



Editorial

Change

When our Grand Master was here in Northland in April he used the acronym FOC. That certainly had a few sitting up and adjusting their hearing aids. Those with "Nelsonian" hearing thought he had used the dreaded F word. MW Bro Mark certainly created the desired effect. He got attention.

FOC is an acronym standing for Fear of Change. There may be those who remember when the levers were removed from the steering wheels of cars which allowed for manual adjustment of the distributor advance and retard. Howls of protest filled the air when crank handles were no longer supplied with new cars. Then came tubeless tyres. Automatic gearboxes, once a luxury, are now everyday fixtures on our family cars as are electric windows. Remember how these were going to be the death of thousands of helpless children who would not be able to operate them in the event of an accident? Guess what? Few of these dire predictions have come true.

For the best part of its three hundred plus years of existence, Freemasonry has had a laborious, usually bureaucratic, and frequently tedious communications system. There were many reasons for this including the methods of transport available at the time. Take the ship Bolton which records show left London 19 Nov 1839 arriving Port Nicholson, NZ on 30 Apr 1840. At that time Masonic mail sent from New Zealand to the UK, assuming it was posted in one of the main centres, would take typically 240 days for the round trip, plus delivery time in the UK, plus meeting time, plus time for the Grand Secretary in London to write the reply, seal and post it for the return voyage, plus delivery once it got back to New Zealand. Even local mail could take months for a round trip. All up then at least one year for a letter to be written and a reply received.

The arrival of international telegraph (telegrams) in 1876 (with each word costing 15 shillings [\$112.07 in today's currency] certainly sped things up but the price was prohibitive. Prices quickly came down and the famous 6d (\$7.05) telegram for 10 words saw rapid communication around the country. In 1910 there were numerous telephone exchanges in towns and cities and their popularity grew. They were simple to use and did not require knowledge of Morse code. By the late 1980's Telecom had lost its monopoly on the supply of telephone equipment and horror stories of impending doom to our communications networks were being circulated – one has to suspect at the behest of ????. Did it happen???? The network is still up and running today.

In spite of all these advances Freemasonry has still dragged its feet. Until quite recently it still took a year at least to get a change made to the Book of Constitution and months to get a By-Law change approved. Lodge Secretary's still mailed out the monthly Summons and every item of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge (later Division) correspondence inward and outward was dutifully read and approved at every meeting. Notices of Proposed Candidates were posted in the foyer of every Lodge Room in the Province (later District) and every Secretary had to clear the Lodge Post Office Box at least once a week.

Just as technology has made it possible to repair damaged hearts, and fly people by helicopter to a hospital for life saving surgery from which they would once have died, so too Freemasonry is using now using technology to improve the way in which we communicate with each other. Through our Divisional Websites and the use of e-mail we are now better able to inform each other of activities, and events that are of interest to us all in a timelier manner.

Yes - you need access to a "device" which allows you to participate. Typically a laptop computer or a tablet. They are available at your local library (usually free), or better still can be purchased at a very affordable price. You can learn to use them with help from family, friends, and community groups such as Senior Net. The bad news is that you have to make an effort to participate rather than just ringing your bell and having the servant (aka wife?) bring your newspapers and mail in on a tray with your morning coffee or tea and scones. Today it is "Bring me the Tablet Jeeves! No sugar, decaf coffee, and green top milk!"

Within the next couple of months this newsletter will be changing from a document to a web based format. It will still have the same content for you to read but there will be more links to click rather than retyped data from other sources. No more re-inventing the wheel. It will even have a clickable index to help you move quickly around the information and find what you are looking for. That has to be a plus. More to come on this subject next month.

Fraternally

John MacDonald

District Education Advisor and Editor Northtalk

From Our District Grand Master



Brethren and Ladies

Upcoming Installations

Wellsford Marsden No 169 Thurs 15 June 2017 (Practice Thursday 8th June)
Hikurangi Lodge No 140 Sat1 July 2107 (Practice Thursday 29th June)

I would politely request that those Brethren who are able to attend come & support the other lodges & their Brethren.

During the last month, I have represented the District at the Installation of Lodge Rodney at Warkworth and have visited Okara Day Light No 461, and Lodge Kororareka No 304 as well as Lodge Hatea No 431.

On the Saturday 20 May, Judy and I had the pleasure of attending the 300 yr Charity ball in Auckland. It was a most splendid occasion with about 260 people attending. We met up with many old friends and established many new ones. The charity TLC - Teddies for Loving Care - was a very worthy charity to support. The Northland celebration is now to be held on Sunday 25th June. Please talk to or email Alan Martin, Lodge 1647 EC for any other details. It would be great to support this day if you are able to. A church service will be followed by a luncheon.

Dress code

Brethren I have received a number of complaints from Grand Lodge Brethren, and also from several members of two separate Lodges within the district re our dress code during meetings. From time to time it is not possible or practical for some of our members to be able to return home from work situation & change into suitable dress. During monthly Lodge Meetings this dress code is up to the discretion of the particular Lodge & the Master.

However, during Lodge Installations and on formal occasions the Book of Constitution is not that clear on what is required, particularly with regard to Brethren taking part in the ceremony. I require that a white shirt be worn as well as the other mentioned dress. The shirt colour is not mentioned but is covered by paragraph b. and is required by the Divisional Grand Master who has also spoken to me about the situation. Para 36 c. mentions that inability to appear in correct dress should not preclude a Brother from attending, I believe that this inability refers to new members who have not yet purchased, or who have not yet been able to finance proper attire. They are welcome to attend under these circumstances but will not take part in the ceremony.

In accordance with Part V1 No 36 (b) Masonic Regalia and Dress of the Book of Constitution.

As District Grand Master, I advise that the minimum standard of dress within the Northern District shall be adhered to for all Installation Meetings as below:

Either a black tailed evening Coat, or black dinner jacket, black dress trousers, white shirt, black shoes, a white tie with the tailed evening tail coat, black tie with the dinner jacket. The above directive will remain in force until specifically revoked.

Brethren I look forward to your assistance with this matter. The dress code for Monthly meetings sits with each Master of the Lodge making his own professional dress code standards.

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

Kevin Burch
Dist. GM
Northland District



What's Happened in Northland Recently

The Hokianga Royal Arch Chapter No 71

On Wed 3rd May Grand Chapter paid a Fraternal Visit to the Hokianga Chapter to assist Bro Josh Kosmala take his Excellent Master Degree. RE. Companion Des Stuck, Grand Superintendent Northland was received in due form with his officers and welcomed.



The Chapter was then closed and a Lodge of Excellent Masters was opened. Bro Josh Kosmala was then put through the 5th Degree in Freemasonry recognised by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.. What is unusual about this degree is that there is no specific regalia worn by an Excellent Master however a breast jewel is sometimes awarded and may be worn. The Mark Master Mason (4th Degree) and Excellent Master Degrees are conducted in Lodges working under the Charter of a Royal Arch Chapter and members are called Brethren. This is different to other Constitution where the Mark Degree is a separate "Order" within the Craft and the ceremonies which form part of the Excellent Master Degree are either an addendum to or form part of the Royal Arch Degree.

The photo below shows the Grand Chapter Officers and Bro Josh Kosmala after the Ceremony.



Want To learn More About Royal Arch Freemasonry in 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 Mahurangi Royal Arch Chapter No 80 – Meets in Warkworth 4th Thursday 11.00am
Scribe: Des Stuck: [Send an E-mail](#)

Lodge Whangarei No 102 Installation

Monday 8th May saw Bro Roy Unwin installed in the Chair of King Solomon as Master. A total of 33 Grand Lodge officers and 18 Masters and Brethren attended this ceremony which saw the second Board of Installed Masters for the year opened by RW Bro Graham Morris PGW. Another notable feature of the evening was an “informal reunion” of Brethren from two of our now closed Lodges - 10 from Waipu No 179 and 7 from Pono No 203.

