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# Grand Master

Brethren and Ladies,

Anne and I have recently returned from an enjoyable visit to Adelaide, South Australia where we took part in the Installation of their new Grand Master and were privileged to be accompanied by the New Zealand delegation. Once again New Zealand Freemasons and their wives were one of the largest delegations at the Australian Installation. Anne and I are most grateful for the support we have received.

As I mentioned in the last issue of the *New Zealand Freemason*, I will be attending the Installation of Lodge Morningside in Brisbane on Saturday 15 July 2006. You are welcome to accompany Anne and I if it is convenient for you.

The trip to Hong Kong will depart on Wednesday 1 November 2006, flying on to Perth on 8 November 2006, for the installation there, and returning to New Zealand on Monday 13 November. I invite expressions of interest to the Grand Secretary and we will then send final details by July-August 2006.



The work of the Board of Benevolence continues apace and I was delighted to visit the Research Station in South Australia during my recent trip to see at first hand, with several members of the Board of Benevolence, the exciting research work being undertaken on the Freemasons sponsored project for Huntingdon's disease. Watch this space as there is expected to be some ground breaking news in a few months time.

As part of my outreach and communication programme I was recently privileged to address one of the largest Rotary Clubs in New Zealand. My address appears to have been well received and has even resulted in a number of enquiries about membership.

Many of you will have been disappointed with the comments made by the American President of the Rotary Foundation about Freemasonry. We have replied to the NBR about the article in a positive manner. I am aware that many of our members are Rotarians and we share many of our meeting places with this wonderful organisation. I am currently seeking to discuss the article with the incoming World President elect of Rotary International, a New Zealander from the Pakuranga Club, Auckland.

With the announcement of my successor, RW Bro Barry McLaggan P Pres Bd GP, having been made I am looking forward to a large gathering of ladies and Brethren at our Installation in Wellington 23-26 November 2006.

The symbolism of the autumn season can now be seen in my adopted home of Arrowtown. I recently had a poignant reminder of this when our Vicar used the interpretation of the beauty of the coloured leaves in the autumn which in due course make way for the new growth of spring. It does remind us all of the need to be looking for the "new growth" in our members and I look forward to attending the initiation of a Brother as a Lewis in the near future. Do not forget not only the "coloured leaves" but also the "new growth."

I leave you with a quote from the Swiss philosopher Amiel

*"Life is short and we never have too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are travelling the journey with us. Oh make haste to be kind."*

Yours fraternally  
David Mace  
Grand Master

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If you are taking photos at a special event it may be worth adjusting your camera settings so you can take higher quality pictures. This means you will get less on your memory card but at least they will be of a quality acceptable to the print company.

As you read this I will be settling in to a new job. With much consideration I have accepted a role at Victoria University, working as part of their Corporate Communications team. I thank you all for your support throughout my time at Grand Lodge Office and trust you will welcome Sarah in the same way I was made to feel so welcome. Sarah starts on 26 June and lucky her – she gets to work in the new building!

Sarah will be contactable on 04 385 6622 or by e-mailing [sarahb@freemasons.co.nz](mailto:sarahb@freemasons.co.nz). Please send her heaps of photos and articles for the next magazine and give her as much support as you can.

I wish you all the very best for the future.

Amy Morley  
Editor

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## Introducing... Professor Connolly Freemasons Chair in Gerontology

*The Masonic Chair in Geriatric Medicine was established in collaboration with the University of Auckland in 1983. To mark the centennial of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in 1990, The Professorial Chair of Geriatric medicine (Gerontology) was endowed to the University through a \$2million capital fund.*

*An enormous amount of new scientific research has been gained through research undertaken under the direction of this Chair and Department in the years since. Areas of study have included the causes and treatments of stroke, heart disease, dementia and disability as well as new methods of rehabilitation, health service provision and ways of improving lifestyle.*

When Professor Martin Connolly took up the position of The Freemasons Chair in Gerontology at the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (FMHS), he not only brought with him from the UK a new perspective in the treatment of the elderly but, he hopes, a reinforcement of New Zealand's increasingly progressive attitude to the elderly in general.

Professor Connolly spent 12 years training at Newcastle-Upon-Tyne where he was tutored by Professor John Grimley Evans, author of such textbooks as The Oxford Textbook of Geriatric Medicine. Professor Evans' passion for Gerontology ultimately rubbed off on his pupils, and in Martin's year alone, 10 students became Gerontology physicians.

While Professor Evans undoubtedly played a key part in Martin's decision to specialise in Geriatric Medicine, The Freemasons Chair holder was also significantly influenced by his own experiences of being a child of older parents, meaning all of his uncles and aunts were all in their 60's and 70's as he was growing up.

After finishing his general professional training, Professor Connolly was a Senior Registrar in Yorkshire for 4 years, one of which was spent at The University of Washington State on a research sabbatical.

In 1991 Martin Connolly was appointed Senior Lecturer in Geriatric Medicine at The University of Manchester where he worked for the next 15 years before his move to New Zealand.

Professor Connolly's research interests focus mainly on respiratory disease, and in particular, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD), a topic on which he has published extensively.

Professor Connolly would like to see a positive change in society's perception and treatment of the elderly.

"In a society that is run by young people, it is understandable (though regrettable) that we may be a little unwittingly ageist in our attitudes towards the elderly. What is intolerable, however, is the ageist policies that deny modes of care to the elderly. For example, an 80-year-old cancer patient should not be treated differently to a 40-year-old on the grounds of age alone. Why should one have access to a specialist and the other not purely because of age?" asks Professor Connolly.

"In The UK the average lifespan of a girl born today is 84, and for boys 78, with a similar pattern in New Zealand. As a society we are all living on average 10 years longer than we

did 50 years ago, and the elderly are anxious about living and living well”.

“The motto of the British Geriatrics Society, not adding years to life, but “adding life to years” encapsulates everything I believe should be in the forefront of our minds when providing the elderly with the best healthcare possible”.

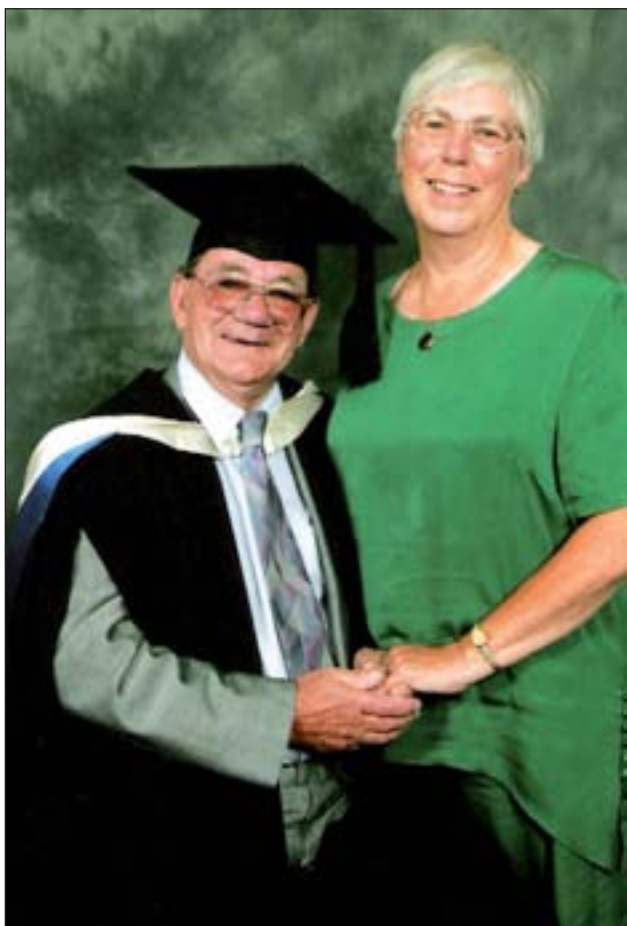
One of the difficulties a gerontologist faces is being able to relate to patients’ specific health needs, not always an easy task given that few of us has any personal experience being elderly ourselves. Professor Connolly hopes that through education and research, gerontologists will become better equipped at being able to treat their patients.

Professor Connolly, a keen cyclist, runner (he has completed nearly a dozen half marathons and four full ones) and avid ornithologist was greatly attracted to the lifestyle New Zealand offered. His eldest son Robert (19) has emigrated with Professor Connolly and in mid-2006, the pair will be joined by wife and mother Eileen and two other children, Madeelene (15) and Simon (10).



*The Plaque commemorating the contribution of Freemasons New Zealand to aged care in the form of the FMHS Chair in Gerontology.*

## Inspiring Education



Tom Becker is an inspiration to all. At the age of 61 Tom did something that not many people do – he started a degree at the Auckland University of Technology and recently graduated, aged 65, with a Bachelor of Health Science (BHSc).

Tom said the outstanding feature of the four years was the team effort from family, friends and the fellow students who were many years Toms junior.

Great credit is due to Noeline for her unstinting support over this time of study and Tom acknowledges that without this support, the degree would not have happened. He also acknowledges the support of two very dear friends in Auckland who were unstinting in their support in supplying Tom and Noeline with accommodation and much more.

Tom, Worshipful Master of Lodge Rotorua No. 153, would like to thank fellow Freemasons of the Geyserland District for their continual encouragement and the interest that they showed. He also said the outstanding teaching from the many tutors should not go unrecognised.

*Photographed: W Bro Tom Becker, PGS and wife Noeline after graduation of a Bachelor of Health Science (BHSc) degree through the Auckland University of Technology on 22 March 2006.*



Jeff Begbie then left to right,  
Chris Aplin, Dennis Aplin,  
Coral Begbie and Stu Britnell

## Driving for Disadvantaged Teens

A car rally organised by the Masonic Lodges of Papakura and Mangere was held around South Auckland recently to raise funds for disadvantaged teenagers.

The teenagers are tutored in the discipline of golf at the Firmount Golf Park, East Tamaki, in a world wide programme called First Tee.

The programme aims to give young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity and sportsmanship. The intent is to offer opportunities for improvement in the quality of life and create a platform where children can increase their potential for success.

Golfer Phil Tataurangi is the patron.

The Mangere Masonic Lodge has been sponsoring two teenagers for the past 12 months with the scheme and the money from the rally for First tee is part of the many on-going charitable organisations that the Freemasons assist.

The rally took the drivers through the scenic Hunua Hills and around Clevedon before finishing at the Auckland Botanic Gardens in Manurewa. There were six Masonic signs on the 67 kilometre course.

Geoff Evans from Lodge Otahuhu No. 387 was declared 1st overall at the prize giving and BBQ held after the rally in the attractive garden setting. Special prizes were awarded during the BBQ and the day was enjoyed by all.

Organiser, Selwyn Cooper from Lodge Mangere No. 330, described the event successful in developing fellowship among the Freemasons and rewarding as young people would benefit. Selwyn is the former Grand Secretary for Freemasons New Zealand.

Fourteen lodges took part in the rally which involved about a hundred people and 38 cars. Cars included a 1926 Chrysler owned by Tony Dewhurst and a 1925 Essex owned by Norman Dewhurst. The brothers have owned the car for many years. A 1929 Model A Ford owned by Jeff Begbie (pictured) also drew attention.

Over the last three years the event has raised funds for charitable purposes and last year the South Auckland Hospice benefited from the funds raised. The occasion also provides an opportunity to meet with others and interact with the Masonic fraternity.

*Article by Warren Yardley  
(formerly with The New Zealand Herald)*

# ROAMING BENEVOLENCE

As no doubt the Brethren of the Hawke's Bay area will have noticed in their local newspaper, the Board of Benevolence held a meeting at the Hastings Masonic Centre early in April.

