

# Lodge Waikato 475

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**Special night for Bro Jordan Sutherland  
on his Initiation.**

**W Bro Dennis Mead - Master  
Deacons.. Bro Mark Namuag & Bro Ged Guinto**



## 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 16th May 2024 at 7:30pm**

**Ceremony: - First degree working - Mr Vincent Ansley**

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

***RW Bro. Gary Salmon - Hon Secretary***

### Officers of the Lodge

I.P.M.- WBro. Darryl Gray **GS**  
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## LODGE WAIKATO 475



**To be Initiated** - Mr. Vincent Ansley

**To be Passed to the Second Degree** -

Bros. Michael Kaplan, Christian Morris & Jordan Sutherland.

**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 - May 2024**

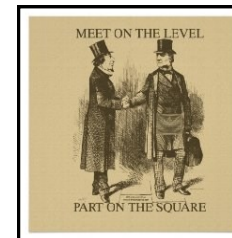
**Thursday, 2nd May at 6:30pm - Management meeting/Practice**

**Thursday, 9th May at 7:00pm - Lodge Practice**

**Thursday, 16th May at 7:30pm - Regular Lodge monthly meeting.**

### **Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in May.**

Dave Campbell - 4th May 1972 (52yrs)  
Stephen Hawkes - 15th May 1997 (27yrs)  
Dennis Mead - 21st May 1998 (26yrs)  
Trevor Langley - 15th May 2003 (21yrs)  
Richard Kyle - 12th May 2009 (15yrs)  
Mark Bunting - 22nd May 2019 (5yrs)  
Sanjay Raj - 29th May 2023 (1yr)



**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,

Thank you to those Brethren who assisted and did a fine job of our April first degree for Bro Sutherland. I also appreciate the support that I have received as I attend installation and regular meetings around the district.

Our May meeting which is another first degree will feature RW Bro Salmon in the chair for the ceremonial in my stead. I thank Gary for accepting this role and I am sure that we will all be treated to a great evening.



Looking forward to WBro Wellers Installation in July I intend to schedule “one up” practices for May and June. I am expecting that special practices for the installation will also be required and announced. Further information on the Installation will be forthcoming however I can say that it will be a “ significant “ event. To that end I know Lodge Waikato will be at its best and appropriately rise to the occasion based on our determination to set and maintain standards while looking towards improving and building our Lodge together.

We are a new Lodge in Masonic time and we should be proud of where we are and the enthusiasm that is being generated. We have a fantastic group of willing and able Master Masons progressing through the ranks and it is most encouraging to have new Brethren joining us as we look to secure the future of Lodge Waikato and Freemasonry.

**Fraternally**  
**Dennis WM**

#### My Visiting's for month of May

08 May Lodge Waipā No 119.. First degree (Te Awamutu)  
14 May The Alpha Lodge No 81.. Installation (Cambridge)

#### Practices

02 May 7:30 PM Practice (one up)  
09 May 7:00 PM Practice  
15 May 7:00 PM First degree rehearsal

**Instruction and Coaching.....** By arrangement Sundays 4-5 PM

WM.

As Freemasons, we identify as a body of men who endeavour to cultivate and exhibit Brotherly love, Relief and Truth, to one another and to the world at large. COVID 19, even though it swept the world in plague-like fashion, cannot change that. However, it undoubtedly challenges us, as good men and Masons to become more creative in effecting and manifesting what constitutes *the essence of who we are*.

*Where there's a willing Mason, there's always a way. !*

These days I feel my spirit flagging, I'm very happy to know that I'm a Mason. I'm reminded of the old Irish saying..... **Ar scath a cheile a mhairea na daoine...**

An Irish saying, when interpreted means...."We are shielded from the sun by each other, we rely on each other for shelter. People need each other.!"

