

Lodge Waikato 475

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'Presentation night'

Master Mason Certificates presented to...
Bro Jonathan Gensik & Bro Rommel Soaygan
By.. RW Bro Gary Salmon

Presenting Officers...
W Bro Bryan Dawson & Bro Mark Namuag



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, 285 Grey St., Hamilton East, on Thursday 18th April 2024 at 7:30pm

Ceremony: - First degree working - Mr Jordan Sutherland

1. Confirmation of Minute
2. Accounts payable
3. Treasurer's report
4. Correspondence
5. Almoners Report
6. **Ballots**
7. General Business
8. **Notice of Motion**

Proposal for membership -

Mr Vincent Ansley. Address - Knighton Rd., Hamilton
Employment - as Administrator.

Proposed - VW Bro J. Evered / W Bro D. Gray

RW Bro. Gary Salmon - Hon Secretary

Officers of the Lodge

I.P.M.- WBro. Darryl Gray GS

Dep.Master - V WBro. John Evered PDGM

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Jnr. Deacon - Bro Mark Namuag

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LODGE WAIKATO 475



To be Initiated - Mr. Jordan Sutherland

To be Passed to the Second Degree

- Bro. Michael Kaplan & Bro Christian Morris

To be Raised to the Third Degree -

Please contact the **Lodge Almoner**, - WBro. Wally Lee, in all cases of difficulty and where any help is needed. - **ph 07 824 4862. e-mail - wfnlee@gmail.com**
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Lodge Waikato Monthly Diary - April 2024

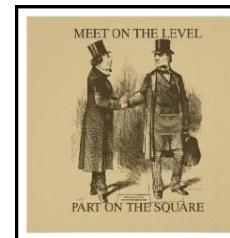
Thursday, 4th April at 6:30pm - Management meeting/Practice

Thursday, 11th April at 7:00pm - Lodge Practice

Thursday, 18th April at 7:30pm - Regular Lodge monthly meeting.

**Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays
in April 2024**

Kirk Spragg - 6th April 1981 (43yrs)



Special Thanks —

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

James R. Hill. - 07 8555541

Greetings Brethren

Well, as I write this report we are heading into Easter and for many of you I'm sure a welcome break. The Autumn season is also upon us, the temperatures begin to fall and we start to wrap up a bit warmer perhaps.

I am impressed with the current "Spirit" of our Lodge and a big thank you to those Brethren who "filled the gaps" as required and made our March ceremony complete and by all accounts a success for our candidate Bro Raj. Congratulations to Bros Gensik and Soaygan on receiving their Master Masons certificates and doing such a fine job with their test questions.

As we strive to build our ranks and fill our Lodge with keen new members we look forward to April for another 1st degree and opportunity to again work together and ensure that our candidate is left with a wonderful experience and that our high standards are met in terms of ritual and in the manner in which we introduce our new Brother into the family of Lodge Waikato.

We must thank WBro Murray Loft for his work in developing and promoting our Mentoring program which is an essential part of the process of introducing and retaining our new Brothers in Freemasonry. Please support Murray as he has done a massive amount of research and work in producing this program for our Lodge and I'm sure that we all look forward to witnessing the positive results in our new Brethren.

Keep up the good work Brethren and until we meet again.
Stay healthy and safe.

Fraternally
WM Dennis



Proposed visitings for the month of April -

- 02 April - Lodge Tawhiri 166 - Barton St. Hamilton
25 year badge presentations - Official visit.. Divisional Grand Master
- 03 April - Lodge Piako 160 - Installation 7pm
- 09 April - The Alpha Lodge 81 - 2nd degree working
Other visits to be advised

Lodge Practice nights -

- 04 April - 7:30pm (after management meeting).
- 11 April - 7:00pm
- 17 April - 7:00pm

Instruction and coaching

By arrangement Sundays 4-5 PM

One Vision - One Goal - One Team

Lodge Waikato Regular meeting 18th April 2024
1st degree Ceremony for Mr Jordan Sutherland

Replacement officers

Senior Deacon WBro Bryan Dawson for Bro Mark Ashburner.

Charges

Obligation - WBro D. Mead (WM).

Lesser Lights - WBro D. Gray GS.

Secrets - WBro G. Hallam RH.

Investiture - WBro S. Weller (SW).

Charge after Investiture - Bro G. Quinto.

