



RAWHITI LODGE No. 66

(Consecrated 20th November 1890)

NOTICE PAPER and NEWSLETTER (November 2017)

Regular Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at the Rawhiti Lodge Rooms, 191 High Street, Dannevirke, tiling at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated below.

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Rawhiti Lodge – Practice Night

Tuesday, 7 November 2017 – Commencing at 7,00pm

(3rd Degree Practice and Lodge Cleaning night)

Rawhiti Lodge - Standing Committee Meeting & Practice

Tuesday, 14 November 2017 - Commencing at 7.00pm

(Standing Committee Meeting and 3rd Degree Practice)

Rawhiti Lodge – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, 21 November 2017, tiling at 7.30pm

(Simulated 3rd Degree)

AGENDA

Open the Lodge Confirmation of Minutes (of the last regular meeting) Correspondence (Inwards and Outwards) Treasurers Report (Including Balance Sheet) Almoners Report Building Committee Report Entertainments Committee Report Notices of Motion	General Business Principal Business of the Evening will be: - <i>Simulated 3rd Degree</i> For the Good of Freemasonry Thank the Visitors Close the Lodge Refectory
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Birthday Brethren

WBro. N.A 21/11/2000

Thought for the Month

If it is important you will find a way. If not you will find an excuse

From the Master

Very pleasing to see the activity around the Speak up for Freemasonry that the Lodge has carried out with the Wellington Choir visit and the Dannevirke Market Day promotion. Well done to those who participated

I also hope that you will all attend practices over the next few weeks as we have a simulated 3rd Degree planned for November and need to make a good showing on the night.

We have our Christmas function coming up and again it would be great to have a good attendance at this fun event. I have also arranged for Senior Sergeant Jymahl Glassey to be our guest speaker for our December meeting and he will be talking to us about policing in Tararua and in particular the 'P' problem that communities are facing nowadays.

Workings Report from the Divisional Web Site

National Workings Nov 2017							
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Date	Lodge/Chapter	District	At	Visitors & Dress		Cost	Working
Mon 06 Nov	Hawke's Bay Research Lodge No 305	Eastland-Ruahine	H	7:30 PM	M		Paper by VWBro Gary Muir, PGLec
Tue 07 Nov	Lodge Abercorn-Tuahine No 76	Eastland-Ruahine	G	7:30 PM	L		Business Meeting
Wed 08 Nov	Lodge Omarunui No 216	Eastland-Ruahine	T	7:45 PM	L		Initiation of Mr John Stephen Patrick. On Wed 15th of November an emergency meeting to Initiate Mr. Brent Stoodley
Wed 15 Nov	Lodge Omarunui No 216	Eastland-Ruahine	T	7:30 PM	L		EMERGENCY MEETING TO INITIATE MR BRENT STOODLEY
Click here to view a web page of abbreviations used in this report							
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Almoners Report [Ngaroma Driver]

- I have started visiting our Lodge widows. After contacting them up by phone and introducing myself as the new Almoner, I proceeded to make appointments to visit them individually. This has been a rewarding experience for both myself and our widows. A common theme was the fact that they really appreciated having a women to talk to. The widows I have met with to date really appreciated the visit and most have asked to be included on our newsletter mail list. These visits will become a regular feature in future and I look forward to them. I still have some more widows to touch base with and will report on this in the next newsletter.
- Frank and Mae Beckett are both well. Hepa Tatere is his usual mischievous self and both Renee and Hepa are well. Betty McKenzie and Jo Donnelly are considering joining us at the Lodge Christmas function and are both in good spirits.
- I received a lovely email from Dianna Litton congratulating me on becoming Almoner and saying how much she enjoyed visiting our Lodge at the 125th Anniversary. She hopes to catch up soon and wishes the Lodge well.
- As part of the 300 Years of Freemasonry celebration the Lodge has made \$300 donation available for Camp Quality and \$300 for Autism NZ. The Secretary/Treasurer has applied for a 1 for 1 subsidy for both of these worthy causes. At the time of writing this the

applications had been approved by VWBro. Paul Brittin (District Almoner) and have been sent to the Divisional Almoner for final approval.

Lodge Rawhiti Christmas Function

It's getting close to that time of the year again and you can pencil this event into your busy calendars. The Rawhiti Lodge is to hold its Christmas Dinner on Saturday, 2nd December 2017 at the Dannevirke Services and Citizens Club, 1 Princess Street, Dannevirke. Start time is 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. A fantastic Christmas dinner will be available along with the Master's famous mulled wine. Cost of the meal (including mulled wine) is \$30 per head to be paid at the door.

You will also need to bring an unusual gift valued at under \$10 for a special Christmas gift auction. A raffle is to be run and I hear that the Master has donated a bottle of whiskey. This will be a fun packed night.

This event is open to other Lodges within the Eastland Ruahine District. To register phone Gary Woodford on 06 374 0450 or Paddy Driver on 0274 422 765



The Entered Apprentice

Continued from our last Notice Paper, an extract from the Grand Lodge Education Guide for the Entered Apprentice.

Additional Information for the Entered Apprentice

We congratulate you on becoming a Freemason and extend a warm welcome. We now call you Brother. This is part of the booklet is designed to provide you with additional information about the Masonic Order and your part in it.

