



From Under the Eastern Star

Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

May, 2014

Welcome Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen to the ninth newsletter of the 2013/2014 year. The end of Autumn is here and "Winter" is fast approaching. As always I do hope you are in good health or the best health you can expect.

Our May meeting was an excellent evening in which Bro. Peter Matic was Raised.

The work of the evening was that of the Third Degree, which was preceded by a minutes silence for the passing of Mrs. Lorna Green, mother of our Director of Ceremonies. The ceremony, in which Bro. Peter Matic was the candidate to be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, was well presented by all those involved.

Bro. Matic, himself, was excellent in his answers to the examination questions. I know that he found the ceremony both memorable, and highly interesting, from comments made and elucidating to such during his response to the toast at the festive board.

WBro. Fraser Stephen presented him the Charge after Investiture. We also had the Almoner's Report, which was read by WBro. Kunkel - as our Almoner himself is currently undergoing medical treatment. I hope you will find the report elsewhere in this newsletter. If my calculations are correct, with a bit of luck, WBro. Walker may be present for our June meeting. The work for our June meeting will be Election of Officers and a piece of Masonic education.



RtWBro Kingston, WM, Bro Matic, WBro Stephen



WBro Darryl Schmidt – Grand Valued Visitor

We were graced by visitors from over ten different lodges and their presence, combined with that of our members, made for an excellent festive board. Thank you to our visitors for attending the ceremony and joining our festive board. Due to the consistent, and concerted, efforts of WBro. Darryl Schmidt of Tuscan Lodge there was also a festive board ceremony to perform. That of upgrading his Visitor's Jewel to that of 'Grand Valued Visitor', which was followed by a few words from WBro. Schmidt. Though unfortunately, or fortunately - depending on your point of view, none of the visitors won the Mt. Pleasant swindle this month.

Out and About

Various Officers and Brethren reported that they visited lodges after our April meeting. Though I must give my apologies as I seem to have misplaced most of the information on visitations undertaken.

However we do have a photographic record of a visit to Rosewood Lodge - this visit was attended by a number of brethren including Bro. Wayne Gannon, our EA, with the work being masonic education regarding the First Degree. In any event, as always, I wish to thank all those brethren who have gone visiting in May representing Mt. Pleasant Lodge.



With the Election of Officers occurring in June, I would just like to remind the Brethren - if you plan on accepting a nomination for a position - weather the acceptance be for one, some or any nomination made - then please communicate in writing (letter, email, etc.) your intention to accept. So should you then not be present, for whatever reason, at the meeting – the lodge will be aware of your intentions and can continue with certainty through the election process.

AT THE FESTIVE



Upcoming Events & Visitations

Social

Unfortunately I do not have much to report. However on the horizon is a Breakfast in the Park at the Pan Pacific Peace Gardens at Redbank, a location were Allied troops camped during WWII. This will be Sunday 29th June.



Fraternal regards,

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Almoner's Report

The Following is my report on the following persons:

The following is the Almoners Report for May 2014.

Wor Bro Jeff Brown had tests on his joints yesterday results not known at this point in time. Jeff sends his regards and apologies for tonight's meeting.

Vera Carter had a cold a couple weeks ago and has now fully recovered. David took Vera out for an outing on Mother's Day which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Renee Chandler wife of our Wor Bro Secretary health continues to deteriorate.

Helen David wife of our Deputy Director of Ceremony Wor Bro Lindsay David had her Gall Bladder removed on the 7th May 2014 and is recovery at home. She was discharged from Hospital approximately a week after the operation. She informed me that Lindsay at present is the Chief Cook, bottle washer, housekeeper and is learning very quickly how to do the vacuuming. She will be returning to work on Monday 2nd June 2014 on light duties.

Betty Donald is suffering from some Arthritis in her back.

Bro Les Fossey is now swimming every day in a local heated pool to assist his mobility. He sends his regards to all the Brethren and apologies. He says he misses attending Lodge.

Wor Bro Greg Gabb undertook a 5 week overseas trip in April with his Brother in Law and Wife. Greg's wife Annette contracted the Dreaded Flu and was bed ridden for a week on a Boat trip From Amsterdam to Prague. Greg enjoyed the trip except at one point in time his knees swelled up. Greg gives his regards to all the Brethren.

Wor Bro Peter Hassall is getting around without his Walker but still needs his Shop Rider at the shops. He says he is wobbly when he walks and needs his wife Ellen's assistance when he stands up. Negotiating stairs is a bit of a Trial. Peter gives his regards to all the Brethren.

Bro Bill Moffatt had some facial surgery yesterday for Sun Cancers and sends his regards and Apologies for tonight's meeting.

Denise Wyatt had an eye operation (Ectrotion) on the 9th May 2014 and was in Greenslopes Hospital overnight. She has recovered from the operation.

Wor Bro Ron Walker is in his sixth Chemo Therapy treatment at present and will have his mobile pump removed tomorrow at 9-30 a.m.. Blood tests yesterday revealed White Blood cell reading up by 1.1 from 5.4 to 5.5, Red Blood cells down by 7.00 from 131 to 124 L, Blood Platelets up significantly from 115 to 133 L. Overall comments were no significant changes from previous results. All will be revealed in three weeks time when I have a further Scan & X Ray as to my progress. I am remaining positive. Please give my regards to all the Brethren and my Apologies for tonight's meeting.

Yours Fraternaly

Wor Bro 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>)