



From Under the Eastern Star

Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

March, 2013



The Worshipful Master, WBro Andrew Childs, (centre) with our new member, Bro Stephen Jones (right); his proposer, Bro Stuart Watson (left); MWBro Adrian Burton, Grand Master; MWBro Emmanuel Anthony, PGM; RWBro Geoff Walker, PAGM; our own Entered Apprentice, Bro Peter Matic (far right); and three other visiting Entered Apprentices.

Welcome,

Hello everyone, I hope you are all well and if not we hope you are recovering quickly. Remember to let our Almoner know if you are unwell and how you are doing so we can all be alert to your circumstances. Our sick list is still very long and worrying, but I hope those of you who are unwell recover quickly.

Well we had an excellent evening for the Initiation of Mr Stephen Jones on 28 March with, I believe, 71 members and visitors including the Grand Master, MWBro Adrian Burton, Past Grand Master MWBro Emmanuel Anthony, Past Assistant Grand Master, RWBro Geoff Walker and a full Grand Lodge team of officers. Including Bro Stephen and our other Entered Apprentice, Bro Peter Matic, there were five Entered Apprentices in attendance, which is also great to see. A special treat for Bro Stephen was to be presented with the Grand Master's gift to every new initiate, the Square and Compasses pin, by the Grand Master himself. Everyone did a great job and a special thank you to those who filled in offices at the last moment as well as



Bro Stephen Jones is congratulated by the Wor Master, Bro Andrew Childs, MWBro Adrian Burton, Grand Master (left) and MWBro Emmanuel Anthony, Past Grand Master (right).

those who helped to setup, serve and clean-up at the festive. Thank goodness it was a Public Holiday the next day as it was quite a late evening. Bro Stephen has already reported to me his enjoyment of the evening and is looking forward to seeing another 1st Degree which I hope will be an emulation at City of Logan Lodge on 17 April. Interesting vegetables that Bro Stephen brought out at the festive – wonder who the carrots were for? A special treat for us at the festive was to present the Grand Master with a “Jiggins” visitor’s jewel for being a Master and attending with at least six of his brethren on the evening – well done!

One interesting feature of the evening which was pointed out to me afterwards by a friend and Past Grand Master of DeMolay was that the MW Grand Master visited Mt Pleasant Lodge to witness the initiation of another Grand Master (Bro Stephen is a Grand Master Photographer) by yet another Grand Master (I am currently the Grand Master of DeMolay Australia). That is something which is not likely to be repeated again soon!!



AT THE FESTIVE

(Clockwise from top left) Our new member, Bro Stephen Jones, is presented with a Mt Pleasant cap by his seconder, WBro Peter Donald; MWBro Adrian Burton, GM, receives some "inner sustenance"; the Grand Master is presented with a "Jiggin" visitor's jewel by the Wor Master; Bro Stephen Jones brought a carrot along - why?; the Grand Master responds to the toast to the MW Grand Master; (l to r) WBro Peter Donald, RWBro Mervyn Gray (Camp Hill Lodge) and VWor Bro Andrew Pankhurst (Tynwold Lodge) swindle winners.

Out and About/Visitations

I have finally been out and about a little this month with four visits to each of Camp Hill, Baden-Powell, Tuscan and Prince Albert lodges. We visited Camp Hill Lodge on Monday 11 March and witnessed a 1st degree on Bro Brad Cathcart. Camp Hill were in fine form and the evening and festive were enjoyed by all. On the Wednesday of the same week (13 March) we attended Baden-Powell Lodge to witness Bro Geoffrey Hunt's initiation and again a very enjoyable evening was had by all in attendance. Tuscan lodge was on Saturday 16 March at Wynnum where the members of this Scottish lodge did an excellent 2nd degree on Bro Gillman (Yeronga Lodge). We took Bro Ben Su'a with us to let him see a Scottish 2nd degree and I found that it was WBro Bull's first time at

a Scottish working other than an Installation – needless to say both were shaking their heads a little afterwards. An enjoyable evening and well done to the members of Tuscan on the work. On Sat, 23 March I attended the Masonic Youth Orders evening in the Grand Hall in my capacity as Grand Master of DeMolay Australia. It was a very interesting evening with the youth members of Job's Daughters, Rainbows and DeMolay each presenting a short ceremony especially prepared for the night. It was concluded with a light supper. Finally, on Monday 25 March we went to visit Prince Albert Lodge who were doing a lecture on the 1st & 2nd Degrees and Bro Chris Eades joined us and found the refresher very useful as did we all. Again thank you to the brethren who have been out and about and have joined me on the visits this month. *(Erratum: I did forget to mention in the January newsletter that some of our number attended the Camp Hill Lodge seafood extravaganza in January – well done crew. I believe they were close to looking like prawns as they left (and the word was that there was more seafood left!). Maybe something we try to attend in larger numbers next year.)*



Baden Powell Lodge



Camp Hill Lodge

Social Activities

Since our last meeting we were supposed to have had our “Poker for Parkinson’s” event but unfortunately due to low numbers of confirmed attendees we were unable to hold it. We needed 30 to make it viable and we were struggling to get 20. It is a shame but I haven’t given up yet and maybe our next Master may like me to try again.

Upcoming Events

Our next function is a Breakfast in the Park at the Northshore Riverside Park, MacArthur Avenue at Hamilton. It’s near the Royal Queensland Golf Club. I hope to see you all there for our usual fun on a Sunday morning.

DON'T FORGET THAT OUR REGULAR MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO TUESDAY, 23 APRIL DUE TO ANZAC DAY.

Fraternal regards,

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Almoner's Report

WBro Heinz Walter is out of hospital and enjoying home cooked food once again. Glad to see you out and about again.

WBro Ron Walker's general health is improving and we were glad to see him at our meeting.

WBro Dave Avery (our Almoner) was unable to attend the meeting due to him having a diabetic "hypo".

WBro Cedric Murray has a skin rash on his legs which is preventing him from going out.

Bro Michael Mifsud has had an infection as a result of his recent hip replacement.

Events and Visitation 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.

Wed 17 Apr – 7:30pm	City of Logan Lodge – 1st Degree emulation	Beenleigh Masonic Centre
Thur 18 Apr – 7:30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – practice meeting (Vacant Chair)	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Sat 20 Apr – 5:30pm	Sunnybank Lodge – ANZAC ceremony with presentations by the youth orders.	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Tues 23 Apr – 7:30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – Vacant Chair Ceremony	Stones Corner Masonic Centre
Thur 25 Apr – 7:00pm	AIF Memorial Lodge – Public ANZAC Service	Grand Hall – Ann Street Masonic Memorial Centre