**WBro Theron Dunn**

**Lodge Waikato Regular Meeting 16th May 2024  
1st Degree ceremony for Mr Vincent Ansley**

**Replacement officers**

Organist WBro D Landells for Bro N Wier  
Senior Deacon Bro G Quinto for Bro M Ashburner  
Master RW Bro G Salmon for W Bro D Mead

**Charges**

Obligation - W Bro D Mead (WM)  
Lesser Lights - W Bro D Gray GS  
Secrets - W Bro G Hallam RH  
Investiture - W Bro S Weller (SW)  
Charge after Investiture- Bro C Morris  
Charge in the NE- VW Bro Evered PDGM (TBC)  
Reasons for Preparation - Bro G Taylor  
Working Tools - Bro M Bunting (JW)  
Charter Charge - Bro B Ansel  
Tracing Board - W Bro D McNaughton  
Charge after Initiation - W Bro A Harrop

**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.**

**Brethren -**

Notice from Chairman, Management Committee.

For your information -

As you are aware the Management Committee meetings commence at 7:00pm.

There are evenings when we run out of time, due to the Lodge practice to commence at 8:00pm., and some matters of importance do not always get full recognition and discussion.

After discussion, at the management meeting, in November, it was unanimously agreed that all future Management meetings will commence at 6:30pm.

**So..... Management meeting on 2nd May will start at 6:30pm**

It's been working well so far..... so we will continue, remember, **all of you**, these Lodge meetings are open to everyone of you, so come if you may.

**Management Committee Chairman,**

**WBro Andre Schenk**



**Education -**

All signs and salutes are natural movements and are given silently, in an upright posture, and so as to display squares, levels, and perpendiculars, and without bowing. Such signs as are prescribed to be used in standing to order, are not to be used when traversing the Lodge. In such a case the sign is raised when the Brother leaves his place, and resumed when he comes to a halt.

A distinction is to be observed between the Sign of Fellowship.. of the Second Degree and the Posture of Reverence... in which the right hand is placed on the breast with thumb beside figure. The posture of reverence is prescribed to be used in each of the Three Degrees during the Invocation after the admission of a Candidate (when it is to be raised as Candidate rises), and during the Obligation. (when it is to be raised as Candidate seals his Obligation.). But during the Invocations at the opening and closing in any Degree the sign of that Degree is maintained. When the Square and Compasses are being adjusted, no sign or posture is used.

**One Vision - One Goal - One Team**

## Greetings Brethren

### Greetings from the Southside of the lodge!

I'm happy to report that my zone - the night - is romping along nicely.

We've had almost a year of very enjoyable refectories and are starting to get some lovely comments from visitors and brethren across the district.



It has been our goal to make our refectory occasions as famous as our ceremonial work, and there is a very simple reason we're succeeding. Can you guess what it is?

Some may say it's our exceptional Stewards, and to a degree it is.

Others may guess it's the way we place our tables, you may think it's the music, the lovely flowers, the lollies before the ceremonies, the variety of themes, and while these are all contributing factors, the simple reason it's going so well is this.

### **We decided to make it great.**

It would be very easy to heat up sausage rolls and pastries and serve them with jugs of raro, but it is my contention that we deserve not just better, but the best we can provide. Our candidates make a massive commitment to join the lodge, our visitors travel large distances away from their families to patronise our ceremonies and we have some brethren of a very high rank join us, so they deserve the respect of an enjoyable evening worthy of their attendance. And so do we. That's why we make our refectory a little bit better every time.

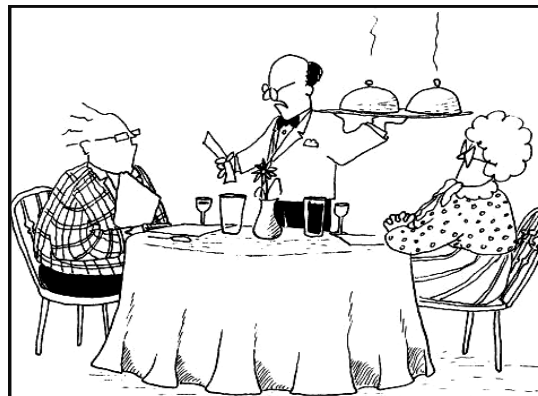
If we have a strong desire to do everything we do just a little bit better every time, we will very quickly be setting the standard for freemasonry nationwide, and making freemasonry a great option for men to become a part of.

