



From Under the Eastern Star Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

July, 2014

Welcome

Welcome Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen to the eleventh newsletter of the 2013/2014 year. 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 July meeting was a nice conclusion, with the exclusion of our upcoming Installation, to round off my year as Master of Mt. Pleasant Lodge.

Our work for the July meeting was passing Bro. Wayne Gannon to the degree of a Fellow Craft – this ceremony was well executed and I know Bro. Gannon enjoyed it, and found it very interesting.

As with his first we had WBro. Noel Andrews, his proposer, from Euclid Lodge visiting and performing work in the ceremony – this time the presentation of the Second Tracing Board, which was well performed. For those unaware Bro. Gannon's father was a member of Euclid Lodge, which used to be an evening lodge – later on Euclid became a daylight lodge precluding Bro. Gannon,

due to commitments common to many of us, from joining. WBro. Andrews visited a number of lodges with Mr. Gannon, as he was, so he could meet members and participate in events – the better to determine which to join.



Rt WBro Kingston, Bro Gannon, WM WBro Pethig



Bro Matic and RtWBro Kingston

We also had the presentation of a Master Mason Certificate to Bro. Peter Matic, having been raised to the sublime degree two months previously in May.

This was presented by VWBro. Bert Kingston, our AGSWks, being the representative of Grand Lodge – with some thoughts to go with the presentation. Bro. Matic received his certificate, and the presentation of it, with pleasure.

We also heard a short report from our Senior Warden, who had been absent in June as his wife and himself were visiting the UK to catch up with family. While doing so he attended the Jersey Lodge of Installed Masters (No. 8383 – conc. Oct 1971) – primarily a lodge of research – and presented to their Worshipful Master, RWBro. Kenneth Rondel, a Mt. Pleasant Visitor's Jewel. RWBro. Rondel happens to also be the sitting Provincial Grand Master – Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey. Photos from this visit were in last month's newsletter.



AT THE FESTIVE

Our festive board was a very enjoyable affair, even if the night was a little chilly. As is tradition, WBro. Andrews, as Proposer, gave the toast to the candidate of the evening's ceremony – who responded to the toast with a few words.



Later WBro. Peter Donald gave our Absent Brethren toast, with a bit of a preamble – during which my mobile started ringing, though I didn't realise immediately as it was on silent. On checking the message, after the toast, left by the 'private number' – it turns out it was our Junior Warden, who was absent from the meeting being overseas, calling at the traditional time for the toast and being highly accurate regards to the actual event.



Brethren, in August our work will be: Installation of Bro. Reid as Master, and investiture of officers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Mt. Pleasant Lodge community, and the brethren, for all the support and assistance given to me, and the lodge, during my term as Worshipful Master of Mt. Pleasant. Thank you very much.

Social

The 27th of June saw the last Breakfast in the Park for this term. Some photos from it were in last month's newsletter. It was at the Pan Pacific Peace Gardens at Redbank, to which I have previously elucidated. It was a fresh and breezy morning, but with clear and sunny skies overhead. While we missed a few of our regular participants – we did have an issue with advising of the breakfast; or it may have been due to location – we did have band of hearty souls who braved the chill and had a great morning. Many thanks to Helen and Lindsay David, and daughter Erin, for their work in preparing for, and cooking, the Breakfast BBQ. It is very much appreciated.

On August 2nd the Mt. Pleasant Annual Charity Dinner was held at the United Services Club – this is a major fundraising event for the lodge, raising a significant amount of funds for our charity fundraising of this term. Twenty-three people attended the dinner, preceded by pre-dinner drinks, and continued to socialise afterwards. Listening to RWBro. Littler talk about himself was most enjoyable. He talked about, and gave tales of, a number of the 'hats' – he had actual hats for each with him – that he wears or has worn. Such as Acting; Masonic; Travel; Legal – inc. early work providing Legal Aid; etc.. I am sure I can safely say it was a very enjoyable evening for most everyone who attended.

My charity for my term was the 'AEIOU Foundation' – www.aeiou.org.au – providing full-time early intervention for young children with autism. Efforts like this are important to me – if you want to know why just ask.

On the horizon, while this will be in the next term, it is worth getting the word out now – as it was popular last year but some missed out due to demand and notice. On 8th October there will be another TAFE dinner held at Mt. Gravatt TAFE in the Cavendish Room – please contact WBro. Andrew Childs for further information (m: 0417 736 383).

Out and About

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

Date/Time	Lodge/Event	Work
28/06/2014	Kianawah	Installation
13/07/2014	Rathdowney	Installation
16/07/2014	City of Logan	First Tracing Board
19/07/2014	Sir Wylie Norman	Installation



Bro Reid congratulated WBro Taylor Master of Rathdowney Lodge



WM WBro Pethig, WBro Kelly Master of Sir Wylie Norman Lodge and Bro Reid



WBro's David & O'Halloran and Bro Reid at City of Logan Lodge

Of these visitations the Worshipful Master attend Kianawah and Sir Wylie Norman, missing Rathdowney due to illness – best not to visit and share an affliction. Kianawah installed a Master Mason into King Solomon's Chair, this was a well attended ceremony with the WM and WBro. Childs sitting in the east when they entered as visitors to ensure there was seating for a few fraternal visits entering after – lucky they did so!

The Installation Banquet was held down the road at the community centre – it was long but enjoyable, and equally well attended. With the WM winning a produce tray which he promptly delivered to a family he is friends of.

He also attended Sir Wylie Norman, with our Master Elect, on their Installation – where WBro. Trevor Kelly was installed as Master, in recent years he has been Master of City of Logan lodge. He is taking over the reins from WBro. Wayne Kampe, who was Master for the past four terms. They had a number of visitors for their installation, with both the ceremony and the festive board afterwards being very enjoyable and social. This was, of course, held at the Ann Street Masonic Memorial Centre.

Brethren, thank you for all the support you have shown me by visiting, both with me and without me, it is very much appreciated. I encourage you to support our new Master in his visits.

Brethren, and everyone, thank you once again for all the support given in all aspects of the lodge – aspects such as Masonic; Visiting; Social; etc – during my term in office.



Fraternal regards,

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Almoner's Report

The following is the Almoners Report for June 2014.

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Wor Bro Jeff Brown still experiencing back problems and pains in the hips. Doctors not sure want to do and is being referred to another Specialist. Jeff sends his regards and apologies for tonight's meeting.

Vera Carter celebrated her birthday during the month and is keeping reasonable health.

Renee Chandler wife of our Wor Bro Secretary is going into palliative care.

Victor Chandler contracted "Enteric Virus" on approximately 9th July and spent a night and day in hospital. He is just about fully recovered and is present tonight.

Betty Donald will be 90 years young on the 28th July and will be celebrating the occasion with a family get together this coming Sunday on the 27th July 2014.

Wor Bro Ian Donald has had the Flu for a month and has not been to work for a month. Ian sends his apologies.

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

Wor Bro Peter Hassall is attending Doctors for his ongoing problems with his legs. Peter gives his regards to all the Brethren and his apologies.

Wor Bro Ron Walker had his tenth Chemo Therapy last week on the 16th to the 18th July 2014 and a Scan & X Ray on last Tuesday 22nd July 2014. Results will be known next Wednesday 30th July 2014.

Yours Fraternally

Wor Bro Ron Walker

On the 17th July Vera Carter, mother of Rt WBro David Carter, celebrated her birthday with cards and best wishes from all over.



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>)