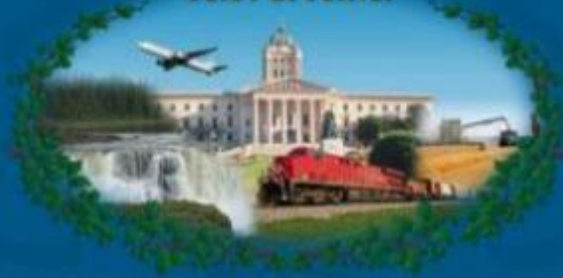


Grand Lodge of Manitoba

A.F. & A.M.



Chartered May 12, 1875

Castle Island Virtual
Lodge No. 190

“A research
Lodge for Digital
Freemasonry “



This presentation will provide the background and details on Canada's first Virtual Education Lodge

Worshipful Brother Nicholas Laine
Secretary (IPM)
Castle Island Virtual Lodge No. 190 – GRM

Head Steward Endeavour Lodge No. 944 – UGLV

Tyler Burlington Lodge No. 190 - GRC



Castle Island Virtual Lodge

Mission statement:

“To aid in the Education of Brethren around the world. To shape the fraternity’s future relevance in the lives of men through a quality program”

Agenda:

- Canadian Geography & Grand Lodge of Manitoba
- CIV Lodge and its current officers around the world
- Discussion the Lodge and its evolution since 2012
 - Speakers/Presentations within our Education platform
 - Current Members of the Lodge
 - Meeting Schedule for 2019
 - Affiliation process
 - Feedback from the Brethren
 - Lodge Education Examples

Evolution of Virtual Lodges across the world

- Endeavour Lodge 944 - UGLV

Canada & The Grand Lodge of Manitoba



In Manitoba, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was formed in 1875. It is the governing body of the forty three Masonic Lodges located throughout the province.

Why create a Virtual Lodge in Manitoba

In 2012 Four Past Grand Masters and the sitting Grand Master Most Worshipful Dave Love, saw a need to create a Education platform to service the wide expanse of the Prairie province of Manitoba. They had a vision to create an Education Lodge could service the Servicemen, shut-ins and population of Manitoba.



Our Lodge Officers

The Officers of
Castle Island
Virtual Lodge
span four
Countries and
five time zones.

W Bro Biede is
the 1st Master of
Manitoba Lodge
based in the
USA.



A Brief History of time...



The creation of a
Virtual Lodge...

The Early Years of CIV Lodge

Castle Island Virtual Lodge is a Regularly Constituted lodge in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

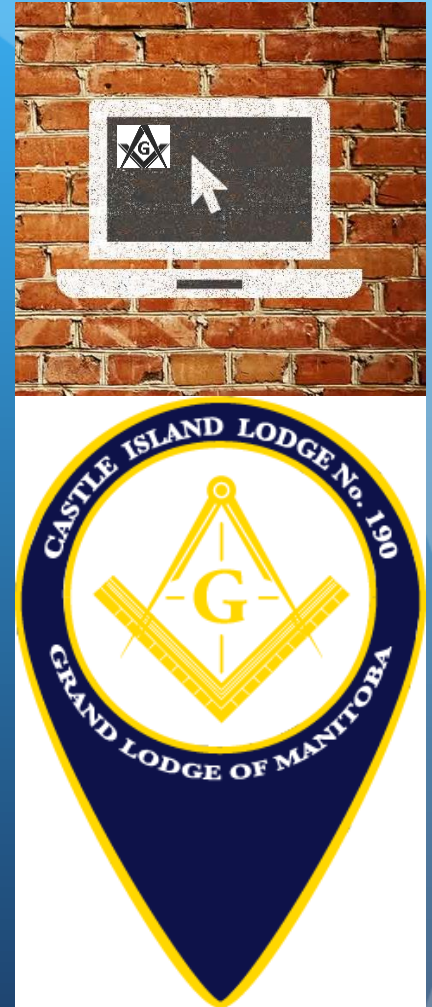
Our charter is like that of any other lodge in Manitoba; we have the ability to Open/Close and complete all ritual that could be conducted as within a traditional Manitoba lodge.

