



From Under the Eastern Star

Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

June, 2014

Welcome Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen to the tenth newsletter of the 2013/2014 year. We are now fully into winter – at least where I reside. I hope everyone is keeping warm and hale. As always I do hope you are in good health or the best health you can expect.

Our June meeting was a very jovial, and interesting, meeting with a piece of Masonic education, as well as our Election of Officers.

During the opening our Director of Ceremonies entertained us with his baton twirling skills, and while I would like to hope this will now occur at each opening – I have been firmly informed it won't. In any case it was nicely handled, and the reaction and rejoinders to this began the peaceful joviality which then continued through the meeting. This was assisted by various officers and brethren 'hamming' things up slightly, or forgetting little things that they were then called on.

The first item of work for the meeting was our Election of Officers – resulting in Bro. Jim Reid being declared Master Elect of Mt. Pleasant Lodge. I would like to thank all brethren who accepted a nomination and office, or an appointment, in the ensuing year for doing so.

Master Elect	Bro. James Reid	Junior Deacon	Bro. Stuart Watson
Senior Warden	Bro. Rod Lancashire	Dep Director of Ceremonies	Wor. Bro. Trevor Green
Junior Warden.	Bro. Michael Mifsud	Almoner	Wor. Bro. Ron Walker
Chaplain	Wor. Bro. David Carter	Asst Secretary	Wor Bro Andrew Childs
Treasurer	R.W. Bro. Bob Jenkinson	Organist	To be appointed
Secretary	Wor. Bro. Victor Chandler	Inner Guard	Bro Chris Eades
Director of Ceremonies	Wor. Bro. Lindsay David	Senior Steward	Bro. Cameron Donald
Senior Deacon	Bro. Michael Tange	Stewards:	Wor. Bro. Donald, Kunkle, Bull
		Tyler	Wor Bro John O'Halloran

This was then followed by a piece of Masonic Education presented by WBro. Victor Chandler – a paper dealing with just one of the anomalies in the First Degree Tracing Board lecture. Like all papers presented by WBro. Chandler it was most interesting, answered some questions but left many more to ponder about or be researched into. The better to encourage advancements in knowledge, esp. Masonic Knowledge, I certainly gained some knowledge and I hope many of the brethren present did as well.

After the piece of Masonic Education I had the privilege to present Bro. Stephen Jones with his Master Mason Certificate, as mentioned previously this was a jovial meeting and Bro. Jones certainly helped with this during the presentation. I am sure Bro. Jones will treasure his certificate for many years.

Also our Almoner, WBro. Ron Walker, was present this meeting to present his Almoners report – being able to attend the June meeting, though still undergoing treatment. A copy of the report is elsewhere in this newsletter.

We proceeded to our festive board at a relatively early hour. The joviality of both the meeting, and festive board, was commented on by a number of our visitors - expressing how they had really enjoyed the evening and the fraternal companionship evinced during it. I am sure it is for reasons like these some of our visitors return and return. Having retired to our festive board early, and while it was unrushed, we also ended our evening earlier than usual as well.



Brethren in July our work will be: a Second Degree on Bro. Wayne Gannon.

Social

Brethren, a few days after our June meeting a breakfast in the park will have been held, I use the past tense as by the time the newsletter is published it will have passed. The location was the Pan Pacific Peace Gardens at Redbank, a location where Allied troops camped as part of the Redbank Army Camp during WWII – incidentally not far away from the army firing range that had been established in 1912, if I remember correctly.



On the horizon, but fast approaching, is the Annual Charity Dinner – on August 2nd at the United Services Club. It will be a three course dinner with wine, with the guest speaker being our very own RWBro. Harold Littler, the cost is \$120 per person. I am reliably informed that trousers are not optional. Further details can be found on the flyer for the dinner, or by contacting WBro. Andrew Childs.

