

Lodge Waikato 475

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' Special night for Jacob. '

Bro Jacob Wallace raised to the Third degree.

W.Bro Adrian de Bruin

Deacons - W.Bro Wally Lee

and Bro Jerry Newell.

Congratulations Jacob, now a Master Mason.



NOTICE PAPER



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Dear Brother,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Monthly Meeting of Lodge Waikato, to be held in the Hamilton East Masonic Centre, Grey St., Hamilton East , on Thursday 17th October 2019 at 7.30pm

Ceremony: - Lodge - Second degree working - Bro Mark Bunting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Accounts payable
3. Treasurer 's report
4. Correspondence
5. Almoner 's report
6. General Business
7. Lodge Notices

Notice - For proposition -

Mr David Glen Panirau. 28yrs Account Manager.

239a Commerce St, Frankton, Hamilton

W.Bro Richard Kyle - Hon Sec

Officers of the Lodge

I.P.M. - W.Bro Graham Hallam

Sen. Deacon - W.Bro Wally Lee

Chaplain - W.Bro John Dickson

Secretary - W.Bro Richard Kyle

Dir. of Cere - W.Bro Don McNaughton

Organist - Bro Norm Weir

Tyler - W.Bro Willy Willetts

Dep. Master - W.Bro Steve Weller

Jun. Deacon - Bro Jerry Newell

Almoner - W.Bro Graham Hallam

Ass Secretary - W.Bro Bill Newell

Ass. D.O.C. - W.Bro Kirk Spragg

Inner Guard - Bro Geoff Cooper

Senior Steward - Bro Aaron Peters

LODGE WAIKATO 475



To be Initiated -

To be Passed to the Second Degree - Bro Mark Bunting

To be Raised to the Third Degree - Bro Brent Walker, Bro Mark Ashburner,

Please contact the Lodge Almoner, - W.Bro Graham Hallam, in all cases of difficulty and where any help is needed. - ph 07 8555198.

The Hospital Almoner for October/November is W.Bro Roger Johnstone. Ring Roger if you know someone who would enjoy a visit while in hospital.

Please contact the secretary to update any items, and the membership listings, W.Bro Richard Kyle, 027 529 8977 - e-mail - lodge.waikato@gmail.com

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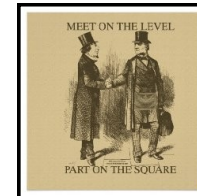
Lodge Notices. - Master 's visiting programme during October 2019 as seen with his monthly report., and as on calendar on back page.

Lodge Waikato Monthly Diary - October 2019

Thursday, 3rd October at 7:00pm. Management Meeting & Practice
Thursday, 10th October at 7.00pm, Lodge practice night
Thursday, 17th October at 7.30pm. Regular Lodge meeting.

Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in October.

Peter Kimber - 1st October 1986 (33yrs)
Brian Cowley - 15th October 2003 (16yrs)
Dominic McDonald - 15th October 2009 (10yrs)
Loren Rout-Brown - 21st October 2013 (6yrs)
Brent Walker - 18th October 2018 (1yr)



Special Thanks —

Lodge Waikato 475 would like to thank most heartedly the following business for their continued support throughout the year

FAIRVIEW MOTORS - JAMES R. HILL

The Master 's report, - October 2019

Greetings Brethren,

Thank you once more to those who attended our strategic Plan Meeting in August. From that we are now establishing time lines to implement our goals and establish new community activities, education ideas, social activities etc.



I have enjoyed the company of our Brethren who have visited with me over the last month. The Lodge Pukemiro Installation was my first time attending the day time meeting and I really enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere.

I would also like to congratulate Bro Jacob Wallace on becoming a M.M. This was only the second time Lodge Waikato has had a 3rd degree, and getting used to some of our new ceremony might take some time but to me that is part of the enjoyment from our amalgamation.

W. Bro Weller will be in charge in October as we are having a past Master's night for Bro Mark Bunting, so I would encourage you all to attend to support the evening.

We will be having our first activity Thursday meeting on Thursday 24th October which will be a lesson in the use of our drop box and if time allows, a look at the web site also.

Finally, October sees the start of a run of up and coming Installations, so please try and attend at least one.