Short History of New Zealand Freemasonry

Freemasonry as we practice it, had its origin in 1717 when four lodges of Freemasons in London formed the Grand Lodge of England. This was the beginning of an institution that was to encircle the globe.

The first lodges to meet in New Zealand began to meet at the beginning of 1840 in Wellington and Auckland under charter from their respective mother constitution. Ara 348 (Irish Constitution), although granted permission to meet on 5th September 1842, did not have its first meeting in Auckland until 9 February 1843. Just a few days after Ara 348's permission, on the 9th September, New Zealand Pacific Lodge No. 758 (English Constitution) was granted a warrant to meet in Port Nicholson (Wellington), holding its first meeting on 23 November 1842. Lodge of Unanimity No. 879 (English Constitution) was warranted in Lyttelton in 1852. The first named Lodge therefore enjoys seniority, the precedence.

There are now 273 lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand which was formed in 1890 and has its offices in Wellington.

In addition to this there are three other Grand Lodges active in New Zealand. They reflect the origins of Freemasonry here and are governed by the United Grand Lodge of England, The Grand Lodge of

Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Ireland, each of which operates in harmony with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The Wellington Community Choir Visit

The Wellington Community Choir were on their way to Hastings to perform in the Kiwi-As Concert as part of the Hawkes Bay Arts Festival. They wanted to look at a Historic Building in Dannevirke. They chose the Rawhiti Lodge for this. We were honoured to host their visit, with a tour of the lodge rooms, an excellent presentation on Freemasonry and a brief history of the Rawhiti Lodge No 66 was carried out by the Director of Ceremonies VW Bro. Evans and a chance for questions about Freemasonry was provided. In return for our hospitality, lodge members and family were treated to a couple of songs from the choir. This was well received and enjoyed by all that were present. A light morning tea was held in the Refectory afterwards. It was a great chance to Speak Up for Freemasonry and experience another community group's passion of the arts. See the letter we received from the Wellington Community Choir at the end of this newsletter. Well done to all who made this possible.

[Article provided by Bro. Clayton Locke]



The Wellington Community Choir

Questions and Answers

From the Book, *"Masonic Questions and Answers"* by Paul M. Bessel. And will be published in each Notice Paper. This month's one relates to the Entered Apprentice Degree:

Question: What is the rite of destitution?

Answer: When candidates are brought into the Lodge, they are asked to remove any metals or minerals that might be on their person, in imitation of ancient practices during initiations. In modern Lodges it teaches that Masons should not bring anything into Lodges which might disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge, and that we are all viewed as equals in the Lodge, regardless of what we might or might not own. Symbolically, this also teaches that every man should leave his passions and prejudices outside the Lodge, and he should work to eliminate prejudices and to restrain passions. Also the rite of destitution teaches that even when a man does not have minerals or metals, meaning items that are considered precious, he should still try to help his fellow men who might be poorer than he is. Charity is one of the most important lessons of Freemasonry.

Speak up for Freemasonry in Dannevirke

Bro. Clayton Locke from the Rawhiti Lodge recently set up an information booth at the Dannevirke Street Market to promote Freemasonry in the town. Assisting him was Bro. Craig Broughton and Bro. Tonka Turner. The stall created a lot of interest from current and past Freemasons from all parts of New Zealand. A comment made was that this is a first for the District. A member who had recently moved into the District and who was a member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland expressed an interest in attending one of our meetings. Many people commented positively about the charity work that Freemasons achieve throughout the country. A lot of pamphlets and publications were handed out including over a dozen Freemasons magazines. Clayton reports that overall it was a great experience and very positive for Freemasonry. Clayton is to be congratulated on this initiative and it is a great example of Speaking up for Freemasonry.



Bros. Clayton Locke and Craig Broughton speaking to a prospective member

Lodge Humour

A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen the car broke down. The Candidate said as no great distance was involved he would go on his bicycle. Just when he reached the top of the hill his chain broke. As the Lodge was at the bottom of the other side and all he needed was a back pedal brake, so he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the Lodge. Later that evening in reply to a toast in his honour, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand how the Worshipful Master knew that he came on his own free wheel and a cord



Wellington Community Choir

12 October 2017

Graeme Evans
Rawhiti Lodge No. 66
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Dear Graeme,

Thank you so much for hosting our choir last Saturday 7 October, welcoming us to visit Rawhiti Lodge. We really appreciated being able to see your ceremonial space. Several choir members commented to me afterwards how surprised and appreciative they were to be able to go inside such a special place. A few of our singers have recalled to me that they have family members who are or were Freemasons – uncles, fathers and grandfathers. Thanks especially for telling us a bit about the history of the Lodge, the significance of the lay-out of the room and the symbolism of the objects. Many of us admired the craftsmanship of the checkered marquetry pavement. We enjoyed singing a few of our songs for you. And it was lovely to meet some of your group members over a cup of tea – thanks so much for providing refreshments.

I wonder if there was an article in the *Hawke's Bay Today* about our visit? If there was we would love to have a copy.

With appreciation for your work in the community and for your willingness to open your doors even to the occasional travelling choir!

Yours sincerely

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