One of my favourite mantras is **"If you must be the bush, not the tree, be the best jolly bush you can be"**.

Refectory is a great part of the masonic experience, and I'm thrilled that ours is starting to serve its purpose.

**Hearty best wishes.**

**Mark JW.**



**And for your dining pleasure this evening,  
we are offering two choices.....'take it or leave it'**

## SYMBOLS AND ALLEGORIES OF THE FIRST DEGREE

### **My Brother:**

Each symbol, emblem and allegorical ceremony of the First Degree has a meaning; taken together these meanings comprise the teachings of the Degree, but we believe it will be profitable to you to have a few hints and suggestions, especially as they will show that every detail of the Ritual is filled with a definite significance which each Mason can learn if he applies himself.

**The Hoodwink** represents the darkness in which an uninitiated man stands as regards the Masonic life; for this reason it is removed at the moment of enlightenment. Its removal suggests that we do not make the great things of existence, such as goodness, truth and beauty. We find them; they are always there; it is our blindness that conceals them. It teaches you that the heart must be made to conceive before the eye can be permitted to discover.

**The Cable Tow** is a symbol of all those external restraints by which a man is controlled by others, or by forces outside himself. If a man does not keep the law of his own free will he must be compelled to keep it by compulsion. The removal of the Cable Tow means that when a man becomes the master of himself he will keep the law instinctively, out of his own character, and not under compulsion.

**The Lodge** is a symbol of the world, more properly the world of Masonry. Initiation means birth, or a new birth, an entrance into that world. The symbol means that in its scope and extent Freemasonry is as broad as human nature and as wide as mankind, and that as a spirit and ideal it permeates the whole life of every true Mason.

**The Ceremony of Entrance**, by which is meant all that happens at the Inner Door and the passing into the Temple signifies birth or Initiation and symbolizes the fact that a candidate is entering the world of Masonry, there to live a new kind of life.

**The sharp Instrument** means, among other things, that which is the one real penalty for violations of the Obligations - the penalty of the destructive consequences to a man's character of being faithless to his vows, untrue to his word, disloyal to his obedience.

**Perambulation** is Masonry's name for the ceremony of walking around the Lodge-room, an allegorical act rich with many meanings. One of the principal of these is that the **Masonic life is a progressive journey**, from station to station of attainment and that a Mason will always be in search of Light.

**An equally significant ceremony** is that of approaching the East. The East is the source of Light, that station in the heavens in which the sun appears when about to chase the darkness away. Masons are sons of Light therefore they face the East.

**The Altar** is a symbol of any place where God is worshipped - in Masonry a place around which our whole teaching revolves and is exemplified. It is not too much to say that all of our ceremonies, teachings and assertions, throughout the three Degrees, comprise one continuous progressive gesture of adoration of, and fealty to, our Creator - the Great Architect of the Universe. Before the Masonic Altar all men are equal, and upon all Masons does this symbolism of the Altar lay its steady-going lesson of Godly living.

**The Obligations** have in them many literal meanings and as such are the foundations of our disciplinary laws, but over and above this they signify the nature and place of Obligation in human life. An Obligation is a tie, a contract, a pledge, a promise, a vow, a covenant, a duty that is owed; in addition to the Obligations we voluntarily assume, there are many in which we stand naturally - Obligations to God, to our families, to employers or employees, to friends, and neighbours. ..



**The salute given** at each station in turn by the newly -obligated Entered Apprentice is, besides being a portion of the ceremonies, a symbol of a Mason's respect for all just and duly constituted authority.

**The Three Great Emblematic Lights** are the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Square and the Compasses. The Volume of the Sacred Law teaches us our duty to God, the Square to regulate our conduct to all mankind, and the Compasses to keep our passions and prejudices within due bounds.

**The Lesser Lights** are the Sun, the Moon and the Master of the Lodge. The Sun is a symbol of that which is masculine, active, aggressive; the Moon, of that which is feminine, recep-tive, gentle, non-resisting; when these two types of human act-ion are maintained in balance, mastership is the result.

