

MOUNT PLEASANT LODGE

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THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF
QUEENSLAND**



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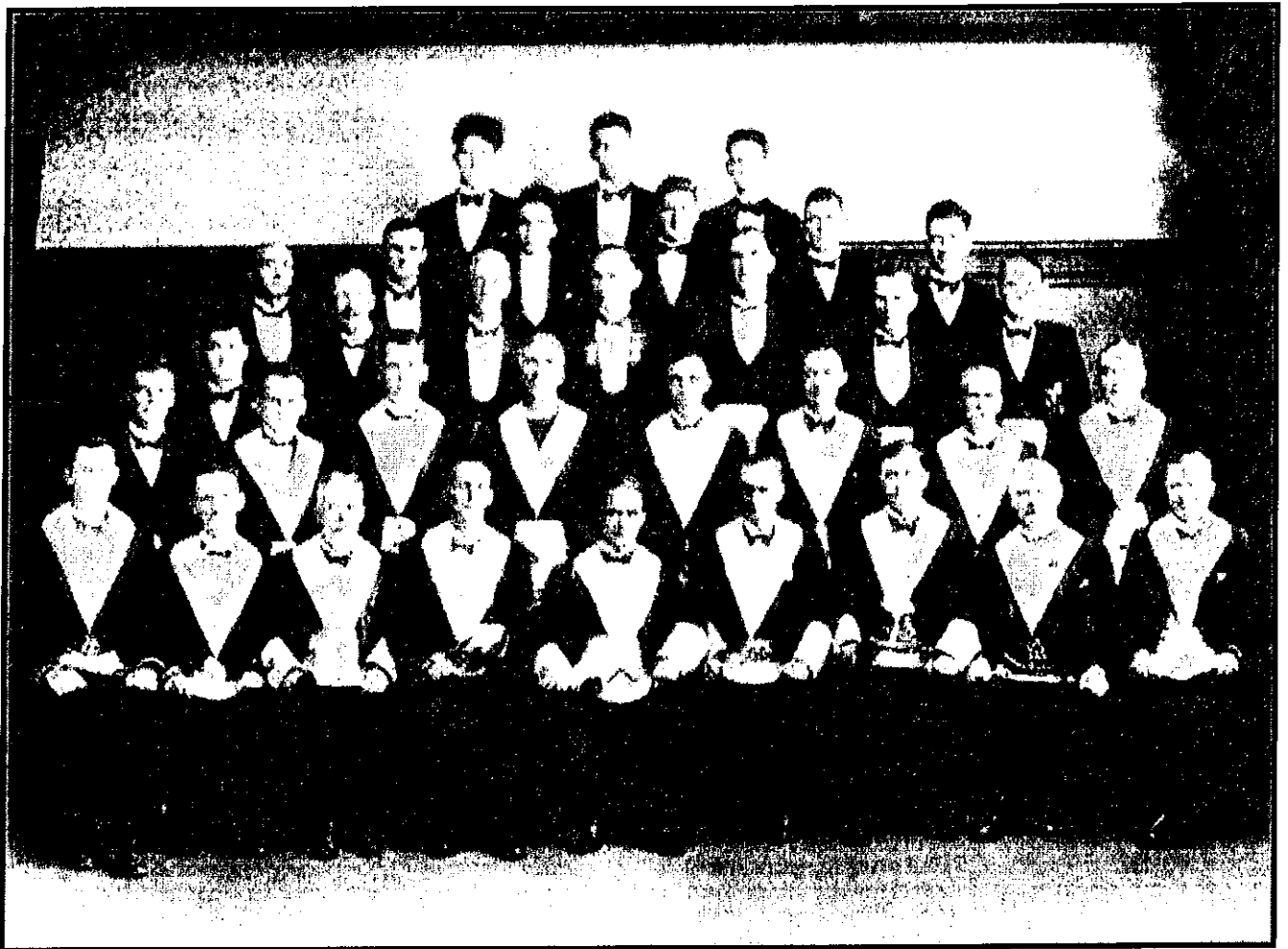


WOR. BRO. C SKINNER P.G.D.
FOUNDATION MASTER
1930 - 1931

FOUNDATION OFFICERS AND BRETHREN

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No. 361 U.G.L.Q.