Fratemally - W. Bro Adrian de Bruin, Master.

My Planned Visiting - October/November

Please contact JW to arrange transport or arrange a ride, always a seat available do try and come with me. WM.

October -

Tuesday 1st October - Lodge Tawhiri No 166 visit. 7.30pm.
Barton St. Hamilton. 3rd degree working.

Wednesday 9th October - Waipa Lodge No 119, Installation - 7pm .
W. Bro Jeremy Earl. - Albert Park Drive, Te Awamutu.

Wednesday 16th October - Taupiri Lodge No 118. Installation, - 7pm
W. Bro Frank Greene. - William St. Huntly.

November -

Tuesday 5th November - Lodge Tawhiri No 166 - Installation, 7.00pm
Bro Brian Bevege - Barton St. Hamilton.

Tuesday 12th November - Alpha Lodge No 81, visit. 7.30pm
Bryce St. Cambridge

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Lodge Waikato No 475
2019 - Monthly suggested planner
W.Bo Adrian de Bruin

October 2019

- 1) Thursday 3rd Oct. 7.00pm management meeting and practice.
- 2) Thursday 10th October. 7.00pm Practice
- 3) Thursday 17th October. 7.30pm Lodge regular meeting.
Past Master 's night. W.Bro Steve Weller in Chair
Second degree working for Bro Mark Bunting
- 4) Thursday, 24th October. 7.30pm
Activity Night. 'Drop box and web site discussion.'

November 2019

- 1) Thursday 7th Nov. 7.00pm management meeting and practice.
- 2) Thursday 14th November. 7.00pm Practice,
- 3) Thursday 21st November. 7.30pm Lodge regular meeting.
This will be a 1st degree working.

December 2019

- 1) Thursday 5th Dec. 7.00pm management meeting and practice.
- 2) Thursday 12th December. 7.30pm Lodge regular meeting.
This will be 2nd part of 1st degree ceremony.
(Note - meeting, second Thursday)

District Grand Lodge promotions and appointments for 2019 - 2022.

District Grand Master - W.Bro John Evered P.Dist.GDC
District Grand Director of Ceremony - W.Bro Brian Jeffs P.GBB

Grand Steward - W.Bro Jeremy Earl
Grand Steward - W.Bro Michael Tribe

Past Grand Warden - Rt.W.Bro Dene Richards P.DistGM
Order of Service to Freemasonry - Bro Norm Weir

Roll of Honour - W.Bro Frank Greene
W.Bro Ross Murray

**Congratulations to them all, we look forward to meeting and greeting
them in their new roles.**

Ed.

**Report on Management Committee Meeting
Thursday 5th September**

The Secretary has circulated the minutes of this meeting. Those minutes are a comprehensive summary of what was discussed and resolved.

There were 21 members present and five apologies. The exceptional turnout was noted and appreciated.

Following the recent strategic planning meeting a new meeting procedure was adopted and followed for the first time at this meeting.

The Master 's Report

He thanked everyone for attending the Strategic Planning meeting; feeling it was a good meeting with some very good ideas coming forward. He had received some feedback on the Lodge Protocols. The items he raised will be addressed.

The idea of having a meeting on the fourth Thursday was considered and will start as of October.

The key points from the September meeting include -

A question on the Annual Accounts and the Review of these. W Bro Harrop to discuss with W Bro Prior if he will undertake this duty.

In regards to strategic and long term planning the Master will set up a sub committee to review the work undertaken, establish the timelines and start to build a calendar of events.

In addition to a general almoners comment there was discussion about adding the Hospital visitor to the Plumblin – so those who need it know whom to contact.

W Bro Schenk advised that the web site is up and running. He is still working on developing the calendar but the base information is in there. Check it out on www.lodgewaikato.nz

A hard copy prospectus is also being investigated

Documentation for the strategic plan has been completed as per input from meeting of 28 August. 2019. A copy of completed plan in the booklet to go to all members – either soft or hard copy.

Denis Aplin made a very generous offer of a donation 30 Whiskey Glasses. The offer was gratefully accepted.

