

# Lodge Waikato 475

OF FREE AND ACCEPTED FREEMASONS

DECEMBER 2020



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The Master, WBro. Andre Schenk, had the pleasure of three Entered Apprentice Freemasons join him for supper.

From left -

Bro Lowell Daquioag, (Waikato ) Bro. Andrew Mulligan and  
WBro. Bryan Bevege, Master, Tawhiri Lodge No 166,  
W.Master and Bro Geralde Guinto, who was Initiated on that night.



# NOTICE PAPER



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Dear Brother,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Monthly Meeting of  
Lodge Waikato, to be held in the Hamilton East Masonic Centre,  
Grey St., Hamilton East , on Thursday 10th December 2020 at 10.00am. ( Special )

Ceremony: - Lodge - 7:00pm - Speaker/ladies - Strawberries/ice cream

- 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 -**

For membership -

**Mr. Jomar Pailip Figuerres. ( Philippines ) Aged 40yrs, married with 4 children.**

**Address - 9d Kaikanui Ave. Hamilton. Civtec, drilling supervisor.**

***Rt.WBro. Gary Salmon - Hon Secretary***

## Officers of the Lodge

I.P.M.- WBro. Adrian de Bruin

Sen. Deacon - WBro. Steve Weller

Chaplain - WBro. John Dickson

Organist - Bro. Norm Weir **OSM**

Dir.of Cere - WBro. Kirk Spragg

Inner Guard - Bro. Mark Ashburner

Dep.Master - WBro. Dennis Aplin **PGBB**

Jun. Deacon - Bro. Aaron Peters

Almoner - WBro. Wally Lee **PGS**

Ass Secretary - WBro. Richard Kyle

Ass. D.O.C. - WBro. Willy Willetts

Tyler - WBro. - Graham Hallam

## LODGE WAIKATO 475



**To be Initiated** - Mr. Jomar Figuerres

**To be Passed to the Second Degree** - Bro. David Panirau.  
Bro. Lowell Daquioag

**To be Raised to the Third Degree** - Bro. Greville Hartley.

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](mailto:wfnlee@gmail.com)

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**Lodge Waikato Monthly Diary - December 2020**

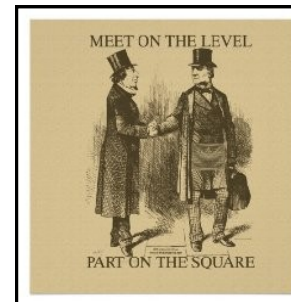
**Wednesday 2nd December at 7:00pm. Management meeting .**  
**Thursday, 10th December at 10:00pm. Lodge regular meeting**  
**Thursday, 10th December at 7:00pm = Christmas get-together.**

### Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic birthdays in December 2020

Knud Nielsen - 11/12/1975 (45yrs )  
Don McNaughton - 16/12/1975 (45yrs )  
Barry Langman - 8/12/1992 (28yrs )  
Bryan Dawson - 9/12/1003 (27yrs )

### Lodge Waikato Brethren with Masonic Birthdays in January - 2021

Cornellis de Bruin (Kees) 9/01/1953 (68yrs )  
John Dickinson 12/01/1959 (62yrs )



**Special Thanks —**  
Lodge Waikato 475 would like to thank most heartedly the following business and personal for their continued support throughout the year

**James R. Hill, Kees de Bruin**

**Master's Report November 2020 –**

Hello Brethren,

The Initiation of Ged Guinto was I think a good night for all. What was really pleasing was that we made huge headway to sticking to the Lodge Waikato Ritual.

This was so good to see and thanks to all, I do realise it is not easy to change ways but thanks to your efforts we are making real progress.

And a big thanks to the prompts, the prompting was subtle, very timely and dignified. Thank you.

We welcomed two joining members and I feel we made them feel at home. Due to many apologies for the night we had a few changes and many thanks to those who not only filled in for the night but also made a perfect job from it.

*The year is nearing towards its end with one more meeting this calendar year.*

*On the 10<sup>th</sup> of December we will have our Regular Meeting at 10 am after which we will setup for the night.*

*At 7 pm we will have our Christmas function. Which looks a little like the below.*

*7pm arrivals of all with music by The Tawhiri Trio (W.Bro 's. Bryan Bevege, David Shearer, Gary Price. )*

*7.45 Presentation by Dr. Peter Sergel, topic the Picturesque Masonic Themed Garden, Brethren have your questions ready.*

*8.30 approx Time to eat which of course this also includes the traditional Strawberries and Ice cream.*

*After Dinner, more music and we sing some Carols*

*Please enjoy the night, bring your partner and if possible, support the many lucky numbers which will be available. All proceeds will go to the Lodge Waikato Masonic Benevolence Fund.*

Planned visits are, and I would appreciate support at these visits.