1ST FEBRUARY 1930



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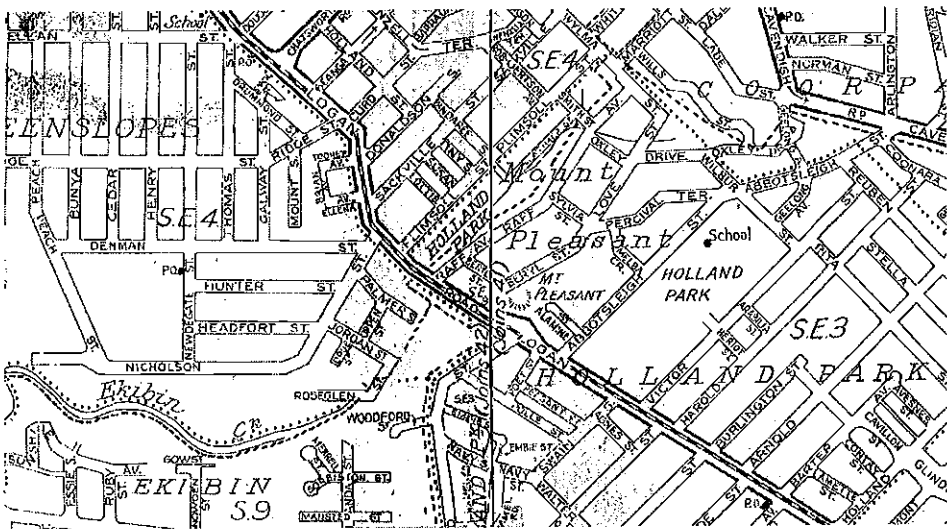
Mount Pleasant Lodge No.361 was consecrated on the 1st February 1930 on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, by M.W. Bro. William Herbert Green G.M., the then Grand Master, who several months later laid the foundation stone of the Ann Street Memorial Masonic Centre. He was attended by 23 Grand Officers; there were 115 visitors present and 22 Foundation Members.

Little is known of the events leading up to the formation of the lodge, as no records exist, but it is obvious that Wor. Bro. Charlie Skinner P.G.D., our Foundation Master, would have played a major part. It is known that the lodge took its name from the area in which it then met. Wor. Bro. Charlie Skinner was a member of Lodge Lord Saltoun No.98 U.G.L.Q., as was his brother Bro. Frank Skinner our Foundation Junior Warden

Mount Pleasant was a suburb situated between what is now Greenslopes and Holland Park. It originally consisted of an area of 34 acres which was subdivided into 134 allotments. In 1877 the suburb was popular and quickly grew, so that in 1890, the Mount Pleasant Provisional School stood on the site of what is now the Greenslopes State School. Horse drawn omnibuses, with a destination sign "Logan Road - Mount Pleasant", then the only means of public transport, used to operate in the area. It is recorded that a number of our Foundation Members actually lived in Mount Pleasant at the time the lodge was formed.

The decline of the suburb began after the withdrawal of the horse drawn omnibuses and the extension of the tramway to Greenslopes in 1914. By the time the lodge was formed, the suburb of Mount Pleasant had all but disappeared. However, the foundation members of the lodge decided to perpetuate the name of this once well known, long established and popular suburb by naming the lodge "Mount Pleasant".

The first regular meeting of the lodge took place three days after the consecration. Little is known of what occurred at that meeting, as the Minute Book covering the early period of the lodge has been



lost, but it is known that two propositions were read, in addition to the seven read out at the consecration.

The lodge then met on the first Tuesday of the month in St. Matthews Church Hall at Holland Park and Installation Banquets were held in the Greenslopes School of Arts.

A copy of the lodge by-laws dated April 1930 shows that the joining fee was ten pounds, ten shillings

(\$21.00 in present day money) and the annual dues were two pounds (\$4.00). It must be remembered that wages were very much less in 1930 than they are today and that the joining fee of ten pounds ten shillings was perhaps about two week's wages for the average man.

Several years later, the joining fee was increased to eleven pounds eleven shillings (\$23.10) and the annual dues to two pounds two shillings (\$4.20). They remained at this level until well after World War II, when the annual dues were increased to eighteen pounds eighteen shillings (\$37.80).

From the small beginning of 22 members, the lodge grew steadily and at the 31st December 1930 it had 37 members. The lodge grew each year for several years, having 43 members at the end of 1931 and 1932 and 46 at the end of 1933. This was in the middle of the depression and membership declined for the next few years. At the end of 1940 membership had sunk to 34 members. In the minutes of the years 1936-7-8, there are a number of references to the impoverished state of the lodge, but what the members had lacked in cash, was made up for by their spirit. Dances and other functions were held to raise money and so the lodge managed to carry on.

There are several features of lodge work in the pre-war days that warrant mention. The first was the practice of holding "Colts Nights". When the lodge had made a decision to hold a "Colts Night", the names of Master Masons on the floor of the lodge would be selected at random and these brethren would act as Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, etc. at the following meeting after the business portion of the meeting had ended. They would work a dummy or practice degree, using another member as a Candidate. This practice is not now permitted, the last recorded "Colts Night" was held on the 1st of July 1941.

