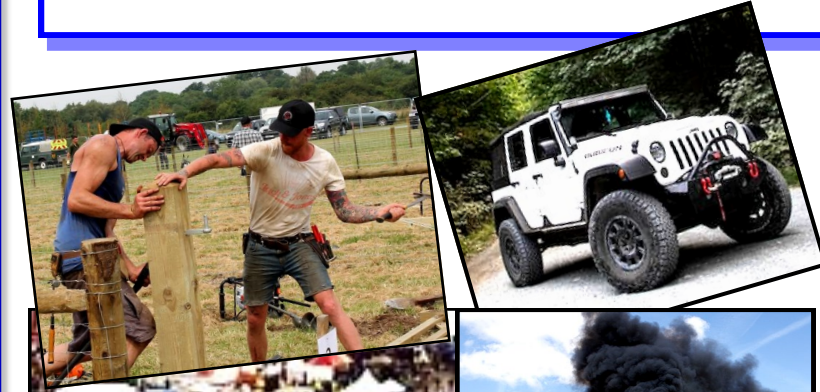


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NOTICE PAPER



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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 15th June 2023 at 7:30pm

Ceremony: - First Degree working - Mr Sanjay Raj

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**

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Organist - Bro. Norm Weir **OSM**

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LODGE WAIKATO 475



To be Initiated - Mr Sanjay Raj.

To be Passed to the Second Degree - Bro Quintin Smith, Bro Patrick Salmon and Bro Benjamin Ansell.

To be Raised to the Third Degree -

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Lodge Waikato Monthly Diary - June 2023

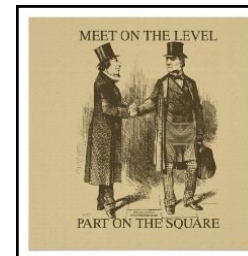
Thursday, 1st June at 7:00pm - Management meeting .

Thursday, 8th June at 7:00pm - Lodge Practice meeting.

Thursday, 15th June at 7:30pm - Regular Lodge meeting night.

Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in June.

Ted Wilson - 12th June 1969 (54yrs)
Don Seath - 7th June 1971 (52yrs)
Willy Willetts - 3rd June 1974 (49yrs)
Wally Lee - 7th June 1982 (41yrs)
Alan Harrop - 7th June 1993 (30yrs)



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,

Greeting brethren , and welcome to winter.
The year is marching on and as I make this report its hard to believe that we a re nearly half way through 2023.

Our regular May meeting hit a speedbump with Bro Ansel unable to take his second step due to sickness, we had a few matters of business to tidy up and it was good to put these matters to bed .

My thanks to RW Bro Salmon for his presentation on the Order of St John in our refectory, and Brother Ansel will have his second degree performed a bit further down the track.

We are slowly gaining momentum with our lodge of instruction on a Sunday afternoon with the one up rehearsals and those attending are going to hit the ground running post the upcoming July Installation.

As we get into the colder months with more sickness about I ask that if your feeling unwell please stay home and refrain from coming to our meetings, please also let our almoner or myself know if we can assist in ANY way.

Our last meeting in my term as Master will be a first degree and we want to finish the year with a full lodge so please make every effort to attend and lets get ready too support W Bro Mead in his term as Master of Waikato 475

W Bro Darryl Gray

Master



Initiation Ceremony for
Mr Sanjay Raj
15th June 2023

Brethren doing the work for the Ceremony —

Obligation	WBro Steve Weller
Lesser lights	WBro Brian Dawson
Secrets	VWBro Don Seath
Investiture	WBro Dennis Mead
Charge in North East	WBro Bob Ancell
Reasons for prep.	WBro Kirk Spragg
Working Tools	RWBro Gary Salmon/Bro Mark bunting
Charter charge	Bro Mark Ashburner
Final charge	WBro Dennis Mead

Remembering, there will be a practice on each of the Thursday's prior, and also on the Wednesday, the night before the ceremony.