Lodge Tawhiri on Tuesday 1 December, please note visitors at 7.30

Lodge Alexandra Installation on 3 December 7.00pm (Both at Barton St )

Visit and be visited, keep Freemasonry dynamic.

*Yours Fraternally,*

*Andre Schenk WM.*

*Please take Note - Lodge Management meeting is on Tuesday, December 2nd. 7:00pm  
(Due to Grand Lodge visit at Lodge Alexandra on the 3rd. )  
W.M. Will be visiting Lodge Alexandra - can you.?*



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**Lodge Waikato No 475  
2020 – 2021 - Monthly planner**

**December 2020**

- 1 ) Visit to Lodge Tawhiri, Tuesday 1st Dec - 7:30pm  
Barton St., Hamilton.
- 2 ) Thursday 3rd Dec. — 7.00pm  
Installation, Lodge Alexandra, Barton St.  
( This is our management meeting night as well, but they do visit us,  
so it is prudent we visit if and when we are able. )
- 3 ) **Thursday 10th December. 10.00am**  
Lodge regular meeting. (Bring your apron )

**Then at 7:00pm**

Dr Peter Sergel, Curator, Hamilton Gardens.

*An invitation to all our ladies to join us at this Xmas  
night, to enjoy our speaker, our supper and sing a carol or two.*

**2021 -**

**We 've got lots to look forward to in 2021 —**

**The year ahead**

**Ceremonial**

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| December | Christmas Social with partners and Presentation<br>by Dr Peter Sergel about the Picturesque Garden |
| January  | All enjoy a well earned holiday  |
| February | First Degree of Mr Jomar Figuerres   |
| March    | Second Degree of Bro Lowell Daquioag   |
| April    | Past Masters 3rd Degree for Bro Greville Hartley   |

**Activities**

- February/March - Painting of the Lodge building and  
Entrance - Volunteers painters needed, let 's make this  
a fun event.
- February March - Digitising Photos in Hall.  
Possible moving to refectory.
- March - Garage Sale to raise money for Benevolence
- March - BBQ is available or Lunch elsewhere with partners

Thanks once again for your support, and keep an eye on monthly  
newsletters so you can join me when visiting, always a seat available,

Have a great Xmas -

**Andre**



**Report on Management Committee Meeting  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020**



This report is a summary of the Management Committee, held in November. There were eleven members present and five apologies.

**The Master 's Report:**

The Hamilton City Council have approved that the painting of the Grey Building can proceed. It is to be in similar colour and he plans that we will do the work in February 2021. W Willets agreed to spray the building before then to clean and remove any moss from the paint area. Members confirmed that between the group we have sufficient trestles for the work and but we do need to arrange for working bees to do the work.

The Master confirmed his visits for the month and thanked those who have supported him in his visits thus far. He reminded members our first social event is planned for Sunday 15 November - the lunch at the Hamilton Gardens starting at 12:30 pm.

**The Treasurer 's Report:**

The report was presented, as usual, and received. However, there were a number of associated matters that needed further clarification. These are issues that have arisen both inside and outside of the Lodge, but it is essential that members are aware of them and their importance. They are:

The Treasurer noted the difficult of working with the ANZ bank account and the inevitable demise of cheques from the banking system in the near future. He noted the Heartland bank had a very good electronic banking system and that Westpac bank are their local agents. It was agreed that the Treasurer should further investigate the best options available for Lodge Waikato and to look at combining our accounts into one electronic system.

The treasurer also suggested there was a need to simplify the method of sending dues notice to our members and he proposed to change the current process. He noted there will be a small cost involved in his proposal but it would be worth the expense. He will continue to work on the new process.

Members discussed the management of our regular meeting night collection and money raised from the raffle. To many is unclear how each is treated and for what purpose the funds are applied. Following discussion, it was agreed: the money collected should be deposited into our benevolent fund and then distributed to charities as we further agree. It was also agreed that immediately before each collection is taken the master will announce this arrangement so the members know to what they are contributing.

