

From Under the Eastern Star

Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

October, 2013

3rd Degree for Bro Ben



The Worshipful Master, WBro Gareth Pethig, congratulates Bro Ben Su'a after the ceremony of him being raised to the 3rd Degree.

Brethren,

Welcome to this, the third newsletter of the term. I hope that you are all well, or as well as you can be. October was slightly busier than September. We had: the 3rd Degree on Bro Ben Su'a; Our TAFE dinner; and four calendared visits to other lodges.

October saw Bro Ben being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He seemed to enjoy the experience of the ceremony and I hope he will enjoy being a Master Mason for many years. We had visitors from a number of lodges to witness this ceremony. Sadly the mother of our organist, WBro Ian Proellocks, passed away on the day before our meeting and fittingly we held a minute's silence for her. Understandably he was not present, having much more important matters to attend to, and so we did not have musical accompaniment for the ceremony. (I don't think our 'singing' qualifies.)

The festive board was also an enjoyable occasion, although slightly expedited due to time. Bro Ben responded to the toast to the candidate well - mentioning the 'advice' one of our visitors gave (in jest) that he should learn all three tracing boards first, as all other work is easy after that because they are the longest. The festive board also saw another upgrade of a visiting brother to a Most Valued Visitor 'Jiggins' visitor's jewel, the second in as many months. This time the recipient of the

upgrade was WBro Daryl Schmidt from Tuscan Lodge who was also present at our September meeting. He, of course, took the 'obligation' and was duly invested.

I would like to thank all those who attended our TAFE dinner, and apologise to those who missed out due to limited availability of seats. It was an enjoyable evening – a little more later. Likewise thank you to the brethren who accompanied me on my calendared visits and who visited meetings that I was not in attendance at – thereby representing Mt. Pleasant.

I invite you, and look forward to seeing you, at our November meeting where we will be doing a 2nd Degree on Bro Stephen Jones.



AT THE FESTIVE



(clockwise from top left) WBro Daryl Schmidt from Tuscan Lodge takes the obligation of a Most Valued Visitor when presented with his 'Jiggins' Visitor's Jewel; WBro Ross McNeil, new WM of Windsor Lodge, responds to the visitor's toast; RWBro Littler having fun with his "swindle" prize; the Wor Master, WBro Trevor Green and RWBro David Carter; WBro John O'Halloran, the other "swindle" prize winner.

Out and About/Visitations

During the month between our September and October meetings I was able to attend the following lodges: Redlands Lodge on Sat 28 Sept - Installation of Bro Robert Claridge. We were stewarding that evening and I thank the brethren who attended and made up our six-strong team; Morningside Lodge on Tues 01 Oct with three of our brethren – this was an enjoyable, and interesting, Scottish 2nd Degree; Theodore Unmack Lodge on Thurs 10 Oct with two of our brethren – an emulation 3rd Degree performed in preparation for a candidate in November; C.H. Harley Lodge on Sat 12 Oct with one of our brethren – a 3rd Degree on an RAAF Loadmaster. They theme their 3rd Degree festives on the candidate, in this case that included raffle prizes in shipping boxes and large airplane (reference to the Hercules maybe) shaped jelly; Camp Hill Lodge on Mon 14 Oct – a 3rd Degree followed by an enjoyable festive board.



Camp Hill Lodge



Theodore Unmack Lodge

In addition to the above, various officers and brethren reported that they visited the following lodges: 03 Oct – Thespian Lodge (Installation); 03 Oct – Ironside (3rd Degree emulation); 05 Oct – Tara Lodge (Installation). Yes, that's out past Dalby, a great effort by Bro Rod Lancashire; 10 Oct – Windsor (Open/close three degrees); 19 Oct Tullibardine (Installation); and 21 Oct Sir Wylie Norman (3rd Degree). My apologies if I missed any others.

Again thank you to the brethren who have been visiting, both in my absence and my presence. It is very much appreciated. It is also noticed by brethren from other lodges as it was remarked to me, while on a visit, that Mt. Pleasant Lodge visits a bit. This adds to previous remarks on our visiting – and is great to hear.

Social Activities



TAFE CHARITY DINNER

(above and top right) Members and their guests enjoy the dinner.

(right) Our Junior Warden, Bro Rod Lancashire, gets up close and friendly with Maureen Reid.

(far right) Our Senior Warden, Bro Jim Reid, and his wife, Maureen.