**The Words, Grips and Tokens** are our means of recogni-tion by which among strangers we are able to prove others or our-selves regular Master Masons in order to enter into fraternal intercourse.

**The Apron** is at once an emblem of innocence, purity and the badge of a Mason.

By purity is meant blamelessness, a loyal obedience to the laws of the Craft and sincere good will to the Brethren; the badge of a Mason signifies that Masons are workers and builders, not drones and destroyers.

**You were divested of all metallic substances** before you entered the Temple.

This was to teach you that in a Masonic Lodge wealth bestows no privileges and esteem.

All are considered equal - meeting on the level and parting on the square.

**The Working Tools** represent those moral and spiritual virtues, habits and forces by means of which a man is enabled to reshape the crude and often stubborn materials of his nature in order to adjust himself to the needs and requirements of human society. If a man has lived carelessly, without plan, aim or ideal, he must, if he is to become a Mason, learn to systematize his life, as signified by the Twenty-four Inch Gauge. If he has traits of temper, habits of speech, or defects of character that disturb or injure others, and interfere with his taking his proper place in the Brotherhood, as "knobs and excrescences" on a stone interfere with putting it into its allotted place in the building; he must rid himself of them. This is represented by the Common Gavel.

**The Northeast Corner** is traditionally the place where the foundation stone of a building is laid; when the Apprentice is made to stand there it is because he is the founda-tion stone of the future Craft. What the Apprentices are today Masonry will become in the future.

**The Entered Apprentice is himself a symbol**, one of the noblest in the whole emblematic system of the Craft. He repre-sents youth, typified by the rising sun; but beyond that he represents trained youth, youth willing to submit itself to dis-cipline and to seek knowledge in order to learn the great Art of Life, which is the real Noble Art, and which itself is represen-ted and interpreted by all the mysteries of Masonry.

**It is by such voices and arts as all these**, Brother Entered Apprentice, that our mag-nificent First Degree gave its teaching to you as a Man and a beginning Mason. We sincerely hope that these hints and suggestions as to the meaning of these symbols and emblems, will lead you to seek further for more **Light upon them, not alone in order that you may become a well -trained Mason, but also for their value to you as you lead your life outside the Lodge-room.**

*This paper was prepared by RW Bro Graham Painton P.GC.*

## Education -

### Details we take for granted, do you know why ? -

#### **Step off with the Left Foot;**

Origins in antiquity and religion. We are all familiar with the phrase 'Step-off with the left-foot', which is not only used in the First Degree, but in the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees, and also in the Royal Arch. The phrase, you will recall, was used as you perambulated around the Lodge, and likewise for those of you in the Chapter. That pace forward with the left foot forms the first part of the First Degree step, after which the right foot is drawn into the hollow thereof, to form a right-angle sign. But why the left foot, not the right? The answer may be found in antiquity. For example, the surviving artwork, bas-reliefs and sculptures, of the Ancient Egyptians almost invariably show the left foot advancing. Scholars have speculated that this may be derived from military marching, so that the strong right arm is immediately brought into play; victorious Pharaohs are shown in this way. Male figurines from Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece are almost always shown with the left foot forward. The Egyptians knew that as the left-side of the body was where the heart resided; it was therefore regarded as the house of will, emotion and consciousness. The Ancient Egyptian stepped off with his left-foot to tread out evil so that the heart could proceed in safety. It has been suggested likewise that the left foot was representative of the power of Isis, the fertility goddess associated with life and new beginnings. This idea of the left foot subduing evil has appeared in other cultures and faiths; the Archangel Michael, for example, is frequently depicted with his left foot on the defeated Satan. The priests, on their way to King Solomon's Temple, tradition informs us, began their journey ritually with the left foot. In the barbarian lands of Western Europe, the left foot was the starting point for the ancient druids.

