

# THE TARANAKI FREEMASON



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## Editorial

Well, that month went fast! A lot has happened; Masters installed, jewels given and Brethren working hard to provide security for their Lodges continuance. It's great to see, But there is something missing.

I look at our communities in the district and I can't help asking "What has Freemasonry done here lately?" I see the mark of Freemasonry from times past; for those works that our fathers and grandfathers have done. Even more recent works show the influence of work of times past. What mark has your Lodge made on the community lately.

We seem to be most concerned with aspects of the survival of our Lodges, principally our membership which is declining. What are we doing about it?

I guess that many of the excuses for not being involved in the community is that "the government should be doing that!"

I am absolutely certain that our forefathers did not think that way; that anything costing over a few hundred dollars was too hard for us. Collectively we have the ability to do enormous things in our community, but we need to set our capability within reason, plan to include all our brethren into the plan, and organize a committee with vision and capability.

We can do anything; this is not a cheap joke or pie in the sky; this is reality. We are brethren within an organization that not only includes us as a group, but also shows within our ritual and beliefs just how to achieve what we desire. We have just forgotten how to do it, and have become so self-centred as to not be able to see the opportunities.

Cast aside those negative feelings. Let your imagination run wild. Do not let the size of your thinking limit your thoughts on the ability to achieve an outcome. I am certain that the enormous Children's Hospital system created in the United States started with just such a small, wild idea. You don't know the potential of an idea until you have researched it. Never think that because it's my idea, that it doesn't count. Now look at your communities and see what can be done.

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*E & O E. (We all make mistakes!)*

# FROM THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

Greetings to everyone

A busy October and with Christmas approaching, no sign of a let-up with the festivities already starting to take place.

Firstly, my congratulations to Robert Muggeridge on again being installed as master of Lodge Ikaroa No.115. It was particularly gratifying to see such a great body of G L Officers and visitors in attendance, it certainly made for a memorable occasion and my best wishes for continuing the great progress the lodge is making.

A good meeting held in Inglewood with our Div. GM., Jim Watt was extremely well attended and the follow up to this will be held at Darnell Street on Thurs., 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7 p.m. for secretaries/masters and those who need a little extra assistance to access our web pages and to improve our inputting skills to ensure we are getting maximum exposure and reporting from the lodges.

Thanks to V.W. George Allan for his informative discussions at both Inglewood (Lodge ideas for interactive communication) and for his thought-provoking talk at de Burgh Adams on the

Saturday. I'm sure those in attendance all came away with new ideas.

Congratulations to V.W. Bro. David Lloyd, P.G.D.C. on his 50yr. jewel. Great to see the occasion recognised with so many family and friends, it was a great privilege to append the jewel to the jacket.

A joint gathering at The Inglewood Club with both Freemasons and Lions represented saw W.Bro. Bob Jagger P.G.Swd.B receive his 50yr. jewel (presented by the Master who initiated Bob) with tributes from Brethren, Lions, Friends and Family. I understand we were 92 strong for dinner with many travelling long distances.

Must have been something happening 50yrs. ago as on the 10<sup>th</sup> December at Lodge Manaia No. 286, V. Wor. Bro. Lloyd Tong, P.G.D.C. will receive his 50yr. jewel and I'm looking forward to a strong attendance, brethren, to celebrate Lloyd's milestone.

Finally, it has been really good visiting around the area and to see and feel the positivity coming out of the district. With that positivity and goodwill, the future is certainly looking brighter.

Regards to all,

Roly

## **FROM THE DIVISIONAL GRAND MASTER:**

*And I am pleased to announce tonight that we have entered into a partnership with the Malaghan Institute in Wellington to fund their research and development of cancer immunotherapy treatments based on the CAR T-cell technology. The program will be known as the Freemasons CAR T-cell Research Program.*

I have attached the official comments so you can glean some more information off it.

### **Freemasons CAR T-cell Research Programme**

The Grand Master is proud to announce that the Freemasons of New Zealand are today launching the **Freemasons CAR T-cell Research Programme** in partnership with the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research.