On Wed 16 October we held a dinner at the Mt Gravatt TAFE training restaurant. It was at 6pm for a 6:30pm start, though perhaps the WM should have been told 5pm for a 5:30pm start as he arrived at 6:30pm. This was due to a combination of just missing a train home and then getting lost twice – once while driving to the TAFE and then on the TAFE campus! However it was a great evening with a lot of enjoyable conversation and some amusing stories. We did 'shoe-horn' in as many as we could, but there were capacity limits. As it was there was only one other dining group – a birthday celebration – who booked before us. Even then, there was a connection to our group as the birthday boy was, and still is, a friend of WBro Childs as they were in DeMolay together when younger. Needless to say a Happy Birthday was sung.

Feedback regarding the restaurant seemed positive. There were a couple of issues with regard service but as a training restaurant this can be expected. They ask for feedback both positive and about issues experienced as this helps the students to improve. We gave the waiting staff a big thank you and a round of applause before the evening ended. The kitchen staff had already departed by then but the instructor said she would pass on our thanks. Again, my apologies to those who missed out this time - even if we had been able to book the entire restaurant it may still not have been enough. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. A total of \$327 was raised for charity purposes. A special thanks to WBro Childs for organising this event and WBro David for acting as MC for the evening.

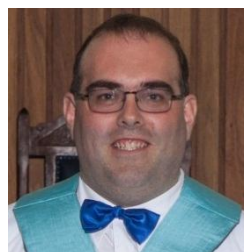
Upcoming Events

As a result of the popularity of this dinner we are looking at doing another, likely in the first three months of 2014, with further details, including venue, to be worked out.

Remember on Sunday, 01 December we will have our 'Backyard' Christmas Breakup BBQ at Olga and Heinz Walter's residence.

Fraternal regards,

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Almoner's Report

This month our Almoner, WBro Ron Walker, reported on the health of the following brethren.

WBro Dave Avery: His shingles are gradually improving but he still feels tired some days. He is to have further tests shortly. Bro Dave was at the meeting.

WBro Jeff Brown: Still having shoulder problems, his right-hand side hip is giving him problems as well. He gets very sleepy during the day & the Doctors don't know why. He has a specialist appointment to find out.

Bro Les Fossey: Has started therapeutic pool treatment for an hour. He said he was very sleepy afterwards.

WBro Greg Gabb: He has been having a number of tests after a pile burst and is having surgery at Sunnybank Hospital. He expects to stay in hospital overnight.

WBro Peter Hassall: Home assist has installed stair rails. His right leg doesn't work and he tends to drag it behind himself if he places any weight on it. He needs assistance walking up and down stairs. His daughter has been coming up from the Gold Coast on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays while his wife is away in Ireland. His oldest and youngest Grandsons have been keeping an eye on him. WBro Peter sends his regards to all the Brethren.

Widows: Denise Wyatt (wife of WBro Ron) has fully recovered from her recent problems. Vera Carter (wife of WBro Stan) has had a slight improvement in her health after a recent bout of pneumonia which hospitalised her. She has been out on a day trip with others from the hostel and had a glass of Guinness with her lunch.

(Please let the Almoner know if you are unwell or you know if one of our members is unwell so that we can advise the lodge of your circumstances. WBro Ron Walker can be contacted on - home: 3399 1586 or mob: 0407 251 413.)

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 and Visitations List

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

Thur 07 Nov – 7:30pm	Ironside Lodge – 3rd Degree	Sinnamon Park Masonic Centre
Sat 09 Nov – 4:00pm	C.H.Harley Lodge - Installation	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)
Wed 13 Nov – 7:30pm	General Glasgow Lodge – Emulation 2nd Degree	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)
Sat 16 Nov – 6:30pm	Tuscan Lodge – 2nd Degree	Wynnum Masonic Centre Tingal Rd, Wynnum
Thur 21 Nov – 7:30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – practice meeting (2nd Degree)	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)
Sat 23 Nov – 3:00pm	Camp Hill Lodge - Installation	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)
Thur 28 Nov – 7:30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – 2nd Degree on Bro Stephen Jones	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)
Sun 01 Dec - am	Mt Pleasant Lodge – Christmas breakup BBQ breakfast	Algerster
Tues 03 Dec – 7:15pm	Morningside Lodge – Christmas meeting	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)

(Please let me know if you are going somewhere for a visit and if I can make it I will happily join you. - WM)