

From Under the Eastern Star

Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

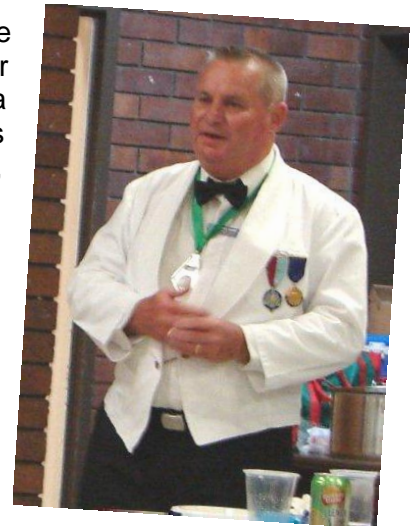
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Welcome,

Happy New Year everyone! I trust you all had an enjoyable festive season. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and if not we hope you are recovering quickly. Remember to call the Almoner and 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 particularly our Director of Ceremonies, WBro Ron Walker, who continues to have chemotherapy treatment for his cancer. Also unwell are Bros Les Fossey, Jim Reid and WBro Peter Hassall. Renee Chandler, wife of our secretary, WBro Victor Chandler, is recovering from an operation to remove a tumor from her brain and we all hope that the operation was a success. The latest addition to the sick list is WBro Heinz Walter, who was admitted to Greenslopes Hospital on 30 January and is likely to be there for a few more weeks so visitors are very welcome. I do hope you are all feeling a little better. Forgive me if I have forgotten anyone.

Over the Christmas period our Almoner, WBro Dave Avery and I visited some of our older members who are unable to get around and our lodge widows. We gave them all our best wishes.

Well we started the year off with a shorter than expected meeting as we were unable to present our masonic play due to the absence of WBro Victor Chandler who was at home looking after his wife, Renee. The meeting was followed by a presentation from the Parkinson's Queensland educator at our festive. This was very well received and I would like to thank those who came out for the evening, especially our ladies. We also presented a green ribboned Jiggins Visitor's Jewel to the Master of Tuscan Lodge. Also at the festive, Mrs Karen Green, wife of WBro Trevor Green, received her masonic Certificate of Appreciation from the lodge. Congratulations Karen for receiving this award, which is the highest form of recognition the lodge can bestow on non-masons. It is in recognition of all the hard work you have done to help our lodge over many years. Much of this has been in the preparation of the magnificent food we have enjoyed at our festives.



Parkinson's presentation; Worshipful Master of Tuscan receives his green Jiggins visitor's jewel; WBros Murray Welsh and Ron Walker with their swindle prizes.

January is always a slow month with a lot of people still being away on holidays and many lodges taking a well-earned break by not meeting. As a result there haven't been any visitations to report on nor have there been any social events.

Upcoming Events

On Tuesday, 05 February we will be holding a management committee meeting. (See my Events and Visitations List below for further details.) Brethren, these meetings are held to discuss important matters which affect the forward planning and running of the lodge. They save time at the practice and regular lodge meetings. Please come along and have your say and be part of the running of the lodge.

Our first social event of the year will be a BBQ in the park at the Manly foreshore, just north of the Manly pool, on Sunday, 17 February from 8 to 10am. Hopefully the weather will be a little kinder to us than the last time we were there.

On Sunday, 24 March we are holding the major fund raising event for the term which is a "Poker for Parkinson's" Poker Tournament at the Stones Corner Masonic Centre. The cost is \$30 which gets you a seat at a gaming table with a stack of gaming chips and a sausage sizzle lunch. Drinks will also be on sale. Players are eliminated when they run out of chips and there will be \$300 in cash prizes for the final table. This is an opportunity to do something a little different and will extend our fundraising beyond our own lodge so please invite your friends along. I have spoken with several members who have offered to help on the day, however you are more than welcome to participate if you wish. While the event is not aimed at masonic promotion specifically there will be some information available as well as a tour of the lodge room at some point during the day if anyone is interested. Please contact me if you require any further details (see below).



Other Notes

It has been a little bit of a slow start to the year but I intend to be out visiting again soon. Below are a few outings I am planning and I hope you can join me especially at the Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, 06 March. Please let me know if you are going somewhere for a visit and if I can make it I will happily join you.

Fraternal regards,

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Brethren, please refer to the website for all upcoming events and visitations. This will be kept up-to-date with any changes/additions/etc.

EVENTS & VISITATION LIST (Also view on our website: <http://www.mpl361.org.au>)

Tues 05 Feb – 7:30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – management committee meeting	27 Dalmeny St, Algester
Thur 21 Feb - 7.30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – practice meeting (2nd Degree)	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Thur 28 Feb - 7.30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – 2nd Degree on Bro. Ben Su'a	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
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
Thur 28 Mar - 7.30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – 1st Degree on Mr Stephen Jones (pending result of ballot in February.)	Stones Corner Masonic Centre