Freemasons will grant \$300,000 per year over the next two years –that’s \$600,000 in total, to the Malaghan Institute’s research and development of cancer immunotherapy treatments based on CAR T-cell technology. This research is practical - not theoretical - and will have real outcomes that have the potential to help all New Zealanders.

With the Freemasons grant, the Malaghan Institute will focus on improving CAR T-cell therapies and extending them to other cancers. This will be done through laboratory work and clinical trials planned to start in 2019. The funding is also helping the Malaghan Institute recruit a scientist at a world-leading centre back to New Zealand to drive this research further.

So, what exactly is a CAR T-cell therapy? In brief, it involves:

- Extracting a sample of blood from a cancer patient’s body
- Reprogramming the white blood cells to recognise cancer cells, and
- Reintroducing the white blood cells back into the body to find and destroy cancer cells.

The treatment is comparatively simple and non-invasive when contrasted with other forms of cancer treatment however the results can be startling.

The program will be known as the Freemasons CAR T-cell Research program. So why are the Freemasons helping here?

This collaboration is motivated by some important principles that Freemasonry stands for – such as enlightenment (funding research aimed at building knowledge of nature and science leading to medical breakthroughs) but also compassion, a love for humankind and the offering of a helping hand to New Zealanders afflicted with cancer.

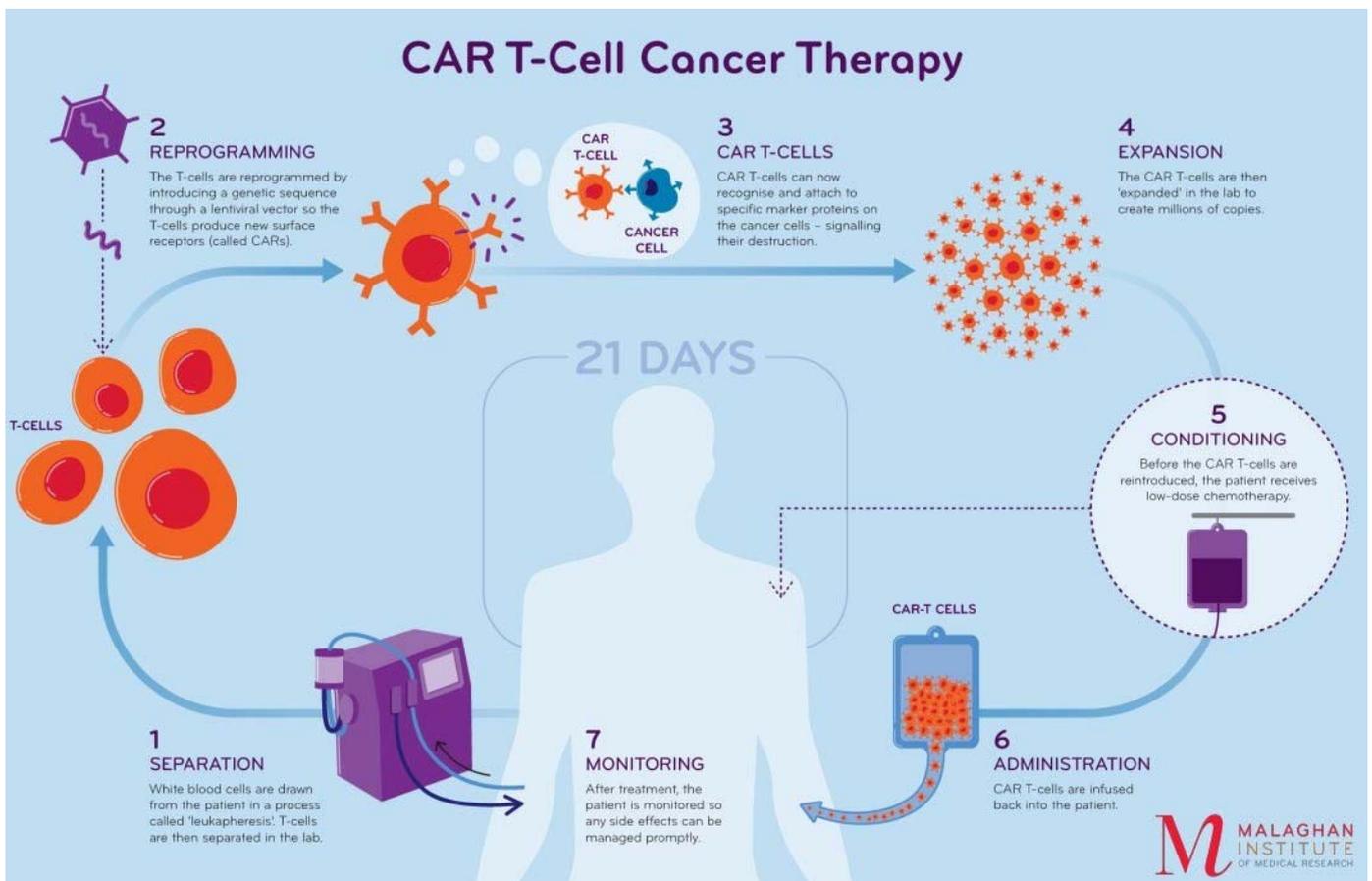
Cancer affects all of us directly or indirectly, it takes a toll on family and friends, and one often hears that some forms of treatment can be just as abrasive and aggressive as the cancer itself.

