



From Under the Eastern Star

Mount Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

September, 2013

Up and down in the three degrees

Brethren,

Welcome to the second newsletter of the 2013/2014 term. I hope that you are all well, or as well as you can be. Our September meeting was 'Open and Close in the Three Degrees' - but we still had plenty to do. We had two investitures 'held-over' from the Installation, those being WBro Victor Chandler as Secretary and Bro Chris Eades as a Steward. Then, a little later, the Almoner's Jewel was presented to WBro Ron Walker, our new Almoner, by WBro Victor Chandler as the missing part of the investiture from the installation. All those present then got plenty of exercise as we opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and then shortly thereafter closed the Third and Second Degrees. I had the pleasure of presenting WBro Andrew Childs with his Past Master's Jewel with added bar, the 2012/2013 term being his second as Wor Master - the first being 2007/2008. This would have been presented by the MW Grand Master at the installation, though unexpected circumstances inhibited this - however the MW Grand Master did speak in relation to WBro Andrew at the Installation. Being unable to compete with such oratory, I simply expressed gratitude and thanks to WBro Andrew on behalf of the lodge. We then proceeded through the rest of the meeting before adjourning to, and enjoying, a very sumptuous Festive Board of cold meats and salads which were prepared under the direction of our new Junior Warden, Bro Rod Lancashire, ably assisted by WBro Andrew Bull. A great job brethren.

AT THE FESTIVE



The meeting did run a little longer than expected, due to your new Wor Master's inexperience and a couple of items that weren't listed on the agenda being raised and discussed, etc. My apologies brethren. Like many of our meetings, moments of joviality, or hilarity, were had during the evening - this is a good thing to have.

The meeting was attended by 23 of our brethren. Another good thing to have is visitors and despite it being an 'Open and Close in the Three Degrees' we still had five visitors from four lodges - Prince Albert, Tuscan, Windsor and Morningside. This is great as these first meetings of the term are often 'quiet' in regards to such. Another great thing was an upgrading of a 'Jiggins' visitor's jewel at the festive - WBro John Smith from Windsor Lodge is now a 'Most Valued Visitor' and took the 'obligation' of such. Well done and congratulations! Our visitor's jewels are often enquired about, or talked about, by brethren at festive boards of lodges and are proudly displayed by both our members, or other brethren, when this occurs. They do seem to attract interest and visitors.

Out and About/Visitations



Rosewood Lodge - Proclamation



United Service Lodge - Proclamation

Various officers and brethren reported that they visited lodges between our installation on 24 August and our meeting on 26 September. My apologies if I missed any others. Collectively we visited eleven lodges, not including the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication.

I was able to attend Rosewood's Proclamation of RWBro Dann, PJGW on Sat 31 Aug. This was a good afternoon though it was a very warm day and so was the room, the welcome given was warmer. Our Senior Deacon, WBro Andrew Bull, was Installing Junior Deacon for the ceremony. This was followed by a great festive board held about 10kms away in Marburg. If I recall correctly we won a couple of prizes;

I also attended United Service Lodge's Proclamation of WBro Fowler at Booval Freemasons Centre on Sat 07 Sept. This was also a good afternoon followed by a nice festive board. WBro Andrew Childs was an Investing Officer in the ceremony - yes it was interesting seeing him do the signs as the lodge has a touch of the Scottish. The festive board involved much less travelling than Rosewood, being directly downstairs.

Thanks to all those other brethren who represented Mt Pleasant Lodge at the following visitations: 26 Aug - Prince Albert Lodge (3rd deg); 27 Aug - Woolloongabba Daylight (Installation); 05 Sept - Thespian (1st deg); 12 Sept - Windsor (Installation); 16 Sept - Sir Wylie Norman (double 1st deg); 18 Sept - City of Logan (1st deg. Our Junior Warden, Bro Rod Lancashire, took the position of Senior Deacon.); 21 Sept - Sunnybank (Installation); 23 Sept - Peninsula Daylight (meeting); & 23 Sept - Prince Albert (Installation).