Background Information

Castle Island Virtual Lodge was intended to meet Virtually on the Internet. The founding members set forth a process to enable Educational meetings for the 5th Wednesday of the month. All meetings are held at 7 pm Central Standard time and conducts all business within the Entered Apprentice degree.

Background Information

However, it should be noted that the lodge can hold a “Traditional” meeting within a Bricks and Mortar lodge. The lodge could be opening in traditional form in any Country at Aminty with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. This includes all aspects of the Ritual and degree work.



Our Charter

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

We **Constante (Chibu) Sison Uson**
Grand Master
Of The Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba

Send Greeting, Know Ye, That We by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba vested in us for that purpose, and at the humble Petition of our Right Trusty and well Beloved Brethren David George Love, Constante (Chibu) Uson, David Wallace (Jake) Mohns, Stephen F. Howe, Charles Rex Kallians-Wiene, Normal Pohl, Bernie Gross, Dean Hawes, Rico Villarin, Keith Davidson, Frederick Heinrichs, Ludo Trevell, Philip Lubrych, Jason Combe, Brian Tegal, Allan Tibbitts and Brian Blackler.

Do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the Title or denomination of the

Castle Island Virtual Lodge No. 190

the said Lodge to meet virtually via the Internet format, from the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba on the fifth Wednesday of a month containing five Wednesdays empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated, in a Lodge Room, to make, pass and raise Freemasons according to the Ancient custom of the Craft in all ages and Nations through the known World. And further at their said petition and of great trust and confidence reposed in all and every of the above named brethren. We do hereby appoint the said David George Love to be the first Worshipful Master, the said Constante (Chibu) Sison Uson to be the first Senior Warden and the said David Wallace (Jake) Mohns to be first Junior Warden for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge, and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted Lodge, shall be installed in ancient form and according of the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may therefore be fully invested with the dignity and powers of his Office. And we do require the said David George Love to take special care that all and every of the said Brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons and that you and they, and all other Members of the said Lodge, do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitution, and all the others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors, Grand Master or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such By Laws for the government of your Lodge, as shall to the majority of Members, appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By Laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors, Grand Masters or to our Deputy Grand Master for the time being, in form and manner directed by the Book of Constitution to regularly conform the Lodge membership of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said David George Love are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send to us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at Winnipeg, the fifth day of June 2012 A.D. 6012 A.E.

By Command of the Most Worshipful

Deputy Grand Master _____ Grand Master _____ Senior Grand Warden _____
Grand Secretary _____ Junior Grand Warden _____

Origins of CIV Lodge



The name Castle Island originates from our first meeting location which occurred in Second Life VR Platform. In 2012 the Lodge owned a virtual island that had a castle as its virtual meeting room and all of this existed within that virtual world.

Origins of CIV Lodge



Second Life is a free 3D virtual world where users can socialize, connect and create using free voice and text chat. The system was used for two years with limited success; the founding members continued to seek an improved system for online meeting.

Note worthy Charter Members

M.W. Bro. Dave Love - (Grand Master in 2009 - 2010) *
Castle Island's Charter Worshipful Master

M.W. Bro. Chibu Uson (Grand Master 2011 - 2012) - Senior Warden

R.W. Bro. Jake Mohns** - Junior Warden - Past District Deputy Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Steve Kane - Treasurer (Grand Master 1995 - 1996) current
Executive Secretary of Grand Lodge

M.W. Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilsons - Secretary (Grand Master 1997 - 1998,
Gr Sec 2001 - 2010)

R.W. Bro. Bernie Gross - Past Grand Director of Ceremonies and current
Grand Historian

M.W. Bro. Norm Pohl - Chaplain (current Grand Chaplain) Honourary GM

R.W. Bro. Fred Heinrichs

Note:

* Deceased while serving as Master

** Served 2 ½ years as Master of CIV Lodge

The Ritual - how does CIVL function

All our meetings have a ritualistic Opening and Closing, and the business of the lodge is dispensed in the same manner that a physical lodge would. It is a lodge in every sense of the word... well, maybe not every sense.

Our Lodge begs the question:

- What is a lodge?
- Is a lodge the people or is the lodge the building?
- Or is it both?



