

EDENROC

Retirement Centre



Why this article. On a number of occasions, on getting correspondence from Edenroc, I noticed that the letterhead had no “Fleur De Lis Emblem.

At a directors’ meeting I requested that we keep Edenroc’s Emblem, the Fleur De Lis. I can’t understand the reason for leaving it off our correspondence. Normally one does not just discard something like an emblem without consideration.

I started thinking - and asked myself, why was the emblem chosen at the inception of Edenroc.

One never does something like choose an emblem without a specific reason and I wanted to investigate and find the reason. With this in mind, I did some research and this is what I discovered.

In the beginning

One wonders why Eden Roc was chosen to be the name for our wonderful home, and Why the “Fleur de Liz” emblem was selected. Is there a connection? What were the developers thoughts? What were they trying to depict when they chose the murals on the wall in the lounge and entrance the into the dining room. On the left side Eve, turning away from the snake with an apple in her hand and on the right side Eve, befriending the Goat. Obviously from these choices, the developers had a “theme” in their minds. Was the theme that of “Adam and Eve” and the “Garden of Eden”, hence the name.

Do you think they wanted the dining room to represent the Garden? Where residents and friends mingled together to experience good cuisine, shared conversation and friendship.

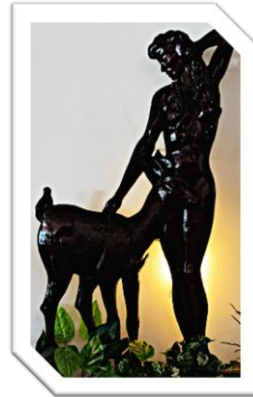


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Murals on the Lounge Wall - Entrance into the Dining Room



Eve & Snake & Apple



Eve & the Goat

Let us see where the story takes us!

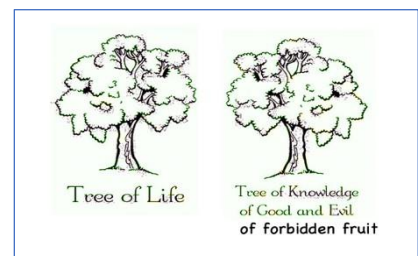
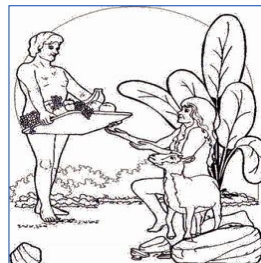
THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Now let me take you through the story of “Adam and Eve” in order for us to make a comparison as to the biblical events of Adam and Eve and the considered purpose of the developers vision for Edenroc.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. This, as you know, is the opening verse in Scripture, which represents the beginning of all “Creation”. God in his wisdom and brilliance created this wonderful world that we see.

God also shaped and formed man from the dust of the ground and gave him dominion. After creating man, the Bible tells us that God planted a garden in the EAST in Eden, and put the man (Adam) into the garden he planted.

The Garden of Eden



The Garden of Eden in the book of Genesis in the Old Testament, was referred biblically as Earthly or Terrestrial “Paradise”. A beautiful garden where Adam and Eve were placed at the “Creation” prior to their expulsion for disobeying the commandments of God.

A place of perfect beauty, exceptional happiness, existing on earth as opposed to in heaven. It was filled with many living creatures, all gathered to symbolise the perfect harmony that existed in the world before the Fall of Man.

It was described as being most beautiful. Where beautiful trees, flowers, birds and animals co-existed. In the Garden, there was also the Tree of Life and a Tree of Knowledge of good and evil. The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, had “forbidden fruit”.



After Adam and Eve sinned, God banished them from the Garden as a punishment for defying his command and placed angels bearing flaming swords at Eden’s gates to ensure that neither could ever return.



After Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, God made clothes from animal skins for the man and his wife and dressed them, as they were naked.

To get those skins, some animal had to die. [Bulls, Goats or Lambs were the sacrifice]. In other words, God sacrificed an animal to cover their sin.

The Fleur-de-lis Where does it fit into our story?

Referring to this emblem ... Why did the developers choose the “Fleur-de-lis” as the emblem for Edenroc. What reason did they have?

The “Fleur-de-lis”, is a stylized lily flower, composed of three petals, bound together near their bases.



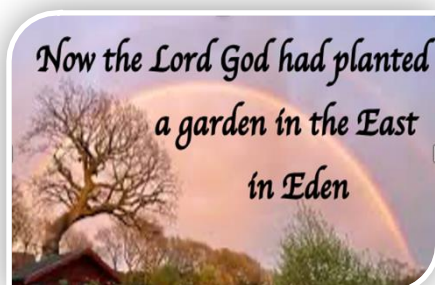
“Fleur De Liz” Emblem



“Fleur De Liz” Lily Flower

In the story of Adam and Eve, the oldest legend tells us that :

The “Fleur-de-Lis Lily flower” was said to have sprung up, from the “tears shed by Eve” as she left the Garden of Eden. Today the Fleur-de-Lis is used as a



Symbol, meaning “Life and Resurrection” and also is used to represent the “Holy Trinity” “The Virgin Mary” and “St. Joseph”

The Roc :

A rock is a naturally formed, non-living earth material and made of collections of mineral grains that are held together in a firm, solid mass.

The Roc in our name could depict the solid building that was built, which has beautifully structured architectural design.

Even the position of the building follows the story. A building facing “East”. It has spectacular views of the ocean. Could you call this “Paradise.”

But the cherry on the top

Every morning we welcome the Sunrise - the rising Sun, enlightens our day and indicates “Life” to start the Beginning of a New Day.

To conclude: Following the story - if the developers in their wisdom, envisaged Edenroc to depict a paradise, I believe, through their vision and possible understanding of the story, they have succeeded.

All of my research led me to believe: What the value and meaning of the “Fleur De Liz” is, is part of our amazing and wonderful history and status of Edenroc. It is irreplaceable. We should keep using it on all our correspondence. It would be a shame to lose it.

My Living at “Edenroc” – has become, most certainly my “Paradise” I believe I chose well!

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Overlooking the sea at Sunrise from Edenroc
Photo taken on 22/1/2022