This was an historic occasion, as it was the first time in over 100 years that the Board has met outside of Wellington. Such a move can only be attributed to the President of the Board, RW Bro Mark Winger, and is a tangible expression of his wish that the members of this body become recognisable to the members of the Craft. These Board members have, for the last century, given of their time and expertise in assisting the public of New Zealand in their times of trouble, no matter whence they live, or what their ethnic or social origins. This is a facet of the Board and their work that is so easily overlooked.

The Brethren of our beloved Craft cannot be blamed for thinking these Board members work in mysterious ways, as there has not really been the close contact with members of the Craft on a nationwide basis. This is certainly not intended to be a criticism of the Board; it was just simply a fact of life. All those years ago, travel was not like it is today, when one can leave Auckland in the early morning, travel as far as Dunedin, or even Invercargill, and meet with his fellows from all

over the country, wherever their home town may be. Such travel, even when possible, would have occupied several days and left the traveller fatigued.

So we come to April 2006. The Board was summoned to meet in Hastings, and a two-day session was programmed. This consisted of a Business session until 3pm, after which the Board toured the Hastings Masonic Trust facilities. This was also a first. To be able to view the result of many years of work by the local brethren in providing housing for the less fortunate and elderly was well worth the time spent. Bro John Gadsby was a most able host, presenting his commentary on the history and accomplishments of the Trust while the Board members viewed the properties.

The United Lodge of Napier No. 21 rescheduled their Regular Meeting to the Wednesday night. What a spectacle it was to see 83 Freemasons together to welcome the President and Board members including MW Bro David Mace, Grand Master. The evening was successful, and the atmosphere at refectory most pleasing. Each Member of the Board was introduced to the assembly and are no longer 'just a name on a piece of paper'.

Another early morning on the Thursday and the pressures were right on. Fortunately, due to the guidance of the

President, the agenda was completed, and after lunch, the group made a visit to the units of the Napier Masonic Trust. Once again Stuart Roper, the Napier Trust Chief Executive, excellently presented the commentary. The Hospital and units at Devonshire Place were well explained, and most impressive.

It was a tired, but very enthused group who were placed on their various aircraft for their homeward journey.

If one were asked the simple question "was the visit to Hawke's Bay of any value to the Board and their understanding of our organisation?" the answer would have to be a resounding YES.

Hopefully this will be but the beginning of the Board of Benevolence moving about the country, and bringing itself more to the awareness of our Brethren who will then be able to say "Yes, I have seen the members of the Board and they are both hard working and approachable. Just like us."

Well done Hawke's Bay.

*Article and photographs  
by VW Bro Tom Lowe*



# Trusting Together

## What's to become of the Masonic Trusts?

By John Roil

The Masonic Charitable Trusts in New Zealand are estimated to number around 1000 and have combined assets under their trusteeship well in excess of \$100m. These Trusts play a significant role within their communities through the dispensing of charity and practising philanthropy. Their contribution to public awareness of Freemasonry should not be underestimated but in many situations through lack of “branding” or through public misconception of “Masonic” the Trusts are not associated with Freemasonry.

While traditionally Freemasonry has not trumpeted about its charitable work there is an increasing need to lift our public profile for a number of reasons that include Government legislation, compliance regulations, taxation, local authority concessions, funding, and organisation differentiation, as well as membership recruitment and retention.

The Masonic Charitable Trusts can be categorised into four groups:

1. Trusts set up by individual Lodges to manage their own charitable funds.
2. Trusts set up to manage Lodge property.
3. Trusts operating as trading entities such as the Eldercare Trusts.
4. Trusts holding large investments, the income from which is distributed to charity.

Representatives from fifteen Trusts in the Group 3&4 categories met in Wellington early in May to discuss issues of mutual interest. The President of the Board of General Purposes initiated this meeting and I was invited to Chair it.

Trevor Garrett (CEO, Charities Commission), Peter Verhaart (Principal, Mercer Investment Consulting) and Warick Dunn (CEO, Wellington Masonic Villages Trust) gave presentations, and I spoke on the branding of Freemasonry.

*Continued...*

## HASTINGS DISTRICT MASONIC TRUST

The Hastings District Masonic Trust was constituted on 18 March 1965, and has now been in existence for over 40 years.

The purposes for which the Trust was formed arose out of the concern for the lack of suitable accommodation for the infirm/disabled and needy persons in Hastings, Havelock North and Central Hawke's Bay, and for the need to advance other charitable purposes.

Accordingly a charitable trust was set up under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 to carry out these objectives. Membership of the Trust's Board comprises of two members of each of the Masonic Lodges within the area covered by the Trust, nominated annually from the Board membership.

Funding to finance the administration of the Board's activities was initially raised through donations, and supplemented with fundraising activities.

The principal charitable activities of the Trust have concentrated on the

provision of inexpensive residential accommodation. In all the Trust has to date provided and currently administers 110 flats (or units) in seven complexes located in the areas within the district. The largest complex comprises of 35 units and the smallest eight units. Of the total number of units 16 are rental and the balance are “capital contribution” which also carry a weekly service charge.

In its earlier days the Trust was able to raise low interest housing loans from the then Housing Corporation, which enabled it to provide rental accommodation at significantly lower cost than market rentals. The Trust is still able to maintain its comparatively low rents on the existing rental units but with the demise of the Housing Corporation's low interest loan facility, the Trust has been unable to finance further rental unit construction.

The Trust's more recently constructed units have been offered by way of capital contribution – the payment of a refundable capital sum assessed on the cost of construction of the unit,

and secured by means of a Licence to Occupy. The weekly service charge covers such outgoings as rates, insurance, maintenance, depreciation and any communal facilities.

In addition to the provision of material accommodation, the Officers and individual members of the Trust Board are involved, on a purely voluntary basis, not only in the management and maintenance of the properties, but also in providing support for the welfare and wellbeing of the residents. Member Lodges also provide volunteers to act as visitors to each of the complexes, to provide personal contact and support for the residents.

Over the years the Trust has been fortunate in having the services of many dedicated and long serving Board members. Without their foresight and hard work, the Trust would not have achieved the results that it has, nor would now be in a position to be able to offer accommodation assistance and welfare support to so many of our senior citizens in the Hawke's Bay district.

The resulting discussion was wide ranging with the following comments reflecting a number of the conclusions reached or endorsed by the meeting.

The Charities Commission is still to finalise some details of its role. However it is clear that each Trust with assets above a reasonably low threshold (e.g. \$10,000) will have to register with the Commission within the next 12 months to retain its charitable status. Registration will require disclosure of Trustees, assets, disposal of income, type of Trust etc. A large number of the current Masonic Charitable Trusts will be required to register.

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While the consolidation of investment funds has merit to increase financial returns and reduce administration costs it was the consensus of the meeting that the requirements of the individual Trusts was so diverse with many requiring access to short term investments that this concept would be difficult to implement at this time.

The six Central Division Eldercare Trusts have started meeting on a regular basis and are seeing the benefits of this association. They have been able to lift their public profile and collectively have greater influence within the eldercare sector, with government and government agencies and in the reduction of compliance costs and insurance costs through group schemes. The benefits of this type of association are likely, to varying degrees, to have benefits nationally and with other special interest trusts such as Youth & Education Trusts.

There was general support for re-branding using the registered trademark “Freemasons” rather than the generic term “Masonic”. It was agreed this would take time and money to introduce particularly where signage needs to be replaced.

The three areas of governance that identify with “Freemasons New Zealand” come under the direction of the Boards of General Purpose and Benevolence together with the Masonic Charitable Trusts. The Trusts are a significant part of Freemasons New Zealand yet they do not have collective representation. Mark Winger, President of the Board of Benevolence, who was present, indicated his Board was prepared to act in that capacity as required.

The meeting resolved that the top priority was to establish a database of Trusts containing information similar to that required by the Charities Commission. The Board of General Purposes has been requested to implement this task. It was agreed another meeting of the Trusts should be held once this and other relevant information was available.

## NAPIER DISTRICT MASONIC TRUST

Over the 45 years since the Napier District Masonic Trust was established the Board’s strategic planning has been subtly altered to meet the changing requirements of society. But still the underlying charitable theme remains strong today “to help people in our community”.

In 1961 the Trust purchased land and built 24 pensioner flats and has progressively built up its stock of accommodation units to 228 and is Napier’s largest private provider of accommodation for the elderly.

The likes of Bill Dobson, Peter Tait and Sloane Millar, to name a few, have long gone but undoubtedly their Masonic backgrounds and foresight helped establish a strong financial foundation from which this Trust can expand today.

This Trust was the first to construct Licence to Occupy units in New Zealand and is believed to be the last Trust in New Zealand to obtain a significant capital cash grant from government to build a residential care facility.

During this evolution from pensioner flats the Trust saw the need and demand for a continuum of care for the elderly. A residential home was built in 1989 with further development of a hospital wing in 2000 providing a 54 bed facility. Expansion of the residential home and hospital continues today with the addition of a new wing under construction that will provide four ensuite studio rooms and six one-bedroom independent living apartments.

The Trust Board members are drawn from the five constituent Lodges that make up the Napier District.

The Trust provides elder care accommodation from ten sites, nine of which are within a few kilometres of our residential care facility in Taradale plus one site in Wairoa with four Licence to Occupy units. Since the last retirement village was constructed in 1997 the Trust’s strategic direction has been to concentrate expansion around its main Devonshire Place, Taradale site culminating in the purchase of eight adjoining houses or units.

In Napier the Trust has a high community profile with a strong demand for its Licence to Occupy units and a waiting list of over 450 people.

The Lodges and the Trust are linked constitutionally and a strong Lodge membership will assist in ensuring a strong Trust via Board membership.

“...without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station endeavour to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge”.

# And how do YOU pronounce some words?

Our rituals have certain words in them that many of us have difficulty with because, certainly for some of us, as we get older our ears do not hear them properly, or our eyes do not read them properly.

However, it is not always the fault of our various infirmities that give rise to misuse or mispronunciations of them. Sometimes it can be attributed to carelessness or even laziness on our parts. Carelessness, because we hear someone else mispronounce them and, possibly inadvertently, we copy their example. Laziness because, even if we suspect the pronunciation may be incorrect, we do not bother to look at it in the ritual, and correct ourselves accordingly.

Two examples occur early in the First Degree Ceremony. You will recall that immediately after the Candidate is

introduced into the Lodge the Chaplain reads or recites a blessing in which he says “... Endue him with a competence ...”. How many times have you heard the word “endure” substituted for the word “endue”? These words have completely different meanings. My Concise Oxford Dictionary describes endure as meaning undergo (as in pain), submit to, bear, last (as in survive), while it describes endue as meaning put on (as clothes); clothe; furnish (with qualities). Changing the word substantially changes the meaning of the paragraph.

A little further on the Candidate is told “...is invoked we trust no danger can ensue”. Again, you will often hear the word “ensure” substituted. In this case, however, not only is the meaning changed, but the sentence becomes incomprehensible. Are we really saying that “no danger can happen afterwards”

(the dictionary meaning of ensue) or are we trying to say that such a belief will make sure that danger will arise? I hope not!

If you listen carefully, you will hear other examples of such misuses and mispronunciation of words, but perhaps the most obvious to my ear is the misuse of the word “tenet”. You will often hear it pronounced as “tenant”. The meanings of the two words could not be further apart! Freemasonry, being based on a philosophy of life, it follows that we would want to base our education on tenets (principles, dogma, doctrine). On the other hand it is quite likely that Lodge Treasurers would welcome tenants (persons who occupy lands or tenements under a landlord and pay rentals for such) as a means of supplementing Lodge income!