Internet Lodge vs A Virtual Lodge

So, what is a virtual lodge? It was the next logical step after an *Internet Lodge*.


An *Internet Lodge* is a lodge that is open to brothers of many jurisdictions. It is oftentimes seeking only brothers to affiliate or subscribe as degree work is not their focus.

Internet Lodge vs A Virtual Lodge

The lodge is instead a marketplace of ideas and a way for the fraternal spirit to spread across the world. An Internet lodge meets in the physical world but corresponds in a variety of Web based ways, email, message boards, etc. on daily basis.



Internet Lodge vs A Virtual Lodge



Internet Lodge

A World of Freemasonry


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Twentieth Anniversary

Internet Lodge celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary on 29th January 2018. See [here](#) for more.

Welcome to the Website of Internet Lodge No. 9659



Welcome to the web-site of Internet Lodge No: 9659

Are you a Freemason looking for information about the Craft or just a curious person willing to understand what is about Freemasonry in general? If so then this is the right place to start.

I have the privilege to become the 22nd Master of this unique lodge Internet Lodge 9659, an international lodge with members from all continents, coming from different countries and masonic constitutions.

Internet Lodge 9659 is a regular lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England, being very special due to a wide diversity of languages and cultures. From Europe to Australia and from Brazil to Japan our members enjoy the masonic knowledges and great friendship using the benefit of the modern communications technology.

We meet physically three times per year in various locations in England but between meetings much of our work is taking place on line, via our e-mail list and this web site. Our members are in contact on daily basis working to do projects

Internet Lodge No.9659 UGLE & Lodge Ireland 2000 are present examples.

