



THE LODESTAR



Richmond Lodge A.F. & A.M. № 23 G.R.C.

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From the Editor

Brethren:

In my effort to increase my comprehension of the English language, and therefore yours too, as I am going to share these with you, I recently came across some everyday words whose meanings have been adjusted to better reflect the times. See if you agree.

ADULT - A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

SECRET - Something you tell to one person at a time.

CHICKENS - The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE - A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

EGOTIST - Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

INFLATION - Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO - An insect that makes you like flies better.

TOMORROW - One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

YAWN - An honest opinion openly expressed.

And my personal favourite!

WRINKLES - Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

Hope these gave you a chuckle. They were indirectly contributed by W. Bro. Paul Natale.

I wish you all a worry-free month, best exemplified by the words of Charlie Brown:



*Enjoy.
Joe Galati*

Fifty Years A Mason

Bro. Arthur Beverly Wilcock



Bro. Art Wilcock At his 50 Year Ceremony

From Left to Right: W. Bro Barry Brennan (Son-in-Law, PM Bancroft Lodge No. 482), Sandra Brennan (Daughter), Bro. Art Wilcock, Leslie Brennan (Grandson)

Bro. Arthur Beverley Wilcock, a Mason who without courting applause, is loved by all of his brethren. Art Wilcock was already a member when I joined Wexford Lodge and we immediately became friends. I was struck by his easy manner and his laid-back approach to everything around him. I remember him sitting on the side benches and never wanting to become an Officer.

Art was one of my sponsors when I joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection- Valley of Toronto. I will always remember that Sunday afternoon when I received my 32nd degree. Art came up to me and pinned me with a 32nd degree pin. It was a touching moment for me. Now, let me tell you of Art's masonic history. Art was initiated in Wexford Lodge, № 683 on May 5th 1967, passed on September 5th 1967 and raised on January 19th 1968. His Grand Lodge Certificate № is 311303. He was a regular attendee to lodge when Wexford Lodge resided in Scarborough. After our lodge move to Ajax and then Whitby, Art decided it was too far for him to drive. Our Brother missed attending his lodge. In order to satisfy his Masonic appetite, Art affiliated with Richmond Lodge № 23 on June 24 2010. Bro. Art Wilcock's Scottish Rite career has spanned over 25 years.

Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection

4 th degree on October 26, 1970

4 th degree on January 11, 1971

Toronto Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix

15 th degree on October 21, 1971

18 th degree on January 6, 1972

Moore Sovereign Consistory

19 th degree on May 5 th 1972

30th degree on May 6, 1972

31 st degree on May 6, 1972

32 nd degree on May 6, 1972

Finally, on September 12, 1996 he was coroneted 33 rd degrees by the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of Canada.

From the above history, you can see Art's masonic journey from 1996 to tonight. Art never proclaims what he has done, what he will do or what he can do. This is why he never sought office in Wexford Lodge; nor expected it. You know Art is such a man that you see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth. By his demeanour and life, you will find the true ideal of a Freemason.

Contributed by:

R.W Bro. Leyland A. Muss

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A Smile...

Operating Room

Two little kids are in a hospital, lying on stretchers next to each other outside the operating room.

The first kid leans over and asks, "What are you in here for?"

The second kid says, "I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous."

The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up they give you lots of Jell-O and ice cream. It's a breeze."

The second kid then asks, "What are you here for?"

The first kid says, "A circumcision."

"Whoa!" the second kid replies. "Good luck, buddy. I had that done when I was born. Couldn't walk for a year."

Contributed by Bro. Nazar Shamoan.

Reflections From Our Worshipful Master

I have met many men in masonry whom I admire and I respect. Bro. Art Wilcock is one such man. For as long as I can remember, Art has always been our Tyler. Without fail, Bro. Wilcock stood watch over our lodge. All the while, he kept our Applicants and Candidates at ease while the business of the lodge was conducted.

In talking with our brothers at the Newbeaver Shrine Club, Art is an active member who takes every opportunity to be a crew member of their famous train. For many years, Bro. Wilcock was our Director of the Wardrobe in the Scottish Rite. That dedication earned him a 33 rd Degree, which is a honourific title conferred on a very few brothers. Bro. Wilcock's commitment to our fraternity is only exceeded by his humour. Art's quick wit always makes our lodge evenings memorable and one more reason I look forward to attending lodge.

Bro. Art Wilcock is an exceptional mason and lives the values we admire most in ourselves; commitment to the craft and a charitable heart. So, it was a great honour and a privilege for Richmond Lodge to pay tribute to a valued member of our fraternity. Congratulations Art, on achieving the very rare milestone of 50 years as a Freemason.

Contributed By:

W. Bro. George Brown

How to Grow a Lodge

Part 2

- Strengthen the chain. Commit to improving the lives of every officer and Brother you meet.
- Live Masonry outside and inside the lodge 24/7 - 365
- Accept an office. Take a role. Volunteer. Do your best!
- Roll up your sleeves. Help out! Stay humble. Give back.
- Abandon all ego & foolish pride.
- Invite & involve candidates and brethren alike. Encourage them to take ownership of the lodge & their journey.
- Avoid the 'rumor mill' avoid gossip.
- Build on the strengths of others. Encourage passion & new ideas.
- All hands, on deck! Many hands make light work.
- Never speak negatively about an officer or committee member.
- Build up the officers or committee members to the brethren.

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