



From Under The Eastern Star

Mt Pleasant Lodge Newsletter

April 2017

Greetings All.

A very bright and cheery G'DAY to all our Brethren, their families and of course our highly-regarded supporters, with much improved weather conditions this month compared to March, beautiful mornings and nice crisp evenings, making Lodge visiting much more enjoyable.

This month's meeting of Mt. Pleasant Lodge where as Worshipful Master I must offer my apologies to all Brethren for My absence. Brethren I had a bit of a scare the afternoon before our meeting whereby I was placed in hospital and I remained there until noon the following day before being given the all clear, so please forgive me and I promise I'll come up with a better excuse next time I want the night off.

I must also thank all the Brethren of Mt. Pleasant for covering for me on the night particularly Wor.Bro. Victor Chandler who stood in as Worshipful Master at such short notice, and any other Brother who stood in. Brethren I can't include any visits for the month as I am playing things by ear for the moment, so please, if anyone can get out and visit on behalf of Mt. Pleasant Lodge I would be very grateful, and any Brother who does make a visit please let me know so I can include it in our next Eastern Star.

The meeting passed Bro Jake Sullivan, from Vigilance Lodge, to the second degree and all reports I have received suggest a very good ceremony was presented. Congratulations to Bro Sullivan and all the officers of Mt Pleasant Lodge.



Wor Bro Victor Chandler with Bro Jake Sullivan

Brethren, most of you would be aware by now of the passing of Mrs. Shirley Donald on the 8th. of April. This Gracious Lady was the Mother and Grand Mother of Wor.Bro. Peter Donald and Bro. Cameron Donald respectively, and as I was not present at our meeting this month, I think it fitting to pass on our condolences from my wife Yvonne and Myself to all the Donald family.

At the Festive



Out & About

Wor Bro Jim Reid and myself have been trying to visit Progress Lodge for the last few months but have not been able to connect as a duo to visit, but at long last we connected this month and made a trip into Ann St. accompanied by Bro Michael Tanguie, only to find Progress Lodge were visiting elsewhere which left us out on a limb, three brethren all dressed up and nowhere to go, but with a bit of luck we ran into the caretaker who suggested that Galen Lodge was the only Lodge meeting on the night and we could visit there, which we did. Their work for the evening was a third degree on Brother Robert Jarman, a very good ceremony with excellent work throughout, well done Wor.Bro. Jim Paris and his team. Also on the night several brethren asked to convey their regards to our Wor.Bro. Peter Donald, and spoke of Peter and his father's connection to Galen Lodge.



Visiting Galen Lodge

I also attended Thespian Lodge on the 6th of April accompanied by Wor.Bro. Lancashire, what an excellent meeting. They had a full agenda and handled all matters with ease, their donation of \$\$ to purchase a special chair for a handicap school in the Beenleigh area, including the issue of a first aid kit, fire safety and drill, and even passed a motion to purchase their own defibrillator, and still made it to the festive board on time where they joined their ladies for lunch.

Later in the month Wor.Bro. Lancashire, Wor.Bro. Bull and Wor.Bro. Walter and myself visited Vigilance Lodge for a second degree, where the work was once again spot on and the festive very social, a good night was had by all as is usual when visiting Vigilance Lodge.



Second Degree at Vigilance Lodge

Next came the Anzac Day Memorial Service and the Laying of Wreaths at the Urn of Remembrance in the Masonic Memorial Centre in the City, where I accompanied Bro. Bill Moffat who laid the Mt. Pleasant Lodge Wreath on Our behalf, Brother Bill it was truly my pleasure to accompany you to this ceremony and I thank you most sincerely on behalf of the Brethren of Mt. Pleasant Lodge and Myself. But wait it's not over yet, during the previous couple of weeks I had resorted to the support of a walking stick which I used to assist me during the wreath laying ceremony, on the

completion of which I had said goodbye to Bro. Moffat and on my way out I ran into the Master Elect of Vigilance Lodge and stopped briefly to chat during which time I put a lot of my weight onto the stick on my right side to relieve the pain in my left side, and after a short chat the stick decided it had had enough, broke in half almost dumping me on the ground but I was able to save myself from that embarrassment, leaving me to hobble a block and a half uphill back to my lift. Never the less I would not have missed the Ceremony for a minute it was a very touching moment and well worth the pain.



But, Under the Eastern Star things should be brighter, so let's look on the brighter side of life, our breakfast in the park was another success, apart from the breeze, the outlook was great and was attended by 33 brethren and supporters, and raised \$396-00 for our current charity, so I thank everybody who attended for their support, especially our team of supporters who come along to our B.I.T.P. on a regular basis thank you. And lastly but not least a **HUGE THANKS** to LINDSAY and HELEN and I apologise to you both for not doing so on Sunday morning, during my address to the nation.





Also don't forget our charity dinner at the Mt. Gravatt Southside Sports Club @ 76 Mt. Gravatt Capalaba Rd, Mt. Gravatt. All welcome Members, Families and Visitors, cost of \$25.00 P.P. Choice of three roasts and two desserts, love to see you there so come along and join us and let's all have a great night out.

In conclusion, I hope you all enjoy the read, and stay safe and make sure you remember Mum on Mother's Day as you know you only have one Mother, patient kind and true, no other friend in all the world, will be as true to you, make sure you show the love. And if you can, spare a thought for an old man with a broken walking stick. I feel like a witch on a broom with no zoom.

All the best.



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