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Editor's Note



Bytown has many serving and former Canadian Forces members ...

Lodge News

News from the Regular Meeting 21 October 2010

Our last Regular Meeting celebrated our 41st Anniversary. We also had a guest speaker, WBro Larry Burden, who gave an interesting talk on Masonic Stamps and Freemasonry in general - a challenge to everyone's Masonic knowledge. At the conclusion of the meeting, we held our traditional Table Lodge in the Hall downstairs – as usual, very entertaining!

Milestones

We would like to extend our greetings to the members having anniversaries and birthdays this month.

Membership

Name	Initiated	Affiliated Bytown	Worshipful Master
Charles Alexander	1970	15 Nov 73	
Jim Snell	2 Nov 00		
Clayton Holdsworth	6 Nov 99		
Keith Kemp	7 Nov 85		94-95 & 02-03
Kevin Schock	16 Nov 89		97-98
David Dibdin	16 Nov 95		
Graydon Arbuckle	16 Nov 00		
Jean-François Legault	17 Nov 05		
Charles Morton	1 Jun 62	16 Nov 06	
Michael Smith	20 Nov 08		
Michael Armstrong	30 Nov 78		

Member Birthdays, Ladies Birthdays and Anniversaries

Date	Member Birthday	Ladies Birthday	Anniversary
1		Suzanne Schock	Joanne & Ron Heinbuch
5			Helen & Doug Arbuckle
7		Carol Bellamy	
8		Joan McClure	
12	Patrick McClure		
15		Sarah Smith	
17	Donald Mumby		Lois & Nick Montero
20			Olive & Earnest Nelson

Masonic Education – The Two Great Pillars

(<http://www.sacred-texts.com/mas/syma/syma38.htm>)

Of all objects to which the candidate's attention is called as he begins his ascent to the Middle Chamber, none are more conspicuous, or more deserving of the most thorough investigation, than the Two Great Pillars, which stand at the entrance. At one and the same time they guard the Sanctum from the outer world, and invite the Initiate into its mysteries; so noble in proportion, so intricate in design, so beautiful to see, they seem to keep solemn watch above the scene, as if to throw a hush of awe about the soul that would mount to the Upper Room of the Spirit. If throughout our history students of Masonry have surrounded them with a host of swarming theories more intricate than the network, and more multitudinous than the pomegranates it is because so many hints of ancient wisdom and secrets of symbolism have of old been hidden within these mighty columns. And if our own studies of the matter lead us to meanings numerous and almost conflicting we need not worry about it, for a symbol that says but one thing is hardly a symbol at all.



The Pillars were cylindrical in shape, probably, and were cast of brass, and the combined weight must have been not less than fifty-three tons. One of them was called Boaz, the other Jachin, and the former stood in the northeast corner of the Porch, the latter in the southeast; Jachin was the right pillar, Boaz the left, and this means that right and left have reference to one standing inside the Temple, which faced the East. According to the tradition, the Pillars were cast in foundries situated between Succoth and Zeredatha, about thirty-five miles northeast of Jerusalem. Moulders and jewellers still use clay brought from that region.

The network about the chapter was probably an ornamental lattice work of metal, though some think it was an interlacing of branches or vines. The lily-work, doubtless, was a formal design, made to represent a species of the Egyptian lotus, a sacred plant among the dwellers of the Nile and much used by them. There were no globes on these Pillars, though the chapters themselves were spherical; the globes were added at a late date by some Masonic ritualist. Those Pillars, strange to say, were not often copied by medieval builders, though they seem to have been imitated in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, at Poitiers, erected in 1161; and in the Wurtzburg Cathedral, in Bavaria. The Two Pillars represent a law that applies throughout the world of men, as well as in the lodge.