

Lodge Waikato 475

August 2022



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Return to the 'Chair'

W Bro. Darryl Gray resumes the Master's Chair
after a 20yr break.

With him are VW Bro. John Evered, DGM
and W Bro. Andre Schenk, PM



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. August 2022 at 7:30pm

Ceremony: - Presentation night.

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**

Rt.W Bro. Gary Salmon - Hon Secretary

Officers of the Lodge

I.P.M.- W Bro. Andre Schenk

W Bro. Steven Weller

Sen. Deacon - Bro. Mark Bunting

Jnr. Deacon - Bro Jed Guinto

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Dir.of Cere - W Bro. Mike Tribe **GS**

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Inner Guard -

Tyler - W Bro. - Adrian de Bruin

Stewards - Bros. - Lowell Daquioag, Jomar Figuerres, Geoff Taylor,
Patrick Salmon, Mark Namuag, Rommell Soaygan.

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LODGE WAIKATO 475



To be Initiated -

To be Passed to the Second Degree - Bro Quintin Smith, Bro Patrick Salmon,
Bro Mark Black & Bro John Kinsinck.

To be Raised to the Third Degree - Bro Lowell Daquiaoag, Bro Geoff Taylor
& Bro Jomar Figuerres

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Lodge Waikato Monthly Diary - August 2022

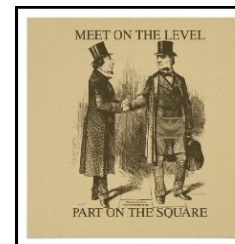
Thursday, 4th August at 7:00pm - Management meeting .

Thursday, 11th August at 7:00pm - Practice meeting

Thursday, 18th August at 7:30pm - Lodge Regular Monthly meeting.

**Lodge Waikato Brethren
With Masonic Birthdays in August 2021.**

Don Morgan - 24th August 1972 - 49yrs
Keith Buick - 20th August 1979 - 42yrs
Dennis Aplin - 2nd August 1989 - 32yrs
Jacob Wallace - 16th August 2018 - 3yrs
Mark Namuag - 21st August 2021 - 1yr



Special Thanks —

**Lodge Waikato 475 would like to thank most heartedly
the following business for their continued support throughout the year.
James R. Hill.**

Master's report - August 2022

Greeting brethren, I trust your all fit and well. I want to start this report with a big thankyou to you to all those who come to our recent instillation and made it the fantastic night that it was.

I mentioned its was 20 years since it was first put into the chair and I must say the experience was just as satisfying as the first.

During the year we have at this point, eleven degree workings to perform with several other candidates in the wings so we will be kept busy.

It is my mission to keep as many of Waikato brethren involved in performing ritual and charges, and splitting charges up, we all know its our duty to make a daily advancement in masonic knowledge , so dust off the book and lets all keep learning.

Its also my intention to keep a strong focus on making the degree workings all about the candidate and giving them the very best experience we possibly can, so please expect at least two rehearsals each month!

We have a couple of degree workings planned at other lodges in the district, and we **WILL** be supporting them in force.

I expect us to continue to support, and help these lodges and we will be evolving with them to share charges, and likewise they will assist us.

Our lodge of instruction for the newer members will kick off soon, again, the future of our lodge is with the new members, we want to set them up to succeed and feel like when they take office that they're not under prepared, we are all responsible for there progression.

Next month we celebrate Don Morgan and Dave Campbells fifty year service to the craft, lets make it a night for them to be proud of.

Lets be grateful for the tireless work Andre, our IPM, has put into his two year tenure, we have a freshly painted building that looks fantastic, the many lockdown hurdles he has had to navigate, and still managed to keep us with a steady stream of candidates. Lets set our intentions to continue to be the very best freemasons we possibly can, and strive to make our daily masonic advancement.

Take a note of my visiting dates and where I'm going, as I really want your company when visiting, you are all very welcome to join me. Let me know if you want a ride.

Fraternally,

W Bro Darryl Gray - Master.



**Lodge Waikato No 475
Monthly planner**

Proposal for Lodge Work.