Upcoming Events

Due to our recent Charity Dinner and Installation we did not have any social events in September so it is probably best to mention what is coming up. On Wednesday, 16 October we are holding a dinner at the Mt Gravatt TAFE - 6pm for 6:30pm dinner. Details were circulated by email. There were limited seats and we are already fully booked for this event so my apologies if you missed out. Due to this we intend to hold another one in the first half of next year. The date will depend on when they are operational and can fit a large booking. For further details please contact WBro Andrew Childs.

On Sunday, 01 December we will have our annual 'backyard' Christmas breakup BBQ at Olga and WBro Heinz Walter's residence. Thank you for allowing us to return. Details to be finalised but will be similar to last year.

In conclusion, to those Brethren who are unwell, or not as well as you should be, we wish you the best for recovery or improvement. I mention this, as at the September meeting the Almoner, WBro. Ron Walker, gave his report in which he mentioned WBros David Avery, Jeff Brown, Ian Donald, Greg Gabb, Peter Hassall, Bro. Les Fossey, and also Denise Wyatt have all been, or are presently, afflicted by various ailments. Please remember to report cases of ill health to the Bro. Almoner, so we can all be informed of the circumstances. Please forgive me if I have missed anyone. I note, while not in the report, WBro. Michael Mifsud is back with us with his usual enthusiasm.

I invite you, and look forward to seeing you, at our October meeting where we will be doing a 3rd Degree on Bro. Ben Su'a.

Fraternal regards,

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Almoner's Report

This month the Almoner reported on the health of the following brethren:

Wor Bro David Avery is still getting over the shingles. He has a partially collapsed lung at the bottom and is having difficulty moving his right arm. Despite this he was present at the meeting.

Wor Bro Jeff Brown has lost 4kg in the last month for no apparent reason. He is having trouble with the back of his shoulders, particularly the left shoulder, and has pains in his chest on the left side as well. He had a Birthday on 25th September 2013 and is now 81 years of age. He apologises for tonight's meeting as he has visitors staying with him from down South but hopes to be at next month's meeting.

Wor Bro Ian Donald's health is the same. His feet are swelling due to his medication. He also celebrated his birthday – 66 on Tuesday, 24 September 2013.

Bro Les Fossey can't walk without a walker. He receives physiotherapy and is to start therapeutic swimming shortly but otherwise he's quite well. He and his wife Tricia are enjoying life in the Carrington RSL home. Les wishes to be remembered to all the members of the Mt Pleasant.

Wor Bro Greg Gabb injured his left elbow a couple of weeks ago and his arm swelled up due to the antibiotic tablets he is taking for his heart condition. He is at present recovering with the arm wrapped in bandages. Greg wishes to be remembered to all Lodge members.

Wor Bro Peter Hassall. The X-rays on his lower back have identified severe arthritis in his lower spine area and he is now confined to a wheelchair or, when his wife, Ellen, takes him to the shops, he uses his shop rider (which he calls his 'racing car').

Bro Michael Mifsud is over the infection from his hip replacement. He is doing exercises and is due to see a surgeon in 3 weeks' time about his back problem. He was also present at the meeting.

Denise Wyatt (wife of our passed brother, WBro Ron Wyatt) went for day surgery and ended up spending a week in hospital with a hand problem a few weeks ago. She is on antibiotics and recovering slowly. She is hoping to attend the forthcoming Charity Fund Raising Dinner at the TAFE college on the 16th October 2013.

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.

Tues 01 Oct - 7.15pm	Morningside Lodge - 2nd Degree	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)
Thur 10 Oct – 7.15pm	Theodore Unmack Lodge – 3rd Degree emulation	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)
Sat 12 Oct – 7.00pm	C H Harley Lodge – 3rd Degree	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)
Mon 14 Oct – 7.15pm	Camp Hill Lodge – 3 rd Degree	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)
Wed 16th Oct - 6.00pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge – Dinner with ladies/partners	Mt Gravatt TAFE College
Thur 17 th Oct – 1930	Mt Pleasant Lodge – practice meeting (3rd Degree)	Stones Corner Masonic Centre (Cleveland St, Stones Corner)
Thur 24 Oct – 7.30pm	Mt Pleasant Lodge - 3rd Degree on Bro Ben Su'a	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)