The District Grand Director of Ceremonies saw that the Refectory proceedings moved at a respectable pace as many Brethren and their ladies had travelled long distances to be with W. Bro Roy and his wife Janet on this very special occasion.

The photo's below provide a snapshot of this memorable night at Lodge Whangarei 102.



W. Bro Roy Unwin. Master Lodge Whangarei No 102



Placed in the Chair by RW Bro Morris PGW



The Refectory

Lodge Kororareka No 304

On Thursday Thu 11 May 2017 Bro Colin Gane was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason by the Master and Brethren of Lodge Kororareka No 304 assisted by visiting Brethren from other Lodges in the District.

The usual hospitality of this Lodge in a very historic part of New Zealand was only tempered by the necessity to make haste to catch the last ferry back to Opuia. The photo shows Bro Colin and the Master of the Lodge W.Bro Alistair Mitchell which was taken after the Lodge had closed.



We wish Bro Colin many happy years as a member of the Lodge and hope he will one day be installed in the chair of King Solomon in Lodge Kororareka No 304.

Alternative Facts?

I called an old school friend and asked what he was doing. He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed.....But after further questioning I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water, under his wife's supervision.





At an emergency Meeting of the Mahurangi Cryptic No 80 on Thursday 18th May, Companion John MacDonald was admitted to a participation in Cryptic Masonry - the degrees relating to the construction of the Crypt or Secret Vault beneath King Solomon's Temple. The four quite short ceremonies are conducted within a Chartered Cryptic Council attached to a regular Royal Arch Chapter – in this case the Kaipara Mahurangi Royal Arch Chapter No 80. In most cases Councils perform two of the degrees at a single meeting. They are also representative of events associated with King Solomon's Temple – while the Royal Arch Degree itself is firmly set within the subsequent Second Temple constructed under the leadership of Zerubbabel the Prince.

The four degrees may be explained as follows”

1. Select Master

This explains the background to the construction of a secret vault (or crypt) directly beneath the Holy of Holies of the Temple. In this vault copies of the most sacred treasures were to be placed to preserve them in the event that the Temple should be destroyed. The construction of the vault is carried out by a few Select Masons, sworn to secrecy and appointed by the three Grand Masters.

Royal Master

This takes place within the Holy of Holies very shortly before the completion of the Temple. Hiram Abif inadvertently explains to one of those Select Masters, Adoniram, why the Master Word will never be lost. This disclosure is made in what many consider to be the finest and most beautiful piece of Masonic ritual.

Most Excellent Master

This degree covers the final stages in the construction of King Solomon's Temple and its dedication. King Solomon rewards those most skilful workmen, including those who assisted in the construction of the secret vault, with the title of Most Excellent Master.

Super Excellent Master

This degree covers the invasion of Jerusalem, the siege and fall of the city and the eventual destruction of the Temple by Nebuchadnezzar. The Jews are removed to Babylon where they remain in captivity. After a period of seventy years the Jews eventually return to Judah to begin the construction of the second Temple as described in the Holy Royal Arch.

For more information about joining Royal Arch Freemasonry refer to [Page 3](#).



Master Mason



To



Royal Arch Companion



To



Other Degrees

Your Masonic Future Awaits You. Start Moving It Forward Today

What Coming Up In Northland

Lodge Parahaki No 269

Date:
Thursday 01 June

Time:
7.30pm

Event
3d Degree Bro J Balsalubre.



Lodge Kororareka No 403

Date:
Thursday 08 June

Time:
6.30pm

Event
1st Degree – Mr Wiremu Hook Henare (aged 18 years)



Wellsford Marsden Lodge No 169

Date:
Thursday 15 June

Time:
7.00pm

Event
Installation W.Bro J MacDonald and Investiture of Officers



Refectory Charge - \$10.00 per person.
RSVP Numbers by 8th June please to the Secretary
(09) 431 2522 or e-mail edh7514@gmail.com

Stans Bus from Whangarei and Points South
Contact W.Bro Jack Robson (09) 430 0099 or e-mail jfrobson@orcon.net.nz

Hokianga Royal Arch Chapter No 71

Date:
Wednesday 7th June

Time:
7.30pm

Event
Royal Arch Degree: Bro Josh Kosmala



The Wiig Twins 50 Year Service Badge



The Coromandel Lodge No 14 will be meeting in Whangarei on the 15th July 2017 to host the 50th year badge presentation to VW Bro Bryan and W Bro Bruce Wiig by the Grand Master, MW Bro Mark Winger

Ladies and partners are invited to attend the dinner which will follow the presentation (open to all) for what will be a fantastic night in the North at Toll Stadium.

Payment for the dinner at \$35.00 pp that must be paid into the Heartland Bank Account 03-1783-0853265-03 by the 30th June 2017 as we need to collate the numbers for seating and the dinner at Toll Stadium.

B.T.W. That's Bruce on the left and Bryan on the right in the photo's as one year old cherubs. What happened later in life is a matter for conjecture as some would say.

Cocurullo Masonic Supplies

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



If It's Not In the List Please Ask!

Vince Cocurullo. Phone: (09) 4388834 Email: fm@cocurullo.co.nz

**Prices may change without notice*

Our Master in the Chair



W. Bro John MacDonald. Wellsford Marsden Lodge No 169.

Born in Auckland I went to Normal Primary School on the Drive in Epsom for a couple of years until my parents moved to Hawkes Bay in 1957. Two years under the discipline of the Sisters of St Joseph in Hastings came to an end when my father was transferred to Napier in 1959. The remainder of my early education was with the Marist Brothers in Riverbend Road then St Johns College in Hastings with the Marist Fathers. Played rugby but hunting, tramping, and the outdoor life was my real passion which led to me applying for and being accepted to join the NZ Army Regular Force Cadets in 1965 at the tender age of 16. Two years in Waiouru Camp was certainly a major lifestyle change with education, sport, and trade training as a Radio and Communications Technician taking up every waking moment. Military discipline was very strict however it was to provide a great foundation for the remainder of my life.

At the age of 18, I graduated from RF Cadets into the Royal New Zealand Corps of Signals and spent the last three years of my 12 years of service at the School of Signals in Waiouru as an instructor. I completed my apprenticeship in the Army and was one of the first to be awarded the then new Advanced Trade Certificate in Radio Communications in 1972. Married with 2 children, military life was not family life so I left the Army in 1976 and went to National Airways Corporation (NAC) as training manager for the Carina Project which was at the time one of the first big data communications projects in New Zealand. It introduced computerised reservations, ticketing, and aircraft departure and landing information plus baggage tracking at a time when many other airlines including Air New Zealand were still using manual systems.

At the conclusion of that project I transferred to the Engineering Training Centre in Christchurch as an instructor. My actual move occurred exactly one week after I was initiated into Freemasonry in Lodge Orongorongo No 440 in Wainuiomata. I was passed and raised in the same Lodge – leaving Christchurch mid afternoon for each ceremony, and flying to Wellington to be met at the airport, driven to Wainuiomata, quick meal, change, off to Lodge, back to bed, up early to get 7.00am flight back to Christchurch and in to class at 8.30 am. Living in Kaiapoi I joined the Southern Cross Lodge No 6 and went through the various offices there being installed in the Chair of King Solomon in 1985. I was able to continue my tertiary studies at Boeing Aircraft Corporation in Seattle, Canadian Marconi Company in Montreal, plus attend courses with various aircraft radio vendors in the United States and Australia. This gave me the opportunity to attend Lodge in many places other than New Zealand. I completed a 3 year Technical Tutors Certificate which was a part time residential course with the Ministry of Education in Lower Hutt.

