



Speaking Up For Freemasonry in Northland

A number of recent events in Northland have shown the many different ways that Freemasons up here are Speaking Up For Freemasonry.

The most spectacular and public, without a doubt, has to be the 50th Jubilee celebrations for the Wiig twin brothers held in the Toll Stadium on the 15th July. This is featured in more detail further in this newsletter.

Secondly have been the recent presentations made by the Mangonui Kaitaia Lodge No 78 of the new laptop computer to the Far North Community Hospice and the gifts of a new laptop to Blue Light and a meds trolley and new furniture by the Wellsford Marsden Lodge No 169 to the Riverview Resthome and Village in Maungaturoto. Both of these have attracted coverage in the local newspapers. The nimble fingers of the ladies of this same Lodge are still furiously knitting for the Whangarei Hospital and have just purchased another \$500.00 worth of wool. Lodge families proudly speaking up as well.

Thirdly was the article which appeared in the Northern Advocate and New Zealand Herald on Saturday the 15th titled [Whangarei Freemasons Say It's No Secret Society](#). This was obviously written in a somewhat light-hearted manner by a person with no real insight into the Craft. She did speak with two local Brethren and like so many reporters misquoted them. Needless to say the article was pounced on by naysayers in Whangarei and the two Brethren ferociously ridiculed by these people however others outside of the District saw it for what it was - publicity for Freemasonry and treated it in the manner.

Fourthly, sadly, and a warning to riders of mobility scooters, a respected brother was involved in an accident very near his home while on a pedestrian crossing. The photo that appeared in the newspaper showed the scooter with the Square and Compasses very clearly sign written on the back. Again more about this later in this newsletter.

Then there is this and other Masonic newsletters produced across New Zealand. These are created by Brethren using their gifts from the G.A.O.T.U. to speak up for Freemasonry. This newsletter has a very large mailing list, is syndicated on the three Divisional websites, and is also read quite widely overseas. We all have special gifts. Let's make the time to start using them a little more.

You do not have to be out there handing out leaflets on street corners or sticking flyers in mailboxes like some enthusiastic political party stalwart. In fact, doing that, could well bring you into a meeting with your District and Divisional Grand Master. Something as simple as leaving your copy of the latest edition of the Freemason Magazine (and the Simple Answers booklet in this edition) lying on your living room table for people pick up and read is a good start. Tell friends you are off to Lodge tonight or mention what a great night you and your partner had at a recent Lodge function. That can start a conversation. Make sure you have some joining member forms in your Lodge bag. Get them from your Secretary or download them from the Grand Lodge website. Log into the [Members area](#), click on Documents, and download the latest copy of the Book of Constitution. The forms are at the back. While you are there also get a copy of the 2016 Directory of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand so that you know who's who. Helpful to know who our leadership teams are.

Don't be a chest thumper. We have far too many of those already. Simply because a Lodge admits a candidate or two does not prove that every member of the Lodge is Speaking Up. Credit for gaining candidates is due to only to the Brethren who propose and second new member(s) into a Lodge. The whole Lodge basking in that reflected glory is questionably Masonic - especially when the candidate is a referral from Grand Lodge

Any campaign requires action - not just good intentions. As a District we must stop sitting on our hands, get up, get out there, and start speaking up for Freemasonry today. To quote the Grand Master, with approximately 6000 members, if every Brother speaks to just one person, every day for a year that is spreading our message to 2,190,000 people. How many new members could that get us? Stop waffling, do it, and let's find out.

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John MacDonald'.

John MacDonald
District Education Advisor and Editor Northtalk

From Our District Grand Master



Greetings to all Brethren and Ladies

As winter takes its bite, please take care and look after yourselves. We have many Brethren and ladies who are unwell at present. A speedy recovery goes out to you all from Judy and myself. As always, please do not hesitate to call me if we can be of any assistance at any time.

Brethren it has been a very busy month I have managed pastoral visits to four lodges as well as Lodge Hikurangi's very successful Installation of W Bro Steve Bailey returning to the chair.

Several of the Installation dates and the election of the respective Masters has caused a bit of confusion mainly through lack of communication between the officers and the Brethren.

I can now report that –

Lodge Hatea No 431 Installation will be on **Mon 28 August 2017** with Grahame Richards being re-installed.

Lodge Parahaki No 269 Installation will be on **Thurs 7 Sept 2017** with W Bro Jock Adamson returning to the chair.

Okara Daylight Lodge No 461 Installation will be on **Sat 9 Sept 2017** with W Bro Pat Severinsen being installed. This will be a very special occasion as M W Bro Mark Winger GM will be in attendance and will be presenting the 70 yr. bar to W Bro Jack Matthews. This being a daytime Installation the dress code is Lounge Suits. This is an official Grand Lodge Visit, and would hope a good turn for Jack on the very special occasion. Brethren and Ladies, this is very rear event, very seldom do we have a member who has achieved 70 yrs. of continues active service of the craft. Please do you best to attend and make it a special occasion.

Lodge Kerikeri No 402 Installation will be held on **Tues 10 Oct 2017**. W Bro Rex Graham having been a Whangarei 102 Past Master will be returning to the chair.

Lodge Kororareka No 304 Installation will be held on **Saturday 14 Oct 2017** with Larry Taylor returning to the Chair.

Lodge Kaikohe/Ohaewai 101 Installation will be held on **Wed 25 Oct 2017** with W Bro John Anderson ex Master of Lodge Kerikeri being installed.

To recap :-

Lodge Hatea No 431	Mon 28 August 2017
Lodge Parahaki No 269	Thurs 7 Sept 2017
Okara Daylight Lodge No 461	Sat 9 Sept 2017
Lodge Kerikeri No 402	Tues 10 Oct 2017.
Lodge Kororareka No 304	Saturday 14 Oct 2017
Lodge Kaikohe/Ohaewai 101	Wed 25 Oct 2017

Secretaries – I respectively request that all Secretaries email their minutes to me after each monthly meeting so as I can be informed on your activities of your lodge and any important events which may be occurring. I wish you all the best for the coming month and hope to see as many of you as possible at scheduled functions.

Fraternal wishes
Kevin Burch Dist. GM
Northland District

Reminder District Meeting Saturday
5th August 2017
at the Hobbies Hall, Maunu Masonic Village,
Maunu Rd, Whangarei.
9.30am Morning Tea

Changes to Northtalk Distribution Methods (Repeated)

Over the last couple of months it has been announced that changes are about to happen to the traditional way that Northtalk and the bi-monthly diary are going to be delivered to Brethren of Northland. There are a number of reasons for these changes, not the least of which is a desire to give you the most up to date information possible without filling up your e-mail box.

