

In the early Hours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2012, in Vancouver Canada, The SOL and the GD saw the passing of a much loved Brother in Light.

Donald (Don) O'Hara was an initiate of the Golden Dawn and under the tutelage of Chic and Tabitha Cicero and for many years was the Head of a GD Lodge in Vancouver. He also attended workshops and lodge meetings with the SOL Lodge of the Lion's Gate and in 2005 took an affiliate initiation into the Lodge. He was instrumental in bringing a wider view of the true GD traditions to the Lion's Gate and in turn received from them much benefit from the SOL. He became a bridge across which both schools met and shared their knowledge.

Don was a quiet spoken man with a winning smile that could light up a room, a delight to talk to and work with as I found many times. He was always ready to share what he knew and eager to receive anything new and incorporate it into his own life and philosophy. In many ways he reminded me of our much loved Brian O' Neill. Both had an insatiable desire to learn and to teach. Both had the gift of laughter and an almost childlike wonder and appreciation of the world around them. Both were fully aware of the higher realms, the Inner Plane Adepti and the reality of the One Creator. Both set a high example for others to follow.

Some years ago Don was diagnosed with the disease that was to take him from us. He fought a tremendous battle with courage and tenacity, aided by his wife Aileen who has been by his side every step of the way. Her love, strength and devotion played an enormous part in keeping Don with us for so long. Their last holiday together took them to Italy a place Don had always wanted to visit. He loved sailing and my favourite photo of him was taken on his boat with the Cascade Mountains behind him. Now, fortified by a special ritual performed by Peter Cawley, aided by Donna Taylor and Richard Brzustowicz of the Lion's Gate Lodge he has set sail in The Boat of Millions of Years with Anubis at the helm and the Gates of Amenti stand open to receive him.

Please light you're Passing Candles for a brave and loving soul