Matters fore future meetings include

Role of officers to be discussed at the October meeting

The by-laws will be discussed at the November meeting

The meeting closed at 8:02 pm

**Michael Tribe
Chairman**

' Ring someone - Bring someone? '

While visiting Melbourne



W.Bro Don McNaughton recently visited his family in Melbourne, Australia, and stopped off to catch-up with a couple of New Zealanders there while going to Lodge.

He visited the Mordialloc Lodge of Charity No 258
in Keysborough, Melbourne, Victoria.

W.Bro Trevor Stevens, PM Lodge Hillcrest 363.

Rt W.Bro Mervyn Hallam, PDep Gr Master, Victoria.

VW. Bro Jim Puohotaua, P.Gr In Wgs, Monash Lodge No 938, Melbourne. Vic.

' A Message from our Secretary '

“ Although I am still recovering from concussion symptoms, it is my intention to begin working towards Attendance again over the coming months as I resume more of my masonic duties, and my ability to drive at night slowly restores itself, -
— on with the more important stuff!

W.Bro.Schenk has been hard at work preparing our new website:

<https://lodgewaikato.nz> which he has asked for me to share with you, alongside development of a face-book presence at:

<https://www.facebook.comLodgeWaikato> Both of which I recommend you check out.

Grand lodge of New Zealand also has a series of You-tube videos being released worthy of your attention this being the latest episode:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1zFTZRE4zo>

Please give both the you-tube page, and our new face-book page a look, and I look forward to seeing you all next month.

Thank-you all for your concern, and thanks to those of you who have stepped in and taken control of the Secretary duties.”

Thank-you all, - Richard Kyle - Secretary.

' Strategic Planning '

Ever since the Grand Master, M.W.Bro Mark Winger, instigated the 'Speak-Up' Programme he has challenged every Lodge to come up with a 'Strategic Plan' . Under the guidance of our Master, W.Bro Adrian de Bruin, and Management Committee Chairman, W. Bro Mike Tribe, a steering committee has been at work endeavouring to present to each of us how they see the future of our Lodge..

A summary of their findings and planning is now printed here and you are asked to read and endeavour to become involved with the future planning of your Lodge.

Suggestions for Lodge Waikato Strategic Planning.

Under each of the categories several sub-categories have been developed

OUR COMMUNITY

What we will do:

CHARITY

Maintain our charitable work with Ngaruawahia High School, Camp Quality, the Dingle Foundation and the Grand Lodge Le Quesnay project.

Explore further long term opportunities

Review charitable works at a Management Committee meeting in early 2020.

PROJECTS

Investigate one off projects; for example the zoo barbeque, community clean up projects.

Investigate opportunities three times per year.

PUBLIC PROFILE

Getting our charitable contributions and community work recognised in the media, both the formal media and social networking.

Using the skills of W Bro Schenk to set up a plan for the start of 2020.

BUILDINGS

Creating a visually attractive Masonic presence/building

Set a goal of finalizing the future of Masonic buildings in Hamilton.

If one property is the wish of Hamilton based lodges, set a time line to establish the premises.

FUNDING

Ensure any new property must be revenue generating and self-funding.

RECRUITMENT

Complete the new website, set up the Facebook page and develop a paper prospectus.

By December of 2019 have developed a programme for maintaining the website, have costs for a written paper prospectus and an outline on educating members on the use of Facebook

OUR FAMILY

What we will do:

EDUCATION

Cater for individual requests and wants. Establish a database on members for the start of 2020. Make the Lodge relevant for new members by ensuring they are involved;

See above

Hold education evenings; lectures, workshops and general discussion.

Hold more notated degrees?

Three times per year organise projects to support deserving Brethren.

FINANCE

Review current financial process and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the Lodge Waikato b-laws and Grand Lodge requirements.

Possible complete this at the May Management Committee meeting when dues are discussed.

BUILDINGS

See comments in Our Community.

Ensure the buildings, be they existing or new, are fit for purpose.

Maintain close liaison with the Building Committee.

Developing a strategy to move the future of a Masonic centre, one way or the other, forward. This to be actively pursued over the next twelve months.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

To plan for at least four functions/activities per year. To be initiated at the December Management Committee meeting.

Developing, with the Lodge ladies, means by which we can get more overall Lodge family involvement. Initiate a plan to further involve Lodge widows and former Brethren.