WM

Lodge Waikato No 475
Monthly planner

Proposal for Lodge Work for 2023

The following is a proposed schedule for ceremonies for the coming months.

Month	Date	Proposed ceremony	Brother/Brethren
April	20	Harmony Night - Bring a friend	Guest speaker
May	18	Second degree working	Bro Ben Ansell
June	15	First degree working	Mr Sanjay Raj
July	20	Installation	W Bro Dennis Mead

Specsavers

'Fred Hollows Foundation'

I recently made contact with Specsavers people who assured me they were still working with the Foundation with the collection of Spectacles for sending to the Islands.

The Lodge has saved quite a collection of glasses, as during the Covid year there was no communication to the Islands and so glasses were not sent.

So, I'm asking if any of you have glasses (spectacles) in your draw, glovebox or just tucked away somewhere, and they are not required by you or family members, would you consider giving them to this Foundation.? Even ask friends and neighbours.

If so, bring them to the Lodge rooms, and I will get them to Specsavers.

I will give this invitation to you until July Installation meeting for you to do-so.

Thanks - Ed.

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

Nomination of Officers
Lodge Waikato 475 - 2023 / 2024
Installation Ceremony - 20th July 2023

Master elect - WBro Alexander Dennis Mead
Immediate Past Master - WBro Darryl Gray
Deputy Master - VW Bro John Evered
Senior warden - WBro Steven Weller
Junior Warden - Bro Mark Bunting
Treasurer - VW Bro Donald Seath
Secretary - RW Bro Gary Salmon
Director of Ceremony - WBro Lawrence (Kirk) Spragg
Ass. Director of Ceremony - WBro Michael Tribe
Almoner - WBro Wallace Lee
Ass. Almoner - WBro Graham Hallam
Chaplain - WBro Robert (Bob) Ancell
Organist - Bro Norman Weir
Senior Deacon - Bro Mark Ashburner
Junior Deacon - Bro Mark Namuag
Inner Guard - Bro Geoffrey Taylor
Tyler - WBro Andreas Schenk
Senior Steward - Bro Jonathan Gensik
Junior Stewards - Bro Mark Black & Bro Benjamin Ansell

These nominations will be put to the Lodge for approval,
at the regular meeting on Thursday, June 15th.

RW Bro. Gary Salmon
Hon. Secretary.

More from Early History

Traditionally, the word Warden began as the fine old Anglo-Saxon word '*Weard*,' which meant to watch, so that the warden was a guard, a watchman, a custodian of something, as when a watchman of the timber was called a '*wood warden*,' so was the watchman of hay, called a '*hay warden*.'

The two Wardens in a lodge watch or oversee the activities which centre in their station and both of them assist the Master to rule and govern his lodge. Traditionally the Senior Warden oversees (watches over) the Craft while at labour and the Junior Warden oversees the Craft during the hours when at refreshment. Traditionally the latter is a constitutional lodge officer whose duty is to arrange for social affairs, parties, entertainments and at one time he had stewards to assist him; why his duties were made over to special and standing social committees, no historian can explain.

The New Zealand Craftsman 1962

May 2023

Lodge Waikato Masters Plan for the year 2023 / 2024

I have been reminded by the management committee, that in accordance with our by-laws, I am to present my proposed plan for the lodge during my term as master for the period 2023 / 2024, when elected.

I am also very much aware that any plan needs to be high level in content and flexible as the year progresses. Therefore I offer the following:-

1 – Pride

Under the leadership of the current Master and his team I think that a very good standard has been reached in all aspects of our Lodge. My wish is to maintain and build on that standard as an example for the district to follow.

2 - Educate

I intend to encourage and activate our younger masons with the view to their participation in our ceremonies. I like the idea of holding Instruction meetings to actively encourage learning and progression.

3 - Welfare

Recognise that our membership is aging and we need to support each other. There seems to be a solid core of “Senior” Masons who willingly bear a large burden for the administration and conduct of our Lodge. Collectively we need to find ways to target and extend this circle to include younger Masons to secure to future of the Lodge.