Another item worthy of mention was that at the meeting held on 4th October 1938, the lodge was opened in the 2nd Degree then in the 3rd Degree, so that it could be closed in the 3rd Degree by the long method. It is not known why this was done, perhaps an edict may have been received from Grand Lodge stating that the long closing must be used after working the 3rd Degree, as was the case until recently, when lodges were given the option. The manner of closing in the 3rd Degree was apparently quite unusual to warrant noting in the minutes.

In February 1938 it was decided to hold the Installation and Banquet the following month at the Stones Corner Masonic Temple, which was then owned by Coorparoo Lodge No.80. This was the Installation of Bro. J.H. (Jack) Scurr who received his 50 year Jewel in 1980, the year of the lodge's 50th Anniversary, by which time he was then R.W. Bro. J.H. Scurr P.J.G.W. and who remained a fairly regular attendee of the lodge, health permitting, until his passing to the Grand Lodge above in October 1990.



This move proved very popular and Installations were held at the Stones Corner Masonic Temple in 1939, 1940 & 1941. The war was now raging, with the attendant call-ups to the armed forces, manpower regulations, shortages of commodities, rationing and so on, as many will recall and Installations and Installation Banquets were very modest affairs. As a result, the 1942 and 1943 Installations were held back in the St. Matthews Hall. There were no invitation cards, installation cards, or special banquets.

At the June 1941 meeting it was decided to look for another place to meet. The reason is not stated, but whatever the reason, the lodge continued to meet in the church hall. It seems that the matter continued to be a subject of discussion among the members, for at the meeting in April 1943 it was decided that the lodge would meet at the Stones Corner Masonic Temple as from July 1943.

It was found that the lodge could not meet on the first Tuesday, as it had done, for the Druids met at Stones Corner on that night. At the May 1943 meeting it was decided to meet on the second Thursday at Stones Corner. Wor. Bro. Charlie Skinner (the Foundation Master) sold most of the lodge furniture to the Coorparoo Lodge for twenty pounds, so that Mount Pleasant would continue to use the same furniture as it had previously used. One item, which not sold, was the tracing board and the tracing board in use at the time that the old Stones Corner Masonic Temple was demolished was in fact, the property of Mount Pleasant Lodge. There was a small metal tag on the back of the tracing board stating that it was the property of Mount Pleasant Lodge. It is not known why the tracing board was not sold to Coorparoo Lodge

Although everyone was well pleased with the move, 1942 was a low point in membership, the lodge having only 30 members. Matters did not improve, in fact they probably grew worse in the next year or so, but at the end of 1945, the lodge had 33 members.

In July 1944 it was decided that the lodge work be carried out in accordance with the "new" ritual of the U.G.L.Q. It appears that at the time at least one "old" as well as the "new" ritual was in use, with subsequent confusion among all. It also appears that the Secretary supplied everyone with a ritual, free to lodge officers, charged to others.

The May 1946 meeting saw a revised set of by-laws agreed to. A major amendment was in by-law 20, which now stated that under no circumstances was it lawful or permissible to have intoxicating liquor within the confines of the lodge, or at the refreshment tables. This later proved a bone of contention and attempts were made to delete this section in November 1957 and 1958. Finally at the October 1960 meeting, this part of the by-law was deleted.

During the war years, Past Master's Jewels were not presented, but in 1947, it was decided to resume this practice. Accordingly, six Past Master's Jewels were bought and duly presented. The lodge continued to grow, now that the war was over and at the end of 1950, the lodge had 50 members and at the end of 1954, 75 members.

By-laws are often altered, but in July 1961 by-law 9 had an unusual clause added. This was to the effect that ten shillings of each member's annual dues should be put into the Benevolent Account. The idea behind this was that each member should contribute to Masonic Benevolence, not just those who attended lodge and who put money in the charity box when it was passed around. Naturally, the charity box was not passed around in the lodge from then onwards.

Unfortunately, the amendment to the by-laws was not publicised so that most, if not all the members, thought that the matter was a motion on the books, rather than an amendment to the by-laws. This particular clause was amended at the February 1980 meeting to increase the amount so collected to \$5.00. (This by-law currently exists in a revised form, as by-law 7.8.4) and the amount has since risen to \$6.00)