Gary Kerkin

## IMPORTANT DATES

Important dates for the *New Zealand Freemason* during 2006 are as follows:

### Issue 3

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# QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONOURS

## Queen's Service Medal (QSM)

W Bro Ross W MacDonald ex Lodge Moa No. 110  
*For community service*

Bro Geoffrey C Goodall of Lodge Gisborne No. 233  
*For community service*

Bro Murray R Lints ex Lodge Tararua No. 67  
*For public service*

## Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM)

W Bro Barry C Prior of Lodge Hamutana No. 437

*Grand Lodge congratulates these Freemasons who  
were named in the 2006 New Year Honours*

### Grand Master's Calendar

24 June	125th Installation of The Wairau Lodge No. 42	District 23	Blenheim
28 June	Regular Meeting of The Gate Pa Lodge No. 407	District 12	Tauranga
7 August	Taranaki Daylight Lodge No. 455 - Installation Meeting	District 14	New Plymouth
7 August	Taranaki District Dinner (evening)	District 14	New Plymouth
22 August	Empire Fergusson Lodge No. 225 - Installation Meeting	District 22	Wellington
5 September	Regular Meeting of Lodge Harmony No. 325	District 28	Ashburton
6 September	Timaru Royal Arch Chapter - Installation Meeting		Timaru
23 September	125th Anniversary and Annual Communications of Lodge St Patrick 468, IC		Dunedin
October	50th Jubilee Celebrations of Lodge Apanui No. 385	District 12	Whakatane
13-14 October	125th Installation and Anniversary Celebrations of The Phoenix Lodge No. 43	District 26	Akaroa
3-6 November	Grand Installation for Grand Lodge of Western Australia		Perth

# The Appeal of Freemasonry - *the unique proposition*

By VW Bro Noel Ryan, National Publicity Committee

In a conversation with the Grand Lodge of England's Communications Director Bro John Hamill last year I asked him if they had found the answer to explaining Freemasonry in 'sound bite' fashion – the short brief simple one-liner that sums up everything. If only we had something like this, our verbal efforts, our literature and our publicity would be that much more effective. His answer was in the form of a story about his Grand Master offering a case of the best champagne to he who could write such a line. After two years the offer remains!

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The Publicity Committee has a single objective for its external work – to create a favourable public perception of Freemasonry. What is 'favourable perception' and what is it we are trying to say that will create a 'favourable perception'? The key to our whole line of strategic thinking about publicity lies in answering this question.

Assuming that creating this favourable feeling is a means to helping the Craft to recover its growth and remain strong, then we must look deeply and frankly at the factors that propelled Freemasonry to rise to its highest prominence - and still remain in it's fabric. It is through tapping into the real and emotional appeals as well as to the rational and idealistic that the communication with those that we want as members will have persuasion.

There are two distinct areas to consider. On the one hand, there is the moral, ethical and charitable foundation and beliefs – the upstanding individual, the good works. An easy subject for publicity and the one we have generally employed. The open, obvious one. But on the other hand another level exists. That of fellowship, social standing, a certain exclusivity of membership, plus, dare we say it, secrecy, or privacy as we euphemistically put it these days. The essence of our Brotherhood. Could it be

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that these characteristics have been just as important in making Freemasonry so successful? It may hurt to admit it, but these factors could be more important than all the others in Freemasonry's real appeal! (The idea of using secrecy as an advantage is included in our Strategic plan)

We should be careful in putting these somewhat dubious characteristics aside in a headlong attempt to popularize the Craft with appeals to the world at large that are mostly about socialness and charity - honourable but only half the story. Our constant pleas about openness probably sound hollow to a public ingrained with the impression of a shadowy and secret organisation or one that it knows nothing about at all except the name! It may look and feel good to

tell the charitable story but it may not be believed, or at the comparatively declining rate of our giving, make more than a minor impression in the task of building the desired favourable perception.

As an example, for some years, in desperation to be 'seen' by the public, we have announced our 'coming out' and it never fails to catch the attention of the media. It is the only thing that seems to attract news. The secrets are about to be unveiled! But what has it done? The unanswerable questions about religion, gender and secrets are inevitably put and not answered! The press walks away dismissive. Not just unconvinced but in fact reinforced! As long as the ritual has its emphasis on the secrets no matter what rationalisation we try the aura will remain. Why fight it? We should use it as an advantage.

Getting our name in the paper should NOT be our aim. Making an impression, a favourable impression on our selected target audience with informed material should be. Much of this will happen through word of mouth, by reputation, not by advertising. The 'other' characteristics of Freemasonry are impossible to write convincingly about in promotional materials.

Our unique and distinguishing appeal should therefore be a combination of the two factors. We should stop competing with, and certainly imitating Lions or Rotary who do charitable things through their members and clubs by collecting

public money (and get more publicity), and be proud of our distinctions no matter how un-trendy they may be. What we should be is an exclusive, fraternal and private organisation composed of men of substance, proven integrity and character with a social conscience – and proud of it. We will fail if we promote social fellowship and community charity alone. These are our properties too but we are much more. We are different – as different as the secrecy demanded of us all in the ritual – and we should emphasise the differences because, despite one school of current thought, we don't appear to be about to change the ritual! These differences are our real appeal. Our styles of meetings, the quality of our buildings and socialising are all trappings we can adjust to the times. And they should be adjusted to be attractive to our own and the men we are seeking to join us. But the real differences, the tradition, should remain.

One of the outcomes of our publicity strategy should be pride of membership. The publicity we generate should allow our members to recognise the realities of the nature of Freemasonry and rejoice in them.

So what does this mean to how we 'talk' publicly about ourselves?

It means we don't need high awareness levels amongst the general public. It means we should continue to speak of our humanitarian nature and our charity but always make clear that we are much more. It means we should stop the desperate seeking for acceptance and popularity that we seem to be searching for and speak the truth about ourselves.

It means we should seek out the men that will understand the principles of Freemasonry and not try to appeal to anyone that wants to join a social club. It means we should set high standards in all we do, the way we look, the things we say. And if that means it costs more, then we set that standard too. We all know that membership is too cheap!

The means to make contact with Freemasonry should be readily available to those who seek us out.

The 'proposition' of what we communicate as the appeal of Freemasonry could be put this way:

*...“For men of integrity and character Freemasonry is the private, fraternal, social organisation that provides the stimulus and fulfilment of associating with like-minded men to pursue high personal ethical and moral standards while extending charity to all”.*

Where's my case of champagne then?

## Want to have your say?

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# Nelson College Celebrates 150 years

Among the many events arranged to mark the 150th Anniversary of Nelson College was a special meeting of Lodge Nelson held on Saturday 25 March.

In company with its several sister Lodges that meet in and around the city Lodge Nelson has always been closely associated with Nelson College. Many old boys first saw the light of Freemasonry in Lodge Nelson and many have gone on to sit in the Master's chair.

The special meeting was the brainchild of the Worshipful Masters of Lodges Nelson and Motueka Bays, W Bro John Barnes and W Bro Trevor Squires, both loyal 'old boys' of Nelson College.

The working was a second degree and ample opportunity was given both inside the Lodge Room and at Refectory for the singing of college songs, reminiscences and tall tales of days gone by.



# A Womens role explained

*Imagine being in a Super 14 rugby team and running out on to the field to play a game and finding that there were no spectators, no cheerleaders, and no support staff.*

*What sort of game would you play, how enjoyable would it be?*

I often get e-mail sent from our website that asks me to explain why Freemasonry does not allow women members or asking what is there in Freemasonry for the wife or partner of a prospective candidate. I always welcome these enquiries as they show that the person asking is interested in Freemasonry. They have a genuine concern and it needs to be addressed in a positive way. It doesn't matter whether that person is male or female as the answer is the same for both.

Freemasonry is a fraternal organisation that provides support to men but that does not mean that we are anti-women or in any way sexist. We believe in the equality of all, regardless of race, religion, social status or sex. It is true that we do not allow women into the ceremonial parts of our meetings but we do not see this as having anything to do with equality simply that we are providing a male only experience as a support to our fellow man and this male support aspect of what we do is founded in our history.

I should also mention that family values are an important part of a Freemason's life and families are frequently invited to take part in Masonic activity and the day-to-day workings of the Lodge. Many ladies are on Lodge Committees such as the Charity or Social Committees and they also support our national events such as the Grand Installation

by their participation on the organising committees. You may also be aware that we have a number of charitable Trusts and we have a number of ladies that act as Trustees of these.

To quote from a recent speech my wife gave "imagine being in a Super 14 rugby team and running out on to the field to play a game and finding that there were no spectators, no cheerleaders, and no support staff. What sort of game would you play, how enjoyable would it be? Now imagine running out into a packed stadium with everyone cheering you on, encouraging you, and assisting you by providing backup support like water bottles, ball boys and first aid. The difference would be tremendous. Yet none of these extra people are playing the game but their contribution is vital to it. Their support is as important to the success and enjoyment of that game as the players' participation is."

This is a great analogy for Freemasonry, as without the support and assistance of our wives and families we can not be a winning team and our enjoyment of what we do would be seriously reduced. Their role, whilst not directly involved with our ceremonial, is nevertheless an integral part of who and what we are.

We also need to recognise that in the modern world most families are now dual income and our partner's contribution to

the financial welfare of the family is just as valuable as our own. They help us to pay our fees, they provide funds for our donations to charity, and they assist us to meet the costs of our social gatherings. Not forgetting the investment of time that many of our ladies put into our social and charitable events or simply looking after the home and family whilst we are at Lodge. The value of this, particularly when they have their own vocation and therefore have very limited personal time to themselves, should not be underestimated.

Whilst their name might not be on our membership list and they do not participate in our ceremonies they are nevertheless an integral part of our Masonic family. The support of our Ladies' is vital to our continuance as a force for good in the community. We are very appreciative of the support our partners and families give us as it is vital to our development as Freemasons.

For women interested in the ceremonial aspects of Freemasonry there is a similar organisation for women here in New Zealand called The Order of the Eastern Star. Members of the Order are dedicated to working together for the good and benefit of mankind. The moral and social purpose of the Order is to elevate character, promote friendship and practice charity.

*By Laurence Milton, Grand Secretary*

## EXPOSED!

In each issue of the New Zealand Freemason a common question about Freemasonry will be answered by the Grand Secretary or another appropriate person.

E-mail your questions to [editor@freemasons.co.nz](mailto:editor@freemasons.co.nz)

The questions asked most often will have priority.



# Who's who at Grand Lodge Office?

By the time this issue of the magazine is distributed Grand Lodge Office should be living in our new home in Freemason House in Willis St. So I thought it might be timely to once again remind you all of the various staff at Grand Lodge Office and the tasks they do. Firstly I would like to acknowledge the positive contribution Amy Morley has made in the time she spent with us. This is the last magazine that will be edited by Amy as she has moved on to further her career in the communication field. Amy has been an asset in Grand Lodge Office and we are sorry to see her leave and we wish her well in her new job.

As Grand Secretary I look after all Board matters, Grand Master's liaison, fraternal relations, over sight of Grand Lodge Office and staff, budgets, investments, oversight of the building and tenancy issues, and any other matter that does not fit into any of the other staffs areas.

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Bill Williams is the Assistant to the Grand Secretary and he is responsible for by-laws, regalia and ceremonial, communication, historical enquiries, the processes for appointment/election of Grand Officers and anything else I send his way.

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Sarah Bolleboom joins the staff in late June as the Communication Officer and has the difficult task of following on from Amy. I am sure she is up to it and we look forward to working with her. Sarah will become the new editor of the Freemasons magazine. She will be responsible for assisting me with all duties necessary for the marketing and promotion of the organisation and with internal communication to Lodges, members, Trusts and other components of Freemasons New Zealand.