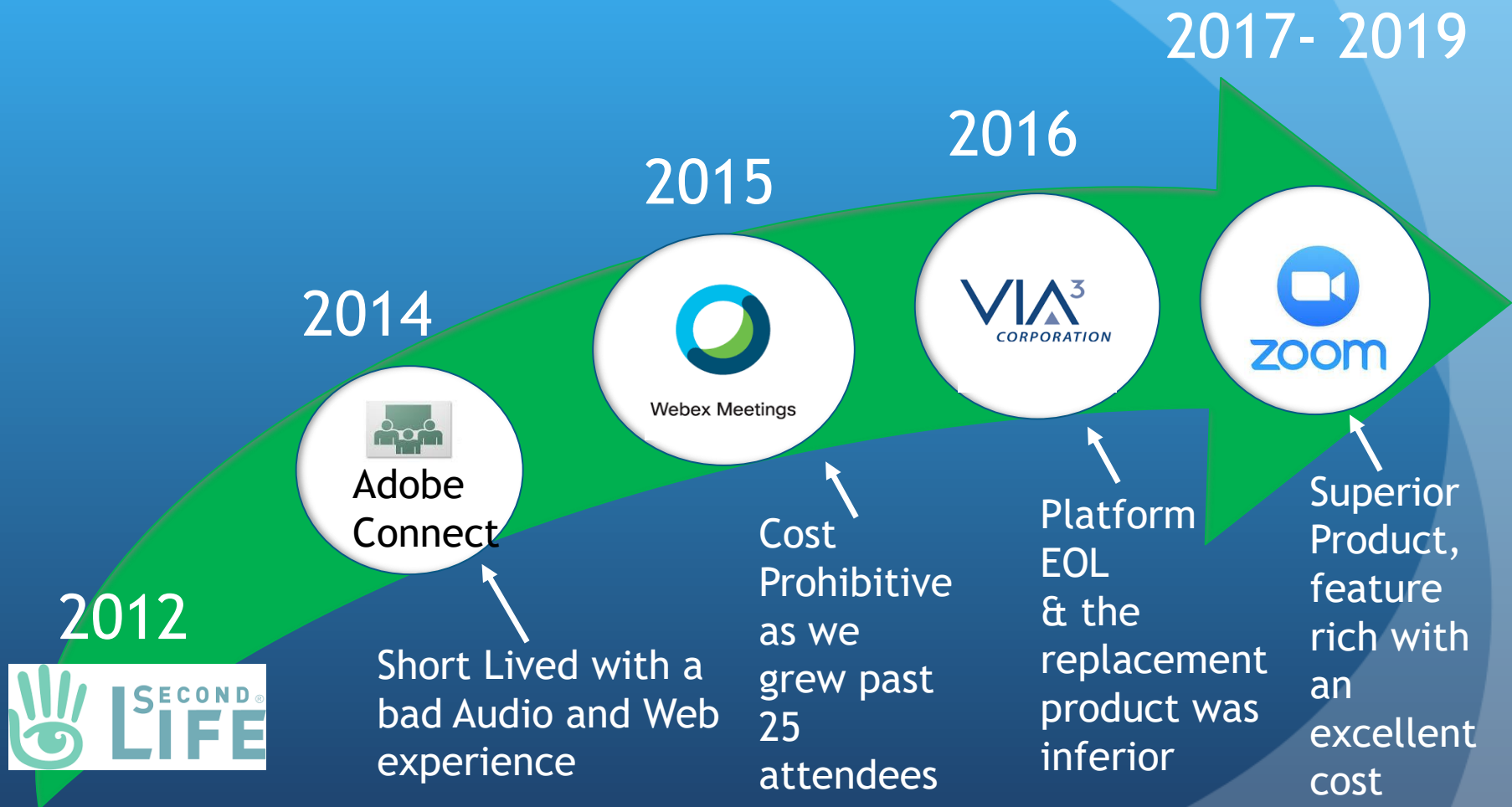
Technology challenges

Within the growth of the lodge we have experienced some technology and practical driven issues. One of the first challenges we covered was the creation of “WebEx users guide” as well as a “Protocol and Etiquette” within our Virtual lodge. The guide speaks to how to setup the technology of the Video Conference platform - sound, video and bandwidth.

Technology challenges

With all of the basic technology set-up we remind our participants of the importance of “Lighting” in the room they are in as well as the concept of self-tyling. The concept of self-tyling continues to be a point of discussion when we add a new crop of visitors in a Lodge room.

CIV Web Conference overview



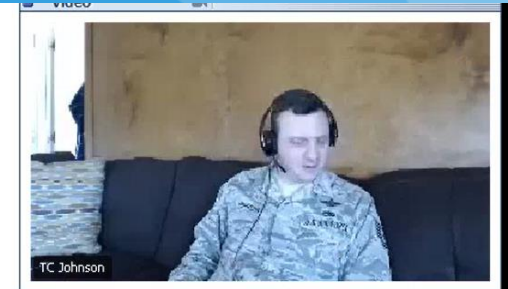
Cisco WebEx Conference platform

Meeting Topic: Castle Island Virtual Lodge - March 29th meeting

Meeting Number: 191 316 558
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017
Time: 7:19 PM, Local Time (GMT -05:00)
Host: Jason Combe
Presenter: Nicholas Laine
Participant: Dio De Brito, W.Bro. Craig Pye, Jason Combe, Michael Dixon, Jason Lewis & Scott Hoover, 57plymouth, WBro Simon Reynolds, Joey Boyer, Craig Pye, Jordan Cooper, [More...](#)

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Recording End	02:35:04



VIA3 Web Platform



An online Web Conference enabled Research Lodge

Castle Island Virtual Lodge No.190

Zoom Meeting ID: 789 580 6895 You are viewing Bro Jack Aquilina's screen View Options

Recording Switch to Shared Content

Participants (52)

Find a participant

- WB W Bro Nicholas Laine - Cas... (Me)
- BJ Bro Jack Aquilina (Host)
- CL Christopher Lansaw
- AN alan nielsen

Unmute Me Raise Hand Reclaim Host

Zoom Group Chat

one would think so

From Triston Wilkinson (Deason lodg... to Everyone
we can make fun of the Canadian
brothers ;)

From Nicholas Harvey (St John's, Bo... to Everyone
And Three Distinct Knocks podcast! ;)
<https://ThreeDistinctKnocks.org> lol

To: Matt (Privately) More

Type message here...

Unmute Stop Video Invite Participants Share Chat Record Leave Meeting



Operating a Virtual Lodge

- Our lodge uses the MB Emulation work to Open and Close the meeting
- We require all visitor's to provide a valid Dues card or letter from their Secretary stating they are in good standing
- All participants are Self-Tyled and utilize an invite only Web Conference Meeting booking.
- A PC/MAC or Mobile device is used to attend our Lodge.