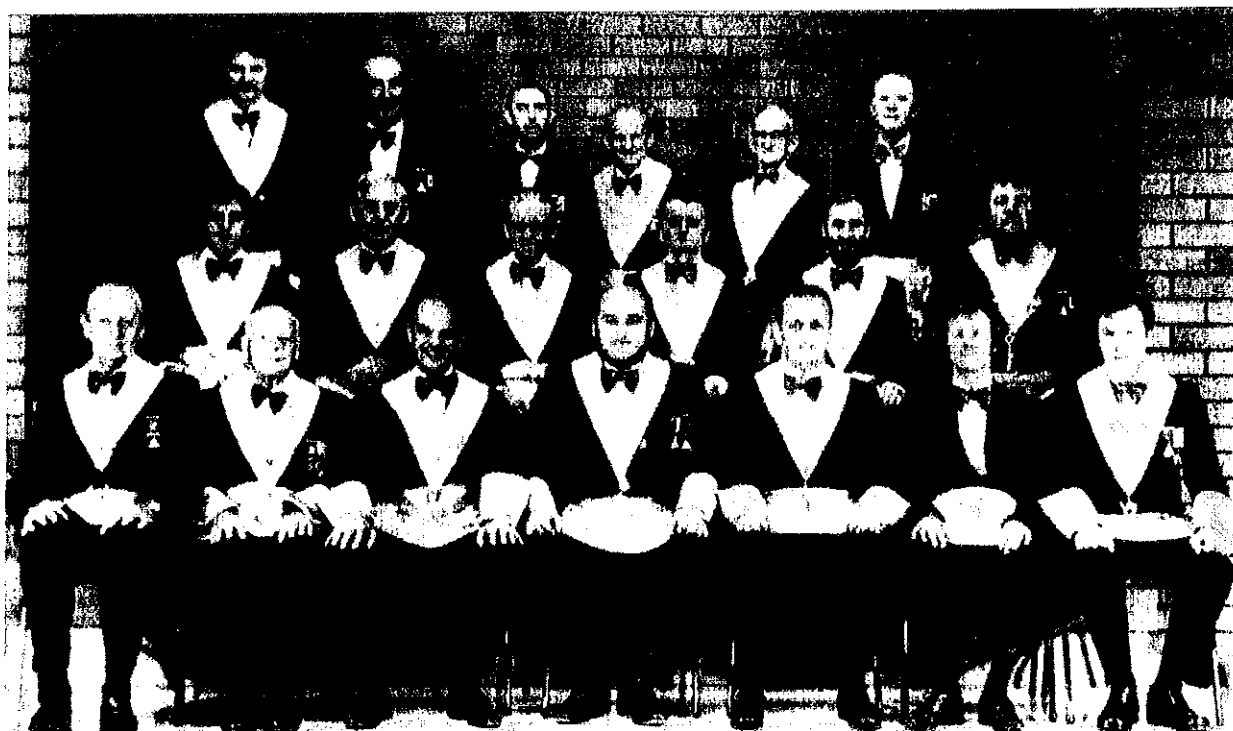
Another change to the by-laws was made at the September 1970 meeting, when by-law 24 was added. This provided that the names of the deceased members of the lodge were to be read out once per year and that at the same time the lodge should donate a sum of money to charity. These two acts serve as a permanent memorial to the members of Mount Pleasant Lodge who have passed on to the Grand Lodge above.

Late in 1975, Grand Lodge decided to demolish the old Stones Corner Masonic Temple, which they had taken over from Coorparoo Lodge, and to build a new temple on the site. After investigations were made, it was decided that Mount Pleasant Lodge would meet at the Norman Park Masonic Temple, whilst the old temple was demolished and the new one built.



The February 1976 meeting was the first held by the lodge at Norman Park. The lodge encountered a few problems, as another tenant at Norman Park was using the Temple on the second Thursday of the month, also it was impossible to have the use of the Norman Park Temple on the same night each month, however, the time spent at Norman Park was happy and profitable, the lodge gaining four new members during the fifteen months that the meetings were held there. The lodge returned to Stones Corner for its meeting in April 1977 and was the first Craft Lodge to hold its installation in the new Stones Corner Masonic Centre, which was the installation of Wor. Bro. R. (Ron) Walker on Tuesday 9th June 1977.

At the time of our 50th Anniversary in 1980 our membership was standing at 44 members and in 1981 the dues were increased to \$50.00 for town members and \$25.00 for country members. The lodge was meeting on the 2nd Thursday in the No.2 Lodge Room at that time but then decided to change its meeting night to the 4th Thursday in order to meet in the larger No.1 Lodge Room, which included the use of a larger practice room.



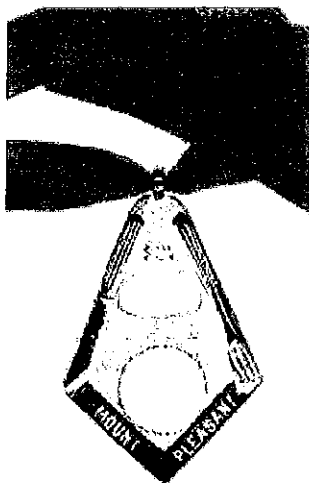
In 1981 in an endeavour to foster visitations and further engender camaraderie amongst its members, the lodge decided to introduce a mid blue coloured bow tie. This was to promote the lodge identity whilst visiting and as a donation was made to benevolence from tie sale of each tie, then charity was also being promoted. Prior to its adoption approval was duly sought and received, following this the brethren without exception adopted the new look.