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Irene George is our Accounts Officer. She does all our financial accounts, capitation fees, building fund, debtors and accounts payable, group insurance, and other matters the Grand Treasurer or our auditors require.

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Pauline Sutherland is the office Word Processing Operator and she handles the general typing requirements, Letters of Introduction, Trustee Certificates, meeting bookings, Book of Proceedings and Grand Lodge Directory. She prepares the agendas and types the minutes for the Board of General Purposes as well as other national Masonic Committees.

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Stephanie Tyler is the Membership Officer and also acts as the Receptionist. You will most likely speak to Steph when you ring the office as she receives all incoming phone calls, as well as looking after the membership database and issuing certificates, and 25 & 50 year Badges. She does the annual returns, and handles all other general office enquiries.

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Helen Stack looks after the Board of Benevolence matters, Potter Trust, Scholarships, Geriatrics and Paediatrics related matters. She liaises with Divisional and District Benevolence Officers concerning benevolence issues and also prepares the agendas and types the minutes for the Board of Benevolence.

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Ian Papps is the Senior Deposit Scheme Officer and is responsible for the successful operation of the Deposit Scheme.

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Allan Wilkins also works in the Deposit Scheme and looks after the stores and supplies of Bibles, Ritual books, Directory's etc.

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Bill Hibbard joins us on Friday mornings. He is our Voluntary Librarian and we greatly appreciate the fact that Bill gives up his time to sort out the publications and the many magazines and periodicals that come into the office and keeps the Library operational. Unfortunately, the new building does not provide the space for our full Library to be available so we will have reduced services until more space can be obtained.

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Rex Woodham-Hearst joins us from time to time and assists with the Grand Lodge Deposit scheme.

As I noted above we are somewhat restricted in space in the new building and we will remain that way until some of the current tenant leases expire. Accordingly the majority of the Library and the entire Museum have had to be stored. I will be endeavouring to get these fully operational again as soon as I can.

From the above those of you responsible for the administration of your Lodge will see that the best person to e-mail, fax or post your monthly reports to as well as any requests for service badges or certificates is Stephanie Tyler. Your Lodge Summons and Minutes as well as changes of by-laws should be addressed to Bill Williams. Requests for travel documents should be made to Pauline Sutherland and enquiries about capitation accounts and insurances to Irene George.

Laurence Milton  
Grand Secretary  
Phone: 04 385 6622

## *Father Installs Son*

Only a few Lodges have the rare occasion that the Kimbolton Lodge No. 123 had on Saturday 4th February. The District Grand Master of the Ruapehu District, VW Bro Alan Johnson Installed his son W Bro David Johnson as Master of the Kimbolton Lodge No.123

The Master W Bro David was also Initiated by his Father, VW Bro Alan Johnson in 1998.

The occasion was also honored by the presence of W Bro Ronald Shillaber.

W Bro Shillaber is from The King Arthur Lodge No. 7134 English Constitution, Camelford in Cornwall. He was on holiday in New Zealand and was delighted to attend this special occasion. He is accompanied by his wife Margaret who joined in the festivities in Refectory.



*W Bro Ronald Shillaber and his wife Margaret talking to VW Bro Graham Hills PGL.*

## *Grand Lodge Office Address*

New Zealand Post has changed the postcodes throughout New Zealand.

The new postal address for Grand Lodge Office is:

Freemasons New Zealand  
PO Box 6439  
Wellington 6141

The physical address of the new building is:

Freemasons New Zealand  
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Wellington

## **BROTHERS IN ARMS**

At the Regular Meeting of Lodge Selwyn No. 274 in August, the Lodge was honoured by a visit from the Grand Master, MW Bro David Mace, who made a presentation of a Sixty Year Service Bar to W Bro George Alfred Hutchinson, PGBB, and a Sixty Year Service Bar to W Bro Kenneth Rowland Hutchinson, PG Swd B.

This was a rare occasion with the two brothers receiving this recognition together. Both Brethren were formerly of the Combined Forces Lodge No. 284.

W Bro George was born on 2nd August 1920 and Initiated into the Combined Forces Lodge No. 284 in August 1945, being Installed as Master for the year 1963/1964 and also 1984/1985, the later term earning him the title of being the first Master of a Daylight Lodge in New Zealand. Appointed PGBB in 1986.

W Bro Kenneth was born on 5th June 1924 and Initiated into the Combined Forces Lodge No. 284, as a Lewis (age 20 years) on the 2nd July 1944. Joined The Oliver Nicholson Lodge No. 326 as a foundation member in 1947 and Installed Master in 1954. Appointed PG Swd B in 1989.



*W Bro Kenneth Hutchinson with the Grand Master, MW Bro David Mace at the Regular Meeting of Lodge Selwyn No. 274*

# 100 YEARS ON IN TAIHAPE

*He aha te mean nui? He tangata, He tangata, He tangata!  
What is the greatest thing? It is people, It is people, It is people!*

With these words, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother David Mace, greeted the elders of Winiata Marae after the powhiri by the tangata whenua and replies from Worshipful Brother Hepa Tatere and Brother Bill Nathan, on behalf of the Masonic Brethren assembled to mark the Centennial of Otaihape Lodge No 142. This was the formal conclusion of the celebrations, which had begun the night before.

The centennial celebrations began with a dinner held at the Lodge rooms the evening before, hosted by the Master, Worshipful Brother Seth Barns, accompanied by Mrs Leanne Barns, and presided over by the Grand Master and his wife, Mrs Anne Mace. He was accompanied by the District Grand Master, Allan Johnson, and his wife Mrs Ngaire Johnson. The meal was prepared by widows of Lodge members in the newly refurbished kitchen and it was a roast meal menu, typical of the quality of years gone by. The refectory was filled to capacity. It was a most successful evening, with many members of the Lodge, who had not attended for many years, turning up - some even offering to take office the next year!

On Saturday morning the Grand Master visited the Masonic Flats in Taihape and then joined the Maori brethren for their Annual General Meeting, while the ladies were conducted on a tour around Taihape. In the afternoon, Mrs Anne Mace gave a very interesting talk to the ladies on her Special Project to help autistic children.

The ladies were then entertained by the Taihape Rainbow Singers, a local children's choir who were led in by the son of one of the Brethren, playing the bagpipes.

The Lodge was tyled at 2pm on Saturday, when visitors and then the Grand Master were admitted in due form. Worshipful Brother Barry Cleaver gave a very interesting talk on the history of the Lodge. The Maori Brethren, represented by Worshipful Brother Bill McRoberts, in a moving ceremony, presented to the Grand Master the Working Tools of a Maori Master, the Needle and Cotton token. Then the Grand Master and the District Grand Master were presented with the Otaihape Lodge Centennial Jewel.

The Grand Master was invited to present the Centennial Jewel to all the Otaihape brethren, this including



*W Bro Hepa Tatere, Past Grand Tyler,  
Master of Puketoi Lodge No 149 (Pongaroa),  
receives his Centennial Jewel from  
Grand Master, MW Bro David Mace*

all the visiting Maori brethren who had been elected as Joining Members earlier in the ceremony. The Master, Worshipful Brother Seth Barns, formally introduced each brother to the Grand Master. The Lodge closed with many greetings and congratulations from brethren of the thirty-one Lodges represented at the centennial.

The celebrations then transferred to the Winiata Marae, south of Taihape, where the Grand Master and Masonic Brethren were welcomed with a powhiri before proceeding to the dining hall. A fine meal was served during which interesting speeches were made and hearty toasts given.

At the conclusion of this, a presentation was made by Worshipful Brother Ken Peacock, to the Taihape Search and Rescue Group, of two state-of-the-art hand held radios.

So ended the first century of Freemasonry in Taihape. The Otaihape Lodge looks forward to the next one hundred years with pleasure.

*By W Bro Ken Peacock, PGBB, Otaihape Lodge No 142  
Photographer: VW Bro Colin Heyward*

## WELCOME TO THE 21st CENTURY!

Three years ago when I first contemplated going into the Chair of the Belmont Albion Lodge I had no idea how a computer worked but was advised by a good Mason that I would need one.

Being a good Mason I took a good Masons advice and bought one. By the time it was installed I became a computer expert, unfortunately though, I found that *everyone* who owned a computer was also a computer expert. Nevertheless my friend, the Good Mason, said "Welcome to the Twenty First Century" and now I can say to 'all' Masons of the combined North Shore Lodges "Welcome to the Twenty First Century!"

In the two years since my Installation I have watched Masonry change from a drab fifties and sixties environment to a modern day environment. Just before my Installation in 2004 the new building

in Albany was just a gleam in a few forward looking thinkers eyes.

Back then we could hardly visualise or expect that we would be doing our Masonic work in a new building, in air conditioned Lodge Rooms, using microphones, Power Point presentations and even closed circuit Television. (I must remember not to look at the Camera!)

All this in just two years. In this short time Masonry on the North Shore had advanced fifty years.

We have indeed moved into The "Twenty First Century"

### LET'S KEEP LOOKING FORWARD

Len - Master  
Belmont Albion Lodge

## PEDESTALS WANTED

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### Appreciative Recipient

Dear Editor,

This morning I spend a few enjoyable hours at Hillcrest's annual garage sale. While the event does raise money, it also serves a couple of other important functions too. It gets the guys out together socialising informally, has them facing the public and provides an opportunity for us to hear from the public.

Late this morning, after a couple of the members showed some regalia to interested chaps and provided some leaflets, I was approached by a woman who wanted to talk about the craft. It turned out she's a scholarship recipient from a few years ago. She had been presented her scholarship at the Hamilton East Lodge Rooms and seeing the activity today felt that she must come by and say 'thanks'.

I listened for a long time to a genuine tale of appreciation. It had been of great benefit to her when she was a struggling solo mother of three and a student. She departed leaving a humbled and grateful old PM. I have got much from the craft and it is heart-warming to know that it has again helped the wider community too.

Yours cordially and fraternally,  
Don

### International Bro Seeking New Zealand Masonic Stamps

This is the situation for Brother Pit Christianus, Worshipful Master of Lodge Johannisloge Theodor Vogel Nr. 949, Orient Hamburg, Germany.

He is a collector of Masonic stamps from all over the world and has one of the largest collections of Masonic stamps in Europe. He also gives lectures on this topic regularly. Bro Pit is trying to add to his collection the New Zealand Masonic stamps that were produced two years ago, but Grand Lodge New Zealand does not have any left.

If there are any Brethren that have these stamps, used or unused, Bro Pit would be very happy if you could contact him.

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## ***Business Vs Freemasonry***

Dear Editor,

I read with deep interest the article by W Bro Roger Carson appearing on page 8 of your first issue of this year entitled "Business v. Freemasonry".

It is my view, as a comparatively new recruit to Freemasonry, that business is essential to Freemasonry and that a number of Lodges that have failed over the last forty years is due to the fact that the Brethren have bumbled along for many a long year without regard for the business aspect of running a Lodge, maintaining their Lodge building and keeping the amenities thereof up to a standard suitable to the times and attractive to young men.

Recently I attended a workshop on Lodge "Property" and was agreeably surprised to see how several Brethren (and their Lodges) were enthusiastically attaching a very wide meaning to the word "property", thereby raising funds for benevolent purposes besides keeping their Lodges up to a high standard.