1987 saw a move to Sydney to take up the position of Senior Avionics Instructor with Qantas Airways. I joined the Lodge of Australia No 3 where I again was installed as a Master in 1989. Once again there was a lot of travel in this position so I was able to visit more Lodges in the USA, Canada and throughout the South Pacific. Industry recognition for my contribution to adult education came in 2003 with the award of Senior Membership of the New Zealand Electronics Institute. I am still a member of the NZEI today although “online” only.

The culmination of my Masonic and Military careers came in 2015 with a visit to the Certa Cito Lodge No 8925 EC (the Lodge of the Royal Corps of Signals) at Freemasons Hall in London. This was an experience never to be forgotten. It highlighted for me the real meaning of “meeting on the level and parting on the square”

In 1997 I returned home to New Zealand to live and settled in Northland. I was installed as Master of Pono Lodge No 203 for the first time in 2010 and had the sad duty of handing in the Charter of that Lodge during my second term as Master in 2015. That was a gut wrenching experience I have no wish to repeat.

I am currently a member of the Wellsford Marsden Lodge No 169, the Research Lodge of Wellington No 194 and Lodge Hatea No 431. I am a Companion of the Kaipara Mahurangi Royal Arch Chapter No 80, member of the Mahurangi Cryptic Council No 80, and a Knight of the Kaitaia Knights Templar Priory. No 17. In my “spare time” I produce the Northland Monthly Newsletter “Northtalk” and Diary, am the Northland District Education Advisor (my favourite role) and shortly will be assisting the Webmaster with a few “small tasks” on the Northern Division Website.

My non-Masonic interests include hosting a 3 hour Saturday night radio show called “Rock with John” on Magic Music FM here in Whangarei. I act as a moderator and archivist for the Royal New Corps of Signals Yahoo Group and maintain the “In Memoriam” Book. With a background in computer repairs I get a steady procession of people phoning and dropping in for free “Help Desk” service! Wonder if they do that to their mechanic friends as well?

I do have plans to retire, sit back, and join the ranks of the other grumpy Past Masters in the East. That will be in the year 2525 according to Zager and Evans I suspect?

The Grand Lodge Of England Turns 300 This Year



Masonic Charity Dinner

Join us to celebrate **300 years of Masonry** and to support the **District of North Island New Zealand's** charity – **Teddy's for Loving Care [TLC]**.

NOTE CHANGE OF PROGRAM

Date: 11am Sunday 25th June 2017.
Venue: Christ Church
Cnr Kamo and Mill Roads.

Following the Sunday Service a Luncheon feast:

Date: 1pm [approx] Sunday 25th June 2017.
Venue: A'Fare Restaurant
197 Lower Dent Street, Whangarei.

Ticket price: \$60.00 pp B Y O or available at the bar
Contact Dennis Turner 0274 591 939
or e-mail lpgfalcon@icloud.com for more details.

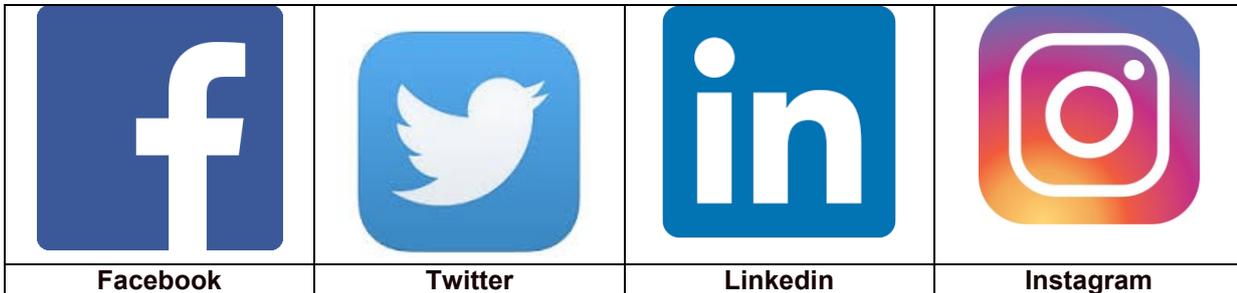
Bookings essential by Internet Banking:
The Star of the North Lodge 1647
Acc t: 02-0492-0043030-02
Ref: 2017 Dinner + Name

The Northland English Lodges Welcome all to attend and celebrate our **300th Birthday** and support this worthy Charitable cause.

Note the Change of Day Brethren



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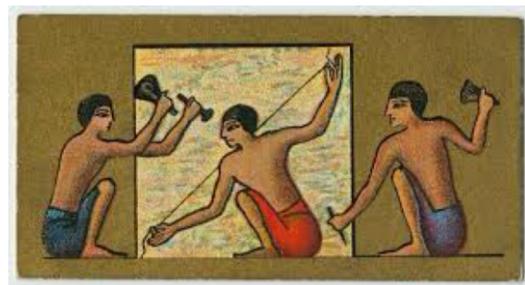
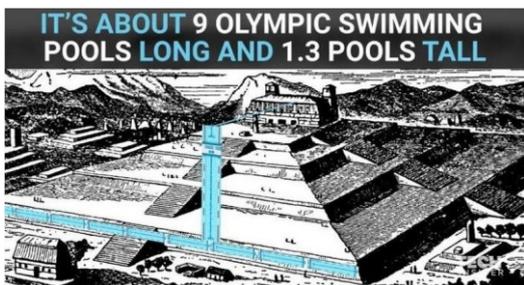


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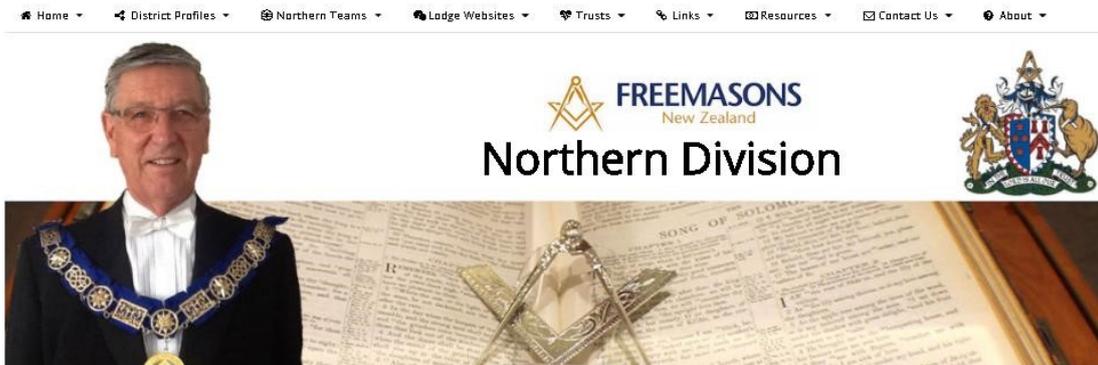


Check Out The New “Toolbox” [Here](#).

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 4000 visitors since it was opened in April this year. In the last week (20 – 27 May) 178 new people have gone to the website and viewed the wealth of information that is available there. Sunday the 21st was the busiest day with 194 people going to check out the updates for the fortnight of which 94 were new Brethren(?) who had not been there before.

What is this telling us? Quite simply that more and more of us are recognising that the Internet is the way of the future as regards our Masonic communications. There will always be a few luddites who stubbornly refuse to take the step which of course is their right. What they must accept is that they cannot expect others to print out all the information that is now available and snail mail it to them. It's simply not going to happen.

The website offers a two way communications channel especially for Lodge Secretary's. Already they can input their work for the month and now file their monthly Grand Lodge returns. In the pipeline are provision for Brethren to create carpooling to attend functions in the Division and District, Secretary's to change Brethren records in the Grand Lodge database, District Grand Masters to do all their reporting online, and even an online shopping facility to purchase Grand Lodge items. You have to remember however that these Divisional websites are a labour of love, done as a freebee in the webmasters "spare time" like most of the work that happens in our Craft, so unlike pay for websites these and other innovations will happen as time permits.