In mid 1985, in response to a Grand Lodge initiative, lodges began designing their own unique lodge banner. In Mount Pleasant Lodge it was decided to conduct a competition. The resultant winning entry, which is depicted on the front cover of this publication, was that submitted by Wor. Bro. Greg Gabb. The banner was subsequently presented in Grand Lodge at the December 1985 Grand Communication and was duly blessed by the Grand Chaplain. The lodge banner has been displayed at all meetings of the lodge ever since.

By the end of 1990 the lodge membership had grown to 60 members, with an influx of 16 brethren who affiliated from Excellence Lodge No. 428, when that lodge sadly needed to surrender its warrant. A further 5 brethren joined us from Greenslopes Lodge No.320 when it suffered the same fate in 1995. The contributions subsequently made by some of these brethren has been a welcome infusion of talent and has really complimented the lodge.

The lodge at that time had a large number of its brethren who had a strong association with either (or both) the Order of DeMolay for Boys, or the International Order of Jobs Daughters. In 1992 Wor. Bro. David Carter, who was then the Master of the lodge, suggested that the lodge should more actively support these orders and it was decided to host a "DeMolay Night" in the lodge. This was an "Open Night" where these young men demonstrated various sections of their ritual. The inaugural night was well attended and it was decided to make this an annual event. The night was later changed to be a "Masonic Youth Night" with the format changing yearly and involving all of the different Masonic youth orders.





In 1993 a Visitors Festive Board Jewel was introduced by the then Master Elect, Wor. Bro. Barry Jiggins, who was the designer of the jewel. It was manufactured from cast stainless steel by Wor. Bro. Heinz Walter, who just happened to own a foundry. This jewel, representing the working tools of the Festive Board, was worn around the neck suspended by a green ribbon. The jewel was to be presented to visiting brethren in recognition of their visiting the Mount Pleasant Lodge five times in a 12 month period and would subsequently be upgraded to a gold ribbon after a further five visits were made in the following year. Masters of lodges could obtain a jewel with a green ribbon by mounting a "Fraternal Visit" with six or more of their brethren. The presentation of the jewels was accompanied by a suitable piece of Masonic style ritual which had been scripted by V.W. Bro. Harold Littler P.D.G. Reg. A jewel with a green ribbon was also presented to the "Most Distant Visitor" at each Installation. This jewel proved to be very popular and doubled the number of visitors to the lodge in its inaugural year. It continues to be a drawcard to this day.

In 1994 the lodge decided as a community activity to design and construct an access ramp for the Girl Guides Hut in Holland Park. It had been observed that there were several young girl guides, who regularly attended meetings there, who were on crutches. They were seen to have extreme



difficulty in negotiating the front stairs of the hut. Wor. Bro. David Carter, who is an Architect by profession, drew up the plans and construction got under way. Numerous working bees over many months by a large number of the brethren saw its completion. Construction of the ramp was supervised by a builder and non-freemason, Mr. Cedric Murray, who was subsequently recruited into the craft the following year, serving as Worshipful Master in 2002.

M.W. Bro. W. H. Roache, Grand Master, officiated at the Opening Ceremony, which was attended by a large number of Senior Girl Guides.

Over the years the lodge has actively participated in the practice of Masonic Charity. Members of the lodge took part in a Doorknock Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital in the mid nineties when \$440,000 was raised by the Queensland Freemasons. When the Leukaemia Foundation Partnership was formed in 2000 to raise \$1.2M to provide an accommodation block in Townsville, for sufferers and their families, Mount Pleasant Lodge contributed almost \$6000. The lodge is also actively supporting a second Leukaemia Foundation project now underway at Nathan in Brisbane. The year 2003 saw the tragic Canberra Bushfires and a call for donations from Grand Lodge for the relief of those devastated by this natural disaster. The brethren of the lodge contributed some \$1500 to this appeal.



For many years the lodge has participated in the Grounds Beautification Scheme at the Masonic Home at Sandgate, with eleven brethren attending in 2004. The lodge currently has one widow in residence at the Sandgate Home; she is Mrs. Ada Snape, whose husband served as Worshipful Master in 1969.

Through its association with the Masonic Youth Orders and by being progressive and innovative, thus maintaining the interest and enthusiasm of its members, the lodge has been rewarded with a steady flow of candidates. Since the year 2000 some 16 candidates have been initiated into the lodge and most of these attend lodge on a regular basis.