What needs to be clearly understood is that there is no change in the content that you are used to seeing – only the way that you will receive it. The July diary is the last time you will see a table format that has served us so well for many years. The problem with this format is that if something changes then a whole new page has to be created, printed and sent out. You only have to look at your incoming e-mails from Auckland to realise that there has to be a better way to do this. RW. Bro Roger Carson deserves a special “gong” to be struck for his efforts in sending these out for the 30 odd Lodges that he looks after.

Currently the Secretary of each Lodge in our District is asked to send an e-mail to the Editor between the 20th and typically the 27th of each month with the anticipated work for the next two months which is used to compile the printed diary. Now he will simply go to the [Northern Division Website](#) and “Submit a Working”. This generally takes less than a minute to do as it is a “select from a drop down menu” process and then put in the e-mail address that the Lodge uses and click the submit button. The only time that he needs to put in more information is when the event is something like an Installation and there is a refectory charge when he actually needs to use a keyboard. If something changes he goes back and creates a new Working which overwrites the earlier one and presto – everyone who wants to know what is happening can find out and be sure that they are seeing the most up to date information. This “Working Report” will still be used to create the “advertising” in the newsletter as happens now for key events such as Installations and Degrees.

Now you, the member or a visitor who wants to see what’s going on up here in Northland can easily create a diary page and print it out just like the one you are used to. Go to the [Northern Division Website](#) and on the right hand side click on “Create A Workings Report”. A window opens which allows you to select what you want to see. If you only want to see what’s happening in Northland tick the Northland box. Then use the drop down menu’s to make choices and customise the report you want to create. When you choose the “Send Output To” a blue “Run Your Report” button appears and after a brief delay your report is available for you. You can then print it out or read it on the screen. By going back you can see if there are any changes which could save you a trip to a degree working that has been postponed.

You will also notice that you can create a report for all the Districts in New Zealand which is really handy if you are going away on holiday and want to visit Lodges in other Divisions and Districts.

This process relies on two things – one is the Secretary of each Lodge inputting the data for his Lodge, and two - you having Internet access on your computer or mobile phone. If you don’t then there are some choices you will have to make.

1. Ask another Brother in your Lodge to create the report for you and print it out. If you are going to do this don’t forget to offer to contribute towards the cost of paper and printer ink. They are not free!
2. Go to your local library and follow the instructions above. Usually free except the printing.
3. Purchase a laptop, tablet, smart phone, and printer. These are not going to cost a fortune even if you are on a pension. Prices have plummeted over the last few years.
4. Join [SeniorNet](#) to learn how to use these. We have at least two Brethren here in Northland who you can talk firsthand about this great organisation:
 - Bro Joe Cross of Lodge Hatea No 431 who lives in Whangarei.
Phone: (09) 435 5954
 - W.Bro Brian Reynolds of Lodge Whangarei No 102 who lives in Ruakaka.
Phone (09) 432 7859

Important Notes: Royal Arch and higher degrees will be added to the web diary very soon we hope. We are waiting for approval for this from the “Top Brass”

If any Brother Secretary needs a hand please [contact the Editor](#) and we can arrange to have a “hands on” session on your own computer via “Team Viewer” without either of us having to leave home.

The next change coming along is in how you are going to receive the Northtalk newsletter. More about that shortly. It is going to take a little while to get used to the changes on both the publishing and reading sides of the equation. No doubt there will be a few grumbles and hiccups as we all hate change and new learning experiences. The older we get the more resistant we become. A bit like the days when radio replaced newspapers for up to the minute news broadcasts and community events All we can do is smile and enjoy it

What's Happened in Northland Recently

Kaitaia Mangonui Presentation to North Haven Hospice

The Mangonui Kaitaia Lodge recently presented a new laptop computer to the Far North Community Hospice. This will be used for education purposes and will be very helpful to enable Far North Palliative and Cancer Care to fulfil its contract with North Haven Hospice to provide palliative care training to all health providers in the Far North, including Kaitaia Hospital, Claude Switzer Residential Care and iwi health providers. The presentation was made possible with the support of the Freemasons Charity and a generous donation from a member of the Lodge.

The presentation was made by the Lodge Master, W Bro Hubert Neeson, to Far North Hospice chairman Eric Shackleton and Davina Reed, administration Manager who expressed their thanks to the Lodge for this further assistance received in recent years.



Photo: Eric Shackleton, Hubert Neeson, Davina Reed.

The Wiig Twins 50th

On Saturday 15th July, more than 200 Freemasons from across New Zealand, with their wives, family, and friends entered a specially erected Lodgeroom in Toll Stadium, Whangarei to celebrate 100 years of service by identical twin brothers, Bruce and Bryan Wiig. Originally from Bluff, both men were initiated into Freemasonry on the 15th July 1967 in Lodge Fortitude No 64. Bruce now lives in Auckland with wife Carol, and Bryan in Whangarei with wife Marie.

Whangarei's District Grand Master, Kevin Burch was the host, who welcomed the Grand Master for New Zealand Mark Winger and 50 Grand Lodge officers. Mark is a "local boy" having spent his early years in Kaikohe and the Bay of Islands.

The Scottish freemasons were represented by John Aldcroft; the Irish by Rex Newton; the English by Brian Westhead – as the Grand Master of New Zealand said “our entire Masonic family are present showing the strength and breadth of freemasonry. It is a day of celebrations here in Whangarei where, today, history is being made”. Several freemasons, including long-time friend Bruce Pagan, had travelled from Southland to be part of the celebration.

Wives, family, and friends joined the Wiig twins to celebrate the landmark and to share stories of the many events that had occurred in their lives over the years.

Bruce and Bryan were presented with lapel badges, personal letters of congratulation, and certificates, while their wives, Marie and Carol, were presented with flowers and shawls to recognise and thank them for their support of their husbands over the last 50 years.

After the traditional Masonic toasts and replies a superb meal was served which concluded with the cutting of a very large 50th anniversary cake. At the end of the festivities, the temporary Lodgeroom fittings were stowed up, the masonic regalia was packed away, and with the removal of the glitter and glamour, Toll Stadium returned to its more sombre state.

A fantastic celebration of Freemasonry in the lives of these two great New Zealanders.

Photo Thumbnails

A selection of photos taken on the day will be posted to the Northern Division website and can be viewed there. You may download these and use them for personal use. Please acknowledge the photographer who took them if you are sending them on to family and friends. Details to follow shortly



Bruce Wiig receives his 50 year service badge from Bruce Pagan, Past District Grand Master Southland



Bryan Wiig receives his 50 year service badge from Bruce Pagan, Past District Grand Master Southland



Bryan and Bruce Wiig with the Grand Master of New Zealand Mark Winger



Bryan and Bruce Wiig cut their 50th anniversary cake



Distinguished Guests
L-R Kevin Burch, Northland, Bryan Wiig, Mark Winger, Grand Master of New Zealand,
Bruce Wiig, Gary Salmon, Northern Division.