There is a carousel of "news" that is updated every 2 weeks. Each segment provides a teaser with a click to read more option often included in the text. If the scrolling is too fast for you at the bottom of the carousel there is a button bar you can click into to stop the scroll while you are reading. The button that is filled in black shows that

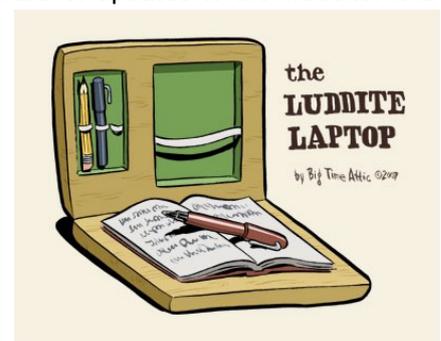


article you are currently reading.

As you scroll down you will find featured stories you can click to read, copies of the old "Craftsman" magazines that Grand Lodge used to mail out monthly (times change) to all subscribing Brethren) and a fill in field for you to get onto the mailing list to make sure you are made aware of updates to the website. It is important to join the mailing list because this removes the problem of advancing age whereby you have to make a conscious effort to actually go to the website at least once a fortnight (of course you will go there more often) to check for the updates.

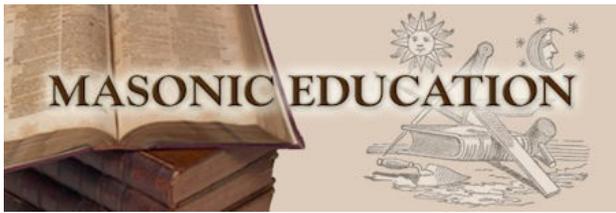
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Masonic Education Page

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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”?

Q - I heard the expression of “Passing the Chair”. Is that referring to the Ceremony of Installation?

A – Though it does not properly merit the title of Installation, it was a Ceremony, usually described as “fictitious” which was practiced in England from the mid 18th century until as late as 1863. The ceremony, whatever it may have been, arose soon after the Royal Arch appeared in England. The Royal Arch was exclusively a ceremony or degree for Masons who had “pass’d the Chair”, hence, for Installed Masters or Past Masters. In effect, the ceremony which in some cases was only slightly similar to our times Ceremony of Installation, enabled the recipient to acquire a so-called “Chair Degree”, though his tenure of office as Master might be only a matter of minutes, simply to qualify him to be admitted into the Royal Arch. It is believed that “Passing the Chair” did not grant the title of P M in the Craft. Some tensions on the subject were the reason for the Royal Arch to abolish the need for it.

Q: Have any traces been found of King Solomon’s Temple?

A: Yes. Traces of the wall, which surrounds the Temple area, have been found. The following is quoted from the paper entitled “Freemasonry in the Holy Land” by W Bro. C.W. Cowell in the Transactions of the Manchester Assoc. of Masonic Research: The great wall which surrounds the Temple area above ground, and eighty feet below the surface, as ascertained by Sir Charles Warren in 1871. He sank a deep shaft at the S.E. corner and at the bottom of this found very well dressed stones bearing marks – ‘masons’ marks’ he called them, in the form of letters and figures in red paint. The characters were considered to be Phoenician, and had been preserved for 3000 years by reason of being deeply covered with soil. General Sir Charles Warren, who was the first Master of the great Research Lodge Quatuor Coronati No 2076 EC, definitely describes these ‘The Marks of King Solomon’.



Freemasonry and Islam

Given that New Zealand is now home to many members of the Islamic Faith it is not inconceivable that we will get inquiries from members of this faith about joining our Lodges. This article was written by:

RW Bro. Celil Layiktez P.Asst. G. M.

Lodge Zeytin Dali No. 146 Grand Lodge of Turkey

Editor of TESVÝYE (The level)

The Masonic Magazine of the Grand Lodge of Turkey

There is a general reaction to Freemasonry in the Islamic world. After Clement XII excommunicated Freemasonry in 1738, under the pressure of his Christian subjects and with the approval of the “ulema” (Islamic theologians) who were thinking that “If the Pope declares that Freemasons are atheists, there must be some truth in his words” , Sultan Mahmut I outlawed Freemasonry. Since that date “Freemason” became synonym to “atheist” in the Ottoman Empire. After the declaration of the second constitutional monarchy in the Empire (1908), the Islamic reaction organized a revolt in Istanbul. This revolt has been crushed by the “Action Army” and Sultan Abdulhamid II has been dethroned. The Action Army had been organized and commanded by Freemasons. The committee of five deputies that came to announce to Abdulhamid that he had been dethroned, were Freemasons, all five of them. These facts have reinforced the existing reaction to Freemasonry by the radical Islamic community. The Sultan was also the Caliph of all Islam and the guardian of the sacred grounds in Mecca and Medina. Anything that happened in the Ottoman Empire influenced the Arab and Islamic world at large.

In the years preceding the Second World War and also during the War, the Nazi propaganda of a Judeo – Masonic plot to govern the world, the actions of Sheriff Hussein in Jerusalem and finally the creation of the State of Israel have all strengthened this anti-Masonic feeling, this time with a touch of anti-Semitism going with it. The Arabs regard Freemasonry as a force against Islam, which even makes fun of Islam, and which was the cause of the success of European imperialism in Arabia. The atheist and anti – clerical stance of the Grand Orient of France is reinforcing this current.

Freemasonry is outlawed, in general, in Arab countries. There was a flourishing Freemasonry in Algeria, before it gained independence. Freemasonry is prohibited in all Arab countries except Lebanon and Morocco. The lodges labouring in the American bases in these countries are an exception.

MOROCCO

The Grand Lodge of Morocco has been consecrated by the GLNF in 1999. M.W. Bro. Claude Charboniaud, Grand Master of the GLNF, wishing to accomplish this ceremony with the participation of the Grand Master of a Grand Lodge existing in an Islamic country, has gracefully invited the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Turkey, Bro. Sahir Talat Akev, for a joint consecration ceremony. Our Grand Master could not come because of his ill health and he passed away to the Eternal East, on the 14th June 2000, the day of the consecration of the Grand Lodge of Morocco. The Grand Lodge of Turkey had been represented by another Grand Officer. Earlier, on the 23rd March 1973, the High Court of Casablanca, after a long court procedure, had given the verdict that Freemasonry was compatible with Islam. This verdict has been published in Tesviye No. 51[1], both in Turkish and in its official French translation.

EGYPT

The Egyptian Freemasonry had been hand in hand with Ottoman Freemasonry. When the Grand Lodge of Turkey, after being recognized and later re-consecrated by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to obtain its recognition by the UGLE and the G.L. of Ireland, proved that its origin was regular showing that the Lodge Resne, one of its founding lodges, had its charter from the Grand Lodge of Egypt, a regular obedience at the time. The Grand Lodge of Egypt had regular and irregular periods in its history. Halim Pasha, the son of Mehmet Ali Pasha from Kavala who was the first Khedive (viceroy) of Egypt, founded the Scottish Rite in Turkey in 1861 and in Egypt in 1866, and has been supreme Grand Commander in both countries. As the Grand Lodge of Egypt started to accept some irregular rites, as the Rite of Memphis – Misraim, the UGLE declared it irregular and founded its own District Grand Lodge in 1867, with Halim Pasha as its first Master. The nephew of Halim Pasha, the Khedive Ismail who had the Suez Channel opened, was probably a Freemason, but there is no written record to prove it. On the other hand, his son has been initiated without any doubt. In 1952, after the King Farouk had been dethroned, Freemasonry was disgraced and was closed after the 1956 Suez crisis, by Gamal Abdelnasser.

