



# From Under the Eastern Star Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

February, 2013

Welcome,

Hello everyone, I trust you are all well. If not we hope you are recovering quickly and remember to call the Almoner to let him know how you are doing so we can all be alert to your circumstances. I am conscious of those who have been unwell of late (see Almoner's Report below) and I do hope you are all feeling a little better.

We had an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> degree on Bro Ben Su'a in February. Well done to all who participated. WBro John Smith of Windsor lodge, who was Bro Ben's seconder, assisted by performing the South East charge. I hope we do just as good or better in March for our new candidate, Mr Stephen Jones. I am led to believe the MW Grand Master is attending with his team of Grand Officers. While we are very honoured and pleased to welcome the MW Grand Master and his team, as I have said to you all - the most important person on that evening is our new member so let's do our best for him.



*The Worshipful Master, WBro Andrew Childs, and WBro John Smith of Windsor Lodge, congratulate our newly passed Brother, Bro Ben Su'a. WBro John was Bro Ben's seconder and also assisted in the ceremony.*



*The Worshipful Master presents WBro Victor Chandler with his replacement name badge.*



*Our WBro Geoff Mauger and WBro Bill Snare of Redalnds Lodge with their "Mt Pleasant swindle" prizes.*

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## Social Activities

Since our meeting in January we have had our first BBQ in the Park at Manly foreshore on Sunday, 17 February. A special thanks to Helen David who came all the way over by herself to assist as WBro Lindsay was in Toowoomba on a Croquet tournament. Also thanks to our fill-in cook WBro Trevor, and I think we even had Bro Mike Robinson in there as well.



## Upcoming Events

Our next social function is "Poker for Parkinson's" on Sunday, 24 March. It will be one of the major fund raisers for the term. I have spoken with several members who will be helping on the day but happy if you want to play. Please remember to get your friends involved. The cost will be \$30 which includes a sausage sizzle lunch and we will be selling some drinks as well. A cash prize of \$300 is to be won on the final table. I am a little concerned about this event as we have few definite players listed at present and we may have to consider cancelling if we get less than 30 players – please let me know numbers if you or friends are attending.

A special event in March will be the Masonic Youth Orders evening on Sat 23 March in the Grand Hall. This is a public ceremony that you and your family can enjoy (no Masonic dress or regalia required). Unfortunately I will be there representing DeMolay so I hope you will attend and represent Mt Pleasant for me and bring a niece, nephew, grandchild or your friends and their children – they may find it interesting.



The Almoner's Report is now included as a separate item in the newsletter so you can see who is unwell. If you have time, I'm sure these Brethren would like to hear from you to see how they are going.

Fraternal regards,

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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.

## EVENTS & VISITATION LIST

(View on the website: <http://www.mpl361.org.au>)

Wed 06 Mar - 7.15pm	UGLQ Quarterly Communication	Ann St Masonic Mem. Centre
Mon 11 Mar - 7.30pm	Camp Hill Lodge – 1st Degree	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Wed 13 Mar – 7:30pm	Baden Powell Lodge – 1st Degree	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Sat 16 Mar – 6:30pm	Tuscan Lodge – 2nd Degree	Wynnum Masonic Centre
Thur 21 Mar - 7.30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – practice meeting (1st Degree)	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Sat 23 Mar – 7:00pm	Masonic Youth Orders Evening	Ann St Masonic Mem. Centre
Sun 24 Mar – 10:30am	Mt Pleasant Lodge – “Poker for Parkinson’s”, \$30 per person includes lunch – invite your friends.	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Thur 28 Mar - 7.30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – 1st Degree on Mr Stephen Jones	Stones Corner Masonic Centre

## Almoner's Report

It seems as though the first part of 2013 is definitely proving to be quite challenging for some of our brethren who are unwell. This month there are an unusual number of sick or incapacitated brethren.

**WBro Les Fossey**, because of his mobility problems, has moved to another location closer to care. He laments that he cannot care for his garden.

**WBro Greg Gabb** will be having an operation to replace the lens in one eye soon. The macular degeneration has hopefully been fixed.

**WBro Ron Walker**, our Director of Ceremonies, is continuing with his treatment for cancer. He has put himself into hospital to make it easier for him to get the treatment to rectify a couple of the issues he was having with his chemotherapy from his last operation.

**WBro Jeff Brown** is happy that the doctor has told him he has now got 20/20 vision after his eye operation, but it is going to take a couple of months to settle down.

**WBro Victor Chandler's wife, Renee**, is now out of hospital after her operation to remove a tumour from her brain and is feeling a lot better. She is preparing for radiation therapy to complete the treatment in three weeks time.

**WBro Peter Hassal** has now got cataracts in both eyes.

**WBro Heinz Walter** went to hospital on 30 January to have part of his colon removed and has suffered some complications since. Another operation has been scheduled for 06 March. He's whinging that he hasn't had a meal of good solid food for awhile.

**WBro Fraser Stephen's wife, Joyce**, is having problems with her shoulder.

**Bro Mike Mifsud** has had a hip replacement on 26 February and is doing well. (This was two days before our regular meeting so he was understandably absent.) He is expected to be out and about (and annoying people) sooner than expected.