OTHER

Form a sub-committee to oversee the implementation and review of any strategic plan that arises from this consultation.

PLANNING

An action plan to have formal review and reporting back on the strategic plan, to the management Committee, to be developed for presentation to the February MC meeting

OUR COMPASSION

What we will do:

ALMONER/ALMONING

Establish protocols to enable the Almoner to be aware of those Brethren and their families who are in need of assistance.

Use the database, as developed under Our Family, to assist in determining what needs a Brother may have.

Continuing the work with hospital packs (this may be a charitable action).

Develop means by which the role of Almoner can be strengthened, with the support of other Brethren and ladies.

OLDER and INCAPICITATED MEMBERS

Develop a plan to in 2020 to ensure older members of the Lodge are recognised and included in activities.

Provide assistance to bring older or incapacitated members to meetings.

Develop programmes of assistance for members who are struggling. (e.g. similar to the recent Dick Morgan project.)

OTHER

Develop protocol to ensure those members who do not pay their dues.

There will be a report back to the Management Committee in February.

‘ Masonic Symbolism in the Picturesque Hamilton Gardens. ’

A wonderful setting and good profile for Freemasonry.

Our Freemasons Foundation has made a substantial donation as principal supporter to the 'Picturesque Garden' within Hamilton Gardens given its masonic theme - thanks to Mozart and his Magic Flute with masonic symbolism of the rough and perfect ashlar, columns, etc. all couched in an 18th Century garden set along the Waikato River.

Wednesday 13th February was a ‘ Thank You ’ evening – it is officially opened later in the year, but it was beautifully decked out, a gathering of 150 people enjoyed the event with musical interludes.

Gardens made in the late 18th century Picturesque tradition also often featured Masonic symbols because of the owners at that time were Masons. Many of these elements have been introduced to the Picturesque Garden at Hamilton Gardens through a series of features that tell the story of the opera ‘ The Magic Flute. ’

The Magic Flute is arguably the best known and loved traditional opera. It was written in 1791 when the Picturesque Garden movement was at its height. Like most influential figures at the time its writers Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Emanuel Schikaneder, were both Masons and the story is one of Masonic Initiation as well as being a fantasy fairy tale. Like many great works of art there are many layers of meaning, mostly related to personal improvement; the latter appears to have been a popular theme in that Age of Enlightenment.

Masons in that Age of Enlightenment were usually associated with an educated elite who were changing society. In Europe, this included influential thinkers such as Goethe, Alexander Pope, Francis Bacon, John Locke and Voltaire, architects such as Inigo Jones and Christopher Wren, writers such as Robbie Burns and Mark Twain, composers like Mozart, Hayden and possibly Beethoven, and most prominent members of ‘ The Royal Society ’ including well known scientists such as Issac Newton.

Some of these 18th century Masons were plotting changes to traditional rule.

They included American revolutionaries like Jefferson, Washington and Benjamin Franklin. Later Lincoln was also a mason.

The Masons of that time associated themselves with the ancient Egyptian masons, hence the pyramids, obelisks, palm trees and sphinxes. They also associated their craft with the Knights Templar, hence the towers, keeps the fortresses. Then there were other historic references like the Greek and Roman Temples, Palladian buildings and artificial Gothic ruins. Other common Masonic symbols were the circular pools, caves, hermit caves, hermitages, obelisks, lions, pelicans, bee hives and serpents.

The garden established in Hamilton Gardens features many Masonic symbols, there 's the Woodland temple, the paving showing the silver moon crescent that frequently occurs in Masonic symbolism. The pavilion faces west where the sun sets and the night starts. Pavillions like this made references to Pantheon and to Palladian architecture that were associated with renaissance masons.

The ceiling of the portico in our pavilion is decorated like many old buildings with stars, in this case the pattern has been taken from the famous stage set for the Magic Flute.

The Queens Throne and the front of the portico are decorated with seven silver stars that have long been an important symbol in Freemasonry and many ancient cultures. Several of the Magic Flute objects are obviously also old Masonic symbols but there are others in this garden if you know where to look. For example, the rough ashlar and the perfect ashlar at the beginning and end of the garden are symbols that are still used and represent man in his primitive and 'civilised' state.