Operating a Virtual Lodge



- All meetings are held in the EA degree and Masons that are in Amity with the GL of Manitoba are welcome to attend
- All meetings occur at 7 PM CST with a quick business meeting and then a Speaker for Education, the meeting is then closed. Once closed the brethren are welcomed to share and discuss the education topic
- “On The Level meetings” occur with the Brethren using the platform without Opening or Closing the Lodge

2019 Lodge Officers

W Bro. Roger Biede.....	W.M.
RW Bro. Jake Mohns.....	I.P.M.
Bro. Jeff Beauprez.....	S.W.
Bro. Jack Aquilina.....	J.W.
MW Bro Steve Kane.....	Treas.
W Bro. Nicholas Laine.....	Secretary
MW Bro. Crae Haldane-Wilsons.....	Asst. Secretary
RW Bro. Fred Henricks.....	Director of Ceremonies
RW Bro. Rick Swalm	S.D.
W Bro. Greg Peterson	J.D.
MW Bro. Norm Pohl	Chaplin
Bro Carmelo Cutuli	Tyler
W Bro. Brett Gordon	I. G.
W Bro. Nick Johnson	S. S.
W Bro. Brady McNutty	J.S.
W Bro. Jason Combe	Historian

2019 CIV Lodge Schedule

Our Lodge is held on the 5th Wednesday of the Month as it occurs during the year.

In 2019 we have Meetings in January, May, July and October.

Additional on the On-Level meetings will be scheduled based on the feedback from the Visitors and Members of CIV Lodge.

CASTLE ISLAND VIRTUAL 2019 ZOOM SCHEDULE



Brethren,

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba – GRM and the members of CIV Lodge No. 190 cordially invite you to JOIN our 2019 regular meetings.

2019 Schedule

Note: All meetings occur at 7 PM CST (Business suit recommended)

May 29th
<https://zoom.us/j/590908492>

July 31st
<https://zoom.us/j/393146692>

October 31st
<https://zoom.us/j/153213207>

STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR VIRTUAL LODGE

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=H8JMH92GVLE&FEATU RE=Youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8JMH92GVLE&FEATU RE=Youtu.be)



Affiliation Form

Please inquire with
W Bro Laine for a copy
of the Grand of Manitoba
Affiliation form @
civLodge190@gmail.com

Items required:

The Affilifation Form 2
completed

Dues for 2019 paid at a
cost of \$120 Cnd via
Paypal

Form 2

Grand Lodge of Manitoba ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS PETITION FOR AFFILIATION

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members

Lodge No. _____

Being a Master Mason in good standing, I now desire to become a member of your Lodge, and promise to conform to the bylaws of your lodge and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Name in Full (print) _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone Number _____ (Residence) _____ (Business)

Birthdate _____ Location _____

Occupation _____

Initiated in _____ Lodge No. _____ G.L. of _____

Located at _____ on _____ A.D. _____

Passed _____ A.D. _____ Raised _____ A.D. _____

I AM NOT a member of any lodge, and attach Demit dated _____ A.D. _____

from _____ Lodge No. _____ located at _____

I AM a member of _____ Lodge No. _____ located at _____

and attach a Certificate of Standing. My Masonic rank is _____

REFERENCES: (At least three persons who have known you at least three years)

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Date _____ Signature _____

We, members of the above Lodge, are personally acquainted with the petitioner and from our confidence in his integrity, recommend him for membership in our lodge.

Date _____ 20 _____

Milestones at CIV Lodge

We have a clear direction forward within the Core officers. I was honoured to server as Master of Castle Island for the past two and a half years. It has been terrific to see the lodge grow in all aspects, both Affiliated members and visitors. Our brand is now established and we have a quality Educational Lodge.