The lodge adopted the "Lodge Mentor Scheme" in 2000, which was an initiative of the Board of General Purposes and under the tuition of Wor. Bro. Vic Chandler, our Lodge Mentor, instruction and guidance has been provided to its newer members, thus providing Masonic education and sustaining their interest.

As the lodge now heads towards its centenary in 2030 it is a vibrant happy lodge, wherein there exists a firm commitment to excellence in its ritual work coupled with maintaining an environment of enjoyable fellowship at its Festive Boards. This we feel will ensure that the lodge continues to thrive.



MT. PLEASANT LODGE No.361 - PAST MASTERS

C. SKINNER	1930	G. BOYS PSGD	1967
R.S. MUIR	1931	E.D. MIRFIN	1968
W.M. SPIERS	1932	N.K. HUNTER	1969
J.W. AYRE	1933	R. JEFFERY PDGDC	1970
M. ASSMUSSEN	1934	L.M. DONALD	1971
W.S. CAMP	1935	T. ABELL	1972
N.A. ASSMUSSEN PSGD	1936	E.S. DUNSTAN	1973
D. McDONALD PDGDC	1937	R.F. WYATT	1974
J.H. SCURR PJGW	1938	J.W. HAMMOND PDGDC	1975
J. THOMAS PAGM	1939	H.A. LITTLER PJGW	1976
A.S. CLARK	1940	R. WALKER PGSD	1977
W.L. WHITCHURCH	1941	R.D. PERRY	1978
F.G.H. COSSINS PDGDC	1942	I.M. DONALD	1979
A.J. LIGHTBODY	1943	S. CARTER	1980
W.E. WETHERILL PGDGC	1944	B.C. JIGGINS AGSWks	1981
E.W. BURKE	1945	D. BELL	1982
S.J. REED	1946	R. WALKER PGSD	1983
G.E. CARTER PDGDC	1947	B.C. JIGGINS AGSWks	1984
L.V. O'NEIL	1948	D.J. AVERY P.G.Stwd	1985
J. BENSLEY	1949	I.M. DONALD	1986
G.B. NEISH	1950	R. JEFFERY PDGDC	1987
A.J. McVEY	1951	W. GABB	1988
E.L. REID	1952	S.W. CHIPPENDALE	1989
A.L. O'NEIL	1953	H.H. WALTER G.Stwd	1990
G.H. COSSINS	1954	G.P. GABB PGSwdBr	1991
J. G. BENSLEY	1955	D.S. CARTER DGArch	1992
W. KIDSTON PAGM	1956	B. C. JIGGINS AGSWks	1993
N.D. JOHNSON PDGDC	1957	R.A. WREN	1994
J.T. DODDS	1958	K.J. RYNNE	1995
J.M. ORANGE	1959	R.J.H. TOWNSEND	1996
A.J. GOULD	1960	R.A. WREN	1997
F. H. PEPPLE	1961	P.J. HASSALL	1998
W.H. SNAPE	1962	H.W. BEATTIE	1999
J.W. HAMMOND PDGDC	1963	D.J. AVERY P.G.Stwd	2000
C.C. HORNE	1964	P.A. DONALD	2001
H. EASTWARD	1965	C.G. MURRAY	2002
L.H. SMERDON	1966	S.J. TOOHEY	2003
		T.W. GREEN	2004

A FEW RECOLLECTIONS FROM MOUNT PLEASANT MEMBERS

My introduction into Freemasonry came about whilst sitting in a dentist's chair at a Dental Surgery run by V.W. Bro. George Cossins P.D.G.D.C. Whilst he was in the process of drilling one of my teeth he said, "you know Graham, you would make a good Mason". At that stage I was not able to respond, so later I asked him about Freemasonry and subsequently joined the craft in 1956.

R.W. Bro. Jack Scurr P.J.G.W. joined Mount Pleasant Lodge on the 6th May 1930 and became its Worshipful Master in 1938. He was a regular member until his wife became ill in 1982 and then he was unable to attend lodge meetings. During his Masonic career, his ability to deliver a charge at a moments notice with warmth, sincerity and the utmost accuracy, gained for him the honour and esteem of his Brethren.

I would like to recall some of the interesting parts of my time as a member of Mount Pleasant Lodge, starting with R.W. Bro. Jim Thomas P.A.G.M. He was a very active member of both Mount Pleasant Lodge and Grand Lodge. During his career he was invested with so many jewels, that he wore a piece of a blanket, which extended down to his waistline and was completely covered with jewels. He never entered the lodge room for the opening, but always came in later, thus exhibiting all of his jewels for everyone to see.