**Membership/Social Report:**

The arrangements for our December were confirmed, initial discussion on a Bar-B-Que for early 2021 was held. A potential Whisky evening in 2021

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and participation and the meeting was closed in Peace Love and Harmony at 8:05pm

**WBro. Mike Tribe. Chairman.**

*The Master and Brethren of Lodge Waikato No.475 do thank the Editor of the Plumblin  
for another year of preparing this most interesting Notice Paper/Newsletter.*

**WM.**

‘ This is Your Lodge. ’

While a good many of you come to the regular monthly Lodge meetings, it would be good if more of you also came to the regular management Meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of each month.

I point this out to you newer lodge members, in-particular, and invite you to come to these meetings, where your voice and opinion is always accepted.

‘ YOU are the future of the lodge. ’

Its at these meetings where decisions for the lodge and lodge brethren are made and where any progress is formulated and suggested.

Please know that you have every right to attend these meetings and I encourage you to do-so.

This is where you get to know each other away from the lodge meetings, and where you can stay and join in the practices for the next candidate.

This is where you learn to speak in the lodge, where you learn about the ritual, and where you learn to attain the confidence for yourself.

So come and be part of the lodge and its happenings, come and put some of yourself in the lodges future, as it is your future as well.

If you stay for the practice you may find they have you as the candidate and this is a very great learning curve, for both you and for them.

They may even invite you to learn one of the many charges.

Think on it —

Ed.

### So here it is - ‘Christmas ’

Another year gone, some members shifted to other places in New Zealand, others shifted overseas, and here we are, our fourth year now in our new Lodge.

Susan and I will be celebrating Christmas with our family and others and we will have a great day.

Thank-you to those of you who have sent in articles for publication in the Plumblin, it' s certainly a great form of promoting Freemasonry, and it certainly now goes to a lot of people and a lot of places.



So I trust you all have a great Christmas with your families, and wish every one of you a very Merry Christmas, and have a great New Year.

- Ed.

## What should the Christmas season mean to a Freemason. ?

The observance of Christmas doesn't seem to bring satisfaction to some people. On the one hand, some say it's too religious, and so they don't want Christmas trees and nativity scenes. On the other hand, some others say it's not religious enough; it's too commercial. They've been saying these things for years. Setting that aside, what does Christmas mean to the Freemason?

Certainly Freemasonry is not a religion, Christian or otherwise. It leaves the determination on spiritual matters to each individual Mason, so long as he believes in the Almighty Creator. But certain messages from the story of Christmas are applicable to all Masons, not just those who celebrate a certain birth on December 25th.

The new Entered Apprentice is reminded in the northeast corner of **Charity**, and to practice it whenever possible. There's the monetary charity of that portion of our ceremony. Then there's another kind. The one referred to in the Charge in the same degree which admonishes "to relieve his necessities, soothe his afflictions, and to do unto him as you would that he, under similar circumstances, should do unto you."

Christmas is a time of faith for our Christian brethren. But all Masons are reminded in the different degrees of the principle of faith. In the explanation of the First Degree Tracing Board, we hear "How ready and willing ought we to be to adore the Almighty Creator." Therefore, let this time of year serve as a reminder to all Masons to practice their faith, whatever it may be. **Faith** and **Charity** are names of principal staves or rounds on the Ladder we see every meeting on that Tracing Board.

But there is another round, and that is Hope in Salvation.

While Salvation has a particular connotation to those who believe in the story of the Virgin Birth, the concept of some kind of reward for following Masonic principles during our lives winds its way through the various degrees, as those of us familiar with the working tools explanations of the Second and Third Degrees well know.

So let this season of the year remind all Masons, no matter what their religious beliefs, to follow those universal tenets of the Craft — **faith, hope, and charity**.

Doing so should bring satisfaction to us all at Christmastime.

*Compliments of Lodge Tawhiri 166 Newsletter.*

### Brethren Report ???

Every Lodge member was personally contacted via e-mail requesting an in-depth purposeful up-date of names, addresses and next of kin details.

This was especially asked for to enable all the Lodge details to be as up-to-date as possible.

At time of writing approx half of you have replied - can we have a few more please.

**Ed.**



## Beauty

The search for truth can lie in the heart of the children 's classic, *Pinocchio*, the tale of the puppet who finally gains the humanity through the practice of selfless ' brotherly love '. It 's author, Carlo Collodi, was a follower of Mazzini, whose struggle for political freedom helped inspire the Belgian novelist and Freemason, Charles De Coster. In his masterpiece, De Coster skillfully utilized a folklore hero as a vehicle for an impassioned defence of liberty against political and religious despotism. His motto could be taken up by all Freemasons: "I am not body but spirit ' .