***So, when we 'step off with the left-foot' we are trampling the forces of evil beneath us at the beginning of each part of our Masonic journey.***

#### **Step, Sign and Salute :**

This explains the process of 'step, sign and salute', concentrating upon the 'step', the start and foundation of all that is to follow. How many of us remember anything about our entry into the Lodge room on the night of our initiation? Do we recall what was said at the door; do we recall the door being shut while some unseen person said he would report to the 'Worshipful Master'? Maybe we remember the door being reopened and someone leading us forward. Did he say something comforting such as 'Don't worry, I will look after you' or maybe simply, 'Step off on your left foot', as he guided us into the Lodge-room? He may have issued that instruction again, as we made our way around what must have seemed like a vast space; given we could not see anything. That instruction 'Step off on the left foot' was the first of our Masonic journey, and that step is one of the most important actions we take; for it is integral to the subsequent signs, secrets and salutes. Once a candidate is initiated he is able to have the secrets of the First Degree communicated to him. But first, he is told he must once again take a step with his left foot and then bring his right foot into its hollow thereof, thereby forming the shape of a rectangle, or the fourth-part of a square. All subsequent portions of the various degree ceremonies begin with that particular form of step. And its importance is stressed to the candidate when he is told it is the 'first regular-step in Freemasonry'

The step symbolises both forward progress and also the creation of a structure whereby two objects are put together to derive mutual strength and support. Only with that foundation of strength, can the sign and secrets of a degree be communicated and they must be based on a firm foundation.

The form of the step thus reminds us of the constant need to ensure that we build our lives in the Craft regularly and well, and that wherever we are along the Masonic path we are all subject to that basic obligation to build well and live well. It is also important that we give that step whenever we respond to the opening and closing ceremonies of the Lodge. We have all witnessed a newly-made Mason being conducted out of the Lodge-room, to be restored to his personal comforts. At which point, he told to 'salute the Worshipful Master as a Mason'. Some initiates may remember the need to step before the salute, but most do not, and have to be asked to take it. We all hope that the Tyler will ensure that on the candidate's return, he will have that bit of ritual off correctly. But how many of us take the proper step, before we come to order with the sign of the degree in which we are working? We all should, but many do not. What should be done when we are called 'to order' is to take a symbolic step. If in the first degree, the step is made by lifting and placing the left foot down on the ground and then bringing our right foot into its hollow. We don't move forward physically but make the foundation for all that is to follow, in whatever degree we are working.

When our ancient operative brethren worked on great Churches and Cathedrals, the first step would be to set the lines of the foundations of the walls, and this they would have done by laying out the outline of a square whose dimensions would go on to determine the width, length, shape, and height of the structure, and indeed the thickness of its walls. Everything stemmed from that first step in the construction process.

***Today we build figuratively, but should remember that everything depends on the truth and integrity of the first step we take and its repetition throughout our Masonic careers.***  
**Freemasonry Today.**



## 'Finding A Thread'

by Phillipa Faulks



Rarely to be seen without an Orchid in his buttonhole, Lacemaker, Louis Oram Trivett embraced the core values of Freemasonry and the Scout movement.

A visit to the Lace Market in Nottingham not only offers you the chance of some fine shopping and eating, it also plunges you straight back into the glorious past of one of the greatest industries of the British Empire era. In this quarter of the City, the streets are still resplendent with former warehouses and merchant houses of the famous Nottingham Lace industry.

One building in particular catches the eye, with its prominent tower forming a local Landmark, 'Trivett Square', named after one of the most prolific philanthropists of the era, Louis Oram Trivett. Born in Mansfield, 26th August 1864, destined to be a hard worker, at the age of nine and a half he was already earning a few shillings each week.

Trivett was educated at High Pavement School in Nottingham. He began work in a lace manufacturing co. and due to his competency at the age of 26yrs he had gained enough experience to start his own small company in Woolpack Lane.

The business grew and new premises were sought, now forming a company of L.O. Trivett Ltd., making lace, net, hosiery and veiling.

During WW 11 bombing raids damaged buildings, but eventually most were restored. Aside from his business interests, Trivett was also a pillar of society, serving on several district committees, and serving as a Magistrate from 1910.

As his life evolved his chief interests were his Freemasonry and involvement in the Scout movement. He was a close friend to Robert Baden-Powell, and although Baden-Powell never joined the fraternity, although his brother was a member, its core values and discipline drew his admiration.