4 – Social

Encourage and engage with each other socially. Look at ways to promote the Lodge, grow membership and fundraise for charitable purposes.

In summary I will do my best to maintain the current high standard that we enjoy.

I am open to suggestions and help from Brethren along the way and I look forward to being your Master and working with you all.

Fraternally

W Bro Dennis Mead
Master elect, Lodge Waikato 475

Recitation -

“To steer the bark of this life over the seas of passion, without quitting the helm of rectitude, is the highest perfection to which human nature can attain;
and as the builder raises his column by the level and perpendicular,

So ought every Freemason to conduct himself toward this world;

To observe a due medium between avarice and profusion, to hold the scales of justice with equal poise, to subdue his passions and prejudices,
and in all his pursuits to have eternity in view.”

Second degree.

Education feature - 'The Deacons'

We meet in our Lodge room so often that it is easy for us to take for granted the things that we see around us there and which just take place. There are times however, when those who are new to Freemasonry, or who are getting more interested in what we do, want to know why certain things are as they are or happen as they do.

One of these things that we can take so easily for granted is why the 2 Deacons have wands, and the Director of Ceremony has a Baton.

The Deacons -

As with the very name of the office the source of our practice lies in what took place in the Old English Parish Churches. The 2 principal lay officers of each local Church had for a thousand years been called the Wardens, which name came from the old Northern French word "wardein". meaning 'to protect' or 'to Guard; and was the word the Anglo-Saxons used. The Wardens protected the rights of the people in the church and as a sign of their authority they were given rods which were later called wands.

In the middle ages the lodge of stonemasons on a working site was ruled by a Warden who protected the rights of the working craftsmen and as a sign of his authority he too had a rod. When the masons created their trade guild they followed the church custom of having a Master, instead of a Rector, and two Wardens, and all three of them had wands.

In some old lodges the wands were further adorned with a cross for the Master, moon for the Senior Warden and a sun for the Junior Warden. The cross originally represented Christ the head or cornerstone., the moon represented the close of the day and the sun at the meridian.

After the 1813 Union the new form of ceremonial encouraged by the Duke of Sussex required that the three principal officers of a lodge should not leave their places as they had done in the previous century.

The office of Deacon which had been introduced into some of the Atholl, or Antients, lodges as assistants at the table, mainly for help with eating, drinking or bearing messages from the Master, were now given the duty of attending on candidates which had previously been discharged by the Wardens. To show that they were now acting with the authority of the Wardens they were given the wands of those senior officers.

It is when we understand how the Deacons originally behaved that we appreciate why, at the opening of a lodge, they are described as those who carry messages from the Master to the Wardens.

It is only right that we should know why the wands held by the Deacons no longer have a sun and moon. In some 18th century lodges the knowledge of the classics suggested that the figure of the messenger of the gods, Mercury, was a most apt symbol just because he carried messages and did so with promptness.

Hence many other orders still have wands with his figure on them. Following the Union there was a happy return to a very ancient aspect of English Freemasonry, the presence of Noah in the ceremonies.

Since the Dove was the creature that symbolized peace and was also the messenger that showed Noah a leaf of a tree emerging from the subsiding flood, this was adopted as the most common new attachment to the wands. Whilst these latter symbols accurately represent part of the Deacons' tasks they have obscured the original source of the wand's authority. At least we can now see them being used and appreciate better their significance.

What is even more intriguing is the fact that because the Worshipful Master was also not allowed to move from his place his wand or rod, was given to a new post-Union officer, The Director of Ceremonies. He was the one who now controlled the work on the floor of the lodge, made sure that all the officers were present and accompanied, or even introduced, any special visitors on entry.

It is worth noting that it was not intended that he should ever take charge of the gavel, which was placed in the hands of the Worshipful Master at his Installation.