A view looking across the temporary Lodgeroom set up in Toll Stadium

The Hokianga Royal Arch Chapter No 71



Installation - 5 July 2017



Master Mason



Royal Arch Companion



Other Degrees

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To learn more about Royal Arch Freemasonry in your part of Northland

Hokianga Royal Arch Chapter No 71 – Meets in Kaikohe 1st Wed 7.30pm
Scribe: Wayne Maday [Send an e-mail](#)

Whangarei Royal Arch Chapter No 27 – Meets in Whangarei 1st Tuesday 7.30pm
Scribe: Graham Morris: [Send an Email](#)

Kaipara Maharangi Royal Arch Chapter No 80 – Meets in Warkworth 4th Thursday 11.00am
Scribe: Des Stuck: [Send an E-mail](#)



Take Care at Airports

Recently a mature age male was waiting at an airport overseas for the arrival of a friend he had not seen for more than 30 years - or so the story goes. His eyes were darting around the arrivals gate as his memories of all those happy days spent playing rugby and cricket as teenagers, plus the barbecues and family fun filled afternoons in the backyard, on riverbanks, and at the beach with the wives and children flashed before his eyes. He had got a car park quite close to the terminal which was unusual but handy as it meant that they would not have to push the baggage trolley too far or get a lift up several stories into the high rise car park.

Then through the gate walked his friend almost the same as he remembered him. A little older, a little greyer and certainly a little more spread around the waist line than in the days of playing tennis on the school courts.

He pushed under the plastic barriers and ran forward yelling out Hi Jack!

Next moment he was lying flat on the ground, tasered, and hand cuffed. It was 10 days before he got his car back after a full forensic examination.

Moral of the story - Border Security does not include the words "Common Sense" in 2017. The world has changed.



Mobility Scooters

Most Brethren in Northland will be aware of the recent accident that has put W.Bro Jack Robson in hospital with serious injuries after he was knocked off his mobility scooter on a pedestrian crossing near his home in Whangarei. We wish him well in his long journey back to full health. The aftermath is shown in the photo from the Northern Advocate below.



As the name implies, a mobility scooter is a wonderful tool for those who for a variety of reasons are not always able to drive a car into town for shopping, appointments, recreation, and so on. Many Lodges and clubs such as RSA's throughout the country have purchased one or more of these and either rent or lend these to members while others people buy or hire them independently. The Road Code lays down the usual rules and regulations as to how these are to be used and there are often clubs which offer members practical advice on safety and hold monthly meetings where members can swap stories and even talk about the best place(s) to buy new batteries, tyres and so on.

As a frequent rider I thought I would share some thoughts of my own which may be of use to others who are considering buying a mobility scooter or even

already using one. These are based on several years of riding firstly in a small town - Dargaville - and now in the big smoke - Whangarei.

The key thing you need to quickly learn to is that most modern mobility scooters have no apparent brakes like a car or bike. They rely on an electrical braking which you can read more about [here](#). Releasing the throttle lever actuates the braking but unlike a car there is no "crash stop". Pulling the throttle lever into reverse will throw you forward and even off the scooter. It can also cause very expensive damage to the gear train so don't do it. You need to "plan" your stops well in advance and slow down leaving plenty of time to "park up". Always adjust your speed to suit the conditions.

Don't daydream. Stay vigilant and be aware of your surroundings. As with a car - no drink or drugged riding.

Modern mobility scooters can "hurtle along" at quite a fast clip. While this can be exhilarating for the teen age boy/girl racer still in many of us it can also be dangerous when riding along footpaths where there are driveways with high fences. Not only can you not see cars backing out but the drivers usually cannot see you either even though you have the mandatory orange flag flying. Frequently you cannot hear a modern engine in a driveway as a car backs out and if you are travelling at full throttle you are almost certain to get hit by the reversing car. Keep your speed down. There is also the danger of young children running out in front of you to catch a school bus, riding their scooters or bikes or just chasing each other. Once again - you cannot stop instantly if you are at full throttle and if they run into you someone is going to get hurt.

Pedestrian crossings are a hazard even though you apparently have the right of way. Personally I never assume a driver is going to stop for me until the vehicle is actually stationary. Only then do I enter the crossing. Even at crossings controlled by traffic lights I never enter the crossing just because the buzzer sounds. There is always the chance of some hoon jumping a red light. There are quite a few of those in Whangarei and they are not always just "boy racers". Middle aged men and women are equally guilty of not giving way at crossings and lights.

Travelling in crowds demands that a rider should always use the "snail switch" on the control panel. We mobility scooter riders get a bad name because there are the inconsiderate few who insist on showing just how fast their scooter can go - not only on a footpath but also in a supermarket aisle. Set the maximum speed to less than a walk so that if a child runs out of a shop, someone flings a car door open, or a "millennial" answers a phone call while walking in the middle of the footpath you can stop in time. It's only a click and a twist which can be reset when you are ready to cruise home. Courtesy costs nothing. Remember that riding a mobility scooter is a privilege - not a right. Enjoy it but don't abuse it.

Share Your Safety Ideas

If you ride a mobility scooter and have some safety tips and tricks you would like to share [e-mail them](#) to the editor and they will be published in this newsletter.

What Coming Up In Northland

[Create A Workings Report](#) On The Northern Division Website for Blue Lodges

Read the Rambler attached to this newsletter for RAC and Higher Degrees

Go to the North Island District Grand Lodge of English Freemasonry in New Zealand for information about their Lodges and Schedules. Click [Here](#)

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Blue Lodge

Entered Apprentice Apron	\$30.00
Fellow Craft Apron	\$40.00
Master Mason Apron	\$60.00
Masters Apron	\$80.00
White Gloves	\$10.00 pair
Blue Collar	\$30.00
Cuffs for Masters and Wardens	\$50.00 pair



Royal Arch

Royal Arch Apron and Sash	\$75.00
Royal Arch Collar	\$30.00



Other Degrees

Secret Monitor Sash	\$60.00
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Other Items

Sprig of Acacia Pin	\$3 each or \$5 for two
Red Poppy with Square & Compass	\$3 each or \$5 for two