With a Masonic career that spanned most of his adult life, Trivett was one of the oldest members of Southwell Lodge no 1405, passing through the chair in 1901. Attaining Grand Lodge rank in 1914 he became Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, then founder member of Rushcliffe Lodge no 5658 in Nottingham.

Apart from his philanthropy and his many commitments to society, Trivett did have other pursuits. He was a keen angler and was on the Trout Fisheries Board, his other strong passion, executed with the same thoroughness, was the growing and cultivation of Orchids. He was given the name of "The Orchid King" and was rarely seen without an Orchid in his button hole.

He died in 1933 at the age of 69yrs., his funeral being the largest seen in Nottingham where representatives of many organisations being present.

Five Boy-Scouts flanked the entrance to the Nottingham Church and many Freemasons came to bid him farewell as he ascended to the Grand Lodge above.

Married twice and with two children from the second marriage, he was a fine man who would be much lamented in his passing.

## Mason or Cowan ?

In the contemplative journey of Freemasonry,

The adage that simply *attending* Lodge does not in itself make one a Mason resonates with *profound* truth.

This analogy, rich in its simplicity, unveils the essence of our Masonic quest.

A testament to the transformative journey that lies beyond mere physical presence within our Lodges. Masonry demands of us an active engagement that transcends attendance.

It is in the diligent application of our Craft's teachings in the tapestry of our daily lives, in the meticulous chiseling away of our rough stones, that we truly embody the Masonic principles. The Lodge serves as a sanctum of enlightenment, a space where the symbolic tools of our Craft are bestowed upon us, not for mere admiration, but for purposeful application.

To stand in a Lodge is to be positioned at the threshold of potential.

To walk the path of a Mason is to step into the realm of transformation.

It is a journey marked not by the physicality of our presence but by our engagement.

The true Mason builds within the temple of his heart a sanctuary of virtue, a beacon of light unto the world. This journey is what distinguishes a Mason.

It is a path that calls for a diligent pursuit of knowledge, a steadfast commitment to personal growth, and an unwavering dedication to the upliftment of humanity.

The Lodge, with its hallowed traditions and rituals, is the crucible within which our Masonic ideals are both forged and tested.

Yet, it is in the living out of these ideals, beyond the Lodge's doors, that we truly become Masons.

~ **MasonicFind.**



### **Our Motorcycling trio**

*Always out for a spin.*

Lodge Waikato “regular”  
riders group, their jaunt to  
Thames.

Our motorcycling trio of...  
Dennis mead  
Darryl Gray and  
Gary Salmon (taking photo)

Often enjoy a ride together  
on their lovely machines.

## 'Famous Freemasons'

An overwhelming number of the world's best and brightest have been or are Freemasons. These groups give you far from a comprehensive list — here's a sampling:

- **Founding fathers:** America's most famous Freemason, George Washington was initiated in 1752, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Other founding fathers who were also Masons include
- Benjamin Franklin, Marquis de Lafayette, Robert R. Livingstone, John Hancock, and Aaron Burr.
- **U.S. presidents:** Fourteen U.S. presidents are definitely known to have been Freemasons: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Gerald R. Ford.
- **Explorers and adventurers:** Freemasons who blazed new trails include Davey Crockett, Jim Bowie, Sam Houston, Christopher "Kit" Carson, Lewis and Clark, Charles Lindbergh, and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin.
- **Science and medicine:** Many Freemasons have played an important role on the scientific and medical frontiers, among them Edward Jenner (discoverer of the cure for smallpox), Joseph Lister (the man who pioneered the concept of antiseptics in medicine), and Alexander Fleming (won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of penicillin).
- **Actors and entertainers:** The entire entertainment industry has had its share of Masons, including the Ringling Brothers, jazz great William "Count" Basie, John Wayne, Harry Houdini, Richard Pryor, and Mel Blanc.
- **Athletes:** Famous athletic Masons include "Sugar Ray" Robinson, Jack Dempsey, John Elway, and Scottie Pippin.
- **Businessmen:** Henry Ford, a titan of American industry, was a Freemason. Ford shared the ties of Masonic brotherhood with Walter P. Chrysler, Nathan Meyer Rothschild and John Jacob Astor, Charles Hilton, Colonel Harland Sanders, and Steve Wozniak (co-founder of Apple Computer).
- **Statecraft:** Masons have made great world leaders. Among them are Sir Winston Churchill, Fiorello LaGuardia, Kalakaua (King of Hawaii), and many English Kings (including William IV, Edward VII, Edward VIII, George IV, and George VI) Duke of Kent, Duke of Edinburgh.
- **U.S. Civil Rights leaders:** Masons who've been active in the quest for equal rights for all citizens of the United States include Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Thurgood Marshall, and Medger Evers.
- **Arts and letters:** The world of art, music, and literature wouldn't be the same if it weren't for the contributions of the Masons Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Aleksander Pushkin, Jonathon Swift, Oscar Wilde, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Alex Haley, and Mark Twain

