret knowledge for millennia.

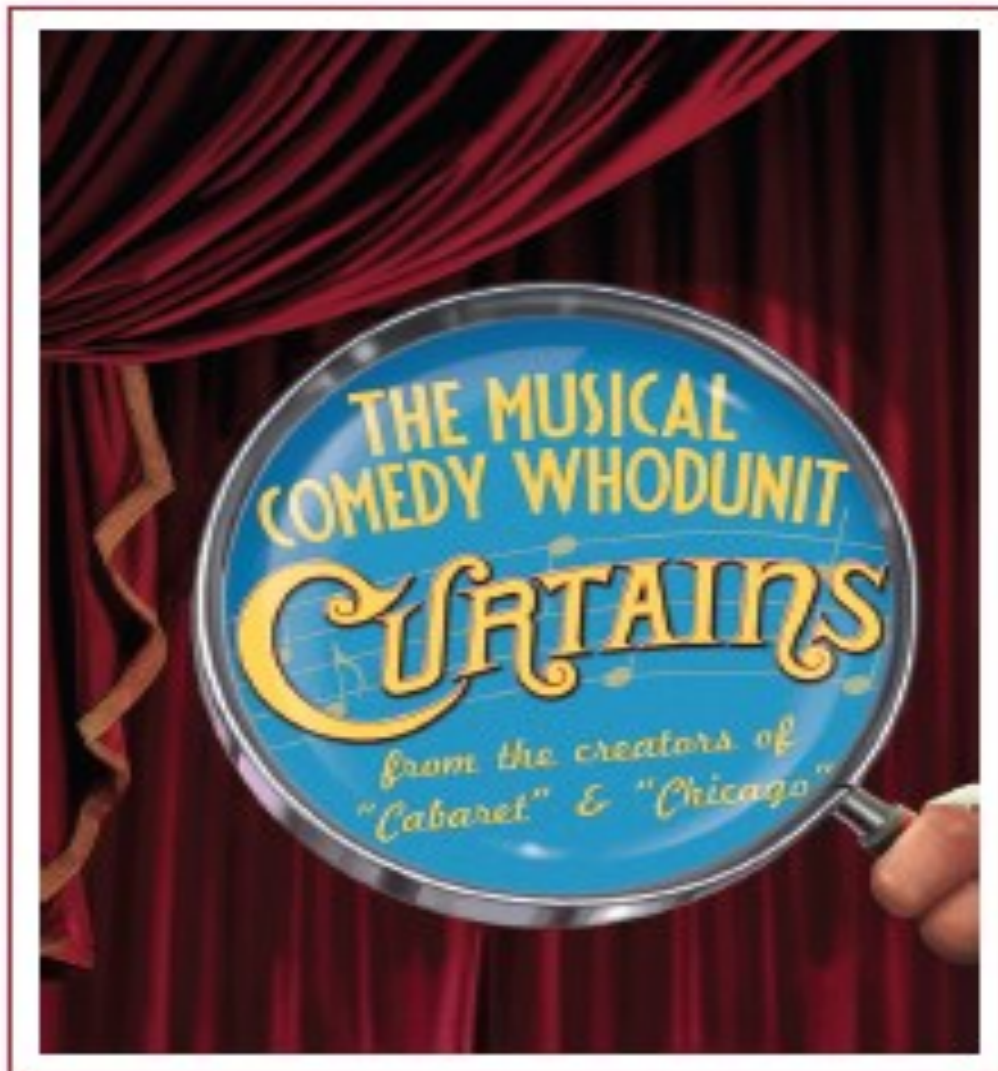
If you are a seeker of Truth and Light, do not miss this lecture by W. Bro. Rob Lund (author of *The Hidden Code in Freemasonry*)

Hosted by Ionic Lodge #229

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 7:30pm

Place: Brampton Masonic Hall

955 Clark Blvd, Brampton



Presents ...

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on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 8:00 pm SHARP

at Meadowvale Theatre

located at 6315 Montevideo Road, Mississauga, ON L5N 4G7

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ROBERT LUND

THE NEED FOR ESOTERIC EDUCATION IN FREEMASONRY

St. Thomas District – Masonic Center of Elgin

Saturday April 27th - 42703 Fruit Ridge Line, St. Thomas

SAMUEL FRIEDMAN

MILLENNIAL APPRENTICES: THE NEXT REVOLUTION IN FREEMASONRY

Niagara "A" District – St. Catharines Masonic Lodge

Saturday, May 25th – 23 Centre St., St. Catharines

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - \$20 per person – Includes coffee and lunch - Registration - 8:30 a.m.

Freemasonry as a reflective practice workshop • Town Hall • Keynote Speaker

Advance Ticket sales ONLY!

Payment & Registration Information

Electronic payments via E-Transfer (use "Brother" as Password) and
PayPal to "masonic.college@gmail.com".

Cheques addressed to "College of Freemasonry" and send to
Rick Cadotte – 9 Braesyde Ave., London, ON, N5W 1V2

*Please indicate which conference you will be attending and include your name, lodge,
district and email address with your registration*

Click on poster for registration form.

Upcoming Events



Tuesday, March 5 7:30pm
Official Visit, South Gate Lodge No. 674

Thursday, March 7 7:30pm
Official Visit, Unity Lodge No. 710

Thursday, March 14 6:30pm
Official Visit, University Lodge No. 496

Friday, March 15 7:30pm
Official Visit, The Anthony Sayer Lodge No. 640

Wednesday, March 27 7:30pm
Official Visit, Westgate Lodge No. 734

Friday, March 22 6:30pm
Installation, Prince of Wales Lodge No. 630

Tuesday, March 26 7:30pm

Ionic Lodge No. 229

Education Event

An Esoteric Interpretation of the Entered Apprentice Degree By W. Bro. Rob Lund

Sunday March 24 3:00 pm
Sankey Lecture on Prince Hall Freemasonry

Saturday, March 30 5:30pm
Texas Hold-em Poker Night - River Park

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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