Today, in spite that the Rotarian wife of Husnu Mubarek, President of Egypt, organizes the foreign relations of the Egyptian Rotary, this organization is regarded as a camouflaged Freemasonry by the radical Islamic community.

Mustafa El-Amin, in his book, "Freemasonry, Ancient Egypt and the Islamic Destiny" compares the symbolism of the Ancient Egyptian mysteries and Islamic scriptures with those of the craft. According to El-Amin, although the Masonic rites and symbols are derived from Egypt, they have reached us through the Jews. Thus, the Jews had been operational in the ridiculization of the wisdom of Egypt in Masonic lodges. The writer says that the Shriners, with their fez and crescents are mocking the Islamic religion. The "problem" of "Masonry mocking the Moslem Faith" is also treated by Dr. Paul Rich[2]; he states that: "The prohibition of Masonry in the Muslim Countries of the Middle East is paltry because there are aspects of Masonry which religious people feel verge on mocking their faith. An example of Masonic ritual which offends some, and that shows the gulf between believers and Masons, is the resemblance between the assassination and exhumation of the candidate in the third or Master Mason degree and religious accounts of resurrection. Almost nothing can be said to correct their common interpretation of the third degree that the Mason is saved by Freemasonry and not by religion".

El – Azhar University in Cairo and the Islamic Jurisdictional College[3]

- Possibly the most influential body in promulgating and interpreting Islamic Law is the Islamic Jurisdictional College (IJC)[
- . At its meeting on 15 July 1978, it issued an opinion concerning "The Freemasons' Organization".
- The IJC declared: "After complete research concerning this organization, based on written accounts from many sources, we have determined that":
- Freemasonry is a clandestine organization, which conceals or reveals its system, depending on the circumstances. Its actual principles are hidden from members, except for chosen members of its higher degrees.
- The members of the organization, worldwide, are drawn from men without preference for their religion, faith or sect.
- The organization attracts members on the basis of providing personal benefits. It traps men into being politically active, and its aims are unjust.
- New members participate in ceremonies of different names and symbols, and are frightened from disobeying its regulations and orders.
- Members are free to practice their religion, but only members who are atheists are promoted to its higher degrees, based on how much they are willing to serve its dangerous principles and plans.
- It is a political organization. It has served all revolutions, military and political transformations. In all dangerous changes a relation to this organization appears either exposed or veiled.
- It is a Jewish Organization in its roots. Its secret higher international administrative board are Jews and it promotes Zionist activities.
- Its primary objectives are the distraction of all religions and it distracts Muslims from Islam.
- It tries to recruit influential financial, political, social, or scientific people to utilize them. It does not consider applicants it cannot utilize. It recruits kings, prime ministers, high government officials and similar individuals.
- It has branches under different names as a camouflage, so people cannot trace its activities, especially if the name of "Freemasonry" has opposition. These hidden branches are known as Lions, Rotary and others. They have wicked principles that completely contradict the rules of Islam. There is a clear relationship between Freemasonry, Judaism and International Zionism. It has controlled the activities of high Arab officials in the Palestinian problem. It has limited their duties, obligations and activities for the benefit of Judaism and International Zionism.
- Given that Freemasonry involves itself in dangerous activities, it is a great hazard, with wicked objectives, the Jurisdictional Synod determines that Freemasonry is a dangerous, destructive organization. Any Muslim, who affiliates with it, knowing the truth of its objectives, is an infidel to Islam".

Editors Note.

As it is reasonable to assume that we can expect to initiate Brethren of this faith into our Lodges it is reasonable to ask for guidance from the Board of General Purposes on how the Koran should be placed on the pedestal along with the usual VSL and where it should be opened for the ceremonies of the three degrees. What special care should be exercised in handling of the Koran and its storage in our Lodges? This also applies to other VSL's if non-Christian faith's as well in our modern multi-cultural society. Something for the Ritual Revision Committee to take on board?

		
<i>Islamic Crescent</i>	<i>Buddhist Dharmacakra</i>	<i>Hindu Swastika</i>



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

Well I certainly got a surprise with the feedback from me last epistle. Didn't expect youse blokes to enjoy me little note but there you go. Never know what's gonna take people's fancy do you? Gott ask ya? Did you getcha G-mail accounts sorted out? Real important that is to make your Lodges look good.

Sum people from Taranaki who read the last ditty wanted to know why I referred to the old shiela as Tilly. They knew her by her real name which is Marama. That means Moon in Maori. Bit of a story behind that. When we'd finished milkin' in the shed and cleaned up we used to sit on the veranda in summer having a drink or three an the old kero Tilly lamp would be buzzin away there attracting them mozzies and sandflies. Namu we used to call them. Me missus would get stuck into the Pimms while we were drinking that Tarankai Dark. It used to make her whole face glow like the Tilly lamp so that how she got the name Tilly. Kinda stuck over the years. Couldn't do it in winter of course. To bleedin cold down there in the Naki.

Also turns out that me ol mate Mike Bayliss from the Lodge in Taranaki has gone to pullin tits in the big milkin' shed in the sky. The final tanker call came for him in 2007. Comes for all of us at some time I guess. Good guy Mike. One o' the best.

Now have to tell you about this. Sad story. Couple of weeks back Tilly had to go to hospital for some woman's problem and stay over for a few days so I took me Lodge bag down with me. Looked up a Lodge to visit on the Net and walked in. Spoke to the Tyler as you do. Showed him me certificates. No problem. Snuck in the door an sat at the back so I could watch what the others did cos I've forgotten quite a few things. All was going good until the WM asked this codger to bring me up front to be introduced. Along pranced this old bloke, as bald as a skinned possum, actin' like that clown we got rid of in Germany back in the 1940's to collect me. Started yellin' at me about steppin' off with the left foot and all that stuff. Not whisperin'. Just yellin' out real loud like his hearin' aid batteries had gone flat. Made me feel like a real twit. Waving this stick thing all over the place like he was the boss. Carried on like that all night. I gave him the name of Adolf Funny thing is that no one pulled him up and told him off. If he had pulled that stunt in the "Naki" he would have been takin out the back and given a pen and piece of paper and told to write out his not gonna be comin' back letter. You don't need a twerp like that in any club. He might have been good once but way past his use by date now I reckon.

Now here's a tip for youse. It's that time of the year when colds an flu get to you so thought I'd share a cure that always works for me an Tilly. Old Grandad Kenny from Waipu used to use it regular like. No alcohol allowed in his house of course except a bottle of Scotch whisky always kept in the medicine cupboard. Anyway when you got the flu take a medium sized glass an squeeze half a lemon into it. Put in a teaspoon of honey and an Aspirin. Add a tablespoon of Scotch an half fill the glass with warm water and stir it all up till the honey is melted. Swallow as quick as possible. Funny how Grandad Kenny used to get crook so often. Sometimes he even needed two Aspirin and would put two tablespoons of Scotch in the second glassful. His snorin' used to make all them wooden blinds rattle all night. Him and grandma slept at different ends of the house. When you take this remedy you'll sweat like a racehorse but get up in the morning and feel much better. Sometimes you might have to have a dose of this medicine over two nights. Good old fashioned cure though. Comes from Scotland. Not sure that that bloke who started Waipu off, Rev Norman McLeod would have approved. Strict tea-totaller he was. Visit the museum there if you'r passin' through there. Real interestin' place.

Next month Tilly has to go down to Auckland for a thing called an MRI scan I think it's called. Gonna stay over in a motel again and throw some clobber and me Lodge bag in the Landrover and go visit another Lodge. Now that I've taken the first step it's gonna be a bit easier. Certainly won't be going back to Adolf's Lodge though. Gonna find one where they got the ol peace, love, and harmony of the ol days as I recall them. Jus' remember you blokes. When someone like me comes back after years away from Lodge - treat em gently. No Adolf yellin' an screamin. Probably scares others away as well. No one can hack that sort of performance for very long. Specially young fellas. They tell their mates and everyone shies away. Not good for the Lodge income or bums on seats. A real member-killer act.