V.W. Bro. George Carter P.D.G.D.C. was a brother that I admired greatly as a Director of Ceremonies. He was so precise in the way that he conducted the various ceremonies, that if you made a mistake you were soon made aware of it. I remember the first night whilst delivering the 1st Degree Tracing Board Lecture, my pronunciation of one of the words was incorrect and after the ceremony, he let me know in no uncertain manner of my mistake.

At one of our meetings held in the old Stones Corner Temple, we were to perform a 1st Degree on a new candidate. He was duly prepared in the usual manner and was waiting outside, preparing to enter, when two stewards went downstairs, to where the cold room was located, to get a keg of beer. The method then adopted to carry the keg consisted of two poles with canvas attached. It was duly covered with a blanket and brought upstairs to the adjacent Festive Board. When the secretary retired to obtain the necessary fees etc, alas no candidate, he had vanished. We assumed that the reason he vanished was because it was common knowledge in those days that someone would have informed the new candidate that he was about to ride the goat. The result was that we never saw him again.

One of our note-worthy Worshipful Masters was Wor. Bro. Henry Eastwood, who had migrated to Queensland from England, after having served in The Queen's Guards. He stood 6 foot 3 inches tall (in the old imperial measurements), he was as straight as a gun barrel and could stare you out until your eyes watered. He was installed as Master in 1965 and the whole lodge seemed to take on his stature.

In 1973 Wor. Bro. Errol Dunstan was installed as Worshipful Master, he was quite a character. He ran the service station located on the corner of Logan Road and Abbotsleigh Street, Holland Park. He was one of those unpredictable types and you never knew what he would do next. He had worked on one of his customers motor bikes and when finished, decided to try it out. After starting the bike and giving it a few revs, he let the clutch out, hurtling straight across the service station and ended up in the adjacent creek. However, he still turned up for our lodge meeting that night. He also introduced a new idea to the lodge on Installation Nights, instead of members taking home what was left of the food etc, he ran an auction and the monies received were sent to charitable organizations.

There was a period from roughly 1960 to 1990 when on the night of our Installation we would be visited by a Bro. "Mitch Miller" Wilkinson from Coorparoo Lodge No.80. He always prepared a program for our Festive Board which was placed on the head table for the new Master and Director of Ceremonies.

He was always distinguished by wearing a false black moustache and beard. He took his name and guise from a T.V. program of the day which featured community singing.

He would also present "Festive Board Jewels". These sometimes took the form of a bottle opener on a ribbon attached to the lapel or a wooden stirring spoon, which was inscribed Assistant or Chief Stirrer. I still carry mine in my apron bag and I know that V.W.Bro. Barry Jiggins A.G.S. Wks. still has his spoon and uses the emblem frequently. I still have one of his programs and the short verse on the back of the card is one I still practice today and goes as follows;

My Wish

I shall pass through this chair but once,
Any good thing therefore that I can do,
Or any kindness that I can show to my brother,
Let me do it now, let me not defer it, nor neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again



**SUBMITTED BY:
WOR. BRO. GRAHAM BOYS P.S.G.D.**



The standard of the ritual work of the lodge has been maintained at a high level by the D.C.'s of the lodge over a long period of time. Most D.C.'s dictated by their own example and demeanour the standard required, particularly from its Officers. None more so, than Wor. Bro. Graham Boys P.S.G.D., who served several terms as the D.C. In 1981 when I was first installed as the Worshipful Master, Graham was my D.C. He demonstrated his ability with both in his movements around the lodge and by his proficiency with the ritual.

However, he would seldom smile and would look at you with an unflinching serious stare. I recall that on one night, when all was going perfectly, he was staring intently at me and I could not understand why. Then I realised that he was just practicing on me to keep up his skills.

In 1994, when the members were busily engaged spending weekends building a wheelchair ramp at the Girl Guides Hut at Holland Park, one of our then members Wor. Bro. Bob Wren remarked that the ramp was so well designed and constructed, it would be still standing long after the Girl Guides Hut had fallen into disuse and had disintegrated. He suggested that in some future time the ramp would be just standing there leading nowhere and in time it could become an enigma, similar to that surrounding the origins of Stonehenge.

After Wor. Bro. Vic Chandler affiliated with the lodge in 1997 things never got a chance to become dull. Vic would seize upon any mishap within the lodge and come up with a special presentation regarding these at one of the following Festive Boards, adding a great deal of amusement to the night. Over time I have been the recipient of a few of these presentations and would just like to share a couple with you.

At the April meeting in 1999, an item on the agenda was to ballot on the Application for Affiliation of Bro. Bob Jenkinson a former member of Excellence Lodge No.428. I was Secretary at the time and it was a very busy night (as most meetings are). When I checked my remaining means of ballot, I discovered that I had made a mistake and quickly declared same. At the May Festive Board I was presented with a specially crafted "Ballotometer" which stood vertically on a wooden base and had both a square and round hole in it. I was enjoined to conduct a physical check with this prior to casting my vote in any subsequent ballot.