The following is a proposed schedule for ceremonies for the coming twelve months following the installation in July. This proposed programme is based on the monthly meeting that is normally held on the third Thursday of each month.

Month	Date	Proposed ceremony	Brother/Brethren
August	18 th	Presentation of 50 th year jewel. Role specifications	Don Morgan & Dave Campbell
September	15 th	Second Degree	Rommel Soaygan
October	20 th	Double Third Degree	Mark Namuag and Jomar Figuerres
November	24 th	Third degree	Geoff Taylor
December*	8 th	Social evening including speaker and food	Speaker to be confirmed
January		No Meeting	
February	16 th	Double Second Degree	John Gensik and Mark Black
March	23 rd	Third degree	J. Gensik or M. Black
April	20 th	Speaker	Speaker to be confirmed
May	18 th	Third degree	J. Gensik or M. Black
June	15 th	To be confirmed	
Installation	20 th		

Scheduled for 2nd Thursday

If there is seen to be a need for extra meetings to cover any unexpected ceremonies it should be noted that there are five Thursdays in September and March 22, and June 2023

Masonic Information as found in the Large Masonic Bible.

Blue Lodge Masonry -

The Entered Apprentice Degree, first of the three degrees of the Blue Lodge Masonry, is a preliminary degree, intended to prepare the candidate for the higher and fuller instructions on the succeeding degrees.

The candidate is a voluntary applicant for membership in the Lodge, he comes without an invitation from the Lodge or from any member Order, even though he may have been told by a Mason friend that he would probably become true and tried and trusted material for the Masonic superstructure. Of his own free-will and accord he petitions the Lodge, and seeks permission that he may begin his search for Light and the light of divine Truth.

At the threshold of the Lodge he is required to profess a belief in a supreme being, thus repudiating any tendencies to infidelity, polytheism, or pantheism, and acknowledging his faith in the One True Living God. He is peculiarly clothed in keeping with the mysteries of the Order into which he is about to be inducted, the symbolic meaning being fully explained to him as he makes his journey through the requirements of the degree.

Although lacking in valuable historical information, the work of the Degree is replete with instructions on the internal structure of the Order, especially in its lectures. The religious character of Masonry is impressed upon his mind and heart, not only by his confession of "Belief In God" but by the recitation as assigned passages of Scripture, by the open Bible upon the alter, and by his own dedication in prayer and meditation before the alter.

The entire Ritual is a preliminary revelation of the internal structure of the Initiation, and the symbols employed in this Degree are profoundly significant and instructive. The candidate now learns that a *Masonic Lodge* is an assemblage of Freemasons, duly congregated, having the Sacred Writings, Square and Compass, and a Charter, or warrant of constitution, authorizing them to work. It is also explained to him that the room or place in which the meeting is held represents some part of King Solomon's Temple. The Lodge is supported by three great columns, Wisdom, Strength and Beauty which are explained to the candidate, they are represented by the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

In properly comprehending the important lessons of the Degree, the course of his movements around the Lodge Room, the significance of the symbols employed, and the lectures given, including every phase of the Ritual, the Entered Apprentice Mason realizes that he has begun a noble pursuit for Truth.

The aspiration of his soul toward the Absolute and Infinite Intelligence is encouraged and strengthened. The faculties of his mind have been directed toward the great ARCHITECT of the universe, his own Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor; through the majestic irradiations of thought, meditation, prayer and sublime comprehensions of instructions given, his soul pierces through the shadows of materialism and earthiness toward the Light for which his search has begun. He is prepared for his onward and upward course in Freemasonry, and when he has proved his proficiency in the work of the Entered Apprentice Degree, he will be ready for the next Degree of Blue Lodge Masonry. The Apprentice is entrusted with certain secrets of the Order, all of the moral, ethical, and wholesome, and is pledged to "keep council of all things spoken in the Lodge or chamber by any Masons, Fellows, or Free Mason." He is invested with certain "Secrets," which, of course, he must keep inviolate and communicate them only in accordance with Masonic Law.