Charge in the N East - WBro M. Loft PGS

Reasons for Preparation - Bro G. Taylor (IG).

Working Tools - Bro M. Bunting (JW).

Charter Charge - Bro J. Gensik (SS).

Tracing Board - TBC (provisional May meeting).

Charge after Initiation - WBro A. Harrop.

Conclusion - W.Bro D. Mead (WM).

Note - to any Brother who has undertaken to present a charge or who has an office
Please make every effort to attend all practices, the aim is to present the best possible
working for our candidate which requires attendance and teamwork from all the
Brethren involved.

Please let the Master know if you are unable to attend any practice.

WM.

Freemasonry helps teach the importance and benefits of personal honour ,
integrity, duty, and service. If every Mason works hard and takes responsibility
in all he does, then Masonry will thrive.

Masons are expected to attend as many stated meetings, degree nights, and
other activities of their lodge as their time and abilities permit.

Masonic participation is mutually beneficial both to the individual Mason
as well as to the other brethren of the lodge.

Good fellowship is an important aspect of Masonry, the bonds that unite
Masons together grow stronger with each shared moment,
event, and discussion.

**'May freedom, harmony and love unite you in the Grand Design,
Beneath th'Omniscient Eye above the glorious Architect Divine.'**

Robbie Burns, St James Lodge, Tarbolton. 1786.

The Public Art House in Ngaruawahia.

More than 100 years after it was established, a Ngāruawāhia Masonic Lodge was transformed into the temporary home of the town's community arts centre. Now that home has become permanent. Ngā Arts began leasing 18 Herschel St in 2018 after their last building was deemed earthquake-prone in 2011. Several years later, the building went up for sale, and Waikato District Council has taken the opportunity to buy it.



The building was established in 1911 as Lodge Te Marama by the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The trustees of the lodge held onto it since then, until finally making the decision to sell it. The council purchased the building when it appeared on the market, as they had promised Ngā Arts to help find a permanent home, and this one had already done the job well for many years.

It was purchased for \$457,500, which was funded by the Ngāruawāhia Facilities Targeted Rate and the district strategic property budget. Waikato District mayor Jacqui Church said that while some might argue the money could be spent elsewhere, a home for the community centre was and should be a priority.

Ngā Art centre manager Laura Milward said she knows the character and history of the building is important to the community. "We proudly know that we will be holding this space for our community to ensure the legacy of the Masons lives on here in Ngāruawāhia." Milward said the site is heritage listed, which means any new work on the building will be guided by the Heritage New Zealand guidelines.

"We do have big dreams for this space, initially we will do what we can to add vibrancy to the space with the use of signage, murals outside, and well inside, we have already made it our own," she said.

"Our walls are decorated with the works of our community. It is always changing, it evolves as do our offerings of workshops, classes and events."

Mark Taylor / Waikato Times

Greetings brethren. Something a little different from me this week.

Firstly, thank you to W Bros Alan and Graham for performing my tasks at Bro Raj's 3rd degree. I heard tremendous things about the night and am privileged to have been covered by two such eminent masons. While you were doing that, we were in Twizel, supporting my future Freemason Max at the Maadi cup rowing champs.



He was a part of the Hamilton Boys High school quad whose senior crews won all the premiere events and the school won the whole regatta. Max was bowman in the highly fancied under 16 eight who had been having a stellar season, but had had half of the crew wiped out with flu during their final training camp a week before the regatta. While they did well, they performed below their own expectations and came 5th in the final. I'll never forget the feeling of our Dad and Son hug afterwards and him whispering 'I'm sorry Dad' in my ear. He thought he'd let everyone down, but clearly he hadn't (which I have been reminding him of every moment hence).

However in the words I've been telling him about the nature of team sport, it's become very apparent that a lot of what was requires of them as potentially the best crew in the country mirrors the values we impose on ourselves as we strive to be one of the highest performing lodges in the country.