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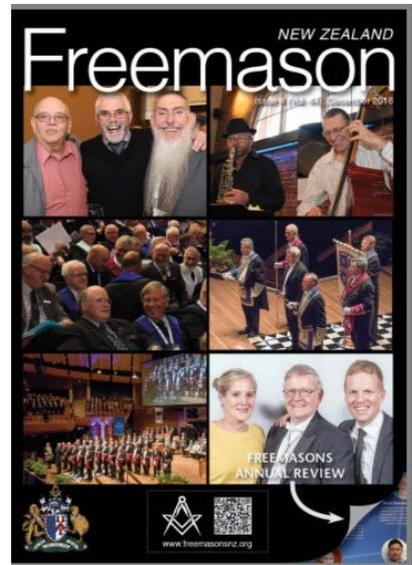
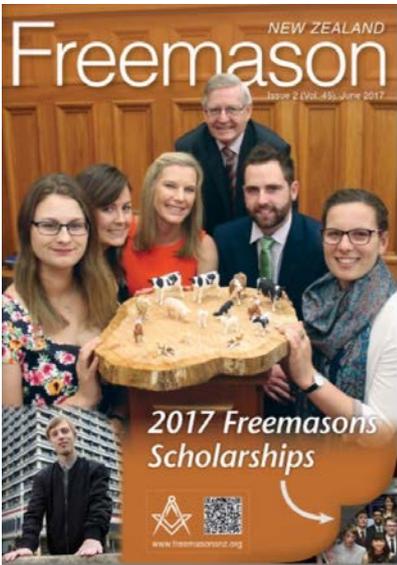
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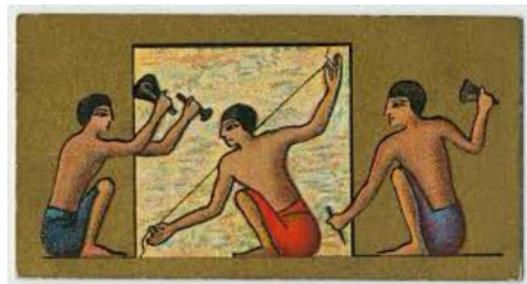
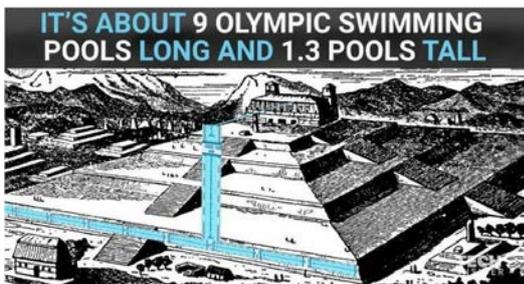
			
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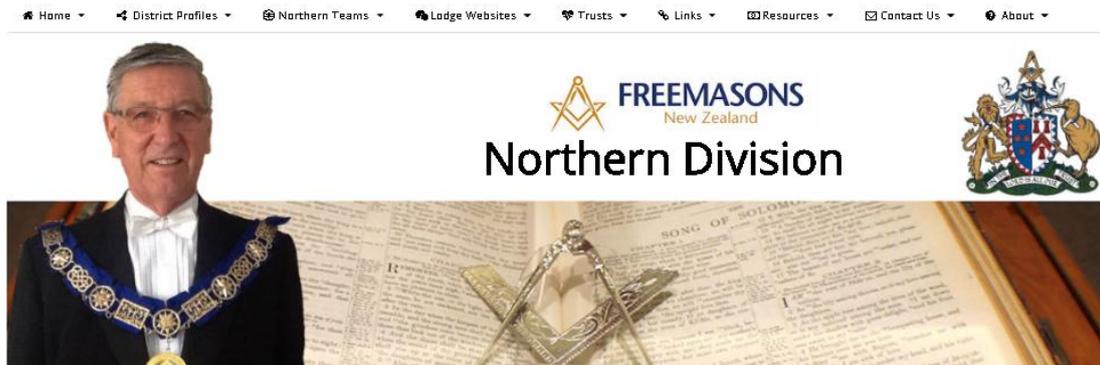


Check Out The New “Toolbox” [Here](#).

This Online Toolbox is full of helpful tips and tricks to assist Lodges with recruiting, community engagement, improve communication, leadership, and much, much more. No more excuses for not knowing how to do/start something. You can even post your ideas for others to share. Go on line now and rifle through it. Find some treasures.



The Northern Division Website.



CLICK THE PICTURE TO GO THERE NOW.

The Northern Division Website has received more than 7688 visitors since it was opened in April this year. For anyone who doubted that a Divisional website was not going to get used then they have simply been proven wrong. With updates every two weeks this is certainly our most visible and obvious "Speak Up For Freemasonry" 21st century publication.

What is sad is that once again it is left to a microscopic number of people to make the effort to find, produce, and collate the material that is needed to keep the website vibrant. A Google search using the word Masonic brings up 28, 500, 000 links in 0.57 seconds on the editors computer here in Whangarei. That is with good old fashioned copper wires connecting him to the big wide world. Once you start scrolling through a few pages it is horrifying to discover just how many of the websites that are caught up by the Google search engine were started by well intentioned people who soon found the reality of being a web master or author. Looking at the last date showing when the Home Page was actually updated or modified one finds that it is frequently more than a decade ago. A great shame.

The material is often copied and pasted from other similar websites - particularly the jokes - complete with spelling mistakes and bad grammar. Once in a blue moon however an article of interest does stand out and make for great reading. That is where the sharing bit comes in with our Divisional website(s). In the top bar there is a Contact Us drop down. Use this to send the link to the article you found interesting to the webmaster. He may have already found it but there is also a good chance that it is one that he has not found. Has someone written a history of your Lodge? Why not share it? Is there a really old building in your town with a Masonic symbol on the wall? What is the significance of that? Find out and share that with the webmaster. Here's one for you - Did a Masonic Lodge ever meet in Hihitahi? (Where the H*^ is Hihitahi?) That would make a great story! Share it

You don't have to have a PhD in English to get started. Some dot points in a logical sequence with some photos or drawings are a great beginning. How about Masonic headstones in your local cemetery? Lots of stories to share there.

We have many unsung workers in Freemasonry in Northland who are always there to help with the "work" when there is a function on. They are the one's who have the trailer behind the car or the box of tools on the ute. Often they wear a very tattered Master Masons apron or an equally battered Past Masters Apron when they are in Lodge and are the one's who sneak out to get the pies and savouries out of the warmer and onto the the table in the rectory for the "after match function". They shun any sort of publicity but they are the Brethren who can often give us a good story for the website. A place where we can meet on the level and part on the square.

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When you are looking for a night of something different for your Lodge to enjoy, extend an invitation to your District Education Advisor to join you and share a night of masonic learning.

Choose from a variety of formats – Quizzes about Degrees, History, Ritual, Layout, Tracing Boards, Q&A. Act out the Durham Lectures or Antient Charges, or mix some of the options up.

Lots of fun and ensure a pleasurable, mutual sharing of “ignorance”! No one gets a chance to fall asleep!

Contact W.Bro John MacDonald – (09) 439 4790 or email editor.northalk@gmail.com

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A Couple More “Did You Know That”?

