



From Under the Eastern Star

Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

March, 2014

Welcome Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen to the seventh newsletter of the 2013/2014 year. March has been completed and the year seems to be progressing nicely. As always I do hope you are in good health or the best health you can expect.

The March meeting was a great night where we Initiated Mr. Wayne Gannon, now Bro. Gannon, into Freemasonry. Though the weather was a bit inclement that day and evening – I must admit I was a little concerned about a Brother, or Brethren, becoming slightly damp during the meeting as I could hear some dripping at times. And one Brother was delayed due to a weather related incident.

We had ten visitors attending Bro. Gannon's First Degree, irrespective of the weather – though I suspect it had an impact. These visitors, of course, included Brethren from Euclid Lodge where his Proposer, and Secunder, hale. WBro. Noel Andrews, his proposer, also participated in the ceremony of Bro. Gannon's Initiation. Euclid Lodge is a daylight lodge on the 4th Tuesday.

I do believe that Bro. Gannon had a most enjoyable evening, both in the Ceremony and at the Festive – the evening is always a lot to take in. I would like to thank all the Brethren who took part for their efforts, and Bro. Gannon for choosing Mt. Pleasant in which to join the craft, we are happy and honoured that you did so.

We also presented Bro. Ben Su'a with his Master Mason Certificate, due to other commitments the March meeting

was the first opportunity to make the presentation. I am sure Bro. Su'a will take pride in having his Master Mason Certificate.

Before our March meeting I visited two lodges, one here and the other in New Zealand – but more about those later. I also attended Quarterly Communications. For those who are not aware – there is a proposed restructure to UGLQ/Freemasons Queensland (our public brand), to structure it in a more modern fashion for a not-for-profit organisation like ours. Please read the information sent out by UGLQ in regards to this, and ask questions of the appropriate people - if you desire.



Worshipful Master with Bro Gannon and his proposer WBro Noel Andrews



Worshipful Master WBro Gareth Pethig congratulates Bro Wayne Gannon on his initiation



Bro Ben Su'a receives his master masons certificate from the Worshipful Master

Our April meeting will be a presentation of the First Tracing Board by our IPM, WBro. Childs, to Bro. Gannon. While listed in some visitation lists as a Third, it will not be - as Bro. Matic is unavailable that evening. In some ways this works nicely, as a number of our members have put their apologies for the April meeting, including a couple of our officers.

In regards to officers being absent – our Almoner, WBro. Walker, will not be attending meetings from March through June. He is undergoing chemotherapy for lung cancers, with the actual treatment periods (a few days in hospital each) coinciding with our meeting nights. At the current time he is continuing to the duty of Almoner, though this may change as treatment increases. I am sure we all wish him, and all others who are battling illnesses, all the best and a return to health.

AT THE FESTIVE



Bro Gannon receives his cap and tie.



Winners are Ginners



The Deacon shuffle.



Bro Stephen Jones receiving the Mt Pleasant Photographers Lanyard and being appointed as Mt Pleasant Lodge photographer by RtWro Bro David Carter.

However on the 31st of March at the Queensland Professional Photography Awards Presentation Dinner, Stephen was awarded the Qld Photographic Industry Lifetime Achievement Award. This is the highest Award the Institute can give in Queensland. "Sorry Mt Pleasant brothers but receiving a Standing Ovation from my industry peers outdoes receiving the Mt P official photographer's lanyard." Bro Stephen Jones.

Out and About/Visitations

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Various Officers and Brethren reported that they visited lodges after our February meeting.

My apologies if I missed any. Those visitations were:

| Date/Time | Lodge/Event | Work |
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| 03/03/2014 | Tara | 2nd Deg. – Our JW was SD |
| 04/03/2014 | Morningside | 1st Deg. – Stepson of the WM |
| 08/03/2014 | CH Harley | Lecture |
| 10/03/2014 | Camp Hill | 3rd Degree |
| 12/03/2014 | Conyers Lodge, 1916EC in NZ | Installation |
| 13/03/2014 | Windsor | 1st Degree - Emulation |
| 17/03/2014 | Sir Wylie Norman | 3rd Degree |
| 19/03/2014 | City of Logan | 3rd Deg. – Our JW was JD |
| 19/03/2014 | Duke of Leinster | 1st Degree |
| 24/03/2014 | Rosewood | 1st Degree |



Seven brethren at Rosewood Lodge

I made two visitations in March; I had hoped to attend more – my apologies brethren.