So until next time – 'Ka Kite Ano'. That's Maori for 'see you later' which we "honkies" talk like up here as well.

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 years between April and May 1869.

<p>MASONIC PRESENTATION.—The Masonic brethren of Wellington presented Captain Benson, late General Manager of the Panama Steam Company, with a farewell address, and a handsome jewel of the office he held as Substitute Master, previous to his taking his departure for England in the Ruahine. The <i>Independent</i>, of the 25th of March, gives a long account of the ceremony:—"The address was very handsomely engrossed and illuminated by Mr. H. E. Brandon, and the jewel was manufactured by Burton Brothers, of Dunedin, Provincial Grand Jewellers, S.C. It was a gold square attached to a red ribbon, with two gold clasps. The face is neatly chased, and the back bears the inscription—"Presented to Brother Benson, S.M., by the members of the Waterloo Lodge, No. 463, S.C., Wellington, New Zealand, March, 1869." During the short time Captain Benson resided in Wellington, he won the esteem of all classes by his urbanity of manner and liberality of conduct, and his departure appears to have been universally regretted. A short time before he left, Captain Benson had presented the two lodges in Wellington with a valuable harmonium imported by himself.</p>	<p>MASONIC.</p> <p>At the regular monthly meeting of the United Service Lodge of Freemasons, held yesterday evening, Brother George Gledhill, W.M., in a few feeling and appropriate remarks, presented Brother William Nicol, the late host of the Masonic Hotel, with the following address:—</p> <p>"United Service Lodge, No. 421, I.C. "Auckland, 31st March, 1869.</p> <p>"Dear Sir and Brother,—Now that your connection with the Masonic Hotel is about to cease, we, the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the above Lodge desire to express to you our deep regret at being called upon to part with you, and in doing so we would fail very much in our duty did we not in some small degree testify to you the high appreciation of the kindness and civility you have on all occasions shown to the members of this Lodge. Please convey to Mrs. Nicol and family our best wishes for their future welfare, and believe us, when we state that wherever you are or may be placed you will always be remembered by the Brethren of the United Service Lodge. Commending you to the protection and care of the Great Architect of the universe,—We remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,</p> <p>"GEORGE GLEDHILL, "Worshipful Master. "ADAM BROCK, "Secretary."</p> <p>Brother Nicol suitably responded, and thanked the Brethren on behalf of himself and Mrs. Nicol, for the kindness and support that they invariably received from the members of the fraternity.</p>
<p>NELSON EXAMINER AND NEW ZEALAND CHRONICLE, VOLUME XXVIII, ISSUE 27, 3 APRIL 1869</p>	<p>NEW ZEALAND HERALD, VOLUME VI, ISSUE 1672, 1 APRIL 1869</p>
<p>We would again remind our readers that the laying of the foundation stone of the new Town Hall, Clyde, will take place this day at 11 o' clock, and would invite the attendance of one and all. The ceremony will be performed with Masonic Honors, by Vincent Pyke Esq., Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Members of the Dunstan Lodge, who will appear in full regalia, also by the Members of the Lodge of Foresters. Special accommodation in the shape of a platform has been provided for ladies and children.</p>	<p>THE new Masonic Hall is now on the high road to completion. The roof is already on, and for the first time the size of the building is clearly apparent. The length of the hall is 66 feet, with a breadth of 26 feet, and walls 10 feet high. The material is, as we have before stated, of "cob." The inner walls are now being plastered, and in a very short time the building will be ready for the purposes for which it is destined. We doubt if a larger or more substantial hall is to be found in any of the Goldfield towns.</p>
<p>DUNSTAN TIMES, ISSUE 364, 16 APRIL 1869</p>	<p>MOUNT IDA CHRONICLE, VOLUME I, ISSUE 12, 23 APRIL 1869</p>

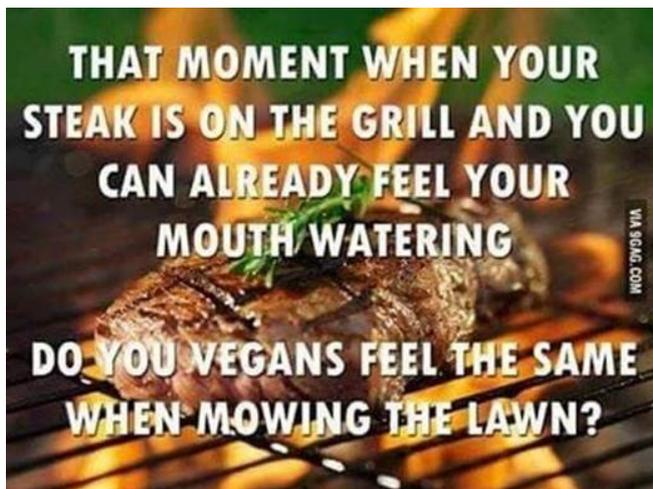
<p>MASONIC.—The annual installation of the Worshipful Master of the Southern Cross Lodge, took place at the Masonic Hall, Prince of Wales Hotel, last Thursday. The attendance of brethren was numerous, and the interesting ceremony performed with due impressiveness. The following gentlemen assisted at the ceremony. Brother Butts, P.M., Brother Reese, P.M., and Brother Danby, P.M. After he was duly installed, Brother Webster appointed the following gentlemen officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year—S.W., Bro. Bain; Secretary, Bro. Conyers; Treasurer, Bro. Martin; S.D., Bro. Craig; J.D., Bro. M'Clure; I.G., Bro. Nye; Tyler, Bro. Sugar. In the evening the customary banquet took place, when the retiring W.M., Brother Reese, was presented with an engrossed testimonial and jewel, as a mark of the appreciation of the Brethren of the Lodge for his services during the past year. After a good many toasts had been given and responded to, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.</p>	<p>The new Masonic Hall was formally consecrated last night. There was a full attendance of the Brethren, about 250 being present, and the proceedings were presided over by R.W.P.G.M., Harris of the English, and Pyke of the Scottish Constitutions, assisted by P.G. Registrar White, I.C. All the local lodges were present, most of those in the country were represented, and the brethren were all appropriately attired, the various officers wearing the jewels proper to their rank. The ceremony was very solemn and impressive. A banquet was afterwards held in the lower hall, and the evening spent in the manner usual with the brethren, Brother Pyke filling the chair.</p>
<p><i>SOUTHLAND TIMES, ISSUE 1152, 3 MAY 1869</i></p>	<p><i>GREY RIVER ARGUS, VOLUME VII, ISSUE 514, 4 MAY 1869</i></p>
<p>The regular monthly meeting of Lodge Ara, No. 348, I.C., will be held in the lodge-room, Masonic Hotel, at half-past seven o'clock this evening.</p>	<p>THE regular Quarterly Meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter will be held at the Chapter-room, Masonic Hotel, to-day. RECEPTION OF M.H.H. ...</p>
<p><i>DAILY SOUTHERN CROSS, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 3654, 5 APRIL 1869</i></p>	<p><i>NEW ZEALAND HERALD, VOLUME VI, ISSUE 1681, 12 APRIL 1869</i></p>
<p>THE foundation stone of the new Town Hall, Clyde, is to be laid by Mr Vincent Pyke, R.M., with Masonic honours, on Friday next, the 16th inst.</p>	<p>The regular monthly meeting of Lodge Waitemata 689, E.C., will be held on Monday evening next, at the lodgeroom, Masonic Hotel, when all members of the E.C. are requested to be present.</p>
<p><i>BRUCE HERALD, VOLUME VI, ISSUE 259, 14 APRIL 1869</i></p>	<p><i>DAILY SOUTHERN CROSS, VOLUME XXV, ISSUE 3665, 17 APRIL 1869</i></p>
<p>The members of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 432, S.C., Lodge St. Clair, No. 450, S.C., Otago Kilwinning Lodge, No. 417, S.C., are requested to attend the ceremony of the consecration of the New Masonic Hall, to-morrow evening at six o'clock.</p>	<p>AMUSEMENTS, MEETINGS, &c. THIS DAY. VESTRY ST ANDREWS' CHURCH—Meeting of Presbytery, at noon. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER—Meeting Popular Entertainment Association, 3 p.m. ST ALBAN'S WESLEYAN CHURCH—Tea meeting, 6 p.m.; public meeting, 7.30 p.m. TOWN HALL—Gourlay Family, 8 p.m. MASONIC HALL—Lodge of instruction, 7.30 p.m.</p>
<p><i>OTAGO DAILY TIMES, ISSUE 2250, 22 APRIL 1869</i></p>	<p><i>PRESS, VOLUME XIV, ISSUE 1870, 13 APRIL 1869</i></p>