A note from VW Bro. John Evered,
District Grand Master. -

Greetings brethren,
The Special Olympics and the preparations for this event are now starting to pick up momentum again.

Special Olympics NZ have now appointed a new Volunteer Coordinator and she has so far issued a reminder email to all those who had registered for last year's event, to either confirm their availability or non availability.

This email was sent late June to just over 600 people (not all Masons) and so far she has received roughly a third responding saying "no longer available", another third responding saying "still available" and the remaining third have not replied - yet.

So if you are in the last third (i.e. not yet replied) can I ask that you give this task some priority in the next few days, as the resourcing by way of volunteer help is one of the major issues that the organisers will face.

If you did not offer assistance last year but are now available to assist, I have attached the link below that will take you direct to the registration web site and the Freemasons registration portion, You can use this log on for anyone that you can convince to take part as a volunteer, be it family, friends neighbours etc.

[https://specialolympicsnz.rosterfy.co/invite/Freemasons Volunteers](https://specialolympicsnz.rosterfy.co/invite/Freemasons_Volunteers)

Questions or concerns please get back to me .

Kind regards, John



'Thanks'

Just a note to say "Thankyou all very much" for your very kind thoughts, visitations and phone calls during this past 6 months of my incapacitation. I am well on the mend now and hope to get back to normal duties in the very near future, as time will allow.

This is now the first of many new Plumblines magazines, which includes your notice paper, Lodge news and education features.

Thankyou, it has all been much appreciated.

Graham - Ed.



'The Queen and the Craft'

Most, nearly all, Freemasons meeting under the United Grand Lodge of England will have heard this phrase time and time again. This is the toast as proposed at every meeting of Freemasons under the UGLE for the past 70 years, and it has great significance.

It is a demonstration that loyalty to the reigning monarch, as the Patron of English Freemasonry. On the 2nd of June, 1953, Queen Elizabeth II was crowned. Her Majesty, Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.



The Grand Master, HRH The Duke of Kent appears on the balcony of Buckingham Palace



If you ever have the opportunity to Visit London, England, try to visit the Grand Lodge Building, it is a very imposing building and to tour through it is very worthwhile.

Ed.

'Masonic Etiquette'

Etiquette as commonly understood comprises the social graces and observances required by good breeding and good taste. It is doing the right thing, in the right way, at the right time and in the right place: normally the right thing socially, the right way socially and at the right time and place socially.

Punctuality and Regularity -

Punctuality and regularity of attendance are among the first virtues etiquette demands of Freemasons. The brethren should be settled in their places before the Master makes ready to rise to open the Lodge. This entails more than arriving just before the Lodge is tyled. Every brother should sign the attendance book and dress masonically in the suitable room and should be able to do so without semblance of unseemly haste. More than that, he should aim, and therefore should provide time, to meet and greet the brethren with whom he is to spend the evening. For some there will be a handshake, for some a nod and a smile, but for all there should be a cheery attitude. If there is a visitor, do not hesitate to make your-self known and introduce him to others to make him feel at ease and welcome.

Punctuality is a virtue to often dishonoured in the breach in today's society. Agreed, in a busy life it can be unavoidable; but is it as inevitable as it appears.?

It is discourteous to enter a concert or theatre late, punctuality at business meetings is always considered essential; it is equally important in Freemasonry; regularity and punctuality of attendance is essential to the well-being of the Lodge.

Sanctity of Temples and Lodge Building -

Temples are dedicated to God's work, Agreed, they are not Churches; but it is a safe and desirable rule and fitting among Freemasons never to speak or act otherwise there than one could in a Church. Outside the Lodge-room, of course, and more especially at supper, good clean humour and harmony are welcome and desirable.

The Master -

The Master rules and governs the Lodge, not just in theory but in fact. Outside it he is a brother among brethren, but even there, for his year in the Chair, set somewhat apart, by virtue of his office, he is the first among equals.

In the Lodge he is supreme, with precedence over all others, Past Masters included. For the time being, he is the representative, how-ever humble, of King Solomon.