So from a Dad of a rower and a former competitive rower himself, I proudly present;
"Brother Bunting's Seven Steps of Similarity between Rowing and Ritual"

- 1 Just as every rower must row in perfect time with each other, so ought we perform our ceremonial tasks in synch with each other, otherwise the whole performance stutters and slows
 - 2 Just as the race is just the sum total of the endless training and hard work done in those weeks and months leading up to the event, so are our ceremonies the showpiece of all the learning and practice put in by our team. Failing to prepare is preparing to fail.
 - 3 Any crew is only as good as it's weakest link. If a team member is struggling, the coaches and crew support that crew member to bring them up to speed. And so it is if one of our brethren is struggling, the senior members of our crew surround and support him until he is up to speed
 - 4 A winning crew has their eyes in the boat all the time. If one crew member is looking at the opposition, chatting or not focusing, the boat goes out of balance, and so it is with us - should someone be chatting away in the background or playing with their phone, the ceremony loses it's balance
 - 5 Every rower has a varied background, but they pull together as one. And so do we. One of my favourite parts of freemasonry is the level. That no matter how low the spoke of fortune's wheel a brother finds himself on, he is equally entitled to our regard as one on the highest.
 - 6 A winning crew has tremendous pride in their appearance - as does a fantastic lodge.
 - 7 After the work is done, rowing crews and freemasons have developed a tremendous, life-long bond. Despite their wide and varied backgrounds they will always have that brotherhood formed by working with and for each other in a craft that they love.
- Need I say more?

Loving being a part of this crew.....Mark Bunting, Junior Warden.

Education -

'The Third Degree'

The obligation is the heart of any Masonic degree, none more than in the Third Degree, for when it is assumed by the candidate, he has solemnly bound himself to Freemasonry and accepted certain duties and responsibilities which are his to fulfill for the rest of his life. In addition to binding the candidate to Freemasonry and its duties, the obligations in each degree also protect the fraternity against someone revealing the modes of recognition and certain symbolic instructions and ceremonies unique to the degree being conferred.

Like many other ceremonies used by our fraternity, the roots of this practice are ancient. Many vows were expressed in very specific terms such as promises of gifts to deity in return for safe voyages, successful crops, fertility, healing, success in battle and so on. Although the nature of making vows and obligations has changed somewhat in modern times, it remains a very powerful method for setting direction and commitment in one's life and the building of character.

The third Degree -

The third degree of Master Mason is the crown jewel of the ancient craft blue lodge. It is the culmination of all that has been taught and revealed to the candidate as in the two preceding degrees. As he began his Masonic journey, he was initiated into a new and unique life via the Entered Apprentice degree. After working to subdue his passions he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. After crossing the threshold from the outer to the inner, from the material to the intellectual, he was considered by his brethren ready to be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

A candidate upon receiving the third degree of Masonry, is said to have been "raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason." The term "raised" alludes to the candidate's experience of being physically lifted during the impressive ceremony, when he took part in the representation of a Masonic tragedy.

The Lodge room becomes a representation of the Sanctum Sanctorum, or Holy of Holies, deep within King Solomon's Temple, the meeting place of Master Masons and where our Grand Master, Hiram Abif would pray daily for guidance and there draw designs upon his tracing board where the craft may pursue their labours.

Hiram Abif -

The historical Hiram Abif that is recorded in the King James Bible was a skilled artificer and the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali. The word Abif is translated to mean "father", and this name is often explained as "*Hiram my father.*"

In a certain sense, he was regarded as the father of the workmen on the Temple and their primary supervisor and chief architect of the work. Hiram, in another sense, may also be looked upon as the philosophical father of speculative Masonry, whom we strive to emulate in his determination of character and his unflinching loyalty to his fellow Masons.

Three Grand Masters -

The three Grand Masters mentioned in our ritual concerning the building of the Temple are; *Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram, King of Tyre; and Hiram Abif, the widow's son.*

The secrets known only to these three symbolically represent divine truth.

Once these secrets were attained, a man could rightfully claim the rewards of a well spent and honourable life, and travel in security to that unknown country toward which all of us mortals are bound and from which none of us will return.

The Lost Word -

The search for *“that which was lost”* is not for a particular word, as you already know. The search is ultimately for personal enlightenment to enable us to determine our appropriate place in the universe.

The book of Genesis gives us a clue to the tremendous power of the word, or speech.

In Genesis, we learn that the first act of creation occurred when “God Said”.

The utterance of the word is also closely connected with the idea of light, and therefore, knowledge. Having the power of speech is perhaps the noblest attribute of man, because he can therefore communicate his thoughts to his fellows. We must always search diligently for truth, and never permit prejudice, passions, or conflicts of interest to hinder us in that search.