Milestones within CIV Lodge:

- 4 Web Platforms have been used since inception
- Visiting brethren in a single meeting > 90 participants
- Visitors from 5 continents
- Six Podcasts interviews to broadcast “Who we are”

Feedback from the Brethren



**Brother Joey Boyer, JW, Ascension Lodge, UD
Grand Lodge of Arizona**

“CIVL is a unique and wonderful lodge experience. A night of tyled Masonic education and an opportunity to sit with regular Brethren from around the world? It doesn't get much better than that. I've had the opportunity to sit with friends and Brothers that I've known through the internet in a regular and tyled lodge thanks to CIVL. While I do not feel it can replace a physical Masonic lodge experience, it is a wonderful substitute.”

Feedback from the Brethren

Brother Jordan Cooper – St. Andrew No. 1269
Grand Lodge of Scotland



“I’ve always enjoyed being able to partake in Castle Island’s virtual meetings. The opportunity to visit with and learn from brothers from all over the world shows that Freemasonry is a truly global organisation and I always enjoy myself.”

Feedback from the Brethren



**R.W. Brother Robert Johnson – Waukegan Lodge No. 78
Grand Lodge of Illinois**

“I feel that Castle Island Virtual Lodge is a way-point in the direction in terms of this progressive moral science. It's the future of Freemasonry in many respects.”



Feedback from the Brethren

**W. Bro. Jon Ruark, The Patriot Lodge No. 1957
Grand Lodge of Virginia**

“Castle Island Virtual Lodge fills a critical void in today's society. As a busy father of four young children, I often have "Masonic guilt" of leaving my kids to travel to other lodges. CIVL provides masonic education and fraternal camaraderie in a new platform that inspires viewpoints from other jurisdictions and creates a sense of community no matter where you are.”

CASTLE ISLAND VIRTUAL LODGE

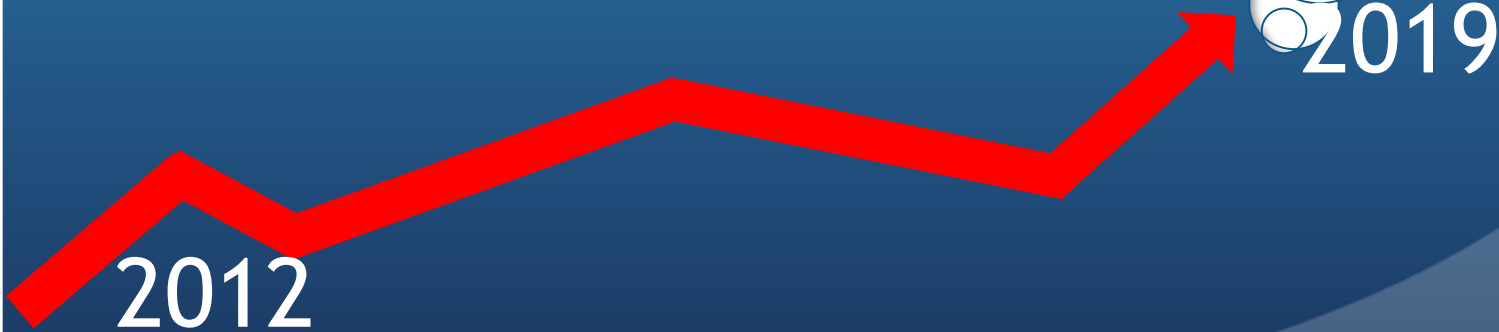
MASONIC EDUCATION



Lodge Education examples

- ❖ “The Tyler - Sword vs the Trowel- GL of Pennsylvania
- ❖ Membership Analysis 2015 - GL of Canada in the Province Ontario
- ❖ Overview of the QueensLand Freemasonry
- ❖ Overview of the Grand Orient of Italy
- ❖ Masonry across the world - Panel Mason's from Canada, USA and Australia
- ❖ Podcasting and its effect of Masonry and the new Mason
- ❖ 300 Years of Masonry - A History of Masonry over the ages
- ❖ A history of the Grand Lodge of Scotland
- ❖ Terrorism and Anti-Freemasonry
- ❖ Symbology: Leadership and Power
- ❖ Freemasonry and Mormonism