*Freemasonry Today*

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



### 'The Independent Order of Rechabites'

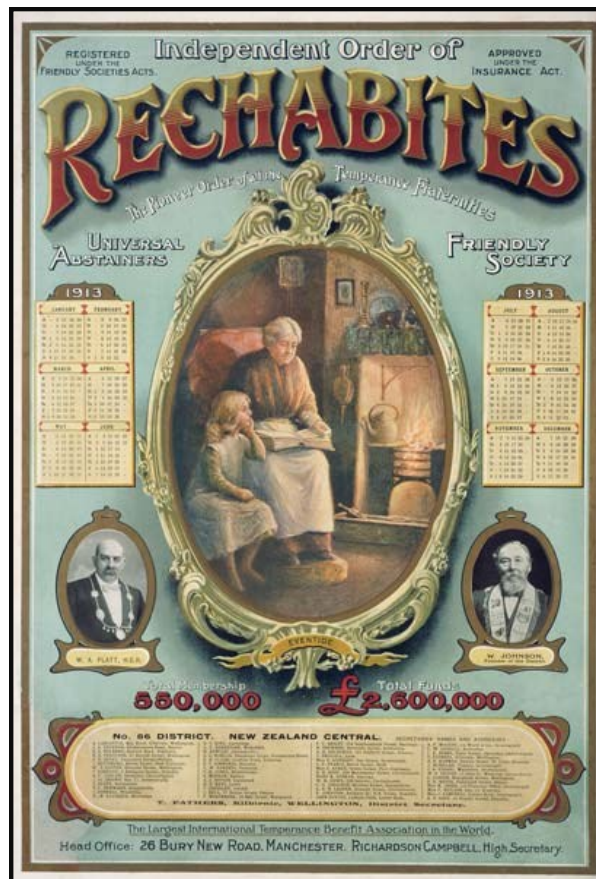
The Independent Order of Rechabites was a friendly society committed to abstaining from alcohol.

The order had been established in Salford, England, in 1835, and there was a short-lived branch of the order in Nelson from 1843.

The order was re-established in Auckland in 1863. The Rechabites believed that because its members were temperance advocates they would be healthier than members of other friendly societies and so their costs would be lower. In practice this proved not to be the case.

By 1913, there were two districts in New Zealand – No. 84 District, based in Auckland, and the Central District No. 86, based in Wellington, which issued this calendar.

The central image of the grandmother and child is a reference to the dependents who would be assisted by the society.





# May 2024 (New Zealand)



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 Visit Waipa Lodge Te Awamutu 1st degree working	9 Practice 7:00pm	10	11
12 Matariki Day	13	14 Alpha Lodge Installation Cambridge WBro D. Moore	15	16 Monthly meeting 7:30pm 1st degree working Mr Vincent Ansley	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



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# June 2024 (New Zealand)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 King's Birthday	4	5	6 Management meeting 6:30pm Practice 7:30pm	7	8
9	10 Beta Waikato Installation Barton St. Hamilton	11	12	13 Practice 7:00pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Monthly meeting 7:30pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Matariki	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

• Federal Holidays • Local Holidays • Multiple Events



### Speak - up - Step - up - Show - up