In our Craft lodges, there is a substitute for the true Word, which he was taught along with the proper form of its utterances between Master Masons when occasion demands. Each Master Mason however, must ultimately seek out and find the true Words for himself, through his own individual travels along his personal Masonic journey — that particular and unique pathway which will lead him to a greater understanding of himself, the Craft, the World, and his purpose within it.

The Heavy Maul -

This was a wooden instrument used by operative masons to get polished stones firmly into a wall without damage to their surface finish.

The setting maul, because of its size and hardness, has been portrayed as a symbol of destruction from prehistoric times and is shown often in mythology in this capacity.

There is a physical difference between a setting maul and a gavel. In most lodges today the Master and his Wardens would use a modified gavel with sounding blocks.

The setting maul, of course, is notorious in Freemasonry as the instrument with which Grand Master Hiram Abif was slain.

The Sprig of Acacia -

Acacia is a genus of shrubs and trees belonging to the fabaceae family, first described in Africa by Swedish botanist Linnaeus in 1773. Acacias are also known as thorn trees or wattles. There are over 1,300 species of acacia and spread all over the world.

The acacia abounds in the Middle East as well, and both the Jews and Egyptians believe that because of its hardness, its evergreen nature, and its durability, the acacia signified immortality.

Ancient Hebrew people traditionally planted a sprig of acacia at the head of the grave to mark its location and to show their belief in an afterlife.

It is also believed by some Masonic scholars that acacia wood was used to construct most of the furniture and the tabernacle in King Solomon’s Temple.

Education -

'The Skerrit, The Pencil and The Compasses' Third Degree Working Tools

The Skerrit -

The Skerrit is an instrument which acts on a centre pin, whence a line is drawn to mark out the ground for the foundations of the intended structure. Symbolically, the skerrit points out that straight and undeviating line of conduct, laid down for our pursuit in the V.S.L.; and so to 'square', 'level' and 'upright'. We must now add 'straight'. "Straight" is defined as the shortest distance between two points, and in our dealings with our God, our neighbour and ourselves, we find that the shortest path is that which is straight. We can be easily tempted to take an easier path, and so forsake the straight, perhaps at first, just a little, but that 'little' can easily become a habit, so to keep the straight requires restraint, which is seldom easy.

Life does not consist of one moment of impact by one solitary force, it consists of very many moments with the influence of a great number of forces, each one pulling away from the straight and narrow path; but if our direction is rightly set, our path, in the end, will be the safer one. With the Skerrit to guide him, the Mason works with a practical gyroscope, that overcomes all incidental forces, a kind of radar, that leads to the point at which he aims.

The Pencil -

With the pencil the skillful artist delineates the building in a draft or plan for the instruction and guidance of the workmen. Our building has been delineated in a draft or plan for our instruction and guidance by the Great Architect of the Universe. I have to seek, and we will find the light that we need. It is for us to understand what is meant by each detail in the design, so that our life, when considered in the time to come, and in the light of that plan, will be judged by its conformity to that plan.

We all know that in the erection of a building, just how easy it is to misread the plan, and how much we need a good light; but we have only to seek, and we will find the light that we need. The light of a Master Mason is but darkness visible, or in other words, ignorance realized, there is no greater darkness than ignorance not realized.

The light of a Master Mason is that light which is from above, which comes from an Unshakeable and fundamental belief in the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the immortality of the soul - this is the light which is from above.

The pencil teaches us that our words and actions are recorded by the Most High, to whom we must give an account of our conduct through life. If we have built to plan, we can lift our eyes to that bright morning star, who's rising brings peace and tranquility to the faithful and obedient of the human race.

***" May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all regular masons,
May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us."***

The Compasses -

The compasses remind us of His unerring and impartial justice, who, having defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, will reward or punish us as we have obeyed or disregarded His Divine commands.

They remind us to limit our desires in every station of life, so that, rising to eminence by merit, we live respected and die regretted.

Dr. Mackey tells us that the V.S.L. gives us light on our duty to God, the Square on our duty to our neighbour, and the compasses our duty to ourselves, and this great duty is that of circumscribing our passions, and keeping our desires within bounds.

It is worthy of note that, while the square is a rigid angle, the compasses are definitely adjustable; this surely suggests to us the fact that the circles of our sympathy and understanding can be adjusted as circumstances demand.

Freemasonry today.