No Master can achieve his best without active support and assistance from his officers and brethren. Intelligently and loyally supported, he can raise the workings of the Lodge to a high standard of excellence when initiating and advancing candidates, who should be inspired with the most favourable impression of the Craft.

Conduct within the Lodge -

Lodge workings are serious and solemn. They should at all times be conducted in a dignified and impressive fashion, and brethren within the Lodge must be at pains to maintain both the Lodge and personal dignity. Silence, except when required to speak, and strict attention to the work in progress is the expectation of every brother.

Masonic Secrecy -

“Freemasonry is not secret, but it has secrets.” Such secrecy as it does practice requires that on no account shall Lodge business be discussed with outsiders. Nor should anyone ever speak ill of another brother; a good maxim is - “If you cannot speak well of another Mason, don’t speak of him at all.”

Secret Ballot -

One thing that is secret is the ballot. It is an important procedure, not to be treated lightly, but to be conducted with due seriousness, solemnity and formality. For, in it, justice must both be done and seen to be done. Candidates are given a clear understanding that any information they give of themselves or permit others to give of them is completely confidential. This confidence must never be betrayed; if, therefore, a candidate is rejected do not disclose it or talk about it.

Young Freemasons -

No new member should be left to his own devices, courtesy, hospitality and genuine etiquette impose a moral obligation on older members to pay him special attention in his first months and even his first year to help him learn more about the Craft.

Saluting -

Anything worth doing is worth doing well. Saluting is a case in point; salutes should be crisp, but not stiff; precise and not slovenly, as they often are. This is only a matter of care and attention to detail; it is well within the capacity of everyone to learn to salute properly. All signs should be given in unison. Your Director of Ceremony should be the one to demonstrate and make all brethren aware of the importance of correct manner with saluting.

The Gavel -

Wardens must always be alert to answer the knock of the Master with their gavel. When laying it down again they should replace it silently, so that no sound is heard other than the actual knocks. The gavel is often used much too loudly, a moderate tap, not a heavy blow, is all that is required.

Dress -

Dress is very important, it must be neat, clean and tidy to show respect to the Lodge. More bluntly, want of neatness, lack of cleanliness and tidiness just shows unworthy disrespect. A personal opinion is that if formal evening wear is the prescribed dress of the Lodge, then every member should endeavour to always wear it.

Visitors -

Brethren are actively encouraged to visit other Lodges, both to learn more Freemasonry by seeing others at work, and to extend the fraternal spirit and personal relationships within the Craft. It is likewise a very hospitable duty of members of the host Lodge to do all they can to enable any visitor to feel very welcome, to enjoy his visit, not to see him sit alone, not to let him feel a stranger, but to make him a very welcome guest. If you are visiting, and have been made very welcome, make certain to bidding the Master farewell and thank him for his attentiveness.

Remember also, when visiting, you are looked on as a representative of your Lodge, so your demeanour and deportment will be noticed and your host Lodge and any other visitor will judge your Lodge by what they think and see of you. 'Do it credit.'

Conduct in Refectory (South) -

It can be in the refectory that most breaches, and some serious breaches in etiquette may occur. A major purpose of togetherness in the refectory is to promote acquaintance and good fellowship among all members of the Craft. It should therefore afford an opportunity for everyone present to meet as many others as practicable.

The whole aim is to ensure mingling of members with members and members with visitors, in happy comradeship, as like as can be to a great adult family reunion, enjoying the warm and valued friends from outside the immediate family. It is incumbent on all members, more especially the Stewards, to see the visitors are fully accommodated and suitably provided for.

When toasts are offered, every speaker has the right to be heard, so it is proper that due silence is observed at this time. It is necessary that proper etiquette should always be noticed when visitors are speaking and more especially when a new initiate is experiencing his first time with all members, that he should experience a very cordial atmosphere and genuineness

among all the members. Suitable Lodge protocols should be observed, this should not in anyway diminish the harmony, friendship and conviviality that is expected to be enjoyed by all.

What has etiquette to do with speeches, someone may ask.? Much: etiquette remember, is doing and saying the right thing, in the right way. It is necessary to add that everything done and said in the refectory should be completely free from any coarseness, vulgarity, suggestiveness or lewdness, and fit for sensitive ears.