W Bro Carson also points out a weakness of Freemasonry is that the Worshipful Master of a Lodge and his officers change every year. It would improve somewhat if the Worshipful Master were installed for two years to better enable a policy/project to be carried through. It would also have the effect of enabling officers to learn the ceremonial and duties of their forthcoming superior rank. Long gone are the days when a recruit passed three of four years as Assistant Steward, Junior Steward, Senior Steward, during which time he could study the ceremonial of any rank and be prepared for a step up the ladder towards King Solomon's Chair. Too often in this era of small Lodges a recruit of a few months finds himself bundled into the office of Inner Guard with precious few clues as to what is expected of him.

Yours faithfully,  
F W Grant, MM  
Lodge Whakatane No. 198

## ***Funds Raised for Arthritis Sufferers***

Dear Editor,

Thank you for bringing the AIR CYCLE to the attention of your members through the *New Zealand Freemason*. As a result of Freemason orders (to 30 April) a cheque for \$78.00 has been sent to Arthritis NZ and orders are still coming in. One order included an unexpected, additional donation to Arthritis NZ. This was a generous and thoughtful gesture from a Freemason.

Some very positive feedback has been received from people using the AIR CYCLE. It has been interesting and sometimes quite exciting to hear how beneficial they have found this inflatable exerciser.

Several have said how they feel greater strength in their leg muscles and find they are more stable on their feet. They find walking easier and are delighted to be able to walk longer distances. People with diabetes-related foot problems have found it particularly valuable for improving circulation and a physiotherapist working in a rest-home told of a resident whose ankle swelling reduced considerably.

The AIR CYCLE is great for increasing circulation in the lower body. Many people who of necessity, sit for long periods, whether at a computer, on long-haul flights or convalescing, are able to maintain normal blood flow and keep their joints and muscles exercised with this simple, but effective device.

It's not too late to order an AIR CYCLE. Send a cheque for \$17.50 (includes p&p) to: Air Cycle NZ, 12 Volkner Grove, Lower Hutt. Include your name, address and phone number and mention you read about it in the *New Zealand Freemason*, so a donation can be forwarded to Arthritis NZ.

For further information phone: (04) 569 5013 or e-mail: jrw107@hotmail.com

Jenny Watson

## ***Information Sought***

Dear Editor,

My father, Alan Alfred Matthews was a Freemason up to his death in 1963/64. I myself, was only three at the time. My father was a lawyer who had his own business in Featherston, Wairarapa. I believe he was a member of the Masterton Freemason Society.

My fathers suicide was a family shame at the time and I have found it extremely difficult to extract information from any living relatives. My mother died some 10 years ago and took all the information about my father with her.

The Freemasons assisted my mother in purchasing a new home for her and the family after the incident. This was in Carterton. My mothers name was Cynthia.

I was at one stage given all the Freemasons literature that my father had kept during his time, however have lost it during moving.

I was wondering if it is possible that I could be privy to any information you had on my father while he was a member of the society. I know its a long shot, but would appreciate any information that the Freemasons might have.

Best regards,  
Greg Matthews  
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# CONGRATULATIONS FREEMASONS

1. Barrett Hocking proudly displays his award with VW Bro John Litton Dist GM

2. Helen Robinson makes a moving speech thanking the Freemasons

3. A group of Scholars with Freemason representatives at the presentation in Hamilton

4. Stefan Krawczyk with MW Bro David Mace GM

5. Anne Mace, Matt French and David Mace

6. Daniel Sullivan



# QUALIFICATIONS SCHOLARSHIPS!



*From all areas of the country and all walks of life, New Zealand's hardest working and brightest students were gathered together to receive their Freemasons University Scholarship prizes.*

*This year, 66 students from Auckland, Waikato, Massey, Victoria, Lincoln and Otago Universities were awarded scholarships from the Freemasons Fund of Benevolence.*

*Seven of the Scholarships are for Post-graduate students and are worth \$6000. The other 59 recipients were each awarded \$3000 to help with their University studies.*

*Not only do these scholarships provide a relief for students, but also an opening into Freemasonry that they may otherwise never have experienced. The Students were all very grateful to the Freemasons for the opportunities presented by the scholarships.*

*This program has been in existence in various formats for over 20 years and continues the Freemason's tradition of assisting youth.*

*The requirements for qualification were a contribution to the community and good character, as well as excellent grades.*



# A Masonic Management Model

W Bro Jeff Allan, DEAO Auckland.

It has often been said that “If you don’t know where you are going, any path will take you there”, and while the Board of General Purposes has outlined a direction for the Craft I often feel that individual Lodges and Districts are still struggling with direction. While we may not have yet crystallised our direction we all know where we don’t want to go – to the bottom of the graphs variously labelled “Members per Lodge”, “Lodges per District” and “Districts per Division”.

To avoid the downward trend of these graphs we need to manage our way forward. The authors of the multitude of texts on management theory have made a living out of defining what management is and perhaps the most pragmatic is planning, leading, organising and coordinating.

Some argue that management practises used in business are inappropriate for the Craft because we are a voluntary organisation. This is arrant nonsense – management is simply achieving results through other people. Modern management theory is actually derived from the military and apart from modern disciplines such as operations research, a concept developed in WWII, it has been evolving for many thousands of years. The military have devoted immense resources into documenting and refining management because over the millennia failure entailed consequences a bit more drastic than bankruptcy. The precursor to prisoner of war was casualty of war.

We devote an immense effort in preparing our Lodge Officers for the day they will assume the chair. This preparation is invariably focussed in the ritual of the degrees and the role the Master will play in those ceremonies. If a lodge meets eleven times per year then the Master will spend about 22 hours formally in the chair of the lodge. What about the other 364 days of the year that we don’t prepare him for?

In the ritualised and formal environment of the open lodge the Master is a

figurehead, out of the lodge room he has to be a manager; planning, leading, organising and coordinating. The difference between the lodge and the military or business environments is that the Master does not have recourse to the firing squad, military prison or the ability to withhold his subordinate’s income. Individual members will cooperate in achieving the Master’s vision solely based on his leadership skills.

***There are currently rumblings that some districts lack suitable candidates for election as Dist GM. If this is the case then it is because succession planning has not been considered.***

If the Master is wise he will create a structure within the lodge where individuals are delegated roles. Some of these are formal, such as Treasurer, Secretary and Director of Ceremonies; others are informal but no less essential, such as Education, Social and Membership Officers.

As for the lodge, so for the District. The following model would be totally dependent on the culture within the District and the skills, knowledge and expertise of the active Grand Officers.

The Dist GM is accountable to the Div GM for the overall performance of the District during his two year tenure. This does not mean that he is necessarily responsible for carrying out all of the activities that need to be undertaken. A report to the Div GM at the end of the two years which states “We saw four lodges close during my tenure but I personally served as Installing Master at all Installations” is probably not going to cut it.

With the restructuring of the management of the Craft the role of the Dist GM was clearly divided into two critical activity areas, viz. ceremonial and pastoral. In truth, the Dist GM, while being accountable for the District performance in these areas doesn’t have to actually

undertake either. He has a team around him to manage these activities while he retains oversight. Just as Telecom Chairman Rod Deans doesn’t actually install telephones, neither is it essential that the Dist GM actually installs the Masters-elect. The planning, leading, organising and coordinating of district installations can be delegated to the officer whose title suggests that this is his role – the Dist GDC. There are numerous past Grand Officers in the district who would love to get back into harness and play an active role in an installation rather than be spectators over and over again. This doesn’t preclude the Dist GM from serving as Installing Master and he should do so at some when his other duties permit.

Equally, the role of mentoring individual lodges within the district can, and should, be delegated to the other two active Grand Officers in the district, the Grand Stewards. The role of the Dist GM should be to ensure that the GS’s are trained in their role, have the resources to carry it out and are provided with regular objective feedback and encouragement with respect to their performance.

To reiterate, the Dist GM always remains accountable for the performance outcomes of his district but he is not necessarily responsible for carrying out the tasks needed to achieve those outcomes.

There are currently rumblings that some districts lack suitable candidates for election as Dist GM. If this is the case then it is because succession planning has not been considered. By actually having the GS’s doing the mentoring role it is preparing them to manage others in a similar role when they eventually rise to Dist GM.

These four Grand Officers, along with the District Advisory Officers and possibly a couple of wise and respected Past Grand Officers, form the district management team. To this group the

Dist GM must impart his vision and goals for the district.

It is a management adage that when you see something good in another business “plagiarise mercilessly”. In fact, if one listens to the charges delivered at the installation you will be enjoined to do so with respect to admirable behaviours observed in others.

The alternative at district level is that the Dist GM endeavours to preside at two years of installations, attend every lodge in his district twice and carry out all of the other functions asked of him. If there are lodges that need support and guidance in the district, and I suspect every district in the country has at least one, then the survival and rejuvenation of that one lodge should take priority.

Whether or not the time is right for District management by a model similar to that presented depends on many factors. However, to successfully carry out the role of Dist GM envisaged by the Review Committee is probably more than one individual can accomplish. Either the Dist GM delegates or compromises on performance and I don't think the Craft can afford the latter.

## MASONIC POLO SHIRTS

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## Lodge Albany No. 404

Earlier this year Albany Lodge No. 442 held its last meeting and initiated Mr S Swanepoel before they surrendered their Charter to amalgamate with Rangitoto No. 404.

The ceremony was conducted by RW Bro Jack Christie P Dep GM who was instrumental in the foundation of Albany Lodge in 1974.

Other officers for this ceremony were also Foundation members or Past Masters of the lodge. The son of the candidate was also taking part in the initiation ceremony.

After the initiation ceremony RW Bro P Aspden Div GM received the Charter from W Bro George Powell, Master of Albany Lodge.

The first meeting of the new lodge was held on Thursday 16 March.

Albany Lodge No. 442 united with Rangitoto Lodge No. 404 and the name and number will be a symbol of Masonic co-operation. It is now Lodge Albany No. 404.

The Dist GM VW Bro Tony Smith conducted the first meeting of the new lodge when he installed W Bro George Powell as the first Master of the lodge.

The new Charter is endorsed by the Grand Master, MW Bro David Mace as shown in the detail of the charter.

The evening concluded with a great social time.

Congratulations to Lodge Albany No. 404 - we wish them a prosperous new beginning.

*By VW Bro Vic Fabian*

## Mokoia Lodge No. 213

It was with great regret the Charter for the above Lodge was handed to Grand Lodge in 2004. After 85 years however, the name Mokoia still lives on.

Small bequests were made from members on their demise and a Trust was formed to administer these funds in 1976. The first charitable grant was made in 1980 - \$200.

Strict attention to investments detail and management in general resulted in increased capital and consequently grants are now made each year, e.g. Te Omanga and Mary Potter Hospices, Wellington City Mission, Life Flight Trust, Wellington Free Ambulance and many other worthy charities.

Following the handing in of our Charter a new Trust, Mokoia

Masonic Perpetual Trust was formed and the four original Trustees were increased to six.

Grants continued to be made and in 2005 these totalled \$21,000 and since 1980 to March 2007, total \$256,489.

In co-operation with Mr R Moses, Headmaster of Wellington College, we have established a bursary of \$5,000 each year to be granted to an ex-pupil who intends a career in medicine.

Thus by continuing our annual grants to charities and the above we are maintaining one of the principles of Freemasonry – charity and perpetuating the name of Mokoia.

*Edward A Troughton  
Mokoia Masonic Perpetual Trust*

# The Sqwheelers Band

## Promoting Freemasonry through music

Conceived in a farmer's paddock, born at a Square Wheelers Rally, nurtured in rest homes and retirement villages, weaned at steamy tea soaked clubs and Masonic functions and finally, hardened at many a National Convention – the Sqwheelers Band has come of age.