This CAR T-cell therapy is a promising and effective way that Freemasons can help New Zealanders.

We are also delighted that this program will be Wellington based. As Freemasons we are proud that we have are involved in leading edge medical research with Neurology in Auckland (Bro Sir Richard Faull at the Brain Bank) and Paediatrics in Dunedin, both of which have made major strides in their respective areas thanks to the funding from the Freemasons. Now we are adding Cancer Research in Wellington.

This program will provide exciting opportunities for Freemasons in the Central Division, to take a special interest in the cancer research, by inviting scientists and special guest speakers from Malaghan to make presentations to Lodges and Districts on what Freemasons are funding. The stories from Malaghan are heart-stopping and the achievements they produce will bring a tear to the eye.

CAR T-cell therapy is available overseas, but as it is a new concept, it is very expensive. Through the program with the Malaghan Institute, Freemasons are hopeful that this highly successful therapy will be more accessible, at a substantially reduced cost, and to broaden the range of those who might benefit.



We see this as an exciting development and something we can lock into as a division.

Regards

Jim

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# MASONIC LODGES OF TARANAKI

## CALENDAR, 2018

**NOTE:** Installations & Annual Meetings shaded blue with asterisks or underlined, Official visits shaded grey.

**§ = maybe advisable to verify with the lodge if visiting**

LODGE MEETING DATES	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
18 Patea Kilwinning 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	14	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">14 §</span>	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12
115 Ikaroa 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Nov & Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	27	27	24	22	26	24	28	25	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">23 § *****</span>	13	11
234 Whangamomona 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday April 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Inst'.	1	1	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">7 § *****</span>	<span style="background-color: #D3D3D3;">3</span>	7	5	2	6	4	1	6
86 Manaia 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	12	12	9	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">14 § *****</span>	11	9	13	10	8	12	10
323 Research 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday		28		<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">23 § *****</span>			22		24		
455 Taranaki Daylight 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday except June/July/December	5	5	2	7			<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">6 § *****</span>	3	1	5	
456 United Taranaki 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon – Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	26	26	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">23 §</span>	28	25	23	27	24	22	26	10
503 Avant-Garde 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday except Apr/Jul/Oct/Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Sept Installation	6	6		1	5		6	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">1 § *****</span>		5	
Taranaki Freemason Deadline 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	13	13	10	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	
Almoners 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	3			<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">?? agm *****</span>			??			??	
Masonic Trust Meeting three times per annum or as required						<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">13 ??? agm *****</span>					
Divisional Conference *Date to be confirmed		24 PN									
Grand Installation Wellington										—	
446 De Burgh Adams 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	24	21	18	16	20	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">21 § *****</span>	15	19	17	21	19
670 Mt Egmont EC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	14	14	11	9	13	11	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">8 ? *****</span>	12	10	14	12
786 Hinemoa SC 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday		7	4	2	6	4	1	5	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">6 ? *****</span>	7	5
1646 Sir Donald McLean EC 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday		6	3	1	<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">2 § *****</span>	3	7	4	2	6	1