The same motto might be given to another Masonic creation for children, and without question an object of more love and affection for children than any book ever written: - the '*Teddy Bear* ' .

In November 1902 President Theodore Roosevelt ( Ted ) was in the Southern States to settle a boundary dispute, and as a keen sportsman he also spent ten days hunting, though he failed to find a single bear. In desperation, his hosts set up a small tethered bear -cub as a target. Roosevelt refused to shoot it, saying: "I draw the line. If I shot that little fellow I couldn 't look my own boys in the face. "

The incident might have passed unrecorded had it not been for the presence of Clifford Berryman, the foremost political cartoonist of the day, who preserved it for posterity with his cartoon, ' Drawing the line in Mississippi. ' Immediately that pitiful little cartoon bear - and the toy bears that became instantly popular as a consequence - became known as the '*Teddy Bear* ' .

Roosevelt 's chivalry was part of his character, but also mirrored the Masonic principals by which he lived. But Berryman was also a Mason, and it is a measure of his altruism that he refused to copyright his creation. His reward came in another way: "I have made thousands of children happy " he said, "that is enough for me. " Beyond all question, the *Teddy Bear*, beautiful or not, is a joy forever.

Wisdom might epitomize the purpose of Freemasonry, and Strength might emphasize the sureness of its foundations; but more than these, Beauty - elusive as it is - represents the true Spirit of Masonry.

Through the infinite variety of human expression it encapsulates in abstract form the essence of the great Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and in so doing presents to the world at large the true face of the Craft.

*MQ Magazine*

Yes ??

*" If plan A doesn 't work,  
there are 25 other letters in the Alphabet. "*

*" Stay Cool. "*

## Charge of a Mason

**Richard Williams, a Lancashire Mason, took part in the famous Charge of the Light Brigade, as John Jackson discovered**

One of the most famous incidents in the history of the British army - the Charge of the Light Brigade near Balaclava in the Crimea on 25th October 1854.

Immortalised in the poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson it is also seen as one of the most foolhardy ventures in British military history, that led to the Light Brigade wrongly charging the Russian guns.

One of those who took part in the Charge and lived to tell the tale was Troop Sergeant-Major Richard Hall Williams of the 17th Lancers, an ardent Freemason.

During the Charge Williams was suffering from a boil on his face, around which he had wound a muffler. He originated from Bath, where his father was the proprietor of a tailoring business providing finery for the gentry.

His Masonic beginnings have not been discovered, although it is known that he was initiated in Kent into a military Lodge, as was common practice among soldiers at the time.

However, Worsley Lodge No. 1814 in the Province of West Lancashire, of which the old soldier was a founder member, has recently discovered the whereabouts of his ceremonial sword.

The sword is on loan from the Salford Museum to the Museum of Lancashire in Preston. Salford Museum is holding an exhibition of the battle during the year.

The Masonic career of Richard Williams is largely tied up with Worsley Lodge, where he remained a member for 30 years, followed by both his sons to maintain a family connection of 144 years, including all three being Master.

Williams, who left the army on pension in 1867 after 24 years of service, had a colourful military career which saw him involved in many historical events.

He served in Ireland during the potato famine riots, was two years in the Crimea, seeing action at Alma, Inkerman, Sebastopol and Balaclava. He later went to India where he was involved in the Indian Mutiny.

On the long sea journey to India he had made a study of the Hindustani language from books he had purchased, and on arrival was appointed as quartermaster as a result.

When he was discharged, a silver goblet was presented to him by the non-commissioned officers of his regiment. The goblet inscription was later updated by his sons, who added a list of his Masonic achievements.

Sergeant-Major Williams wanted to be discharged in India as he wished to stay in that country, but this request was refused. However, his colonel, the Duke of Cambridge, recommended him to the Earl of Ellesmere for the job of instructor to the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeoman Cavalry, which he commenced, taking up residence in Worsley in October 1867.

In doing so he took over from another army veteran, Sergeant-Major Will Adams, who had fought at the Battle of Waterloo.

Then Williams was offered another job in addition to instructor - that of Worsley postmaster, a role he was to undertake for 36 years, eventually handing over to his youngest son, George.

Retirement was not for Richard Williams, who initiated his youngest son George in December 1903, conducted his ceremony of passing in January 1904 and raised him to a Master Mason at the Installation meeting the following month.

Richard Hall Williams was a Lodge member for 30 years, George had 70 years membership and his eldest son Charles 44 years service. Richard was the second Master in 1881, while George took the chair in 1911 and Charles in 1919.