From quiet beginnings the band worked hard to raise enough money to purchase the equipment required for its on stage presentations. Its first engagement was at Sand Spit near Warkworth at the 50th Rally of the Square Wheelers, the Masonic caravan group. There was immediate encouragement for this group led by musical director Barry Sexton. From there new music was required as the number of invitations to play gradually increased.

The first invitations came from retirement villages and rest homes where the group became very popular and were always invited to give repeat performances. From there other local groups like the "Sixties Up" (in Dargaville and Kamo), the Early Settlers Club in Dargaville, the A&P Society, Victoria League and the RSA have requested the band to perform. Soon the band was playing at Forum North for national functions like the National Convention of the Camellia Society with several hundred people from throughout the country present.

More recently the demand for the Sqwheelers band has spread south to Auckland City and more impressively to Remuera for engagements at the Remuera Gardens Retirement Village.



The Sqwheelers - Using music to promote Freemasonry

The band has a philosophy of supporting Masonic functions especially those which are raising funds for charity and for the entertainment of the elderly at retirement villages and rest homes. It also recently played at the disabled children's Christmas function in Whangarei.

There are several things which are quite unique about the Sqwheelers band. The first being the instruments which are featured - two of these are the lagerphone and the tea chest bass. The second is that there are three Peters in the band (Peter Faber, Peter Brown and Peter Packard)

as well as two married couples (Barry and Faith Sexton and Peter and Beverley Brown).

Wherever the band plays Barry Sexton always promotes Freemasonry in his introduction. All band 'boys' are Past Masters, members of several Masonic orders and the band is represented in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter

While age is no constraint for the Sqwheelers band a decision was made late last year that a CD should be made before any of the group fell off their perch. The Mount Tiger recording studio was contracted and following an intense recording session an impressive CD was born. These are available to the public for \$15 each.

One particular feature of the band is the obvious enjoyment within the group as they create the many popular songs of yesteryear. Favourites of the band include several skiffle numbers by Lonnie Donegan.

For further information about The Sqwheelers Band and CD sales contact the Band Manager Peter Packard by phoning 09 436 2494 or e-mailing peterpackard@clear.net.nz.

By W Bro Peter Packard

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# *A Bright Future for Lodge Fendalton*

*By W Bro Terry Carrell*

When W Bro Roy Thompson became Master at Lodge Fendalton No. 384 in October 2005 he took on the guidance of the Lodge into a known future. Progression through the various positions is now planned for at least the next five years. Good management and training of the up-coming Officers should see 2006 as the end to the need for Past Masters to take the chair.

So often we attend Installations to find Officers unable to be present for their investiture on the night. Such was the interest from the members this year that all Officers were in attendance and were invested. On this occasion most positions were filled by "first-timers", several being new Master Masons.

With interest in membership continuing, meeting planning for the coming year allows for a number of degrees to be worked setting a challenge for the new Officers. This is a great turn around for a Lodge which just two years ago held, as its only realistic target, the completion of its first 50 years. Now the future looks bright for the next 50.

The sadness for the lodge is the departure for overseas of its recent Master and guide, W Bro Tony Templeton. Tony has been the

strength that has generated the turn around, and the support he has received from all in the Lodge is now bearing fruit.

Can the older members look forward to sitting back and enjoying the meetings? Somehow I think not, they are the ones who are supporting the newer members into the future and helping guide the Lodge into a position of strength.



*Lodge Fendalton's first-time Officers gather around the Almoner, W Bro Les Gray.  
Left to right: Bros Myles Buckland-Jones, SD, George Benns, S Steward,  
Ray Fright, IG, Jonathan Ewing, ADC, Len Isitt, JW, Damon Barnett, Asst Sec  
and John Parsons, Steward.*

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# RELAY FOR LIFE 2006

By W Bro John Downey

The weekend of 11-12 March saw another very successful Relay for Life run in Palmerston North. This is an annual fundraising event organised by the Cancer Society to raise funds for cancer research and child cancer.

Many organisations and individuals participate by raising funds through walking or running continuously around the Massey University College of Education athletics track during the 24 hour period. This is a great community experience to be a part of. People dress up, there is continuous music (except for the wee small hours) and an atmosphere of good will and conviviality pervades the event.

Local Freemasons were represented again this year with brethren from lodges in the Kapiti, Palmerston North, and Ruapehu districts accompanied by their wives, keeping up a continuous circumnavigation of the track for the twenty four hours and raising well over \$3000 in the process.

This year the Freemason's team was superbly organised by Trevor and Margaret Hardy and their small band of

dedicated helpers. The whisper is that Trevor and Margaret have been asked to lead the team for next year's event and if this is so being part of the Freemason's team will another great experience.

It is good to see the square and compasses on the back of our official relay for life tee shirts identifying us and highlighting our presence as a group at the event.

People cheer each other on continuously throughout the twenty four hours and to

hear the call "Come on the Freemasons" is humbling. However, the real buzz from this event is the feeling of being part of a truly worthwhile community effort that transcends, age, gender, ethnicity and economic status.

Given the philosophy that underpins Freemasonry, events such as the Relay for Life are clearly places where we need to have an ongoing presence with benefits both for the community and ourselves as an organisation and as individuals.



It was great to see Freemasonry so well represented

## Cover Photograph

*Get the whole picture!*

*The Grand Master and some of the South Island Dist GMs at Shantytown for the first Installation of Lodge Advance Mawhera.*

*From left to right:  
MW Bro Mace,  
VW Bro Broad,  
VW Bro Cooksley,  
VW Bro Gudex,  
VW Bro Warmouth  
and RW Bro McRae*



# Pendants can save lives

PEOPLE with Alzheimer's disease and dementia who go missing will now have a better chance of being found quickly and alive.

Freemason Lodges in Marlborough and Nelson, with the help of their national body, donated \$6,428 towards special pendants and tracking machines for people at risk of going missing.

Marlborough and Nelson Grand Master, Eric Warmouth, says the idea was raised at a meeting in Nelson two years ago and the Lodges decided to adopt it as a project.

Eric says the Lodges fully supported the idea, as many members have had close contact with someone who has Alzheimers or dementia.

Search and Rescue conducts around 120 land-based searches a year for the Tasman district, which covers Blenheim. Assistant coordinator Sherp Tucker says about 30 are urban-related which means they are likely to involve an Alzheimers or dementia patient or an autistic child.

With the new pendants and tracking devices, finding them will be a much easier task.

"The project came about through some very kind donations from the Masonic Lodges in Marlborough and Nelson and other community groups", says Sherp.

The pendants will be given out on the advice of geriatricians and the Alzheimers Society who will be best able to determine those at risk. "There are 35 pendants ready to go for the whole district and we hope to have as many as the community needs", he says.

Sherp says people in Nelson have been doing trials with different pendant models for the last two years to see which ones are most suitable, as these searches need to be conducted in a limited timeframe.

He says Search and Rescue has been fortunate not to have any missing Alzheimers or dementia patients die from not being found in time for several years.

With the pendants and tracking system, each search will only need to involve three people, whereas an ordinary search can involve between 30 to 70 people and cost a considerable amount of money.

After two or three weeks practice with the pendants and tracking machines,

Sherp says the Blenheim Search and Rescue team should be able to find a missing person wearing a pendant within 10 to 15 minutes anywhere in the town area.

Each pendant puts out an individual signal for the person wearing it and when the battery runs out after around four months, they are sent away and the whole pendant is renewed, except for the signal.

Searching for Alzheimers and dementia patients can be particularly difficult because of behaviour caused by the disease, like being unlikely to answer to their name when called.

Sherp says the pendants will give carers some peace of mind to know their charges can be located quickly if they wander off during the night.

Marlborough Alzheimers Society President Helen Knapp says the devices will be particularly useful for home-based carers, because their charges need to be monitored 24 hours a day.

"They can wander off and get lost at any time. It will be a great relief for them not to have to keep everything locked



*LIFE SAVERS:  
District Grand Master  
of the Masonic Lodges,  
Eric Warmouth, right  
foreground, holds the  
electronic pendants  
that can be tracked  
by Search and Rescue  
when Alzheimers  
patients wander off.  
Demonstrating the  
gear is Marlborough  
SAR chairman  
Linda Cook, left, and  
SAR team leader  
Kevin Wills.*

all the time. We had someone showing guests around the garden and his wife wandered off and she wasn't found for many hours", she says.

Helen says not all Alzheimers or dementia patients wander, but the pendants will be extremely useful for those who do.

"The carers can't do anything without worrying about their charges wandering off", she says.

Helen says the pendants will also be useful in environments like rest homes, where people can still go missing.

*By Janie Stewart*

*Many thanks to the Nelson Mail for kindly allowing the reproduction of this article and photograph.*

## BOOK WINNERS

The lucky winners of the 'survey draw' were:

*W Bro Bruce Zumbach of Tauranga*  
*W Bro Gunnar Bothner-By of Pakuranga*  
*W Bro Ivan Frost of Lower Hutt*  
*W Bro Graeme Wilson of Arrowtown*  
*W Bro Bonsall Budd of Eastbourne*

They each receive a copy of the Discover New Zealand Atlas and Guide and a copy of Boutique Lodgings of New Zealand (6th Edition).

Thank you again to the publishers of these two great books for kindly donating this prize and thank you to everyone who completed the survey.

## Publicity Survey

# Your Opinions Been Heard

## Feedback from the Publicity Survey

In the last issue of New Zealand Freemason we asked you to complete a quick survey on this magazine... Well the results are in and break down like this:

Most of you (91%) agreed that the range of topics covered by the *New Zealand Freemason* are either 'good' or 'satisfactory'. A similar number of replies were positive about the quality and quantity of articles in each issue which is great to hear.

Advertising was the subject of the next question and it turns out that a whopping 80% of replies agreed that there were a satisfactory amount of advertising in the magazine and that the items advertised were appropriate.

On to the physical aspects of the New Zealand Freemason; almost 20% of respondents were unhappy with the print quality although 61% replied that the type of paper was 'good' and a further 21% stated it was 'satisfactory'.

You may have noticed that this issue is on a different type of paper and that the print is of a much higher standard. Although most respondents were satisfied with the paper it proved difficult to lift the print quality significantly without altering the type of paper.

You will also be pleased to know that this magazine is costing less to produce than the last issue did and about the same as the issue prior to that.

When asked what type of paper you would prefer the magazine to be on there was almost an even spread of answers among the three options (glossy, satin-matt and newsprint). Some of the comments indicated to me that readers may have the opinion that newsprint is less expensive than other types of paper which isn't necessarily the case. Previously, having the cover on glossy paper and the inside pages on newsprint, meant we had to arrange two separate print runs. Having the magazine all printed on the same paper has helped keep the cost of producing it down and I hope you are happy with this decision.

There was a keen response to potential merchandise, with winter clothing showing the most popularity and stamped envelopes proving more popular than postage stamps. The Publicity Committee will consider these items at a future meeting so all I can say at the moment is thank you for returning the surveys and... "watch this space"!

*Amy Morley*  
*Communications Advisor*

# 120 Years Service Rewarded

Recently two well known members of the Central Otago Community were 'Guests of Honour' at separate presentation functions held in Alexandra and Timaru in recognition of their sixty years of continual service to Freemasonry.

W Bro Murdoch Campbell, RW Bro John Barton, PGW, and the late W Bro Keith Blackmore were initiated into Lodge Manuherikia Kilwinning No. 109 on the 8th June 1945. All three made a significant contribution of their time and talents to their community and to their Lodge.

