



From Under the Eastern Star

Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

February, 2014

Welcome

Welcome Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen to the sixth newsletter of the 2013/2014 year. I hope February found you well and attacking the year with your energy. As always I do hope you are in good health or the best health you can expect at least.

I must admit to having a slow Masonic start to the year - visiting only one lodge in February. I would like to think I will make March busier by attending some 1st Degrees but, alas, a number of them are while I am travelling or on our practise night.



The Worshipful Master congratulates Bro Stephen Jones on being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Bro. Stephen Jones certainly showed his long experience in the art of Toasts and Responses, more particularly the response to the toast to our newly raised brother. It was one of the longer responses from I have heard – covering many aspects, thanking many and giving some further information on his long Masonic associations.

However this was not really a surprise considering the many, many events and ceremonies – Masonic, Other Orders and otherwise – Bro. Jones has attended during his career as a professional photographer, in which he is a Grand Master.



MWBro Adrian Burton, PGM, RWBro Paul Holland, Bro Stephen Jones, The Worshipful Master Gareth Pethig

As mentioned it was a long night, with a late but enjoyable festive board with a varied and plentiful selection of sandwiches and sausage rolls, as well as crisps, sweets and drinks. Something that extended the evening just a little bit longer was the fact that during the 'Mt Pleasant Swindle', for both

prizes, the game had to be re-run due to the remaining players all not selecting the next combination that resulted. I am not sure that happens too often!

We also balloted for an Initiation and now have Mr. Wayne Gannon as a Candidate for Initiation, which will occur in March. Mr. Gannon was proposed and seconded by members of Euclid lodge, to whom he has an association but is unable to attend that, or other, daylight lodges due to other obligations. He attended a Mt. Pleasant festive board in October last year and soon after submitted his application papers.

Right Worshipful Bro. Paul Holland, Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, declined my offer of the gavel, and my chair, to conduct the ceremony, he cited that his Scottish background would cause problems and returned the gavel to my hands for the lodge to conduct the ceremony.

AT THE FESTIVE



Social

In February we had another 'Breakfast in the Park' this had a 'twist' of also having games of Croquet. I will also point out the breakfast was in a building – though technically it was 'in the Park' being the building was the Graceville Croquet Club rooms which, along with croquet courts, is part of the Graceville Memorial Park. This was held on 9th February from 8am onwards. A delicious and filling breakfast, as always, began the occasion – with our usual selection of BBQ breakfast foods – this was then followed by the organising of the attendees who wished to play Croquet into teams, an explanation of how to play the variant we were going to – which was 'Golf' Croquet, some practise and then began playing. There was a tournament type structure where the winning teams got to play each other and we began with at least 8 teams. Croquet was played for a good of hour or two and everybody seemed to be enjoying the games. Thank you to all those who attend this BBQ Breakfast and/or Croquet games.



Out and About

Various Officers and Brethren reported that they visited lodges after our January meeting. My apologies if I missed any others. Those visitations were:

Date/Time	Lodge/Event	Work	Qty. MPL
13/02/2014	Windsor 290	2 nd Deg. – Our JW was JW	
15/02/2014	Tuscan 235	1 st Degree	
17/02/2014	Camp Hill 388	Talk about Depression	
19/02/2014	City of Logan 529	2 nd Degree	
20/02/2014	Sir Wylie Norman 79	1 st Deg. – Our JW was JD	

I attended Tuscan Lodge where Mr Neil Symes was made an Entered Apprentice, this was a most enjoyable evening – I sat with WBro. Jesse Martini, Worshipful Master of Morningside, during the ceremony. I did make a slight faux par as I forgot to annotate 'WM' when I signed the attendance book and Tuscan likes to give all visiting Worshipful Masters the opportunity to speak at the festive. I would to thank all those brethren who have gone visiting for February and representing Mt. Pleasant Lodge, the time and effort is sincerely appreciated. We had a 'team' attend City of Logan, and Bro. Jones visited Northgate Remembrance Lodge not long before his third – who then returned his visit at his Third.



Tucking into tucker at Tuscan



March:

Date/Time	Lodge/Event	Place
Tue 4 th Mar – 1915	Morningside – 1 st Degree	Stones Corner
Wed 5 th Mar – 1930	Quarterly Communications	Ann St
Wed 12 th Mar - 1830	Conyers Lodge – Installation	Chch, NZ
Thur 20 th Feb – 1930	Our Practise – 1 st Degree	Stones Corner
Thur 27 th Mar – 1930	Our Meeting – 1 st Degree	Stones Corner

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Events and Visitations List

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

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.