Behaviour after leaving Lodge -

Correct behaviour outside the Lodge is a most vital part of our Masonic being. Nothing should be said or done outside the Lodge that might reflect unfavourably on Freemasonry. When wearing Masonic rings, charms or badges outside of Lodge can show your interest and allows comment and scrutiny of your behaviour. So it in your best interests to do credit to the Craft in every manner in which life has to offer you.

Aim -

Lastly, ever keep in mind that the true aim of Freemasonry is "the building of every part of a man into a spiritual house fit for the habitation of God." -

— Etiquette is an aid to that end.

The thought for today is brief, but meaningful:

Freemasonry never seemed to be so successful as it was when it was a secret organisation secretly making the world a better place one man at a time.

Have a great week

Robert K Taylor

'William Webb Ellis Trophy'

As its name suggests, William Webb Ellis Lodge No. 9754 was founded in the name of the first Rugby player, primarily for Masons involved with the game of Rugby Union football, who wished to combine the social sides of two equally important facets of their lives.

The Lodge was consecrated with 30 founding members at the home of Warwickshire's Provincial Grand Lodge. The Lodge meets at the Rugby Masonic Hall, less than 250 yards from Rugby School Close, where William Webb Ellis first picked up that ball and ran with it.

In the local area, and within a few hundred yards of the Rugby Masonic Hall, there are monuments to this historic event.

The members aim to conduct their Masonic duties and their match day events in a relaxed and friendly environment with joviality and vibrancy, whilst maintaining the dignity of Freemasonry. They try to follow the 'work hard and play hard' ethic of their rugby careers, and embrace the full flavour of all of their events. They hope this conveys a taste of their approach to the fine art of celebrating the square and rugby posts, a combination of which is reflected in the Lodge's banner.

The Lodge also enjoys one unusual piece of Masonic furniture – a 'Gilbert – Match' rugby ball signed by all of the Founders of the Lodge at its consecration.

When members are asked what it is they find in common between Masonry and the game of Rugby Union football, a consistent and almost unanimous response is that of camaraderie, of friendship, of respect, of team spirit and most especially, enjoyment of life.

Bill 'Windy' Watts, the current Master, who is a very dedicated and experienced Mason, describes the Lodge as "typical of the Rugby fraternity – friendly, jovial and very relaxed – especially later on in the day!" So where did they come from? Their first Master, Stuart Esworthy, late one night after a long meeting, happened to say to their second Master, Mick Tarrant, "if only we could combine our love of Masonry with our love of rugby". Mick, a director of Rugby Lions, was keen and Stuart (a coach at the Lions) knew that between them they had the contacts to get the ball rolling and the rest is history.

The Lodge meets twice a year for Masonic business. The Installation is held on the first or second Saturday in December and commences at 9.30am, to coincide with a Rugby Lions home league fixture.

The Lodge attends this fixture and views the match from the directors' hospitality suite, where they dine and toast William Webb Ellis. There then comes the summer meeting, followed by a Ball, the format of which differs annually, such as an informal summer extravaganza, a beach party and a Karaoke disco night. They usually attend at least three rugby matches per year some Premier, some International and other local matches.

The Lodge was originally conceived as a joining Lodge and to date has enjoyed a healthy number of new members each year. They have gained a reputation as being refreshingly different and many senior Masons volunteer to attend their meetings, whilst others often return for simple enjoyment, even when not required to do so on official business. So why not take a punt and pitch up to visit, you will be most welcome.



The Rite of Installation

A prepared by V.W. Bro. L. M. Sherwood of the Research Lodge of New South Wales.

At a recent meeting a brother received the benefit of Installation as Master of his Lodge. It is fitting, therefore, that we direct our thoughts on this occasion to some of the less well-known aspects of the Rite of Installation.

We use the word rite instead of ceremony because a rite is a ceremony of a particular type, a ceremony that has been prescribed to afford impressiveness, solemnity and dignity. These days, the Rite of Installation is the crowning ceremony in ordinary Lodge proceedings. There is little in Freemasonry that is more inspiring or instructive. Yet the rite was not general practice until after the 1813 Union of two English Grand Lodges, the "Antients" and the "Moderns".