The three kinds of pillar significant to the Masons are represented in this garden. The Doric pillar on the Woodland temple symbolises strength. The Ionic pillar holding the magic flute represents wisdom and the Corinthian pillar between the portals represents beauty.

Numbers were also important such as the seven stars on the Queen's throne, the use of the 'golden section', the three entrances, three trombones, three veiled ladies and three genii and the eighteen features that tell the story of the Magic Flute, eighteen being the number of seats or sieges.

Even some of the plants have Masonic symbolism. The palm trees represent what were called 'Acacias' which were used in rituals, pomegranates denote abundance and sharing, red roses represent the blood of Christ and white lilies are a symbol of peace.

Everywhere you look in this garden there are old Masonic symbols, this hidden symbolism and its historic associations are a feature that help make these 18th century gardens interesting and distinctive.

Peter Sergel

Director, Hamilton Gardens.

Hamilton Gardens Director, Dr Peter Sergel received the 2017 Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award for overseas travel and research.

This prestigious grant does not have an application process, but rather the committee responsible looks around the country every two years for what they deem will be an overseas study investment that will benefit New Zealand. So while this grant was awarded to an individual, they have essentially recognised the national significance and potential of Hamilton Gardens.

Peter undertook this study trip in May and June 2018 visiting gardens, specialist libraries, museums and universities. One focus of the trip was learning more about the next group of gardens including the: Ancient Egyptian, European Picturesque, German Baroque, Medieval, Roman, English Landscape and French Parterre gardens. This involved trips to Egypt,

England, France, Germany and Austria. He also met a number of garden managers to learn how some of the leading gardens in England, Singapore and America operate and address different issues. Towards the end of the trip, he presented a paper on Hamilton Gardens at an American Public Garden Conference.

'Kitchener of Khartoum'

Mason Extraordinary



Of the many famous men who have been Freemasons, the first Earl Kitchener of Khartoum may be considered to have been the most active to patronise the Craft. In an extraordinary life, his onerous military commitment to his country was intertwined with the Masonic duties he pursued on behalf of the fraternity.

He belonged to 15 Lodges and Chapters whilst serving as District Grand Master of Egypt and the Sudan and of the Punjab in India.

He was simultaneously Commander-in-Chief of the Egyptian Army and later in India, culminating in his appointment as Secretary of War before his untimely death in 1916. At the time he was holding active Masonic office.

Horatio Herbert Kitchener was born on 24 June 1850 near Ballylongford, Kerry, Ireland.

Following in his father's footsteps into the army, after varied posts he moved to Egypt in 1882. Freemasonry was well established in the area, having been brought to Egypt in 1798 by Napoleon's armies and quickly spread through the region. From the start, high-ranking French officers were active members, encouraged by Napoleon himself.

They introduced eminent and respected native soldiers and politicians that became the breeding ground for Kitchener to become a Freemason some 50 years later. The Masonic legacy in Egypt was confused at best. French, Italian, English, Scottish and Irish jurisdictions worked at times together - and at times at loggerheads. The formation of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt in 1864, warranted by the Grand Orient of Italy, only gave temporary relief to the confusion.

The National Grand Lodge of Egypt was quickly recognised, particularly in the light of the dignitaries who headed it. Soon, however, disillusioned with the many unrecognised Degrees and Orders being practiced by the National Grand Lodge, England decided to form its own District Grand Lodge, which brought some semblance of order and control.

Kitchener was 33 when he was initiated, in the Italian-speaking La Concordia Lodge No. 1226 in Cairo in 1883.

The annotation states:

His initiation coincided with the increasing unrest in the Sudan and in 1895 the British government authorised Kitchener to launch a campaign to reconquer the territory.

Kitchener became a joining member of the Star of the East Chapter in 1892 (which, founded in 1891, was only erased in 1966). Finally, at a meeting of the Lodge in 1898, the Master, Gerald Maxwell, welcomes Lord Kitchener as 'The Victor of Omdurman'. Kitchener replies: 'It gives me the greatest pleasure to meet the Brethren of the Lodge, which is the first one I have joined in England'.