On another occasion I had been at home alone effecting repairs to the toilet seat in my home and had inadvertently super glued by hand to part of the toilet seat. Extricating myself from this position, but still attached to the rubber I had been trying to attach, I was finally rescued from this predicament at the local ambulance station. Once Wor. Bro. Vic Chandler got wind of this I was presented with a suitably inscribed miniature toilet and the circumstances related to our members and the many visitors present that night.

Over the years there have been many humorous events which have occurred during the various ceremonies. I recall that on an evening in November 1979 a Mr. David Avery was being initiated, On being entered he was asked if he felt a prick ? His reply was "yes I do really". On another occasion when the candidate was prompted to say "light", he replied "heavy". An obvious reference to his preferred amber coloured liquid refreshment.

With the introduction of our Visitors Jewels, in 1993 we adopted a few years later a Lodge Summons whereby we summonsed any Jewel Recipient, discovered to be not wearing his jewel at other lodge Festive Boards, to appear before a Kangaroo Court at our Festive Board and convince the brethren not to rescind his jewel. Mock medieval torture implements were used in sentencing. On one such evening the accused mounted such a good defence the brethren turned the tables on his accuser, which just happened to be me. I found myself strapped into a supposedly mock Rack. This device had only just been completed that week by Wor. Bro. Peter Hassall and had not been tested. When the winch was wound up by Bro. Max Levick, who was one of the Assistant Torturers, it was found to actually work perfectly and I suddenly grew a couple of painful inches, much to the oblivious delight of those assembled. During the course of this, the then V.W. Bro. Harold Littler P.D.G.Reg. whispered to me "Pretend to scream", I needed no such prompting. This was the one and only time this device was ever used.



SUBMITTED BY:

V. W. BRO. BARRY JIGGINS A.G.S.WKS..



We have many father and son and even grandson combinations in the lodge however I think I am the only son who has nominated his father for membership. Dad joined when the lodge was meeting in the old timber building owned by Coorparoo Lodge which was situated where the Stones Corner Centre is now. It was an old building with a tin roof which had a habit of leaking. During part of Dad's 3rd Degree ceremony a leak was dripping directly on to Dad's forehead he thought it was part of the ceremony (a type of water torture)..

Talking of the old Coorparoo Lodge building the only heating appliance was an old fashioned gas boiler. The tub of the boiler was the size of a washing machine and the gas ring was located underneath. As a junior steward it was your job to light the gas ring. This was done by lighting a wax taper, turning on the gas and leaning under the tub to light the gas. Unfortunately the diameter of the tub and the length of the taper prevented one from getting close to the gas ring, consequently you just had to wait for sufficient gas to escape into the room until it reached the taper. This resulted in a terrific explosion and singed hair and eyebrows on many an unwary young steward.

My installation as Worshipful Master was held at the Norman Park Masonic Temple as the old Coorparoo building had been demolished and a new building was being constructed.

When I first joined the Lodge (35 years ago) there was a regular competition with Yeerongpilly Lodge in the form of a games night where members and their families competed against each other at indoor sports such as darts, bowls, etc. The trophy was a little tin cup. Over the years the Lodge has held many such games nights in various places, such as under my old house at Springwood, under Wor.Bro Stan Carter's house at Mt Gravatt and at the Valley Stars Junior Rugby League Football Club. These have all been very enjoyable events.

Wor. Bro Graham Boys has mentioned Wor .Bro Henry Eastwood who was an ex-guardsman. When I joined the Lodge he was the D.C. He was a large imposing figure who stood straight as a ramrod and almost marched around the Lodge. If you were an officer you made sure your perambulations were right.

Wor. Bro Errol Dunstan owned the service station on Logan Road at Holland Park opposite the Anglican Church. Occasionally practices were held in the workshop bay. No doubt customers were somewhat confused by the letter "G" which hung from the ceiling over their cars.

My proposer into the Lodge was Wor. Bro Lance Donald. Lance and his wife Betty were the driving force of Kippa Kammaron Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. Their house was always full of DeMolay boys, and girls from the Job's Daughters, and was consequently a favourite hangout for the teenagers. Anyone who knew Lance will always remember him sitting behind his big reel to reel tape playing machine providing the music for lodge dances and other entertainments. Although terrible at ritual, Lance was one of the most sincere and enthusiastic freemasons I have ever known and who helped to mould the lives of many young men, a large number of whom went on to become members of this and other Lodges.



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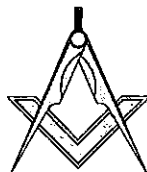
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