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Where Do They Get Them From?



- She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.
- The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

Happy (Real Age) Birthdays for June.

Title	Name	Surname	Lodge Name	Lodge No
WBro	Ralph	Barber	Hokianga	69
WBro	Douglas	Denby	Hokianga	69
WBro	Robert	Brown	Mangonui/Kaitaia	78
WBro	Scott	Carr	Kaikohe/Ohaeawai	101
Bro	Dominandor	Martinez	Kaikohe/Ohaeawai	101
WBro	John	Farley	Whangarei	102
VWBro	Kenneth	Notton	Whangarei	102
WBro	John	Upton	Whangarei	102
WBro	Stephen	Shervell	Whangarei	102
Bro	Garth	Buck	Whangarei	102
Bro	Allan	Burns	Hikurangi	140
Bro	David	Craig	Hikurangi	140
Bro	Knox	Henderson III	Hikurangi	140
WBro	Edmund	Inger	Wellsford/Marsden	169
Bro	James	May	Wellsford/Marsden	169
WBro	Alastair	Mitchell	Kororareka	304
Bro	Joshua	Kosmala-George	Kororareka	304
WBro	Robert	Bubendorfer	Kerikeri	402
WBro	Rex	Graham	Kerikeri	402
WBro	Keith	Ashcroft	Kerikeri	402
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WBro	John	Anderson	Kerikeri	402
Bro	Robert	Kingman	Kerikeri	402
WBro	Peter	Faber	Okara Daylight	461



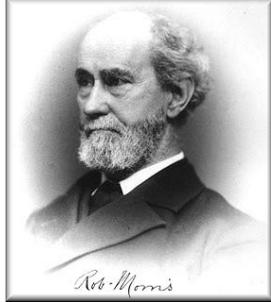
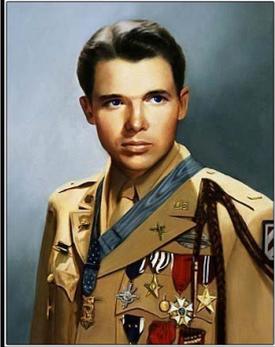
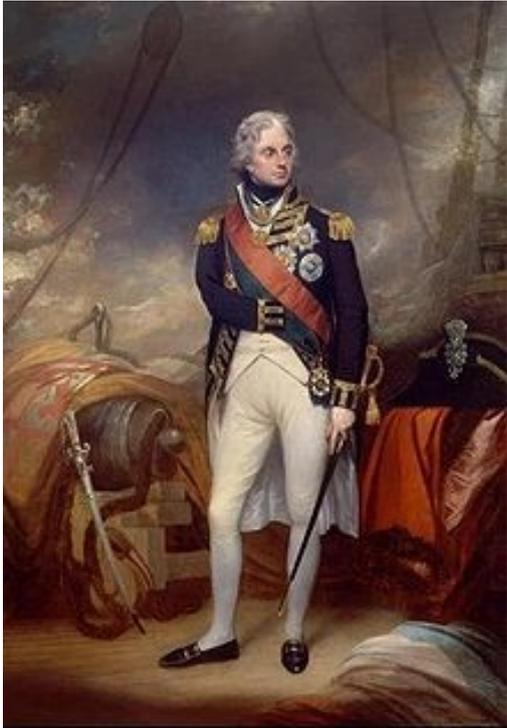
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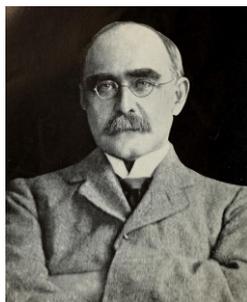
Some Famous Freemasons

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

<p>Moore, General Sir John (1761-1809)</p> <p>Best known for his military training reforms that created Light Infantry units of a type still in existence today, John Moore fought with the British Army in theatres of operation from America to Egypt. During the Peninsular War, having first determined that his Spanish Allies were a beaten force, he guided the withdrawal of the British units in freezing weather conditions to the port of La Coruña in north-west Spain, luring Napoleon's soldiers to the north as he did so. He organized his troops to hold off the French until all the British units were embarked on waiting ships and their sails set for England. In the thick of the action, on the 16th January 1809, Moore was hit by a cannon ball and mortally wounded. In respect for his clever and gallant enemy, the French commander at the Battle of Corunna, Marshal Soult, raised a memorial in General Moore's honour.</p>	
<p>Moray, Sir Robert (1608-1673)</p> <p>A linguist, soldier, diplomat, statesman and spy, Scotsman Robert Moray was initiated into the Lodge of Edinburgh on the 20 May 1641. (This is possibly the earliest written record of a Masonic initiation. See Elias Ashmole above.) He was knighted by King Charles I on the 10th January 1643 for diplomatic services, but also to give him higher status during his machinations with the French. Robert Moray was well known to Charles I, Charles II and the devious French cardinals Richelieu and Mazarin. During the reign of King Charles II (see above), Moray became a founder member of The Royal Society of London, begun on the 28 November 1660, with a nucleus of members of the "Invisible College". So involved in the Society's creation was Freemason Moray, that he was the man responsible for the Society obtaining its Royal Charter, and formulating its statutes and regulations based on Masonic principles. Sir Robert Moray's Masonic symbol was the 5-pointed star. He is also recorded as being the first person initiated into Speculative Freemasonry in England.</p>	

<p>Morris, Rob (1818-1888)</p> <p>Wikipedia lists Rob Morris simply as 'FREEMASON': The late Brother Morris this would consider this sobriquet to be his finest accolade. A prominent American poet, Morris is regarded in the U.S.A. as the 'Poet Laureate of Masonry'. He was a lawyer and educator, and founded The Order of the Eastern Star.</p>	
<p>Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus (1756-1791)</p> <p>Although he passed to The Grand Lodge Above after only 35 years of life, Austrian composer Amadeus Mozart is considered among the greatest and most prolific composers in history. Of his more than 600 compositions, his finest works; including the opera 'Don Giovanni' (1787), his last three symphonies (1788) and the opera 'The Magic Flute' (1791), were written in the last five years of his short life. Mozart attended Lodge Zur Wohltatigkeit, Vienna.</p>	
<p>Murphy, Audie Leon (1924-1971)</p> <p>Audie Murphy was the most decorated American soldier of World War II, although after the war he suffered from PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), a condition which he sought to bring to public notice to the benefit of other suffers. Murphy achieved his real fame as an actor, mainly in Westerns. A member of North Hollywood Lodge No.542, California, and a 33 degree holder, Murphy was always involved and active in Freemasonry.</p>	
<p>Nelson, Horatio – Admiral, 1st Viscount Nelson of the Nile (1758-1805)</p> <p>Britain's most famous naval officer, Nelson had already won his fame as a naval commander before his death at the Battle of Trafalgar (21st October 1805) made him one of Britain's greatest national heroes. The battle finally dashed any hope that Napoleon entertained of invading Britain. Nelson's title in full was Vice Admiral of the White, Horatio Nelson, 1st Viscount Nelson of the Nile, Baron Nelson of the Nile, K.B. In addition to these British titles, he was also Duke of Bronte in the nobility of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Ferdinand and of Merit, and a Knight of the Ottoman Empire's Order of the Crescent.</p> <p>It is most likely that Bro. Nelson was initiated in Amphibious Lodge No. 407, Plymouth, England, but he also has association with York Lodge No. 236. At the Masonic Hall in the town of Reading, Berkshire, may be seen a framed print with a representation of a banner carried at Lord Nelson's funeral. It bears the following words: "We rejoice with our Country but mourn our Brother." It was carried at the funeral by York Lodge No. 236.</p>	