Meanwhile, Kitchener continued with his vigorous Masonic activities. In 1890 he joined the Greek-speaking Hellas Lodge No. 1105, later named Grecia Lodge, and was instrumental in its revival when it began to work in English. He was Master in 1892.

It was also at this time that his interest in the Orders beyond the Craft began. His standing as a national hero, and his enthusiasm for the Craft, ensured his rapid rise through the Masonic ranks in all the Orders. In 1895 he was appointed Past District Senior Grand Warden for Egypt and the Sudan, and in this capacity he was instrumental in the Foundation of the Fatieh Lodge under the National Grand Lodge of Egypt and was made Honorary Master.

In the Royal Arch he became First Principal of Star of the East Chapter in 1896. In the same year he was appointed Third Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Egypt and received the Past rank of Grand Scribe Nehemiah from the Supreme Grand Chapter of England in 1897, the year of his appointment as a Past Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England.

In the Mark Degree, he became Master of the Nubia Mark Lodge No. 511 in 1898. The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England also appointed him Grand Junior Warden of the District of North Africa in the same year. Kitchener was also made an honorary member of Lodge of Edinburgh, St Mary's Chapel No. 1, Scottish Constitution. In November 1899, Viscount Kitchener of Khartoum was appointed Governor-General of the Sudan and the first District Grand Master of Egypt and the Sudan. Under the new re-established jurisdiction, all previous agreements with local Grand Lodges were cancelled and four new Lodges founded. Three were active in Cairo (Bulwer, Grecia and Star of the East) and one in Alexandria (Zetland). Kitchener was involved in all three Cairo Lodges, where he resided.

Lord Kitchener attended the meeting on 23 April 1900 and signed a document, still in possession of the Lodge, proposing that a Royal Resolution be sent to the Prince of Wales concerning the health of Queen Victoria. Lord Roberts is also a signatory to this document. Kitchener's overlapping popularity as a national hero and a dedicated Freemason is reflected on the occasion of his visit to Ipswich on 22 September 1902, just before his posting from South Africa to the Punjab in India. Invited to receive the freedom of the borough, Kitchener also accepted honorary membership in the British Union Lodge No. 114, Province of Suffolk.

In October 1902, Kitchener was posted to India as commander-in-chief of the army, where he remained from 1902 till 1909 and was almost immediately appointed District Grand Master of the Punjab. He began to practise what was by now a familiar pattern of active interest in Masonic affairs. In 1903 he joined Himalayan Brotherhood Lodge No. 459 in Simla. In the same year he became the senior Founder Member of Kitchener Lodge No. 2998, the first of the many Lodges to which he was to give his name. In 1907 he attended a meeting of the namesake of his mother Lodge, Concordia No. 3102, in Calcutta and assisted at the initiation, passing and raising on the same day of His Majesty Habibullah Khan, the Amir of Afghanistan.

With the outbreak of the First World War, Kitchener was called home and the Prime Minister Herbert Asquith appointed him Secretary of State for War, the first time a military man had held the post. In spring 1916, Asquith posted Kitchener to Russia in an attempt to encourage the country to maintain the fight against Germany.

On 5 June 1916, HMS *Hampshire*, on which Kitchener was sailing to Russia, struck a mine off the Orkneys. The British cruiser sank and Kitchener lost his life. It was a sad end to an amazing life.

Bro Field-Marshal Earl Kitchener of Khartoum and Aspell... The Craft mourns the loss of a distinguished Masonic administrator... (and) will ever hold in grateful regard and admiring reverence the fearless soldier and tireless organiser...

Fitting words to a great soldier and a great Freemason.

Jack The Ripper

In researching the Masons' political activities, especially their illegal ones, the infamous "Ripper" murders cannot be overlooked. These serial murders were committed in London in 1888. Over a span of nine weeks, five prostitutes were brutally murdered and their bodies disembowled, sometimes dismembered. These murders were never actually solved, and the murderer was never caught. Letters "signed" under the name of Jack the Ripper sent to the police force, shortly after these murders were committed, provided the murderer with his nickname. Who the person or people responsible for the murders is or are is still unknown.