- Brother George Bell was a Deputy Grand Master in 1751 and had not progressed beyond the degree of Fellow Craft.
- The word secrecy in Freemasonry was first found in the Edinburgh Register House MS, as late as c. 1696.
- It was not until 1760 that a separate obligation appeared for each degree
- The Roman Catholic Church, which saw Freemasonry as a threat, and the practice of Freemasonry was condemned by Pope Clement XII in 1738. Freemasons were prosecuted under Canon Law by the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Roman and Universal Inquisition.
- A Papal Nuncio, as a Freemason, laid the corner-stone of the great altar of the Parisian Church of St . Sulpice (1733)
- The original grant of arms to the " Hole Crafte and felawship of Masons," dated the twelfth year of Edward IV [1472-1473, from William Hawkeslowe, Clarenceux King of Arms, is now in the British Museum.
- It was once believed that Martin Luther was received into Freemasonry on Christmas night, 1520, just fifteen days after he had burned the Pope's Bull.
- Fact or fiction? Between 1723 and 1738, though a large number of Masonic books and pamphlets were published, in none of these is Sir Christopher Wren alluded to as a Freemason.



“Sum More Speakin’ Up” From Fred Inkstone (Esquire) at Mitimiti

Gidday from Mitimiti

Crickey the weather has been pretty grotty over the last couple of weeks. Lotta our friends have the winter sniffles pretty bad. Even had to resort to them antibiotics to help them get better. Climate change and all that I spose.

Was watching the TV the other night and saw that bloke sayin to get up in the roof and check the insulation an make sure it was pulled right up to them six by three's so decided it was probably a good time to do that. While I was up there with the wander lamp, opened up an old suitcase that's been sittin' up there for yonks and found an old copy of the Freemasons Book of Constitution from the 1970's. One of them ones with the heavy duty blue cover and brass screw things to hold all them pages together. Brought it down the ladder and perched me feet up on a stool by the fire and had a quick squizz through it for a bit of a laugh to see how much has changed over the years. Had a giggle or two of course at how you could not use a ball point pen for anything like signing in or signing a document back then. Had to be an ink pen. Brought back memories of all the Stephens ink an stuff we used at school. Blotting paper. Wonder if them young blokes would know what to do with it today? Used to use bleach as well to rub out mistakes. Left a bit of a mark on some paper but worked OK. Better than having to write the whole page again.

Guess one thing that hasn't changed though is that Masters still have to be familiar with this book and know where to look if they need to make a decision. I noticed that when I visited that Lodge that that bloke "Adolf" was in that I told you about a couple of months ago that they did not toast the Queen and the Craft any more at supper. Seemed funny. Had a look in this old Book of Constitution and there is was in the Rulings at the back. Rule 27. Said that the words to use were the Queen and the Craft. Asked a couple of the blokes around here and apparently still the same. The Queen and Craft. Wonder who can't read in Adolf's Lodge? Back in my day in Taranaki they used to have the monthly Wardens meetings which you had to go to if you were gonna go into the Chair as Master. Miss three in a row and you could forget about goin into the Chair for that year at least. They used to almost teach you the Book of Constitution till you could recite it like it was the number two V.S.L. Wonder if that still happens today? The Provincial Grand Master in them days was a really neat bloke but he was very strict on this. Good job too.

Another thing he was strict on was making sure that no one took a job in the Lodge if they weren't able to be there each month to do it. There was one bloke who was a travelling salesman for a chocolate company I won't name who used to travel all around Taranaki, Wanganui, and Palmerston North and get orders from the dairy's, IGA's and 4 Squares for chocolates at the start of the week and then deliver the orders at the end of the week. He never took office in the Lodge because he was never sure that he could be there on Lodge night to do a job. Although he was supposed to be home on a Wednesday, which was Lodge night, quite often he had to do an urgent delivery to a dairy out of town and did not get home in time to get to Lodge so it was only after he retired that he started taking jobs in the Lodge. No show ponies or blowhards back in them days. Still the same today is it? Guess I will find out once we decide what's gonna happen with me old sheila an I can join a Lodge again. Tilly's still waiting for the phone call from Auckland Hospital about her op. Could be up to 12 weeks they said. Not easy watchin her the way she is at the moment. In pain an all that.

So that's it for now. With this winter weather not goin out a lot but if I do you never know. I might just find the energy to pop into your Lodge and say gidday. Also keepin an eye on that new website you fellas got and have to say pretty impressive. Lots of good reading there an find the way I can get a diary print out for Lodge activities really good stuff. Much better than the bits of paper that used to fly all round the kitchen every time the missus used to open the door. Mind you the ol Craftsman newspaper that Grand Lodge used to mail out was heavy enough to stay put on the table. Brings back a few memories readin them back issues on the website.

Catch ya next month

Fred

As We Were in the Mid 19th Century In New Zealand.

All these clips are taken from early New Zealand newspapers via [Papers Past](#) This month the clippings are once again from all over New Zealand in the month of June 1869.

<p>Mr H. D. Bell, M.H.R., returned from an extended trip to the Old Country on Saturday night. One of the principal objects of his visit was to endeavour to induce the Masonic Grand Lodge of England to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, but at present he has not received any information with regard to the result of his negotiations. While in London Mr Bell saw a good deal of the Agent-General (Hon W. P. Reeves), who, he says, is filling the position with a degree of ability and energy that augurs well for his complete success.</p>	<p>The installation of the W.M. and investiture of the officers of Lodge Caledonia, A.F. and A. Masons, will take place in the George Street Hall on the festival of St. John, to-morrow evening. The ceremony will be performed by the Grand Superintendent, R.W.J.J.M. Hamilton, of Christchurch, and several other influential Masons will assist. Bro. S. McBride is the new W.M. A social will be held immediately after in the Sophia Street hall.</p>
<p>NEW ZEALAND TIMES, VOLUME LVIII, ISSUE 2852, 22 JUNE 1896</p>	<p>TIMARU HERALD, VOLUME LX, ISSUE 2115, 23 JUNE 1896</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MASONIC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO THE EDITOR OF THE PRESS.</p> <p>SIR,—Bro. Geo. R. Hart, in his letter appearing in this morning's issue, has given us some interesting particulars with regard to the foundation of the first Masonic Lodge in Christchurch.</p> <p>The foundation members of a Lodge are the names mentioned in the warrant. Had Bro. Hart gone a little further back in his history he would have found that the warrant was applied for as the outcome of a meeting held at the residence of Dr. J. S. Gundry, on the 27th November, 1851, the names of the petitioners being—Brothers Dr. J. S. Gundry, W. J. Disher, Isaac Luck, Richard Pollard, John E. Thacker, Hon. J. C. Watts Russell, Captain Chas. Simeon and Dr. T. R. Moore.</p> <p>It was not until October, 1853, that the warrant arrived in Christchurch, and at the first meeting we find that Bro. John Marshman was admitted a member. The offices had to be varied owing to the lapse of time. Others admitted at the same time who still survive are—Brothers B. W. Mountfort, E. C. Latter and James Stuart Wortley (now the Earl of Wharnccliffe), who should not have been referred to as a foundation member. Hence Bro. J. E. Thacker was the last survivor of the foundation members. — Yours, &c.,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MASONIC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO THE EDITOR OF THE PRESS.</p> <p>SIR,—So far as I know, Mr Hart is correct as to my being the only person now living who was concerned with the establishment of the first Masonic Lodge in Canterbury. This is the Lodge of Unanimity, Lyttelton. It was opened in, I think, sometime in 1851. Mr H. G. Gouland, Dr. Donald, Mr A. J. Alport and myself were amongst those to whom the "dispensation" from the Grand Lodge, England, was directed. I forget who were the others, but I do not think any of them are now living. My impression is that Dr. Donald was first W.M., and Mr Alport, S.W.; but I am not quite clear about it. I was J.W.</p> <p>Mr Gundry is therefore mistaken as to my having been admitted at the first meeting of the St. Augustine Lodge in 1853. Being already a Mason, I did not need to be admitted. I lived in Christchurch at that time and joined the St. Augustine Lodge, and was appointed its first J.W.</p> <p>The matter is of no importance, but if something is to be said about it, it is worth while to say it correctly.—Yours, &c.,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JOHN MARSHMAN.</p>
<p>PRESS, VOLUME LIII, ISSUE 9447, 19 JUNE 1896</p>	<p>PRESS, VOLUME LIII, ISSUE 9448, 20 JUNE 1896</p>