He combined all these tasks with being a sidesman at Worsley Parish Church for 36 years, secretary to the Library and Institute for 32 years, drilling at the boys' school for 25 years and at the girls' school for 20 years.

He also drilled the Earl's children each summer and organised the annual May Queen and Rose Queen galas for the vicar of St Mark's Church, Worsley, who happened to be the Earl of Musgrave.

There was no Freemasonry in the area in 1867, but being a Mason he was invited to various Lodges, but these were either in the Manchester or Bolton areas and came under the Province of East Lancashire.

On these visits he met Masons from Eccles, Patricroft, Swinton, Leigh, Urmston and Worsley, and suggested a local Lodge be formed. The result was that he became a founder of Bridgewater Lodge No 1213, consecrated on 8th February 1868 and in 1876 he became its Master.

In 1878 it was decided that a Lodge should be formed at Worsley. The founders, in particular R.H. Williams, wanted the third Earl of Ellesmere, who was not in the Craft, to be the first Master of the new Lodge. He approached the vicar of St Mark's - the Earl of Musgrave - who was a Mason - and who also happened to be the brother of the Earl's wife, to broach the request.

The Earl of Musgrave agreed to become a Mason and was installed as the first Master in 1880, but not being a Mason at the time, this held up the issue of a Warrant for two years.

It proves the high esteem in which R. H., Williams was held by the Earl that, when subsequently he was initiated in what must have been a very exclusive Lodge in London he acted as Warden for a year, and at the 1814 consecration, became the first Master.

Underlining the broad social background of Worsley Lodge, the Earl's head gardener, Upjohn, became the Lodge's eighth Master, and he conducted the Master's garden party through the Earl's gardens and greenhouses, with a running commentary as he did so.

In addition, for 40 years Upjohn decorated the Installation Festival Social Board with plants and pots - hyacinths, daffodils, narcissus and tulips - down the centre of each long table.

They were later distributed to the Brethren in order of seniority, but there were always plenty for all - including the visitors.

The old soldier and his two sons lived to ripe old ages. Richard Hall Williams died on 7th July 1910 aged 91 years, Charles Williams died on

30th December 1951 aged 89 and George died on 10th April 1974 having reached 100. However, another son, Richard, died aged 16 on 10th January 1885.

*The author wishes to thank Joseph Chesney of Worsley Lodge No. 1814 for providing the history on which this article is based and Lodge secretary Roy Collier for his invaluable assistance.*

**‘ Education -**

**“ The Grand Principles on which the Order is Founded. ”**

**‘ Brotherly Love - Relief - and Truth. ’**

**‘ Brotherly Love ’** - By the exercise of Brotherly Love, we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, the high and low, the rich and poor, created by One Almighty Being, and sent into the world for the aid, support, and protection of each other. On this principle Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and by its dictates conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

**‘ Relief ’** - To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, particularly Masons, who are linked together in one indissoluble chain of sincere affection; hence, to soothe the unhappy, sympathise in their misfortunes, compassionate their miseries, and restore peace to their troubled minds, is the grand aim we have in view; on this basis we establish our friendships and form our connections.

**‘ Truth ’** - Is a Divine attribute, and the foundation of every Masonic virtue; to be good men and true, is a lesson we are taught at our Initiation; on this grand theme we contemplate, and by its unerring dictates, endeavour to regulate our lives and actions. Hence, hypocrisy and deceit are, or ought to be, unknown to us, sincerity and plain dealing are our distinguishing characteristics, whilst the heart and tongue join in promoting each others welfare, and rejoicing in the prosperity of the Craft.

**No Backward Steps**

Every time we observe the Master or Warden of a lodge instructing an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, or Master Mason, in the steps of Masonry, we get a thrill from the symbolic meaning contained therein. We are impressed with the fact that Masonry provides no backward steps-they are always forward. We may look backward and review the past so rich in history and legend, but we move forward toward the future. We gather courage to always walk fearlessly into the unknown of tomorrow.

Just now, when so many Masonic brethren are labouring under so-called recession conditions calculated to breed fear and paralyze action, it is well that we dwell on the significance of the forward steps we are taught to make in our rightful progress of life.

In reading that superb passage in the VSL, known as the Twenty-third Psalm: ‘ Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, ’ let us emphasize the word through. It is not for us to stop in the valley or the shadow, but to climb the next hill and stand in the light.