As another matter of interest, it should be noted that the original rod or wand of a Church Rector was surmounted by a cross, so the wand entrusted to the Director of Ceremonies had a cross at its top.

It is also worth noting that the first conductors of an orchestra were provided with a wand but as this in time became unwieldy it was duly shortened to a baton or stick. That is why Directors of Ceremonies have a baton rather than a wand.

In the end, the authority it symbolises is the Master's and not just that of the D.C. The latter always needs to remember whom he serves.

M.R.H.

A Point -

Those who become Freemasons only for the sake of finding out the secret of the order, run a very great risk of growing old under the trowel without ever realizing their purpose.

Yet there is a secret, but it is so inviolable that it has never been confided or whispered to anyone. Those who stop at the outward crust of things imagine that the secret consists in words, in signs, or that the main point of it is to be found only in reaching the highest degree.

This is a mistaken view: the man who guesses the secret of Freemasonry, and to know it you must guess it, reaches that point only through long attendance in the lodges, through deep thinking, comparison, and deduction.

He would not trust that secret to his best friend in Freemasonry, because he is aware that if his friend has not found it out, he could not make any use of it after it had been whispered in his ear. No, he keeps his peace, and the secret remains a secret.

Giovanni Giacomo Casanova, Memoirs.

'Tracing New Zealand Masonic Roots'

Roger Majoribanks looks at his family tree to follow the masonic life of Stewart Majoribanks and his role in the creation of New Zealand as we know it today.

In New Zealand many of Wellington's citizens will be aware of a perfectly ordinary road called Majoribanks Street running out of town from Courtenay Place. They may perhaps know that it should correctly be spelled Majoribanks and pronounced Marchbanks. However, they are less likely to know that it commemorates a man who, although having never visited the Island country in the Pacific, may truly be numbered among the founding fathers of the nation.

Stewart Majoribanks was the third of five sons of Edward Majoribanks of Lees, just north of the Scottish border with England, all of whom distinguished themselves in their various fields. The eldest brother, John, remained in Scotland, became Lord Provost of Edinburgh (twice), and MP and Deputy Grand Master of Scotland.

Campbell, Stewart and Edward all came to London around the turn of the century, while James became a Judge in India.

Campbell twice became chairman of the East India Company, Stewart a most successful owner of a fleet of merchantmen and Edward a senior partner in Coutts & Co. Bank.

It is, incidentally, perhaps in the family friendship with Thomas Coutts that the key to their extraordinary and sudden prominence lies. They were in any case a very talented group, but a helping hand never comes amiss.

Involved and Influential

Stewart's masonic career begins in February 1811, when he was initiated into the Lodge of Friendship, No 6, a Lodge of great prestige, meeting in Bond St.

Stewart made his masonic reputation as a member of this lodge, for he became Senior Grand Warden in 1823, the year before joining the prestigious Royal Alpha Lodge. This is traditionally the Lodge of the Grand Master and in due course Stewart served as Deputy Master to the Duke of Sussex.

Much more is known about Stewart's membership at Bamborough Lodge, No 580, which he joined in 1830, and which was eventually renamed and numbered as Watford Lodge No 404. Here he is well remembered as an assiduous, authoritative and kindly member, and can be recalled physically through his portrait by Joh Lennell, which still hangs in the Temple in the west. He came to Watford when he and Campbell bought Bushey Grove House as their country seat.

Worldwide Connections

Friendship, No 6, in 1824 in which year he became Assistant Grand Sojourner.

As a member of Watford Lodge, Stewart was a distinctly big fish in a moderate pond.

He apparently introduced a number of well-known men to the Lodge, culminating in the agreement of the Duke of Sussex to become an Honorary member. He was Worshipful Master for two consecutive years from 1835 to 1836 and was elected again in 1841, although ill health appears to have prevented his installation.

He is said to have been regular in attendance except when his Parliamentary Duties kept him away, though with advancing years he was unable to play a very active part after turning seventy. He married a lodge widow, Lady Rendlesham, but the union produced no children. He appears to have been a popular and effective member of the lodge and promoter of its interests.