<p>The largest hotel in Europe is now the Hotel Cecil, in the Strand, London. It was opened with a "housewarming dinner and official Press inspection on May 4th." It contains a huge French restaurant for the general public, an American bar, an "Indian floor" which is a reproduction of the Emperor Akbar's palace at Futteypore, a banquet hall for 1000, a smaller one for 500, a masonic temple, clubrooms, shops, stores and cab ranks, and is 13 storeys high.</p>	<p>MASONIC.—The ceremony of constituting the Marlborough Lodge of Unanimity under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was performed last evening at the Masonic Hall, in the presence of the largest Masonic gathering known in the district. Dr L. Boor, R.W., Deputy Grand Master, assisted by R. W. Bro Williams, Grand Superintendent, concluded the proceedings, after which Bro John Conolly was placed in the chair as W.M.</p>
<p>TIMARU HERALD, VOLUME LX, ISSUE 2117, 25 JUNE 1896</p>	<p>MARLBOROUGH EXPRESS, VOLUME XXXI, ISSUE 145, 25 JUNE 1896</p>
<p>The meeting of United Manawatu Masonic Lodge 1721 E.C., held last evening was attended by the District Grand Master Bro F. Arkwright, who has just returned from England. He gave a very interesting account of the proceedings taken with the object of securing recognition of the New Zealand Grand Lodge, and from his remarks it was gathered that but a short time will elapse before this recognition is accorded.—Manawatu Times.</p>	<p>Mr W. Barron, ex M.H.R., who visited Tapanui last week in connection with the Masonic installation, speaking at the supper which followed, referred to the absurdity of so called prohibition in the Clutha electorate. According to the Tapanui Courier, he said that he seldom touched whisky, but would take a little so as to be able to refer to having partaken of prohibited liquor in prohibition Clutha. The present state of so-called stoppage of liquor traffic was an entire farce.</p>
<p>PATEA MAIL, VOLUME IX, ISSUE 63, 3 JUNE 1896</p>	<p>ASHBURTON GUARDIAN, VOLUME XVII, ISSUE 3902, 4 JUNE 1896</p>
<p>MASONIC.—We are requested to call the attention of visitors to the Lodge ceremony at the Masonic Hall to-morrow, proceedings commencing at 6.30 p.m.; and to state that dancing at the social will not begin until 9 o'clock.</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Feilding Masonic Lodge held last night Bro Levett, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation will take place next month and will be followed by a banquet.</p>
<p>MARLBOROUGH EXPRESS, VOLUME XXXI, ISSUE 143, 23 JUNE 1896</p>	<p>FEILDING STAR, VOLUME XVII, ISSUE 298, 23 JUNE 1896</p>
<p>The installation of W.M. and investiture of officers of Lodge St. Patrick, I.C., will be held in the Masonic Hall to-morrow evening.</p>	<p>MASONIC.—A lecture on Masonic subjects will be delivered by Past Master Bro. Hull in the St. Augustine Hall this evening; when the Festival of St. John the Baptist will be celebrated by the brethren of the St. Augustine Lodge, No. 4., N.Z.C.</p>
<p>EVENING STAR, ISSUE 10039, 23 JUNE 1896</p>	<p>PRESS, VOLUME LIII, ISSUE 9451, 24 JUNE 1896</p>



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Political Correctness Gone Mad?



Happy (Not Masonic) Birthdays for July.

Title	Name	Surname	Lodge Name	Lodge No
WBro	Nicholas	Kearns	Hokianga	69
WBro	John	Fritschi	Mangonui/Kaitaia	78
WBro	Athol	Hyland	Kaikohe/Ohaeawai	101
WBro	Nicholas	Kearns	Kaikohe/Ohaeawai	101
Bro	Terence	Reynolds	Whangarei	102
Bro	Roy	Unwin	Whangarei	102
WBro	Graeme	Whiteman	Whangarei	102
Bro	George	Swanepoel	Whangarei	102
Bro	Ian	Guthrie	Whangarei	102
Bro	Grant	Bartlett	Wellsford/Marsden	169
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WBro	Robert	Ellison	Hatea	431
WBro	Grahame	Richards	Hatea	431
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Some Famous Freemasons

Reference: <http://www.lodgestpatrick.co.nz/famous.php>

<p>Palmer, Arnold Daniel (1929-)</p> <p>Simply an outstanding professional golfer, Arnold Palmer was born in Pennsylvania and for years set the example to make golf a 'gentleman's' sport. He was the first golf star to appear during the television-age and, as such, became the sport's earliest trailblazer, followed by Gary Player (S.A.) and Jack Nicklaus (U.S.A.). Palmer won the PGA Tour Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998. Palmer's lodge is Loyalhanna Lodge No.275 in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.</p>	 A color photograph of Arnold Palmer, an elderly man with white hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera.
<p>Parsons, Richard - 1st Earl of Rosse (1702-1741)</p> <p>In 1725, Richard Parsons became the first recorded Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, a post he held for the next six years. All official records of the Grand Lodge of Ireland prior to 1760, and all minute books prior to 1780, have been lost. By all accounts Parsons was a quite a wild individual and libertine, not 'normal' Masonic material. He even founded Dublin's 'Hellfire Club' - which certainly assisted his early demise!</p>	 A black and white portrait of Richard Parsons, a man with dark, curly hair, wearing a dark coat over a white shirt and a dark cravat.
<p>Peary, Rear Admiral Robert Edwin (1856-1920)</p> <p>In 1909, Robert Peary claimed to be the first man to have reached the geographic North Pole, although Peary's navigation is questionable and this feat may well anyway have been achieved a year earlier by Frederick Cook. Peary was accompanied on his expedition by another Freemason, Matthew Henson (see above). Kane Lodge No. 454 in New York City, was Rear Admiral Peary's lodge.</p>	 A black and white portrait of Robert Peary in a military uniform, wearing a white cap with a crest and a white jacket with dark buttons. He has a mustache and is looking slightly to the right.