The presentation to W Bro Campbell was carried out in the Lodge by VW Bro J S Harborow, District Grand Master (Otago-Lakes), witnessed by family, wives and partners, members of the Lodge and friends. He spoke on the recipient's Masonic career, making mention of his musical talents and those of the Campbell family and on how he used his talents to enhance the Lodge. At one stage the Lodge had a band of about ten members and the duets with his late Brother Hugh are well remembered.

Twenty four were present when the District Grand Master made the presentation to RW Bro John Barton, PGW, at an afternoon function held at 'The Croft' in Timaru.

Most had made a special journey from Central Otago to be present with John and his family for the important occasion.

RW Bro Barton PGW was a foundation member of the Otago Masonic Charitable Trust remaining on the Trust until recent years; he was involved with the establishment, management and improvement of Ranui Resthome in Alexandra.

His Masonic career included the office of Past Grand Bible Bearer, Past Grand Chaplain, and since 1991, the office of Past Grand Warden. Since the mid-seventies there would not have been one Master of the Lodge who didn't seek or appreciate the wisdom and advice of this esteemed Brother.

## LODGE APANUI No. 395 50TH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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**Lodge Rotorua No. 153**

**Initial Notice**

## **Celebrating 100 years of Freemasonry**

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## **Northern Division Training of Trainers Programme**

As announced at the Conference, the Divisional Education Advisory Team, with professional assistance, are shortly to select around 10 to 12:

### **Senior Training Officers and Training Officers,**

The Senior Training Officers will train the Training Officers and also act in a 'quality control' role.

The Training Officers will run training sessions locally anywhere in the Division for anyone who does, or wishes to do, presentations of any kind.

Several volunteers have come forward and the Team is looking for anyone who has experience in such activities as well as anyone who wishes to gain such experience. This could include any rank, plus family members male or female.

Contact: Bro. Alan Bevins on 09 262 0978  
or e-mail alanbevins@yahoo.co.nz

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## 60 Year Awards

W Bro Horace (Kay) Kay Taylor	Lodge Rotorua No. 153
R W Bro Robert Henry Malthus	Lodge St Martin No. 162
Bro Wilfrid Moat	Lodge Waitakerei No. 170
W Bro Wingate Rollin Webb	Lodge Erewhon No. 200
W Bro Graham Frank Brabin	Empire Fergusson Lodge No. 225
W Bro David John Fitzpatrick	Lodge Waverley No. 226
W Bro John Hayward Bunyan	Lodge Gisborne No. 233
W Bro John Milne Checketts	Lodge Shirley No. 263
W Bro James Hamish Craig	Scottish Constitution No. 801
W Bro John David McNaughton	The Pakuranga Lodge No. 416
W Bro Tracy Lees McKenzie	Lodge Hatea No. 431
V W Bro Kenneth Smith	Meridian Lodge No. 449
Bro Dudley Harold Fass	Lodge Idris No. 452
W Bro John Frederick (Jnr) Ericson	Petone Daylight Lodge No. 458

## 50 Year Awards

W Bro Robert Kenneth McCormack	The Ara Taimau Lodge No. 1	Bro Eric Arthur Thorpe	Lodge Omarunui No. 216
Bro Eric Ashley Jack	Pacific Leinster Lodge No. 2	Bro David Morton Brown	Lodge Switzers No. 223
W Bro Leslie Robinson Reid	Scinde Lodge No. 5	Bro James Bryan Wrigley	Empire Fergusson Lodge No. 225
Bro Kevin Gerald Samuel Feast	Waihenga St Johns Lodge No. 37	R W Bro Donald B Mayfield	The Research Lodge of Otago No. 161
W Bro Franklin James Hudson	The Robert Burns Lodge No. 50	W Bro David Brunton MacLeod	Lodge Tawera-O-Kapiti No. 253
W Bro Roger George Jackson	Wairoa Lodge No. 55	V W Bro Maurice Evans	Lodge Shirley No. 263
Bro William Osborn McKay Hunter	The Mokoreta Lodge No. 63	V W Bro Morris James Hay	Lodge Haeata No. 272
W Bro Conrad Arthur Ross McDonald	The Rawhiti Lodge No. 66	W Bro William Ross Mulligan	Lodge Waitomo No. 469
Bro John (Jack) Ronald Fairless	The Heretaunga Lodge No. 73	Bro James Henry Erskine	Lodge Tauhara No. 307
Bro Hugh Murray Robert Stewart	The Mangonui Kaitaia Lodge No. 78	Bro Aubrey Robert Claude Mustard	Lodge Zetland No. 312
Bro Ronald MacKenzie	The Mangonui Kaitaia Lodge No. 78	W Bro Peter Charles Single	Services Lodge of Hawkes Bay No. 313
Bro James George Sinclair	Lodge Auckland No. 87	W Bro Bryan Robert Cooke	Lodge Pa-Ka-Ma No. 319
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W Bro Leslie Norman Paterson	Lodge Winton No. 108	Bro Hugh Royston Callender	Lodge Windsor No. 377
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W Bro Kevin Walter Tanner	Te Awahou Lodge No. 133	W Bro James Brown	Lodge Waikanae No. 433
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W Bro Basil Albert Ward	Otaihape Lodge No. 142	R W Bro Alan William Davies	Ruapehu Research No. 444
R W Bro Dennis Hamilton Clout	Hutt Valley Lodge No. 176	W Bro Raymond Albert Ladd	Petone Daylight Lodge No. 458
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Bro Allan Brian Croton	Lodge Waihopai No. 189	W Bro Stephen David Hassan Hill	Lodge Aquarius No. 466

*Congratulations to everyone who  
received Long Service Awards.*

People recognised here qualified for their awards since the last magazine was published

# BIG SCIENCE ADVENTURES FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

All six winning teams now know of their success in the BIG Science Adventures video competition for Year 11-13 students and the challenge before them now is to make a 10 minute documentary of their host scientist's work in those locations.

The best video will win the team a place on the ultimate science adventure, a trip to the Antarctic in January 2007 and the winner will be announced by Sir Edmund Hillary at a special event in Wellington on 4 August, for which all the teams will come together to present their documentaries and share their experiences.

Each team has been appointed a film mentor – a new graduate of the University of Otago Natural History Film-making Course – who will give the students planning and technical assistance.

The standard of entries in these video competitions is now very high – this is the third organised by the Royal Society and sponsored by Freemasons New Zealand.

## ***Burnside High School: Dolomedes Aquaticus***

The energetic and intelligent “two-legged freaks” from Burnside will turn their attention from the habits of *Dolomedes Aquaticus*, more commonly known as the New Zealand fishing spider, to the unpredictable and truly scary habits of volcanoes, starting with White Island. Their intrepid hosts – led by GNS Science's Dr Brent Alloway – are used to staring into the mouths of these untamed monsters that will one day show their awesome powers again. He'll show them around the Taupo Volcanic Zone, where most of New Zealand's deadly volcanic activity has occurred. The team had better be fit - they'll be going right to the top of Ruapehu to see the breathtaking Crater Lake and across part of the Tongariro Crossing to see the Red Crater.

## ***Nelson College: Cawthron, Creating an NZ Icon***

The cultivation of paua at the Cawthron Institute in Nelson is a story of hope for yet another endangered marine species. Two of the boys - Michael Potton and Michael Holmes - demonstrated their talents at video making in the Transit of Venus video competition two years ago. They won a place on the expedition to the UK to observe the 2004 Transit. This time, they have earned a place on the expedition to the Bay of Islands where marine biologists are studying whale and dolphin populations. They will spend much of their time on the water, and will have the opportunity to visit Great Barrier Island, which is not far from the marine laboratory at Leigh, 1.5 hours north of Auckland.

## ***Pakuranga College: My Neighbour's Planet***

These girls found a superb talent in Jennie McCormick, their now famous neighbour. Jennie is an amateur astronomer who,

from the comfort of her home in Pakuranga, found a planet by observing the changing light from a star on her computer. Using her kitchen bench, two apples and a tomato, she explains Einstein's simple but powerful technique of microlensing, which enables astronomers to detect the presence of planets. Having conquered this topic, the girls will now investigate the habitat of our oldest residents - the tuatara - which lived on our land for millions of years alongside the dinosaurs. Somehow, they survived the mass extinction of life 65million years ago, only to be driven from the mainland by the pressures of human habitation, and the predators that came with them. The team will be flown by helicopter to their last outpost - rugged Stephens Island - off the north of the South Island. The Navy boat will uplift the party, requiring some skill given the very rough waters, and all but inaccessible coastline.

## ***Pukekohe High School: The Iron Production Process***

This team produced a very competent programme on the steel making process, gaining access to NZ Steel's plant in Glenbrook and some superb shots of the furnaces and molten metal. The boys will travel to far southern latitudes to join scientists in Doubtful Sound, Fiordland, where they will have quite a different topic to elucidate - the study of the food chain. Captain Cook was the first European scientist to make measurements in Fiordland - he tested a prototype of John Harrison's new clock, which finally enabled sailors to estimate longitude with reliable accuracy.

## ***Timaru Boys High School: S'no Problem***

These boys have shown 100% determination to get their story and make it into the finals. Their video on climate change and hydro electricity is exciting and powerful; they chose very topical subjects and made the most of the fabulous mountain scenery near Timaru. They have been assigned to the most remote location - the Chatham Islands - where they will learn to interpret the island's story from the rocks, flora and fauna. Their expedition party will travel there from Gisborne on the Royal NZ Navy ship Resolution, which has been deployed on special orders from Admiral Ledson. They return to Devonport, Auckland, on the Resolution, a chance for some rest and relaxation in the big smoke before flying home to Timaru.

## ***Wellington High School***

This video on teenage sleep patterns is extremely professional, and the information is very clearly presented through some excellent interviews. These highly creative young people now have the challenge of presenting the work of the planet hunters. Their nocturnal habits will be perfectly suited to keeping the astronomers company on their lonely vigils at Mt John Observatory, exquisitely sited at the heel of beautiful Lake Tekapo. Weather permitting, they will glide over the Southern Alps, which encircle Mt John, and travel to the nearby glaciers.

# Grass roots promotion for Freemasonry

Over many years District One has organised the active promotion of Freemasonry by taking a site for its display at local Agricultural & Pastoral shows, Highland games at Waipu and field days throughout the north. This proved to be hugely successful with many prospective candidates being identified who are now members of Lodges.

“We have ample proof that these activities work to the advantage of Freemasonry in the North, boosting our numbers” says W Bro Peter Packard, Membership Officer for District One.

Eighteen months ago VW Bro Bryan Wiig Dist GM, and his wife Marie donated a seventeen foot Liteweight caravan to the District with a view to having it professionally refurbished and used for the promotion of Freemasonry in the north. This presented a real challenge to the brethren in Whangarei and it did not take long for a very enthusiastic team of willing workers to set about the caravan’s refurbishment.

The ownership of the caravan was taken up by the Northland District Masonic Trust who quickly saw the benefits expanding beyond the promotion of Freemasonry to also include the promotion of the Trust’s objective in providing subsidised housing for the elderly in Northland. Considerable funding was made available for the caravan’s refurbishment from the promotional budgets of three of the Trust’s villages.

The preparation and painting of the caravan were done by local brethren and the signage completed by Bro Cam Dennis. When RW Bro Peter Aspden,

Div GM, visited Whangarei to see the caravan in February he decided that the cost of the signage would be met through Divisional funds. A bright new awning was made by Palmer’s Canvas in Whangarei, new lino and carpet was laid and the underneath and brakes of the caravan were fully reconditioned. With a new electrical warrant and a warrant of fitness (where the inspector was greatly impressed with the work done) the caravan was ready for its first outing.

