



THE MOVE IS COMPLETE!

We began meeting at our new Ludlow location in January this year, but our library and furniture move was not complete until March 31st. It was during the harsh winter temperatures and adverse road conditions, dedicated lodge members spent much time sorting & packing, loading & unloading for the many trips between the Bellamy House in Chicopee and the Union Church of Christ in Ludlow.



On into April, and throughout the summer, setting up and organizing our new space was the work-in-progress, including the installation of internet and phone service. Now with all accomplished, we are *SO* ready for fall programs!

Many, many thanks to all whose hard work and generous efforts helped make this move happen!

Our new location and contact information

Theosophical Society in Springfield
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Once the spiritual consciousness is awakened in you . . . you will realize and recognize the law of non-separateness immediately. Look around you and note the melting, fusing power of actual spiritual life!

Mabel Collins (When the Sun Moves Northward)

Meeting Information

The Springfield Lodge office and library are located in our new location at the Union Church of Christ Annex, 51 Center St., Ludlow, MA. Meetings are held there on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7 PM and on 1st & 3rd Mondays at 11 AM. Library hours are on 2nd Wednesdays, from 6-8 PM and by appointment. For more information, call the lodge at 413-610-1661 or Pegg Dragon at 585-733-0700.

Two meetings have been scheduled for the Springfield Lodge officers and Board of Directors as follows:

September 17 & December 3 @ 6:00 PM

Lodge Officers

President:

Pegg Dragon Blumenthal

Vice president:

Allen LeCours

Secretary:

Dorothy Beam

Treasurer:

Sylvia Knowles

Directors:

Helen Baxendale

Theresa Patrie

William Thayer

Librarian:

Dorothy Beam

Book Agent:

Allen LeCours

Public Programs Scheduled

Saturday, October 17 @ 1:00 PM

Walking the Path toward Spiritual Growth and Self-Awareness

Guest speaker: Barbara Hebert

Saturday, November 14 @ 1:00 PM

The Longhouse Religion and The Code of Handsome Lake

Guest speaker: Jeremiah Patrie

Monday Mornings at 11:00 AM **unless otherwise noted*

*September 14 & 28 (**Changed due to Labor Day Holiday*)

October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16

December 7 & 21

The Technique of the Spiritual Life by Clara Codd will conclude in September.

A study of the book: *The Cross and the Grail, Esoteric Christianity for the 21st Century* by Robert Ellwood will begin in October.

Guest presentation by Barbara Hebert
Saturday, October 17, 2015 @ 1:00 PM

WALKING THE PATH TOWARD SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND SELF-AWARENESS

Each day provides a unique opportunity for spiritual growth and self-awareness, but how often do we actually take advantage of that opportunity? Instead, we frequently bemoan the difficulties of life and the sorrows that are rampant in the world. As seekers on the path of Divine Wisdom, we will focus on those aspects of daily life that can facilitate movement toward our goal.

Dr. Barbara B. Hebert is the Director of the University Counseling Center at Southeastern Louisiana University and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. Barbara is a third generation theosophist and has served in local, regional, and national offices throughout her thirty-six years of membership in the TSA. She currently serves on the National Board of Directors from the Central District.



Guest presentation by Jeremiah Patrie
Saturday, November 14, 2015 @ 1:00 PM

THE LONGHOUSE RELIGION AND THE CODE OF HANDSOME LAKE

The Longhouse Religion is the popular name of the traditional spiritual beliefs of the Six Nations Iroquois Indians of New York and Canada. In 1799 the lead Sachem of The Seneca, Connedui (Handsome Lake) announced that, as a result of a series of revelations he had received, he was proposing certain changes to their ancient system of beliefs. This message, which came to be known as the Gai'wiio (Good News) had a profound impact on the future of Iroquoian life, both religious and secular.

Jeremiah Patrie is headman of the Yengo Nation, a tiny band of New England metis ("mixed-blood," French and Native American) which has always taken its lead from Six Nations. He has studied and taught colonial American and Iroquoian history at SUNY Albany. He is on the board of directors of the Native American Intertribal Council of Western Massachusetts, and he and the council have been featured in local media for their work raising awareness for, and educating children about, the Native American history and culture of the area. Jeremiah is an active member of the Springfield Theosophical Society.



Thursday Evenings at 7:00 PM **unless otherwise noted*

SEPTEMBER

3 Masters of Wisdom DVD Ed Abdill

Ever since Blavatsky introduced two of the Masters to the Western world, there has been a great deal of speculation regarding them. Ed Abdill attempts to sort fact from fiction, highlighting some of their teachings.

17 Masters of Wisdom Discussion — *Intro, chapters 1, 2, 3

OCTOBER

1 The Journey Within: Unleashing the Power of the Soul (*Streaming live from Wheaton*)

How can we make sense of the physical world without losing touch with spiritual truths? Drawing on the experience of over 40 years of spiritual practice, Radhanath Swami demystifies the ancient devotional path of Bhakti Yoga. Using a heartfelt and down-to-earth narrative, he conveys the essential principles of this spiritual philosophy, making it accessible for everyone to practice and find balance in life. The evening concludes with devotional kirtan chants and a guided meditation.

15 Masters of Wisdom Discussion — *Chapters 4, 5, 6

☆→ ***17 SAT.@ 1:00PM Walking the Path toward Spiritual Growth and Self-Awareness**

NOVEMBER

5 Letting Go, Perspectives on Death & Dying DVD Dora Kunz, Erik Peper

Erik Peper, Ph.D. interviews clairvoyant Dora Kunz in this 28-minute video (1987) on death and dying. Some of the topics discussed include: how the deceased adjust to their new life on the astral plane, how grief affects the deceased, tips for health professionals who work with dying patients, and the importance of letting go of negative emotions such as fear, anger, and resentment.

☆→ *** 14 SAT.@ 1:00 PM The Longhouse Religion and The Code of Handsome Lake**

19 Masters of Wisdom Discussion — *Chapters 7, 8, 9

DECEMBER

3 Be Your Own Best Friend: The Practice of Loving-Kindness (*Streaming live from Wheaton*)

Today many of us have the burning desire to love more deeply, live more fully, and find sustainable happiness, yet the happiness and peace we seek continues to remain out of reach. Until we authentically learn to love ourselves and become our own best friends, we will not achieve that happiness. The practice of loving-kindness meditation, when practiced with sincerity and commitment, can change the destiny of humanity. It's through our "self-love" that we are able to love the whole world.

17 Masters of Wisdom Discussion — *Chapters 10, 11, 12

*Note: The current book study on 3rd Thursdays is:

Masters of Wisdom—The Mahatmas, Their Letters and the Path by Ed Abdill.

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THE THREE OBJECTS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

To form a nucleus of the universal brotherhood of humanity
without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste, or color.

To encourage the comparative study of religion, philosophy, and science.

To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity.

The Theosophical Society was founded in New York City on November 17, 1875
by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, Henry Steel Olcott, William Quan Judge, and others.

The Society, now with branches in some 70 countries of the world, has had its
international headquarters and center at Adyar, Chennai (Madras), India since 1882.

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