With the compliments of: VW Bro Roly Blake District Grand Master. ( Taranaki District )

From Lodge Whangamomona 234. November 2018.

2018 has been quite a busy year in many small ways and all of these add up to an interesting patchwork of threads adding to the strength, flexibility and responsiveness of the fabric that makes up the communities in central Taranaki. The last few weeks have also been somewhat emotional for many with the centennial of the Armistice on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November.

During the year members have raised funds predominantly through firewood sales and we have also delivered several loads of dry firewood to some households who may otherwise have really felt the cold through this last winter.

The funds raised have enabled us to give support to a family who had lost just about everything that they owned when their house burnt to the ground. We have also assisted the development of the Marinoto Rest Home's new hospital unit in Inglewood with a gift of a specialised hospital bed. The Taranaki Hospice organisation has received funds for cushions and we have paid for newspapers for their patients to read. Some of these have qualified for an additional contribution from the Freemasons Charity. There have been several contacts from other organisations who have made requests for assistance from us and these are currently backlogged in a que that we will get to in the not too distant future.

We keep a regular contact with our Lodge widows and try to make sure that they have the information and assistance that they need. Our three Almoners are the main contact in these situations of course but other members maintain contact and arrange transport or deliveries as and when requested. We also celebrate achievements and our latest one is of course Bob Jagger's fifty year jewel presentation. Well done Bob and many thanks to all who were able to be part of it, both on the night and through those years.

We are currently working on an idea, which still needs some refinement, and if and when we get it to the stage of it being feasible, we will circulate the plan around the NZ Constitution Masonic Lodges in Taranaki and ask who wants to be involved. It would need some financial input from all participating Lodges plus a commitment to put in a few hours light work. With a bit of luck "we might be able to put a trail on it and call it a weasel", to quote Baldrick from the Blackadder series. So watch this space over the next couple of months or so.

Enjoy Christmas and keep safe

## *Lodge Manaia goes Scottish*

Last night almost 30 Masons, wives and non Masons gathered in the Manaia Lodge rooms at Manaia to hold the first whisky tasting to be held within the lodge.

Four different Scottish Whiskies were tasted. They were Alberfeddy, Bowmore, Shackleton and Scotland's smallest commercial distillery, Edradour.

Each whisky was tried for bouquet, colour and taste. The strength of the whiskies ranged from 40% to 46%.

The Master of Lodge Manaia (Donald Stockwell) welcomed everyone, introduced Ms Jacq Dyer of Alton in her role as Whisky Master.



The Master gave a brief summation of her very wide experience and skills with her chosen whiskies.

Jacq then proceeded to give her opinions on each and explained the origins of each distillery and its various claims to fame.

After the tasting, a pleasant time was held in refectory and Jacq was kept busy fielding enquiries about whisky until

quite late in the evening.



Visitors from North, South and central Taranaki were welcomed.  
Those attending described it as a great, informative and fun evening.

Talk to Manaia's Master (027 6004455) for information regarding the next tasting which is likely to be held at Christmas time or in conjunction with their February meeting.

**A dickie bird has told me that visitors to the Lodge regular meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December will be treated to similar delights, and the presentation of a 50<sup>th</sup> Year Jewel. This will be a great night to visit Lodge Manaia, but do the decent thing; let their Junior Warden know you'll be there. 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

**A merry Christmas to all**