Out and About

A few Officers and Brethren reported that they visited lodges after, or during, our May meeting. I wish to thank all those brethren who have gone visiting in June representing Mt. Pleasant Lodge.

Date/Time	Lodge/Event	Work	Date/Time	Lodge/Event	Work
22/05/2014	Norman Park	3rd Degree	10/06/2014	Jersey Lodge	Lodge of Past Masters
26/05/2014	Rosewood	Lecture on 1st Degree	12/06/2014	Windsor	Open & Close in the 3 degrees
02/06/2014	Vigilance	Proclamation	16/06/2014	Sir Wylie Norman	2nd Degree
04/06/2014	UGLQ	Quarterly Communications	18/06/2014	City of Logan	1st Degree
05/06/2014	Thespian	Address – Masonic Interest	21/06/2014	Lodge St. George	(formally Installation Yeronga)
09/06/2014	Camp Hill	1st Degree			

Of these visitations the Worshipful Master was able to attend the Quarterly Communications and the Installation of Lodge St. George – this was the first Installation of a Master into the chair of 'Lodge St. George' for 93 years. This was owing to the fact that, with the formation of UGLQ in 1921, the lodge was required to change its name, reverting to its original last December. The Master Mason being placed into the chair was, now Worshipful, Bro. Tony Anderson – Grand Tyler the past two years. As this is a Scottish Constitution lodge the meeting, and the festive board – which was enjoyable and loud, were suitably flavoured in that regard.

He also attended the Camp Hill meeting which was the initiation of a candidate into the craft, this was a well done evening both during the ceremony and the festive.

Jim in Jersey



Bro Jim Reid with RW Bro Kenneth Michael Rondel



Bro Jim imparting knowledge



Presenting the "Most Valued Visitors" Jewel



Camp Hill Initiation



Lodge St George

AT THE FESTIVE



Winners are grinners, WBro Noel Edwards & Bro Stephen Lewis



Fraternal regards,

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Almoner's Report

The following is the Almoners Report for June 2014.

Wor Bro Jeff Brown still experiencing back problems and was seeing a cardiologist yesterday. Jeff sends his regards and apologies for tonight's meeting.

Renee Chandler wife of our Wor Bro Secretary had a scan recently which revealed tumours are starting to grow more aggressively. She has to decide on the further course of treatment.

Gayle Donald wife of Wor Bro Peter Donald, step sister passed away expectantly on Tuesday 10th June. Our sympathies are with Gayle at this point in time.

Bro Les Fossey is now swimming twice a week in a local heated pool to assist his mobility. His general health is quite good. He sends his regards to all the Brethren and apologies. He says he misses attending Lodge.

Wor Bro Greg Gabb immaculate degeneration has stabilized but still cannot drive at night. Greg gives his regards to all the Brethren and his apologies.

Wor Bro Peter Hassall has been having cramps in his legs. He has been for a scan and has a specialist appointment on Friday 27th June 2014. Peter gives his regards to all the Brethren and his apologies.

Robyn Jiggins celebrated her 70th Birthday on Monday 2nd June 2014. On Sunday 1st June 2014 she received a Queensland Day Volunteers award for her work at Balmoral High School tuck shop on a Wednesday and Bulimba State School tuck shop on a Thursday during school terms.

Wor Bro Cedric Murray had a heart attack on Wednesday 28th May 2014 but had stents installed on that day and was discharged from hospital after about a week.

Wor Bro Ron Walker had his eighth Chemo Therapy last week on the 18th to the 20th June 2014. The Scan & X Ray on Friday 13th June 2014 revealed that the Tumours have not increased or decreased on the lungs. There is still a 27 mm lesion at the superior margin of the cut edge of the Liver. No new lesions were detected. He is to have two more Chemo Therapy treatments on the 2nd July 2014 & 16th July 2014 with a further scan after that. The Oncologist will decide on the course of further treatment after the scan as they cannot keep on administering Chemo treatment.

Yours Fraternally

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>)