<p>Perkins, Jacob (1766-1841)</p> <p>An Anglo-American engraver, inventor, engineer and physicist, Perkins emigrated from America to England in 1819 and established the bank note printers of Perkins, Fairman & Heath. This company produced the first British postage stamps, including the famous 'Penny Black' 1d stamp featuring the head of Queen Victoria. He also experimented with the development of a high pressure steam engine that was more than 70 years ahead of its time.</p>	 <p>JACOB PERKINS.</p>
<p>Pershing, John Joseph (1860-1948)</p> <p>"Black Jack" Pershing led the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe during World War One. So successful was he that, in 1921, he was given the rank of General of the Armies of the United States, a rank only conferred once. The M-26 Pershing heavy-tank of WWII was named in his honour. This tough soldier was a Freemason in Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska.</p>	
<p>Peters, James Henry 'Jim' (1918-1999)</p> <p>London-born Jim Peters was a long distance runner who broke the world record for the men's marathon four times in the 1950's. He was the first runner to complete a marathon less than 2 hours 20 minutes – an achievement which was equated to the breaking of the four minute mile. He achieved this at the Polytechnic Marathon of 1953, a point-to-point race from Windsor to Chiswick, West-London. Later that same year Peters set the first sub-2 hour 20 minute clocking on an out-and-back course, at the Enschede Marathon, Holland. After retiring from competitive athletics, Peters worked as an optician in Chadwell Heath, Essex, England.</p>	
<p>Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (Born: Prince Philip of Greece & Denmark) (1921-)</p> <p>Born on the island of Corfu, Philip is the husband of Queen Elizabeth II, his son, Charles, Prince of Wales is first in line to the English throne. Prince Philip is a member of the Navy Lodge No.2612, London.</p>	

Some Thoughtful Reading Beside the Fire This Winter

THE USE OF THE TERM "LECTURES".

Some years ago the Education Pillar decided that the Grand Lecturers and other members of the team were no longer going to present "Lectures" to Lodges. The reason for this was quite simple. Very few adults have an attention span of more than a few minutes and research showed that when the term lecture appeared on a notice paper attendance was poor - both from Brethren of the Lodge and also visitors. Today presentations involve "doing things" rather than just sitting and trying to stay awake.

Here is a paper by By Bro. A. E. Currie. presented in 1965 to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon which makes some interesting observations on this subject.

The use of the term "lectures" to describe what in current usage would be called a "Catechism", almost the opposite of a "lecture" in any of the usual senses of that word, calls for explanation. Some brethren appear to regard it as an idiosyncrasy of the Craft e.g. "so-called lectures" in Bro. B. E. Jones's Freemasons' Guide and Compendium. It would seem however to be rather a case of the preservation by the Craft of a meaning, once standard, now otherwise obsolete.

The term "catechetic" lecture was apparently preceded, as far as printed records go, by the term "catechetical" or "catechistical" applied to sermons. The Oxford Dictionary quotes "catechetical sermons" used by Hales in 1618; and "Cyril of Jerusalem his catechetical sermons" by Gataker in 1624. Latham's Johnson's Dictionary quotes from Bishop Cosin's Scholastic History of the Canon (1657) "S. Cyril was the author of those catechistical sermons or constitutions which are mentioned by S. Jerome". The Oxford Dictionary (s.vv. "catechetic", "catechetical") supplies instances of the phrase "catechetic (or catechetical) lecture" or its plural used in print about 1672, in 1718, and in 1726. Moreover, in 2 Vernon's Reports, p. 267, occurs a reference (in the report of a case decided in 1692) to a chancery decree made in 1679 whereby "catechetical lectures" were substituted for "independent lectures" established by a will but apparently at that time unlawful (perhaps as inculcating nonconformist doctrines). So much for the respectable antiquity of our masonic phrase. The semantic question remains to be explored. "Catechetical sermon" and "catechetical lecture" are both of them virtual contradictions in terms, "hot ice and wondrous strange snow", capable of making modern sense only if some special meaning be assigned to, either the epithet or the substantive. The Oxford Dictionary does not help. When the entries already cited were composed it was presumably intended that the semantic difficulties should be handled when the substantives were dealt with. Unfortunately when the words "lecture" and "sermon" appeared in later volumes under a different editor, the particular meanings involved through their use with "catechetical" were overlooked; the omission has not been picked up in the supplementary volume.

To begin with, it should be remembered that the first recorded instance of the appearance of a word in print is no certain guide to the time of its first entry into the spoken language, or even of its first use in writing; and that the further back one goes the greater may be the gap between these events. Subject to this caution, it seems more likely than not that the term "catechetical sermon" was the first to be coined; and that it was to begin with applied solely to the sermons of St. Cyril of Jerusalem. These homilies were composed for the catechumens of the church, and were called in fourth-century Greek katecheseis—here used, as the lexicon tells us, in a special ecclesiastical sense, and evidently applied not from some particular literary form, but from their intended audience. The sermons of St. Cyril are composed in the ordinary form of running prose, with no suggestion of question and answer. (Katecheseis was afterwards Englished as "catecheses" but, according to the Oxford Dictionary, not until 1753.)

The suggestion offered is that the term "catechetical sermons" was at first intended as a translation, and at the same time an explanation of "catecheseis" as applied to the sermons of St. Cyril; and that its coiners never intended it to have any wider application—the ineptitude of the epithet being disregarded, or perhaps warranted by the special sense attaching to the Greek word; that it was afterwards given a wider sense not so easily justified; and that the term "catechetical lectures" was coined in imitation of it, for application to compositions that could not be described as sermons. Either at this stage, or previously when applied to other sermons than St. Cyril's, the epithet "catechetical" was allowed (assisted perhaps by the influence of "catechism") to have its more natural meaning, and it was the substantive that was compelled to, carry a forced or more unnatural meaning. Perhaps in the beginning some such word as "catechumenal" might have been a happier choice to, go with "sermon"; but it is rather late to offer philological advice to seventeenth-century divines; and certainly too late to change the traditional use of the word "lectures" in freemasonry.



How did you get the Black eye?
The wife was giving me a lecture and I corrected her three times.

It only remains to express regret (futile, no doubt) that recent masonic writers have tended to cause confusion by extending the word "lectures" to include the "explanations" of the tracing-boards and other ritual addresses, instead of leaving it to retain its traditional specialized meaning.