This was at the Northland Fielddays in Dargaville early March. Local brethren, proud of their professional promotional vehicle, quickly responded to the manning of the van. The names of three prospective candidates and one joining member were taken over the two days.

The next outing was early in April, to the Divisional Conference in Hamilton where a great deal of interest was shown in the caravan by the delegates.

The Trust is very keen to see that the caravan is well used, has decided not to charge a hireage fee to Lodges in District One but they are expected to pay a refundable bond of \$250 to ensure the van is returned in good condition. For Lodges outside District One the



Trust expects a donation as well as the refundable bond. These fees will be reviewed by the Trust at the end of the first twelve month period.

The caravan is currently parked at the Maunu Masonic Village, close to the road into Whangarei from Dargaville where it is in full view of the passing public. Many excellent comments are forthcoming from passerbys and also from motorists who have seen the caravan on the road.

“This has to be excellent for Freemasonry and the Northland District Masonic Trust and it epitomises what can be done at ‘grass-roots’ level to promote the craft in a very professional manner” said VW Bro Bryan Wiig Dist GM District One. “I am very proud of what our caravan team has achieved. It speaks volumes for the future of the Craft in the North.”



***District One’s Masonic Caravan has already had a number of outings throughout the Northern Division.***

This has resulted in bookings from other Districts keen to use the caravan in their areas which the Northland District Masonic Trust has agreed to.

*By W Bro Peter Packard*

# The Waihora Lodge Centennial Project

The Waihora Lodge No. 141 celebrated its Centennial in March 2005 and as its project, was the restoration of the Grave and Monument for the First Grand Master of the Masonic order under the New Zealand Constitution, Most Worshipful Brother Henry Thompson, who was Grand Master from 1890-1892. Along with this restoration many other prominent Masonic graves were upgraded as some were in a somewhat dilapidated condition.

The monument to our late Grand Master was our major project and this has now been restored to a truly magnificent condition, one of which all Masons can be proud of.

If Masons of New Zealand come to Christchurch, this magnificent monument

can be viewed at the Linwood Cemetery.

*W Bro B D Russell  
Master  
Waihora Lodge No. 141*



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## 60 Years Service Throughout NZ

On Thursday, 8 December 2005, in the presence of Lodge members, his wife June and daughters Deborah and Arlene, W Bro Fred Ericson was presented with a 60 year Badge in recognition of his service in three Lodges: Oamaru No. 260 (a Lewis), Mangonui Kaitaia No. 78 and Petone Daylight No. 458 where he was the foundation Junior Warden and current DC – having been in office for eleven of the twelve years history of the Lodge.

The presentation was made by VW Bro Warwick Metcalfe, Dist GM, following a citation by W Bro Roger Wills, PG Swd B, secretary and foundation Master.



*VW Bro Metcalfe, W Bro Ericson, Mrs June Ericson  
and W Bro Woodham-Hearst, Master.*



John Francis GSupt (near right) makes a presentation to Beverly and Eoin Dryden GZ. Allan Pluck GDC is at far right



Wanganui Chapter First Principal V E Comp Alan Dean presents a copy of the Chapter history to M E Comp Eoin Dryden GZ. Also in picture VE Comp Allan Pluck, GDC

# Centenary in Wanganui

## Wanganui Royal Arch Chapter No 23 has turned 100

The Chapter celebrated its centennial at an afternoon meeting on Saturday March 18, attended by M E Comp Eoin Dryden GZ and his wife Beverly, and Ruapehu Grand Superintendent R E Comp John Francis.

After the Chapter was opened and visitors received, the First Principal, V E Comp Alan Dean, suspended the Chapter and the Companions escorted their ladies into the Chapter Room

to hear the Centennial Address, "Some of the Characters of the Wanganui Chapter over 100 years", given by R E Comp Colin Johnson PGDZ. There were presentations to M E Comp Dryden and Mrs Dryden and to R E Comp Francis, and the day was rounded off with a social hour, followed by an evening meal at a local restaurant.

*By Alan Dean*



From left, Alan Dean Z, John Francis GSupt and Allan Pluck GDC



John Francis GSupt with Beverly and Eoin Dryden GZ. First Principal Alan Dean is in the Chair of Zerubbabel

Got an idea for a Royal Arch story?  
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# New-style Convocat



Story: PHIL BROOKE PGDC  
Pictures: ALAN HART PGSuptWks

Left: Taranaki Grand Superintendent R E Comp Ray Dickie, left, with GZ M E Comp Eoin Dryden

Below: A moment of companionship

Bottom L: R E Comp Alan Davies "tickles the ivories"

Bottom R: Companions enjoy a laugh as the delegates meeting gets under way

The 114th Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was held in New Plymouth on March 10-12.

The weekend started with the customary Friday night get-together at the Devon Hotel, where all the events were held. It was a chance to meet people attending the Convocation, to make new acquaintances and renew old friendships.

The delegates meeting was held on Saturday morning, chaired by R E Comp Peter Scowcroft, the Chairman of Supreme Committee. The meeting lasted over two hours and covered many topics including:

- draft bylaws issued by Grand Chapter
- how Grand Scribe Ezra's honorarium is funded
- issue of the new ritual and the additional pieces inserted by the Ritual Committee
- the suggestion that an email group, similar to Grand Lodge's, be set up
- opening a Chapter, when a Mark or Excellent degree is to be worked
- the possibility of holding a Chapter or Cryptic meeting on the night before the Convocation.

The business session started at 12.30pm and ran for nearly three hours, with about 106 Companions in attendance.



# Convocation a great success

The First Grand Principal, M E Comp Eoin Dryden, advised that the special committee sitting under Rule 8 had selected R E Comp Rod Biel PGSupt, of Auckland, as his successor. This announcement was greeted with unanimous acclamation.

A net loss of 161 Chapter members and 12 Cryptic members was noted.

The financial report was adopted without any comment. The budget was received and approved. Supreme Committee asked that the annual fee be increased from \$20 to \$23. However, an amendment moved from the floor saw the fee increased to \$25. The various reports were received, and in a departure from usual custom, the recipients of the Jubilee Scholarship Fund grants were announced.

Various constitutional amendments submitted by Supreme Committee were passed, but two remits relating to Cryptic Masonry submitted by R E Comp Bill Hone PDGZ regarding Council membership of those joining from another Constitution, and standalone status for Councils were both lost, although it was noted that there is no impediment to a Cryptic Council being administratively attached to a Chapter anywhere in NZ.

The remit submitted regarding the Travelling Fund levy was passed after much discussion.

Discussion of remits submitted by R E Comp Bob Cresswell GSupt was somewhat rushed as the allocated time was running out. The first remit, to allow PZs to be appointed GDCs was lost, but the remit calling for a budget to be presented to Convocation was passed.

Auckland Grand Superintendent R E Comp Peter Adrian invited all present to attend the Annual Convocation on 9-11 March 2007 in Auckland.

While the Companions were "at labour", the ladies were on a mystery bus tour of New Plymouth, after which they went to the seaside town of Oakura, including a lunch stop at Butlers Reef Hotel and a look over various craft shops before returning to the Devon and a welcome cup of tea. This tour was thoroughly enjoyed by all with an excellent commentary by the coach captains.

Saturday concluded with a banquet in the evening and on Sunday morning there was a well-attended devotional service followed by meetings of the Supreme and Executive Committees.

This was the first Convocation to be held without any investitures, and the Taranaki Companions of Taranaki had no precedent to follow. However, the weekend was a great success and the hosts are to be congratulated.

Taranaki Grand Superintendent R E Comp Ray Dickie said that all the feedback has been extremely positive.

"In particular, people have praised the 'under one roof' format, the banquet, the bus tour and the very friendly and cheerful atmosphere throughout," he said.

"It was an extremely well-organised event and our grateful thanks

go to all those who assisted in any way. Nothing but good can come from such a weekend and I understand that the alternative year functions will continue as the result of this particular event. A very nice encouraging letter has been received from the First Grand Principal who was most impressed."

Below: The First Grand Principal, M E Comp Eoin Dryden, enters the business session

Bottom: Holding the floor!



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### Management

1. Sit the patient down and loosen any tight clothing about the neck and chest.
2. Advise the patient to breathe through the mouth, with the head tilted forward. Get him or her to pinch the entire soft part of the nose. The first aider may have to do this if the patient is unable to.
3. Until the bleeding has stopped discourage the patient from talking, swallowing, coughing, spitting, sniffing or raising the head. Allow any blood to drip into a container held in front of the patient.
4. Maintain the pressure for a full 10 minutes. If bleeding has not been controlled, repeat pressure for another 10 minutes.
5. Have the patient clean around the nose with a swab moistened with warm water.
6. When the bleeding stops tell the patient not to blow his or her nose for at least 4 hours, and to avoid exertion so as to not disturb the clot.
7. If the bleeding has not stopped after 30 minutes or the patient show signs of shock, seek urgent medical aid.

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# Wellington COMMUNICATION 2006



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MW BRO DAVID MACE GRAND MASTER

I have much pleasure in extending to all Freemasons, their wives and their families, a warm invitation to attend the installation of my successor – RW BRO BARRY MCLAGGAN P PRES BD GP.

This year our Communication will be held in Wellington. Our Capital city has a lot to offer with a number of shops, cafés, restaurants and theatres within close proximity to our official functions, all of which are being held in outstanding venues.

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## RW BRO JOHN LITTON DIVISIONAL GRAND MASTER

I extend a warm invitation to all Freemasons, their families and friends to attend the 2006 Annual Communication in the Capital City of Wellington. The Organising Committee have planned a programme which I am sure will be both enjoyable and memorable.

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TIMETABLE	23 <sup>RD</sup> THUR	24 <sup>TH</sup> FRI	25 <sup>TH</sup> SAT	26 <sup>TH</sup> SUN
GET TOGETHER	7.30 PM			
BUSINESS SESSION		9 AM		
LADIES FUNCTION		9 AM		
OVERSEAS VISITORS FUNCTIONS		9 AM		
INSTALLATION CEREMONY		6.30 PM		
ORGANISED TOUR			9 AM	
INSTALLATION BANQUET			6.30 PM	
CHURCH SERVICE				10 AM
CHURCH LUNCH				NOON

## EVENT REGISTRATION & FEES

	PRICE PER PERSON	NUMBER ATTENDING	TOTAL PRICE
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b> Compulsory for each individual attending	\$35		
<b>GET TOGETHER (THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER, 7:30PM – 10PM)</b> Complimentary drink on arrival then cash bar. Finger food circulating.	\$25		
<b>BUSINESS SESSION (FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 9AM – NOON)</b> No charge. Indication for numbers only.	NO CHARGE		NO CHARGE
<b>BOXED LUNCH FOR PEOPLE ATTENDING BUSINESS SESSION</b> Distributed around noon, or on completion if session finishes before lunch break.	\$12		
<b>LADIES FUNCTION (FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 9AM – NOON)</b> Brunch and a guest speaker at the Duxton Hotel	\$35		
<b>OVERSEAS VISITORS FUNCTIONS (FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER)</b>			
1. Bus tour visiting local places of interest (9AM – NOON)	\$20		
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<b>INSTALLATION CEREMONY (FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 6:30PM – 10PM)</b> No charge. Indication for numbers only.	NO CHARGE		NO CHARGE
<b>ORGANISED TOUR (SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 9AM – 2PM)</b> Bus tour to Kapiti Coast.	\$40		
<b>INSTALLATION BANQUET (SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 7PM – 12:30AM)</b> Includes three course plated meal, wine, beer and orange juice	\$95		
<b>CHURCH SERVICE (SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 10AM – 11:30AM)</b> To be held at Wellington Cathedral	NO CHARGE		NO CHARGE
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