The first was to Morningside to see the Initiation of the Worshipful Master's, WBro. Jesse Martini, stepson, Mr. Thomas Donnelly, into the craft. We learnt that at, or near, his 18th birthday Thomas asked Jesse 'How he could become a freemason' – needless to say WBro. Martini very happily went into action and got things rolling. And

so we have gained another father & son set in Freemasonry, as well as a young mason. This visit was made in the company of a small team of Mt. Pleasant brethren.

The other was to visit my Mother Lodge, Conyers Lodge 1916EC, as Worshipful Master of Mt. Pleasant Lodge. As my mother lodge (even though it is a UGLE lodge) is in Christchurch, New Zealand, this involved a little bit of travelling. I would like to thank WBro. Lindsay David for attending with me that evening. It was a great night; though I am sure I confused a few brethren being both a visitor and a member. At the Refectory, as the Festive Board is known in English Constitution, I was asked to give the response on behalf of the visitors – being WM from an overseas Constitution. The very next night a number of the same brethren were present, at a different Masonic temple, to make me a Companion of the Royal Arch (English Constitution).

I wish to thank all those brethren who have gone visiting in March representing Mt. Pleasant Lodge, esp. the teams of four who attended Morningside and Windsor, and the seven who attended Rosewood, your time and effort is sincerely appreciated.

Social Activities

Our next 'Breakfast in the Park' will be held on Sunday April 27th at Rocks Riverside Park, Counihan Road, Seventeen Mile Rocks. A flier with further details will be coming out soon.

Upcoming Events & Visitations

Date/Time Lodge/Event Place

Please Check Website for Visits

Thur 17th Apr – 1930 Our Practise – Opening, 1st Tracing Board, etc. Stones Corner

Thur 24th Apr – 1930 Our Meeting – 1st Tracing Board Stones Corner



Fraternal regards,

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Almoner's Report

The Following is my report on the following persons:

Wor Bro David Avery is still has some muscle spasms other than that David is well.

Wor Bro Jeff Brown has a Doctors appointment on Friday 21st March 2014 and his health at present has stabilised. Jeff sends his best wishes to the Brethren of the Lodge and his apologies for the March meeting.

Bro Les Fossey is maintaining his health. Les sends his regards to all the Brethren.

Wor Bro Peter Hassall is going for a pre operation check up on Friday 21st March 2014, for an exploratory operation on the 1st April 2014 at Ipswich Hospital for day surgery. Peter wishes to be remembered to all the Brethren of the Lodge.

Wor Bro Ron Walker was diagnosed on the 5th March 2014 with multiple new pulmonary metastases identified in both Lungs the largest of which lies in the left lobe measuring 3.7 CM X 3.1 CM. as well as large Lymph nodes measuring 2.9 CM.

Wor Bro Walker commenced Chemo Therapy on Wednesday 12th March 2014 and will be receiving Chemo every two weeks till 30th July 2014. I was able to receive the first dose of Chemo fairly well with a severe headache on Friday Morning but was discharged on Friday Afternoon.

Therefore I apologise for the March, April and May meetings as I will be entering Hospital on the Wednesday before the Thursday meeting nights and I am always in Hospital from the Wednesday till the Friday each week.

I am maintaining a positive attitude at this point in time and I have been able to arrange Ambulance Transport to and from the Hospital. Any moral support I can receive from the Brethren of the Lodge in the next few months would be greatly appreciated.

I have not heard from any of the other Brethren or widows of the Lodge as to their current health.

Yours Fraternally

Ron Walker

Brethren, please refer to the website for the latest information on all upcoming events and visitations. This will be kept up-to-date with any changes, additions, etc. If you are unsure, please give me a call.
(website: <http://www.mpl361.org.au>)