**Some Masonic Poems of Brother Rudyard Kipling,
Lodge of Hope and Perserverance No 782, EC
Lahore, Punjab, India**



King Solomon's Banquet

"Once in so often," King Solomon said,
Watching his quarrymen drill the stone,
"We will club our garlic and wine and bread
And banquet together beneath my Throne.
And all the Brethren shall come to that mess
As Fellow-Craftsmen - no more no less.

"Send a swift shallop to Hiram of Tyre,
Felling and floating our beautiful trees,
Say that the Brethren and I desire
Talk with our Brethren who use the seas.
And we shall be happy to meet them at mess
As Fellow-Craftsmen - no more no less.

"Carry this message to Hiram Abif-
Excellent Master of forge and mine:
I and the Brethren would like it if
He and the Brethren will come to dine,
(Garments from Bozrah or morning dress)
As Fellow-Craftsmen - no more no less.

God gave the Hyssop and cedar their place -
Also the Bramble, the Fig and the Thorn -
But that is no reason to black a man's face
Because he is not what he wasn't been born,
And, as touching the Temple, I hold and profess
We are Fellow Craftsmen - no more and no less.

So it was ordered and so it was done,
And the hewers of wood and the Masons of Mark
With foc'sle hands of the Sidon run
And Navy Lords from the Royal Ark,
Came and sat down and were merry at mess
As Fellow Craftsmen - no more and no less.

The quarries are hotter than Hiram's forge,
No-one is safe from the dog-whip's reach.
It's mostly snowing up Lebanon gorge,
And it's always blowing off Joppa beach;
But once in so often, the messenger brings
Solomon's mandate; "Forget these things!
Brother to Beggars and Fellow to Kings
Companion of Princes - forget these things!
Fellow Craftsmen, forget these things!"

L'Envoi to "Life's Handicap"

My new-cut ashlar takes the light
Where crimson-blank the windows flare;
By my own work, before the night,
Great Overseer I make my prayer.

If there be good in that I wrought,
Thy hand compelled it, Master, Thine;
Where I have failed to meet Thy thought
I know, through Thee, the blame is mine.

One instant's toil to Thee denied
Stands all Eternity's offence,
Of that I did with Thee to guide
To Thee, through Thee, be excellence.

Who, lest all thought of Eden fade,
Bring'st Eden to the craftsman's brain,
Godlike to muse o'er his own trade
And Manlike stand with God again.

The depth and dream of my desire,
The bitter paths wherein I stray,
Thou knowest Who hast made the Fire,
Thou knowest Who hast made the Clay!

One stone the more swings to her place
In that dread Temple of Thy Worth --
It is enough that through Thy grace
I saw naught common on Thy earth.

Take not that vision from my ken;
Oh whatsoever may spoil or speed,
Help me to need no aid from men
That I may help such men as need!



(An Indian All White Master Masons Apron)

Scientific Research” Views on Mums” by Kids.

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the cellotape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mum just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mum?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mum like me.

What kind of a little girl was your mum?

1. My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mum need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least 1 million a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mum marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mum didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such an idiot.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess mum is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between mums and dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but mums have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
4. Mums have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mum do in her spare time?

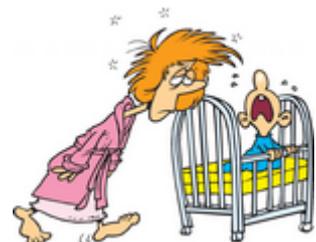
1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mum perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.



THE Cake Recipe For Our Ladies (So Print It Out!)

Mrs Jan Vartan has kindly forwarded this recipe for the cake which was used for the Mangonui Kaitaia Lodge No 78 125th anniversary in April. The cake was donated by Rev'd Bruce Cockburn, a retired vicar from Kaeo who served an apprenticeship as baker. Several ladies present on the day were asking for the recipe so here it is:

Rich Christmas Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 lb [450 gm] Butter
- 1 lb [450 gm] Brown sugar
- 1 lb 8 oz [675 gm] Eggs
- 1½oz [38 gm] Honey
- ¼oz [7 gm] Salt
- ¼oz [7 gm] Mixed Spice
- 1 tsp each of Lemon, Orange and Almond Essence
- ½ oz [13 gm] Black Caramel (if available)
- 1lb 6oz [625gm] Flour
- ½ teaspoon Baking Powder
- 2lb [900gm] Currants
- 1lb 8oz [675gm] Sultanas
- 8oz [225gm] Cherries
- 8oz [225gm] Peel and Almonds
- 1lb [450gm] Raisins

Method:

- Cream the Cream the butter, honey, brown sugar essences and salt, [+ black caramel if available] adding the eggs one at a time.
- Sift flour, baking powder and spice.
- Add dry ingredients to creamed batter; mix thoroughly; then add the fruit and mix thoroughly.
- Fill into lined tins; bake at 300°F [150°C] for approximately 2 hours 15 minutes.
- May be iced and decorated or just a sprig of holly.



Editors Note: Worth every millimetre of additional waist line - especially with the icing!

Some One Liners To Use When Replying To Toasts in Refectory

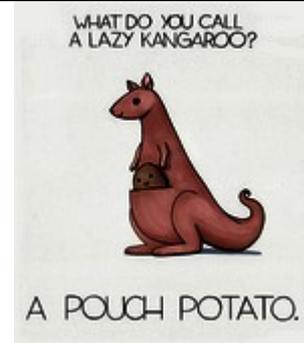
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not using it in a fruit salad.
- Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.'
- Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)
- I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.
- Mark Twain
- The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.
- George Burns
- Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.
- Mark Twain
- By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.
- Socrates
- My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.
- Jimmy Durante
- I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.
- Zsa Zsa Gabor
- Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.
- Alex Levine
- Money can't buy you happiness But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.
- Spike Milligan
- Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP.
- Joe Namath
- I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.
- Bob Hope
- We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.
- Will Rogers
- Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.
- Winston Churchill
- Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty, but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.
- Phyllis Diller
- By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.
- Billy Crystal

Leaving the Best Till Last –

- And the nutritionist's diet:- if it tastes good then spit it out.

More Puns For Those Who Love The English Language

- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Dijon vu – the same mustard as before.
- Practice safe eating – always use condiments.
- Shotgun wedding – a case of wife or death.
- A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.
- A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
- What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).
- In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
- If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A lot of money is tainted – taint yours and taint mine.
- A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.
- Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
- Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done."



WHAT DO YOU CALL A
THIEVING ALLIGATOR?



A CROOKODILE

WHAT DO YOU CALL A PIG
THAT DOES KARATE?



PORK CHOP

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN
ALLIGATOR IN A VEST?



AN INVESTIGATOR.



WE CAN SIT AND TALK ABOUT THIS,
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