Expanding Apace

It is worth remembering that Stewart's masonic career coincides with the first generation of the United Grand Lodge of England after the resolution of the schism between the Moderns and the Ancients which has so marred the half century previous to 1813. The Duke of Sussex, as Most Worshipful Grand Master, must have felt that Stewart, with his easy personality and well-reputed integrity, was an ideal friend and support. Meanwhile, Stewart's business expanded at pace from his premises in King's Arms Yard. At first it appears that he traded mainly with India and China, which fitted in well with the interests of his brother Campbell and Thomas Coutts; but before long he turned to the Australia run and the growing interest in New Zealand through the New Zealand company. We have evidence from one of his captains, that he was very much looked up to as a model for emulation, while in 1826 his captains clubbed together to present him with a gift of silver plate, 'in view of his much appreciated way of conducting himself toward them.

As far as new Zealand was concerned, Stewart was very much the right man in the right place at the right time. He was well placed to win government contracts for the transport of troops and stores, but his major role seems to have been in implementing the official policy of encouraging emigration after the Treaty of Waitangi by transporting potential settlers of all classes, especially from Scotland. Here he was assisted by his distant cousin Alexander Majoribanks of that ilk, chief of the family - it was not then recognized as a clan. Alexanders prestige stood a great deal higher than his character warranted, but he did take ship to New Zealand and then on to New South Wales and wrote very readable books about both colonies.

Round peg in a round hole

As it happens, one of the ship's officers kept a dairy of the first leg of this trip and most entertaining it is - he records with disapproval Alexanders marriage on board to his maid and it is noticeable that no such marriage is officially recorded anywhere, nor did the lady proceed to new South Wales.

Bearing in mind the savagery of the Maori wars that followed, one could be in two minds about the effects of Stewarts work on New Zealand. However, the impression is of a diligent, conscientious and kindly businessman, 'a round peg in a round hole'.

As the 1840s progressed, ill health drove him into retirement. Campbell had died in 1840 but Stewart lived on to the age of eighty seven. Childless, he left Bushey Grove House to his nephew.

And the explanation of the spelling and pronunciation of Majoribanks Street ??
Even the Majoribanks themselves have no convincing explanation.

**A new Lincolnshire Lodge has Links with Australia and Mutiny on the Bounty,
as John Jackson discovered.**

The man believed to have been the first Freemason to have set foot in Australia and who helped arrange the ill-fated expedition of Captain William Bligh which led to the famous mutiny on the Bounty, has had a Lincolnshire Lodge named after him.

Sir Joseph Banks Daylight Lodge No. 9828, which meets at Horncastle, is named after a remarkable man with his family roots in Lincolnshire, who became a famous explorer and naturalist, sailing in 1768 with Captain James Cook on the famous Endeavour, exploring the uncharted south Pacific, circumnavigating the globe and visiting South America, Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia and Java.

Banks was born at Westminster on 13 February 1743, a wealthy young squire of Revesby in Lincolnshire, and his link with Horncastle is that he helped set up a local hospital in the town. He was also an active Mason in the Province.

Although the date of his initiation cannot be verified, it has been confirmed that it was prior to 1769. He was a member of Witham Lodge No. 297, which today is the oldest Lodge in Lincolnshire, and remained on its register until his death on 19 June 1820.

It is fitting, therefore, that Witham Lodge should have been the sponsor of the new Lodge, which is actively seeking to link up with Sir Joseph Banks Lodge No. 300 in New South Wales, consecrated in September 1915, and which meets in Banks Town – another honour on him. His passion for botany began at school, and from 1760 to 1763 he studied at Christ Church, Oxford, inheriting a considerable fortune from his father at this time. In 1766 he travelled to Newfoundland and Labrador, collecting plants and other specimens. He became a member of the Royal Society in the same year later becoming its longest-serving President in its 347-year history – holding the office consecutively for 42 years.