*NZ Craftsman*

**Why don't you ever see Father Christmas in hospital?  
Because he has private elf care.**

## The meaning of the handshake

If you haven't already noticed, the handshake has been slowly going the way of the Dodo bird. If you watch sporting events, particularly at the youth level, you are more likely to see fist "bumps" or the slapping of hands as opposed to a genuine handshake. The handshake originated from Medieval times when combatants would greet each other with open hands, thereby indicating they were not holding any weapons and could be trusted.

With this background in mind, I always believe in giving a firm handshake, and look the other person square in the eye. I am not a fan of limp-wristed handshakes, nor do I like a vice-grip shake denoting a contest of some kind.

"Glad-handers" are those who work the room saying hello to everyone but not making eye contact; politicians are notorious for this.

When my son came of age, I taught him how to shake hands and greet someone.

I believe he still offers a good handshake. These are things fathers need to pass on to their sons, and daughters as well.

The handshake used to mean something meaningful, specifically, your word.

For years, a handshake was as good as a contract. Evidently not so any more.

The declining value of the handshake represents another indication of the erosion of our morality. It means we no longer trust each other and are suspicious of the other person's intentions.

Some people will shake, slap, or bump anyone. Not me. If I don't trust you, I certainly will not shake your hand, just as the Medieval combatants wouldn't.

To me, I place a lot of value in the handshake. I would hate to believe that people today think of it as nothing more than a frivolous gesture or as a means to transmit germs.

*WM Tim Bryce, Florida.*



**' The Freemason 's Memento '**

- M - Magnitude, Moderation, Magnanimity.**
- A - Affability, Affection, Attention.**
- S - Silence, Secrecy, Security.**
- O - Obedience, Order, OEconomy.**
- N - Noble, Natural, Neighbourly.**
- R - Rational, Reciprocatve, Receptive.**
- Y - Yeilding, Ypight, Yare.**

*Masonry*, of things, teaches how to attain their just ...*Magnitude*, to inordinate affections the art of ...*Moderation*. It inspires the soul with true ...*Magnanimity*. It also teaches us ...*Affability*, to love each other with true ...*Affection*. To pay to things sacred a just ...*Attention*, it instructs us how to keep ...*Silence*, to maintain ...*Secrecy*, and preserve ...*Security*. Also to whom is due ...*Obedience*, to observe good... *Order*, and a commendable...*OEconomy*. It likewise teaches us to be worthily...*Noble*, truly...*Natural*, and without reserve...*Neighbourly*. It instils principles indisputably ....*Rational*, and forms in us a disposition....*Reciprocatve* , and....*Receptive*. It makes us to things indifferent.... *Yeilding*, to what is absolutely necessary perfectly *Ypight*, and to do all that is truly good most willingly.... *Yare*.

**Remember - Remember - Take Note**

The regular meeting this month of December is to be held on the second  
Thursday, 10th., at 10:00am  
Social evening with ladies at 7:00pm

Management meeting to be on the first Wednesday, 2nd December - 7:00pm

Lodge protocol allows for summer attire during the summer  
Months, December - February, March.  
( this means, no jackets at regular meetings. )

There is no Lodge workings during January so the first regular Lodge  
Meeting next year is in February, being on the 18th  
Ed.

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?  
Stick with me and we 'll go places!

# WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,  
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.  
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,  
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;  
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.  
The plural of *man* is always *men*,  
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,  
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?  
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,  
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,  
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,  
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.  
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his*, and *him*;  
But imagine the feminine . . . *she*, *shis*, and *shim*!


**- ANONYMOUS**

Why is English so much Fun ??

*" Time flies like an arrow,  
but fruit flies like a banana. "*

" What do you call a blind reindeer??  
' No-eye-deer ' !!

Monthly Lodge meeting dates and Masters visits.



**December 2020 (New Zealand)**

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Visit Lodge Tawhiri Barton St 7:30pm	Management 7:00pm	Visit Lodge Alexandra Barton St. 7:00pm	4	5
8 3rd Quarter	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 New Moon	16	17
20	21	22 1st Quarter	23	24 Christmas Eve
27	28 Working Day (Cleaning)	29	30 Full Moon	31 New Year's Eve
			1 New Year's Day	2

Lodge regular meeting 10.00am  
 Christmas evening 7:00pm  
 Guest Speaker  
 Strawberries & Ice-cream

**“ If you know one - bring one. ”**



“ Have a Very Merry Christmas. ”  
 “ Remember the ‘reason for the season.’ ”