Growth of the Virtual Lodge Platform



The birth of Endeavour Lodge No.944



- ✠ 2016 Various Members of Victoria Lodges visit CIV Lodge
- ✠ August 2017 Various FMV Board members visit CIV Lodge
- ✠ April 2018 - Blue Lounge Social Club members kick-off the concept of the a Virtual Education Lodge in Victoria
- ✠ April - November 2018 - United Grand Lodge members discuss and approve a Virtual Education Lodge in Victoria
- ✠ July 6 2018 - “On the Level mtg” occurs with Castle Island Virtual Lodge to demonstrate the Zoom platform and processes used to Open/Close a Virtual Lodge.
- ✠ October 14 2018 - FMV Board of General Purposes approves the Lodge
- ✠ Endeavour Lodge No. 944 Consecrated December 15th 2018

Historic Endeavour Virtual Lodge Approved by FMV Board of General Purposes

Worshipful Master:	W Bro Domenic Donato GLHer
Immediate Past Master:	W Bro Nicholas Alivizatos PM
Senior Warden:	VW Bro Dr Matteo Donato GSuptWks
Junior Warden:	W Bro Brendan Kyne DGSuEd
Chaplain:	Bro David Illingworth MM
Treasurer:	W Bro Robert Brennand GStdB
Secretary:	Bro Jack Aquilina MM
Assistant Secretary:	W Bro Robert Billing PM
Director of Ceremonies:	W Bro Christopher White PM
Senior Deacon:	Bro Peter Grounds MM
Junior Deacon:	Bro Anthony D'Angelo MM
Inner Guard:	Bro Steve Austin MM
Head Steward:	W Bro Nicholas Laine PM
Tyler:	Bro Paul Aquilina MM





H. H. G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

We, Keith Thomas Murray

Grand Master

Of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria

Send Greeting

Know Ye

That We by the authority and under the sanction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria called to us for that purpose and at the humble Petition of our Right Worshipful and Well Beloved Brethren, *Shamoon, Alexander Shuman, Dr. Robert Shuman, Alexander Francis Spier, Nicholas Shuman, David Shuman, Robert Paul Shuman, Jack Shuman, Stephen Robert William Shilling, Christopher John Shill, Alan John Shill, Anthony John Shill, Paul James Shill, Nicholas Shill, and others.*

Do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the Title or Denomination of

N° 944

"Endeavour Virtual Lodge"

The said Lodge to meet under the first Warrantage in February, (First, Fifth, Eleventh, and Nineteenth) or at such other place or times as may be provided for in accordance with the Constitution, and we do empower the said Brethren when duly congregated at the said Lodge to provide, Masonic Education and Instruction only, according to the Custom of the Craft in all, Eye and Voice throughout the known World and also to do and perform only those acts defined in Masonic Education and Instruction, without the display of any signs pertaining to the Craft, and ought to be doing for the Honour and advantage thereof, and further at their said Station and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Brethren We do appoint the said *Shamoon, Alexander Shuman* to be the first *Master* the said *Dr. Robert Shuman* to be the first *Worshipful Master* and the said *Nicholas Shuman* to be the first *Junior Warden* for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed by proclamation, strictly charging that every Master who shall be elected or installed at the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Master in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed by proclamation, and according to the Form of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignity and powers of the Office, and we do require you the said Brethren, *Alexander Shuman* to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made, Masons and that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge do observe perfectly and keep the same Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others, which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Masters for the time being, and we do require you to make such Regulations for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft and within the limits defined within this warrant, and we do require you to cause all such Regulations and Regulations and also in Accordance of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose, and you are to cause to read to and to us or our Successors Grand Masters or to our Deputy Grand Masters for the time being all such returns as may be required by the Book of Constitutions or the Regulations of Grand Lodge. We being our will and intention that this Our Warrant of Constitution shall continue in force until the 15th day of December 2021 and so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and regulations of our Grand Lodge, confirmation of this Warrant is by application to the Most Worshipful Grand Master by 15th of June 2021.

GIVEN

under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at Melbourne Victoria, Australia
this Fifteenth day of December A.D. 2018 B.E. 2018

Keith Thomas Murray
G.M.

By Command of the M.W. the Grand Master

John Shill
S.M.

Step by Step guide for a Virtual Lodge experience



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8jMH92GVLE&feature=youtu.be>

For Additional Information contact:



Worshipful Bro. Nicholas Laine

Secretary (IPM)

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