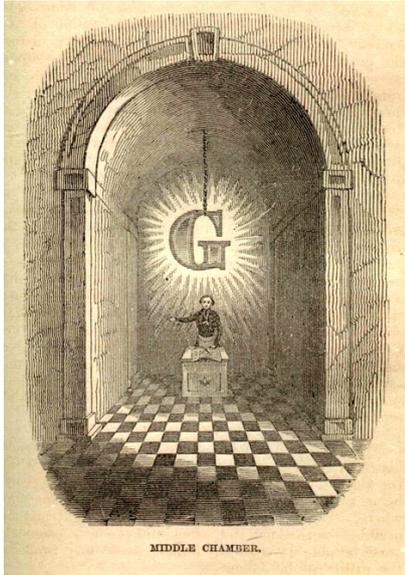
The Letter G

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM

TRANSACTIONS OF THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE No. 2076 LONDON

By Bro. John A. Cockburn, Adelaide.

By letters four and science five
This G aright doth stand.



The more closely we adhere to the ancient landmarks in Masonry the clearer will be our comprehension of its teaching. Owing to a departure from tradition the letter G has become a puzzle both as to its shape and meaning. Though supposed to represent Geometry and occupying the place of honour in the Lodge, the outline of this letter stands pronounced as the most ungeometrical and therefore the most unmasonic of our emblems. The reason of this discrepancy is not far to seek when we call to mind the fact that the present form of the letter dates no further back than the middle of the third century B.C., and its intrusion among Masonic emblems can be regarded in no other light than as a comparatively modern innovation. In its original form the letter G was held to be sacred by the Pythagoreans; it was the initial letter of the Earth Goddess Ge or Gaia in whose honour the Eleusiniu mysteries were celebrated; it also stood for geometry, a word derived from Ge and used by Pythagoras as synonymous with Tetractys or the Divinity. When however our ancient brethren turned their eyes towards the sacred symbol they beheld, not the unmeaning form of the letter G, but the gimel or gamma, the emblem in all ages the most revered by our Craft, the true Masonic square.

The second tracing board tells us that the letter G denotes God and depicts certain Hebrew characters, these characters are the four letters which spell the holy name Jehovah, the awful Tetragrammaton. In the opinion of the ancients the most fitting geometrical representation of the number four was by means of the square; Plutarch says that "The number four is a square" and according to Philo Judaeus "Four is the most ancient of all square numbers, it is found to exist in right angles as the figure of a square in geometry shows," and "Four is the first number which is a square being equal on all sides, the measure of justice and equality." What then could be more appropriate than the representation of the Tetractys or the Tetragrammaton by the square letter gamma? And to what letter other than that bearing the form of the square could the attention of the Craftsman about to receive his wages be with equal propriety directed?

The square is one of the working tools of a fellow-craft and is the emblem of that just relation between man and man which entitled the workman relying on the honesty of his work and on the integrity of his employer, to claim without scruple and without diffidence the due reward of his labour.

In short, the gamma or the square falls into its place in the mosaic of masonry as readily as the modern G refuses to be assimilated, and this harmony goes far to establish the antiquity of our ritual; for, if the text is obscure with the letter G but becomes luminous with the gamma, there is proof that the ritual must have been settled before the disappearance of the ancient and the introduction of the modern letter.

The fifth science was geometry which explains the G or in its operative aspect, and the letters four, or tetragrammaton, would elucidate its other, or symbolic, meaning. Is it not just possible that the form in which the letter G formerly appeared in the Lodge may have been that of the Swastica, one of the most frequent and sacred of figures in both Eastern and Western Symbolism, whose absence from modern Craft Masonry is a matter of surprise? The Swastica is composed of four gammas combined and was known among old time craftsmen as the tetragrammaton.

It is impossible to avoid a feeling of regret that the beautiful symbolism of the square has been marred by the usurpation of the letter G in the place of the gamma, and it appears to be a question worthy of consideration whether it would not be well to show our respect for the ancient landmarks by restoring to the sacred symbol its original form.

Some Masonic Poems

Last Night I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt

Last night I knelt where Hiram knelt
and took an obligation.
Today I'm closer to my God
for I'm a Master Mason.

Though heretofore my fellow men
seemed each one like the other,
today I search each one apart.
I'm looking for my brother.

And as I feel his friendly grip
it fills my heart with pride.
I know while I am on the square
that he is by my side.

His footsteps on my errand go
if I should such require.
His prayers will lead in my behalf
if I should so desire.

My words are safe within his breast
as though within my own,
his hand forever at my back
to help me safely home.

Good counsel whispers in my ear
and warns of any danger.
By square and compass, Brother now
who once would call me stranger.

I might have lived a moral life
and risen to distinction
without my Brothers helping hand
and the fellowship of Masons.

But God, who knows how hard it is
to resist life's temptations,
knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt
and took that obligation.

(author unknown)

Let's Go To Lodge Tonight

My brother, let's go to Lodge tonight;
You haven't been for years.
Let's don our Lambskin Apron white
And sit among our peers.

I feel a kind of longing, see,
to climb those creaky stairs;
I know it'll be a thrill for me
to lay aside my cares.

We'll meet the Tyler at the door
and though he'll hesitate,
we'll hear him say just as before,
"Come in or you'll be late."

I'd like to get out on the floor--
Come on, let's get in line;
I want to face the East once more
And give the same old sign.

I want to hear the gavel rap
the Craftsmen to attention
and see the Master don his cap;
a night without dissention.

So come! Pass up that picture show,
or your wrestling bout or fight;
Switch off that TV set! Let's go!
Let's go to Lodge tonight.

(author unknown)

Some One Liners From Oscar Wilde

- Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead.
- If you are not too long, I will wait here for you all my life.
- Success is a science; if you have the conditions, you get the result.
- Men always want to be a woman's first love - women like to be a man's last romance.
- Women are made to be loved, not understood.
- Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes.
- I can resist everything except temptation.
- Memory... is the diary that we all carry about with us.
- True friends stab you in the front.
- A gentleman is one who never hurts anyone's feelings unintentionally.
- Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.
- An excellent man; he has no enemies; and none of his friends like him.
- I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying.
- The only thing to do with good advice is to pass it on. It is never of any use to oneself.
- We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.
- It is better to be beautiful than to be good. But... it is better to be good than to be ugly.
- Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative.
- The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, the young know everything.
- The world is a stage, but the play is badly cast.
- I am not young enough to know everything.
- It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious.
- Patriotism is the virtue of the vicious.
- Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing.
- To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.
- Work is the curse of the drinking classes.
- In America the President reigns for four years, and Journalism governs forever and ever.
- I think that God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated his ability.
- Whenever people agree with me I always feel I must be wrong.



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