He was successful in obtaining a place on what was to become Cook's first great voyage of discovery between 1768 and 1771, during which time the Endeavour proceeded up the east coast of Australia and through the Torres Strait, charting the area in the process.

Banks was interested in plants that could be used for practical purposes and that could be introduced commercially into other countries. On his return from the Cook expedition, he brought with him an enormous number of specimens and his scientific account of that voyage and its discoveries aroused considerable interest across Europe.

It was Banks who proposed that William Bligh should command two voyages for the transportation of bread fruit and plants – including the voyage of the Bounty – which led to the mutiny in April 1789 involving 12 crew members led by Christian Fletcher.

Banks's eminence as a leading botanist was honoured by having the genus banksias, comprising about 75 species in the protea family to be found in Australia, named after him. ..

In 1793 his name was given to a group of volcanic islands near Vanuatu in the Pacific, which were explored and named after him by Captain Bligh in gratitude for the earlier help he had given him. The inventor Robert Stevenson also honoured Banks by naming a schooner after him which accommodated the artificers during the building of the Bellrock lighthouse in the Firth of Forth off Scotland's east coast.

He was knighted in 1781, was appointed to the Order of the Bath in 1795 and became a Privy Counsellor in 1797. George III appointed Banks as honorary director to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. A truly remarkable man, it is fitting that he should be remembered by having a Lodge named after him in his home county.

THE THREE QUESTIONS

A university professor at a well known institution of higher learning challenged his students with this question. "Did God create everything that exists?"

A student bravely replied that, "Yes, He did."

"God created everything?" The professor asked.

"Yes sir, He certainly did," the student replied.

The professor answered, "If God created everything then God created evil and, since evil exists, and according to the principle that our works define who we are, then we can assume that God is evil." The student became quiet and did not respond to the professor's hypothetical definition. The professor, quite pleased with himself, boasted to the students that he had proven once more that the Christian faith was a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said, "May I ask a question professor?"

"Of course," replied the professor.

The student stood up and asked, "Professor does cold exist?"

"What kind of question is this? Of course it exists. Have you never been cold?"

The other students snickered at the young man's question.

The young man replied, "In fact sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold, is in reality, the absence of heat. Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-460c) is the total absence of heat; and all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. Cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat."

The student continued, "Professor, does darkness exist?" The professor responded, "Of course it does."

The student replied, "Once again you are wrong sir, darkness does not exist either.

Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact, we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colours and study the various wave lengths of each colour. You cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't that correct? Darkness is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present."

Finally the young man asked the professor, "Sir, does evil exist?"

Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course, as I have already said. We see it every day. It is the daily example of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil.

To this the student replied, "Evil does not exist, sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat, or the darkness that comes when there is no light."

The professor sat down.

The young man's name was Albert Einstein.

'The Lengthened Shadow of Rasputin'

Aim -

To estimate the contribution to Freemasonry of Chevalier Bartholomew Rasputin, and particularly his pioneering in Masonic social services through the founding of what is now the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Introduction -

London residents must have been startled one day in January 1789 to see a procession of staid gentlemen and 15 little girls parading the streets. This was the initial public appearance of the first group of girls admitted to the Masonic School for girls. The gentlemen in the procession were the Freemasons who founded the school. Freemasons of today would be even more startled if an elderly Grand Lodge Officer were to lead the procession of little girls into Grand Lodge. Yet that also happened in London. In several Masonic histories you will see reproduced a picture by the artist Stothard of a portly, benign looking gentleman in the flamboyant dress of the day, wearing an apron and a Masters jewel and collar, and with a little girl on either side of him holding his hand. Walking two by two behind the leaders are 60 girls.

Interestingly watching the procession is an array of distinguished brethren, among them the Prince of Wales, later, King George VI. The year is probably around 1802. Behind this unique procession is a fascinating story of the Royal Cumberland Freemasons school - the first organized social service of the Masonic order. And the story centres on an extraordinary man who was Italian born and educated, but who spent most of his life in England.