'Call For Masonic Action'

Looking eagerly toward the oncoming future, we see an ever-changing world of political instability, economic uncertainty and shattered traditional values.

We are bombarded with crisis after crisis.

In confronting these conditions of today, we, of the Masonic world must adapt, and I believe with all my heart we can adapt through use of the necessary three "M's", namely, the men, the money and the methods. So, by an intelligent application of these, we can make sure we do not stagnate or fade into oblivion.

We exemplify Masonry in action.

We are singularly equipped and, indeed, destined for the task of bringing forth patriotic, moral and spiritual achievements - enlightened living in the Space Age.

We encourage an enthusiastic application of our techniques for fellowship and advancement, for stability and growth, for bringing in young blood, for self development and leadership, and for philanthropic, patriotic and spiritual programmes.

We can supply the moral leadership for which the world cries out.

Surely Masonry has proved itself a fountain source of inspiration for leadership.

Where else in the world today is there an organization so purposefully dedicated to moral uplift which includes every creed, religion and race. ?

Who but the Masons have adhered more firmly to the faith of their fathers and shown more patriotism.?

Where, then, but from the ranks of Masonry can there come such leaders. ?

RW Bro M.R.Hallam

'Figuring out what Freemasons believe in.'

There is no international administrative or controlling authority over Freemasonry. There's no office anyone can call to get the official, worldwide policy position of [Freemasons](#), because there is no such policy. New Zealand has its own Grand Lodge but there are basic beliefs common to all regular, mainstream Masonic organizations. The beliefs of Freemasonry can be boiled down to those three simple concepts. Masons are taught to believe in:

Brotherly love: Love for each other and for all mankind

Relief: Charity for others and mutual aid for fellow Masons

Truth: The universal questions of morality and the salvation of the soul.

Brotherly love

Simply put, Masons believe in the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is part of every great world religion, so it qualifies as the single, unifying theme of all faiths. Its most basic concept is the cornerstone of Freemasonry, no matter how it is phrased:

- **Buddhism:** "In five ways should a clansman minister to his friends and families; by generosity, courtesy, and benevolence, by treating them as he treats himself."
- **Christianity:** "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
- **Confucianism:** "What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others."
- **Hinduism:** "Always treat others as they themselves wish to be treated."
- **Islam:** "No one is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself."
- **Judaism:** "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Relief

Masons do not teach, and have never taught, that good works on Earth are a means of salvation in the afterlife. Masonic charity is practiced to improve the lives of men here and now. Many people who are familiar with Freemasonry but are not members are aware of some of the fraternity's philanthropic and charitable contributions to society. A common statement is made that, internationally, Freemasons provide \$3 million every day to charity — \$2 million in the United States alone. Three centuries of encouraging good works in its members have resulted in large, institutional charities supported by Freemasons. These include scholarships, relief for natural disasters, and donations to schools and to destitute families. Masons have provided retirement homes for their own members, as well as schools and homes for orphans, and they participate in a dizzying list of community and social programs. Especially notable are the many medical philanthropies supported by Masons, which range from neuromuscular, dental, and eye care, to the world-famous Shriners Hospital program for children.

Although these charities make an enormous contribution to and have a tremendous impact on society, Masons do not perform such services to mankind to receive gratitude or recognition. Individual Freemasons are encouraged to participate in all forms of charity and benevolence for society, not just the ones that get on the evening news or in the morning paper. Masonic charity does not just mean writing a check or throwing coins in a basket. It means giving a part of one's self and one's time — commodities that are always in short supply. By participating in improving the life of a whole community or a single human being, by example, they hope to encourage others to do the same.

Truth

Masonic truth is a little more difficult to explain, because it means something different to every man. When a new initiate enters the lodge, aspects of the ritual ceremony seem unusual. For example, he is blindfolded. Blindfolding is done for a variety of reasons, but the primary symbolism of being blindfolded is that the candidate is seeking light. Light in a Masonic lodge is a symbol of spiritual truth and knowledge, and every candidate must discover that light on his own. To be in darkness is to be ignorant and unaware. No lodge ceremony or Masonic lesson can pretend to provide "ultimate" truth for a Mason, but Masonry seeks to inspire the individual to search for knowledge on his own.

