



From Under the Eastern Star

Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

July, 2013



(l to r) WBro Peter Donald (rep DeMolay); Mrs Denise Dixon (rep Rainbows), Wor Master, WBro Andrew Childs, James Slack (rep DeMolay) and Mrs Elaine Gray (rep Job's Daughters).

Welcome,

Well it's July and next month I hand over the reins to Bro Gareth as our new Master and it has been a very quick year but also very enjoyable and I thank all of you for sharing it with me in whatever way you could and however we met along the way. Our Masonic Youth Night went off very well with presentations by each of the youth organisations – Job's Daughters, Rainbows and DeMolay, but unfortunately it lacked both youth members of these organisations and interested young people. A light, stand-up festive was held afterwards.

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Mrs Denise Dixon



Mrs Elaine Gray



WBro Peter Donald



James Slack



(l to r) Asaki Murakami, Rio Ishikawa, Sota Sakairi and Tsutomu Hariki, visitors from Japan.



Andy Chhotu and his daughters Harshita and Heisha with Mrs Elaine Gray

Out and About/Visitations



Baden Powell Lodge



Dennistoun Lodge



Morningside Lodge

Again thank you to the brethren who have been out and about themselves or have joined me on the visits this month spreading the Mt Pleasant visitor's message – it has been a very busy journey. Mt Pleasant has been represented at the following visitations: Baden Powell on Wednesday 10 July to witness a 2nd degree. It was excellent that our new Fellowcraft was able to join us for the night. We have seen Bro Hunt's 1st & 2nd degree now so we may have to get ready for the trifecta! Southern Qld on 13 July for the Installation of WBro Mark Siskind who took the chair for a second time. This was a great night except a certain Master Elect managed to leave the room right before the visitor's toast and then re-appear after they were done – a little suspicious I think!! Duke of Leinster on 17 July for the installation of RWBro Peter Wickins. This was a grand evening and made all the more special by the presentation of a 50 year Jewel to a well deserving WBro Westphal by RWBro Rawlings. Dennistoun on 18 July for an explanation of the emblems worn by the officers which was very educational. The only downside was that we were not treated to the musical history evening we had been looking forward to as we all learnt of WBro Henrickson's cancer and ill health – I am sure we all pray for his recovery. Morningside on 20 July for the Installation of WBro Jesse Martini which was also attended by the new Grand Master, MWBro Dr Gary Bacon, who continues to present trees to new Masters on his rounds – does Gareth have a green thumb? Thank goodness it's not me getting a tree as I would have killed it in no time at all. St Andrew on 27 July for the Installation of WBro John Edwards. Also a great night and enjoyed by all. Unfortunately like a few lodges at present some older members are going back into the Master's chair but due to ill health are failing at the last minute – I count 3 proclamation so far due to this happening. Don't even think about it Gareth. ☺



Duke of Leinster Lodge



Southern Qld Lodge



Lodge St Andrew

Social Activities

Our annual Charity dinner has again gone off without a hitch on Saturday 03 August at the United Service Club where we had a wonderful evening of music, food, drink and fellowship. Thank you to all those who joined us especially Mary and Mike Robinson who are beginning to be well known in our merry band (someone mentioned we see more of them than some of our own members) but it's always good to see friends. Welcome also to the guests of Trevor and Karen Green (Peter & Roseanne – I hope I got the names correct). Thanks especially to Mary for her piano playing at the pre-dinner drinks and to our very own Bro Greg Egan for a very informative, humorous and educational presentation of the history of the club.



Upcoming Events

Our installation on Saturday, 24 August is our next big event and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there. Please invite your wife/partner, family and friends - they will be most welcome. If they come with you there will be light refreshments during the installation and there is no charge for them to attend the dinner afterwards.

Both Bro Gareth and I are continuing to visit as many lodges as possible leading up to our installation. Please refer to the visitation list below and the website for upcoming events and visitations. If there is a lodge you would like to visit then please let me or Bro Gareth know and we'll see if we can attend.

This is the last formal newsletter I will be preparing (phew!) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the brethren, their wives/partners, family and friends of Mt Pleasant Lodge for their magnificent support over the last 12 months. My job has been made so much easier by your help and support. I know you will support Bro Gareth and Mt Pleasant Lodge next term so that the Lodge can continue to be enjoyed by the members as well as being a "must visit" lodge for visiting brethren. Also a big thanks to RWBro David Carter for initiating and producing this newsletter to the high standard we now expect.

Fraternal regards,

WBro Andrew Childs, PGSwdBr, Worshipful Master

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Almoner's Report

There was little to report of unwell brethren this month, which is very reassuring after the number who have suffered illness over the last few months. We were particularly pleased to see WBro Cedric Murray and Bro Michael Mifsud at our July meeting. It's good to see you both getting out and about again. Don't forget to let our Almoner know if you are unwell so we can all be alert to your circumstances. Our present Almoner, WBro Dave Avery, passes on the batten to WBro Ron Walker at the installation. This is probably an appropriate time and place to say thank you WBro Dave, for your dedication and hard work.

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.

Sat 10 Aug – 8:30am	Myora Lodge - Installation	North Stradbroke Island
Thur 15 Aug – 7:30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – 1 st practice meeting (installation)	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Sat 17 Aug – 5:30pm	City of Logan Lodge – Installation. (Bro Gareth attending.)	Beenleigh Masonic Centre
Sat 17 Aug – 5:00pm	Tuscan Lodge – Installation. (Wor Master attending.)	Wynnum Masonic Centre
Sun 18 Aug – 9:00am	Mt Pleasant Lodge – 2 nd practice meeting (installation)	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Thur 22 Aug	Mt Pleasant Lodge – NOTE: NO REGULAR MEETING (We are making an official visit to Viking Lodge instead.)	
Thurs 22 Aug – 7:15pm	Viking Lodge - Installation	Ann St Masonic Mem Centre
Sat 24 Aug – 3:00pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – Installation.	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Sat 31 Aug – 4:30pm	Rosewood Lodge - Installation	Rosewood Masonic Centre