



From Under The Eastern Star

At Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

December 2016/January 2017

Hello Again,

To all our Brethren, Families and Friends, as you are aware we did not publish an Eastern Star in December 2016 and that is mainly due to the fact that the year flew so fast that we could not keep up and the month was over before we knew it, therefore we are combining December 2016 with January 2017.

Our January meeting started with Wor Bro Rod Lancashire presenting a cheque for \$8482.00 to David Powell, CEO of Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Queensland. David responded by advising how the money was a very welcome and needed donation.

Wor Bro Victor Chandler presented two interesting items of Australian based knowledge, in keeping with the theme of the day.

January has started a little slower with just our usual practise, and our usual lodge meeting being held on Australia Day culminating in a very nice festive board supplied by Wor.Bro.Andrew Childs, with a truly Australian theme of meat pies, peas, potatoes and gravy.



Which brings me to the next point, as I will be away from the 2nd. to the 10th. of February it leaves me with very little time to roust someone up to do the festive board for February, so if anyone can help here for the [benefit of free masonry in general at the festive board] please contact Lindsay in my absence.

Brethren, as you are aware February will be a busy month as it contains a 1st. Degree emulation practice meeting, a management meeting at my place on the 13th. and on the 19th. Breakfast in the park at the Sacred Peace Gardens at Redbank Plains, our normal lodge night is the 23rd. I will advise every one of my visits for the remainder of the month and I would be appreciative of any Brothers accompaniment.

At the Festive

Fund raising games of true rivalry and laughter were the theme of the Festive. The traditional “Littler” & “Walker” were keenly contested along with the golf putting.



Wor Bro Cedric Murray and Worshipful Master Wor Bro Michael Mifsud enjoy the Australia Day setup.



Now that's good-looking tucker.



The Brethren tucking in.



The “Littler” under way



The “Walker” under way



Putting made easy.



Wor Bro David Harrison, Winner of the “Littler”



Wor Bro Gareth “The Pie” Pethig winner of the “Walker”



Wor Bro Andrew Childs Winner of the putting.

Out and About

The month of December had an early start for my Wife and Myself as we attended the official opening of the Ron Walker Shed on Friday the 2nd. Dec. at the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club at Shorncliffe, organised by Sailability Shorncliffe, in honour of our passed brother Wor.Bro. Ron Walker, This was a very well organised event with guest speakers from government and various speakers from the yachting fraternity and the dedication speech from the President of Sailability Mr. Ted Balneaves. This event was a very touching moment as we listened to the speeches of the presenting dignitaries wrapped up by President Ted Balneaves, on completion of which we were treated to a beautiful morning tea and casual mingle during which I came across an Ex. Brother and close friend of Wor Bro. Walker, none other than Bro Chris Eades.

Also in December, I had the privilege of accompanying our Almoner on his annual visitations to our Masonic Widows numbering seven in total and 1 visit to Brother Ken McKenzie and his wife Joan, Ken is Joan's carer and they reside in a retirement village.

This was a very big day with an 8 am. start and our last visit concluded at 8 pm. Our 1st. visit was to Mrs. Boys at the Gold Coast, next was Mrs. Denise Wyatt Eagleby who supports our B.I.T.P .and other events throughout the year, thank you Denise. From there to Mrs. Hassall who was not home, to Ken and Joan McKenzie at Durack, then to the lovely Mrs. Carter who is in care and the mother of Wor.Bro. David Carter, and then on to Bulimba to Mrs. Robin Jiggins who needs no introduction, well known to all, and from there to the shortest trip of the day two doors down the road to Allison Williams who was Wor .Bro. Ron Walkers carer and then to Carina to see Mrs Sonia Watts and her daughter Leonne and back in the car for a trip to Manly West for the final visit to see Mrs. Bronwyn Littler. Wow what a very long day but one I would not have missed, to see and observe a true master at work, sensitive, responsive, calming and humorous with a real hearty laugh, I am sure we have the best man in the right job, as we left every visitation on a high note. I speak of none other than our Wor.Bro. David Avery.



Bro Chris Eades with The Worshipful Master Wor Bro Michael Mifsud.



Mrs Boys



Denise Wyatt



Sonia & Leonne Watts



Allison Williams

And we wound up the year with Mt. Pleasant Xmas party once again held at Heinz and Olga's at Algerster. This function wrapped up another top year for Mt. Pleasant Lodge THANKS ONCE AGAIN TO Heinz and Olga.



I am pleased to be able to report that during the Christmas New Year break Wor Bro Rod Lancashire and his partner Shasha travelled to Indonesia to be present at their friend Rinas wedding.



L-R Aan, Muni, Gavin, Rina, Shasha, Rod

In conclusion I want to thank everybody for the support I have received since becoming the master of Mt. Pleasant Lodge, from the Brethren in the lodge room to the supporters who support our B.I.T.P. and in particular those of you who work tirelessly sometimes behind the scenes to make sure everything is right, cooking, selling tickets, cleaning up and unselfishly giving of your time in support, everyone and everything mentioned here is contributing to the Ron Walker fund in support of SAILABILITY SHORNCLIFFE. Let's keep up the good work in support of our chosen fund SAILABILITY SHORNCLIFFE to ensure these handicapped people get a bit more out of life, and our contributions help.

All the best.



Kind Regards,
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