The word Installation is compounded from the medieval Latin words 'in' and 'stallum', meaning a seat. The word has come to mean the induction of a person by placing him in an office, or conferring upon him a particular dignity with customary ceremonies. Such ceremonies are old indeed. For example, ages before Masonry existed, the Romans, in the last centuries B.C., had their inaugurations. Inaugurations were ceremonial acts whereby persons were installed into an office by an augur. Originally an augur was one who performed certain rites to make things grow and increase. This involved taking omens. To the Romans, no divination was so much esteemed as those resulting from the observation of the noise and flight of birds.

By the 1st century B.C., amongst the Romans, an augur had become a religious official who professed to foretell future events from omens derived chiefly from the actions of birds, inspection of the entrails of certain victims etc. When the auspices were right, the Romans inaugurated (i.e.) installed their priests, their magistrates and kings.

It will be recalled that the premier Grand Lodge of England was established in 1717 and that in 1751, a rival body came into being. The 1751 fraternity took the name "The Grand Lodge of England according to the old Institutions". They assumed the title of "Antients" and called the 1717 Grand Lodge; "Moderns".

An installation ceremony formed part of the practices of the "Antients". But the "Moderns" did not regularly install a Master although a postscript to Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 (before the "Antients" came into being) contains the ceremony for the constitution of a new Lodge. This included the installation of a Master "according to the ancient usages of masons".

In 1809 a Lodge of Promulgation was set up by the "Moderns" "for the purpose of promulgating the ancient Landmarks of the Society". In October 1810, this Lodge stated that the ceremony of Installation was one of the Landmarks and ought to be observed.

After the union of the "Moderns" and the "Antients" to form the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813, a Lodge of Reconciliation was instituted. The work of this Lodge was to reconcile the respective practices of the "Moderns" and the "Antients" and agree on one set of ceremonies. But the Lodge of Reconciliation did not give attention to the "Antients" Installation Ceremony. This they did and the ceremony was approved by the Grand Master. But no account of the approved proceedings was recorded.

Some Lodges in the English Provinces continued to use the extended ceremony of a Board of Installed Master in the “Antients” 18th century manner. This was condemned by the Grand Secretary in 1889 but not officially. The extended workings continued in use. Early in 1926, the Grand Lodge supported suppression of the working. Immediately a serious rift developed that threatened to split the English Craft – 10 times the size of that of N.S.W. The then Grand Secretary, apprehensive of what might happen, applied his skills on the Board of General Purposes, and later, the Grand Lodge, to reverse its policy. In advocating a reversal, the Grand Secretary said: “Unless there is a certain degree of give and take in the system of Freemasonry, Freemasonry is bound to fall. If we tried at any moment to have a cast-iron system, we should be provoking a revolution which would not end with suspending two or three Lodges, but might break the Craft”.

On 1 December 1926, the Grand Lodge resolved: “provided that there shall be incorporated in such ceremony a precise declaration by the Installing Master that the signs, tokens and words given in the extended workings are not known to..... Installed Masters generally and that no further degree is being conferred, Lodges are permitted to perform the ceremony”.

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An important note directed to the younger and/or newer Masons. -

I would like you all to know that the meetings we have on the first two Thursdays of each month are open for every member of the Lodge to attend. Come and meet the other Brethren of the Lodge, spend time at the meeting then stay for a while at the practices.

This is where you will learn so much about the ritual of the Lodge workings, get to know the older men who have many years of experience, and for you to remember that each of them started just where you are some many years ago.

While you may attend the regular monthly ceremonies and things look to run OK., it is at the practices that all of the mistakes are made and ironed out.

These practices have helped many of the Masons to learn their lines and to gain that confidence to speak in front of others, they have helped me enormously.

So, I seriously encourage you all to come to the meetings and stay for the practice, - you may even enjoy being the candidate.

Ed.



Monthly Lodge meetings, visiting dates, and other activities.

