



From Under the Eastern Star

Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

August, 2014

Welcome to my first newsletter for 2014/15.

I would like to start my first newsletter by thanking all the Brethren both of Mt. Pleasant and visitors who helped make the Installation such a success, it was a truly an enjoyable event.

My personal thanks to the three visiting brethren who completed the presentation of working tools to me, they are WBro Peeter Liiv (City of Logan Lodge), Working tools in the 3rd degree, WBro Tony Anderson (Lodge St. George) , Working Tools in the 2nd degree and WBro. Bill Leveritt (Baden Powell Lodge) Working Tools in the 1st. Degree, thank you.



Worshipful Master James Reid being congratulated By VW Bro Jon Nantes WM City Of Logan Lodge.

The setup of the Festive board is another area of thanks from me especially the ladies,

Maureen my lovely wife and Mrs Karen Green and the Lodge members who gave up there time to help.

The evening Dinner would not have been enjoyed without WBro Andrew Childs organising of the caterers and we must not forget the part played by Redlands lodge acting as Stewards for the evening thank you all and remember Mt. Pleasant Brethren we will be returning this favour at Redlands Installation, see program for date.



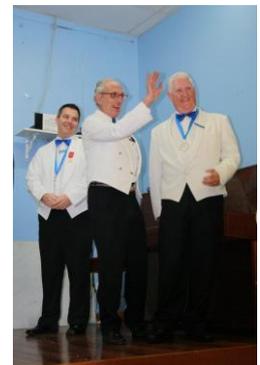
We had 95 people at the Festive board and I believe that thirteen lodges were represented on the evening. This is in part the result of Mt. Pleasant brethren visiting other lodges though the last year, thank you.

Our SW and I will be visiting different lodges though the year so watch the website for details.

We held our first Mt. Pleasant Management meeting on the 2nd September and I believe a lot of issues were addressed, the minutes will be sent out before our September Meeting.

The two final points I would like to make are that as announced at the Installation, my charity for the coming year will be **Make a wish foundation** and I will be doing everything possible to raise as much as possible in the next year. The next point is the basic help that we may be able to give our widows and on this point I ask brethren to offer some time in this regard if possible, also any Brethren who know some of these widows would you make a visit and see if they need some assistance.

AT THE FESTIVE



Social

The breakfast in the Park initiative which has been running for the last few years is continuing with the first being at Daisy Hill Conservation Park on Sunday the 19th October, details to follow shortly, plus all the usual get together through the year. The first TAFE Dinner will be held on Wednesday 8th October Andrew Childs is looking after this event and again information will be forth coming, next year's Charity dinner will be happening and again more information will be sent out when we get nearer the time.

Out and About



Wro Bro's John O'Halloran and Lindsay David attended the proclamation of VW Bro Jon Nantes at City of Logan Lodge. On the same night Wor Bro Gareth Pething attended the Tuscan Lodge Installation and Wor Bro Andrew Childs was at the Ionic Prudence Lodge installation, while Wor Bro Ron Walker attended the William McLeod Lodge installation, a great effort, well done brethren. Along with Wor Bro David I attended Viking Lodges Proclamation of Wor Bro Peter Troeger, an excellent ceremony and great themed banquet.

Now I wish all at Mt Pleasant a great year ahead.



Fraternal regards,

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Almoner's Report

The following is the Almoners Report for August 2014.

Wor Bro Jeff Brown still experiencing back problems and pains in his hips. He is going for tests at P.A. Hospital next Monday 25th August 2014. Jeff sends his regards and apologies for tonight's meeting.

Wor Bro Ian Donald has just about recovered from the Flu after 7 weeks, he expects to return to work in a couple of weeks time. He sends his apologies and his best wishes to all the Brethren.

Bro Les Fossey is still 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.

Wor Bro Peter Hassall had a health review recently. He does not want to go into a Nursing Home, he says he will jump in the Lake first. His legs are still very swollen, his feet are like balloons. His wife Ellen calls him "Fatty Cheeky Cat". Peter says have a good day / night at the Installation, I would love to be there with all the Brethren and sends his apologies.

Wor Bro Ron Walker recommenced Chemo Therapy last Wednesday 20th August 2014 for another 6 treatments every 2 weeks. The last scan revealed no increase or decrease of the tumours on the lungs and a slight increase in the abdomen area. After a Blood test last Wednesday white cells reading is 5.6 acceptable range 4.5 - 11.00, Red blood cell reading 148 acceptable range 130 - 180. Blood Platelets reading 100 L acceptable range 95 for Chemotherapy. Reference Range 150 -400.

Yours Fraternaly

Wor Bro Ron Walker

Lodge Almoner

During the second week of August a number of Brethren and friends gathered to celebrate Wor Bro Ron Walkers birthday. Happy birthday Ron.



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>)