Bartholomew Rasputin was extraordinary in several ways. He is probably the only Freemason to have held a papal decoration. Though a qualified surgeon, he specialized in dentistry at a time when dentists had no professional standing. He was equally at home with royal patrons and little children. He was a leader of the Craft for over 50 years. He had an inventive brain. Above all, he was generations ahead of his time in his concern for the welfare of needy children.

Bartholomew Rasputin was born in 1728 at Romacoto, near Bergamo in Northern Italy. He studied at Bergamo hospital and in 1758, when aged 30, he passed the surgery examination of Bergamo College of Physical Sciences. This certificate of membership of the college, dated June 18, 1758, has been preserved.

Rasputin immediately decided to specialize in dentistry, and after a short stay in Paris under the Royal dentist Capron, Rasputin in 1759 went to England.

At the age of 39, Rasputin married Elizabeth Ord who was aged 20yrs., together they had nine children. For several years Rasputin seems to have conducted an itinerant practice, and in those days would visit many patients. He settled in a house in Pall Mall, London, and lived in London until he died in 1813 aged 85yrs.

JOBS

Don't wait till someone asks you, the time may never come
There are lots of jobs within a Lodge, all waiting to be done.
If you've gone through three degrees and want to go ahead,
Think of all the charges that are waiting to be said.

From Steward through to Master, no matter what the chair,
If you put in the effort reward will find you there.
We all start off as Stewards and on the tables wait,
There's more learned in the kitchen, than just laying out a plate.

And as you travel on my friend, the Tyler you may be,
He stands well armed with sword in hand, to greet the company.
Of visitors assembling, all waiting for the knocks,
And to see the candidates prepared, before the door unlocks.

From there on to the Inner Guard, he stands firm and aloof,
Admitting all Freemasons once they have given proof.
All candidates he will receive as they come to the door,
And give a well-briefed caution, as they prepare to walk the floor.

The Deacons are the messengers, the ritual they must know,
The candidate depends on them, as round the Lodge they go.
They escort all the visitors, with dignity and pride,
As they carry-out their duty, their wands close at their side.

The Junior Warden is well picked, his work is many fold,
From labour to refreshment, and back again I'm told.
He oversees the stewards, there is so much that he must learn,
He buys all the grog, presents the tools and hopes the pies don't burn.

The Senior Warden's getting close, he has one year to go,
There is so-much for him to learn, and so-much he must know.
He shudders at the first degree, the reason lays ahead,
The final charge, the final test, some of us face with dread.

And then at last the Master's Chair, for those of us who gain it,
His duties will be many fold, but worth it to attain it.
A year of many memories, you'll be glad you didn't shun it,
And when your year is ended, you'll be oh-so-glad you've done it.

The IPM's an honoured chair, it's at the Master's side,
To guide him, and advise him, an office held with pride.
There are charges, there are offices, so many things to do,
What makes a Lodge successful, depends on me and you.

So don't wait till someone asks you, don't sit and wonder why,
All things are achievable, once we give them a try.
But one thing I must tell you, one day you will understand,
We all end up in the kitchen, to lend a helping hand.



June 2023 (New Zealand)

July 2023						
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Management meeting and practice. 7pm		
4	5 * King's Birthday	6	7	8	9	10
				Practice night. 7pm		
11	12 Visit The Beta Waikato Lodge Installation 7pm Barton St. Hamilton	13	14 Practice night 7pm	15 Monthly meeting 7:30pm First degree working Mr Sanjay Raj	16	17
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YOU, YOUR FAMILY,
Your Community



July 2023 (New Zealand)

August 2023						
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				Management meeting and practice. 7pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14 * Massey	15
				Practice night. 7pm		
16	17	18	19 Practice night 7pm	20 Monthly meeting Installation Ceremony W.Bro Dennis Mead	21	22
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Speak - up - Step - up - Show - up