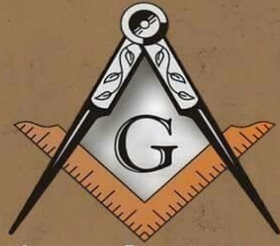


Shortly before the time of the murders, the British monarchy was threatened with a great scandal. The eldest son of Queen Victoria, later King Edward VII was the Grand Master of the English Freemasons. Theoretically, his son, Eddy, would have become King if his grandmother and father had died before him, but Eddy had a private life with palace discipline. He was secretly visiting his painter friend Walter Sickert and his friends; and at one of these visits he met and began an affair with Annie Crook, a Catholic shop-girl of the lower classes. After some time she gave birth to his child, and they were secretly married. Sickert hired a nanny for Eddy and Annie's baby girl. Mary (or Marie) Kelly and Sickert were the witnesses at their secret wedding. At the time, Britain was in political turmoil. Had the public learned of Eddy's marriage to a woman like Annie, it could have had far-reaching repercussions, including the abolition of the monarchy. (It was against British law for the monarch to marry a Catholic, not to mention the problems posed by her working-class background.) Such a scandal was a serious threat to anyone with an active interest in When word of all this got to Queen Victoria, she demanded that, Lord Salisbury - her Prime Minister, and a renowned Mason - cover up this affair. Salisbury had Annie admitted to an asylum, where she was to die 32 years later.

Her daughter later became Sickert's mistress and bore him a son. Marie Kelly, the witness at the marriage, became an alcoholic and prostitute and later shared this secret with three of her prostitute friends. When these women threatened to reveal Eddy's secret, Salisbury decided that this threat had to be ended and enlisted the help of Sir William Gull, physician to the Queen and a high-ranking Freemason; it was he who had declared Annie insane and sent her to the asylum.

This is how the shocking "Ripper" murders came about. Prime Minister Salisbury, the other members of government and the police force provided the cover-up, as was expected of the Masonic brotherhood.

They kept this secret and admired Gull for his great sense of "responsibility." Gull sent his driver Netley to persuade Sickert to help locate and identify the four prostitutes. They were located, picked up, brutally murdered, and then their bodies mutilated and dismembered as prescribed in Masonic rites and finally disposed of at the chosen sites.



Life and time are
the two best
teachers. Life
teaches us to
make good use of
time and time
teaches us the
value of life.

In answer to a question -

“ Why are the Treasurer and the Tyler elected into office.?”

Reply - **Book of Constitution -**

Election of Officers - Rule 38 - No 's a, b, & c.

“ In a Craft Lodge the Treasurer and Tyler must be elected. ”

“ Unless the By-laws otherwise provide, all other Officers are appointed by the Master. ”

“ Your input ”

**Brethren, you will note recently that articles in the Plumblin have been
Introduced by brethren other than myself, the Editor.**

**If you have articles or items of points of interest you may consider worthy
of having in the Plumblin please send them to me by mail or e-mail.**

Thanks, Ed.



October 2019 (New Zealand)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 ☾ New Moon	30	1 † Tawhiri Lodge Barton St 7.30pm	2	3 Management meeting & Practice 7.00pm	4	5
6 ☽ 1st Quarter	7	8	9 Waipa Lodge Installation W.Bro Jeremy Earl	10 Lodge practice 7.00pm	11	12
13	14 ☽ Full Moon	15	16 Taupiri Lodge Installation W.Bro Frank Greene	17 Regular meeting 7.30pm	18	19
20	21	22 ☾ 3rd Quarter	23	24 Special Activity Lodge meeting 7.30pm	25	26
27	28 ☀ New Moon Labour Day	29	30	31	1	2

☀ Full and Holiday ☽ Lunar Holiday ☾ Lodge Events



November 2019 (New Zealand)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 ☀ New Moon Labour Day	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 ☽ 1st Quarter	5 Tawhiri Lodge Installation Bro Brian Bevege	6	7 Management meeting & Practice 7.00pm	8	9
10	11	12 Alpha Lodge Visit 7.30pm	13 ☽ Full Moon	14 Lodge practice 7.00pm	15 Copernicus Installation	16
17	18	19	20 ☾ 3rd Quarter	21 Regular meeting 7.30pm	22	23
24	25	26	27 ☀ New Moon	28	29	30

☀ Full and Holiday ☽ Lunar Holiday ☾ Lodge Events