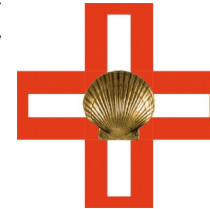
Freemasonry Today

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THE COMMEMORATIVE ORDER OF SAINT THOMAS OF ACON

The Commemorative Order of Saint Thomas of Acon is an independent British Christian masonic organisation. Membership is restricted to members of Knights Templar Preceptories and Pories under the United Great Priory in New Zealand.

The basic organisation of the Order is a Chapel. The Chough Chapel No.48 is presently the only Chapel in New Zealand, situated in Auckland and comes under the Province of Australia South & New Zealand based in Melbourne, Australia.



The Chough Chapel No.48 meets at the Highland Park Masonic Centre in Highland Park, Howick, Auckland, four times per year; April, June, August and their installation in November. The meetings are held in conjunction with the Knights Templar Body Guard Preceptory No.43 who meet on the mornings of the same days. The current Worthy Master is Jamie MacGee.

The Order of St. Thomas of Acon was established in 1974 as a result of twenty years' research in the Guildhall Library in London by John E. N. Walker, who for many years was the Secretary General of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia.

The ancient records of the Order, written in medieval French and Latin, had been deposited in the London Guildhall Library and escaped the Great Fire of 1666.

The Order now operates under the official title of The Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon.

It is the only English Order of Chivalry and its ritual is based on the original records as above. The Saint Thomas referred to is Thomas A'Beckett and the word Acon is the Anglicised version of the city of Acre in the Holy Land. The Order was established during the Crusades.

Arms Newsletter.

***'Without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station,
endeavour to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.'***



"The fine young men of the HBHS U16 eight. Max Bunting is the bowman in this photo. Fun fact - the three seat was fasting for Ramandan and the 4 seat is a lovely 14 year old called Rory - he's currently 6 ft 5."



Special night for two certificated brethren.

Bring a smile - ?

“At the weekend when looking for something in one of my boxes, where I put things that I think I should keep, I found this article, and it could be appropriate today.” Ed.

“Where’s my payment. ?”

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter requesting me to send a cheque. I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it ordinarily impossible. My shattered financial condition is due to Union Laws, Local Body Laws, Sister-in-Laws, Brother-in-Laws and Out-Laws. Through these Laws, I am compelled to pay a business tax, super tax, road tax, petrol tax, sales tax, tariff tax, and amusement tax, of which I have none. Even my brain is taxed. I am expected to get a business license, truck license, radio license, dog license, not to mention marriage license.

I am required to contribute to every society and organization the genius of man is capable of bringing to light - the women’s relief, the employment relief, and the gold diggers relief. Also to every hospital and charitable institution in the country, including the red cross and double cross.

For my own safety, I am required to carry a life insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, burglary insurance, accident insurance, earthquake insurance, war risk insurance, employment insurance, old age and fire insurance, My business is so governed that I do not know today, nor can I find out, who owns it.

I am inspected, expected, suspected, rejected, disrespected, examined and re-examined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded and compelled until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire of hope of the human race. Simply because I refused to donate something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, held up, held down, and robbed until I am ruined. I can tell you honestly that, except for the miracle that happened, I could not enclose the cheque.

**The wolf that comes to many doors now a days had pups in my kitchen,
I sold them and here is the money.....**

Yours faithfully,

Ed.

We spend our lives on the run.
We get up by the clock, eat and sleep by the clock,
Get up again, go to work - and then we retire,
And what do they give us - a bloomin clock !!!

Steve Allen

Murphy told Quinn that his wife was driving him to drink.
Quinn thinks he’s very lucky, because his wife makes him walk.!!!



April 2024 (New Zealand)

May 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 <small>Easter Sunday</small>	1 <small>Easter Monday April Fools</small>	2 Lodge Tawhiri Barton St Div.GM visit	3 Lodge Piako Installation Morrinsville	4 Management meeting 6:30pm Practice 7:30pm	5	6
7	8	9 The Alpha Lodge Cambridge 2nd degree working	10	11 Practice 7:00pm	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Monthly meeting 7:30pm Init - Mr. J. Sutherland	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <small>ANZAC Day</small>	26	27
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YOU, YOUR FAMILY, Your Community



May 2024 (New Zealand)

June 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2 Management meeting 6:30pm Practice 7:30pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Practice 7:00pm	10	11
12 <small>Mother's Day</small>	13	14 Alpha Lodge Installation Cambridge	15	16 Monthly meeting 7:30pm	17	18
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